Cadets, veterans invigorate SIUC

SIU Veteran Affairs ranked second best

MICHARA CANTY
Daily Egyptian

SIUC's second-place finish in a nationwide competition was not good enough for Edward Obidi.

Military Times EDGE, a magazine for military personnel, ranked SIUC second in its inaugural listing of best universities in the nation for veterans.

But Obidi, a graduate student in public administration from Chester, said SIUC should have been higher.

"SIU's vet office should be No. 1," he said. "They make it as simple. They are the middleman or in other knowledge the 'man.' They are (veterans') real life database."

Obidi said he has gone to the Veteran Affairs office since Fall 2006, and he would never imagined himself as a graduate student or made it through college without its other campus services.

Military Times EDGE invited more than 4,000 accredited institutions of higher education to provide information about their veteran programs, policies and resources. The programs were evaluated on financial assistance through scholarships, waivers, GI Bill accessibility, academic flexibility, campus organizations and activities and other support services.

Chris Pea, veteran center coordinator, submitted an application in August to enter the competition. He said SIUC success is only the tip of the iceberg of many more achievements to come.

He said the Veteran Center received support from various departments on campus.

"There was not just one office on campus that can be attributed for this success," Pea said. "It was a collaboration of all the departments across campus and we could not have done that without the support of the administration."

SIUC Chancellor Rita Cheng said SIUC is "honor to having the university and SIUC would continue the same level of service to veterans."

"We are pleased that our faculty, staff and students have been recognized for their dedication to help our student veteran achieve academic and career success," she said.

The center is not only great at helping students on veteran issues, but they aim to give veterans a well-rounded college experience, said Alan Beck, a graduate student in exercise science from St. Louis.

ROTC embedded in Carbondale for training exercise

RICKY RIVEL
Daily Egyptian

Samuel Nelson camped alongside 90 other ROTC cadets during the weekend with only the supplies in his backpack, three portable toilets and wake-up calls at 5:30 a.m.

And he said he would not have had it any other way.

Nelson, a sophomore from Benton, Mo., studying administration of justice, was one of 91 cadets in the U.S. Army Reserve Officer Training Corps to participate in the program's fall training exercises Friday through Sunday at the Department of Public Safety Firearms Range, south of the SIUC Farm.

Cadets shot M1 Carbine, practiced crawling on the ground with their guns in hand and learned about other cultures during the training.

The weekend was capped with hands-on training with a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter, which transported cadets from the training ground to the "landing zone" accessed from McAlffory Annex.

Nelson said the training was to not only improve weaknesses, but also to build relations with other cadets.

"It's a great thing," he said. "You get closer to everybody here in ROTC, you become friends with everyone."

"I am very happy," said Nelson, who is studying administration of justice to become a lawyer in the future.

"You learn to be a leader from the bottom up," he said. "You are constantly interacting with everybody, you are constantly going to the theater, you are constantly growing as a leader."

The exercise was used as an introduction to ROTC for new cadets, as well as to prepare older cadets for courses they will need to take, said Capt. Jonathan Carey, a ROTC enrollment officer.

"The younger cadets sort of get to learn about all of the drills and procedures that they are going to be expected to do later, while the trainers will be preparing for the Leadership Development Assessment Course," Carey said. "Our seniors and older cadets lead each of the programs that take place in the exercise."

Aaron McNeal was one of the student leaders who helped train the younger cadets.

"It's a great thing," he said. "You get closer to everybody and you learn to lead."
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Upcoming Calendar Events

Eighth Annual Vandeveer Chair Lecture
- 7 p.m. Thursday in John C. Guynn Auditorium in Monks Hall
- Lecture by Professor Pranab Bardhan from University of California-Berkeley
- Book signing prior to lecture
- Free to public
- Reach Nancy Mallett for questions at 453-5085

Dr. Andrew Youpa Presentation: Sigma Tau Delta Lecture Series
- 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 12 in Saline Room of Student Center
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McNeal, a senior from Chicago studying industrial technology, said the goal was to teach and entertain the new cadets and leave them with valuable knowledge.

