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Treviño begins first full semester

Joe Crawford
Daily Egyptian

At a time when most freshmen are still trying to make sense of Faiser Hall's labyrinthine hallways, SIUC's new chancellor says he's just settling in.

Chancellor Fernando Treviño began his first full semester at SIUC Monday after replacing interim Chancellor John Dunn, who took a position as president of Western Michigan University. He officially started his job as Chancellor during the summer semester on July 1.

Similar to many freshmen, Treviño said he knew SIUC's name and reputation before he arrived but was otherwise unfamiliar with the campus.

Monday was the chancellor's first day during the regular school year.

“Treviño is a great university, and that’s the reason I applied here,” he said. “I really truly did not know one person on this campus — I just saw an ad and applied.”

Treviño said since arriving in Carbondale, many have asked him how long he planned to stay at the University.

“I would never take this job to just stay here two or three years,” he said. Treviño cited the University’s high turnover in administration as an issue that is linked to other problems the University faces, such as low enrollment.

“No university is great when you have that kind of constant change at the top,” he said. “Whether it’s me or not, this institution is in desperate need of some real stability at the top.”

Treviño echoed the sentiment of many in the University’s community by naming low enrollment and retention as two of the most important issues the University faces. He said it is employing several tactics to combat the problem, including improving relationships with local community colleges and spending more money on marketing.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Former Illini football player’s trial delayed over newspaper story

URBANA, Ill. (AP) — A judge Monday delayed the trial of a former University of Illinois football player after the man’s attorney said a newspaper story mentioned key evidence held by his client.

The Washington Post on Sunday cited an anonymous source who said the prima-...
Retention rate remains a point of concern for SIU president

**Brandy Oxford**

The highly debated U.S. News and World Report rankings of America’s best colleges have been released and SIU President Glenn Poshard said some of the numbers are unacceptable.

In an extensive study of universities and colleges throughout the nation, SIUC ranked well for the number of classes with less than 20 students, but the freshmen retention rate was a disappointment for Poshard.

The statistics give schools a unique opportunity to discover where the University is excelling and failing, he said.


SIUC’s freshmen retention rate is 69 percent, similar to previous years and not as high as Poshard said he would like. The graduation rate, a percentage administrators agreed they would like to see increase, was 42 percent this year.

Although SIUC had been ranked in the fourth of four tiers in the past, the University made it into the third tier in this year’s study for the second consecutive year.

The University also ranked well for its small classes — 48 percent were less than 20 students in size and only five percent had 50 or more.

However, many argue that statistics are not an accurate means of selecting a school.

U.S. News editors warn families comparing colleges to use the statistics wisely — noting that cost, scholarship funding and may have better statistics as a result. Universities may have an asterisk by their name to denote that they are public institutions, but the list itself does not separate them.

“U.S. News and World Report in the institutional research world is kind of a four letter word, sometimes it’s just a pain, but we want to be doing well in those books,” Schilling said.

The lists also include private universities such as Princeton and Harvard, which receive more scholarship funding and may have better statistics as a result. Universities may have an asterisk by their name to denote that they are public institutions, but the list itself does not separate them.

“Improving the graduation and retention rates will improve SIUC’s rankings, he said. Both Sievers and Schilling said the rankings are a tool for both students and their parents.

“I would never suggest that a student choose a college just off of these scores. It’s just one thing in the toolbox that you might use,” Sievers.

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**Come Hear from the Inspiration Behind the Film “The Pursuit of Happyness”**

**Chris Gardner**

Thursday, August 23, 2007
7 p.m. Shryock Auditorium

Will Smith earned accolades—including an Academy Award nomination—for his portrayal of Chris Gardner in the hit movie “The Pursuit of Happyness.” But it’s Gardner who deserves recognition for beating the odds through hard work and determination to become a multi-millionaire and owner of his own investment firm.

Gardner’s drive for success paid off—literally—after he started as a trainee at a major stock brokerage firm in San Francisco. But not before he and his son spent nights on the streets looking for a place to sleep, all while trying to arrange day care and find food. His story of perseverance and self-empowerment is well known and widely praised.

Today, in addition to serving as CEO of Christopher Gardner International Holdings, he supports causes for the homeless and at-risk communities and raises awareness of other national and international issues.

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Co-sponsored by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, the SIUC Office of the Associate Chancellor for Diversity, the SIU Office of the President, and the Southern Illinoisan.
If the Council passes the legislation, the income from the sale of Saluki Way would help cover one-fourth of Saluki Way's first phase budget, which is projected at $80 million. Saluki Way is SIUC's project to develop a new campus core with a renovation of the SIU Arena and a new football stadium as highlights of the first phase.

Kill said even though the project is under way, there is still a need for more money to be raised.

"You need help from the state," Kill said. "There's no way you can work your tail off and build this thing." Kill said SIUC is depending on the Council to vote in favor of the increase.

"As (SIU head basketball coach) Chris Lowery says, you can't expect the state to support fans, Moccia said, "but that's as highlights of the project in Kansas City, Mo., last year. Moccia recently referred to it as "desperate."

The stadium, which was built as part of the Works Progress Administration during the Great Depression of the mid-1930s, does not provide a welcoming atmosphere for football fans or any student as the "front porch" of campus, Kill said.

Inside the stadium, water stains and mildew coat the peeling concrete walls that usher fans to sections A through G.

