Senior tight end Ryan Kerns, right, throws a block during practice Tuesday. The SIU football team will kick off its 2009 campaign against Marshall at 3:30 p.m. Saturday in Huntington, W. Va. It will be the Salukis first game since losing to New Hampshire 29-20 in the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs Nov. 29, 2008. The Salukis finished the season 9-3 and as co-Missouri Valley Football Conference Champions with Northern Iowa. Marshall, a member of the Football Bowl Subdivision, went 4-8 last season in Conference USA. The Salukis hope to keep their streak of success against FBS schools going as they have won two of their last three games against teams from the Bowl Subdivision. For more on the Salukis’ season opener, see page 12.

**New program offers support group for students**

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With the launch of Saluki Cares, a new outreach effort, administrators are striving to ensure all students feel connected to the school both in and out of the classroom.

Katharine Sermersheim, chair of Saluki Cares, said the outreach program has already helped students.

“I want to make sure that everyone receives recognition and each situation is addressed,” Sermersheim said. “Also, it is important for the community to know that Salukis care about each other.”

The program, which began Aug. 20, provides confidential guidance to students, faculty and community members, Sermersheim said. She said Saluki Cares could deal with a range of problems, such as homesickness, death of a family member or friend and academic stress. As Student Development director, Sermersheim said she frequently tries to create new programs to further assist students in all aspects of university life.

“Dena of Student Affairs Peter Gittas and I were talking about how to make sure that all students know they are cared about at SIU,” Sermersheim said. “We felt that the best way to do this was by giving them just one contact to make in order to receive the help that they need. It is a lot easier than searching all over campus for the right resources.”

Gittas said Saluki Cares, which operates largely on a referral basis, provides opportunities for students to be actively involved on campus and prevent feelings of isolation and homesickness.

Sermersheim said the program, which has received approximately 25 referrals as of Monday, is a success.

Lora Dohn, a sophomore from Rolling Meadows studying computer engineering, said she would take advantage of the program if needed.

“If there ever was a situation where I had a problem or noticed an issue, I would definitely use Saluki Cares,” Dohn said.

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**Award-winning comedian comes to Shryock**

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Paula Poundstone said she is ready to feel the energy.

Poundstone, a comedian known for her work on Comedy Central and National Public Radio’s “Wait, Wait, Don’t Tell Me,” who will perform at 8 p.m. today at Shryock Auditorium, said she looks forward to filling the venue with the sound of laughter.

“There’s a magic, I think, that just takes place in a room full of people who come out to laugh for the night,” Poundstone said. “I love being in that energy—I love being able to make people laugh. It’s a great place to be.”

The Huntsville, Ala., native said she much prefers the humidity of southern Illinois to the dryer heat of regions like Austin.

“I don’t have to be (in Arizona) for more than a second before for my hair turns into some strange broomstick material,” the 1989 American Comedy Award winner joked. “You guys at least have some moisture in the air.”

Poundstone’s visit to southern Illinois is a couple of firsts, said Herb Voss, marketing director for SIU Events Services. Her two shows in the area, including her performance Thursday at the Marion Cultural and Civic Center, are the first of Southern Lights Entertainment’s second year, Voss said.

The performance in Marion marked the first time the SIUC-based group has presented a performer off-campus, Voss said.

The two-time CableACE award winner also has a popular local following on “Wait, Wait, Don’t Tell Me,” a syndicated weekly news–quiz show on NPR broadcasted from the Carbondale-based WSIU radio station, Voss said.

“Southern Illinois is a challenging place to bring entertainment into because there’s such a diverse population, from the student body to the faculty and surrounding counties,” Voss said, adding that one of the main reasons Poundstone was asked to perform was that she attracts people from each of those audiences.

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**H1N1 virus reported at SIUC**

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Swine flu has officially hit the university.

Ted Grace, director of the Student Health Centre, said the university’s first case of swine flu was reported Thurs- day morning. The affected student, a 20-year-old sophomore, tested positive for type A influenza and has been advised to self-isolate in his house, he said. Grace said the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Jackson County Health Department have both stated that because it is too early for the seasonal flu, any positive test for type A should be treated as part of the swine flu.

