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Program brings more women to engineering



ROBERT LYONS - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Shelley Schindler of Swansea High School puts the finishing touches on her hovercraft. High School students from all over Illinois and some from out of state built and raced hovercrafts as a part of their visit to SIU.

High school females experience the field, the department at SIUC

Bertie Holmes
Daily Egyptian

The fun of hovercraft racing is just one of the perks 30 high school girls received on Monday and Tuesday.

They have also received an introduction to life as an engineering major and a taste of campus living at SIUC.

The Women in Engineering summer program is an outreach effort that has been sponsored by the College of Engineering since the early 1980s.

While the main goal of the program is to bring more outstanding women to the engineering profession, it is also to promote a better awareness of the exceptional engineering programs offered by the University.

Bruce Chrisman, coordinator of undergraduate recruitment and retention for the department, said the sessions aimed at women play a huge part in attracting and keeping female students.

The program can accommodate up to 75 students successfully, although this year only 30 applications were approved.

Participants are high school juniors encouraged to apply on the basis of their ACT scores, class rank and a recommendation from their high school counselor.

As part of the application process, the girls must also complete an essay outlining why they want to participate in the program.

Hasan Sevim, associate dean of the School of Engineering, believes these factors help to ensure that when the accepted applicants come together, they will be some of the most outstanding young women in Illinois.

"To be a woman in engineering you have to be disciplined and you have to have focus," Sevim said.

"You also have to be prepared to be competi-

itive, and we believe that the things we consider during our application process help us to identify girls that would be most successful in this field."

Applications are accepted from across the state of Illinois, and students have driven from as far as the Wisconsin border to participate.

Sevim said such effort speaks to the benefits available through the two-day event.

"For the school, it's an opportunity for people to become aware that we have a quality program," Sevim said.

"We really want to see more women entering the field, especially since only 14 or 15 percent of the student body in engineering are women."

The two-day agenda is always packed with innovative hands-on experiments that include circuit design, hydraulic jumps and a hovercraft construction and race.

Professors and graduate students from the department volunteer to either supervise the experiments or assist in any way possible.

Despite the level of complexity each experiment presents, Sevim sees to it that each one is conducted in a relaxed atmosphere and at a slow pace.

"Many of our participants are initially exposed to engineering concepts through our program," Sevim said.

"Going at a comfortable pace helps the students stay genuinely interested in what they're doing."

Throughout the years, the department has learned through surveys that students prefer physical activities to the lectures, so those asked to come speak to the girls are selected with care.

In addition to the experiments, the two days are usually filled with campus tours, a barbecue and a limited number of lectures.

"In just two days the girls are getting a flavor for the different disciplines in engineering and the job possibilities that can result," Sevim said.

"Because of that, I like to have about five female alumnae come speak during our luncheon."

"Instead of speeches, it is more of an interactive discussion about real professional experiences. It is incredibly helpful to the girls to be able to interact with women already in the field."

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— Hasan Sevim
associate dean,
School of Engineering

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University must fund increases

SIUC ahead of curve following raises last year

Nicole Sack
Daily Egyptian

With the new minimum wage increase on the horizon, Illinois universities will have to prepare for the 35-cent wage increase in 2004 and the additional dollar increase in 2005. SIUC appears to have a head start on the new increases.

When the bill is signed into law by Gov. Rod Blagojevich, institutions that fall under Illinois state law will have to follow the state guidelines for minimum wage.

SIUC is already a year ahead of the new state wage increase. In fall 2002, Chancellor Walter Wendler increased the campus minimum wage by 50 cents, from \$5.15 to \$5.65. The pay

raise was put into place by Wendler to benefit the students after an increase in tuition.

In 2004, SIUC will maintain its minimum wage of \$5.65, 15 cents higher than the state minimum wage of \$5.50 that will go into effect next year. In 2005, SIUC will legally have to pay its employees a minimum wage of \$6.50, an 85-cent increase from the SIUC current wage.

Universities will have to pay the difference in the minimum wage if they legally fall under the law, said Sen. David Luechtefeld, R-Olewielle.

"Universities will have to come up with the money themselves," Luechtefeld said. "Whether that money comes from tuition increases, a reduction of jobs or hours is up to them."

Don Sevens, spokesman for the Board of Higher Education, echoed Luechtefeld's remarks of how universities will find the additional funds.

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25 million taxpayers will receive government checks

\$400 sent to parties with children under 17 years of age

Amber Ellis
Daily Egyptian

Child tax-credit checks of up to \$400 will find their way into the mailboxes of more than 25 million eligible taxpayers this summer.

The checks, which are an advance on the child tax-credit, are part of President George Bush's campaign to boost the economy. The checks that will be issued total \$13 billion.

This comes just one month after Bush increased the total amount of money that the federal government can borrow by a record \$984 billion, bringing the national debt limit to \$7.4 trillion.

Eligible parents who claimed a child on their 2002 tax return

received \$600 per child. The Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act of 2003 boosts the total amount of the child tax-credit to \$1,000 by increasing the credit amount to \$400 for each child under the age of 17.

The U.S. Treasury Department will send out the checks on three different dates throughout the summer.

When eligible taxpayers receive their checks depends on the last two digits of their social security numbers.

The social security numbers are broken down into three groups: 00 to 33, 34 to 66, and 67 to 99. The checks will be sent out on July 25, Aug. 1 and Aug. 8, respectively.

Nick Reynolds of De Soto will be looking forward to the extra income that the tax credit will bring him and his family this summer.

"For the most part, my income during the school year comes from

the Reserves," said Reynolds, 29, a senior in industrial engineering.

"So this is a nice surprise." Reynolds, a father of four, plans to put some of the money from the credit toward some of his home projects including some finishing work on his decks.

The IRS is reviewing tax returns that were filed this year in order to determine exactly who is eligible for the return and how much money those eligible are due.

If the adjusted gross income is above a certain level, the credit begins to phase out.

This applies to married couples who file jointly and make more than \$110,000, married couples filing separately making more than \$55,000 and all others who make more than \$75,000.

The wealthy were not the only ones who were exempt from receiving

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NATIONAL NEWS

Coca-Cola tops students' 'best job' list

SAN FRANCISCO — Companies that produce well-known consumer brands top the list of college students' most desirable places to work, pushing out the accounting firms that held that position last year.

