iClass

SIUC lecture notes and syllabi may be available soon on iTunes

Sarah Lohman
Daily Egyptian

What Apple describes as "the campus that never sleeps" will soon take up its vigil at SIUC.

The University received approval Tuesday to start its own iTunes U — an online campus designed to distribute audio and visual recordings of speakers and lectures to students more easily.

Mike Ruiz, director of University Communications, said it's too early to know exactly how the site will work. A committee will meet today to decide who will be responsible for which content.

Ruiz said University Communications will contribute Podcasts of campus tours to the site, but the academic part will be up to other departments.

He said the site would serve as a marketing tool, but that's not the point.

"The main focus with Apple is teaching and learning," Don Laur said.

Laur, a digital media systems specialist for the college of mass communication and media arts, submitted the application after attending several workshops where he and Web services leaders of University Communications, Janet Douglas, learned how other colleges use it.

Laur said MCMA currently has some Podcasts for its site but he isn’t sure what other colleges have for the site. He said committee members who have experience with Podcasts will help the other departments if they can.

The exact contents of the site have yet to be decided, but options are unlimited, Laur said. He said ifPods and iTunes have the capability to store information such as lecture notes and syllabi, Professors could also publish research or special lectures.

"We want to get up as much content as we can," Ruiz said. "But it’ll take some time, just like with any new form of media.

Sung Kim, a junior from Carbondale studying psychology, said he would probably not use the site for lecture notes but may use syllabi and schedules.

"If rather just write notes," he said. "But if you miss a class it would be good."

He said he thought a lot of his friends would use the site for notes and studying, though.

Universities such as MIT and Stanford already have iTunes U sites where students can access lectures and discussions.

Both Ruiz and Laur said they aren’t sure if costs would be associated with the site. Laur said the site could be handled by anyone — not just students with iPods.

Anyone with Internet access can access the iTunes store and purchase a lot of goals for the year, approved by the Board of Trustees.

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City may help fund Saluki Way

Unexpected proposal could mean a $1 million boost annually for 20 years

Brian Feldt
Daily Egyptian

The City Council was presented with a plan Tuesday night that could make the city of Carbondale the foremost investor in Saluki Way.

Mayor Brad Cole and City Manager Jeff Morris said proposed a half-percent increase on the city's home rule sales tax, which could not a total of $20 million of funding for Saluki Way over the next 20 years.

The Council will vote on the tax increase at its next meeting, Aug. 21.

"That was not in the works," said SIU Athletic Director Mario Moccia, who oversees Saluki Way donations from the athletic side. "We did not count on that nor was it part of the original thought. It wasn't in the plans but it certainly is a massive shot in the arm."

If approved, the sales tax would be 7.75 percent starting Jan. 1, 2009. It would not affect statewide licensing products such as cars, boats, food or medicine, however.

The tax hike could generate an additional $2.3 million in annual income. Doherty said Carbondale would then donate $1 million per year for the next 20 years to help finance Saluki Way — the University's project to develop a new campus core with a renovation of the SIU Arena and a new football stadium as highlights of the plan.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said Saluki Way would now be extremely feasible with the city's proposed commitment.

"It will absolutely make it possible to build a new stadium and renovate the SIU Arena," Poshard said. "I think it's the boost we've been waiting for. This will put us three quarters of the way there on the private side and that means that we are going to get there."

"We fully intend to play football in a new stadium by 2010," Moccia said.

Currently, only $38 million of the project's $80 million budget has been accounted for through student fees.

Carbondale's donation would give SIU a total of $58 million accounted for, leaving only $22 million left to complete the first phase of Saluki Way.

With potentially only $22 million left, Moccia said he feels confident he could make the goal.

"The student component was in place and certainly we are confident we can raise the remaining money," he said. "When you want to build everything at one time there is certainly a big piece of the pie missing and this definitely fills that piece of the pie."

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BOT approves Poshard's goals

Scott Mieszala
Daily Egyptian

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National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

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Pre-Potter party fever

Carbondale Public Library holds first of many Potter book release parties

Christian Holt

Though the final installment of the Harry Potter series won’t be released until midnight Friday, many local Potter fans have already started celebrating their favorite wizard’s final adventure.

Carbondale Public Library worker Anna Forslund hosted a party Wednesday evening for area teens to celebrate the much-anticipated release.

Wanting to create the most authentic experience possible, Forslund made Potter-themed treats such as butterbeer, acid pops and other treats.