Rooms intended for officials and away teams have been scraped due to caked-in ceilings and water-soaked carpets.

Each year a structural engineer is assigned to make sure the stadium is structurally sound to support fans, Moccia said, and every year it passes with the bare minimum.

"We view something that we hold with a badge of honor, Hey, look how crummy our facilities are, but that's the reality," Moccia said.

On the outside, Kill pointed to the SIU Arena and a new football stadium that "is outdated and the seating is atro-"

Lea Stambaugh, SIU's athletic director, said SIU needs a new football stadium and that renovations of the SIU Arena are needed. Stambaugh was previously quoted as saying SIU was "too unstable for it," Stearns said. "There's no potential benefit to the city."

"They've done stuff like this to try to bring businesses here, but the economy in this particular city is too unstable for it," Stearns said. "We need more money to be raised through private donations."

"There's no reason for them to stay here," Stearns said. "There's no reason for them to stay here."
Get a grip on saluki sports

Teens drivers face more obstacles in Illinois

Deanna Bellandi
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — It got even harder Monday for teen drivers to get their licenses in Illinois. Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed a law last week that almost dou-
ble the amount of required driving practice time teens need to 50 hours from 25.

To Robert Villalobos, it seems like more of a hassle than it’s worth. "It wasn’t really matter that much," Villalobos said of the stricter requirements Blagojevich signed into law at the downtown Capitol. "It’s a lot of work to go to school where he will be a freshman." But Blagojevich, lawmakers and other school administrators contend the tougher measure will help save teens’ lives by making them better drivers.

"Practice makes perfect and that’s the same thing we want to apply here," said State Rep. John D’Amico, one of the bill’s chief sponsors and a football coach who likened the additional requirements to the practice that makes up student athletes better.

Like Villalobos, other fresh-
men at Jones Commercial Pre-
made the extra supervision required "frustrating" and "boring," but most grudgingly acknowledged the extra driving experience would do them good.

"It will sort of make you safer if you’re more used to driving," said 14-year-old Nathan Inserra-Mousin. "And parents lauded the new rules.

"I think it’s great," said Nathan’s mother, Chris Inserra.

The new law, much of which takes effect in January, also moves up an hour for curfews for teen drivers to 10 p.m. on weekends and 11 p.m. on weekdays.

It’s also tougher on teens who want to enjoy the ride with their friends. The new law prohibits teens from having more than one unreb-
ated teen in the car during their first year of driving, compared to the current six-month restriction.

By next summer, schools also will have to give teen drivers more practice on the roads. The law requires that starting in July 2008, teens get six hours of road training.

The many perils of over-studying by half.com

This did not reflect well on the school and Todd was forced to leave and join the circus.

Todd eventually had an interview with History, taking it whenever possible.

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When an institution moves forward with a project as epic as Saluki Way, there's nothing students, faculty and community members can do but embrace it and hang on for dear life. The Daily Egyptian supports the renovation of this campus - after all, this will soon be an alma mater for many, and we'd like to see the fruits of our investment. Who wants to return to campus in 20 years and see this University's facilities still crumbling? If the city of Carbondale can help revive the university's facade by imposing a half-percent sales tax increase, then so be it.

Tonight's meeting could potentially allow the city to give $20 million to the project over the next 20 years. If the resolution passes, a little more than one fourth of the estimated $80 million needed to complete the first phase of Saluki Way would remain unaccounted for. This may be a number that helps pique the interest of a lackluster donor who hasn't quite been sold on this dream. After all, fundraising can be a tough business when a price tag is attached to blueprints that have yet to be drawn.

Building a new football stadium and arena is not at the top of the list for everyone. Councilman Joel Fritzler has voiced concerns shared by many that the increase would be unfair to students, and these renovations do not guarantee any yielding results for issues such as increasing enrollment and economic gain. An increase of $38 million in student fees should be enough from us, some students argue. Has the University found a way to wrangle more money out of its customers by subjecting us to a tax we will likely see when going out to dinner, at the gas station or a clothing store? To put this increase into perspective, where an amount due may have been $100, it will now be $100.50. A little will add up to a lot, and $2.3 million is the estimated revenue the city will generate each year as a result. The bottom line is that we must start somewhere. Anyone can see McAndrew Stadium is in dire need of an update. It's falling apart.

Members of this editorial board admit that their high schools have a better stadium than the unsightly steel structure that greets new and prospective students across from the Student Center. There is no turning back - curtailing Saluki Way is no longer an option. The request for this tax is tantamount to its demand. We can only hold on and do what we can to help it pay off. Even if it means being taxed twice.

Letters to the Editor

Insurance fees on student's bill

Dear Editor: I am writing in regards to the insurance fee that the SIUC Bursar's Office cleverly adds to each student's tuition bill each semester even though the majority of the students have no need or desire to have supplemental insurance.

This year the fee is $243.00/sem or $486.00/yr. In order to have this fee taken off the student's bill, one must download a form, fill it out and send it to the health center for a certain date. It forces the student to do all of the work, from detecting the charge and determining that it isn't needed to doing the leg work to recovering the charge. To add insult to injury, SIUC charges a $5.00 fee that SIUC keeps in order to process this transaction. Again, this is done each semester. I am appalled that they put this fee on every student's bill. If the parents don't catch it, they have donated that amount of money each semester considering that most parents have insurance on their child in college.

