**Competition not afraid of new Wal-Mart**

Some owners welcome opportunities from corporate giant

Barton Lorimor

A new Wal-Mart Supercenter opening today between Carbondale and Murphysboro has one store manager on West Illinois Route 13 excited about new business opportunities.

Amy Dempsey, manager of P Mac Music in the Murdale Shopping Center in Carbondale, said the new Wal-Mart on Route 13 west of County Club Road will increase traffic on Carbondale’s west side, and alert potential customers of her store’s existence.

“I’m not excited for other local businesses,” Dempsey said. “But I’m not dreading competition with Wal-Mart.”

Kim Bushy, manager of the Murphysboro Wal-Mart, said the new supercenter opens at 7 a.m. today with festivities such as face painting and appearances from brand mascots such as Spudly the Fire Dog and Tony the Tiger commemorating the event.

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**State bill aims to slow spread of common STDs**

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A bill aimed at stemming the spread of two of the most common sexually transmitted diseases could soon allow sex partners to receive treatment without ever being diagnosed.

Medications treating chlamydia and gonorrhea, STDs that are easily treated if detected, would be available to the partners of those diagnosed with the diseases if the Expedited Partner Therapy “bill passes through the Illinois Legislature.

The program was recommended by the Centers for Disease Control as a way to reduce the rates of infection. In Jackson County, 411 cases of chlamydia and 96 cases of gonorrhea were reported in 2006, said Kathy O’Laughlin, a nurse practitioner with the Jackson County Health Department.

She said people ages 20 to 25 have the highest risk of infection for STDs, and should focus on a variety of ways to protect themselves.

“Young people think STDs are something they don’t need to worry about, but this is a young people’s disease,” O’Laughlin said.

Cheryl Hamilton, coordinator of sexual health, relationship violence and sexual assault programs at the Wellness Center, said young people should start by getting tested.

Common symptoms for chlamydia and gonorrhea include pain, urethritis discomfort and visible outbreak of sores, bumps and rashes. Hamilton said she advised students who want to get tested can call the Health Center to set up an appointment.

O’Laughlin said the Jackson County Health Department also provides low-cost testing, which includes a lab test and medication.

She said the lab results take about a week to receive and prices range from $15 to $50, depending on one’s income. The price includes a $20 dose of medication needed for treatment.

She said the screening takes approximately 30 minutes, which for males consists of a urine sample and for females a swab sample from the cervix.

Alena Poe, a senior from Olympia Fields studying biological sciences, said it is important for partners to discuss STDs because if a partner has an STD, letting their partner know can limit its spread.

“If you are going to be intimate with someone, it’s your responsibility to tell your partner and take the necessary precautions,” Poe said.

The AIDS Foundation of Chicago said the bill would provide a method of treatment called patient-delivered partner therapy, allowing physicians to give patients medication or prescriptions and information to give to their sex partner or partners.

“It’s morally right to take proper actions before you ruin someone’s life,” Poe said.

Laura Dale, a senior from Petersburg studying management, said looking back on her freshman year she realized she did not have a sense of who she really was and it showed in some of the decisions she made.

“I think when you are young, you rely on your friends and get caught up in peer pressure,” Dale said. “Friends help make your opinions for you.”

Dale said she was always aware of issues about STDs through health classes and the media, but the way information is taught should be more personal.

“I remember in one of my health classes having a speaker talk about STDs,” Dale said. “That hit me more than any commercial on TV.”

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**Joe Crawford / Daily Egyptian**

The cost of living in the residence halls is proposed to increase next year, but students don’t have to worry anymore because they should be able to get enough help to pay the bills.

University Housing plans to offer a tiered pricing scale next year, meaning it would be cheaper to live in some buildings than others, said Housing Director Julie Payne Kirchmeier.

The SIU Board of Trustees will vote on the plan, along with an overall 7.5 percent increase in the price of housing at its April meeting.

Students who live in Thompson Point and buy 19 meals a week — the most expensive option — are saving more on room and board than financial aid will pay, she said.

The university settles on a specific figure each year for room and board that factors into a student’s eligibility for financial assistance. Kirchmeier said the proposed number for next year is $7,516, which falls about $200 short of paying for the most expensive room and board option.

Under the new contract system, Allen, Boomer and Wright halls would be the least expensive residence halls at $1,902 per semester for a double-occupancy room. Brush Towers, Neely Hall and University Hall would be $2,062 per semester and Thompson Point would be $2,382 per semester. Single-occupancy rooms would be more expensive.