Firms with universally recognized products top the list of ideal workplaces, according to an annual survey of 9,000 undergraduates at 56 U.S. universities, conducted by Unversum Communications, a recruitment-research firm.

Last year, undergrads pointed to accounting firms as their most ideal workplaces, seemingly in a bid to help cure an ailing industry, but that tide has turned.

The Coca-Cola Company (KO) and Microsoft (MSFT) were the top two favored places to work this year, knocking PricewaterhouseCoopers and Ernst & Young from those positions last year.

Walt Disney (DIS) remained the number three favorite pick in both surveys, followed by BMW (BMW) and the Central Intelligence Agency in the current survey.

When choosing industries, undergrads continue to give highest marks to the entertainment/media industry, with 20 percent saying it would be their favorite industry in which to work.

But college students signaled a new interest in public-sector work, with education and government/public service tied for sec-

ond-best industry, each gaining the approval of 17 percent of those surveyed.

Neuheisel fights for job

Rick Neuheisel's fight to remain as Washington's football coach continued yesterday with meetings between his lawyers and UW officials.

Neither side, however, was willing to reveal much about what transpired in those talks.

UW athletic director Barbara Hedges released a terse statement saying that "conversations have occurred" and that "we will allow the process to proceed without any further comment."

One of Neuheisel's lawyers, Jerry Crawford, said "we appreciated the opportunity to meet with the university today," but otherwise said he would have no comment. Crawford would not say whether more meetings will be held, nor would he comment on any aspect of the meetings.

Neuheisel's negotiations, however, could be overshadowed today by the announcement of Keith Gilbertson as the school's new coach.

Hedges wouldn't comment on that, either, but did say last week that a new coach could be named as early as today.

There are no indications that UW is headed in any direction other than naming Gilbertson as coach. Sources close to the situation indicated that Hedges has not talked to anyone outside of the program about the job.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Many Iraqis say they've had enough of America's help

FALLUJAH, Iraq — Ahmed Mana's face was dark with anger. He was tired of the U.S. troops rumbling up and down his city's streets in their big tanks, pointing their guns at passing cars. They are nothing but occupiers, he said, and they should go back to America, before another war begins.

Ahmed doesn't fit the profile of anti-U.S. elements that American army commanders so often describe: He doesn't mourn the fall of Saddam Hussein and has never been an al Qaeda sympathizer. In fact, Ahmed is 13 years old, with a buzz cut, a frame a bit small for his age and views about U.S. forces that are widely shared in Fallujah, where he lives, and other towns northwest of Baghdad.

"We wish that Allah would have revenge on the Americans," he said.

U.S. and Iraqi soldiers have been killed in violent confrontations in recent weeks in Fallujah and other towns in what's known as the Triangle, a large territory from Saddam's hometown of Tikrit to the north, south to Baghdad and west almost to the Syrian border.

The United States contends the problems are due largely to holdovers from Saddam Hussein's regime; the former dictator is a Sunni Muslim, and so are most of the people who live in the area. In dozens of interviews during the past five days, however, most

residents across the area said there was no Baathist or Sunni conspiracy against U.S. soldiers; there were only people ready to fight because their relatives had been hurt or killed, or if they themselves had been humiliated by home searches and road stops.

Add to those complaints the shortages of water and electricity and delays in establishing a new government, and many Iraqis said that a new coach could be named as early as today.

In the past week there have been three large-scale U.S. military operations in the triangle: a roundup of some 400 people in towns along the Tigris River to the north, an attack in which more than 80 suspected anti-American fighters were killed outside the western town of Rawah and a raid on Fallujah early Sunday that brought more than 1,000 soldiers to town, looking through homes for weapons and militant leaders.

The Fallujah raid was the first leg of the Army's Operation Desert Shield, which went farther west Monday with house searches in Khalidyah and Ramadi.

During the past few days, the U.S. military also has set up checkpoints on roads in and around Baghdad to check for weapons. The lines take up to an hour to get through and leave motorists sweating in the 120-degree heat.

Many Iraqis said it was beyond belief that Americans would enter houses or stop cars and take assault rifles without paying for them. The practice particularly grates in small towns, where people believe the weapons are necessary for protection.

Today **Five-day Forecast** **Almanac**

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	Monday	Partly Cloudy	79/59	

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NEWS BRIEFS

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SIU receives grant

U.S. Congressman Jerry Costello (D-IL) announced today that Southern Illinois University Carbondale has received a \$110,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy. The funds will allow for the continuation of research examination the regulation of alcohol fermentation by Escherichia Coli.

"As we saw just yesterday, SIUC continues to gain national recognition for its research efforts," Costello said in a press release. "Not only is this important for the nation, but it is important for the economy of Southern Illinois."

Spots remain at Little Giant

A special residential summer camp for those with disabilities still has some openings and some financial aid for those who qualify.

Camp Little Giant is run by Southern Illinois University Carbondale. Sessions meet at the picturesque Touch of Nature Environmental Center, just south of Carbondale. Campers receive lots of personal attention and get to enjoy all the activities a typical summer camp would offer. For more information and to register, call the SIUC Touch of Nature Environmental Center at 618-453-1121.

POLICE REPORTS

There are no items to report.

TODAY'S CALENDAR

There are no items to report.

