Labor of love

REMY ABROUGHT | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Karen Jensen, general manager at Indian Creek Kennel, plays with rescue dogs Monday in the dog's play area. Indian Creek Kennel provides boarding, doggie daycare, grooming and sells all natural food and supplements for animals. Indian Creek owner Roya Newman says the business has been around for 30 years and the employee's duties are more than just a job but a passion they all share. With stray animals becoming a problem, "kenneling is a way to get dogs homes and stop them from being euthanized," Newman said.

Carbondale school seeks donations

JORDAN VANDEVEER
Daily Egyptian

Giving Tuesday is a national movement started last year as a way to give to charities during the holiday season, instead of going to corporations during Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

One business participating in the fundraiser for the first time is Brehm Preparatory School, located on East Grand Avenue. The private school is for students in grades six through high school who have learning disabilities, mostly nonverbal learning challenges. The campus has five dorms, which are optioned for students, and four school buildings for around 80 students.

Giving Tuesday always takes place on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. All donations made to Brehm this year will go directly to financial aid.

“We currently have a few scholarships and several dollars in financial assistance that we help students with. Our intention is to help more local students, even in the southern Illinois region — that might need our services," Russell Williams, director of Brehm School Foundation, said. “We have about 10 percent of the current student population here at Brehm School are regional students.”

Many of the regional students do not live at Brehm, but drive there for school, said Williams. He said those who live in Carbondale pay more than $60,000 a year, but everything is included for the student just as if the student lived at home. For those that commute to the school, the tuition is closer to $40,000 a year. Williams said tuition is different for each student because it depends on their individual needs.

Brehm School also has a post-secondary education system called Options, which houses its approximate 40 students in Aspen Court Apartments, or allows them to make their own living arrangements. Options help students attending school at John A. Logan and SIU and assist with internships.

“The curriculum is what you would find in any high school setting,” said Brian Brown, executive director of Brehm School.

Brown said what makes Brehm different is the school’s teaching methods. He said each with the school, the teachers figure out what their strengths and weaknesses are, and they teach accordingly and show the students how to use those skills they learn at Brehm in other situations in life, such as job training and social skills.

Brown said the school has about 150 teachers for the school and Options. Some of the teachers help with counseling and therapy, live in the dorms with the students as a kind of residence assistant or have specific specializations to help the students.

Many of Brehm’s students come from the Midwest, but there are students from all over the country and even outside of the U.S.

The Brehm School Foundation helps students fund financial aid, projects and programs, all which help the students.

Online stores such as Amazon.com also have options to donate to charity while you shop. Prices are the same as always, if there are discounts the shopper still gets the discount. Or in percent, depending on the website, of the shopper’s total is donated to a charity of their choice.

Camfield said places like Amazon.com send out a link to the shoppers, check out the quantity on the order and again depending on the site, so they will not know what money was donated for Giving Tuesday, but the donor can call Brehm and let them know, and when they receive the check, they will put that amount into the financial aid fund.

Camfield said there are many ways to donate to Brehm for Giving Tuesday. The website, www.brehm.org, is a secure site that accepts donations 24/7 or donations can be made by calling, emailing or mailing the Foundation.

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These statistics led to the student groups deciding in March 2013 to join the 350.org initiative, Garcia said.

Jessica Crowe, an assistant professor in sociology and supporter of the petition, said attacking the companies financially is a new angle at solving the problem of climate change.

“It’s a social movement,” she said. “It’s bottom-up and having students understand what climate change is and understanding human contributions to climate change and particularly the consumption of fossil fuels.”

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III. lawmakers prepare for pension vote

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SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Illinois lawmakers began putting the pieces in place Monday for a potentially historic vote to address the nation's worst public-pension shortfall, as legislators scrambled to digest the complex deal and labor unions and other political heavyweights scrambled up pressure for and against it.

The House and Senate are expected to vote Tuesday on the years-in-the-making agreement. Legislative leaders say the proposal, which emerged last week, would save an estimated $160 billion over 30 years, and fully fund the state's five pension systems by 2044 through benefit cuts for workers and retirees.