“We bring them out here and motivate them, make it interesting to them,” he said. “All while letting them know the things they’ll definitely need to know once they go to the course or join the regular Army.”

The course is a 13-day camp put on by the Army that new cadets attend between their junior and senior years. Capo said he had the cadets evaluate the progress of the cadets up until that point.

“Everything that they’re learning here, they are going to be evaluated by their higher officers there,” he said.

Cadets who pass the course are raised nationally by their performances and get to choose which branch of service they want to go into based on their rating. Cape said.

NoteGrünert, a freshman from Frankfurt studying foreign language and international trade said although he is still several years away from going to the course, there was still a lot to learn from the experience.

“It’s been very educational, it’s a good program,” he said. “There are a lot of things here to prepare the cadets for the course, but there are a

ROTC Army cadets, juniors Andrea Scherette, freshman Matt Rabone, and Junior Nicholas Ruemker figure out how to tighten a seatbelt in a UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter Sunday in a field south of the SIUC Farms.

The field training is used as an introduction for new ROTC cadets, and prepares the upperclassmen for the Leadership Development Assessment Course put on by the Army in Fort Lewis, Wash.

The training exercise, Lt. Col. Eric Roberts, director of army military science, took over the ROTC program in July after the retirement of Lt. Col. Gary Hillman in June. Roberts said he decided to take the position to help develop cadets into future leaders.

“It’s not just about training future officers, it’s about training citizens who will be invested in their communities who will hopefully become leaders some day,” he said. “Even if they don’t go through the four years and commissions at the end or whatever happens, I believe they will come out of this as better people, better leaders and better citizens. I’m hoping they’ll take these skills and put them to good use.”

Many of the cadets said they not only appreciated the lessons they were learning during the exercise but also valued the bonds they were developing with others.

Nick Ruenker, a junior from St. Louis studying aviation flight, said he had done some training with the Air Force in Colorado, but transferred to SIUC so he could learn to fly helicopters. He said the ROTC training builds up field expertise as well as the bond between the cadets.

“It’s kind of like taking an extra class, with a little bit of extra work, but it’s a good way to build up some camaraderie,” he said. “We do some fun stuff, if you’re into these sort of things.”

Besides the lessons taught by instructors, Nelson said what he would take away from the weekend was the sense of teamwork and trust developed between his fellow cadets.

“We have to learn communication, and understand that everybody is here to be an officer,” he said. “You may not be having a good day, but other people can have bad days too, so we just have to learn to build from your weaknesses and focus on everybody else as a team.”

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The Daily Egyptian
Volunteers create habitat for dream

I can’t believe a dream of mine finally came true, and it was a big dream.

— Tammy Swinney-Prude

future resident of Habitat for Humanity House

CHEYENNE ADAMS

Daily Egyptian

Tammy Swinney-Prude, the future resident of Habitat for Humanity’s most recent project, said the opportunity to have a home built for her in Carbondale was a dream come true.

First-time home owner Swinney-Prude and her family were given the keys to 406 East Burke St. Saturday after a dedication ceremony, said David Koster, the construction manager for Habitat for Humanity of Jackson-Union County. Koster is overseeing the finishing touches at house and said he expects the house to be finished Wednesday.

The SIU chapter of Habitat for Humanity volunteers with the Jackson-Union County affiliate Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon, President Toni Mannella said. Mannella, a senior from New Lenox studying social work and psychology, said she reactivated the chapter in 2009.

All the group’s official will graduate this year and Mannella said she is trying to establish new leadership.

"I’m trying to get some people (acclimated) to more of a leadership role instead of just a participant role," she said.

Mannella said the SIU chapter hosts fundraisers and participates in alternative spring breaks to add to volunteering with the local affiliate.

She said student volunteers are requested by the affiliate each Saturday for the site, which has been under construction since spring. She said the students then RSVP to volunteer at the site.

"They build it from the foundation all the way up to the appliances," Mannella said.