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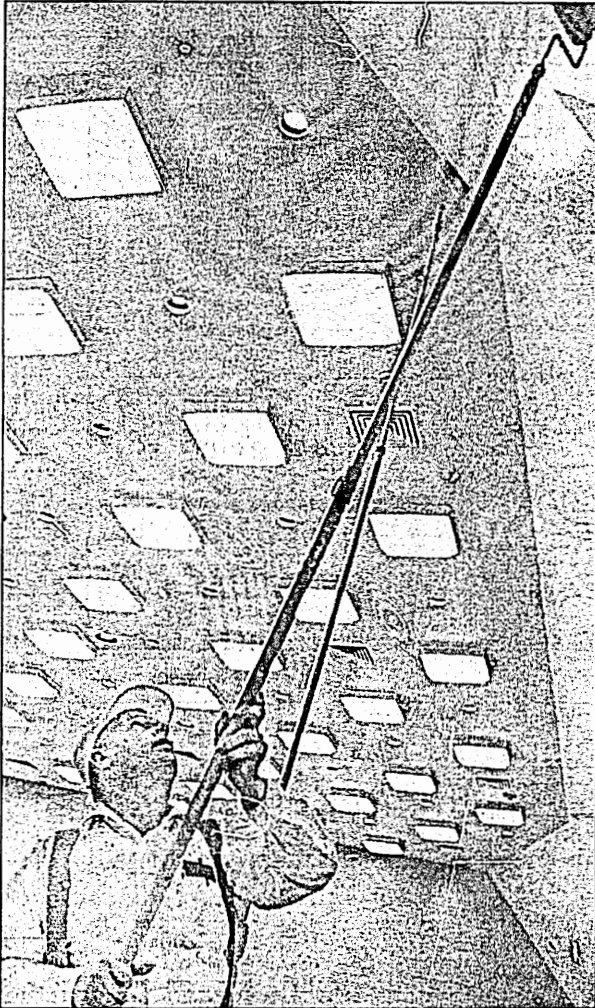
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Classrooms get much needed makeover



Richard Arbeiter, a painter supervisor at the SIU Physical Plant, paints the wall during the reconstruction of the Lawson 171 auditorium. It is one of several classrooms that are undergoing renovations this summer.

Newly remodeled rooms will feature new technology, equipment in addition to new chairs, paint job

Linsley Maughan
Daily Egyptian

Step into rooms 161 and 171 in Lawson Hall this fall, and you'll be in for a pleasant surprise. Step into rooms 161 and 171 in Lawson Hall tomorrow, and you'll be in for a shock.

A few cardboard boxes here, shards of various wire there, an enormous blue machine labeled "Genie" inside, which seemingly would not fit through the classroom doors, consumes the middle of the floor... and not a desk or chair in sight.

But what's that? Didn't the podiums used to be smaller?

Those standard podiums have been replaced by larger, wider ones, which house some of SIU's most impressive new toys.

Instructors in favor of low-tech, beware. It might get ugly for you.

Lecture hall upgrades began May 19 and should be completed by Aug. 15, just in time for the fall semester.

Among the new equipment are liquid crystal display (LCD) projectors, for use with existing projection screens; digital document cameras, which project images from traditional transparencies and acetate overlays as well as hard copy documents or 3-D objects with more than three times the illumination power of traditional overheads.

There are also new computers and enhanced instructor's stations including the aforementioned larger podiums. From there, the teachers can control the computer or laptop, VCR and the lighting in Lawson Hall.

Another addition is the SmartBoard technology, which allows the presenter to work on the LCD screen at the podium, using the attached pen-looking tool (called a Stylus, and it is actually only made of plastic and nylon) to control, edit and write over computer-based material. Using this equipment, instructors can hand-write notes onto the LCD projector, save the notes and within minutes have them available online for student access.

Audio system upgrades will include wire-

less microphone systems for ease of movement, an audiocassette system and an audio conferencing system which allows guest speakers from off campus. The classrooms have also converted from mono to stereo sound.

Also integrated into the new podium control system, with the exception of Lawson 161, is the new video distance learning system, which is keeping its existing DL equipment.

The following 21 auditoriums will see technological advances for fall — Agriculture 102, Famer 1326 and 1526, Lawson Hall (all 10 rooms), Lindgren 133, Neckers 240B and 440B, Parkinson 124, Pulliam 42, Quigley 140, Technology 111A and Wham 105.

Rooms 161 and 171 of Lawson will have new seats and desks that will be larger and more comfortable for students. Light fixtures are being replaced, a new tile floor is being installed and new acoustic wall panels are being added, which will cut down on echoing. Next summer, rooms 141 and 151 of Lawson will see the same changes.

Audiovisual Systems out of Chicago has made this all possible for SIU along with the tuition increase, which is funding the auditorium upgrades.

"We're really trying to make it a positive experience, not something to be scared of," Lawson Hall Supervisor Leland Lyerla said.

Lyerla said that in the past, professors have been leery of technology changes, preferring to have low-tech, dependable equipment. He said that with new, high-tech equipment, professors often worry that tech problems will cause interferences in classes and feel that it's not worth the hassle.

Howard Carter, manager of Instructional Support Services in the library, said that overall, SIU is just trying to make it easy for the instructors. He said that there is a training session for faculty to get them familiar and comfortable with the new technology. The goal is to make the classes run smoother.

"It's pretty user friendly. We've tried to make it intuitive so that it is easy for instructors to use," Carter said. "The final result will be an academic showplace where students can see that the college is committed to a quality education and state-of-the-art technology to increase student recruiting and retention."

Gus Bode



Gus says: All this new technology is going to make it harder to sleep in class.

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Search continues for area teen missing since June 2

Suspected teen runaway may be in Murphysboro area

Burke Wasson
Daily Egyptian

The Carbondale Police Department is investigating the suspected runaway of a 16-year-old Carbondale girl who was last seen June 2.

Carbondale Police Detective Brad Boyd said Elizabeth Saige Hawthorne, who was last seen in Carbondale, is thought to be in or near Murphysboro.

"We've got a good idea that she's in the Murphysboro area and even of some people that she's perhaps hanging out with," Boyd said.

Hawthorne is described as 5-foot-8, 130 pounds with long, blonde hair. Police said she is referred to by her middle

name, Saige.

Boyd said that because Hawthorne is a juvenile, Carbondale Police cannot comment on who she might be living with now or who she was living with before her disappearance. Information on where she was last seen in Carbondale also cannot be released.

Police said Hawthorne has been entered into the statewide computer database systems as a runaway juvenile.

Boyd said although Carbondale Police will be working hard to locate Hawthorne, the work of citizens can be just as useful.

"I'm just hoping that someone sees that she's a reported runaway we're looking for and calls and tells us to come and get her," Boyd said.

"We're hoping for some information from the release."

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Anyone with information regarding Hawthorne's location should call 549-2121



Hawthorne

AAUP condemns South Florida

Valerie N. Donnals
Daily Egyptian

The American Association of University Professors criticized the University of South Florida Saturday for firing SIUC alum Sami Al-Arian, a Palestinian professor charged with funding Middle-Eastern terrorism operations.

