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SEIZETHESUNSET Thousands of people jam to John Primer's blues performance Thursday on the steps of Shryock during the summer's first Sunset Concert. The concert series has lasted 32 years, drawing an array of city and university officials, vendors, students and citizens together each week at either Shryock

or Turley Park. The Daily Egyptian will highlight this tradition with a feature on the different people involved with the shows beginning this Thursday — be sure to pick up the paper to read the story behind Wayne Lukowski's portable living room.

Football stadium approaches final steps

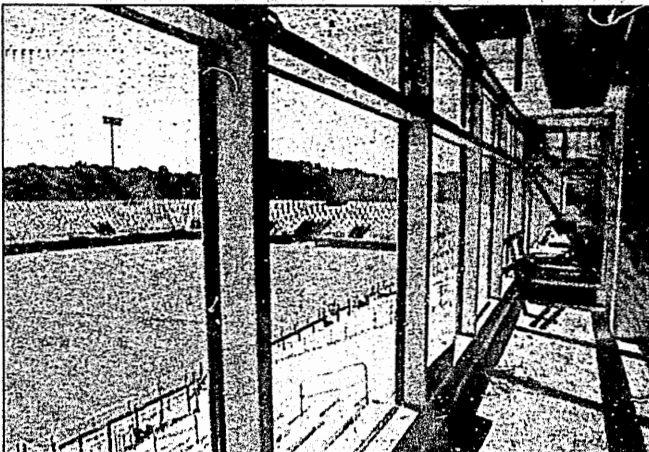
RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

Construction on the still unnamed stadium has entered the final phase, with the installment of artificial turf and seats to begin in the next week, said Jason King, associate athletic director of facilities.

"The turf installment should start as early as (Monday), and we're getting the seats on June 28," he said. "We're getting closer to where we need to be in construction."

Saluki Way is the massive overhaul on the east side of campus. The first phase, which includes a new stadium, a renovated arena and an additional wing to the athletic facility carries a price tag of \$83 million, with \$20 million coming from a tax imposed by the city of Carbondale, \$41.5 million coming from student fees and the remaining \$21.5 million coming through private donations.

King said the project looks like it will end up under the \$83 million construction tag, but said he will not know an exact number until the project is completed.



The nearly completed football field is in the final stages of completion, said Jason King, associate athletic director of facilities Monday. He said the new turf will be laid early next week. Fieldturf, the company installing the turf, has laid fields at other university stadiums such as Wake Forest and Kent State and is one of the best companies in the business, King said.

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Dorothy Morris dies at age 101

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

Dorothy Mayo Morris, the widow of former SIU president Delyte W. Morris, passed away June 15 at her home in Chapel Hill, N.C. She was 101 years old.

SIU president Glenn Poshard said in a release Dorothy Morris and her husband helped turn SIU into the university it is known as today.

"Anyone who reads the history of this university will know that Delyte and Dorothy Morris were equally responsible for making SIU a great university," Poshard

said. "Mrs. Morris played an active role in helping to shape the future for SIU and we owe her a tremendous debt of gratitude for her contributions. She is still loved by every alumni who has passed through our doors over these many years."

Her husband served as SIU president from 1948 to 1970, and saw enrollment jump from 3,000 students to more than 36,000. Dorothy Morris was an honorary member of the SIU Foundation Board of Directors.

The Morris Library is named after the pair.

Rod Sievers, SIUC spokesman, said although he did not know her, Morris helped shape the current state of the university.

"She took great steps towards making the university what it was today," Sievers said. "She played a great role in promoting the university. Certainly she was a great figurehead for the university along with her husband. Of course as the wife of Delyte, she shaped what this university is."

Sievers said he did not know if there would be any memorial service held for Morris on campus.

POLICE BLOTTERS

Joseph A. Graeff, 22, of Murphysboro, was charged with public urination Thursday at the Sunset Concert. Graeff was issued a Carbondale City pay by mail citation and released.

John Rocco Guertiero, 23, of Murphysboro, was charged with public urination Thursday at the Sunset Concert. Guertiero was issued a Carbondale City pay by mail citation and released.

Jenette A. Wilson, 25, of Murphysboro, was charged with public urination Thursday at the Sunset Concert. Wilson was issued a Carbondale City pay by mail citation and released.

Logan R. Meyer, 22, of Jerseyville, was charged with public urination Thursday at the Sunset Concert. Meyer was issued a Carbondale City pay by mail citation and released.

