Deferred maintenance deficit up $25 million

Joe Crawford  Daily Egyptian

The university’s deferred maintenance deficit has swelled to more than $25 million, up about $25 million from a year ago, the SIUC maintenance superintendent said Thursday.

The amount of money needed for maintenance projects has risen about $200 million in the past 10 years, and a large increase in money from the state is necessary to reverse the trend, Superintendent Scott Pike said. Currently, the university only receives $1.5 million per year to reverse the problem, he said.

Physical Plant Director Phil Gatton said state budget cuts have affected SIUC’s ability to keep up its buildings, and $1.5 million per year is not near enough to fix the problem.

“We really not even keeping up with inflation anymore,” he said.

The SIU Board of Trustees passed a $144 facilities maintenance fee last month to help combat the increasing deficit, but Gatton said the university would first have to go toward paying increased utility bills.

The revenues from the fee will help chip away at the massive bill, he said, but other sources — such as state and federal grants — also need to be pursued before the problem can be properly addressed.

Gatton said the university has put off numerous large projects, including replacing the deteriorated roofs of Fairer Hall and the Agriculture Building, because of a lack of money. He said the cost of replacing the roofs would be roughly $1 million and $500,000, respectively.

Both roofs are beyond warranty and are leaking consistently, Gatton said. He said he would like to replace the roofs this summer, but the projects still need state funding.

In remembrance

Small group honors those who died in past year

Danny Wenger  Daily Egyptian

The candles lit Thursday afternoon symbolized the end of the academic year for SIUC students who died during the school year.

A group of about 14 people gathered in the Newman Catholic Student Center to remember their friends they have lost since the beginning of the fall semester. Friends of the students who died spoke of their lives, sang and read poetry as part of the ceremony.

Fredanna M’Cormack, an international student from Sierra Leone, helped organize the event. She was a friend of the late Ryan Harris and said she wanted to do a service for him.

“The desire actually came from having a memorial service for Ryan Harris,” she said. “But as I talked to other people, it made more sense to actually do a memorial that covered all the students that passed away in the SIU community.”

Harris was a business student from Bolingbrook. He died in February after being electrocuted by a microwave.

Willie Walker, a senior studying industrial technology from Chicago, sang a rendition of “Balm in Gilead” as part of the service.

Another student who was honored was Hidenori Yamagishi, a Japanese native who came to SIUC in 2004. He drowned in Lake Kinkaid in August just two weeks after graduating. He received his degree in history.

Amorenda Beck was a friend of Yamagishi and said she came to SIU-Niigata in Nakajo, Japan.

“He came up to me,” Beck said. “He was the very first person there that talked to me without being obligated to talk to me.”

Beck said Yamagishi studied several hours a day and had interests in various topics.

“He worked so hard at school,” Beck said.

Finalist calls campus quandaries ‘our problem’

Gupta says he wants to lead university until he retires

Sean McGahan  Daily Egyptian

Though Yash Gupta had only been on the SIUC campus for one day, he spoke like he was patrols his home turf Thursday:

Gupta, the third of four chancellor finalists to visit campus, continually referred to the university community as “we,” and mentioned problems facing the campus as “our problem” during an open forum with faculty in the Student Center Auditorium.

The professor of operations management and former dean at the University of Southern California Marshall School of Business highlighted the need to increase accessibility and affordability for students, increase fundraising and figure out the declining enrollment at the university.

Gupta rattled off statistics he sees as concerning for the university pertaining to enrollment and the state of fundraising — including the fact that the university has roughly 213,000 alums, but less than 18,000 who belong to the Alumni Association. He said that figure is detrimental to fundraising and the overall state of programs.

“Alumni must be engaged to be able to comply to the philosophy as needed, to be able to provide the resources necessary so that people don’t drop out of classes because of the lack of resources,” he said.

The former dean said he has been a successful fundraiser in his past positions, and knows the ways to attract money. He said the state and private corporations also need to be made accountable, because
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Students soon will have another place to log on for hours of browsing pleasure. Flix55 — a video-posting site where students can upload videos and win cash prizes — will be launched soon with a special site for SIUC. The site of its online appearance depends on the number of users that join during the summer.

SIUC’s involvement in the program began only two weeks ago, but the word has already made its way on campus at various events and through group invitations on Facebook. There will be an information tent this Saturday on the SIU Mall in Murphy-Hpkins to register students and spread the word.