The AAUP described the university's actions as "grave departures from Association-supported standards," according to an article in the Chronicle for Higher Education. It did not, however, formally censure the university for violating principles of academic freedom and tenure.

The AAUP is a nonprofit organization that promotes academic freedom by supporting tenure, academic due process and standards of quality in higher education.

Al-Arian, a 1978 graduate in computer engineering from SIUC, was fired after being one of eight men arrested Feb. 20 on federal charges of racketeering and conspiracy for his alleged connection to the Palestinian Islamic Jihad.

According to the charges, Al-Arian used the university and two non-profit organizations, World Islamic Studies Enterprise and the Islamic Committee for Palestine, to raise money for the Islamic Jihad.

The president of the university, Judy L. Genshaft, said in a press conference after Al-Arian was charged that he was fired for using the university for "improper, non-educational purposes." She also said he had repeatedly

abused his position and was using the concept of academic freedom as an excuse for his actions.

The Academic Free-Job Act, created by the AAUP, states "institutions of higher education are conducted for the common good and not to further the interest of either the individual teacher or the institution as a whole. The common good depends upon the free search for truth and its free exposition."

Shortly after he was charged, Al-Arian was fired, citing breach of contract and insubordination, not academic freedom since his public comments were not related to his specialty in computer engineering.

Before his termination, Al-Arian was on paid leave for allegedly using inappropriate behavior and disrupting the university. The university filed a motion in federal court for declaratory judgment, which would have ruled he had violated the faculty's collective-bargaining agreement, but it was denied.

Al-Arian filed a grievance shortly after he was fired that claimed the university did not follow due process, which allows him to have a pre-termination hearing.

AAUP condemned the university for firing him without "demonstrable cause," for trying to justify the dismissal through the federal courts and for not having a hearing before he was let go. It added that the actions taken were based entirely on political issues and not legitimate academic concerns.

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The State of Nature

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Reflecting on life in nature

I greatly valued my time away from campus during intersession. I found time to relate to family, take pastoral walks down rural pathways, and read a few chapters of the philosophy of Man and the natural history of civilization.

A lot of things happened, and I had time to reflect deeply into the nature of things.

These are some of the things that happened to me while I stayed at home in Steeleville last month.

My dad's John Deere finally collapsed after 23 years of distinguished service. I wasn't there when it happened, but he reported an enormous bang in the motor followed by a great plume of black smoke.

I washed a ton of dishes. One particular afternoon, a mouse fell into the sink compartment, as I filled the opposite side with dishwasher. At first, it scurried to little effect up the smooth walls. I could have crushed it easily, but I allowed it to escape unharmed and preferred to set a trap instead — there is less guilt that way.

I decided to comb the house for a trap. I could not find one so I stepped outdoors for a moment to catch my breath because the mouse had startled me.

Outdoors, an enormous bumblebee had settled near the flower garden.

It appeared to be fiercely protective of the row of brightly colored petals, so I stepped cautiously back indoors.

At that point, I remembered that our dogs, Jake and Jill, needed their daily bread so I advanced off toward the shed where the beasts are caged.

I heaved several pounds of Ol' Roy brand dog food into an enormous plastic bowl from which they reluctantly ate.

Generally, I avoid the shed because it houses multitudes of furious millipedes, vengeful mosquitoes, malevolent spiders, obnoxious roaches, ankle-biting ants and those repulsive little pill bugs.

I will never forget the size of the wolf spider I destroyed in the shed last summer with a can of WD-40.

That savage creature defended itself with singular honor, but ultimately it fell beneath the massive currents of engine lubricant.

I could try to describe that anomalous creature, but the thought of it still sends shivers crawling down my spine.

I played a lot of cards last month at my grandfather's kitchen table. Under a 125-Watt bulb, cigarettes smoldered as we played a cutthroat game called Hearts.

I learned that nothing is worse than misfortune at the card table.

I used to be liable to an occasional explosive and passionate outburst, but I have made it a point of my game to remain calm during times of misfortune and even to accept misfortune with a sense of gratitude.

The State of Nature appears every other Wednesday. Brian is a senior in education. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.



OUR WORD

Recorded meetings should not change business at hand

The word for today is accountability.

If closed meetings take place for approved reasons and the proper procedure is followed, then video or audio recordings should not change anything.

Recording all closed-door government meetings may be a law if Gov. Rod Blagojevich signs a bill passed by the Illinois Legislature.

Blagojevich should sign the bill.

If this is signed it will require all be in attendance of a closed meeting to be accountable for what takes place behind the doors.

Of course, it is required that minutes be taken at all meetings, but that does not stop someone from violating the rules and discussing issues that should otherwise be discussed at an open meeting.

This is not to say that anyone in Carbondale has committed the crime, but minutes of a meeting can be written at the discretion of the board. What information it wants to conveniently exclude can be left out of the report.

Boards that have closed meetings should see this as a positive.

First, the law is only requiring recordings of meetings to be held for 18 months, so a library of meetings will not have to be created. Cost for recording should not be a concern because tapes could be reused after the time period has passed.

The only thing that will affect money mat-

ters is if the board is holding numerous closed meetings — which should not be the case.

The most important outcome of taping meetings is for evidence. In the event that a lawsuit is brought against the board for improper closed meeting activity, it will be able to provide visual or audio evidence to avoid hearsay.

It is important to know that recording a meeting does not mean the tape has to be made public, as is the case for minutes. The recordings will be used only in the event of a complaint of a discrepancy or the violation of closed meetings rules.

If board members are discussing only the topics for which the closed meeting was called, then there should not be any worry about having the devices in the room to capture talks.

The word for today, tomorrow, or whenever a closed meeting takes place is accountability.

Being accountable for the words spoken at a closed meeting will ultimately benefit everyone involved and avoid any unnecessary litigation.

If Blagojevich signs the bill it will only enhance the already-in-effect Open Meetings Act by making sure persons on the board don't violate policies.

If closed meetings are recorded and the tapes are used when accusations of misconduct arise, those involved will be able to refer to the recordings to prove proper procedures occurred in accordance with the law.

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OUTREACH

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Although there was a sharp decrease in the number of applicants this year, Sevim said he thought this was due to lack of awareness about the program.