As of Monday evening the plan had the support of a clear majority of members on a pension conference committee — enough to send the measure to the floors of both chambers. But its passage in the Democrat-controlled Legislature was by no means assured. Several lawmakers said they still were reviewing the 325-page piece of legislation, and a number of big questions remained for lawmakers to consider with little time before an expected vote. Republican state Rep. Tom Cross of Oswego, said he was waiting for more information on the possible impact of the monumental deal.

"This is going to be the biggest vote most legislators make in their career," he said. "You've got one shot at this and you want to do it right." Illinois' pension funds are $100 billion in the red, based on how many dollars of benefits are promised to retirees, largely because lawmakers for years have failed to fully fund the state's payments to the systems. But until last week, legislative leaders were unable to agree on how to fix the problem even as pension payments grew to take up about one-fifth of the state's general funds budget, and the major credit rating agencies repeatedly downgraded the state's rating. Illinois now has the lowest credit rating of any state in the country.

A number of cities and states have dealt with similar pension troubles, but Illinois has notably lagged behind in finding the political will to deal with its ballooning financial problem.

The proposal would push back the retirement age for workers ages 45 and younger, on a sliding scale. The annual 3 percent cost-of-living increases for retirees would be replaced with a system that only provides the increases on a portion of the benefits, based on how many years a beneficiary was in their job. Some workers would have the option of freezing their pension and starting a 401(k)-style defined contribution plan.

Language to prevent "pension abuses" is also part of the plan, as non-government employees such as union bosses could not participate and new hires would not be able to bank sick or vacation time to boost pensions.

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FBI to explore ways to stem Chicago violence

Michael Tarin
Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — The new head of Chicago's FBI office said Monday he'll look for ways his agents can work with the help of other federal programs to stem homicide rates and other violent crimes in the nation's third-largest city.

"I don't think anywhere it's not yet clear what more the FBI can do that it's not already doing," Robert Holley said in his first interviews since assuming his new post a month ago come amid calls by Mayor Rahm Emanuel, Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn, and others for federal law enforcement to do more to combat violence in Chicago, which has hundreds of homicides each year.

Already, about 25 percent of Chicago agents work violent-crime cases, Holley noted. But given con- gestionary spending constraints, shifting more resources to the gang, gun and drug crimes that underpin much of the violence could alter other investigative priorities in Chicago, including corruption and counterterrorism.

"Could I move resources from one investigative branch to another? I could," Holley said. "But I wouldn't have to take away from other programs, and I don't know if I am willing to accept that risk right now.

"In the Chicago office — in a sprawling, 10-story complex on the city's southwest side — is one of the FBI's largest field offices, with about 850 agents, analysts and support staff. Holley declined to say exactly how many agents in Chicago are assigned to counterterrorism, but he said a greater number is devoted to violent crime.

Monday was the first time Holley had spoken publicly in the top office. The newly sworn-in U.S. attor- ney for Chicago, Zachary Fardon, has faced similar questions as he has taken over the role.

Holley said he hasn't yet met with Emanuel about any added role for the FBI in tackling violent crime. But he said he has broadened the subject with Fardon, as well as with Chicago Police Superintend- ent Garry McCarthy.

"Chicago's killings topped 500 last year — the first time it hit that mark since 2008. Though the ho- micide rate has declined in 2013, some shootings, including the slaying early this year of 15-year-old honor student Hadiya Pendle- ton from President Barack Obama's South Side home, put the issue of Chicago violence back in the national headlines.

Foley's forte is terrorism. Dur- ing the last 20 years with the FBI, he has had the most of any agency's expert on counterterrorism, and he was among the ranking agents sent to Boston to help investigate the Boston Marathon attack. His most recent job was as FBI head- quarters in Washington as deputy assistant director of the agency's counterterrorism division. His re- search interests included briefing the director of the FBI each morning on potential threats.

Holley grew up in Pennsylvania, served nine years as a U.S. Army infantry officer and then only ap- plied for a job with the FBI at age 30 — just a year under the cutoff for new agents. His affable but di- rect persona is reflected by a bum- mer sticker affixed to one wall of his office: It has the word "whining" with a red line through it.

