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Stress during finals more than just test-related

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

Papers and quizzes are not the only reasons students stress during the final two weeks of the semester.

Barb Elam, coordinator at the SIUC Wellness Center, said students find it difficult not only preparing for finals, but also straining to find ways to pay for their education.

"It seems more and more that students are worried about their financial situations," she said. "It seems that they think if they struggle and get poor grades in their class, they think they wasted their own or their parents' money. They may start growing doubts of how they can afford to keep going to school."

Peter Gitau, SIUC dean of students, said the uncertainty of employment in the future

worries many students at this time.

"I see students who are graduating come in and talk about how they still do not have a job lined up for them once they graduate," he said. "It is a major stress. Transition is very important for student's well-being, being able to know where one will live or go work."

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Developer plans new life for shopping center

NICK JOHNSON
Daily Egyptian

The West Park Plaza shopping center on Main Street is expected to be fully occupied by January, said John Etherton, a member of the developer group that recently

purchased the property.

The plaza opened in 2002 and has seen many retailers come and go — with the going becoming more common. In addition to Kroger, which occupied the property's largest space before it relocated to the east side of town,

several smaller stores, such as H & R Block and Polar Investment Counsel, Inc., have either relocated or left the property since it was built.

Etherton said the acquisition of the property, which was obtained from Bank of America in foreclo-

sure, had been in the works for more than a year. During that time, Etherton's group, J.E.S. Development, received many offers from companies wanting to get a foot in the door of one of the plaza's spaces, he said.

"It's an indication that people

do see a value in having a presence on the west side of town and aren't afraid to locate there," Assistant City Manager Kevin Baitly said.

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From the SOUTH

Two DAILY EGYPTIAN journalists meet people along the Gulf Coast to document BP's massive oil spill.

DIANA SOLIWON
JULIA RENDLEMAN
Daily Egyptian

THE GULF COAST — Philip Adams said he was born with an oyster in his hand.

Now he's afraid the popular mollusk that he orders 80 sacks of daily for his seafood restaurant, Mikey's on the Bayou, will soon not be held there by anyone. If the BP oil spill snaking throughout the Gulf of Mexico reaches local oyster beds, Adams said he's not sure the industry will bounce back.

"And I'm worried about the wildlife most of all," Adams said. "For the people here, the Gulf is our life."

Already, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries signed an order Saturday to suspend shellfish harvesting west of the Mississippi River in Lafourche and Terrebonne parishes. It also delayed the shrimp season along western waters until further notice — leaving fishermen like Aaron Scott of Cocodrie, La., in perpetual limbo.

"I was six years old when I came down here, and I've been shrimp'n' all my life," Scott said.

Measures to protect from hazards such as water pollution will take so long to complete that the season, which usually runs for about 40 days starting in May, is probably over, he said.

The spring shrimp season, according to the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board, helps account for 30 percent of what's sent up the Mississippi River to places like Cape Girardeau, Mo., and Carbondale, Ill., and opens every May.

A group of environmentalists organized by the Sierra Club and Louisiana fishing industry representatives gathered Saturday in New Orleans' Lafayette Square to use BP's Deepwater Horizon oil rig explosion as a way to promote alternate energy sources.

"This is America's wake up call," Sierra Club President Allison Chin said. "We don't only need to clean up the Gulf Coast, we need to clean up America's energy."

An unusual rally attendee ex-



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Skyye Howard, 2, of Quitman, Miss., swims Saturday in the waters off the coast of Biloxi, Miss. Although the oil from the Deepwater Horizon

oil rig explosion is approaching the area, Skyye's mother, Sharon Howard, said the family chose to go ahead with its Mother's Day trip.

For more images from New Orleans, Biloxi and Ocean Springs, please see dailyegyptian.com.

— Guy Bode



pressed skepticism.

"The fate of this whole thing is in the hands of a few engineers," said Sandra Hayden, an oil company lawyer who worked in Alaska for the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill. "This is a feel good thing. We're not the guys who're going to stop the oil... but I do believe in the culture of learning how to make alternative sources of energy."