She said the residents who receive the house are chosen by a family selection committee. They then pay a monthly mortgage as determined by the residents’ financial situation.

"The future residents of any Habitat for Humanity house must be employed, complete a program to learn about Habitat for Humanity and volunteer at the construction site of the house they

 leftover program through a co-worker and decided to give it a shot. She has put in quite a bit of work on the house and even came on weekdays with her children, she said. Swinney-Prude said it has been a learning experience but the hard work is definitely worth it.

"I can’t believe a dream of mine finally came true," Swinney-Prude said. "And it was a big dream."
WOMAN'S DAY MAGAZINE
BY STACEY CULINO

Ask any woman what disease she's most afraid of, and chances are she'll say breast cancer.

"Almost everyone knows someone who did everything 'right' and still got breast cancer," says Dr. Victoria Seewaldt, co-leader of the breast and ovarian cancer program at the Duke University Comprehensive Cancer Center.

"That can make women feel like they have no control."

While you can't control your genes, there are powerful steps you can take to protect yourself. But experts say there's a lot of confusion about what really matters.

Here's what they want you to know...

**LIFESAVING SCREENINGS**

1. Clinical breast exams are as important as mammograms.

Women are starting to cut out many clinical breast exams from their schedules, despite the fact that they are an ideal opportunity to detect breast cancer at an early stage. "Clinical breast exams are a valuable tool in breast cancer detection," says Dr. Seewaldt. "Patients are often more likely to detect a lump themselves than a radiologist is using mammograms."

2. Breast self-exams really can help.

It's a fact: Many women who have breast self-exams regularly find breast lumps earlier than women who don't. "This can help us detect breast cancer early, when it's easier to treat and cure," says Dr. Seewaldt.

Don't panic if you get asked to do a mammogram to have one.

Mammograms are not a substitute for clinical breast exams. "They are designed to detect breast cancer in the breast tissue, not the skin," says Dr. Seewaldt. "They are a way to catch cancer in the early stages when it's most treatable."

3. Breast cancer makes up less than 1 percent of all cancer.

Although breast cancer is women's most common form of cancer, it makes up less than 1 percent of all cancer cases. "Breast cancer is a rare disease," says Dr. Seewaldt. "It's not something to worry about constantly."

4. Breast self-exams are for women who don't have breast cancer.

Breast self-exams are for women who don't have breast cancer. "Breast self-exams are not for women who have breast cancer," says Dr. Seewaldt. "They are for women who don't have breast cancer and want to detect it early."

5. Get your breasts.

A young beauty can be tempting, but it's not worth it. "It's not worth it to try to look younger than you are," says Dr. Seewaldt. "You should be proud of your age and your breasts."

6. Being overweight is linked to a higher risk of breast cancer.

Women who are overweight have a higher risk of breast cancer than women who are not. "Being overweight is linked to a higher risk of breast cancer," says Dr. Seewaldt. "Women who are overweight have a higher risk of breast cancer than women who are not."

7. Breast cancer is not a single disease.

Breast cancer can be caused by many different factors, including genetics, lifestyle, and environment. "Breast cancer is a complex disease," says Dr. Seewaldt. "It's caused by many different factors, including genetics, lifestyle, and environment."

8. How your breasts look and feel.

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Cobden, Alto Pass colors captured in cameras

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— George Lambesley

Senior studying photojournalism

The Weekend in Cobden/Alto Pass Workshop was a part of a larger multimedia documentary project called South of 61, which aims to focus on a different western Illinois community each year, said Prof. Greer, an assistant instructor in the School of Journalism. In 2009, Murphysboro was the featured community. “We had several students who had never been in these three days then they have in a month or month and a half in the classroom because it’s actually hands-on,” Greer said.

The workshop listed from dusk to dawn Friday, Saturday and Sunday and consisted of 30 to 35 students as well as Greer, Greer and five visiting professionals, who traveled to Cobden on their own expense from places such as Louisiana and Indiana. The images and stories collected from the workshop will hopefully result in a book to be designed in the spring semester, Dolan said.