The other amazement is that they keep $5.00 to keep $5.00 to their insurance fund. If the parents don't catch it, they have donated that amount of money each semester considering that most parents have insurance on their child in college.

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Smoking ban good for quitters

Dear Editor: In the debate concerning whether the smoking ban should be implemented in the bars of Carbondale, I feel as though one population has remained quiet. It is one that recognizes the monetary and health aspects, as well as the general negative stigma surrounding cigarette smoking. As an individual who both attends the bar scene and is trying to quit smoking, I am firmly for the smoking ban.

Anyone who has tried to quit or evenslow down temporarily is aware of the maximum amount of willpower and determination involved in such a seemingly impossible task. It isn't simply "saying no" or "just stopping." It is an ongoing endeavor that requires one to avoid or cease altogether certain activities associated with the addiction. This may sound easy, but how would you handle slipping that morning cup of coffee, or worse, during your shift?

Even after these triggers are under control, the worst is yet to be faced. I have managed to keep my addiction under control in each attempt in smoking cessation except when I attend an alcohol establishment that allows smoking. Here, one faces the greatest trigger as the alcohol-cigarette combination is undeniably tempting. Additionally, one's inhibitions are lowered, so just having "one cigarette" doesn't seem as damaging as it really is. Finally, with all the other cigarette-smoking patrons blowing it, literally, one's face, the risk of falling is greatly increased.

I am five days strong today, smoking-free. And when I go out this weekend, I'll be wishing the bars were smoke-free. Wish me luck.

Natalie Bryant
sophomore studying psychology

Words Overheard

"We eat fish all the time. I love fish." - Glenn Poisson

at the Saluki Football Fish Fry and Auction

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WORDS OVERHEARD

“... We eat fish all the time. I love fish.”

Thursday, August 21, 2007
Saluki Way is the wrong way

DEAR EDITOR:  
Saluki Way is a bad idea that costs too much and takes up too much of the remaining empty, open space on the main part of campus. New field plans have been mooted by the mayor of Carbondale's scheme to raise the sales tax to give the university $20 million. Raising the sales tax on everyone just to give the money away is a form of reverse Robin Hood and is morally wrong. What is Mayor Cole going to get for $20 million? Football at the new City of Carbondale Stadium and basketball at the remodeled Brad Cole Arena! A million dollars a year is an average cost for naming rights.  
If the mayor had announced this plan before the election, then he would have lost his job! Remember the citizens of Carbondale not once but twice voted down a half-cent sales tax increase because they opposed higher taxes.  
The main flaw with the Saluki Way plan is to save the big donors at the tailgate area a long walk. It is rumored that the new football stadium will be on land that is already occupied by tennis courts and intramural baseball and softball fields. These will all have to be replaced, but the plan shows the new fields and courts are to be located on empty fields near the arena and the Tower. Those fields are already frequently used by students and others for various activities and the loss would be a huge blow to life on campus.  
SIUC is a beautiful campus and it would be a big mistake to ruin it with this plan. There is a better alternative than Saluki Way. Go back to an earlier plan and renovate McAndrew by tearing down the two existing areas and replacing them. This was under consideration before the Saluki Way concept was developed. The $38 million in increased student fees could easily pay for this.  
I also think that spending $40 million on the arena is another bad idea. I love the arena the way it is now. Spending a little on modernization and new seats would be okay, but not this much money.  
The Saluki Way is the wrong way for SIUC to go and the city of Carbondale should not help pay for it.

Kyle Englert  
1986 SIUC Alumnus

Give intramural sports a try

DEAR EDITOR:  
As a new semester comes upon us, the intramural sports department is finishing up planning for the new year. Students should be aware that intramural sports is adding a few new additions to its programming.  
First, new sports such as Ultimate Frisbee, Frisbee Golf, and 16” Softball will be held this fall semester. Second, intramural sports is going to online sign-ups only. Students can sign-up online at www.siuc.edu/ss beginning Aug. 20.

Third, intramural sports is initiating an online “Fire Agency” list for all individuals who cannot find a team and want to play intramural Sports. This list can also be found online. Students are encouraged to participate in their free intramural sports program and its 30 plus sports and events it offers throughout the school year. It will help keep you healthy emotionally, physically, mentally and any other way you can think of, as well as help you meet new friends.

Charles Ferguson  
intramural sports coordinator

Letters to the Editor

Carbondale's gift to SIUC

DEAR EDITOR:  
The proposed tax increase and gift to Saluki Way is Carbondale – business as usual. Increase taxes and cause the everyday person to foot the bill for the boondoggle known as Saluki Way. Once again Carbondale may be a first. I am unaware of this ever happening in Illinois before. Is it the duty of Carbondale to help finance Saluki Way?  
Is anyone aware of any studies that show how much Carbondale businesses will be gaining from the extra thousands of people who will be going to the football games? Do the city council and Mayor Cole really expect an extra million dollars a year in tax revenue or for businesses?  
Perhaps those who claim that winning sports teams will increase attendance at SIUC can explain the continuing decline in enrollment despite consistently excellent mediocre academic problems SIUC is having (Morris Library, few new additions to its programming teams, Faner Hall that need to be fixed, etc.). Perhaps those who claim that winning sports teams will attract more students that support anything for SIUC.  
President Poshard and Mayor Cole are acting like this is a done deal. I hope the city council wakes up and votes down the tax increase or at least at a minimum votes to reject the idea of Saluki Way. The amount raised is less than 2 percent of the total private sector money.

