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E-mail transition to affect campus community

TREY BRAUNECKER Daily Egyptian

The university has decided to switch all e-mail hosting from Google to Microsoft later this year. Faculty and staff at the university are being moved to Microsoft Outlook as the new e-mail client, while students are being moved from Gmail to Microsoft Office 365.

"Combining all of the university’s e-mail clients under Microsoft would help integrate certain features in Microsoft e-mail accounts and help improve communications on campus," David Crain, assistant provost and chief information officer, said.

He said the university has 36 different e-mail clients for students and faculty, which makes it difficult to contact faculty who are not currently using Gmail accounts.

"Having that many clients causes a few problems," Crain said. "We are in different systems, we do not have shared calendars on e-mail and our global address list, which is the directory you see when you log on, does not include all e-mail people, does not include all faculty."

He said if university faculty primarily use Microsoft e-mail accounts, all faculty would be able to share important dates on calendars, know who is on their e-mail at the time and also share contact information.

"Originally, I did not want to use Gmail after working with Outlook, but once I started understanding all the options, such as sorting and labeling conversations in your inbox, I started to really enjoy using Gmail," Shemonia said. She said the option to use Google Drive, a file storage system that allows file storage, file sharing and editing online, was one of the initial features that impressed her the most after switching.

She said being able to save documents to an online file and send it to other departments at the university through Google Drive saved her plenty of time and effort.

While Gmail’s features may be more user-friendly, the switch to Microsoft may also have benefits for both faculty and students. Alex Merchant, a junior from Effingham studying computer science, said many of the features provided by Microsoft Office 365 are also provided by Outlook, but there are some features that help Microsoft Office 365 stand out from Gmail.

Mounds community debates mold, school’s future

MATT DARAY Daily Egyptian

The future of a southern Illinois elementary school and its students were discussed at a board meeting Wednesday at Meridian High School.

The Meridian Elementary School in Mounds was closed this summer because of mold found inside the building during maintenance. The meeting presented possible courses of action to the public regarding the future of the school.

Terry Moreland, superintendent of schools, said options such as demolishing parts of the school and sharing Meridian High School space have been considered because the estimated costs of removing the mold completely is approximately $3 million.

"We had to do some homework because we’re stuck with what we can afford and what we can’t afford," he said. Moreland said this is a problem because the school is about $18,000 in debt and unless funding is found, they would pursue some of the cheaper options they discussed.

He said the district asked the state for funding, but was told none could be provided.

Bob Huff, an architect for J.H. Petty & Associates, said there were 35 spots found on the outside of the school and one found inside, according to a report summary done by Courtice-Grason, an environmental consulting and safety support service company.

"These molds are growing in the building materials, but have not broken out of the wall to the air," he said in the report, which was given to attendees. "It is just a matter of time before this happens.”
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Big storm threat brewing from Iowa to Mid-Atlantic

CARLA K. JOHNSON
Associated Press

CHICAGO — An unusually massive line of storms packing hail, lightning and tree-toppling winds was rolling through the Midwest on Wednesday and could affect more than one in five Americans from Iowa to Maryland.

Meteorologists were even about the possibility of a weather event called a derecho (deh-RAY'-choh), which is a storm of strong straight-line winds spanning at least 240 miles. The storms are also likely to generate tornadoes and cause power outages that will be followed by oppressive heat, said Russell Schneider, director of the National Weather Service's Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Okla.

The weather service issued tornado warnings in several counties in Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin. "We're becoming increasingly concerned that a major severe weather event will unfold," Schneider said. "The main thing is for folks to monitor conditions and have a plan for what to do if threatening weather approaches."

For the first time this year, the center was using its highest alert level for parts of Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. In Chicago, Wednesday night's White Sox game against the Toronto Blue Jays was postponed in anticipation of bad weather and airlines canceled more than 120 flights at O'Hare International Airport.

The storms were expected to push into northwest Indiana early Wednesday evening. The Northern Indiana Public Service Co., the region's largest utility, said it was increasing staff at its customer call center and scheduling extra work crews to handle any outages.

In Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh was adding public safety and public works personnel and repositioning some equipment to prepare for possible flooding or downed trees and wires, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported.

All told, the area the weather service considers to be under heightened risk of dangerous weather includes 74.7 million people in 19 states. Tornadoes and a derecho can happen at the same time, but at any given place Wednesday the straight-line winds are probably more likely. Straight-line winds lack the rotation that twisters have, but they can still cause considerable damage as they blow down trees and other objects.

"Be prepared to move away from windows," Schneider said. Listen for weather warnings and go into a basement, if possible, and get underneath a study object like a table, he said, if a tornado warning is issued. "You want to know where your family's at so everyone can get to safety successfully."
“One feature Gmail has that Microsoft Office 365 does not is e-mail scanning,” he said. “Basically, Google takes keywords from your e-mails and sends your information to advertisers so they can advertise products you might be interested in.”

He said although the feature does not make a difference in how Gmail works, it is comforting to know that if the university switches e-mail clients, his personal information will not be open to the public.

Merchant said Google does have a significant edge over Microsoft in the amount of data a Gmail account can store. He said the switch won’t make a difference to him since Microsoft Outlook offers 10 gigabytes and Google offers 15 gigabytes.