Cobden Mayor Holly Beckley said she also hopes the workshop results in a book that the university allows the town to use some of the photographs to create postcards to aid the community’s tourism business.

“Beckley said since 1962 a part of Cobden’s population has emigrated from Chile, Mexico. She said she hopes to use the potential boost in tourism revenue to help the town’s Illinois Migrant Council, which provides support services for the Spanish-speaking community. A shortage of money has made the council’s future uncertain, Beckley said.

“The thing about these particular indigenous peoples is they consider this home when they come to the United States,” she said. “I’ll be honest, I’m really quite concerned that we might be losing some funding for the migrant council. I’m desperately scrambling because I don’t want to lose any of it.”

Dolan said he didn’t have a figure on how much money was used for the Murphysboro workshop, but the Cobden/Alto Pass workshop did. It was still put on through the dedication of Dolan and Greer, said Erin McCredan, a visiting professional from the Ensemble Center and Press.

“They were committed... to make this happen, no matter how they were going to do it, whether they were going to foot the bill themselves,” McCredan said.

“I put this on so the students because they believed that this exercise and this weekend is so important in their growth and in their learning.”

Working with a group of professionals was a highlight of the workshop, Lambesley said.

“They have a lot of insight that I wouldn’t even be able to get anywhere else and to work with a group of them, you don’t usually get that.”

While students received a fresh perspective on photos, Beckley said the workshop offered residents a different perspective on Carbondale and ISUC students.

“It really will help us in particular because you hear older people, and I’m not feeling up on older people because I am one, but they’ll say I don’t know about Carbondale because it’s a college town,” Beckley said. “This weekend helped them see that the students are really kids, just like their grandkids or anybody else and they’re interested in what’s going on.”

Images and stories from the South of 61 multimedia project can be found at www.southof61.com.
Emanuel: He's preparing to run for Chicago mayor

KAREN HAWKINS  
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Former White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel announced Sunday that he's preparing to run for mayor of Chicago, a position widely known he has long coveted. Emanuel made the announcement in a video posted Sunday on his website, ChicagoForRahm.com. He had been careful not to launch his candidacy from Washington and headed to Chicago immediately after President Barack Obama announced his immigration Friday.

In the video, Emanuel said he's launching a "full-blown bid to bestaining out of Chicago.

No laps for warm laptops; skin damage is possible

LINDSEY TANNER  
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Have you ever worked on your laptop computer with your lap heating up your lap? If so, you might want to rethink that habit.

Doing it a lot can lead to "booted skin syndrome," an unusual-looking moth-like condition caused by long-term exposure to radiant heat, according to medical reports.

In one example, a 12-year-old boy developed a winged pattern skin discoloration on his thighs after playing computer games for hours every day for several months.

"He recognized that the laptop got hot on the left side, however, regardless of that, he did not change his position," Swiss researchers reported in an article published Monday in the journal Pediatrics.

Another case involved a Virginia State student who sought treatment for the motiled discoloration on her leg.

Dr. Simeon Sohoy, who treated the young woman, was stumped until he learned the student spent about six hours a day working with her computer propped on her lap. The temperature underneath reached 125 degrees.

That case, from 2007, is one of 10 laptop-related cases of unusual medical journals in the past 20 years.

The condition, known as "carpal tunnel syndrome," is usually triggered by squeezing the arms and wrists for hours. The fingers can lose sensation and can cause permanent skin darkening and, in very rare cases, it can cause damage leading to skin cancer, said the Swiss researchers.

Dr. Andrew Andrews and Peter Ian Swan University Hospital.

They do not cite any link to cancer cases linked to laptop use, but suggest to be side, placing a cooling case or other heat shield under the laptop if you have to hold it in your lap.