Hugh Williams  
2002 SIUC Alumnus

The scary thing about this “gift” to SIUC is where does it stop? Once Carbondale decides they have to aid SIUC in Saluki Way, will we be seeing more tax increases and more gifts to bail SIUC? Perhaps some cash to help SIUC repair its decrepid buildings or money to give faculty members and the civil service workers raise? The door will be open once this hill passes.

SIUC is acting like an undisciplined person. The type of person who is experiencing financial difficulties, but decides to go out and buy a new auto they cannot afford even though the old car still runs. If SIUC wants to increase enrollment the solution is simple, put out a better product. Taking a $20,000,000 gift from Carbondale will not improve the educational product of SIUC.

Before SIUC get its gift from Carbondale, according to a DE study, less than $700,000 of the “private sector” $38,000,000 had been raised. This would suggest a private sector repudiation of Saluki Way. The amount raised is less than 2 percent of the total private sector money.

President Poshard and Mayor Cole are acting like this is a done deal. I hope the city council wakes up and votes down the tax increase or at least at a minimum votes to reject the idea of Saluki Way giving a gift of $38,000,000 to SIUC.

Hugh Williams  
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Amend it like Beckham

Beth Harris
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARSON, Calif. — A month into his hugely hyped arrival with the Los Angeles Galaxy, David Beckham has finally made a splash on the world stage.

His timing was impeccable. Just when Beckham mania appeared to be fading, the English superstar revived it by scoring his first goal and notching three assists while playing major minutes in two games last week.

Beckham’s first goal for the Galaxy came in a 2-0 SuperLiga victory over D.C. United last Wednesday, his first start for his new team.

That famous bending free kick led to a fresh round of next-day headlines as thousands clamored to see Beckham.

“I’ve scored a lot of important goals in my career, big goals in my country and this ranks among them,” he said. “I wanted to get off to a good start with the team and with the fans.”

Then he drew 66,237 to Giants Stadium for his first Major League Soccer start. Beckham set up two goals and scored once in his first extended appearance in his first game for the Galaxy against Chelsea attended by a star-studded sellout crowd of 27,000.

“Yeah, yeah, there’s tremendous pressure,” Galaxy general manager Alexi Lalas said. “We’re not naive to the fact that a lot of people want to see him and that there’s a lot of people buying tickets specifically to see him.”

The initial Beckham buzz had quickly died down because of a left ankle injury that relegated the former England captain to the bench for much of his first month.

Instead of “Blend It Like Beckham,” it was more “Bench It Like Beckham.”

He played a total of 37 minutes in two games last week, scoring in his first and setting up two goals in an exhibition in his first and only start.

“Always does,” Galaxy midfielder Pete Vagenas said. “He’s been truly up to him, and if it were medically the right thing to do, he would have been on the bench a long time ago.”

Beckham didn’t practice with the team for the first time last week.

Before then, the Galaxy had limited media access to Beckham to news conferences. The team had been vague about his ankle and his playing status.

“It’s so hard to come into a new situation where everything is so hyped and not be able to do anything about it,” Galaxy goalkeeper Joe Cannon said. “It’s been a trying time for all of us.”

Beckham recently admitted that his ankle wasn’t ready when he made his July 21 debut in an exhibition against Chelsea attended by a star-studded sellout crowd of 27,000.

“It definitely aggravated it and put me back at least a week,” he said.

Beckham has finally made a splash on the world stage.

“I think one thing (Killis) is doing a lot of things is making Beckham worry about how much time you spend out here, but how much you can get in that amount of time,” Lockwood said. “Just make sure everyone stays fresh and not drawing practice out where people aren’t really getting quality reps.”

The summer heat is tougher on the offensive and defensive linemen, Hill said, but it’s tough men who — which also improves the mental toughness.

“We just know we got to do our work and put it in, and it’s just going to help us make us better come game time,” Hill said. “It’s going to be hot in two weeks, too, so we’re going to be ready for it.”

The start of classes also means the end of two-a-days, which comes as bad news to Lalas.

“Always does,” he said. “Always, without a doubt.”

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Stay up to date on all of your Saluki athletics
Atlanta Falcons’ quarterback Michael Vick has pleaded guilty to federal dogfighting conspiracy charges that could result in a five-year prison sentence. With his NFL career all but over, are the Atlanta Falcons better off in the long run without Vick?

Saluki Insider

“The answer definitely isn’t Joey Harrington, living proof that ducks don’t fly in the NFL. I suggest the Falcons’ staff teams with federal investigators to dig deeper in Vick’s backyard and find the careers of the dozens of quality receivers he buried.”

“My idea was whenever the Falcons’ coaches or personnel interviewed potential wide receivers, they’d think, ‘THINK FAST’ since the player walked through the door and fire a Nerf football out of a T-shirt launching cannon, then shoot or sign any of the guys who caught the ball.”

Pujols, Ankiel help Cards with win

The Cubs began play Monday one game ahead of Milwaukee in the division. The Brewers faced the Diamondbacks in Arizona. Pujols hit his 28th homer in the fifth, and Rolen had a two-run double in the first and a run-scoring double in the third.