“We feel like we’ve probably had H1N1 in the area, it doesn’t make sense that it’s all around us and we would be protected,” Grace said. “So, it’s not surprising that we have cases.”

Grace said the Health Center is continu- ing to stress preventative measures for students such as covering mouths when coughing, washing hands frequently and cleaning communal areas.

“We’re not at any more of a threat this week than we were last week, this remains a mild infection,” Grace said.

“This is more just kind of an alert to the community that yes it’s here, but we have things under control.”

The affected student has been advised to stay in isolation until at least 24 hours after his fever disappears without use of medicine, Grace said.

Grace said the seasonal flu vaccines are available now, but the H1N1 vaccines will not be available until late October or November.

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**Salukis set for season**

Today:  
High 10, Low 59

Saturday:  
High 76, Low 61

Sunday:  
High 73, Low 61

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Sermersheim said the program was received well by the students from the start.
“We received our first referral that day,” she said. “Parents and students have contacted us about issues such as homesickness or extended illness. They have told us that they are very grateful for the services they have received, especially since we touch base with them days later to answer any additional questions.”
Dohm said Saluki Care could be beneficial to new students who might not have a support group.
“It is great, especially for anyone who is new to the university,” she said. “It helps them transition, and everyone can know that their problems won’t go unnoticed.”
Faith Miller, Saluki Care team member, said the program has already solved some critical issues for students.
“A student was injured over the summer in an accident,” she said. “That person can’t walk distances now. Our program booked her up with a transit service so she can get around campus.”
Sermersheim said she sees merit in the program because she can relate to some of the unsettled emotions students experience.
“When I attended college, the adjustment period was very difficult,” Sermersheim said. “I wished there was someone to help me at that time, so I want to be there for these students.”
Sermersheim said she still needs students to give the staff adequate time to process each request.
“It may take awhile, but we will get to you and help,” she said.

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Poundstone’s arrival is also welcomed by SIUC’s Morris Library, which will receive 100 percent of the proceeds from her post-show book sale, according to a university press release.
Poundstone is the 2009 national spokesperson for the Association of Library Trustees, Advocates, Friends and Foundations and often partners with local libraries in the communities where she performs, said Kristine McGuire, spokesperson for the Friends of Morris Library.
“We agreed to help promote (her show) a little bit and she reciprocated by helping us with some fundraising,” McGuire said.
Poundstone has been a book-on-tape fan since she was a child and loves “sucking up” to library staffs, she said.
“Libraries are where all the information is,” she said. “And I love knowing the people who work there, because they’re in charge of all of it. All they need is a really good bottle of Wine-Out and they can really screw us up.”
The silver lining of a hectic travel life comes out at book and CD sales after performances, Poundstone said.
“During that time people come up and talk to me I have a real sense of the people who come to my shows,” she said. “Which is not what I expected as a result of doing that extra little job, but it is certainly a good part.”
Former president’s programs still used at SIUC

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Some students may not recognize the name of Morris Lurie’s auditorium, but without John C. Guyon, the university would be without many of its popular programs and services.

Benjamin Shepherd, former vice president for Academic Affairs, said former SIU President Guyon, who served for nearly 10 years, was not only committed to the university, but to every person involved with it.

“He was everyone-oriented,” Shepherd said. “Every living soul had value with John Guyon when he was president. Old, young, minority, majority, male, female, you, you name it … everyone had value with him.”

SIU President Glenn Poshard said he first met Guyon at his Carbondale office when Poshard was in the Illinois senate.

“He was just such a gentleman,” Poshard said. “I was struck by his sense of courtesy and kindness and that’s the way I’ve found John to be my whole life.”

Shepherd said some of Guyon’s accomplishments at SIUC were the development of a university core curriculum, the start of the Saluki Express, the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute and the building of Life Science III and the Diane Richey Economic Development Center. Guyon also began the University Wisconsin Professional Advancement and Black Alumni groups, Shepherd said.