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STATE JOURNEY FALLS SHORT
Cobden seventh graders Taylor Tomazzoli and Cayley Washier play air guitar to “Don’t Stop Believing” Saturday before their first round Illinois Junior High State softball game against Pope County in Pickneyville. The Lady Appleknockers were defeated 10-3. “We had a great season, but we just didn’t come to play today,” said coach Decky Knop. The team said they were disappointed about losing, but were excited for next season.

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**SPORTS**

The Salukis capped off their Missouri Valley Football Conference title with a 38-17 victory against Bradley University.


**BRANDON COLEMAN**

Senior Saluki runner Megan Hubley was closing in on a field of more than 300 runners at Saturday’s Louisville Classic, when the female runner in the next-to-last fell and was trampled by the thunderous pack.

“The whole first mile was a big fight,” Hubley said. “I couldn’t move a bit.”

At one point in the men’s race, 30 runners were crammed on top of one another trying to fit through a narrow part of the course, sophomore Lucas Cherry said. The Salukis managed sixth out of 35 teams while the women finished 22nd out of 45 teams.

Coach Matt Sparks said the SIU team will have a lot to prove against the Classic, but the race was beneficial because it was an opportunity for both teams to compete against better runners.

“You don’t always get to control the race,” Sparks said. “You have to learn how to navigate from the middle to the front of the pack.”

He said he’s pleased with his team’s performance at the invitational because in conference races, he said, “It’s a lot better than being 1-1 come from the season against Bradley University.”

The Salukis will come back to their homecoming games against Missouri, Western Illinois and Illinois State.

**TURNOVERS**

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“ar right now, this was a huge game for us,” Lenz said. “We were at a point as a team where we thought we could, we had some success in the previous games, but couldn’t put it all together at a point where we could pull the wins off when we needed it... To finish the way we did today is very encouraging.”

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**Volley**

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“They had good servers, we were struggling a little bit in our serve receptions,” Berwanger said.

Northern Iowa narrowly out-dug the Salukis 52 to 47 and managed to capitalise on SIU’s 19 hitting errors.

Berwanger said there was one player the Salukis could single out as a weak link against Northern Iowa.

“They have a lot of different weapons. There was one player we could be concerned about in the court. Berwanger said. "If the players you had to pay attention to.”

Winkler said SIU struggles defensively against teams, such as UNI, that have multiple players who can defend every part of the court.

Senior middle blocker Alyssa Mayes said the Salukis’ passing game was off against the Panthers and they must improve on staying in bounds when they attack the net on returns.

“Errors in the last game took us out of it,” Mayes said.

Junior Amanda Arnold replaced Their in the second set of the UNI game after Thul suffered an injury, Winkler said. The Salukis are thin in the libero position, she said.

Winkler said the Salukis plan to make future hitting errors by emphasizing the importance of hitting in bounds.

Whitehead should see more playing time at the outside position because of her ability to jump and score between defenders, Winkler said.

The Salukis continue play 7 p.m. Friday against Indiana State and 7 p.m. Saturday against Illinois State at Davies Gymnasium.

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**CROSS COUNTRY**

**Salukis leave invite with mixed feelings**

**BRANDON COLEMAN**

Daily Egyptian

Senior Saluki runner Megan Hubley was closing in on a field of more than 300 runners at Saturday’s Louisville Classic, when the female runner in the next-to-last fell and was trampled by the thunderous pack.

“The whole first mile was a big fight,” Hubley said. “I couldn’t move a bit.”

At one point in the men’s race, 30 runners were crammed on top of one another trying to fit through a narrow part of the course, sophomore Lucas Cherry said. The Salukis managed sixth out of 35 teams while the women finished 22nd out of 45 teams.

Coach Matt Sparks said the SIU team will have a lot to prove against the Classic, but the race was beneficial because it was an opportunity for both teams to compete against better runners.

“You don’t always get to control the race,” Sparks said. “You have to learn how to navigate from the middle to the front of the pack.”

He said he’s pleased with his team’s performance at the invitational because in conference races, he said, “It’s a lot better than being 1-1 come from the season against Bradley University.”

The Salukis will come back to their homecoming games against Missouri, Western Illinois and Illinois State.

