Dedicated historian, SIUC professor leaves rich legacy

John Y. Simon dies Tuesday after 44 years at university

Allison Petty
Daily Egyptian

John Y. Simon spent most of his life at SIUC.
Now after his death, Simon’s contributions to the university, its students and the academic world will live on, his colleagues say.
Simon, 75, died Tuesday morning after complications from multiple health problems. He was a history professor and executive director of the Ulysses S. Grant Association.

"John Simon was a giant of a man," said history professor Jonathan Brain, who had known Simon since 1995. "He was one of the great public intellectuals SIU had, and by that I mean he was popular with students on campus and audiences worldwide."
Simon spent the past 44 years at the university and edited "The Papers of Ulysses S. Grant," the 31st and final volume of which is nearing completion. He has written more than a hundred articles, essays and book chapters; written, co-written or edited nine books; and received numerous awards, including the lifetime achievement award from the Lincoln Forum, the Award of Merit from the Illinois State Historical Society, and the $20,000 Lincoln Prize from the Gilder Lehrman Foundation.

His contributions to the field are widely known and appreciated, said graduate assistant Sam Wheeler.

"You go to a Civil War conference now anywhere across the country, they ask you who you’re working with and you say John Simon — people always smile."

History professor John Simon poses for a portrait at the McClafferty Annex in January 2007. Simon was the executive director of the Ulysses S. Grant Association and worked to edit "The Papers of Ulysses S. Grant," published by Southern Illinois University Press.

Wheeler said he came to the university in 2003 specifically to work with Simon, whose career he had admired, and the two grew close during the past five years.

As Simon’s teaching assistant, Wheeler often sat with him on the quad after class. Simon, who had a great sense of humor, loved to talk to students during these times, Wheeler said.

"He loved the rhythm of talking to young people all day," Wheeler said.

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Murphysboro expansion not yet set

Jeff Engelhardt
Daily Egyptian

A proposal for the expansion of Murphysboro’s city limits will be under more review after Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole suggested that whatever boundary is agreed upon between the two cities be binding.

Murphysboro City Attorney Ed Helles suggested the city council further examine the proposal before making it official at the Murphysboro City Council meeting Tuesday to assure the expansion benefits both Murphysboro and Carbondale.

The proposal Murphysboro officials decided to hold included expanding south towards Grammar Road and north along the Big Muddy River towards Airport Road. Murphysboro Mayor Ron Williams said officials would discuss the expansion in a July 28 meeting.

Williams said this decision would be more important than previous decisions on boundary lines because Cole suggested it be a binding agreement.

The current boundary line of Country Club Road was established in 1981 in an agreement between Murphysboro and Carbondale, and Williams said he was unsure it expired in 2001. After the new Wal-Mart store in Murphysboro opened, Williams said Cole approached him about moving into a binding agreement.

“We don’t want to make a mistake as we do this, and we don’t want Carbondale to make a mistake,” Williams said.

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SIMON

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You know, he wasn't just talking about the Civil War. People were asking him what he thought about Paris Hilton,” Wheeler said. He has five pages to write before the completion of his doctoral dissertation on Abraham Lincoln’s poetry, and he had been excited to show the finished product to Simon.

In fact, Wheeler’s dissertation was one of the last topics the two discussed. “It’s weird, when you replay things in your head — at the time you don’t think they’re very meaningful, but you sort of walk away and they become really meaningful,” Wheeler said. “He told me a lot of stuff — that he’s not proud of me, you know? ... It was a cool thing to hear.”

Stephen Hansen, associate provost for research and dean of the graduate school at SIUE, said he knew Simon personally for 10 years and professional- ly for 30. Hansen, who taught with a course with Simon, remembered his friend as a person who made a rough con- tribution to the field and really cared about his students.