Brittany L. Morlan, 26, of Carbondale, was charged with public urination Thursday at the Sunset Concert. Morlan was issued a Carbondale City pay by mail citation and released.

Kristopher Logan Treat, 19, of Anna, was charged with underage consumption of alcohol Thursday. Treat was issued a Carbondale City pay by mail citation and released.

A \$200 reward has been offered for the capture and conviction of an unknown burglary suspect, described as a white male last seen wearing a white tank top, black shorts, and black tennis shoes. The suspect left Kemp's Korner in the early morning hours June 14 in what was described as a red 4-door passenger car. Any person with information regarding the identity of this person should contact the Washington County Sheriff's Department.

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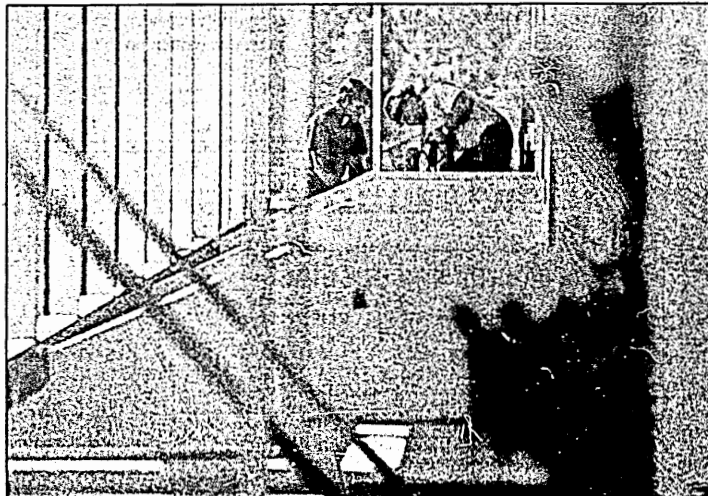
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TOP: Construction of the still unnamed stadium is in its final phase, said Jason King, associate athletic director of facilities, while giving a tour of the upper-level boxes which are still under construction.

RIGHT: A worker walks down a hallway Monday inside the Saluki Arena which is under renovation. The Saluki Way project is in its final stages, and is scheduled to be finished in time for the first home game Sept. 2 against Quincy University.

JAMES DURBIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN



SALUKI WAY

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The turf will take around three weeks to place and put together, King said. He said the process includes bringing the turf onto the field in pieces and "stitching and gluing" the segments together while also shaving down the areas for the yard-markers.

Although administrators had expressed fears in the past about rain affecting the process, King said the completion of the on field draining system have settled those concerns.

"We had that downpour the other day, and the field dried off immediately," he said. "Since that is done, all they have to do is place the turf on the ground."

Fieldturf, the company installing the turf, has laid turf at university stadiums such as Wake Forest and Kent State.

King said seat installation would begin when the seats arrive, and should take several weeks to be completed. He said the biggest challenge facing construction now is the completion of the "ground site," the area around the stadium.

"From projects I've worked on in the past, that is always the toughest part to plan for," King said. "It is very dependent on the weather outside. We can't pour concrete if the ground is too wet."

Though the stadium still does not have a name, Athletic Director Mario Moccia said the

university is close to giving the stadium a "place-holder name" for the upcoming season. He said the decision on the name would come after meeting with Chancellor Rita Cheng and other administrators.

"We have to go through all the channels, but we're getting 'pretty close," he said.

Moccia had said in the past the athletic department was waiting for a donation that meets the \$10 million donation criteria to gain naming rights to the stadium, though he had said it was not a set number.

The Salukis host their first game at the new stadium Sept. 2 against Quincy University. Moccia said the completion of the field looks close enough to host a game.

"I've been really impressed so far with the progress and talking with the construction managers," he said. "It looks like we're getting very close to the ability to finally have a football game there."

For a detailed report on the stadium's new scoreboard, check out Wednesday's sports section.

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For a video tour of the new stadium, visit dailyegyptian.com.

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- 804 W. Willow
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Quotes of the Day

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RAHMA ELMANUEL
White House chief of staff, on President Obama's decision to let a date to begin removing surge troops from Afghanistan

"In my blind panic I signed everything, but never knew what was written on them."

JORAN VAN DER SLOOT
retracting his confession for the murder of Peruvian student Stephany Flores Ramirez

Report: Van der Sloot retracts murder confession

TODY STERLING
The Associated Press

AMSTERDAM — A Dutch newspaper that interviewed Joran van der Sloot in his prison cell in Lima, Peru, said Monday he has retracted his confession to the killing of a young woman there.