**Friday’s question: After Saturday’s game against Illinois State, the Salukis will be facing rival Northern. What is your most looking forward to in that game?**

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**Your answer:** Apparently no one is looking forward to the game...

**SPORTS**

The Salukis capped off their Missouri Valley Football Conference title with a 38-17 victory against Bradley University.

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**Friday’s question:**

After earning their first conference win of the season against Bradley University, does Saluki volleyball still have a shot at the MVC title?

**Your answer:**

Apparently no one is looking forward to the game...
FOOTBALL

Salukis set sights on UNI after first conference win

SIU looks to extend winning streak at Homecoming

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Redshirt freshman SIU safety Luke Thuston said scoring his first touchdown at the college level against Illinois State University Saturday was an unbelievable feeling.

With his team up 10-0 in the first quarter, Thuston blocked an ISU punt, collected the ball and ran eight yards into the end zone to give SIU a 17-0 lead.

"I know this is weird but I couldn't stop laughing once I landed in the end zone and everyone started jumping on me, it was exciting," Thuston said.

But he wasn't done. Later in the game, Thuston picked up a fumble after Redbird quarterback Matt Brown was sacked. The Saluki defense forced four turnovers: an interception, two fumbles and Thuston's blocked punt. The Salukis won 38-17 and earned their first conference victory.

"All our practices, that's what we've been working on because other games we've been kind of close on it," Thuston said. "We worked on stripping drills and gang tackling to get the ball out." SIU dominated ISU offensively with its rushing attack, as running back Shariff Harris carried the ball 37 times for 171 yards and two touchdowns. Senior quarterback Chris Dicker carried the ball 10 times for 91 yards and a touchdown.

Please see BIRD [11]

Turnovers play role against Redbirds

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The Salukis and the Illinois State Redbirds only had to drive the ball the entire length of the football field once in their matchup, as turnovers put each team in ideal scoring positions. But SIU used the turnovers to its advantage in the 38-17 win.

The teams combined for seven turnovers. The Salukis gave the ball away three times, as starting quarterback Chris Dicker threw two interceptions and SIU returned a blocked punt for a 30-yard touchdown. SIU's defense forced two fumbles, intercepted a pass from Redbird quarterback Matt Brown and also scored on a faked punt by redshirt freshman safety Luke Thuston.

Saluki linebacker Stephen Franklin intercepted Brown's throw in the red zone, stopping ISU from scoring a touchdown which would have tied the game at 17 points. SIU drove the ball to ISU's 16-yard line, where Dicker threw one of his picks. Two plays later Brown was sacked and Thuston secured his second takeaway of the game when he recovered Brown's fumble.

Dicker, who rushed for 91 yards and scored a touchdown, said turnovers "lapped on" and his team played on.

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VOLLEYBALL

Southern Illinois wins at Bradley, falls at Northern Iowa

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Sophomore libero Laura Thole displayed the grit the Salukis played with during the weekend when she dove out of bounds to return a serve against No. 15 Northern Iowa.

Thole was forced to return a second time, and did so successfully though she was flat on her back, senior outside hitter Jennifer Berwanger said.

"Coach Brenda Winkelcr said the Salukis had their best weekend performance since the nonconference season," Berwanger said.

"I felt in the last week we've been back on our mindset and work ethic we had in preseason," Winkelcr said.

Winkelcr said during the Salukis sweep of the Bradley University Braves Friday, the team stretched the court as they dove out of bounds to save balls and set up outside hitter Jessica Whitehead.

"I couldn't stop laughing once I landed in the end zone and everyone was jumping on me. It was exciting," Thuston said.

Saluki safety Luke Thuston celebrates in the end zone after blocking a punt and returning the ball eight yards for a touchdown during the game against the Illinois State University Redbirds on Saturday in Normal. Thole saw increased time at the libero position, where she was key in the Salukis first conference win.

On Saturday, the Salukis played Northern Iowa close during the first set of the match, tying them twice before eventually losing 25-23, Winkelcr said.