Experts consider the Exxon Valdez oil spill, which dumped more than 10 million gallons of crude oil in the waters of Prince William Sound, Alaska, the largest in U.S. history. Some media have reported the Deepwater Horizon oil spill will surpass it.



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Annie Perret, left, of Lafayette, La., her mother, Cheryl Perret, and Louis Holmes, of New Orleans, participate in a rally Saturday in New Orleans for clean energy.

"We came from Lafayette to show solidarity with the fishermen whose livelihoods are threatened along the Gulf because of this oil spill," Annie Perret said.

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Stotlar house torn down

NICK QUIGLEY
Daily Egyptian

Though some residents and the Carbondale Preservation Commission opposed the move, the historic Stotlar House at 507 W. Main St. was demolished Thursday by owner Home Rentals.

Severely damaged by last year's May 8 storm, the house was accidentally issued a demolition permit from the city in October when the property was mistakenly found to be outside the city's historic preservation district. The city later denied

the permit upon realization of the error Jan. 11 by a 6-1 vote. The house was protected by a moratorium until March 1, when its fate was to be determined by owner Home Rentals.

Representatives of Home Rentals were not immediately available for comment.

The house was built in 1916 by Christopher Stotlar, a Civil War veteran, business owner and superintendent of schools.

Evelyn Koine, chairwoman of the Preservation Commission, said the house's Prairie-style architecture and stucco finish was one of the earliest

surviving examples in the city. Resident and landlord D. Gorton said it was ironic that Home Rentals destroyed the property the same week the city gave out four preservation awards, including three for homes in the Arbor District.

"Clearly, what people here want is to maintain and make things better. That doesn't fit into the business model of Home Rentals," Gorton said.

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Borrowing bill passes, sent to Quinn

After months of lobbying for borrowing authority, state universities are only one signature away from their goal.

Senate Bill 642 passed the House and was concurred by the Senate late Thursday night before being sent to Gov. Pat Quinn's office for his signa-

ture. The bill passed the House with a vote of 87-28, according to the Illinois General Assembly website.

The bill would allow universities to borrow 75 percent of anticipated state payments for payroll purposes. The authority to borrow would expire Aug. 31, and universities would

have one year to pay back the loan.

The bill received approval in the House because of an amendment that calls for an Emergency Short Term Cash Management Plan. The amendment requires universities to submit a detailed plan to meet payroll obligations and terms for repayment.

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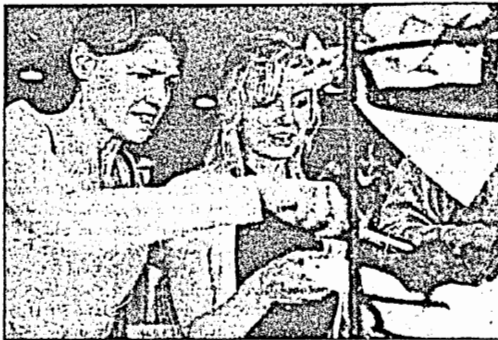
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MOTHER'S DAY



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Lisa Gibson, left, serves her daughter Lacey grapes at the annual Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday at the Student Center. Lisa said the brunch has been part of her family's Mother's Day routine

for several years because the food is so good. Susan Corlasco, deputy director for the Student Center, said the event has been going on for more than 30 years and drew more than 500 people Sunday.

OIL

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The spill has already added about 4 million gallons of oil to the Gulf's waters, and it could continue for up to three more months since plans to cover the leak with a four-story containment box were aborted Saturday, according to a report by The Associated Press.

Meanwhile, some consumers have directly and indirectly helped the food and tourism industry by way of the spill.

Mikey's cooks are shucking oysters overtime, Adams said.

"We're ordering four, five times more oyster sacks than normal," he

said. "We've just been completely slammed the last two weeks... People are scared to death they won't get their seafood."