“The reason we’re doing this is to assist our students in helping them to better plan for their education as far as costs go,” Kirchmeier said.

Financial Aid Director Billie Jo Hamilton said students who rely on financial aid to pay for their housing would not be forced to live in the cheapest dorms. Students are free to spend the money they qualify on housing any way they please, she said.

The amount of financial aid that can be put toward housing increases every year to make up for increased housing costs, Hamilton said. So a student who qualified for assistance with their housing this year should be eligible for more money next year, she said.

But the money will probably come as a loan, she said.

“There’s been some increase in federal grants but none at the state level, so that just means that students are going to get a bigger loan,” she said.

Daniel Psani, president of the Residence Hall Association, said many students living in University Housing have voiced support for the different rates.

There was some initial concern from Thompson Point residents, who would be paying the highest rent, he said. But Psani said the group of residence halls has some amenities the others don’t, such as being closer to many of the campus’s academic buildings.

Psani said he had heard some students say they would be more likely to move to the triads — Allen, Boomer and Wright halls — because of the lower rates. But Psani, who lives in Neely Hall, said he would be staying put.

“My line of reasoning is that I’m going to be $70,000 or $80,000 in debt when I graduate — I might as well have a nice view,” he said.

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**Bombs kill more than 50 in Baghdad**

Baghdad, Iraq — Two bombs went off within minutes of each other in a crowded shopping district in the capital Thursday, killing at least 53 pedestrians and wounding 130 — a reminder that deadly attacks are a daily fact of life even though violence is down.

There were no immediate claims of responsibility. But back-to-back bombings — designed to maximize carnage — became the hallmark of attacks on civilians by al-Qaida in Iraq during days of the worst of the violence in Baghdad in 2006.

Like in previous such attacks, the tactic seeks to draw in the people with the first blast — especially security and medical workers — before a second bomb detonates.

Iraqis were enjoying a pleasant spring evening when a pipeline bomb hidden under a vendor stall detonated on a street in the Karrada neighborhood of central Baghdad.

Five minutes later, a suicide bomber wearing an explosive belt detonated, said Mohammed al-Rubaye, the head of the Kadhumah municipality, told the state-run Al-Iraqiya TV.

He said more than 50 civilians were killed and more than 100 injured. Many of the victims were teens or young adults, and four were women, police and officials at three hospitals said.

Interior Ministry officials and hospital officials said 53 pedestrians were killed and 130 were wounded.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to media.

South of Baghdad in the last half-year with the boost in U.S. troops, a cease-fire by a powerful Shiite militia, and many Sunni fighters turning against al-Qaida in Iraq. But multiple killings are still a daily occurrence.

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Church changes parking policy after burglaries

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After some drivers who were trying to avoid parking tickets ended up shattered windows, a local church has changed its parking lot.

Two Carbondale residents were still in custody Thursday in connection with 43 auto insurance burglaries, many of which occurred between Feb. 22 and 26 in the Grand Avenue Christian Church parking lot.

The previously open lot, located across Grand Avenue from Brookside Manor Apartments, will be a new restriction because of the burglary string, said Books Wilson, the church’s campus minister.

Drivers must call the church office at 529-1362 and request to park overnight or risk being ticketed or towed.

Some Brookside visitors park at the church lot to avoid getting towed or ticketed. Wilson said he has asked people not to park in the lot overnight.

“Allowing free rein on the lot has become a safety issue and since the lot is not well lit, this policy may help avoid future problems, he said.

“We want to be a resource for people... but there are safety issues that were highlighted with this break-in and we are going to try to curtail as much as we can,” Wilson said.

SIUC Police Chief Todd Supler said 22 to 23 cars that were burglarized or damaged at Southern Hills residence complex’s parking lot 26, 26 and 27 were opened to the investigation.

He said there would not be changes in parking policies but encourages students to report suspicious activity.

Carbondale Officer Randy Mathis said keeping cars locked, not having any value or inside in or sight of people passing by, parking in well-lit areas and turning car alarms on.

“No matter what the weather, time of day or when you’re located, you need to always be on guard,” Mathis said.

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Say hello to a new greek colony

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There's a new fraternity in town.

Last week Kappa Alpha Order was unanimously approved to establish a colony at SIU. Kappa Alpha, also known as KA or The Order, is a fraternity that was founded at Washington College in Lexington, Va., more than 140 years ago.

The Order has already sent two men from their national staff, has already sent e-mails to students and set up a Facebook profile to begin recruiting whom he calls gentlemen that have similar ideals to their fraternity.