Shreffler said SIUC alumnus Harold Koplowitz, who runs Flix55.com, will see what the fuss is all about.

Some say social atmosphere can boost enrollment

Alexandro Gonzalez

As SIUC takes steps to eradicate its long-standing party image, many wonder what the fuss is all about.

"I think there are a lot of students here that like to go out and have a good time, but for the most part the school doesn’t do a very good job of keeping everything controlled. But everyone likes having fun and there’s really not a problem with that as long as no one gets hurt and people get their work done," said pre-med freshman from Country Club Hills.

"It’s not really that bad. It’s just like other school. I think people come here because they know it’s a party school," said graduate student from Hayward, Calif.

"I guess you got to know when to play and when not to do. It’s nice school. Enrollmen" t does a pretty good job of keeping everything controlled. Everyone likes having fun and there’s really not a problem with that as long as no one gets hurt and people get their work done."

"That’s all that’s here as our students collect what image do you want for your university?"

"I think there’s a change in the image of the 1960s and ‘70s — said the party image isn’t bad for a university, and should actually increase enrollment.

"Any publicity is good publicity and we can use it to get the kids down here, he said.

"I’m not sure it’s a good idea, because other people from the university can see pictures of us that are putting my hard work and time in — class and side projects by myself," said Brandon Geier, a junior from Fox Lake studying finance.

"In general, I like the new site. I think it’s great exposure for radio-tele vision students who want to get their work out there," he said.

Any party is a part of American culture, and I think it’s not at all a negative image to be a partying school. You don’t just go to work through your days because it’s a five-day week society."
News

WASHINGTON
Obama gets Secret Service protection

WASHINGTON — The Secret Service said Thursday that Democrat Sen. Barack Obama was being placed under protection, the earliest ever for a presidential candidate.
Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff authorized Obama protection as his campaign consultations with the bipartisan congressional advisory committee known as the Chertoff Group began.

Sharon Zehren would not provide details of what led to the move, saying only: "It was based on any threat." According to the 79-page Chertoff Group’s recommendations, there were no threats present and Obama requested the protection.

VENUEZUELA
Chavez threatens to nationalize banks
CARACAS, Venezuela (AP) — Venezuela’s President Hugo Chavez said Monday that the government he is helping to organize in the memory of Jamestown’s 400th anniversary will include a resolution to nationalize banks, accusing them of unscrupulous practices.
"Private banks have to give priority to financing the industrial sectors of Venezuela at low cost," Chavez said. "If banks don’t agree with this, it’s better that they close or we nationalize them and get all the banks to work for the development of the country and not to speculate and produce huge profits.
It was not clear if Chavez was only referring to Venezuelan banks like Mercantil Servicio Financiero SA and Banco Popular SA, or if he was also referring to the threat at major international banks with subsidiaries in the country, such as Citigroup Inc. and Spanish banks Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA and Banco Santander Central Hispano SA.
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Undergraduates to represent SIUC at research conference

Chris Klarer
DAILY EGYPTIAN

After a few bumps in the road, the SIUC undergraduates have received enough university money to cover the travel costs to represent SIUC at a national conference. Scientists, scholars, department of speech communications chair Nathan Stucky said Thursday.

Speech communication students Lauren Lamb and Nichole Nicholson said earlier this week they were worried they would not receive enough travel costs to represent the university.

Lamb, a junior from Seneca studying speech communication, said, "I am so encouraged that we are getting support from so many folks and departments in the university."

Lamb said the money came from a variety of sources, including the speech communication department, the College of Liberal Arts and an anonymous SIUC alum, among others.

Stucky said the funding received is encouraging.

"Sometimes (the university) can pick up a little bit more of the tab, and sometimes it's out of pocket a little bit, but that's standard," he said. "I think we'll be pretty close to the ideal by the end of it.

In addition to the money gained during the week, some funding has also been lost, Lamb said.

Kathleen Plesko, director of Disability Support Services, with − $300 in funding for the trip because of the "misrepresentation" in a report by the Daily Egyptian. In which Lamb pleaded for funding, according to an e-mail Plesko wrote to Lamb on Tuesday.

"I was willing to try to help, but the article was a disservice to this academic community," Plesko wrote. When contacted Thursday, Plesko said she would not comment on the matter further because it was against her professional code of ethics to discuss specific individuals and matters. Stucky said he did not personally find anything offensive in Lamb or Nicholson's statements in the report.