Currently, the program relies heavily on ACT scores and direct mail to high school counselors as the initial modes of contact, although applications and information about the program is available at the department's website.

Sevim has traveled to many high schools across the state to personally increase awareness about the scholarships and outreach programs offered.

In addition to increasing awareness of the opportunity, Sevim also hopes to increase the number of experiments offered each day and to change the program's length from two days to three days.

While the school hopes the positive experience during the program will lead to the participants applying to SIUC, Sevim said that even if they apply elsewhere, he would be pleased to know that "the summer program still brought more outstanding women to a field where their numbers are few."

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(From left to right) Lauren Hague of Chicago, Christi Kelch of Peoria, Alicia Packman of Washington and Colton McNichols of Massac County all watch as Colton's hovercraft glides to the end of the hallway. SIU played host to high schoolers involved in Women in Engineering and the Illinois high school Outreach program. These students built small hovercrafts and then competed to see whose craft would make it the furthest down the hall.

INCREASE

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"No new state funds have been established for the wage increase," Sevenser said.

While SIUC appears to have an advantage on the wage issue compared with SIU-Edwardsville, which has a current minimum wage of \$5.15, Steve Binder, the spokesman for SIU President James Walker, said that may not be true.

"Because of the continuous enrollment growth, SIUE has more new tuition dol-

lars to draw from," Binder said. "If and when the state law requires a higher minimum wage, SIUE will follow suit."

Binder could not be specific about where the additional money would come from. He said that when the time for increases come, the University will find the money to make it happen.

The benefits and drawbacks of the minimum wage increase will reveal themselves as they go into effect in the next 18 months.

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TAXES

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this refund. To keep the bill within budget guidelines, a provision was made that excludes anyone who did not owe income taxes from being eligible for the tax break because they did not make enough money.

The U.S. House and Senate have approved separate measures that would provide the credit for more than 6.5 million low-

income workers who are now excluded.

However, the two measures do not completely agree with each other, so lawmakers must come to some common ground before these taxpayers see any break.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said that the child tax credit check is a reflection of the current welfare program, which provides financial assistance and services, such as daycare and job placement, to

those in need.

"The welfare program pays you for having kids, just as this program does," Bost said. "But in order to receive money through the tax credit, people have to work."

Bost said he sees this credit as a way to increase national and state employment rates through financial incentive.

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West Nile virus: Will last year's trend continue?

Jacey Cain
Daily Egyptian

Summer has finally hit Southern Illinois, bringing with it sunny days, high temperatures and, unfortunately, mosquitoes. So break out the insect repellent and citronella candles, because the threat of West Nile virus has returned.

Last year, the virus caused a major scare as it spread throughout the state infecting 877 people and killing 64.

Kevin Gillespie, director of environmental health for the Jackson County Health Department, said while no birds or mosquitoes have tested positive in Jackson County this year, three counties in Illinois — Cook, Henderson and Kankakee — have each found a crow with the virus. So far, 19 states have had verified avian, animal or mosquito infections during 2003, but no human cases have been reported.

Linn Haramis, an entomologist at the Illinois State Health Department, said surveillance is still being carried out to determine the virus' state of activity.

"There's just no way to predict whether this year will be as bad as last," Haramis said.

Gillespie said surveillance taking place in Jackson County includes testing trapped mosquitoes and dead birds, mainly crows and blue jays.

"It's important that we have a surveillance program to track what's going on," Gillespie said.

The West Nile virus originated in the

West Nile District of Uganda in 1937 and has since slowly spread around the world. The virus became recognized as a cause of severe human meningoencephalitis, inflammation of the spinal cord and brain, in elderly patients during an outbreak in Israel in 1957. In 1999, North America had its first taste of the virus with encephalitis reported in humans and horses.

The West Nile virus can be contracted by the bite of an infected mosquito. The virus can infect people, horses, many types of birds and some other animals.

Most people who become infected with the virus will have either no symptoms or only mild ones. However, to people that are elderly or those that have low immune systems, the West Nile virus infection can result in severe and sometimes fatal illnesses.

"Antibiotics are not effective against the viral infection, and a specific treatment has not been developed.

Because of the prominence of the virus in Illinois last year, the state received \$400,506 from the federal government to combat it.

Haramis said that this year the state health department received a Laboratory Improvement Grant, which is going to be used for testing in laboratories to learn more about the spread of the virus and how to fight it.

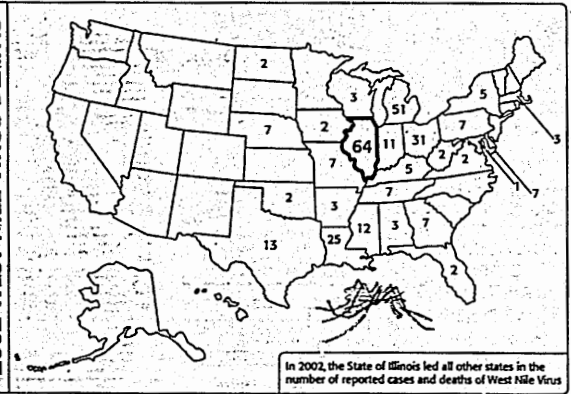
The grant does not give money to help control the mosquito population, but officials hope that citizens will help join that fight.

"The treatment of their production sites may be the best possible way to combat the

“There's just no way to predict whether this year will be as bad as last.”

— Linn Haramis
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2002 WEST NILE VIRUS DEATHS



In 2002, the State of Illinois led all other states in the number of reported cases and deaths of West Nile Virus

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mosquito population," Haramis said.

Haramis and Gillespie agree citizens could actively participate in taking care of the mosquitoes before they are mature. By removing standing water in places such as inside old tires and ditches, some of the proper breeding grounds for the virus carrying insects will be taken away.

"I encourage people to do what they can to prevent a large mosquito population," Gillespie said.

As for the remaining population of mosquitoes, Haramis and Gillespie both suggest that citizens avoid being outside during dawn, early evening and dusk, when most mosquitoes come out to feed. They also suggested that people wear long sleeves, long pants and socks when outside.