Meanwhile, Sharon Dearman of Quitman, Miss., was on a Biloxi beach with friends Saturday to celebrate Mother's Day. The oil made no difference in her plans, she said.

"If the oil came up on the sand, we would have been swimming in the hotel pool," Dearman said.

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College life examined in 'The Yard'

SARAH CECHOWSKI Daily Egyptian

Brandon Williams mixed teenage adolescents, adult responsibility and music to create inspiration.

Williams, an SIUC alumnus and writer and director, posed the question: "Mixing teenage adolescents with adult responsibility — what's the worst that can happen?" to more than 200 people Saturday during the performance of "The Yard" in Quigley Hall. The question served as the play's tagline and as the inspiration for Williams.

Williams incorporated his professional music experience with hip-hop for a play that portrayed college life from characters of different backgrounds and perspectives.

Williams said his inspiration for writing the play came from a friend who quit his job in Peoria and moved to Nashville, Tenn., to fulfill his dreams of performing and has since then been in four major productions.

"Whenever I set out to do something I look at somebody as a model to success, and I don't follow it to a tee, but I kind of look up to them as far as what they do," Williams said. "Doing that independent stuff isn't a guarantee, however, no job is a guarantee. You know how economics are the way the economy is now, so if you're going to have a job, why wouldn't you want to be

in control of it?"

Eighteen students were chosen from 30 that auditioned. Williams said his cast was unique because only three members were theater majors.

"The Yard" is an avenue for inspiration and cultural expression, said cast member Matthew Simpson, a senior from Rockford studying business economics and finance.

"I read a lot. I'm into music, literature and art, and I know how important these types of things are for cultural expression," Simpson said. "I read one time that people without a culture are people without an identity. For our generation of people, this type of stuff is important — kind of like to create our own identity."

He said Williams taught him performing is about the inspiration a character can bring to an audience and the connection they have with them.

"It's about that moment when somebody can tell you that they saw themselves in what you are doing, and its kind of like when a person can see what they look like," Simpson said. "That's what these art performances are about, that's what these cultures can do — inspire people."

The music was inspiration for cast member Cory Hopson, a junior from East St. Louis studying speech communications. He said the music is what brought the whole cast together.

"I think (Williams) did a good

job of (capturing) what college life is like. You have dealings with suicide and you have dealings with relationships, one-night stands and drinking, and I think when people see it on stage it's almost funny to look back and know that you're seeing yourself," Hopson said.

Cydni Bell, a freshman from Chicago studying athletic training, was one of the more than 200 people who attended the show and said she was there to support Williams.

"I thought it really attacked a lot of real issues," Bell said. "It's not fabricated issues, and (Williams) made sure he kept it real with everything that happened."

Williams said he believes it is the students' responsibility to give back to their community and appreciates the university giving him the opportunity to do it.

Hopson said the support from SIUC was why the group has been successful and able to expand.

"SIU is such a ball of diversity. We have some of the most talented people on this campus," Hopson said. "I just want to thank the whole entire campus for their support and their continued support."

Williams is writing part two of "The Yard" and said his cast would perform it in the fall.

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ITALIAN 101 HELPS STUDENT ORDER PIZZA AT RESTAURANT

Looking for something more authentic than local favorite Pizza Ham, the group had decided to venture out and try a new place.

"I swear it was the scariest moment of my life," Karl Winsay, a friend of Danny's, recalled. "It was like we time-warped into Italy or something. The waiter came over and started talking in Italian! Um... what to do."

...for the group, King Italian 101 explained, "so comfortable in that I heard him say and at us or what I no name sunny, that I After... waiter... friends wanted one pizzas on the la... what they re... one's surprise... a good day," Professore Vacanti would of me. Or mi... would've been h...ore Vacanti ref...

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"They were freaking taigating?" Ben exclaimed furiously. "Charcoal grill, coozies, Chinese horseshoes... the whole shebang! They're supposed to be helping ushere... not grilling hotdogs and high-fiving."

The faculty did not deny the claim. In fact, Art History professor Michael Fineman spoke with great liberty.