“He had an open-door policy, basically with everyone, but in particular with students,” Shepherd said.

Major Bred Cole said he was a student during Guyon’s term as president, more than three years of which Cole spent as president of Undergraduate Student Government. Cole said Guyon promoted and empowered students to make decisions in ways others before him had not.

“He treated students with respect,” Cole said. “He had an open-door policy; anytime I needed something, I could access him.”

Cole said SIUC had the highest enrollment ever under Guyon and also opened the first international campus in Japan, before any other university in the U.S.

“It was, I think, the best days of SIU as an institution,” Cole said.

Guyon served as SIUC president from 1987 to 1996, a time when the title of president was given to what is now known as chancellor. Administrative restructuring later switched the two titles.

Guyon still lives in the Carbondale community and occasionally attends university events. Larry Dietz, vice chancellor of Student Affairs, said Guyon, who he met about nine years ago, continues to support the university he was so dedicated to enhancing.

“He gave this institution a decade of his life,” Dietz said. “He’s not a man of many words … but there’s always a twinkle in his eye.”
Students dance through history

Genna Ord
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Editor’s Note: The following is the first story in a weekly series from campus reporter Genna Ord, spotlighting one of SIU’s registered student organizations. The series will run Friday each week.

Members of the Middle Eastern Dance Enthusiasts learn a lot more than just how to move their hips.

Ted Thomas, an advisor for the performance-based registered student organization, said MEDE began in the early 1990s as an extension of dance classes taught at the Recreation Center. Individuals in the class wanted another outlet to explore the discipline, looking into the culture of the dance as much as the movement itself, she said.

Rose Bloise, a third-year doctoral student from Austin in plant biology and the president of MEDE, said the dance has deep ties to Middle Eastern culture and history.

“Part of learning the dance is learning the culture, because this is a dance that belongs to a non-American culture,” she said. “In order to do it justice, you need to know a little bit of the history behind it.”

Thomas said what Americans think of as “belly dancing” is actually a range of different styles referred to as Eastern, or “oriental,” dance. Sub-styles include Turkish, Lebanese, Egyptian and several other forms, she said.

Thomas, who began learning the discipline at a studio in 1993, said many people who come to the RSO don’t have a clear idea of what the dance entails.

“They think of belly dancing as being this little fru-fru thing,” she said.

But she said the dance is much more and leads to an understanding of a rich and historic culture.

Bloise, who teaches a beginner class in the discipline at Great Shapes for Women, said she shares as much cultural information as she can with her students.

Interest in the cultural background may be a big part of the discipline, but it is not what first draws many people to the RSO.

April McCready, a freshman from Murray, Ky., studying architecture, said she became interested in the RSO because it brought her a little closer to home.

While she said she is interested in the culture, what drew her to MEDE is the show “Shimmie” from FitTV, which she used to watch with her mother. McCready said she also thought MEDE would be a good opportunity to get out of her dorm and meet other people.

Bloise, who has been involved in MEDE for six years, said the organization is open to all community members. Male dancers are also welcome, though she said there has only been one such participant in the club so far.

Though MEDE performs at least once a semester and helps out with activities such as the International Fair in the spring, Bloise said participants do not have to perform if they do not feel comfortable onstage. Some people come because they are simply interested in learning to dance better, she said.

Bloise said the dance stands out from styles such as ballet and tap because of the connection with the audience. She said Middle Eastern dance is a very personal style, where life experiences give the performers more to share with the audience.

“Our entire goal is to express how we feel about the music and share it with the audience,” she said.

Sedonia Sipes does a warmup routine during her Middle Eastern Dance Enthusiast class Wednesday at the Student Center. The registered student organization started in the 1990s and teaches students Middle Eastern dance forms and cultures.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“While my body was asleep, I think my soul rode on a triangular-shaped UFO and went to Venus.”

— Miquel Hatlemyr, wife of Sakae Hatlemyr, Japan’s Prime Minister—about, in advance of publication last year, her alien abduction.