The mosquitoes are also known to bite through clothing, so it is recommended by health officials that bug repellent is also sprayed over clothes. Checking screens and other home openings is another preventive

measure that can be taken to avoid mosquito bites.

Individuals are also encouraged to play an important role in tracking the West Nile virus by reporting any dead crows or blue jays that they see in their neighborhood. Dead birds in an area may mean that the virus is circulating between the birds and the mosquitoes in that area.

More than 110 species of birds have been identified as being infected with the West Nile virus.

Infected birds, particularly crows and blue jays, can die or become ill. However, most infected birds do survive.

"There have not been as many birds early in the season so far, but there is no way to tell how bad the spread of the virus will be," Gillespie said.

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Fifth Annual Young Writer's Workshop begins today

Continuing Education prepares for annual writer's workshop for teenagers

Jessica Yorama
Daily Egyptian

High school students will be fine-tuning their skills during the fifth annual Young Writer's Workshop at SIUC.

The program, which is geared toward high school sophomores, juniors and seniors, allows these students to develop their writing skills in different genres of writing, including prose, poetry and fiction.

"We have lots of goals," said Beth Lordan,

professor of English and director of the creative writing program at the time the workshop began. "We want to give high school kids the chance to explore and develop their talent.

"It's a good opportunity for them to figure out how interested they are in writing."

Beginning today, students will come from all areas of Illinois, Missouri and Indiana to experience the program that is not only unique to the area, but, particularly, the age group it assists.

The workshop was created by SIUC faculty such as Allison Joseph, who saw the need for such a program for high school students, and also wanted to make the program more affordable for people in the area.

According to Joseph, at her alma mater, a program of this sort would cost around \$1,500 for a two-week session.

The four-day session consists of morning and afternoon classroom settings in which students will address different aspects of writing with members of the SIUC faculty.

In the evening, the 22 students attending the workshop will get the chance to hear work from their instructors during nightly readings by faculty and graduate students.

Activities will take place in room 1005 and 1006 of Faner Hall for the next four days at 4 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Wednesday's reading will showcase the talent of members of the creative writing department such as Lordan, Jon Tribble and the current director of creative writing, Mike Magnuson.

"One of the goals of the workshop is for students to experience the creative writing faculty we have here," said Joseph, who is an associate

professor of English. "We also have a fine MFA department and we're home of the Crab Orchard Review."

Program directors hope that hearing the work of their instructors will help those in attendance to prepare for their own reading, which they will perform in front of other participants as well as their parents on Saturday afternoon.

All readings are open to the public.

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Graduate students Melanie Dusseau, Kevin McKelvey, Emily Pruitt and Mark Vannier will read at 4 p.m. in Faner 1005. Mike Magnuson will read in the same room at 8 p.m.

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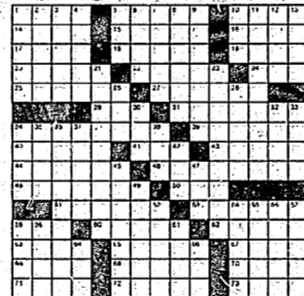
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Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black
Today's birthday (June 18). You're a natural scholar, always asking questions. The research you do on your own this year can lead to amazing new answers. Do the homework you assign to yourself, and achieve respect and status.
To get the advantage, check the day's rating. 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.
Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - The early bird will get all the best worms. The longer you delay, the more difficulties you'll face. If it already looks too difficult, you've already waited too long. Might as well put it off indefinitely.
Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - Schedule your date for tomorrow. You'll have more time to relax. Make an important decision first; don't postpone it any longer.
Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is an 8 - Contacts you're making and lessons you're learning will help you advance your career. Don't assume that'll be years from now. It's liable to happen soon.
Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - Money will have a tendency to slip right through your fingers. Count it in safe place so that you don't lose any.
Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - A fascinating conversation leads to information. It's could lead to a great friendship, maybe even love. If you're starting out from either of those places, so much the better.
Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 5 - You've taken on a lot more work and responsibility. So where's the letter paycheck! Don't get your nose out of joint if it doesn't appear. You're appreciated, and sometimes that has to do.
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 10 - You're on a roll! You're witty and charming and cute! You're lucky, too, so make a decisive move in the direction of your dreams. Miracles happen!
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - Several options may be closed to you, but there's no need to be upset. A private understanding you come to more than makes up for that.
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - You can't get a "household item. How hard can it be? But first, just to give yourself the edge, you'd better read the manual again.
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 2 - Before you blow your newfound wealth, remember to pay off an old debt. It won't make too big a dent in your wallet, and it will make you feel a lot better.
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - A friend can help you understand another's point of view. You never would have figured this out on your own. You lacked sufficient data.
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 5 - You're under a good deal of pressure, but sometimes that's exactly what you need to get yourself moving again.

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Hot Rod is just starting to rev up

Veteran assistant coach Rodney Watson prepares to his third different head coach with SIU

Jens Deju
Daily Egyptian

For a man who always dreamed of coaching, Rodney Watson's first job was no fairy tale.

After graduating from Eastern Illinois, Watson could get just one interview for a coaching job and that was at the high school in Coulterville, which was coming off a less than stellar year.

"The team that I inherited had gone 1-26 the year before I got there," Watson said. "I was offered the job and I certainly took it."

Upon arriving at the school, Watson found out why the team had such a poor record. The varsity squad consisted of freshmen and sophomores having to play other schools' junior and seniors.

Watson used the experience they gained and improved the team to 14-11 the next season before really making his mark on Coulterville High School.

The following season, a 6-foot-9 transfer came in and Watson led the team to its first-ever regional championship in just his second year as a coach.

Watson, now entering his 16th season as an assistant coach at SIU, knew in the eighth grade that he wanted to be a basketball coach. He just never imagined it would be at the collegiate level.

"If you talk about a guy lucking into something, I certainly lucked into this," Watson said Monday afternoon while leaning on a railing in the upper bowl overlooking the court at the SIU Arena. "I just feel really fortunate that I've had the opportunity to be at this level, let alone stay here for 15 years."

Watson, who is not gifted with the height of the ordinary basketball player, knew he would not be able to play basketball past the high school level, where he was a co-captain in his hometown of Paris.

Despite this, the love of basketball was ingrained in Watson so he decided he would try and make his mark in coaching.