"I didn't interpret the comments from Lauren and Nichole as con- demnation of the university, but just as calling awareness to the issues," he said. "Some people read stuff and take it one way and other people read it another way."
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The DAILY EGYPTIAN, the student-run newspaper of Southern Illinois University, is more than a party school. Relay proves SIUC

RELAY PROVIDES SIUC

DEAR EDITOR:
In 2004, Student Judicial Affairs prosecuted former student Marc Torney for a slew of charges in connection with a die-in protest against the Iraq War. The charges sparked debate about campus free speech policies.

Alex Atala – Daily Egyptian

META COLUMNIST
Andrea Zimmermann
My favorite bumper sticker is on a car usually in the Communications Building parking lot. The quote, “Dissent is the highest form of patriotism,” is often connected to national politics, but it can apply to SIUC as well.

Just as patriotism should not be narrowly defined, speaking out about the university’s plans and actions should be encouraged throughout the system. Ideas and opinions should never be squelched in the name of cooperation.

We should all have the same goal — to make SIUC live up to its full potential. To some degree, that takes cooperation. However, teamwork does not always mean agreeing just so we can move forward.

Academia should be an open market of ideas, but in my past four years, I’ve watched as more and more dissenters are bullied into silence. This disheartening trend could lead to SIUC’s ultimate ruin. We need opposing voices at the table, because out of that diversity, the best ideas are born.

However, I have seen flashes of constructive dissent during my four years here.

In 2004, Student Judicial Affairs prosecuted former student Marc Torney for a slew of charges in connection with a die-in protest against the Iraq War. The charges sparked debate about campus free speech, politics and a brokers judicial affairs system. While a typical SJA hearing consists of a handful of people in a small room, Torney’s had to be held in the SIU Arena because 100 protesters, a representative from our congressmen and Illinois’ future Green Party gubernatorial candidate all flocked to the student’s defense. In the end, he was cleared of all charges, and SIUC’s free speech policies changed.

In fall 2006, SJA kicked nine freshmen off campus after a student was beaten. Slowly, most of the students’ charges were overturned and they were allowed to come back to school. Outrage and stories of similar experiences emerged quickly. A grassroots group was started to address the SJA issues and the Undergraduate Student Government helped negotiate with the administration to take another look at the conduct code.

We haven’t seen a true resolution yet that will protect future students from the clause about interim separation, and this issue is dangerously close to succumbing to SIUC’s waiting game.

Some university administrators and professors like to entertain themselves with this pastime, and it is easy to do with students because of our television-induced short attention spans. We get angry, and we organize. Then we get shut down, discouraged, and distracted, and we forget.

Need some examples?

How about the 30-year struggle to establish a major for Black American Studies? What happened to the committees charged to fix our student government systems? Which drawer or trashcan did the university throw the report and recommendations ordered on the gay community after our former chancellor made inflammatory remarks about same-sex unions? What ever happened to the university’s apology for police confiscating a student’s film or the report from the Inspector General that SIUC apparently received earlier this semester?

These are just a few. Students are at fault as much as anyone else. Most of us see our tenure at the university as temporary vacations during which we scoop up our diplomas and move on.

As students, we are important members of this university. Without us, there would be no sweet state jobs for all of those professors, administrators and staff. If they don’t want you to sit at the table, make them do it anyway. Remember the squeakiest wheel gets the grease.

The worst thing that can happen to SIUC is that we would allow this cycle to continue. Our university is in its current state because as a community, we let the trustees, the president, the chancellor, administrators, professors or fellow students go unchecked.

A caveat to all of this is to keep priorities and agendas straight. Do not resort to name-calling or faceless “groups” of people who attack a chancellor or a dean. Stand up for your convictions and don’t be afraid about going public. Too often it seems these dissenters would rather burn down the institution than help it.

I say all of this not to smear the university or disillusions anyone from wanting to be involved. SIUC was my first-choice university and although I graduate next week, I will always be a proud Saluki.

Now it’s your turn to help make it even better.

Zimmermann is a senior from Alton studying journalism.

The Intramural Sports Department wants to congratulate Stiff for receiving All-American honors at Nationals this year. Stiff is the first Intramural Sports official to receive national honors and was voted as one of the top officials among all Intramural basketball officials nationwide by an official committee made up of several Division I Collegiate Basketball officials.

Again, congratulations to Deveon Stiff.