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Etherton also co-owns Gold's Gym in Carbondale, which will be relocated from 712 E. Walnut St. to become the plaza's first occupant around Thanksgiving. Gold's Gym will increase its current square footage by 50 percent with the move to the 30,000-square foot space once occupied by Kroger, Baity said.

J.E.S. plans to perform internal and external renovations to the old Kroger space, as well make room for a professional office, Baity said.

Gold's Gym is relocating because its clientele is mostly west-side residents, Baity said.

Etherton said his group has spoken with several national chains that are looking to move into other locations on the property, as well as a potential tenant for an adjacent lot. The lot is currently not developed,

but could house an independent building such as a fast-food restaurant, Baity said.

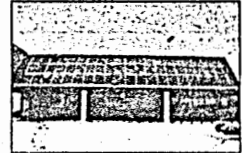
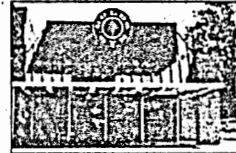
Though economic development has been skewed to the east side in recent years, Etherton said business is slowly working its way back to the west side.

"That area over there is probably the most prime area left to be developed, just because of the large amount of people around it," Etherton said.

Baity said he doesn't think the space Gold's Gym is leaving in the Eastgate Shopping Center on East Walnut Street will remain empty for long.

"Even when they do have vacancies, it's been a lot easier to fill than some of the other spaces in town just because of its visibility," Baity said.

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Gold's Gym, which operates out of 712 E. Walnut St. in the Eastgate shopping center, plans to relocate this fall to the former Kroger building in the West Park Plaza.

STRESS

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Gitau said students' emotions vary from merely distraught to suicidal depression because of stress. He said it is important for friends and faculty members to recognize when a student is in need and help them using appropriate means.

Rosemary Simmons, director of the Counseling Center, said piling fears about the future along with studying for exams could take its toll.

"Some of these students are still waiting to see if they have received their financial package, so they still don't know if they are coming back in the fall," Simmons said. "They still haven't found a job yet, and all this time they are trying to write a paper — it gets to them."

Simmons said among the steps, students can take to help overcome stress during finals week is to talk with friends about their issues and take a break from studying.

"Sometimes it is just best to walk away from your book or computer screen for about 15 minutes, talk to some friends and take some deep breaths," she said.

"It may not seem like much, but it can make a world of difference for you."

Elam said the risk in walking away from your work is continued procrastination.

"You see students not being able to concentrate, despite the fact they have been procrastinating the entire semester, they may find the need to clean their rooms or something like that," Elam said. "They need to eventually get back to working on their projects."

Elam said although too much stress is bad for students, some stress could be beneficial.

"It's not like you are going to get rid of all anxiety, that's unrealistic," she said. "Having a little bit of pressure is a good thing, it motivates students to go out and get something done."

Elam said any student who feels overwhelmed should contact the Wellness Center at 536-4441. She said extra counselors and services would be provided during finals week.

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OUR WORD

Feds the black kettle in intern debate

If the federal government has taught us anything, it is this: open mouth, insert foot.

In the last few weeks, media outlets have been buzzing about a New York Times article on the legality of unpaid internships.

Now, the U.S. Department of Labor is initiating investigations into companies that are failing to pay interns legally based on six criteria, but it has yet to turn the investigation on itself.

Though many federal agencies offer paid internships, the government is a major provider for unpaid internships, which can be searched for through <http://www.makingthedifference.org/federalinternships/directory>.

This website lists unpaid internships affiliated with many federal organizations, including the Center for Disease Control, Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, the Department of Education and the

Department of Labor.

We found it ironic too. And while each internship description clearly outlines compliance of five of the six criteria, an "immediate advantage" is still gained by each department.

The EPA specifies in its job description portion that interns will "provide customer support services by helping deploy and troubleshoot hardware and software resources," "perform scientific and technical

projects" and "develop an intranet website for the EPA staff involved in the remedial response of radioactively contaminated Superfund sites."