Simon made a presentation with Hansen on June 30, the day before he entered the hospital. But though he was obviously sick, Simon talked with his trademark enthusiasm, Hansen said. “It was clear that John was ill, but he nevertheless gave one of his typical- ly brilliant and funny lectures,” Hansen remembered. “It was just magnificent and masterful that he was doing this while he was so ill.”

Aaaren Laas, associate editor for the Dally S. Grant Association, said he was Simon’s student first and later his colleague. He remembered Simon as charmingly binding agreement. Williams said he suggested the committee put the proposal on the table so they can be clear on what they want to accomplish. “I don’t know what is going to happen in committee and what they will decide,” Heller said. “But some things need to be looked at closely.”

The Murphyboro editors declined Carbondale’s City Council pro- posal to renew the boundary of the Country Club Road as the binding agreement.

Williams said he hoped other communities would also negotiate with the City Council to avoid this kind of agreement.

“Many said they were under the impression that the City Council was a bargaining entity,” Williams said. “But we didn’t agree with it and now we’re trying to work something that helps both communities.”

Wheeler plans to graduate in December and pursue a career in teaching, just like his mentor. He said he hopes to emulate Simon’s longevity, energy and passion for teaching.

“That enthusiasm — that never left him,” Wheeler said. “Fifty years from now, if I could still maintain that enthusiasm for my subject, I’d think I had it made, you know?”

MURPHYBORO

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Council boosts Women’s Center construction

Tax-free bond helps not-for-profit expand

Sean McGahan  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Carbondale’s safe haven for sexual assault victims has come a long way from using daffodil sales as its primary revenue source.

The Women’s Center, which began in 1972 as a group of women hoping to provide a small shelter out of a rented house, is one step closer to completing construction on its new facilities after the Carbondale City Council approved a $745,000 bond for it Tuesday. The tax-exempt loan will help offset costs from the group’s $1.6 million capital renovation. The center has grown over the years from a grassroots group that provided services from sales of flowers and baked goods to a full-fledged regional service that helps thousands of sexual assault and domestic violence victims every year.

For Joyce Webb, one of the founding members of the Women’s Center, the public’s outpouring of support for the not-for-profit shows how far the community and the women’s liberation movement as a whole has come.

“Though the center has progressed drastically from six women’s vision of a safe meeting place, Webb, 81, said the nearly 36-year-old center’s mission is just beginning.

“We have not solved the problem of domestic violence, you will note,” she said. “But at least we know that anyone coming to us needing help gets it.”

Webb still volunteers at the center, located at 610 W. South Thompson St., by answering the phone on hotline Tuesday mornings. She laughed when comparing the progress of the newly renovated center to the house she and her late husband, retired SIUC American literature professor Howard Webb, have named their house.

“We were just a bunch of women, all ages,” said Webb, who noted the support came at the rebirth of the women’s liberation movement. “This was a big branchout: all out of all of us.”

Over the years, Webb watched as the center’s shelter began on West Freeman Street and administrative offices opened at the current location on South Thompson Street.

Both functions are now in one facility, which has gone through a massive renovation since April 2007. The $1.6 million campaign was paid for through donations from 183 members of the community. Those donations are given out over a five-year plan, making the tax-exempt bonds from the city necessary to pay for the completion of the project now, said Cathy McClanahan, executive director of the center.

Support from the community was crucial for the center’s overall mission to provide women in the shelter a safe atmosphere to transition from a life of abuse, McClanahan said.

“The first thing the client sees when she walks in the door now is a more warm, friendly, homely atmosphere,” she said. “Previously they would have to go to a dark, damp, 40-year-old building that was in need of repair.”

In one of the renovated rooms, couches, bright paintings and various toys greet children who meet with the center’s children’s therapists. This atmosphere is one more likely to help victims open up, McClanahan said.

Nearly every new room has a plaque with the name of someone for whom the donation was made. Webb and her late husband, retired SIUC American literature professor Howard Webb, have their names over the center’s library.

McClanahan said many who donated money were touched when they saw the names on the doors.