Charles E Ferguson Jr.s
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Intramural official named All-American

DEAR EDITOR:
Just recently, Intramural Sports sent an official named Deveon Stiff to the American Collegiate Intramural Sports National Basketball Tournament at Chapel Hill, N.C.

Stiff received an automatic bid to nationals after receiving Illinois state basketball official honors at the Nike sponsored Intramural State Basketball Tournament in February.

Although it is a type of fun, it is much more than that. It is serious business. People are really involved and get very excited about it.

Remember to always help your fellow students and do what is right for you.

Charles E Ferguson Jr.
Intramural Sports

It’s just sad because she is just an amazing talent. There’s going to be a lot of disappointed people, unfortunately.

Lori Stantler
Director of the Student Center
Transition for senior class

The Counseling Center CAMPUS COLUMNS

In a very short time, the stress of final exams will be a distant memory and most SIU students will be embarking on their plans for the summer. For our seniors, however, this end-of-the-year experience will be marked by a significant event: Graduation! The way each graduating senior experiences this significant event is unique and individual. Some may say they can't wait to graduate, whereas others say they are sad and anxious to leave campus and disconnect from SIU. Graduation is the way each graduating senior experiences this significant event.

Trust in one's own ability to make decisions and to know what is right path to take for the future is challenging for everyone, especially college seniors. Somewhere along the way, college students have gotten the idea that graduation marks a magical dividing line between the carefree life of a student and the stark realities of adulthood. Actually, the divide is much more subtle, and as with most other growth and change, this too is a gradual process.

For graduating seniors, one way to manage your anxiety during this unique time is to be aware of your reactions to stress. This includes your physical, emotional, and behavioral reactions to events. We know that in times of major change, we can be more emotional, more motivated and easily distracted. Acknowledging that this is a tough time can be all you need to keep some of what you are feeling in perspective. It can also be helpful to talk about what you have dealt with and the significant life changes in the past. Try to remember what you worked for you as well as what you didn't help.

Try and give yourself a break and don't expect yourself to figure out all the answers to your future. Remember that the rest of the class of '07 doesn't have them either!

It is also important to say goodbye to certain people, places and things that have played a significant role in your life over your past four (or more) years. Bringing closure to your college experience will help you better accept changes and boost your confidence in your ability to make sound decisions. Many graduates find that participating in senior events and graduation celebrations provide a sense of completion and pride in your accomplishments. Remember that change, even positive change, can be stressful. It is important to take care of yourself during this time.

Make sure to eat well, get sleep and to exercise. Spend quality time with family, and remain optimistic about what lies ahead. The transition from college to college to the next step in your journey can be an exciting one.

Taking care of yourself, making healthy choices and being mindful of your feelings can make it even more enjoyable. It's not too late to talk to a counselor who can help you during this challenging time.

The Counseling Center is located in the Student Health Center.

Letters to the Editor

Advance passes would have worked for lecture

DEAR EDITOR:

To begin, I would like to thank the Student Programming Council for bringing Maya Angelou to SIU. It is not very often that we get to hear speakers of such renown on campus. To have your voice was especially exciting, and a needed distraction as we all prepare for finals, end-of-year reviews or graduation. I did not actually get to see her, however. Instead, I spent an hour waiting in a space, only to be told that I would have to watch Ms. Angelou via a live video feed in a auditorium far from others who was actually appearing. Some might have thought this better than nothing, but for me, this entirely deflated the point zeroing and hearing her speak.

My first instinct was to wonder if those tasked with planning the event had made a poor decision in using the Student Center ballroom, rather than the SIU Arena. But this is a matter of hindsight. I for one was surprised by the turnout, and I think the event planners were as well. The real failure was in the decision not to control the number of spectators through ticketing. If they had required individuals to obtain an advance pass, without fear of charge or cost, they could have been able to regulate the crowds and avoid having to turn away scores of disappointed people without seat reservations, they left themselves open to disaster.

They were unable to anticipate the turnout, and quickly discovered that the venue they had chosen was wholly inadequate. Consequently, many were denied an opportunity, which, considering the age of Ms. Angelou, might well prove to be once in a lifetime. Future event organizers should take this as a lesson and plan accordingly.

Brian Rose

graduate student in music

communication and media arts

Poor preparation for Angelou

DEAR EDITOR:

On Wednesday, many students were turned away from Maya Angelou's public talk. Students who were turned away showed up early and spent long hours waiting in line to get in. They lost 1,500 people in to the public talk, but I wonder how many were actually students at SIU? To me, I believe the students should have had access first since the $40,000 paid to Maya Angelou comes out of student fees.