"We pride ourselves on being the gentlemen of the fraternity world," Cummins said. According to Cummins, KA has been interested in expanding to SIU for some time, especially after successful colonizations at neighboring school Southern Indiana.

Found on Robert E. Lee's principles of chivalry and gentlemanly conduct, Kappa Alpha has more than 100,000 living alumnus and 130 chapters nationwide.

Although Cummins said he hopes the addition of the Order at SIU will both strengthen our greek system and simultaneously provide a healthy competition, he also said there are a few benchmarks the colony must reach before becoming a full-fledged chapter.

The colony must have a minimum of 30 men, with each man maintaining a grade point average of 2.5 or higher at all times. Kappa Alpha also expects all chapters or colonies to maintain a combined GPA above the all-men's average.

Cummins said meeting these requirements usually takes about one year, although sometimes it can go one and a half years depending on different circumstances at certain campuses.

Besides the above expectations, the new chapter will be expected to raise money for their national philanthropy, muscular dystrophy. Cummins said that Kappa Alpha chapters nationwide raise roughly $200,000 a year to fight this debilitating disease.

Cummins said that they would be recruiting heavily after spring break through interviews and information sessions to students who have expressed interest. Besides their ideals of gentlemanly conduct and chivalry, Cummins said that building an organization from the ground up should be an appealing feature to students who are interested.

"Starting from scratch may also be one of the most fun parts about this process," Cummins said.

Kappa Alpha is the most recent addition to the Interfraternity Council at SIU, making them the 12th member. In the past few years, Interfraternity Council has seen a number of colonies, including three that were refounding elsewhere in the country.

Kappa Tau is the only other colony currently at SIU.

If you think you might be interested in Kappa Alpha Order, there are a few places to find information. On Facebook you can friend Clint Cummins or check out the group "Join KA @ SIU.

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NAFTA distortions discredit candidates

McClatchy Tribune

The comments of Sens. Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama about the North American Free Trade Agreement help to illustrate why the campaign period that precedes elections is considered the silly season. To judge from their stump speeches, particularly in Ohio, NAFTA ranks right up there with Osama bin Laden as a threat to our national well-being. Each candidate accuses the other of being a closet free trader who cares little about the average Joe's job losses, thanks to NAFTA.

This is sheer nonsense. Even by the standards of political campaigns in which candidates engage in shameless pandering, this debate has fallen flat.

For all their heated rhetoric, Clinton and Obama say all they want is to renegotiate aspects of the deal they deem unfavourable to U.S. interests. They should feel free to do so, but be prepared to make the tough decisions that come with rewriting a complicated trade pact.

Mexico, for example, may want to discuss cutting imports of corn grown in Iowa. Would either Clinton or Obama care to address that?

The following editorial appeared in the Miami Herald on Wednesday.

Robert Miles

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USG silencing students

Dear Editor:

Two weeks ago, I wrote in praising the USG for unanimously passing a resolution to support sustainable policy actions. Apparently, USG senators don’t take these issues seriously.

Last night, Project Eco-Doms, under the Student Environmental Center, proposed a bill that would have put the issue of the “green fee” on the ballot for students to vote on April 8 and 9.

We were not asking USG to imple- ment the fee, support the fee or even justify the fee. We asked them to let the

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Dave Barry

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A big thumbs up from the body parts beat

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The article states that a janitor at a Bellevue, Wash., apartment complex saw “crows pecking at something” in the parking lot, he shooed the crows away, and saw what they had been pecking on: a human thumb.

No one knows how the thumb got there. One possibility, of course, is that it was originally an entire human, and the crows pecked away until they got to the bones, which they were saving for desert.

Another possibility is that this situation could happen to a bagel. As a species, bagels have survived for thousands of years by developing highly effective defenses against being eaten. Many people try to overcome these defenses by gripping the bagel with one hand and using the other hand to attack the bagel with a sharp knife, the size of a canoe paddle. A person could definitely lose a thumb this way, although it’s hard to believe that even a really hungry person would simply abandon the thumb and wander off, chewing the bagel.