“They started sharing these personal stories: ‘My mother was a victim of domestic violence,’ ‘My sister was killed by her partner,’” she said. “Those are the individuals that it’s really dear to their hearts, and they made a contribution in honor of that person, so they feel that what they went through was not in vain and they have given something to survivors.”

The renovation project has also allowed the staff to update its security. Keypads located at many doors throughout the center aim to keep out harmful men, who McClanahan said have tried to break in the center in the past. Surveillance cameras also line many of the hallways and exterior walls throughout the complex.

McClanahan said the city’s support for these measures is encouraging.

“The city can issue up to $10 million in bonds for city functions and not-for-profit organizations each fiscal year. The city has already given a bond out to exceed $6 million to Southern Illinois Regional Social Services, a community mental health center that has operated in Carbondale since 1960.

‘It is the center’s responsibility to repay the bond. The city will not be accountable for the debt.”

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## Receding floodwaters give up trove of debris

**Jim Suhr**

ST. LOUIS — Duffels of pulp noir gear. Thousands of tons. Yes, wheelbarrows and even dog houses. As floodwaters retreat across the Midwest, vast quantities of trash and debris are being hauled up and moved out.

“Anything you can possibly think of, we’re finding,” said Tammy Becker, a volunteer with Living Lands and Waters, an organization that helps group cleaning up the banks of the Cedar River downstate from Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Over the past couple of weeks, the group has pulled tons of debris from the mud. Most of the items have nothing to identify their owners, so volunteers had the waste to a collection site near Cedar Rapids, where it is sorted and taken to landfills or incinerators.

“The city comes to get the garbage. The EPA comes to pick up the hazardous materials,” Becker said.

So far, the debris has been less of a hazard than a headache. Most of it has been ruined by exposure to floodwaters thick with raw sewage and other debris.

Even so, that has not stopped some people from hunting for things they could reuse.

“There’s a lot of treasure to be found in all these muck piles,” Living Lands volunteer said, Tuesday along the Cedar River shoreline.

In Wisconsin, authorities said, several hundreds have been turned over to police after being found in what was the 267-acre Lake Delton, which emptied last month into the nearby Wisconsin River after heavy rain caused a breach in part of an embankment that held back the lake.

Bill Engler of that state’s Department of Natural Resources Bureau of Law Enforcement figured the weapons were tossed into the lake before the floodwaters swept away three houses in the area and carried their water heaters, dryers and tables up to 20 miles away.

## Mexican farm workers don sanitized aprons, gloves, and masks and use sterilized knives to cut the lettuce from Rancho Don Alberto, a farm near San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, on Nov. 2, 2007.

**Lindsey Tanner**

The Associated Press

## Elderly patients fare worse

**Alfredo Corchado**

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SAN JOSE — When they were asked about every facet of it, drug therapy did not improve survival than men who had surgery and radiation, the cancer study that could nearly 22 percent of them how to get back here is not just bad for the country in general.

Within two hours, 24 boxes, each holding about 850 pounds of lettuce, are transported to Taylor’s plant a few miles down the road for the firt of several safety checks.

At the entrance, 19-year-old Elsgenia Rossa checks the boxes to make sure they’re labeled with bar codes identifying the owner’s farm, crew supervisor, field and time of harvest — a crucial step in the process.

The lettuce then goes into a giant cooler where two workers check a dozen or so pieces for odd coloring or possible contamination with E. coli or salmonella. If a problem arises, company officials are alerted and the entire load is checked. If not, the lettuce is cooled to 35 degrees and transported to the warehouse.

## Strict safety guidelines enforced as produce travels from Mexico

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GEORGIA — Obama denies Clinton’s revisions

**Powder Springs, Ga. (AP) —** Asked by a voter about accusations of flip-flopping, Democrat Barack Obama denies the notion Tuesday that he has shifted stances on Iraq, guns and the death penalty to break with his party’s liberal wing and court a wider swath of voters.

“The people who say this haven’t been listening to me,” Obama said.