SIU really should have considered the fact that Maya Angelou would draw a huge crowd. I know she caused an eight-hour wait in the Arena. SIU asked Maya Angelou to speak in the Arena and she declined the offer.

But they really should have found a better way for the amount of people who wanted to come see Maya Angelou talk. Maybe a live feed outside the ballroom for people who didn't get in would have left a lot less people unhappy and disappointed. Many students had found out about this public talk weeks and even a few months in advance.

Students, like myself, had been planning to go to the event, and since they found out because they are admirers of Ms. Angelou. Some students, unlike me, came to write a paper on her speech. SIU had very poor planning for this event in my opinion.

Erik Kressner

freshman studying advertising

Maya Angelou is indeed a phenomenal woman, but I don't think she is immortal. I was quite disappointed to be turned away, but I have seen and heard Dr. Angelou twice. I was more than happy to see the number of young people denied what was perhaps their once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see and hear that phenomenal woman in person.

Gaye Auxier

Murphysboro resident

Violence doesn't discriminate

DEAR EDITOR:

It is disappointing that the USG decided to reject the proposal to disband the transit service. By supporting that service, USG is sending the message that men are solely responsible for violent crime and that women are incapable of protecting themselves without special considerations. I'm disappointed with the USG and other student-supporters of the transit service who would recommend for the men who have been mugged, beaten, stabbed and shot on our own campus.

USG's vote says that men have failed at being men because they didn't act like they should have. If this is really an issue about personal responsibility, then the responsibility should be available to anyone who feels unsafe, even if most men would refuse because of the social stigma. Otherwise, and anyone who supports the women-only transit service should have the courage of their convictions to say explicitly that men are the sole source of violent crime and that diskrimination is undervaluing of special consideration for their safety and must continue to fund this service in repairment for their genders' history of brutality and violence.

One can accept the truth that violence doesn't discriminate by gender and that a general solution to the specific safety issues is needed for everyone's benefit.

Adam J. Mikojaczek

senior studying plant biology

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A farewell to Carbondale

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I will be graduating in eight days.

When I was approached about doing a column on entertain-
ment, I admit that I was a little apprehensive. While I do have
strong opinions about everything in the world, I was concerned that
I wouldn't have enough things to talk about.

But I was wrong. There are so many other topics that I wished I
could have spoken on but didn't get a chance to. I also really didn't know
how people would respond to my different take on popular stories in
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However, to my surprise, people seem to love it. I can be in the
most random places and someone will come talk to me. That is the
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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 - Only involve the people who can help fix what’s broken. There’s no need to alarm the people who just get in the way.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - Count your money now, and you’ll discover an added bonus. There should be enough to get a special treat. The more you find, the bigger the treat.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - Your best move now is to get someone else to take over the tricky parts. A person with different expertise finds your “impossible” task easy.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - Keep cranking, you’re doing fine, making the most of what you have. Clean up the mess, finish on time and collect your reward.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - Continue to be cautious, in public anyway. In private, you can say what you want, but do watch out for reporters.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - Conditions are good for cleaning house. Get rid of all the gunk, no matter where it lurks. You’ll feel so refreshed when you’re done.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - This is one of those days when everything that can go wrong will. It’s one mess after another. Hang in there, all ends well.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 9 - There’s lots of money coming in now, but be careful what you do with it. Don’t gamble. Take your winnings and gracefully walk away.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - You’re doing a lot of work and not making very much money. You’re gaining confidence and status, through that ought to count for something.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 5 - Don’t let somebody else’s emergency become your problem. If it’s your business, be extra careful to get your contract in writing. Get the money up front, too.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - Count your winnings carefully, to avoid being cheated. Some of this money will be yours to spend, but some of it goes to others.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - Your big break could be happening, or be just around the corner. Don’t be afraid; be confident, cheerful and creative. Knock `em dead.

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By Michael Mepham

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Derby dream turned into nightmare

Beth Harris
The Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) - The Kentucky Derby began with 20 horses stampeding three-eighths of a mile, but quickly wore thin. It was the first turn. No matter how crazy Saturday’s race starts, there’s little chance the finish will be as wild as it was 50 years ago.