Now that he's responsible for overseeing the gamut of criminal activity, he said his talking points in Chicago absorb as much information as possible about areas where he has less ex- perience, including the city's street crime. What he learns, he said, will be shared with other officials about whether the office can do more than it's doing on violence.

"I really don't know what more that is right now," he said.

Penn State racing to be the first college on the moon

Susan Snyder
Philadelphia Inquirer

Philadelphia — Pennsylvania State University is racing to be the first college on the moon. Since 2011, a team of faculty, researchers, and students has been hatching "Lunar Lion," a robotic spacecraft that is four feet in diameter and weighs 500 pounds.

The project costs $60 million, and donors have provided more than one-third of that amount. Paul presented an update on the team's work to Penn State's trustees during their meeting Friday afternoon.

Of the 22 teams vying for the prize — the winner gets $20 million — Penn State's is the only university-led group, Paul said in his interview last week. Among the six other U.S. teams competing is one from Astronautic Technology Inc., a Pittsburgh-based company spun off from the University of Pittsburgh's Robotics Institute in 2008, according to the team's website.

The task for Team Lunar Lion is to develop a baseline design for the spacecraft and build a prototype. Organizers hope that by landing in December 2015 and completing a precise series of tasks, it will win the $20 million prize.

The team's website.

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On its website, the Google Xprize describes itself as the world's largest incentive-based prize.

One of its donors, is providing $8 million.

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The team is conducting its work in the Applied Research Lab, a secure facility that does work for the Navy. The group is working with fuels and highly technical machinery.

"It's not rocket science," Paul said.

The hardest part of the mission, he said, is landing the vehicle on the moon. The Penn State team is studying the best spot for that and the best method of locomotion there.

The team recently paid a $100,000 launch- reservation fee, but is not sure where the craft will land.

Once landed, the craft would take panoramic images and feed them to a ground station at Penn State for the world to see.

"I never saw live pictures from the surface of the moon," Paul said. "There are millions and millions of people who never experienced what the baby boomers saw when Neil Armstrong stepped on the moon. But there will be new generations who see what we do."
Amazon’s plans for package delivery via drones must clear state hurdles

MAGGIE CLARK
StateLine.org

Not so fast, Jeff Bezos. Before Amazon.com Inc. can deploy its fleet of delivery drones, the company must wait for the results of drone tests at six state-run sites the Federal Aviation Administration will select later this month.

At least 24 states are competing to host these sites, which are expected to bring jobs and investment from a rapidly growing industry. Congress has directed the FAA to safely integrate unmanned aerial vehicles, or unmanned drones, into the national airspace by 2015. Until then, the FAA has said it will grant flight privileges to operators of unmanned aerial vehicles, or UAVs, on a case-by-case basis.

Bezos, the CEO of the Seattle-based e-commerce giant, said in an interview broadcast Sunday on CBS's "60 Minutes" news program that Amazon hopes to use drones to make same-day deliveries within five years of FAA approval. "It will work, and it will happen, and it’s gotta be a lot of fun," Bezos said.

Amazon's plan is yet another example of how drones could transform everyday life. Manufacturers tout the machines' ability to carry water to a wildfire, monitor storm systems, locate missing persons or even deliver pizza. Governors are well aware of the technology's job potential for engineers, programmers and pilots. Already, Oklahoma's Republican Gov. Mary Fallin has a cabinet-level secretary dedicated to attracting drone companies to the state. New Mexico, which has a long history of testing military aircraft, has already secured a site. In promotional materials, Utah boasts it is "one of the few states with unified executive and legislative support for UAV testing."

The Association of Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, the trade association for drone manufacturers, estimates that integrating drones into the national airspace will generate at least 70,000 engineering, manufacturing and piloting jobs within the first three years of FAA approval.

The states that win the test sites also will be charged with developing privacy policies for drones, to protect the public from surveillance by drones performing all sorts of tasks, including delivering packages. During this past legislative session, eight states put limits on how law enforcement officers can use drones, and set guidelines for how long data collected from a drone can be stored in a database.