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Beck avoids wreck on new album

**Chris McGregor**
**Daily Egyptian**

Beck’s “Modern Guilt” is more modern Beck, scattered with plenty of 21st century sound and the man’s laid-back vocals. Danger Mouse produces the album and does not smother Beck with his style. Instead, it is clear Beck laid the bricks and Mouse spread the mortar.

Beck, who burst onto the mainstream music scene in 1994 with his generation-defining hit “Loser” that hosted his trademark ironic “Profanity Prayers,” has continued to demand the focus on the band’s latest album is the man’s finest work, however, on the next go round it might be time to ask for some new sounds he has not touched on yet.

Beck’s an intelligent guy so he will find a way to keep listeners coming back for nearly fifteen years.

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**Luke McCormick**
**Daily Egyptian**

Street Dogs’ “State of Grace”

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Street Dogs’ “State of Grace” is the band’s third full-length after McColgan left his former band, The Dropkick Murphys, to become a Boston firefigther. The newest album is check full of odes to the man’s Irish heritage, lost relatives and even a lament to one of the band’s musical heroes, Joe Strummer.

While the tone of the band’s lyrics is a bit brighter and ruminative on its newest release, sonically the group is as sharp and tough as any of McColgan’s past punk rock output.

The album contains all the Irish punk sound staples: shouted gang choruses, break-neck guitar work and a simple, pajama-tastic backbeat.

The band could pull this sound off in their sleep by this time in their careers, so it is refreshing when they throw the listener a curveball like the cock-rock, Thin-Lizzy-inspired guitars on “Rebel Song.” When they take their foot off the gas for a song to McColgan’s late grandmother on “Elizabeth,” it is inspirational. Vocal duties are shared with Heather Waters, whose raw voice is a welcome compliment to McColgan’s inspired good.

“Two Angry Kids” reflects on growing up in Boston and could find itself a “Departed” sequel as The Dropkick Murphys’ “I’m Shipping Up to Boston” did in Scorsese’s Oscar winning film.

The band does rely heayly on its Irish punk soaring choruses, muckhing drums and chunky guitarst which can begin to meld together after a few takes. However, they can be commended for attempting to open their sonic palettes by introducing the use of mandolins and flamenco guitar.

“The General’s Boombox” is the band’s musical memorial to late Classy Frontman Joe Strummer and places the great punk poet on a lofty pedestal. McColgan, “sings like the fire in us and we played on in our youth,” and while Street Dogs will not be crafting or creating punk rock history like their musical heroes, they hold with him a desire to share their beliefs and world views with those absorbing their music.

“State of Grace” is not a anything new to the punk rock landscape, but with a more positive energy and outlook, blue-collar Boston fans may have to move that Irish flag tattoo from their biceps to right over their hearts.

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Focusing on friendship

Photo column by
THOMAS BARKER ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Surprisingly, it was probably the most fun taking pictures because I was not even paid to do it.

That is when I met Jesse “Messe” Meyers. Meyers, pictured here jumping a ramp at Hutchinson’s Carey Park, works part-time at a local shop, Disabled Skate & BMX, and has been skating almost as long as walking. At 25, he has four professional sponsorships and receives all of his skateboards and much of his clothing for free. Skating is pretty much his life and he was more than willing to head out for a photo shoot the first time we met. After that, he became the best friend I had in Kansas. Every day after work, we would either do some skate sequences or just play video games and have a few beers. Surprisingly, it was probably the most fun taking pictures because I was not even paid to do it. I was easily putting about 1,500 frames on my camera a day. Even though I was working off the clock for my own interest, I really felt like I was doing something worthwhile.

In journalism, this is sometimes a hard feeling to find. Meyers helped me realize that friendship, respect and understanding of people are what bring the best out of us as journalists. He has had a hard life that, through our friendship, is forever my story to tell. The fact that something is newsworthy does not always make it a great photograph or article, at least not for one telling the story. If there is no decent relationship between the subject and the journalist the story will only be half told. My only hope for the news industry is that for its veterans as well as those coming into this career to learn this lesson as I have.