Joel Pineiro (3-1), who spent most of his season in the Red Sox bullpen before being acquired at the trade deadline, went five innings to win his third straight start. He allowed three runs and seven hits, including back-to-back homers to Daryle Ward and Mark DeRosa in the second inning.

The Cardinals salvaged one win as what was to have been a four-game series before the Sunday night’s game was postponed. Chicago won on Friday and Saturday.

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Students who wish to verify existing student directory information should access their record via SalukiNet at http://salukinet.siu.edu/. If you have questions, please contact the Office of Records and Registration, Woody Hall Room A-103.

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Fullback

With fullback JT Ware having used up his eligibility, sophomore Nick Burgess has emerged as a likely starter.

Cornerback

A battle for the starting cornerback spot opposite Coog Turner is still ongoing. Sophomore Brandon Williams and sophomore Darnell Williams will fight for the previous spot that was previously manned by Brandon Bruner.

Defensive Tackle

At defensive tackle, seniors Aronde Titman, a returning starter from last season, and Larry Luster are set to start. Kill said he was pleased with what he has seen from both in training camp.

Oscar Moore

Moore is entirely safe as a starter. "We're pretty good up front in the offensive line, and those guys have hung in there very good during camp," Kill said. "I think that whole unit is better than it was a year ago, and I think our football team is better than it was a year ago at this time."

Tight End

Facebook's "fan" in recent weeks has been 

Tight End

Brandon Jones (Jones), the Salukis' leader in receptions and receiving yards and touchdowns last season, was signed by the Minnesota Vikings as an undrafted free agent leaving a serious void to be filled.

Three players expected to compete for Jones' starting slot be
could be senior quarterback Nick Hill, sophomore Byron Gatts and freshman Kyle Hadley.

Kernes, the probable starter, said all three would receive playing time during the season.

"We're not as athletic as (Jones) is, but the only thing we can do as a group is we're going to play hard and we're going to play smart, and we're going to work with one another," Kernes said. "We're going to rotate more and we're going to try to be the toughest group on the field as a whole, and there's no way we can fill his shoes."

Skilled coach lifted players

Former Saluki

Hartzog enthralled

Justin Stofferahn

Although Lew Hartzog coached 10 SIU track athletes to the Olympics, he may be most remembered for his actions off the track.

Former Saluki and Olympic Oscar Moore remembers Hartzog — who is set to be inducted into the Country Coaches Association’s Hall of Fame in December — as a determined man who stood up to racism amidst a turbulent atmosphere.

Hartzog took Moore, a retired Marine, under his wing when he came to SIU — even employing the 1964 Olympian on his farm during the summer, Moore said.

"He was a good encourager and good motivator," Moore said. "He had that personal touch."

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Hartzog's compensation also provided Moore with a shield from racism, which was escalating throughout the South in the early 1960s as the Civil Rights movement began to gain steam.

The 85-year-old Hartzog doesn't look back as he approaches his 75th anniversary of running track and field.

"I was an excellent recruiter," Hartzog said. "I recruited some awfully good athletes."  

Numbers support Woods' claims.

SIU has had 17 men's and wom

Players get back to the books

Training camp ends, classes start up

Scott Mieszala

Daily Egyptian

An NFL-style training camp came to an end for the Salukis with the start of classes Monday.

The end of camp — which entailed 16 straight days of practice with five two-aways splin
ded in — left many players with mixed feelings.

Senior quarterback Nick Hill compared the Salukis' training camp to an NFL schedule, with the only priorities being practice, meetings and studying film.

"You get a lot more film," Hill said about the camp. "And in the season, you got to take it upon yourself to really get your film in by yourself because you get much school."  

After an intra-squad scrim
ding Saturday, the team received a day off Sunday and Monday off from practice due to the start of the fall semester.

Some Salukis welcomed the break.

"That's it, it's lovely because we get Sunday and Monday off," senior wide receiver Alek Turner said. "So it's just time they give us to get our legs back and then time to let everybody get coordinated for their classes and things like that."  

Tanner added that freshmen generally have the bigger adjust-

"Honestly, they give you plenty of time," Lockwood said. "They give you plenty of help at the academic center, so it's not all that bad."  

The heat will also subside once SIU gets deeper into the season.

Practices often ended early during training camp because of the high temperatures, something Lockwood said was a relief and improved the quality of the team's performances.

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Get your game on

Saluki athletes compete, entertain across campus

**Volleyball**

**Head coach:** Brenda Winkelkate

**Key players:** Kristy Elswick, Erika Barruff, Kristie Benwanger

**Last year:** 11-6, missed MVC tournament

**How much:** free for students with valid ID, $5 for adults, $3 for faculty, staff, senior citizens, children

**Upcoming home games:**
- Western Illinois, Sept. 5, 7 p.m.
- Cleveland State, Sept. 7, 7 p.m.
- UMKC, Sept. 8, noon
- Murray State, Sept. 8, 7 p.m.