De Telegraaf said the 22-year-old Dutchman claims he only signed papers admitting killing Stephany Flores because he was intimidated by police and had been promised he would be transferred to the Netherlands if he confessed.

"I was very scared and confused during the interrogations and wanted to get away," the paper quoted him as saying. "In my blind panic, I signed everything, but didn't even know what it said."

Van der Sloot is the main suspect in Flores' May 30 killing in a Lima hotel, exactly 5 years after the still unsolved disappearance of U.S. teen Natalee Holloway on Aruba. He met both women in casinos, and both were last seen alive in his company.

Peruvian President Alan Garcia has said Van der Sloot will have to be tried in Flores' death before any extradition request can be considered. In addition to possible involvement in Holloway's disappearance, far

which Van der Sloot has not been charged, he is wanted by the FBI on suspicion of attempting to extort money from the Holloway family.

If convicted of killing Flores, he faces from 15 to 35 years in prison in Peru.

Prosecutors allege Van der Sloot killed Flores in his hotel room, where her body was found, with "ferocity and great cruelty." According to a transcript of the confession, he choked the young woman "in the nose, strangled her with both hands, threw her to the floor, took off his bloodied shirt and asphyxiated her."

The newspaper said he now says that's not true.

"I was tricked," the paper quoted Van der Sloot as saying of Flores' killing. "I'll explain later how it all happened."

He is scheduled to be interviewed by a judge in Lima this week.

A self-avowed compulsive liar, Van der Sloot has several times given and retracted admissions of involvement in Holloway's disappearance.

He is being held in a segregated block of the maximum-security Castro Castro prison in eastern Lima. He asked to be separated from the main prison population out of fear for his life.

Tracking Joran van der Sloot

The 22-year-old Dutchman has been arrested for the murder of Stephany Flores, a 21-year-old Peruvian woman, and is the lone suspect in the 2005 disappearance in Aruba of Natalee Holloway, an Alabama teenager.

2005

June 9 Van der Sloot, along with friends Saibah and Deepak Kalpoe, arrested in connection with Holloway's disappearance

June 23 Van der Sloot's father, Paulus, arrested in connection with the case, then released

July 4 Kalpoe brothers released due to lack of evidence, re-arrested six weeks later

Sept. 3 Van der Sloot, Kalpoe brothers released

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2007

Nov. 21 Van der Sloot, Kalpoe brothers arrested again on suspicion of causing Holloway's death; later released due to lack of evidence

2008
Feb. 14 Judges reject attempt to arrest Van der Sloot for a third time for statements he made regarding Holloway's death on a Dutch TV show

2010

Feb. 19 Paulus van der Sloot dies of a heart attack
Feb. 26 In TV interview, Van der Sloot claims Holloway accidentally fell from a balcony, and he disposed of her body

May 30 Five years to the day of Holloway's vanishing, Flores found dead in Van der Sloot's Lima hotel room

June 3 Van der Sloot arrested in Chile

June 8 Allegedly confesses to Flores' murder

June 11 Issued in Peru on charges of first-degree murder



For now he has his own 6.6-by-11.5-foot (2-by-3.5-meter) cell, which is adjacent to that of a reputed Colombian hit man, with whom he shares a television set.

Van der Sloot told the Telegraaf that rats crawl into his room through his toilet hole at night.

His mother Anita van der Sloot said in an interview published by the same newspaper over the weekend that Van der Sloot suffers from men-

tal problems. She said she doesn't believe he had killed Holloway, but if he killed Flores "he'll have to pay the price" and she didn't plan to visit him in jail.

Holloway's father Dave has called on Van der Sloot to reveal anything he knows about the location of her body, which has never been found. Van der Sloot has said he will only talk about the matter with Aruba authorities.

Flores' father Ricardo told the Associated Press in an earlier interview that his daughter had resisted her attacker, who he is certain was Van der Sloot. He said the Dutchman would be linked to the crime by DNA evidence retrieved from under her fingernails.

He said he hopes that Van der Sloot will eventually be punished for the deaths of both women "so that there can be justice."

La. companies ask judge to end drilling moratorium

MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — Companies that ferry peopled and supplies to offshore oil rigs asked a federal judge Monday to lift a six-month moratorium on new deepwater drilling projects imposed in the aftermath of the massive Gulf spill.

U.S. District Judge Martin Feldman heard two hours of arguments Monday and said he will decide by Wednesday whether to overturn the ban imposed by President Barack Obama's administration after the Deepwater Horizon rig explosion.