Jesse Pinnetl, an 8-year-old Carbondale native, was very enthusiastic while she was being “sorted” by Forslund. When Forslund picked the Gryffindor sticker Pinnetl nearly leaped from her chair with joy.

As the last installment is set to reach the hands of anxious readers across the globe, many book carriers and stores in Carbondale are preparing for the release by hosting parties for fans.

Josie, despite her young age, has read all of the books in just one year.

“I started reading them at the end of first grade,” she said proudly. “Now I’m going to be in the third grade.”

While the public library used the book’s release as an opportunity to encourage people’s love for reading, other area stores will use the book to cash in on the Potter phenomenon.

Parties are scheduled for 710 Book Store, Barnes and Noble, the Student Center University Bookstore and Waldenbooks in the Marion Mall.

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Prizes & giveaways
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Barnes and Noble
Carbondale
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Fortune teller
Face Painting
Costume contest
Wizards duel
University Bookstore
SIUC Student Center
Center
0pm-midnight
Games
Costume contests
Crafts
Bowling & billiards
Waldenbooks
Marion Mall
3pm- midnight
Spelling bee
Palm readings
Cake walk
Giveaways

Harry Potter book release parties
July 21

Teenagers quickly try to answer questions asked by Anna Forslund, middle foreground, a graduate student in mass communications and media arts, in a game of Harry Potter trivia.

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Edwards, Obama focus on poverty

Samira Jafari
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PRESTONBURG, Ky. — Presidential candidates John Edwards and Barack Obama on Wednesday focused on the struggles of the nation’s poor — from rural Appalachia to Washington’s urban Asian-influenced Chinatown — in competing speeches that underscored the fence fight for the Democratic nomination.

Edwards wrapped up his eight-state poverty tour with stops in Virginia and Kentucky, the latter where Democratic icon Robert F. Kennedy spoke nearly 40 years ago in his plea to help the nation’s forgotten.

Unveiling to cede the issue to Edwards, Obama spoke at a recreation center in the nation’s capital, and in a jab at his rival, argued that combatting poverty was hardly new for him, a one-time community organizer in Chicago.

This land of poverty is not an issue I just discovered," Obama said. "It is the cause that fed me to a life of public service almost twenty-five years ago, the Illinois senator said.

Obama struck a populist tone. "The streets here are too close to our capital, but far from the people it represents. These Americans cannot hire lobbyists as they have from Congress on their behalf, and they cannot write thousand-dollar campaign checks to make their voices heard," he said. They suffer most from a politics that has been tipped in favor of those with the most money, and influence, who win.

Obama opened his remarks by describing Kennedy’s poverty tour four decades earlier. Speaking at the Floyd County Courthouse in Prestonsburg, Ky., the same site that Kennedy gave his anti-poverty speech in 1968, Edwards repeated a phrase from his 2004 campaigns for the White House.

"The two Americas are the very rich and everybody else," he said. "He said the working poor of Appalachia reminded him of his father, who worked in a North Carolina cotton mill. "No one pays attention to them," he said, adding, "But they’re the people who built America — not the people on the Street.

In southwest Virginia, Edwards held an outdoor round-table and invited health care from Appalachian doctors, community leaders and the working poor. Thousands of patients in the region rely on an annual mobile health fair as their sole source of care.

Dr. Joe Smitty, a veteran with the Remote Area Medical Volunteer Organization, these are people who have come in a part of America were health care are fragmented.

GOP scuttles Dems’ plan to pull out troops

David Espo
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans, divided on Wednesday for the withdrawal of U.S. combat troops from Iraq, bowing to President Bush’s ardent refusal to consider any change in war strategy before the election.

The 47-52 vote for the first of the 60 needed to advance the legislation appeared at the last possible day to give troops in Iraq their last chance to pull out after the Bush administration warned Saturday that Israeli president’s decision last winter to deploy additional troops to Iraq will have at least two more months to pro-

duce results. Gen. David Petraeus, the top U.S. general in Iraq and architect of the president’s latest strategy, is due to deliver a report to Congress on Sept. 15.

Wednesday’s vote unfolded as Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice visited the Capital for private meet-
ing with lawmakers as the nation’s top military officer cautioned that the United States faces decades of fighting in the larger global war on terror.

The runway appears to have been a key factor in Tuesday’s crash, and critics condemned President Luis Inacio da Silva’s government Wednesday for failing to invest in safety measures adopted by other urban airports.

One of the 186 people on board survived, TAM Linhas Aereas SA chief executive Marco Antonio Bologna said Wednesday. These TAM workers on the ground also died and another 11 were hospitalized.