“I don’t think there was ever that good a race,” 94-year-old trainer John Nerud recalled Thursday. “I’ve never seen that in my lifetime.”

The 1957 Kentucky Derby is remembered as horse racing’s version of baseball’s “Shot Heard ‘Round the World,” the drama triggered by the late Bill Shoemaker, considered the sport’s greatest jockey. He was aboard Gallant Man and gaining on the two horses dueling down the stretch.

Upstairs in a clubhouse box, Nerud slapped owner Ralph Lowe on the back and said, “Go down to the winner’s circle and get your roses and take them back to Texas.”

Then, something incredible happened.

As the horses passed the sixteenth pole, Gallant Man jumped. Shoemaker barely stood up in the irons on Gallant Man, misjudging the finish line. It happened so quickly hardly anyone noticed at first. In a flash, Shoemaker bounced back into the saddle and began riding hard again. But Gallant Man couldn’t overtake the Bill Hartack and Iron Liege who won by a nose.

“I never figured out why he pulled up. He was one of the greatest riders ever,” Nerud said from his home in Long Island, N.Y. “I didn’t know what happened at the time until it was over.”

Come Saturday, he’ll be watching the 133rd Derby and cheering on Street Sense, trained by 65-year-old Carl Nafzger.

“Carl is one of my protégés,” Nerud said. “Everyone of them is my friend, but Carl, I kind of put him on the right track. I gave him some horses that could run about 25 years ago.”

Nafzger won the 1990 Derby with Audible and credits Nerud for much of his success. Besides sending him good horses, Nafzger said Nerud gave him the confidence to stick to his own training theories and helped even more by keeping demanding owners off his back.

“He taught me so much,” Nafzger said. “You can never fail, you can only learn. That’s the way it was.”

Street Sense is the early 4-1 second choice in a field filled with 3-year-olds entered for Saturday’s race. Curlin, the 7-2 favorite, is unbeaten in three starts, but with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms forecast, things could get interesting. Street Sense finished third in his only race on a sloppy track; Curlin has never raced in that condition.

The Churchill Downs track was hard Friday on May 4, 1957. The night before, Lowe told Shoemaker that he dreamed a jockey on one of his horses misjudged the finish line and lost the race.

“Not me,” Shoemaker replied. “Not me.”

The very next day, race day, he did just that.

“I knew,” Shoemaker would write in his 1988 biography, “I had made a big booboo.”

In that year’s pre-Derby Wood Memorial race, Choquetto rode Gallant Man and lost by a nose to Bold Ruler and Eddie Arcaro. Shoemaker was in that race, too, but his horse hit the gate and was injured leaving him without a Derby mount.

“Rosenblatt’s an amazing stadium, so you know the whole team will be pretty pumped up for it, and I’ve been looking forward to playing at Creighton at Rosenblatt,” Callahan said. Adams added it psyches him up for the road.

“I’ve never seen that in my lifetime.”

The Illinois game is very indicative of Missouri State in state history.

“We continue to hope that we can give the Illini run for their money,” Adams said. “We walk a guy and then we bean the guy, and that’s what we’ve been inconsistent, trying to get from our road because, you know, the other team has all their fans there and they’re all against you,” Adams said. “And it kind of pumps me up because they’ll say something to you and they’re all on you throughout the whole entire game.”

So, for Jordon and Powell, Sunday’s probable starter for SIU, while Adams (10-2) figured to take the mound at 12:30 p.m. in Rosenblatt Stadium.

“I’m pretty confident coming into this weekend,” Adams said.

Baseball

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George, a freshman, picked up a save in 4.2 innings, but the Saluki offense ultimately allowed five earned runs in an inning and four runs in the third.

“The Illini game is a very indicative of what happens if you don’t get a quality start,” Callahan said. “The Illini just run in the second inning, winning 4-2, he pulled up in the ninth inning and we go right back out on the top of the third and we walk a guy and then we barrel them out.”
The Saluki women’s basketball team didn’t take long to replace former associate head coach Jody Adams, who left to take the Murray State head coaching position in April.

The Salukis recently announced Megan Lanham as the new associate head coach Thursday, and she will take over full time June 1. Lanham spent eight seasons as an assistant coach at Indiana State as the recruiting coordinator.

Lanham said it was time to step out of her comfort zone in Terra Haute, Ind., and learn how to run a different type of program.