The April 20 disaster killed 11 workers and blew out a well that has gushed anywhere from 68 million to 126 millions of oil into the Gulf.

BP said Monday it has spent \$2 billion in two months fighting the spill and compensating victims, with

Obama's administration has also been struggling to show it is responding forcefully to the spill.

— Michael Kunzelman
The Associated Press

no end in sight. It's likely to be at least August before crews finish two relief wells that are the best chance of stopping the flow of oil.

The British oil giant released its latest tally of response costs, including \$105 million paid out so far to 32,000 claimants. The figure does not include a \$20 billion fund that BP PLC last week agreed to set up for Gulf residents and businesses hurt by the spill.

Kenneth Feinberg, who has been tapped by President Barack Obama to run the fund, said many people are in desperate financial straits and need immediate relief.

"Do not underestimate the emotionalism and the frustration and the anger of people in the Gulf uncertain

of their financial future," he said.

Feinberg, who ran the claim fund set up for victims of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, said he is determined to speed payment of claims.

Shares of BP, which have lost about half their value since the rig Deepwater Horizon burned and sank off the Louisiana coast, fell nearly 3 percent Monday in New York trading to \$30.86. The rig was owned by Transocean Ltd. but run by BP.

BP chief executive Tony Hayward canceled a scheduled Tuesday appearance at a London oil conference, citing his commitment to the Gulf relief effort. The last-minute pull-out followed stinging criticism of

Hayward's attendance at a yacht race on the Isle of Wight off the coast of southern England on Saturday.

Obama's administration has also been struggling to show it is responding forcefully to the spill. As part of that effort, the Interior Department halted the approval of any new permits for deepwater drilling and suspended drilling at 33 existing exploratory wells in the Gulf.

But a lawsuit filed by the Covington-based Hornbeck Offshore Services of Covington, La., claims the government arbitrarily imposed the moratorium without any proof that the operations posed a threat. Hornbeck says the moratorium could cost Louisiana thousands of jobs and millions of dollars in lost wages.

"This is an extraordinary time for the Gulf Coast. It calls out for an extraordinary remedy," plaintiffs' attorney Carl Rosenblum said in court Monday.

Government lawyers said the Interior Department has demonstrated that industry regulators need more time to study the risks of deepwater drilling and identify ways to make it safer.

"There is a lot the department does not know, and that's precisely why it's important to conduct these studies and learn more," said Justice Department attorney Guillermo Montero.

Feldman asked a government lawyer why the Interior Department decided to suspend deepwater drilling after the rig explosion when it didn't bar oil tankers from Alaskan waters after the Exxon Valdez spill in 1989 or take similar actions in the wake of other industrial accidents.

"The Deepwater Horizon blow-out was a game-changer," Montero said. "It really illustrates the risks that are inherent in deepwater drilling."

WIRE REPORTS	ENGLAND BP says its Gulf of Mexico spill costs reach \$2 billion LONDON — BP PLC said Monday that its partners in the leaking Gulf of Mexico oil well must share responsibility for the costs in dealing with the disaster, on which BP said it has now spent \$2 billion. BP hit back at Anadarko Petroleum Corp., which has a 25 percent stake in the gushing well, following Anadarko's statement on Friday accusing BP of gross negligence in operating the drilling rig.	ARIZONA Hundreds of homeowners urged to evacuate ahead of wildfire FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — A fast-spreading wildfire swept across 7-square miles of land on the outskirts of this forested mountain city, threatening homes and prompting calls for hundreds of evacuations. Five helicopters and eight air tankers dropped fire suppression chemicals and as 300 firefighters worked feverishly to contain the blaze.	CHINA At least 46 killed after explosion rips through coal mine BEIJING — At least 46 miners were killed when an explosion ripped through a coal mine in central China, state media reported. The blast hit a mine in Pingdingshan city in the province of Henan Monday, the State Administration of Work Safety said. Seventy-two miners were trapped initially but 26 escaped, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.	SOUTH KOREA Korea says NKorea did not conduct nuclear test SEOUL, South Korea — Abnormal radiation was detected near the inter-Korean border days after North Korea claimed last month to have achieved a nuclear technology breakthrough, South Korea's Science Ministry said Monday. The ministry said it failed to find the cause of the radiation but ruled out a possible underground nuclear test by North Korea.
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Saluki Insider:

Six-time Wimbledon Champion Roger Federer survived a first-round scare Monday against Alejandro Falla in the Wimbledon. Do you think Federer is still the favorite? If not, who do you think will take the throne?