Firefighters pulled at least 17 charred bodies from the site where the Airbus 320 crashed, igniting a 1,930-degree fireball. The plane slammed into a gas station and a TAM Airlines building narrowly clearing the airport’s perimeter fence and rush-hour traffic on a surrounding highway.

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Grab your Pitchfork!

Brit Finnegan

The Pitchfork Music Festival showcases neighborhood bands – 39 to be exact – of the best independent music artists. The festival brings people from all around the states and even other continents. The mesh of culture matches the make-up of the Chicago community.

The 2007 Pitchfork Music Festival took place Friday through Sunday at Chicago’s admirable Union Park. The New Tower hovered in the background.

The festival is fan-centric-based, which is great for independent bands trying to gain national and world recognition. The bands love to be on a big stage, in front of an estimated 16,000 people.

This festival is outstanding for the penny-pinching college students who are into the independent music scene. In comparison, The Warped tour costs $28.75 for a one day show, while Pitchfork costs $50 for a three day pass.

Slint, GZA/The Genius and Sonic Youth played the first night, all of which performed a hit album for a three-day pass. GZA played Wu-Tang Clans Swords, and even other continents. The lead singer was reminiscing about the band playing secondary drums that intertwined with the synth, bass and main vocals. This group was one of the most energetic at the festival.

While Cat Power was a headliner that night, nearly two-thirds of the crowd rushed to the ‘Balance Stage’ at the other side of the park to see Girl Talk. The entire area was shoulder-to-shoulder, with people climbing trees and fences to get a better view of Girl Talk, one man DJ who used over 150 samples to piece together a 36-track album entitled “Night Rapper.” While lawyers are waiting in line to sue him, fans are waiting in line to see him spin.

Carbondale could use something entitled “Catcher in the Rye” by J. D. Salinger was published. 1969: During the Apollo 11 mission Neil Armstrong and Edwin “Buzz” Aldrin became the first men to walk on the Moon — or to a few wacky conspiracy theorists, walk on a studio-simulated moon.

2005: Jack Nicholson played his last role of competitive golf. The nation applauded him with a yawn and a lazy search for the remote control.

This week in history...

Alicia Wade

1821: Spain ceded Florida to the United States. Judging by the amount of retirement homes, there are probably some people still living there who remember it happening.

1951: Serving as the handbook for angst-ridden youth everywhere, the novel “Catcher in the Rye” by J. D. Salinger was published.
Dorm privacy: not always an easy fix

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Last week, I had the privilege of being a camp counselor to 10 high-school kids from East St. Louis. Besides getting sore feet from walking from the towers to the Mass Coterm. Building, I really enjoyed it. The students came down as part of a welding camp designed to teach them how to put together their own newscast.

They worked with the experts from River Region Evening Edition, along with key people from the radio-television department, to tape their own stories and produce three newscasts. They got to choose their stories from a list, tape them, voice over them and then tape the pretend newscast their story would have aired in. I arrived late, picked over the empty boxes of pizza and

but it looks as though the dashing Mitt Romney or even Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., could make a surge to take his votes if he doesn't announce his bid soon.

Which he might just want to hold off doing for, like, ever.

I mean honestly. A majority of his party has just selected a name—几个人 on the outside looking in that he would rather choose to lead the country than him. He should do himself a favor and quit while he was never ahead.

So when I say this election will be a doozy, I mean that as of now, the Republicans look to face a mauling.

And how can they not, with the Democratic Party facing a problem on the other end of the spectrum, in that with so many strong contenders, the only dilemma is which one will have the best-looking hair (John Edwards).

That's Hillary, whose name has now arguably become as synonymous as one-title people like Madonna or Bono and the only reason why her last name 'Clinton' is necessary anymore is to garner the support her husband generates. The New York senator has hedged her self in the polls, the Chicago-based senator and Oprah favorite.

Both deliver a strong message for a new healthcare system and ending the war in Iraq, two things many consider essential these days.

Yet Obama may have a slight edge, raising more than $30 million between April and June, which set record and allowed him to deftly pass the rest of the crowd in campaign fundraising, according to the Boston Globe.

Also, the Los Angeles Times recently reported that invita
tions have been sent out for the hailed must-attend event, a Sept. 8 fundraiser for Barack Obama at Oprah Winfrey's home in Santa Barbara, Calif. The invitations actually warn that without a quick RSVP, supporters may miss the occasion because it will be sold out.