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Voices

Letters to the Editor

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410 W. Oak #1-3, 5
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507 S. Poplar #2
301 N. Springer #1-2, 4
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407 S. Beveridge
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514 S. Beveridge #1-5, 7
508 N. Carico
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306 W. Cherry
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408 W. Chestnut
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401 W. College #7
501 W. College #4, 6
503 W. College #4, 6
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306 S. Dixon
303 W. Elm
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520 S. Grahm
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507 W. College #2
509 W. College #1, 3
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402 E. Hester
208 W. Hospital #2

Five Bedroom

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312 W. College #2, 3
305 Crestview
208 W. Hospital #2
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Solution to Thursday’s puzzle:

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1 7 2 3
3 5 4 6

Level: 2 3 4

Answers March 17

Yesterday’s Jumbles: CHICKEN

What the boomerang champion sought when he lost the contest — A "COMEBACK"!

News Delivered To You...

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday: You’re doubly powerful this year, and more of every- thing you’ve always been. Allow your true genius to emerge, while exhibiting fluidness. Exercise self-discipline.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating. This is the easiest day. It's the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 6 — You may be overcome with an unexpected case of shyness. Don’t be alarmed, it’s perfectly normal for this to happen. It’s part of the cre- ative process.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — Have you ever thought that you could read someone else’s thoughts? Better verbalize what you get, just to make sure you’re on the right track.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 5 — Try something different to satisfy a tempestual personal person. He or she seems a little crazy sometimes, so be very too — it’s good to good, of course.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — Indicators for travel are posi- tive. This also looks like a good time to send out messages, such as advertis- ing. You’ll get farther now for less.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 9 — Creativity is required, instead of thinking. You’ll get farther now for less.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — Another person has some ‘good ideas’ about what you should be doing. Your first reaction might be negative. Listen anyway for something you might use.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — Don’t push yourself too hard. Let creativity flow naturally. You’ll be happy with the director as well as the talent. Encourage your inner artist.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 9 — Not everybody appreciates your intensity. There’s one person who does, however. Focus your attention there.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 5 — Fender a difficult problem with minimal distractions. Once you’ve accomplished the latter, the answer to the former becomes obvious.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — An amazing discovery takes your mind off your troubles. You can learn to do something you thought you couldn’t. Look around, this will be fun.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — Fulfill your potential, do what you could have already be worth a lot more than you thought. Check it out.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — Push forward with your plans, don’t wait a moment lon- ger. You don’t have to have every detail worked out, leave room for miracles.

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**Fashionably Late: Forever copying?**

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Spring has sprung, bringing with it another season of fashion. As the temperature rises, so does the fashion industry. With the help of fashion designers such as Gucci, Balenciaga, and Vera Wang, we are presented with a multitude of options to choose from. However, the question remains: are these designers truly original, or are they simply copying past trends?

According to a study conducted by fashion experts, nearly 60% of designers have admitted to copying designs from other brands. This behavior is not only prevalent in fashion, but also in other industries such as music and art. The question of originality is a complex one, as it relates to the theory of natural selection – more specifically, how it relates to fashion. The idea of plagiarism is not a new one, and it has been a constant battle in the world of fashion.

Despite the controversy, fashion designers continue to push the boundaries of design. The question of whether or not designers are copying each other remains. As we enter the spring season, let us consider the impact of this trend on the fashion industry and beyond.

Iowa

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Panthers’ coach Ben Jacobson said his team needs to be better defensively, which was something it lacked in the last meeting. “We didn’t defend to the level that we needed to,” Jacobson said. “They’re too good of a basketball team. They have too much experience and if you give them too many opportunities they’ll take advantage of them.”

The Panthers are coming off two straight victories to close out the season against Indiana State and Evansville. Northern Iowa (17-13, 9-9) is led by senior center Eric Crouch who scored 33.9 points and 8.5 rebounds per game and senior guard Jared Josten added 9.8 points per game.

Against the Salukis this season, Coleman has scored just 10 points and 11 rebounds combined.

Falker said the key for him is to stay on the court and out of foul trouble. “Attack them, fight them, and play hard,” Falker said.

Lowery said he isn’t expecting Falker to play one-on-one defense against Coleman, rather it being a team effort to stop the Panthers’ leading scorer.

If the Salukis win, they will play the winner of No. 14 Missouri State and No. 7 Missouri State at 4:05 p.m. Saturday.

**SNAP CONTINUED FROM PAGE 16**

Paulk faced late in the second half was matched by senior backcourt teammates James and Siewer. Siewer led the Salukis with 25 points and hit a 16-foot jumper to put them up for good.

Freshman guard Ellen Young sparked the bench with 17 points on 7-for-10 shooting.

“I thought she just played within herself and she wasn’t pressing as much,” SIU coach Dana Eikerenberg said. “The big shot was with three seconds on the (shot) clock in front of our bench and she just didn’t hesitate.”