After two years at Coulterville, Watson moved on to Madison High School and inherited a highly talented team that he took to a regional and sectional championship and an appearance in the high school Elite Eight. Watson then left again and this time accepted a job student coaching at the University of Nebraska-Omaha.



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Rodney Watson leans against a rail in the upper bowl with his back to the SIU Arena court Monday afternoon. Watson is preparing for his 16th season as an assistant coach

"I went from making \$25,000 in 1986 to accepting a position at a Division II school in Nebraska to make \$4,800," Watson said.

"My whole concept was I'd have a chance to work on a master's and get a taste of college basketball."

That decision proved to be the smartest career move Watson ever made, as he got the opportunity to work under Ron Herrin, brother of famed SIU head coach Rich Herrin.

Ron Herrin proved to be instrumental in

the course Watson's life took.

"He was not only one of the greatest human beings I've ever been around in my life and one of my best friends ever," Watson said, "he taught me about what it took to work hard in the coaching profession."

Ron Herrin also introduced Watson to his brother, who eventually brought him to SIU in 1988. Since then, the Salukis have gone 296-175 and made 10 postseason appearances—five coming in the NCAA tournament and five in the National Invitation Tournament.

Watson said it is impossible to pinpoint one favorite memory during his tenure with the Salukis but pointed to all the Missouri Valley Conference championships and the NCAA tournament appearances the past two seasons as some of the more memorable.

One moment he did specifically name was a 102-81 victory over then 18th-ranked Villanova at the San Juan Shootout in Puerto Rico in the second game of his first season at SIU.

"I think that moment really helped define this program as having an opportunity to take a step up," Watson said. "We went on and in that next seven-year period went to seven postseason tournaments, and we won five conference championships."

In his 15 years at SIU, during which he has worked for three different head coaches, Rich Herrin, Bruce Weber and now Matt Painter, Watson's specialty has been doing the dirty work that others do not want to do.

It mostly consists of administrative duties such as organizing off-season outings, fund-raisers and travel arrangements.

"He's kind of the guy that's in the background doing a lot of work, dealing with the players a lot," Painter said. "He has his hands on a lot of different aspects of this program, yet he doesn't put himself on the front porch and get a lot of attention."

Painter said Watson reminds him of Weber, who was an assistant at Purdue for 18 years before landing the head job at SIU. He said he feels fortunate Watson chose to stay on the staff after Weber left for Illinois at the end of spring semester.

Painter hopes Watson can be as helpful to him as he has been to the two previous SIU head coaches.

"I think I'm very lucky to be able to have him, and hopefully we can continue to win games and graduate kids," Painter said.

"He's definitely been a big part of that in the past, and he'll be a big part of that in the future."

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Louw

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Louw is currently a graduate student in sports marketing at SIU and is a teaching assistant in the physical education department. Despite his goal of making the Olympics, Louw cannot afford to completely drop school and work for swimming, whether it impedes his journey or not.

"I can't give up on one to concentrate on the other, so I am going to keep on going to school and training at the same time," Louw said. "I think in a way it will be a disadvantage because to other swimmers it is like a full-time job."

"They will probably take off a year and just concentrate on swimming. But I am supporting myself, so I've got to go to school and continue to teach. I can't give up anything."

Even though Louw has a difficult time ahead of him, he has one thing going for him—his incredible combination of size and speed.

"Strength and power," said Walker, simply stating the advantages Louw has thanks to his awesome physique.

NCAA

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The new rules are expected to increase graduation rates and make universities more accountable for the academic success of their student-athletes.

Typically, undecided college freshmen wait around a year before deciding what kind of career they want to pursue. The new regulations will force

Being big and strong will not guarantee a stellar swimming career, but Louw is blessed with more than just an imposing build, as pointed out by Walker.

"It depends on physical makeup. Either you have fast-twitch muscle fibers or slow-twitch muscle fibers," Walker said. "If he had slow-twitch muscle fibers, being big and strong wouldn't help him. But he has a lot of fast-twitch muscle fibers and that makes him fast."

Whether or not Louw makes it to the Olympics, he will leave it all on the line in his final attempt. In response to Walker's claim that for any person to make the Olympics it all has to come together at the right time and place, Louw had this to say.

"Every year I went home for my nationals, I felt in my mind it was the right time and the right place. It all depends," Louw said. "This year when I went home for Nationals, I know I didn't put in the amount of training I wanted to put in. I have one year left and I'm going to give everything I have."

"I think when March rolls around, it will be the right time."

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athletes to decide quicker and make it harder for them to maintain the required pace.

"I don't know if we can afford to wait for somebody to be undecided, pick a major and then find out that they're three hours short of the requirements," Walker said.

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Notre Dame's Thomas returns for junior year

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SOUTH BEND, Ind. (U-WIRE)—Chris Thomas' 42-day flirtation with the NBA ended when no single NBA team could convince him he would be selected in the first round.

So Monday, he decided to return to Notre Dame for his junior season.

"The right decision and the most comfortable decision for me was to come back," Thomas said. "When I finally made that decision, a big weight was lifted off my shoulders and I'm happy."

Thomas first declared he would enter the NBA draft in early May, but didn't sign with an agent to preserve his amateur status. When he initially announced his decision, he said he would return if he wasn't among the top 20 picks, an estimate he later expanded to include the entire first round.

But after working out with nine NBA teams, Thomas never heard from an NBA team that he would definitely be a first-round selection come June 26.

"I just wasn't comfortable with it being up in the air," Thomas said. "There wasn't a team that guaranteed me, but at the

same time, they never said I would go in the second round."

Thomas had spent the previous two months working out with a private trainer at International Management Group Academies in Florida, living alone in an apartment near the complex. Although he worked out individually with nine teams, he skipped the Chicago pre-draft camp. In a draft loaded with point guard prospects, NBA scouts advised him to stay in school.

"He went back and forth a lot," Irish coach Mike Brey said. "I always thought there was a very good chance he would want to come back."

Thomas would have been the first sophomore in school history to leave early if he flirts with the NBA next year, he'll have to stay in the draft if he declares. NBA rules prevent a prospect from declaring for the draft and then pulling out more than once.