Still, those concerns have not stopped the majority of states from moving ahead to attract drone businesses. Even in Virginia, where tea partiers and civil libertarians worked together to pass a two-year moratorium on drone use by anyone other than the military, the economic temptation of aerospace jobs and an FAA test site persuaded the legislature and the governor to lift the moratorium in a special session.

"Not only would future job prospects dim, but current businesses and those they employ would be at risk," said Peter Bale, chairman of the AVUSI, in a letter to Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell, a Republican.

"More than 50 companies that manufacture UAVs have a footprint in Virginia. A moratorium would not only would future job prospects dim, but current businesses and those they employ would be at risk," warned Peter Bale, chairman of the AVUSI, in a letter to Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell, a Republican.

In response, McDonnell added exemptions to the moratorium for researchers and companies to test drones, so long as they are not armed or used for surveillance. Virginia and New Jersey are teaming up to apply for a joint drone test site, competing against 22 other states vying for one of the spots.

Republican Gov. Paul LePage of Maine also refused to sign a bill limiting drone use. "This bill will harm any opportunity Maine has to create new jobs in the aerospace industry," LePage wrote after vetoing a bill limiting law enforcement use of drones. "It is the wrong message to send if we want these jobs."

Instead, LePage directed the state Department of Public Safety to create guidelines for law enforcement use of drones.

A model drone policy from the Aerospace States Association, the Council of State Governments and the National Conference of State Legislatures urges states to require a warrant for drone surveillance of an individual; prohibit the re-use of video or photos collected by a drone for other investigations; and ban weapons from domestic drones.
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Trainspotting toddlers

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Holiday humbleness

Mike Maxwell, a senior from East Moline studying radio and television, left and Sarah Maher, a junior from Peoria studying radio and television, helps with a food drive Monday outside the Student Center. The food drive, organized by WIDB.net, took place throughout the holidays to help collect money and food for The Women’s Center. Maher said the drive might be extended until after the holidays to generate more revenue for the center. Donations will also be accepted at WIDB’s office, located on the fourth floor in the Student Center.

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Editor's note: The university received threats of mass targeted violence during the fall semester of 2012, and the Springfield FBI took matters into its own hands to investigate. Officials asked the Daily Egyptian to publish this statement regarding the threats and its sender in hopes to make headway on solving this case.

The statement reads as follows:

The FBI continues to investigate communications sent during the fall semester of 2012, threatening acts of violence against the SIU Carbondale community. The language was intended to frighten. In each instance, law enforcement responded quickly and appropriately. Although no one has been harmed by this person so far, this is not a harmless prank. Evacuations caused by threats are disruptive and create safety hazards to others.

Despite the fact that no additional communications have been received since the fall of 2012, the FBI continues to request assistance from the community. This person sending these communications may be known to those around him as having one or multiple grievances related to what he perceives to have been a wrong or a series of wrongs done to him. He may have been continually angry during the fall semester and prone to making rash and unbelievable statements about his complaints. He is likely to be immature and lacking in focus. The person is probably familiar with the SIU campus and campus life, although is not necessarily a student or former student.

We ask the public to again review selected handwriting from one of these communications, as this unusual printing may be familiar. Anyone with information is asked to call 618-453-5771.
Recruits to join Saluki swimming, diving family

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Daily Egyptian

The Salukis have signed a few family ties for their swimming and diving team, as recruiters is well on its way for the SIU swimming and diving team.

Walker said the team did not have a lot of scholarship money this year to give out, but the team has signed some names with a lot of potential, and he is quite pleased so far.

On the men's side, the team has signed Julian Walker and former Saluki Justin Wolfe. Walker said he was one of the top recruits in Illinois, and the country.

The team has also signed Alex Crawford from Francis Howell High School in St. Charles, Mo., whom Walker considers a diamond in the rough. Walker could not announce another made recruit because he has not either signed a letter of intent or financially committed, which would break NCAA rules.

On the women's side, the team has signed Walker's daughter who just finished fourth in the 500m and sixth in the 200m at the high school state meet in Chicago. The Salukis also signed Bryn Handley, who is the sister of sophomore Kiley Handley and Nicole Fuller from North Augusta High School in South Carolina, who had ties to Walker.