JEFF ENGLEHARDT
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I think this is Novak Djokovic's time. He has had a strong year and has played deep into almost every tournament he has competed in. I worry about his conditioning and fitness, but the grass should be kind to his fragile frame. If I had to choose somewhat of a dark horse though, it would be Juan Martin Del Potro. He is 6'6" and that's about all you need to know.



BRANDON LACHANCE
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It is No. 5 Andy Roddick's time to step up and win the Wimbledon. He has been to the Wimbledon in 2004, 2005 and 2009 but lost all three. This year, he has won two tournaments and made it to the final in two others. He looks to be in great shape and seems to be focused on getting a tally in the Wimbledon final win column.



RYAN SIMONIN
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Honestly, there is nobody better than Federer. He hasn't lost his step a bit and his serve is as powerful as ever. His match against Alejandro Falla was merely a hiccup on his road to his seventh Wimbledon championship.

COLUMN

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The summit showed just how much power James and Wade command in the league. In reality, it is Wade and James telling the others where they might go. Then the others argue who should go with who to try to win a championship, because none of the other players will win a championship on the above-mentioned teams without Wade or James.

In a few weeks, the madness begins and each one of the free agents' destinies will unfold. James will most likely go to Chicago, although Bosh would be a better fit. James is

arguably the best player in the game, but Bosh plays more to the needs of the Bulls.

Wade will stay in Miami. He loves the city and the city loves him back. The only obstacle in that relationship is the lack of talented players surrounding him. This past season it was Wade-on-five because his team offered virtually no support.

The possibilities with next year's rosters are endless. The impatient waiting game to see where these great players will go is almost over.

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"We want to take one and two in the hammer and she wants to win the discus throw," Berry said. "Just because it's worldwide doesn't mean that we can't go and do our thing again. We are always going to compete at our best, we are not afraid to go one and two."

McCall said she hopes the event will be tightly contested as there have been many events where they are the leaders; by a considerable distance; and, become bored with the lack of a challenge.

"We compete better

when there is better competition; we go after it more and it is more exciting," McCall said. "It is natural to go at a higher level with better competition, because it's part of a growing experience."

McCall and Berry will compete at the 2010 USA Outdoor Track and Field Championship June 25 to 27. They said it would give them an opportunity to work on their game against collegiate and professional American athletes before they participate at NACAC.

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FATHERHOOD

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"I stay motivated because of her," Spann said. "I know that every decision I make and everything I do now affects not just me, but her and how I support her later in life."

Spann said his daughter reminds him of when he was young. "It was so funny that on Father's Day she woke me up and gave me a card that she had made," Spann said. "She is so smart and she understands what I have to do for us."

Fellow teammate and senior cornerback Corey Lindsey has a 2-year-old daughter, Kennedy Lindsey, who lives in Lindsey's hometown Baton Rouge, La. He said time management has be-

come the No. 1 priority since becoming a father.

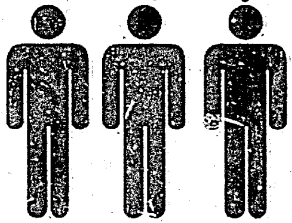
"She helps me put everything into perspective," Lindsey said. "Being a father definitely humbles your manners and you learn that it is not just about you anymore."

Lindsey said he goes home to see her as much as he can on breaks and makes sure to talk to her as often as he can on the telephone.

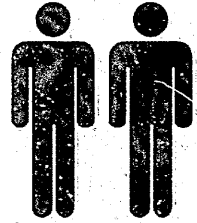
"Before every football game I call her and she wishes me good luck and tells me how much she loves me," Lindsey said. "By doing that she gives me that motivation and extra boost that always pushes me to do my best."

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Free-agent market set to open



This summer's NBA free agency class has been analyzed with a magnifying glass for the past two years because of the number of talented players who will

be available for new contracts.

On July 1, the market is officially open.

The term "free agent" is ironic with the amount of money sure to be spent. LeBron James, Chris Bosh, Dwayne Wade, Amare Stoudemire, Joe Johnson and Dirk Nowitzki are looking for maximum contracts. This means they want contracts for five to seven years worth \$70 million to \$100 million.

James will probably become the highest paid player in NBA history or close to it. He is the main attraction of the NBA both on and off the court. The Boston Celtics' Kevin Garnett was at the top of the money scale for the 2009-10 season at \$24.7 million while Michael Jordan remains the highest paid player for one season at \$30 million.