How, again, is any of this not an "immediate advantage" to the EPA?

Organizing for America, the organization that helped campaign President Barack Obama into office, also offered unpaid internships during his campaign and still offers them today.

These internships do not offer stipends for food, transportation or living expenses and also require the intern to work 40 hours a week, according to the organization's FAQ webpage, making it impossible for the intern to pick up a second job to support themselves for the duration.

Is it not the height of hubris, Mr. President, to crack down on corporate America without setting the right example yourself?

GUEST COLUMN

May 8 storm sprouts evergreen heroes

DELWAR HOSSAIN
graduate student in the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts

The May 8 storm was a real nightmare for the people of southern Illinois. The students and faculty of SIUC were harshly affected by the storm.

We, the international students living in Evergreen Terrace, experienced a terrifying time without electricity and pure drinking water for two weeks. The fact is, the situation could have been even more terrible than what we had to face.

Some students and employees of our university helped us by providing food, pure drinking water and in so many other ways. They willingly came out to help us, and we felt a great relieve. The day after the storm, Stephanie Hsin, an undergraduate student in the College of Liberal Arts, along with her friends Carina Beck and Robert Humiston opened a camp in front of her apartment in Evergreen Terrace and started to offer services to us.

Their first start... the camp out of their own ideas and initiatives. Later, University Housing, some churches and other people started to provide food and other items to their camp.

Not only that, but they also provided facilities for others to cook their own dishes for those people whose cultural diet did not include American hamburgers and cereals, which dining halls were mostly offering. Eventually, their kitchen in the camp turned into a community kitchen with several volunteers helping while they provided four to six meals a day for anyone who was hungry and coffee on the grill at 6

a.m. every day for nearly two weeks.

I became stunned that just to give amenities for charging our phones, Stephanie and her friends kept the engines of their cars on hour after hour. I think they burned gas from their own money and nobody donated a single penny to buy gas.

Fortunately, the storm happened the last week of the spring semester, so we were done with all exams and final papers. Consequently, we had more than enough free time to hang out in their camp.

In this regard, I would like to say that Stephanie and her friends did not only give us food and other facilities but also mental support. I think that was the core strength for us to survive through the situation.

We were out of any sort of communication (internet and phones) at that

time and did not get opportunity to get in touch with our families back in our home countries. When regular life resumed after two weeks, we shared with our families and friends what happened in Carbondale.

Not surprisingly, they did not believe that it was possible in the United States to not have electricity for so long. As people are so reliant on electronic appliances in the U.S., it was incredible to many of us that people can survive without electricity. We experienced that reality in May 2009 in Carbondale.

So, we would like to say that Stephanie Hsin, Carina Beck, Robert Humiston, their other neighbors and all of the children of the aforementioned (as Evergreen Terrace is a family community, Stephanie, Carina, Robert and others had concerned themselves not only with their own large families but

with all the families in Evergreen) and all people in the housing office did everything in their power to provide 24/7 service to us.

The university administration, people in our neighborhood, some churches and voluntary organizations came forward to help us. In foreign countries, there is a general conception that people in the U.S. are individualistic and they are busy with themselves. But, we found people here also think about their community and provide support in any crisis time. Therefore, after the one-year anniversary of the storm, we would like to remember the services of those friends who helped us during the last storm. We would like to honor and salute you. Thank you very much for your service. We really appreciate what you have done for us.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Illinois needs statesmen, not politicians

DEAR EDITOR:

I have become very concerned with the challenges SIUC faces. As a student at the university, it is troubling to hear the grim budget news day in and day out. The concern is only compounded when our leaders in Springfield show no concern for our plight.

With the state of Illinois featuring a \$13 billion deficit and owing SIUC nearly \$250 million, there are only two responses. One is to cut services and the other is to raise taxes. Seemingly viable alternatives on both sides have been offered, but none of

them have attracted the fancy of Sen. Dave Luechtefeld, D-Okawville.