Fuller has interest in open water swimming, and her coach was on Walker's staff one of the U.S. national team coaches. Her coaches remembered Walker, the chairman of the open water committee, so he suggested SIU to her.

“Her coaches saying ‘If you have this interest and want to train in college, there's one place’ and if they're recommending just SIU in that area, it doesn't hurt to look at,” Walker said.

Walker said those three girls could be towards the top of the conference when they come in. However, the team also has made a few lesser-known signings, including Liana Tatigian from John Rennie High School in Quebec, Can. Tatigian swims breaststroke, which has not been a popular position for SIU.

The recruiting trip was just one of the many things Walker said the team did not have weaknesses. Just don’t play to your weaknesses. For all his success, Jordan can be contacted at rwkhum@dailyegyptian.com.

“Azia hit some unbelievable shots,” Stein said. “But the last thing he said was, ‘It’s OK to have weaknesses. Just don’t play to them.’”

Smith’s strength was establishing trust that he wanted what was best for those in his charge, regardless of what they could do for him. Daugherty did not fully comprehend that until Magic Johnson approached him as a pro, first with a needle, then with praise.

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By halftime, the two tied at a low scoring-standing 35-19. Washington and Minnedon returned to the court to begin the second half. Washington added two quick points to the scoreboard. Shooting 5-for-9 from the field she led SIU to point the game.

“I ate all unobservable shadows,” Stein said. “There were times where we really needed a bucket and she came in and made it.”

Macklin scored bucket for SIU and knocked down crucial free throws in the last few minutes. Macklin scored two points to bring the Salukis to a 30-28 lead with just 10 minutes left in the game.

Macklin and Pier were the last two Salukis to score in the remaining four minutes of the second half. Pier took a layup and scored with 1.20 on the clock.

In the last 52 seconds of the game, Macklin was fouled and made two points at the free throw line, extending the lead 38-35. Both the Salukis and Sugar Beans were scored on fouls and were in the bonus.

Pier scored with just under 20 seconds remaining in the game, closing their deficit 38-37 with SIU in the lead. Macklin was fouled and scored two foul shots, wrapping up the Saluki lead 39-37 to win the game.

Stein said the two teams played extremely physical, but she did not mind the struggle.

“It was the most physical game that we played all year and there were a lot of physical bumping going on,” Stein said.

But we didn’t mind that, we like that, because it allows us to play a little bit of defense.”

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“We'll keep track of them and see how they’re doing, see how they’re performing, see what potential they have, where they could fit in on the team, where they could swim in relays and things like that, because anything affects everyone,” Ovington said.

Pallmann said he is not only excited for the recruits to join, but he is also excited for them coming to a family atmosphere.

“Whoever comes here, and it’s their first time here, we have a great environment here,” Pallmann said. “Everyone is welcomed here as a family.”

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The Salukis traveled to Conway, Ark. for their fourth straight road test and fought through a low-scoring, final second battle to win their first game in the Cindy Stein era.

The University of Central Arkansas did not make it an easy win for SIU. There were five lead changes and the teams were tied three times before the Salukis took a 39-37 win over the Sugar Bears.

The win against Central Arkansas marks the first time SIU has held an opponent under 40 points since 2009.

The game marked the third hard fought contest of the Saluki season. SIU took a two-point loss to Austin Peay State University and a three-point loss to Wright State University to start the season.

After collecting her first win as a Saluki, coach Cindy Stein said the victory was a huge relief for her team.

“I think our team is deciding they want to step up and stick together and grind this thing out,” Stein said. “I think this is our hardest defensive battle of the year.”

Fouls have been the biggest problem for the Salukis. In the first half, SIU tallied six offensive fouls; sophomore forward Asia Washington and junior guard Cartaesha Macklin combined for four of them.

Due to immediate foul trouble, the two sat out of the first half for nearly 12 minutes. Sophomore Center Dyana Pierre did not commit her second foul until the end of the first half. Pierre has been the Salukis’ leading scorer in four games, but has found herself in foul trouble in nearly all of them.