The big question basketball fans are asking is not how much money the players will earn, but from where they will receive their paychecks?

Each of the 30 teams in the league wants to make a push for James or Wade. They are two players talented and young enough to build a team around and the only true franchise players in the free-agent class. The rest of the players are great, but based on leadership skills, statistics or number of miles on their legs, they are considered No. 2 guys.

The question NBA executives are asking is, who can afford which player? The NBA's salary cap for the 2010-11 season is projected at \$56.1 million. The cap will give the New Jersey Nets, Miami Heat, New York Knicks, Washington Wizards, Chicago Bulls, Los Angeles Clippers and the Minnesota Timberwolves the financial advantage. But the free agents are concerned with more than money as Wade's unprecedented "summit" showed.

Wade and the other top free agents met in a "summit" to discuss where they were going and options of playing with each other. Multiple package deals have been linked to James, Bosh, Wade and Stoudemire. One put LeBron and Wade together, while another package put Wade, Bosh and Stoudemire together. The summit showed these players would take a pay cut if it meant a better chance at holding the Larry O'Brien trophy at the end of the season.

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TRACK & FIELD



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Jeneva McCall, a sophomore thrower from Dolton, Ill., and Gwen Berry, a junior thrower and multi-event athlete from St. Louis, will both compete in this year's Junior Olympics. McCall, who is

nationally ranked in three throwing events, will represent the U.S. in the hammer throw and discus while Berry will represent the U.S. in the hammer throw.

McCall, Berry represent more than SIU

BRANDON LACHANCE
Daily Egyptian

Jeneva McCall and Gwen Berry have set records in the Sahaki maroon and now look to chase new challenges wearing the red, white and blue in a continental competition.

McCall and Berry have been named to the USA track and field team to represent their country in the hammer throw at the 2010 USA North America Central America Caribbean Under 23 Track and Field Championships in Miramar, Fla., July 2-11. They are the only two hammer throwers on the team.

McCall, who will also compete in

the discus, said she is glad Berry will compete with her at the event.

"It's good that it's the both of us," McCall said. "We can contribute support and have somebody to lean on."

The pairing of Berry and McCall in the hammer throw is the first time two Sahaki athletes have been named to represent the USA for the same event at the NACAC Championships.

Berry said she has developed a great relationship with McCall and hopes their competitive chemistry shows on a bigger stage.

"We have been together for a long time," Berry said. "To us this is nothing new; representing the USA is just a bigger and better competition. We are

Just because it's worldwide doesn't mean that we can't go and do our thing again.

—Gwen Berry
SIU hammer thrower

roommates, so supporting each other is natural to us."

The SIU track team has made a name for itself on a national stage in the past few years, including Brittany Riley who won the hammer throw event at NACAC in 2006. SIU track and field coach Connie Price-Smith said she is happy for the selection of Berry and McCall to the national team and how it reflects on the coaches and

athletes at SIU.

"They have the determination, will and drive, and we give them the tools needed to combine it together," Price-Smith said.

Berry said they are excited about the opportunity and plan to make the best of it.

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FOOTBALL

Children, athletics, school motivate fathers

RYAN SIMONIN
Daily Egyptian

The SIU football team plays to win, but some players are motivated by more than victories — they find motivation in their children.

Three SIU football players spent Sunday reflecting not on their accomplishments as players, but off the field as fathers. The fathers on the team said it is a tough job juggling life as a student-athlete and a father.

Senior Sammy Biggs, who runs track and plays football for SIU, said being a student-athlete

What makes it hard being a student-athlete and a father is that you miss a lot of little things as they are growing up.

—Sammy Biggs
senior student-athlete

and a father is a lot of work. Biggs said it is hard being away from his 8-month-old daughter, Amaya Biggs, who lives with her mother in Champaign. Biggs said he visits Amaya almost every weekend and two weekends ago he went back home to Morrison, Ill., to celebrate Father's Day with her.

"When I go and see her it is

100 percent her time with me," Biggs said. "When we celebrated Father's Day we went to the park and walked around and played on the swings and after that we had a little picnic in the park."

Biggs said it was difficult being away from her last year because of traveling with the track team.

"What makes it hard being a

student-athlete and a father is that you miss a lot of little things as they are growing up," Biggs said.

Senior outside linebacker Robert Spann has a 6-year-old, daughter, Deasia Spann, who is spending the summer with him. Spann said being a student-athlete and a father is a full-time job, but is fortunate to have help from his family.

Spann said he lives with his brother who helps him financially and watches over his daughter when he is not around.

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