**Swimming/Diving**

**Head coach:** Rick Walker

**Key players:** Antonio Santoro, Julie Ju

**Last year:** Men: fourth at Sun Belt Championship, Women: won MVC championship

**How much:** free

**Upcoming home meets:**
- Miami of Ohio (men), Oct. 1
- Vanderbilt (women), Oct. 1

**Softball**

**Head coach:** Kerri Blaylock

**Key players:** Alicia Garza, Tiffanie Dismore, Jayme Wamsley

**Last year:** 41-16, lost in NCAA regionals

**How much:** free for students with valid ID, $4 for adults, $3 for faculty, staff, senior citizens, children

**Upcoming home games:**
- Saluki Invitational, Sept. 15

**Football**

**Head coach:** Jerry Kill

**Key players:** Nick Hill, Craig Turner, John Randle

**Last year:** 9-4, lost in NCAA quarterfinals

**How much:** free for students with valid ID, $5 for adults, $3 for faculty, staff, senior citizens, children

**Upcoming home games:**
- Quincy (Ill.), Aug. 30, 6 p.m.
- Ark. Pine Bluff, Sept. 22, 1:30 p.m.
- Youngstown State, Oct. 6, 2:30 p.m.

**Cross country**

**Head coach:** Matt Sparks

**Key players:** Mohamed Mohamed, Brittan Christensen-Fam

**Last year:** Women 11th; men 12th in NCAA regional championships

**How much:** free for students with valid ID; other prices vary by meet

**Upcoming home games:**
- SIU Early Bird, Aug. 31, 5:30 p.m.
NAHA, Japan — Crowded with tourists visiting Okinawa for their summer vacation holidays, Naha airport was tense with fear as a China Airlines jetliner burst into flames Monday, killing 14, injuring 75, and scattering debris across the tarmac.

All 165 passengers aboard a China Airlines jet evacuated minutes before the jet burst into flames Monday after arriving in Okinawa, Japan, from Taiwan. "We could barely see the plane through the fumes," said Takayuki Tsukiumi, 22, manager of a convenience store in the airport's domestic terminal.

When the fire was finally brought under control at 11:15 a.m., firefighters examined the inside of the plane using a ladder.

"I heard a huge explosion, and firefighters examined the inside of the plane using a ladder," Michael Moore, president of Taipei-based China AirlinesJapan, said at a news conference at his Minato Ward office early Monday after the explosion.

"We would like to express our deepest regrets for the accident. We will do our best to deal with this problem," he said.

U.S. officials insist on reducing combat roles

WASHINGTON — U.S. military officials are narrowing the range of Iraq strategy options and appear to be focusing on reducing the U.S. combat role in 2008 while increasing training of Iraqi forces, a senior military official told The Associated Press.

The military has not yet developed a plan for a substantial withdrawal of forces next year. But officials are laying the groundwork for a drawdown of forces to Turkey and Jordan on using their territory to move some troops and equipment out of Iraq, the official said. The main nodal point would remain Kuwait, but additional routes would make it easier and more secure for U.S. troops leaving western and northern Iraq.

The official who spoke on condition of anonymity because internal deliberations are being held to reduce the number of forces is widely anticipated that the five extra Army brigades that were sent to Baghdad this year will be withdrawn by late next summer. But it is far less clear whether the Bush administration will follow that immediately with additional drawdowns, as many Democrats in Congress are advocating.

Crime

Vick to plead guilty to dogfighting charges

WASHINGTON — Michael Vick agreed Monday to plead guilty to federal dogfighting conspiracy charges, a deal that leaves him facing up to 18 months in prison and puts his personal life on hold as the NFL season begins.

Under the plea agreement, prosecutors will recommend Vick be sentenced to between six and 23 months in jail. The plea is expected to be made Monday afternoon in U.S. district court. Vick's publicist, Howard Rubenstein, confirmed the agreement.

That would be a higher penalty than is usual for a first-time offender. Federal guidelines suggest he receive more than a slap on the wrist for this, the official said.

U.S. District Judge Henry Hudson will have the final say on how much time Vick will ultimately spend in jail.

Vick's plea hearing is Aug. 27.

Obituaries

Hotel magnate Leona Helmsley dies at 87

NEW YORK — Leona Helmsley, the cutthroat hotel magnate whose title as the “Queen of Mean” made her name during a tax evasion case in which she was quoted as saying “little people need money,” died Monday at age 87. Helmsley died of heart failure at her summer home in Great Hope, Va., her publicist, Howard Rubenstein.

Helmsley, a real estate mogul before her marriage, Helmsley helped her husband run the family business, Helmsley-Spear Enterprises, the Empire State Building. She became a household name in 1989 when she was tried for tax evasion. She was found guilty of concealing income to avoid paying taxes.

The image of Helmsley as the “Queen of Mean” was sealed when a former housekeeper, Elvira Thomeczek, was sentenced for hoarding $3.5 million in Helmsley’s office.

“Vick doesn’t pay taxes. Only the little people pay taxes,” she said.

Helmsley denied having said it, but the words followed her for the rest of her life.

Iraq

Roadside bomb kills governor in Iraq

BAGHDAD — A roadside bomb killed a governor in southern Iraq on Monday, the second in a week, as the government pushed a military campaign for control of some of Iraq’s main oil-producing areas.

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Gov. Rod Blagojevich’s proposed plan to provide more money for health care has been the topic of heated debate by Illinois legislators.

Last week, Blagojevich announced plans to cut $500 million — to be given to state health care — from the state budget in order to provide uninsured women free mammograms instead of only low-income women.

To fund the proposed health care project, Blagojevich said he would cut $200 million in ‘pork’ spending, which could include some projects in southern Illinois.

“We are currently going through the budget line by line to make the spending cuts,” said Justin Young, a spokesman for Blagojevich.