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WHAT THE HEALTH IS GOING ON

Stressed out solutions

Confidential help for anxiety is available at the Wellness Center with its stress management program, 536-4441, and at the Counseling Centre, 453-5371. Both are located in the Student Health Centre building.

You can also make an appointment with a physician for an evaluation, 536-2391.

Signs of general stress may include physical symptoms, such as tense muscles, increased heart rate, headaches, insomnia, fatigue, or mental/emotional symptoms such as feeling overwhelmed or irritable, over-reacting to situations or negative thoughts.

The stress management program offers relaxation training, information health materials and confidential sessions for managing stress.

Research has shown that students can concentrate better and perform more effectively academically by learning to manage stress.

These types of issues and concerns are treatable and do not mean you are abnormal. Just talking to someone who is trained to help can be a relief.

Certainly, there are many ways to reduce stress and anxiety on your own. These may be exercise, whether it is just walking, working out at the Recreation Centre, stretching, doing yoga, dancing or other physical activity.

Methods that are more soothing might be taking a hot bath or shower, listening to music, reading self-help materials, talking to a friend, playing with a pet, praying, or just being out in nature.

Meditation and mindfulness are practices that are currently popular and worth cultivating for more calm, peace and focus.

There are many ways to learn these practices, along with deep breathing, muscle relaxation and imagery or visualization.

The Student Health Centre’s Web site, http://www.shc.siu.edu, offers resources for stress management under the Wellness link, including a podcast of a relaxation exercise you can listen to or download.


Students who had dropped a class, or received lower grades reported that stress interfered more with academic progress than other health problems.

The Wellness Center sees hundreds of students each semester for confidential stress management consultations.

Students receive help with test anxiety, time management, or anything that is causing stress overload. Many students have been able to finish their semesters successfully with support from counseling, skills training or information provided. The Wellness Centre offers help with nutrition, alcohol/drugs/smoking, sexual health and violence prevention issues.

Elam is intern assistant director at the Wellness Center and coordinates stress management services.

What are the health issues you are facing? Please contact the Wellness Center at 536-4441 to set up an appointment today.

EDITORIAL CARTOON

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Howard Steely has built it — now he will find out if they come.

Steeley is promoting the first Free Fall Classic Music and Art Festival, which takes place from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday at Evergreen Park.

The festival will feature local music, live art, spoken word, stand-up comedy, children’s activities and battles with the Medieval Combat Society of Carbondale.

Steeley, who plays bass in local band Drunk Virago, said the idea came to him after being in the Carbondale music scene for a few years.

The different music scenes were not reaching the rest of the public, but the music warranted it, he said. “The music scene is doing well,” he said. “You would not know that when you are here, though.”

Jeffery Hill, who is also helping run the festival and is a member of local band Himalayas, said he hopes the event gives people the opportunity to hear bands that do not always get the most publicity.

According to the event’s press release, the bands performing include: Black Fortys, Himalayas, Nightly Night, Young Lovers, Glass Pyramid, Small Time London Thug, Gods on Safari, Gorilla Heritage, Drunk Virago and Magnificent Tapeworms.

Steeley said he wanted to showcase more than just local music for the community, so he used his contacts to bring in poets, comedians and other artists.

The afternoon-into-the-evening showcase was selected to give people who would not normally go to a house show or to the bars a chance to get familiar with some local artists, he said.

“I'm hoping they will see some stuff they don't normally get to see,” he said.

Beyond the festival, Steely said he hopes people will become more involved in the different art scenes around Carbondale after the event.

Hill said the festival is a great opportunity to show Carbondale the more modern and progressive music scenes that exist in the city.

He said a lot of people think larger cities are the place to go for great music, but Carbondale has its own share of fine bands.

“We got this cool little scene that is just as good as anywhere,” he said.

If the festival is a success, Steely said he would like to make it an annual or an every semester event.
Obama seems open on health—to liberals’ dismay

WASHINGTON — Even as liberals urge President Barack Obama to demand bold, far-reaching changes to the nation’s health care system, the White House signaled openness Thursday to compromises that might attract moderate congressional Democrats as well as some Republicans.