“E-mails are almost always text-based, so it makes little difference to me whether I have more storage space or not,” he said. “For some people it might make a difference, but I never had an issue with my e-mail filling up.”

Crain said the university has already bought the licenses needed to use integration features on Microsoft accounts, so the need to switch to another e-mail client is pointless.

“E-mails are already part of our Microsoft campus agreement, so we are already paying for licenses for Microsoft programs,” he said. “But we are not currently using it, so it would be an unnecessary waste of money,” Crain said.

Shemony said whichever e-mail the university decides on does not make a difference to her and said she will be happy as long as she has access to e-mail.

“I can’t complain with whatever the university decides to go with,” she said. “Whether they are using Gmail or Outlook, as long as I can send out my mail faster than using a pen or paper, I’m fine.”

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ABOVE: Circus trainer Glan Carlos interacts with tigers Sunday during the Ainad Shriners Circus at the Du Quoin State Fairgrounds. The circus proceeds benefit Ainad Shriners operations including the Shriners Hospital for Children in St. Louis. RIGHT: Aerialists with the Ainad Shriners Circus perform Sunday in Du Quoin. The circus visited Waterloo, Jerseyville, Olney and Salem before coming to Du Quoin and is scheduled to perform in Belleville on July 16 and 17.
Boeing predicted that the number of commercial aircraft in operation globally will double in the next two decades, with the bulk of some 35,000 new planes going to Asia, an executive from the US airplane maker said Tuesday.

Speaking ahead of the Bourget international air show in Paris, Randy Tinseth, vice-president of marketing for Boeing Co., said rising oil prices are forcing carriers to think harder about efficiency, and that means smaller planes that burn less fuel. It also means design changes, streamlined air traffic control and improved navigation to shave miles (kilometers) off each flight.

The demand for fuel efficiency has eaten away at orders for the wide-body long haul carriers that are major profit-drivers for Boeing and Airbus, the world’s two biggest aircraft manufacturers. Boeing predicted that 24,670 of the 35,000 new airplanes to be delivered would be single-aisle craft, seating between 90 and 230 passengers. Just 760 were expected to be large wide-body jets, seating more than 400 passengers.

The 20-year forecast, which Boeing puts out annually, predicts 60 percent of the demand for aircraft will come from Asia, Latin America and the Middle East. The rest comes from carriers in Europe and North America.

The commercial fleet today stands at 20,310 aircraft, Boeing says. Counting the withdrawal of older planes, the fleet is forecast to grow to 41,240 by 2032.

Among the new orders, 12,820 are expected to go to the Asia-Pacific region. The next-largest market is Europe, with 7,460 deliveries. Airliner consolidation in the United States has caused orders to drop sharply there — a trend that is likely to spread to Europe in coming years, Tinseth said.

Boeing had a tough start this year, when its flagship 787 was grounded worldwide because of smoldering batteries on two different planes. American regulators have since approved the company’s fix and the plane is cleared to fly again. Competitor Airbus, meanwhile, is introducing a new plane of its own, although the A350 has not yet made its first flight.
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Track and field brings home the hardware

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Two graduating SIU throwers will finish writing their final chapters while another will continue to write hers.

Three track and field athletes competed in the NCAA Track and Field Championships at the University of Oregon in Eugene, Ore., last week. Senior thrower JC Lambert competed in the men’s hammer throw, sophomore thrower DeAnna Price competed in the women’s hammer throw and senior thrower Kim Fortney competed in the women’s hammer throw and women’s shot put.

Each athlete came home with an abundance of accolades to make their season a success.

Lambert, a sports administration graduate from Harrisburg, placed fifth in the men’s hammer throw and was named an All-American. Price, an accounting major from Moscow Mills, Mo., finished eighth in the women’s hammer throw, also earning an All-American distinction. Fortney, a communications disorders graduate from Hillsboro, earned second team All-American after placing tenth in the women’s shot put and 14th in the hammer throw.

Fortney’s efforts in the classroom along with her many throwing achievements earned her three straight Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete Team selections. “When you have nothing to lose, you have everything to gain and that’s what I did,” Fortney said.

According to a press release from SIU Athletics, Fortney is ranked in the top 10 for six of the university’s all-time women’s throwing records. Fortney’s classmate Lambert graduated as one of the most successful throwers in SIU’s history, leaving SIU as the all-time record holder for the weight throw and the hammer throw.

Lambert said there are a few things he will take away from his experience with the SIU track and field team. “I’ll take away all the friends that I have made, all the people that I’ve met and all the traveling experiences I’ve been a part of,” Lambert said.

For some athletes, their college experience is much different. Price, the youngest Saluki to compete at the 2013 NCAA championships, has already had a fulfilling career. Price went to Barcelona, Spain when she was 19 years old to compete in the International Association of Athletics Federation’s Junior World Championships.

Fortney, Lambert and Price are all preparing for the U.S. Outdoor Track & Field Championships in Iowa June 19 and 20. Fortney and Lambert will compete in the senior division while Price will compete in the junior division.

Price still has a bright future as Lambert and Fortney both move on from the collegiate level.

“We’re really going to be missing Kim (Fortney) and JC (Lambert), they’re such a big core of the team right now,” Price said.

With veteran throwers out of the picture, portions of the team will have to step up next season.

“There’s a lot of good kids, they just have to throw far,” Fortney said.

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