Luechtefeld voted against the recent pension reform legislation that cuts \$300 million this year and \$150 billion over the next 35 years. Yet, Luechtefeld then praised the "sweeping bipartisan pension reform" in his weekly newsletter.

But even if you ignore his newsletter and assumed Luechtefeld is against budget cuts, he has yet to support the only alternative: increasing taxes. Last year Luechtefeld voted against House Bill 174, which would have helped

plug the budget hole and continued funding SIUC.

With so many students suffering in the current economic and budget climate, it is imperative that we have statesmen, not career politicians, in Springfield fighting on our behalf even in tough times. Unfortunately, what we have been saddled with is an unresponsive politician more concerned with collecting his pension than helping people.

Jen Curtis
secretary of SIUC
College Democrats

USG does the best with what it has to work with

DEAR EDITOR:

As a member of the USG finance committee, I get to make a lot of people angry by not allocating money to their RSO. I understand that everyone is upset about the amounts they were allocated and then the additional 9.3 percent cut that we had to make. But before you start complaining about USG, there is something you need to understand.

The fact of the matter is that we don't have the money to give out to people. We are given a number before we meet with RSOs for allocations and we have to stay under it.

The additional cut we had to make is because we simply don't know what enrollment is going to be. If enrollment is going to continue to go down, then expect another possible budget cut this summer. If people want more money for their RSOs, then get more students to enroll at SIUC. That's where we get the funds from — the Student Activity Fee.

If we don't have students, we don't have money. Simple as that.

Patrick Filipek
USG finance
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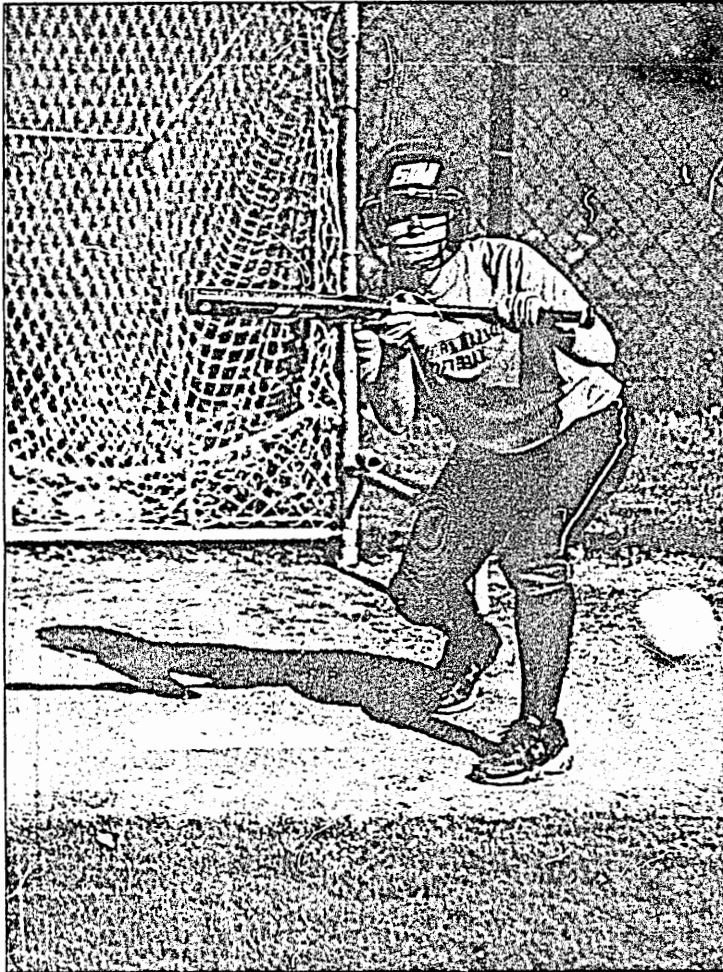
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SOFTBALL

Salukis take conference crown



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Junior third baseman Natalee Weissinger attempts a bunt during practice April 7. The Salukis won two of three games against Drake

during the weekend, winning the regular season Missouri Valley Conference championship for the first time since 2005.