Obama believes in “fundamental principles” about overhauling health care, top presidential adviser David Axelrod said, but “he’s not dogmatic about how we get there.”

Axelrod’s comments did not definitively answer how hard Obama will push for the most ambitious parts of his proposal, including health insurance for virtually all Americans and a government-run plan to compete with private insurers. But his diplomatic tone was in keeping with the administration’s approach of refusing to flatter demand several parts that are dear to Democratic activists who helped elect him.

Those are the type of conciliatory hints that frustrate many liberals. They fear Obama will dilute the bold health care proposals he campaigned for, even though Democrats control the House, Senate and White House. One group, the Progressive Change Campaign Committee, sent a mass-distributed e-mail quoting a Texas man saying he is “dropping out of political activism” because of his disillusionment with Obama over health care.

Also, former President Bill Clinton told Esquire Magazine that Obama should forge ahead with his health care proposals. “I wouldn’t even worry about the Republicans,” Clinton said. Obama is doing the right thing, he said, “even though he’s jamming a lot of change down the system.”

But many Democrats wonder if Obama really will jam a robust plan past overwhelming GOP opposition and the reservations of many centrist congressional Democrats eyeing their next election. Those Democrats will listen carefully for clues when Obama addresses a joint session of Congress next Wednesday.

Axelrod’s cautious answers Thursday might offer little comfort to those seeking forceful signs from the administration.

Asked if Obama might accept a Republican senator’s idea for creating a public health insurance option only if private insurers prove unwilling or unable to meet certain affordable targets, Axelrod replied: “We need choice and competition within the pool that’s created.”

The plan has been floated by Republican Sen. Olympia Snowe of Maine. She often sees as the most likely GOP lawmaker to support a primarily Democratic-created health bill. She would have non-profit agencies offer health insurance only if private insurers could not cover 95 percent of the people in their regions with plans costing no more than about 15 percent of the person’s or household’s annual income.

Many Democrats want prompt creation of a government-run program to compete with private insurers, who stand to gain millions more customers if Congress mandates coverage of the nation’s uninsured. Obama has often said he favors such a “public option.” But he and his aides have repeatedly stopped short of saying he would sign no bill without it.
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Kwakula said she expects the team to be ready for the demands of a three-game tournament after winning the NIU Invitational. SIU will play two teams in the tournament. The Salukis play host Stonetown and defending Mid-East Athletic Conference champions Florida A&M Friday before squaring off against Stonetown a second time Saturday. While Stonetown started the season 0-3, Florida A&M won its eighth straight conference title last season and is favored to win the title again this season.

Freshman setter Rachael Brown said the Salukis approach every game the same way, regardless of their opponent's record.

"One of our main goals this year is to not focus on who is on the other side of the net," Brown said. "We just go out there and play Salukis volleyball and we'll be fine."

If the Salukis manage to make it out of the weekend unscathed, they will be on the path to their best start in program history — which they achieved last year with a record of 9-1.

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While Decker has found a home under center, the Salukis go into the season with a wide-open backfield. Junior running back Richard White returned to practice this week after a turf toe injury sidelined him last week. White and redshirt senior Deji Karim are expected to get the most touches out of the backfield.

Despite the experienced offense, it is SIU's defense that caught Snyder's attention.

Snyder said Marshall must find ways to stop the speed of the Saluki defense, which includes cornerstone Korey Lindsey and linebackers Brandon Jordan and Chauncey Munoz.

Jordan said the team is looking at Marshall as just another challenge.

"Any team that we're scheduled up against this season, we definitely have a chance at beating them," Jordan said. "We're just going to use this as a stepping stone, and I expect fully knock these guys off and keep it going smooth from there."

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Salukis look to steal Marshall’s thunder

SIU opens against FBS school for first time since 1989

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SIU head football coach Dale Lennon said he does not care where the Salukis open their season or who they are playing—they’re ready.