"Every team would like to see better decision-making on my part," Thomas said, a second-team Big East pick who led the Big East in assists and turn-overs last season. "I feel like, for the part, I'm good in all areas. I'm not one and I need work in all of them."

THE last leg

Former SIU star swimmer Herman Louw juggles classes and a job while making one final attempt to earn a spot in the Olympics

story by
 ADAM SOEBBING

Standing on the south end of the Edward J. Shea Natatorium, former Saluki swimmer Herman Louw relived his ultimate moment as a Saluki in the Recreation Center pool.

You could not help but see the pride exude from the two-time MVC Swimmer of the Year's face as the vacant stands came alive one last time.

It was during his senior season when former Saluki standout Chrysanthos Papachrysanthou approached the block for the 4-by-100-yard relay to chants of, "Big Papa! Big Papa!"

"He led off, and I anchored the relay," Louw said. "Before I left, everybody went to the side of the pool and began yelling, 'Showtime! Showtime!' It was a thrilling moment that I will carry with me always."

As it did quite a bit in those days, the Saluki relay team came in first place. And just as the Water Davgs continue to rule the MVC, Louw continues to dream of swimming glory.

After more than 20 years of training and struggling in pursuit of his ultimate goal, Louw is determined to turn his dream of making the South African Olympic swim team into a reality.

"It is every kid's dream to represent their country at the Olympic Games. It doesn't matter if you win a medal or anything, just to be there and take part makes it worthwhile," Louw said. "For some people, just being there is their life goal and ambition. For me, that would be the same. Just to qualify and say that I've been there, that's good enough for me."

The South African Olympic Trials for the upcoming games will take place in March 2004. Louw came

within a hair of realizing his dream at the 2000 trials.

Competing for a position on the 4-by-100 relay team, Louw came 0.2 seconds short of the final spot. While most would feel dejected, Louw has continued to work hard for what will be his final attempt next year.

"I am going to give it one more shot, and that's it. After that, I'm going to hang up the suit," Louw said.

His target is the 2004 Summer Games in Athens, and the rigorous workouts begin at the end of the summer.

"I am kind of taking a break from the pool this summer," said Louw, who wants to be a college swimming coach when it is all said and done. "I am actually doing some cross training, mostly cycling and running. But once school comes around again, it's back in training."

While many have the dream but lack the talent, there is no questioning Louw's, which he has proven time and again in national and international competition.

In what he describes as the moment he is most proud of as a swimmer, Louw finished in second place in the 100-meter freestyle and fourth in both the 200 freestyle and 200 individual medley at the nationally recognized U.S. Open meet three years ago.

Louw was also MVC champ in the 100 and 200 freestyle in 1999, as well as 200 freestyle and 200 individual medley champ in 2000, his final season as a Saluki.

"He's really talented. He was born for it," said Gustavo Leal, graduate assistant coach for the Salukis and a former teammate of Louw's at Indian River Community College and SIU. "He's a big guy. He's strong, and his



ALEX HAGLUND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Former Saluki swimmer Herman Louw is giving one last shot at making the South African Olympic swimming team. In his two years as a Saluki, Louw was named MVC Swimmer of the Year both seasons. Louw is currently a graduate student in the sports marketing program and is coaching a swim team in Anna, which is making it difficult to realize his Olympic dream.

strokes are almost perfect. That's the perfect combination for a good swimmer."

No one knows Louw's skills better than fellow South African native and long-time friend Come Prozesky. Prozesky, a teammate of Louw's on the Northern Province swim team in South Africa and at SIU, describes

Louw as a great guy with equally impressive swimming abilities.

"Herman is a great swimmer. He can swim any event there is," Prozesky said. "Even the backstroke is his weakest stroke, but he can do that as well. He is an incredible swimmer."

But given Louw's hectic schedule, SIU men's swimming head coach Rick

Walker said he has a tough road ahead of him.

"He certainly has the talent," Walker said. "I don't know with his current schedule if he can put it together, but he has the potential if he gets serious and ups that as a priority."

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NCAA passes new regulations

Pete Spittler
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The NCAA is making it a lot harder to balance sports and academics in colleges across the nation this fall.

Starting Aug. 1, incoming student-athletes must have 24 hours of academic credit completed before they enter their second year. In addition, student-athletes must complete 40 percent of their classes toward their degree by the end of their sophomore year. Twenty percent must also be earned during each of their third and fourth years.

"As far as the university as a whole, there's not any special-preferences given to student-athletes," said Kristina Theriault, coordinator of Student Services for SIU Athletics.

The NCAA also passed a new requirement that states high school student-athletes now have to take 14 core classes, unlike 13 in the old system. Provided the students pass all 14 classes, they will be able to enter

college even if they scored low on standardized tests like the SAT and ACT.

The new requirements make it easier for high school prospects to attend college, but it also makes it harder to stay there.

"There are really two ways to look at it," SIU men's swimming head coach Rick Walker said. "One way is looking at how much this is going to screw everybody up and the other is the amount of challenges incoming athletes are going to face."

The new changes may be detrimental for students who are not prepared for the academic workload, specifically undecided freshmen.

"Right now, students don't have a lot of possibilities to switch majors, but it's going to be even tougher for these new students coming in," Theriault said. "They have to have 48 hours complete by the start of their junior year, and then the requirements jump up to 60 percent before their senior year."

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Perry, Jaehnke leave SIU women's basketball team

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Several anonymous sources told the DAILY EGYPTIAN that sophomore guard Chris Perry and junior forward Alissa Jaehnke have quit the SIU women's basketball team.

Repeated attempts to reach Perry and Jaehnke were unsuccessful. Head coach Lori Opp, both of Perry's parents, Jaehnke's grandmother and former assistant Holly Teague refused comment on the defections.

Earlier this month, Opp said two players were leaving the team, saying one was leaving due to injuries and the other for playing time.

When asked to name the players, Opp said, "You'll see next year."

Opp later refused to confirm that Perry and Jaehnke were the players leaving.

Perry and Jaehnke join freshman Afton Gill, who quit in January due to 8.2 minute per game while backing up starting point guard Dana Pinkston last season.

Jaehnke scored a total of 10 points last year and played in eight games after transferring from McHenry County College.

To fill the void, the Salukis have seven new players signed for next season, six incoming freshmen and one junior college transfer.

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