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Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — The way to get what you want becomes available today. A job needs doing and you have the talent. The pay’s a 0, but don’t worry about that. Every little bit counts.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Don’t lose your head, even when you’re tempted. A gamble placed now will produce returns eventually, but take care. Stick with a sure bet.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Today is a 6 — It’s OK to take extra naps. You’re a 7, so rest is a 7. Get what you need on time. Make it a 7 — You’ll hear it through the grapevine first. Ask a few leading questions, and your informant will sing like a canary. By the way, it’s a 7 — a good time to get a good deal on canaries.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — You’ll hold it through the grapevine first. Ask a few leading questions, and your informant will sing like a canary. By the way, it’s a 7 — also a good time to get a good deal on canaries.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Can friends help you find a better job? Check it out. Maybe they can ‘tell’ you what you should know. At least you have some very interesting conversations.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Your judgment is requested now, as is your experience. Do what you can to help the entire team achieve success. Ignore their complaints. They need you, whether they know it or not.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You may spend most of today talking. If you have any letters to write, get those out of the way. It’s a great time for communication, but it’s not good for anything else.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — Pretty soon you’ll be able to afford some nice things to upgrade your home. Keep saving while you’re deciding what to buy. Real estate is a good deal now, if that gives you any ideas.

By Linda C. Black

Today’s birthday: 57-09-08. If you want a more beautiful home, start taking notes. You’ll have an absolute knock for interior decoration this year. Make your place the envy of all your friends. It will be your own private lap of luxury done within budget. To get the advantage, check the day’s reading. The 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

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by Glenn McCoy

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Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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Sudoku

By The Mepham Group

Level: 

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Solution to Tuesday’s puzzle

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Answer here:

Yesterday’s Jumble: LYRIC PIETY FLORAL PEPSIN

Answer: The actor used greasepaint because he had a “SLIPPERY” ROLE.
**Brick and Mortar**

*Sports*  Wednesday, July 9, 2008

**Daily Egyptian**

**SALUKI INSIDER**

This year marks the 100th anniversary of baseball’s most recognized song — “Take Me Out to the Ballgame.” Harry Caray made the song famous, first singing it as a Chicago White Sox announcer and then taking the seventh inning stretch tradition to Wrigley Field in the early 1910s. Major League Baseball is conducting a contest to find someone to sing the song at the All-Star Game at Yankee Stadium next week. Who is the one person you would like to see belt out baseball’s anthem?

*Brandon Augsburg*

**SEAN MCGAHAHN**

Me being a big Cubs nut and a fan of “Put me in Coach!,” I have to go with John Poggi. I can just picture the nick and still half of fanbelting it out in his raspy rock- ing voice. Baseball being the American sport it would seem natural to have the lead singer of the Ivysians up there. My only wish would be that after he’s done singing the rest of CCIU would magically appear and bust out a long jam of “I Heard It Through the Grapevine.”

The performance should take place before the game starts, with Red Sox catcher Jason Varitek singing a slightly altered version of the classic, titled “Take Me Out of the Ballgame.” He should then give White Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski his roster spot on the All-Star team, as the steel-jawed Pierzynski, along with many others on the White Sox roster, deserved the distinction more than any of the American League players who were chosen this year.

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**Evansville**

2007/2008 finish: 9th with team score of 911

Top returners (07/08 MVC): Maggie Wood, So. (29th); Vandi Gooch, Sr. (T38th).

Key losses: Leigh Sutton, Rachel Bylen,
Notes: Like SIU, the Jays are young and inexperienced with plenty of question marks. Maureen White and Ashley Norris do return to lead a squad that has been improving the last few seasons but are still a lower tier team in the MVC.