Young declined to comment on how Blagojevich’s plan could affect Carbondale because he did not know which projects could be cut.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Carbondale, said he does not agree with Blagojevich’s plan because the cutting could potentially trim projects from Bost’s plan.

Bost also said the proposal would not help the Memorial Hospital of Carbondale because not enough money would be set aside.

“Blagojevich’s proposal doesn’t generate enough for the health care plan, and the state government is already behind in some payments (to the hospital),” Bost said.

George Maroney, administrator of the Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, said he does not think the plan would be effective in the long run. He said he believes the plan will help women at first, but would not be financially sustainable.

Should Blagojevich veto the proposed budget or attempt to make changes, Bost said he would vote to override the governor’s veto.

Marla Groaning, the breast cancer and cervical cancer program coordinator for Southern Seven Health Department, said several counties in southern Illinois would be among those affected by the decision. She said Blagojevich’s proposal for the mammograms could help women in southern Illinois.

“It’s quite an expensive test and such a simple thing that can save a life,” Groaning said. “The changing of the criteria would only help women.”

Groaning said an average mammogram costs around $300 to $600. Blagojevich’s proposal could allow more women who aren’t insured, or who earn too much money to qualify for current state programs, to receive free mammograms.

“I think it would increase our caseload,” Groaning said. “I have had to turn women down because they’re over our income guidelines.”

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Students new to SIUC may be in for a surprise if they have not taken the required speech communication course.

SIUC’s Department of Speech Communications recently changed the syllabus of Speech 101 — one of two courses every student must take in order to graduate. Department heads decided to shift the course’s focus to public speaking rather than the traditional focus on other forms of communication.

Essentially, the change will deviate from a hybrid communications class, which covers small group communication to media to interpersonal communication.

Jonathan Gray, an associate professor for speech communication, said the focus on public speaking increased from 30 percent to 50 percent leaving the other half of the class for other areas of communication.

“The difference between a public speaking course and a hybrid course is that a public speaking class focuses entirely on public communication,” Gray said. “A hybrid course combines interpersonal, small group, media and public speaking.”

Gray said there were a few reasons for changing the course motives. He said the Illinois Articulation Initiative, which is set up to streamline the process of transferring credits to and from Illinois colleges and universities, has moved toward public speaking classes instead of traditional speech courses.

The change in the Initiative’s priorities brought up a discussion in the department of whether or not SIUC should continue to be a part of it.

“We had an option,” Gray said. “One, we could opt out of (the Initiative). Or two, we could change our syllabus and move more toward the public speaking class.”

Gray said the second reason was because some professors within the department felt some students and faculty expected a different class than they signed up for.

Those involved with the class, Gray said, assumed the general education class was focused mostly on public speaking.

Richie Hao, a teaching assistant within the department, said the change shouldn’t affect students too drastically.

“As much as you do need to get in front of a large audience and feel comfortable doing that, there’s also going to be those daily interactions you will have to succeed at as well,” Stein said.

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SIUC hopes to solve problems with new face

New enrollment manager set to begin Sept. 1

Christian Holt
Daily Egyptian

Freshman Clayton Armstrong has been in Carbondale three days and already hopes his younger brother chooses SIUC. Armstrong’s story is one many at SIUC would be happy to hear considering the nearly five-percent drop in enrollment that has occurred in recent years.

SIU officials have taken a step toward solving the school’s enrollment problem by hiring Victoria Valle, who is set to begin as assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management Sept. 1.

With an extensive background in dealing with university enrollment issues, school officials have high hopes for Valle’s potential.

“Victoria Valle has been a seasoned professional who brings a lot to the table,” said interim assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management Cameron Suarez. “She’s going to do a super job.”

Valle’s main goals for increasing enrollment include finding out why the number of students enrolled at the University is so low and figuring out how to increase diversity in the student population.

Valle said she knew the job of increasing enrollment at SIUC would be anything but easy.

“A lot of people have been working on this really hard for a really long time,” Valle said.

It seems that all the work may have paid off for the fall semester.

Although official numbers are not yet available, housing contracts and registration numbers “underesti- mate the need for new students,” Valle said.

On the whole I think that it is safe to say that we are reversing the pipeline,” Suarez said.

The issue of the enrollment decrease is one that several top university officials, including SU President Glenn Poshard, take very seriously.

Poshard said he is worried that if the student base declines too much, the University’s ability to be a research institution as well as a large undergraduate university would become increasingly unlikely.

“You can’t sustain a great research mission if you don’t have the undergraduate base to support graduate programs. It’s the ones that really generate the funds for the University.”

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Common virus may contribute to obesity

Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the buffet of reasons for why Americans are getting fatter, researchers are piling more evidence on the plate for one still-controversial cause: a virus.

New research announced Monday found that when human stem cells — the blank slate of the cell world — were exposed to a common virus they turned into fat cells. They didn’t just change, they stored fat, too.

While this may be a guilt-free explanation for putting on pounds, it doesn’t explain all or even most of Americans’ growing obesity problem.

But it adds to other recent evidence that blaming expanding waistlines on more than just super-sized appetites and underused muscles.

For several years, researchers have looked at a possible link between obesity and this common virus, called adenovirus-36, from a family of viruses that cause colds and pink eye. They had theorized that a higher percentage of fat people been infected with the virus than non-fat people. They had exposed animal cells to the virus and got them to fatten up and even found a gene in the virus that causes animals to get obese.