Team wins two of three against Drake

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The SIUC softball team went into its three-game weekend series against Drake knowing if it won at least two games it would win the regular season Missouri Valley Conference title.

It did just that. SIUC (36-18, 20-5 MVC) split its Friday doubleheader with Drake before winning the game in come-from-behind fashion to wrap up its first MVC regular season title since 2005.

"It didn't seem like anything was easy," said head coach Keri Blaylock. "The kids really took the challenge knowing we had to win today; that was good."

The Salukis won the first game in the series in a thrilling fashion. With the game tied at one in the seventh inning, SIUC put up five runs to pick up the 6-1 victory.

The senior trio of second baseman Alicia Garza, left fielder Katie Wilson and designated player Allie Hanson got the job done for SIUC in the seventh. Garza and Wilson each recorded RBI singles before Hanson hit her first career triple to drive in two more runs.

Garza's RBI gave her 130 in her career, moving her into second place on SIUC's all-time list.

Drake (32-21, 12-13 MVC) came back in game two, however, and won a close 2-0 battle against the Salukis.

The Bulldogs scored one run in the first and another in the fourth. Junior pitcher Alex Peters was tagged with the loss, going 1.2 innings while allowing one run on three hits.

But the Salukis refused to let their

opportunity at winning an MVC crown end, and won the rubber game 4-2.

SIUC entered the fifth inning trailing 1-0, but sophomore shortstop Haley Gorman and Garza drove in back-to-back RBIs before Wilson doubled off the center field wall to score two more and give the Salukis a 4-1 lead.

Wilson's two RBIs extended her single-season RBI record to 51.

Drake came back with a solo home run by Macie Silliman in the sixth, but it would not be enough as the Bulldogs fell 4-2.

Garza's RBI moved her to within one of tying Jamie Schutte's all-time record of 132 RBIs.

Junior pitcher Danielle Glosso (23-12) won her second game of the weekend, and moved into the No. 4 spot in school history for wins in a single season.

The Salukis finished the season 20-5, just a half game ahead of second place Illinois State, who swept its three-game series against Bradley to finish 19-5 in the MVC and secure the No. 2 seed in the MVC Tournament.

Blaylock won 20 or more conference games for just the second time in her tenure with the Salukis, with the last time coming in 2005 when the Salukis finished 24-3 in the MVC.

The Salukis, the No. 1 seed in the MVC Tournament, is now guaranteed at least two games in the tournament. A new modified bracket allows the top two teams a chance to work their way back into the championship game, should they lose their first game.

SIUC will play its first game in the tournament at 11 a.m. Friday at Drake.

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BASEBALL

SIUC swept by MTSU

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The SIUC baseball team was unsuccessful in trying to avenge two early season home losses against Middle Tennessee State, getting swept on the road by the Blue Raiders during the weekend.

The Salukis were outscored 29-14 over the course of three games and dropped to 0-5 on the season after losing at home to the

Blue Raiders March 2 and 3.

In the first game, SIUC fell 14-11 in a slugfest. Senior pitcher Ryan Bradley (0-4) picked up the loss in relief. He threw two innings and gave up four runs, three earned, on five hits.

All 14 of Middle Tennessee State's runs came in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

Junior second baseman Blake Pinnon and senior shortstop Michael Stalter led the Salukis offensively, as both went 3-5 at the

plate. Pinnon scored a team-high three runs, while Stalter drove in two.

Bryce Brentz drove in three runs off two hits for Middle Tennessee State, while Blake McDade hit a two-run homer.

While the pitching in game two was better on both sides, the result was the same for SIUC as the team lost 5-1.

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Freshman pitcher Aaron Snyder delivers a pitch to a Southeast Missouri State opponent April 20 during a 13-1 Saluki loss at Abe Martin Field. The Salukis traveled to Murfreesboro, Tenn., during the weekend where they were swept by Middle Tennessee State during a three-game weekend set.

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