Stein said Pierre played outstanding defense on Central Arkansas center Courtney Duvver. Duvver is one of the best players on the Central Arkansas team. The senior was named Southland Conference preseason All-Conference first team. Pierre held Duvver to only three points in the game, and forced two turnovers.

“Dyana is getting more comfortable in our style of play and what we are asking of her, and she is accepting the role of being the go-to kid,” Stein said.

Pierre has been a consistent scorer for SIU. On Nov. 27, Pierre tied her career-high after scoring 18 points and shooting 100 percent from the free throw line. The Saluki is now the Missouri Valley Conference leader in rebounds. She has lead SIU on the boards in four out of the five games played.

The Salukis and Sugar Bears struggled in shooting; neither team shot more than 40 percent from the field. As both teams were struggling to make a shot, freshman forward Kim Herbo entered the game scoring back-to-back points for SIU, pulling the Salukis ahead 11-7.

Illini freshman forward Jacqui Grant and senior guard Amber Moore double-team SIU Sophomore forward Asia Washington Nov. 21 during the Salukis’ 78-43 loss to the University of Illinois Fighting Illini at the State Farm Center in Champaign. Washington had 10 points and nine rebounds as the Salukis recorded their first victory Monday over the University of Central Arkansas 39-37. SIU will play Southeast Missouri State University Thursday in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

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Dawgs suffer from inconsistencies

It is never easy to figure out which Saluki team will show up.

The first two games of the season for SIU were losses, but they were not bad games. The team showed fight and potential that fans hope for the rest of the season.

The Salukis just finished a stretch of six games in 11 days. They were 1-2 in the Gulf Coast Showcase and had a tough loss against the Chicago State University Cougars on Nov. 30.

SIU has been shooting at a high percentage from the field this season. Even in the loss to the Cougars, the team shot 56 percent from the field. However, it went on to commit constant runs that hurt SIU the most.

Defense has been a key coach Barry Hinson has talked about many times. He has been very open about which players need to be better defenders if they want to see the floor.

On paper, SIU is a good team. Looking up and down the roster, they do not have size, but they have length and plenty of guards. The Salukis have a rebounding margin of 1.3 this season and are winning the turnover margin as well.

After the injury to senior forward Bronson Verhines against the Missouri University of Science and Technology, sophomore guard Jalen Pendleton was inserted into the starting lineup. Pendleton has averaged 9.3 points per game and 4.3 rebounds per game since taking on his new role.

When Bronson Verhines went down, he was leading the team in rebounds per game and overall. Freshman forward Sean O’Brien has filled that void, averaging 5.3 rebounds per game.

Two players that have surprised in the last week were junior guard Mike Balogun and freshman forward Bolu Olaniyan.

Balogun had a career day against Chicago State, heading into the game he was only shooting 3-of-11 from 3-point range. Balogun hit five 3-pointers and had 21 points.

Olaniyan had a huge game in the win against Stetson University, with nine points and 11 rebounds in only 19 minutes on the court.

The center is a tough position for the Salukis. Senior center Dominque Drinkard is only averaging 3.8 points per game and 2.4 rebounds per game this season. If Drinkard and Olaniyan can each get more consistent the Salukis will have a big advantage going forward.

The lone member of the Salukis that was named to the Missouri Valley Conference preseason All-Conference Team had been playing like everyone expected him too.

Senior guard Desmar Jackson is doing everything for the Salukis. He is averaging 21 points per game and is shooting 48 percent from the floor.

Jackson could be a contender for Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Year if he can stay consistent.

A lot of weight was put on the shoulders of sophomore guard Anthony Beane after his performance last season.

Hinson said some players struggle in their sophomore year because teams have had a chance to scout them, but Beane has been progressing this season. He was in a shooting slump to start, but has taken better shots in recent games.

SIU only has two games in the next two weeks, which will give them plenty of time to work on their progression.

The Salukis play Western Kentucky University Dec. 7, at 3:05 p.m. in SIU Arena.

The Hilltoppers are led in scoring by junior guard T.J. Price. Price is averaging 16 points per game this season and was named to the 2013 All-Sun Belt Conference Second Team last season. He was also named the 2013 Sun Belt Conference Tournament Most Outstanding Player.