Bill Maher's assessment on The Tonight Show with Jay Leno Monday night struck a chord with some of my personal misgivings, however.

"It's interesting that the only two people who couldn't run together would be Hillary or Obama because America would go 'that's too much non-male whiteness at one time.' We're too progressive but not that much," the controversial comedian said during a rare moment of seriousness during the otherwise hilariously

The men do have a point. This election season will surely prove to be an interesting one, but jumping over two controversial headaches may unfortunately be a little too much to ask.

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Gary Player reportedly said that he is aware of one golfer who used steroids. What kind of world are we coming to when a leisure sport such as golf has reported steroid users?

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Volleyball’s uniqueness shown through word set during gameplay

When Brenda Winkeler shouts commands to the SIU volleyball team, it can sound like a new language to those outside of the volleyball circuit.

Such words as platform, kill, deep float and disk are constantly tossed about Davies Gymnasium.

As the summer rolls on, the Salukis continue to work on these techniques and many others to help improve from 11-17 record in 2006.

“We’re trying to work on our pass control, passing and digging,” said Winkeler, the Salukis’ head coach. “Offensively, we’ll be a little bit better, but our offense last year was one of the lowest in the league. So that’s our top priority.”

Before the offense can start, an opponent’s offensive attack must be thwarted. To accomplish that feat, the Salukis must dig an opponent’s spike. While the team lacked in digging overall last season, junior libero Kristy Elswick has been a bright spot.

Elswick is 23 digs away from beating the school record. Although she’s digging better than anyone in SIU history, she said her main priority is improving her passing.

“Right now I have some wasted movement so I’m trying to make that first step toward the ball a productive step to get me in better positioning,” she said. “Platforms are a big issue with everyone on the team. At the more advanced level, we have to change our platform and bend it.

A platform is the position of the player before they hit the ball.

“It’s a harder technique to do because you really have to hit it right to hit your target,” Elswick said.

Once the base technique is established, it’s time to move on to other facets of the game, including scoring.

A kill is when an attack results in a point. However, a kill attempt can easily be reversed by the defense with a block.

Although they were second in the conference in blocking, Erika Bartruff, a sophomore setter, said she is working on her technique.

“I try to keep my hands high and that’s helped me a lot this summer to improve blocking,” Bartruff said.

Bartruff said the technique she focuses on most is her deep float set, which she has worked on since she was 12 years old. This moves consists of the setter staying close to the edge of the court.

“I just have to hit it harder to get it to go farther,” she said.

Other setting moves include a jump float and jump top-spin — or jumping before a serve and spinning the ball so it moves down after it passes the net.

Elswick said the team has worked on a lot this summer.

“We are pushing ourselves to the limit right now,” she said.

“Other teams aren’t working as hard as we are.”

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BASEBALL

Draft Dilemma

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When an SIU baseball player gets drafted into the Major Leagues, it can break set strategies that the team had. And almost every year, the Salukis have to deal with this scenario.

Junior catcher Mark Kelly said if a pitcher such as Cody Adams were to move on to the pro's before graduation it could drastically change the team’s plans for next year.

“When you take a bat out of the lineup, other players have to step up and play the role even if they haven’t played the position before,” Kelly said.

The Salukis learned firsthand during the 2007 draft what a damper it could have on pitching plans.

Head coach Dan Callahan said he thought that pitcher Jay Voss would choose to continue college ball over the draft since they thought he would be drafted in the 15th to 20th round and he was also a good student.

Unfortunately, Voss ended up getting drafted in the 4th round and chose pro ball.

“It hurt us,” Callahan said. “We thought with Adams and Joy coming back and Jay Voss coming in, we had a good trio as far as weekend starters go.”

Callahan said while the team is OK as far as pitchers for the upcoming season, it would be difficult to find someone as good as Voss, especially this late in the game.

As far as getting drafted goes, SIU players have just as good of a chance to get drafted as players from BCS schools, Callahan said.

Callahan said scouting is very thorough and comprehensive. If an athlete has the ability to compete at the professional level, scouts will find him whether he is playing for a big school like the University of Kansas or a small school like Quincy University, he said.

“We are not Miami or FSU, but we still have a decent run as far as guys getting the opportunity,” Callahan said.

Since 1999, pro teams have drafted 10 Salukis. Two have made it to the MLB.

Callahan said he sees every player individually focusing on making it to the major leagues as an advantage for the overall team.

“Like it, personally,” Callahan said. “It can get guys to work harder and compete harder.”

Kelly said he sees the team as a “close knit” group and for them winning is the most important thing.

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