But ethical restraints kept researchers from exposing humans to the virus to see what happens. So they did what would be considered the next best thing, said Nidhi Dhurandhar, who headed the research at the Pennington Biomedical Research Center in the Louisiana State University system.

They took fat tissue from people who had liposuction, removed adult stem cells from the tissue and exposed the cells to the virus in the lab. Adult stem cells can regenerate and turn into different types of specialized cells to help the body heal itself.

More than half the stem cells exposed to the virus turned into fat cells and accumulated fat, while only a small percentage of the non-exposed stem cells did the same, said Saiki researcher Dr. Magdalena Pasierka, who presented the results Monday at the American Chemical Society’s annual meeting in Boston.

“It’s the first time we see an effect in human cells,” Pasierka said in a phone interview.

If a viral cause of obesity can be confirmed, a vaccine could be developed, maybe within five to 10 years, to prevent the virus from making some people fat, Dhurandhar said. However, it wouldn’t help people already obese, he said.

Outside experts are intrigued but wary about people blaming all obesity on viruses, when this may be just one of many causes. It doesn’t mean it’s OK to overeat, blame a bug or wait for some kind of antiviral medicine, they said.

“The cause for obesity in every- one is the same,” said Dr. Samuel Klein, director of the Center for Human Nutrition at the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. “You eat more calories than you burn up. You can’t get away from that basic law of physics.”

But there are many causes that trigger overeating and extra storage of fat in the body, including the virus, Klein said. However, he said he con- siders the virus only a small factor, easily outweighed by genetics and even childhood eating habits.

Dhurandhar said some of his ear- lier research found that 30 percent of obese Americans had developed antibodies to the virus, showing they had been exposed to it at some point. But for non-obese people, only 11 percent had antibodies, he said.

That means for some people it is not their fault they are fat, Dhurandhar said.

But Klein said that’s not completely right.

“We don’t want obese people to feel that it’s all their fault because it is not all their fault ... but clearly the buck finally lies with the person,” Klein said.

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With the recent advent of the iPhone and similar new technologies, cell phone usage has progressed to a whole new level. But the question is: is this really a positive change?

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Felisha Burns, a freshman from Chicago studying physiology, and Laclesha Dobbins, a freshman from Chicago studying law, enjoy their lunch in the Student Center on Sunday while using their cell phones.

Cell phones do more than help you talk

Audra Ord

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"People are accustomed to doing many things at a time — like talking on the phone while watching television and eating — and when they're by themselves, maybe the lack of stimulus frightens people," Martin said.

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The first dance introduced by Wooters during the hour-long session was the Meringue. The basic premise involves a simple right, left motion where contestants essentially march to the beat of the music, Wooters said.

After participants obtain the basic skills of the Meringue, Wooters begins teaching the techniques of the Bachata.

Sidney Johnson, from Carterville, said the Bachata is traditionally a three step dance, the Salsa is an eight-count dance and the Meringue is a two-step dance.

Johnson is quick to point out, though, that keeping pace is vital.

"Stay on count," Johnson said. "You just need to remember your counts and your steps.

Karissa Edwards, a student at John A. Logan from Carbondale, said she used to do a lot of belly dancing and said Salsa is a lot different from the traditionally solo belly dancing.

"Salsa bases a lot of stuff on the man. He is the one who has to guide the woman through and let her know what is going on," Edwards said.

After the introduction to three types of dances was established, some of the dances were easier to follow while some of the dances had the dancers confused.

Micha Rotz, a junior at Herrin High School, said she has attended about five of the lessons and said the Salsa is the hardest dance to learn because of all the variations and the importance of timing for each step and turn.

Rotz said she still has a lot to learn before she can become a better dancer.

"I am nowhere near close enough to being an expert," Rotz said. "You have to practice a lot to be an expert and I don't practice enough."
A night of music, dance and a little learning

Locals gather for salsa lessons at Longbranch Coffee House

Eugene Clark
Dox Eotony
Under a dim light in the backroom of the Longbranch Coffee House, a slew of casually dressed folks stood willing to learn. Surrounded by an army of chairs pushed against the walls, a group of 16 eager participants formed two lines — one male and one female. The participants were preparing to learn the Salsa.

Don Wooters, an SIUC alumnus, and other certified dance instructors, gather every Saturday evening to teach Carbondale residents, many of whom are SIUC students, how to learn the art of Salsa dancing.

Lessons take place from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., costing each eager contestant $5, and teach enthusiastic pupils the fundamentals of the dance made popular by Ben Stiller in the film “Along Came Polly.”

Mark Johnson of Marion said he has attended the lessons seven or eight times and still views it as a learning process.

“I am determined to be better,” Johnson said. “It’s relatively simple steps. It’s just being able to know what those steps are and be able to communicate with your partner and pick up the beat quickly and go with the music.”

Wooters said he teaches the basics of three Latin dances, the Bachata, the Salsa and Meringue, and has been teaching dance informally for many years because of the many advantages of the trade.

“Dancing is very creative and it is a great creative expression,” Wooters said. “Also, it is great exercise and a great social dimension for interaction between people.”

Salsa students’ shadows move along the dimly lit backroom of the Longbranch Coffee House during salsa lessons Saturday evening in Carbondale.