**INDIANA STATE**

2007/2008 finish: 10th with team score of 1018

Top returners (07/08 MVC): Breanne Smith, Jr. (T34th); Kelsey Higgins, S o. (T40th); Vandi Gooch, Sr. (T38th).

Key losses: N/A

Notes: The good news is the Stymievers do not lose any golfers from last year’s squad. The bad news is their best finisher came in 34th place. Breanne Smith, a native of Oregon, has been competing well this off-season. She placed 8th at the 99th Women’s Oregon Amateur Championship.

**American**


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Women's Tennis

Salukis fill final roster spot

Brandon Augsburg
Daily Egyptian

To fill the final roster spot on the SIU women's tennis team, coach Audra Nothwehr had to look off the beaten recruiting path.

She looked all the way to India and signed Vishaka Sheoran, who will transfer into the program and play for the Salukis this fall. Sheoran attended classes in India but did not compete against tennis. This way, she will have four consecutive years of eligibility when she gets to Carbondale.

Sheoran is the eighth-ranked junior and 22nd-ranked women's tennis player in India, according to Sakshi Media Services. Sheoran has played in numerous international Tennis Federation Tournaments all over the world, and Nothwehr said that her experience should help her contribute at SIU immediately.

"She's had a lot of experience playing around the world in different countries both as a junior and in the women's division," Nothwehr said.

Shoran said she expects Sheoran to be a key asset to the Salukis.

Sheoran said that she was still naive about the recruiting process, but Nothwehr and the SIU admissions department have helped make the transition easy. Nothwehr said Sheoran was not heavily recruited.

The team will remain in international flavor next year, and Nothwehr said that she was a strength of the team because everyone has a different playing style. The team is returning a handful of experienced players, so the newer Salukis should just slide into their roles on the team.

"We have a team that has experience as a group, and because we have all been playing together for two years, those of us returning will be examples for the new girls and everything will fall into place," she said.

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Women's Golf

Before season, MVC seeing red

Ian Preston
Daily Egyptian

SIU women's golf coach Diane Daugherty has built the SIU women's golf program into one of the premier golf programs in the country.

"I think that whenever we come to the true MVC Conference in the last decade. She's an individual MVC title this season. So far in the pre-season, Lanning appears on top of the game," Daugherty said.

Before season, MVC seeing red

The Bears were competitive in last year's tournament with four seniors on the squad and the remaining three being golfers alumnus. Look for the senior tandem of Megan and Abby Bartlett to help make the Shockers a legitimate contender this season.

Brady v. 2007/2008 finish: 4th with team score of 902

Top returners (07/08 MVC): Breanne Nudelfeld, Sr. (T11th); Bari Erazo, Jr. (T49th)

Key losses: Whitney Cox, Rikki Sobie

Notes: It is hard to tell where this team will be once the season starts because as of right now the Bears only have four people on the squad. Of the four, Breanne Nudelfield and Bari Erazo should be contenders for the individual title. Ennis comes in a three-time All-MVC member and will look to improve on her 19th place finish from last season.

Key losses: Kelly Gerlach, Kate Langeler, Lauren May, Christine Zorelein

Notes: There is one team that will be a big mystery this year it will be SIU. Out of all the teams in the MVC, SIU was hit hardest by graduation. Only one golfer, Brady Hood, returns from SIU's 2nd place squad from a year ago. The rest of the roster will be either freshmen or sophomores.

Missouri State

2007/2008 finish: 6th with team score of 795

Top returners (07/08 MVC): Amy Phalajivin, St. (T3th); Megan Bartlett, Sr. (T34th); Abby Bartlett, So. (T49th)

Key losses: Whitney Cox, Rikki Sobie

Points: Missy Linnene, Jill Anthony, Lyndsey Adams

Notes: The Bears were competitive in last year's tournament with four of their top six golfers scoring in the top 25. This year could be a different story for MSU with three of those four graduated. Amy Phalajivin, a native of Thailand, should be close to the top of the leaderboard at this year's tournament after taking seventh a year ago.

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