The loss puts the Redbirds (22-19) in the MVC tournament for the first time since 2009.

**Iowa City**

**Pulse**

Lindsay Lohan’s mother Dina is getting a reality television show. Set to air this summer, the tentatively titled “Living Lohan” will allow camera crews to follow Dina and her daughter as they attempt to start Dina’s career in Hollywood. The show will also feature the rest of the Lohan brand — brothers Michael and Cody. What pressing issues do you hope this reality show addresses?

Devin Vaughn

Diana Soliwon

I’m hoping there’s some kind of crash course in how to become an out-of-control celebrity. Whether it’s a boot camp in erratic behavior or a lesson on how not to dress and wear makeup, it should be addressed.

I’m dying to know what a family-style dinner looks like in the Lohan household. How does the in-and-out-of-chaos lifestyle play into their pockets of money.

**Pulse Chatterbox**

**Alicia Wade**

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head coach

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“Don’t get fooled again, Hollywood.”

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I’m not sure we can do with her (Lewis) unless we stuff Erin on top of (Katrina) Swingler’s shoulders,” Eikerenberg said. “There’s not much we can really do but I thought we helped out a lot on her.”

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“I’d love to be duped about as much as you do, Hollywood — which is never. And being pulled into a hoax is easy. Just look at the history of the publication you’re reading.”

But for every trick and lie printed in there’s an easy way to combat being a part of that deception — research. Simple research, Hollywood, is all we’re asking for. Your fans trust you so don’t lead astray.

On a lighter note, it looks like the memoirs of my years spent living on Mars, which were followed up by my discovery of a cure for believing in the Bigfoot, are set to go to print soon. Oprah says she loves it.

Don’t get fooled again, Hollywood.

Alicia Wade can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 275 or aliciawade@siu.edu.
Saluki golf in full swing

Men and women have championship aspirations

Luis C. Medina
Daily Egyptian

The SIU women’s golf team is eager to stay atop the mountain, while the men’s team aims to get there.

The Saluki women go from the hunter to the hunted as they attempt to defend their 2007 Missouri Valley Conference championship. SIU travels to Phoenix to compete in the Rio Verde Invitational, looking to improve on its third place finish at the Southern Mississippi Invitational, which took place Feb. 11 and 12 in Baja, Mexico.

Coach Diane Daugher said she likes what her golfers bring to the table.

“One of the most exciting things about this team is that we haven’t yet played against each other,” said Daugher. “We’ve had different people step up to the bat about every tournament.”

If SIU repeats, it will likely be because of the play of its upperclassmen.

Daugher said she expects seniors Jonathon Zandstra and Kelly Gerlach to be the Salukis’ top performers.

One of the Salukis’ newest additions won’t be taking any swings with the team this year. Samantha Sambursky joins the coaching staff as the first full-time assistant coach in Daugher’s 22-year coaching career in Carbondale.

Sambursky, who graduated in December with a degree in math education, played 89 rounds in four seasons for the Salukis. Her name was Samantha Sutker before she wed former SIU quarterback Joel Sambursky in January.

Daugher said her new assistant is doing a good job making the transition from a teammate to a coach.

“It’s an opportunity for me to latch on to one of my kids that cares about the program as much as I do,” Daugher said.

While the women enter their third tournament, the Saluki men’s team looks to start the spring season on a positive note March 10 in Limestone, Ala., at the Sanford Spring Invite.

After three second-place finishes during the fall season, SIU will attempt to get over the hump as it tries to capture its first Missouri Valley Conference championship.

Lenny Newton enters his 12th season as Saluki men’s coach with seniors Matt Ellis and Brandon Danielson, junior Todd Obergefen and sophomores Blake Dreskill in tow. The quartet makes up the Salukis’ returning players, who hope to improve on the team’s fourth consecutive top-four finish in the MVC.

Ellis said the second-place finish helped the Salukis gain confidence coming into the spring.

“We were close once or twice, but we definitely want to get a win,” Ellis said. “The main goal is to win conference, get to regionals and go on to nationals.”

Joining Ellis and the Saluki returnees are newcomers Phillip Collier, Jordan Cox and John Danielson.

Danielson, a junior transfer student from Indiana Hills Community College, said he came to SIU hoping to win a conference championship.

“I wasn’t here last year, but we’re definitely trying to improve on that fourth place finish,” Danielson said.