“I thought SIU would be a good fit because when Dana (Eikenberg) got the job at Southern, I knew she’d turn it around, and watching her work ethic, I really wanted to be a part of that,” she said. “The commitment the athletic department has is very appealing, and during the interviewing process, I clicked with the entire coaching staff.”

As associate head coach at Indiana State during the 2006-07 season, Lanham helped the Sycamores to a 19-11 season which ended in a loss to Creighton in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament quarterfinals in Des Moines, Iowa. Indiana State won the MVC regular season title in the 2005-06 season while achieving a school record 27 victories.

Saluki coach Dana Eikenberg said Lanham will kick-start the recruiting process.

“We feel recruiting is at an important stage and she’ll help there immediately and she’ll also help us out on the court, specifically the offensive end,” Eikenberg said. “Megan came in after I left Indiana State and she’s someone I observed on the road as very detail oriented and organized and she’s someone I have a lot of respect for.”

In addition to her on the court accolades, Lanham’s resume off the court is impressive as well. The Sycamores’ 3.61 GPA ranked second nationally at the end of the 2005-06 season. Since 2001, they have had a top-three GPA nationally each season. Adams of Murray State was named MVC Scholar-Athlete of the Year for the 2006-07 season.

The Salukis moved quickly to replace Adams, who took the Murray State job April 17. Adams handled the recruiting program at SIU and a quick move means the Salukis will have someone in place when recruiting opens up in July.

Eikenberg said she is realistic enough to see why Adams was in demand as a head coach.

“She has the pedigree because she went to Tennessee and won a national championship under (Pat) Summit, who I would consider the greatest coach in the country,” he said. “Obviously, the quick amount of time it took to resurrect this program certainly moved Jody up the line at Murray State.”

MATT HARTWIG

Daly Egyptian

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WINNING 1-0 Shockers swept Kansas in a doubleheader Wednesday, winning 1-0 and 6-4. Wichita State ranks second in the MVC in runs with 257, hits with 423 and doubles with 68. The Shockers are also patient at the plate with 149 walks, tops in the MVC. Shockers with their MVC-lead- ing pitching staff. Senior pitchers Cassidy Scooggins and Ashley Hamby have a combined ERA of 1.72 and 337 strikeouts, which should exploit a Shocker offense that has the most strikeouts in the MVC with 330.

**SIU takes final shot for first**

Salukis hosts Shockers to cap regular season

Jeff Engelhardt

The SIU softball team has a chance to win the Missouri Valley Conference regular season championship Saturday.

The No. 21 Salukis will host Wichita State in a three-game series beginning at noon. The series marks the final conference games for both teams this season.

The Salukis, if victorious, would need Bradley to win two out of three games against Creighton this weekend to drop the Bluejays from first. SIU coach Kerri Blaylock said the Salukis cannot worry about themselves, so we are going to work hard on trying to do that.

The Salukis (37-11, 16-5) could also fall out of second place if they lose two of three to Wichita State and if Illinois State sweeps Missouri State. Second place is a coveted position, since the top two seeds receive a bye in the first two rounds of the MVC tournament. Wichita State (34-26, 16-9) should give the Salukis all they can handle, coming into the series as the hottest team in the MVC, winning 16 of its last 18 games. The Shockers swept Kansas in a doubleheader Wednesday, winning 1-0 and 6-4.

The Salukis will combat the Shockers with their own MVC-leading pitching staff. Senior pitchers Shawn Joy and Cody Adams came through with quality starts in the first two games, each striking out eight batters. Against a team playing this well, Saluki coach Dan Callahan said SIU will have to limit its mistakes. “When I say limit mistakes, I’m talking about all phases of the game,” Callahan said. “I’m talking about limiting our base-on-balls when we’re on the mound; I’m talking about limiting our errors on defense.”

Creighton (30-11, 12-3) boasts the top fielding percentage in the Missouri Valley Conference, converting 97.9 percent of its chances. On the other hand, SIU has committed the most errors in the MVC with 80.

The Bluejays’ winning streak began with a 3-1 win at Kansas State on April 11. Their last loss was April 8 at No. 10 Wichita State.

**Salukis look to ground soaring Bluejays**

Scott Mieszala

Limiting mistakes may be the only way for anybody to beat the Bluejays right now. SIU heads to Creighton, the winner of 11 games in a row, for a three-game set against the Bluejays, beginning at 7:30 tonight.

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Creighton, combining for 3.2 innings pitched, two hits, a walk and two strikeouts in the two appearances.}

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