“I don’t mind being on the road—I don’t mind playing a (Football Bowl Subdivision) team,” Lennon said. “Our whole intention is to put our best game forward. We’re going down there with the intention that we have the ability to win.”

The Salukis will travel to Huntington, W.Va., Saturday to face the Marshall Thundering Herd of the FBS Conference USA. Kickoff is scheduled for 3:30 p.m.

Lennon said Marshall would be a great test to open the season.

“(There’s) a lot of football history there. Just the idea of playing Marshall in the first game is exciting,” Lennon said. “But we need to stay focused on the game and not let the hype catch up to us.”

If the Salukis can make history repeat itself, they could leave Marshall victorious.

SIU has won two of their last three games against FBS teams, with wins against Indiana and Northern Illinois. Marshall bounced back from its 48-35 loss at home in 2007 to Football Championship Subdivision’s New Hampshire by pounding Saluki conference foe Illinois State 35-10 last season. Marshall head coach Mark Snyder said he knows not to overlook the lower division teams.

“The disparity between us and them has almost completely disappeared now,” Snyder said. “You cannot look at these teams anymore and expect a victory.”

The Salukis are relying on their returning starters to continue last season’s success.

Junior quarterback Chris Dieter returns to build on his successful sophomore season. Dieter passed for 2,182 yards and 16 touchdowns as he led the Salukis to a 9-3 record. Lennon said Dieter would have more control of the offense this season because of his experience in the offensive scheme.

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Swimming

Teammates reunite as Salukis

Groome, Massengale swim at 2006 World Championships in Italy

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They met half a world away as teammates, but now they are together as athlete and coach.

Three years after competing as teammates in the 2006 World Championships in Naples, Italy, southern Illinois freshman swimmer Kirsten Groome and graduate assistant coach Brittany Massengale met again.

Groome and Massengale said they were completely new to the experience of open water swimming when they swam freestyle in a race that was about three miles long and took an hour to complete. Both of them qualified in national competition before they could get to the world stage.

Massengale came to SIU this year because swimming head coach Rick Walker was looking for another assistant coach.

“I felt like my heart was going to stop. That’s exactly what I am here for.”

Both Groome and Massengale finished in the top-10 for the U.S. in the 5K freestyle swim at Naples.

Walker coached that World Championship team and has been involved with open water swimming for 22 years.

Groome and Massengale said Walker was a perfect coach for the world championship team.

“Rick is the kind of person who is going to take care of you,” Massengale said. “If anything happens he steps up. I feel like being associated with him has made me a better person.”

Walker said the pair was great to coach, worked really hard and were excited about being given the chance to swim for their country.

“You would have to be insane to pass up an opportunity to go compete for your country,” Massengale said.

Volleyball

SIU prepares for second tournament

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The Salukis volleyball team is hoping to avoid deja vu.

After starting 4-0 for the second season in a row, the Salukis hope the fifth game does not end the perfection as it did in 2008 when they head to Deland, Fla., to compete in the Stetson Holiday Inn Invitational.

“Travel is always something that is tough,” head coach Brenda Winkelkem said. “It’s a straight flight, which is good. We’ll be watching film of the teams we will be playing and hoping to improve on some things that we thought needed some help on last weekend.”

While the Salukis swept the NIU Invitational, fatigue wore in against Stephen F. Austin University. Even though they won 3-2, the Salukis were pushed into overtime in two of the three sets.

Salukis look to improve on 4-0 record

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Football

Freshman setter Rachael Brown sets the ball in an Aug. 22 scrimmage. The Salukis will play Stetson University in Deland, Fla. today in the Stetson Holiday Inn Invitational. Brown could start in the tournament based on her performance in the NIU Invitational. Brown and her teammates, Jennifer Berwanger and Sydney Clark, earned all-tournament team honors at the invitational.

Freshman swimmer Kirsten Groome, former U.S. National Championship Team member, swims under the guidance of Brittany Massengale, the team’s new assistant coach. Massengale and Groome swim together on the National Team prior to coming to SIUC. SIU swimming and diving head coach Rick Walker said Massengale’s presence will inspire his team.

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