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Salukis hope third time another charm

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ST. LOUIS — There are a lot of things coach Chris Lowery could be telling his team about its opponent in preparation for SIU’s third meeting with Northern Iowa this season. He could be talking about how the Panthers shot 40 free throws in the Salukis’ Feb. 2 loss. He could discuss how his team turned the table Feb. 20, blowing purple and yellow out of the SIU Arena with a 20-point beating.

Instead, Lowery has chosen to keep it simple.

“When asked what he was doing to prepare his team for the Panthers, Lowery responded, “Nothing.”

“We really work on ourselves,” he said. “We try to keep focus and make sure we don’t get anyone hurt down the stretch.”

The No. 3 seed Salukis (17-13, 11-7 MVC) will put their season on the line today as they face the No. 6 seed Northern Iowa at 8:35 p.m. in St. Louis.

SIU is vying for its seventh MVC title game appearance and a shot at the tournament. The Salukis mean a lot to us and I told my kids that,” Shaw said. “We try to prepare our team to give up, it’s just a great feeling.”

Senior guard Bryan Mullins goes up for a shot against Illinois State’s Osiris Eldridge during Saturday’s game at the SIU Arena. The Salukis play Northern Iowa today at 8:30 p.m. in the quarterfinals of the MVC Tournament at the Scottrade Center in St. Louis.

In the two previous meetings of both teams, SIU and Northern Iowa both natched wins at home in two polar opposite games.

On their home court in Cedar Falls, Iowa, the Panthers attempted 40 free throws and both Shaw and senior forward Randal Falker fouled out of the game as they fell 68-63.

But back in Carbondale, the Salukis used an almost perfect night and held on for dear life.

“With momentum and fighting and to show we’re not going to give up, it’s just a great feeling,” Shaw said. “To come down here and keep fighting and to show we’re not going to give up, it’s just a great feeling.”

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Men’s Basketball

Salukis earn 72-69 upset on the road

Matt Hartwig
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NORMAL — In pregame warmups, senior guard Erin Paul couldn’t stop smiling.

Perhaps she knew something the other 1,375 in attendance at Redbird Arena didn’t know.

The SIU women’s basketball team shocked Illinois State Thursday night, dealing the Redbirds a 72-69 defeat. The victory snapped the Salukis’ five-game losing streak and was its first road victory in the last seven tries.

Paul’s 10 points didn’t lead the Salukis (9-18, 5-12 Missouri Valley Conference), but her play down the stretch breathed life into a team that saw its halftime lead get around into an eight-point deficit.

After an inbounds pass was knocked around with 10 seconds remaining in the game, Paul jumped into the middle of the pile and held on for dear life.

She drew the foul and got to

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Junior forward Jasmine Gibson dribbles down the court during the SIU victory kept host Missouri Valley Tournament appearance.

TENNIS

Streak continues for SIU

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It was a happy homecoming for the SIU women’s tennis team.

SIU entered Wednesday night’s match on a roll after winning its previous two matches. The Salukis carried that momentum into its first home match of the year, defeating SIU-Edwardsville, 6-2, at Sports Blatt.

The Salukis (6-2) were able to overcome a slow start in doubles action to capture the doubles point by sweeping the Cougars.

Coach Andrea Nothwehr said the Cougars provided a competitive doubles match for the Salukis and said she was pleased to see her players overcome a slow start to get the point.

“In almost every match it was competitive in the beginning, and then once we started to have an edge and we kept accelerating, they couldn’t handle it,” Nothwehr said.

The Salukis also won five of six singles matches.

The Cougars’ lone point came in a match that was scored a default because Saluki junior Andrea Coutney was sick.

The SIU men’s team also continued its winning trend Wednesday afternoon in Paducah, Ky., with a 6-1 victory against Murray State.

The Saluki men improved their record to 5-3 after they swept the Racers to collect the doubles point and earned five points by winning five of the six singles matches. The SIU victory kept host Murray State winless on the season.

Coach Ehren Nelson said he was pleased with his team’s performance, especially the doubles teams.

“We are starting to play more consistent doubles, with all three teams playing well,” Nelson said.

Lucas Winkel, Hugo Vidal, Antonio Leonenko, Sebastian Rubiano and Chase Miller each picked up straight-set victories in singles action for the Salukis.

Senior Chris Horton earned the Racers’ only point, winning the tie-breaking set against Mariano Restrepo 10-6, after splitting the first two matches 6-7, 7-6.

The Saluki men return to action March 10 in Honolulu against Hawaii-Pacific and Hawaii-Manoa, while the women return to the road March 11 against Arkansas State.

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