Illinois coal exports increase

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The Weekender

After exporting 13 million tons of coal last year, a recent report showed that Illinois has been labeled one of the largest coal producing and exporting states in the country.

According to a report released May 1 by the Illinois Office of Coal Development, coal production has increased by more than five times the amount exported two years ago — 2.5 million. Coal also has made its way to 18 different countries, such as China, where demand has been substantial. Some experts believe the increased interest could lead to more jobs and a higher use of coal.

Since 2009, Illinois has risen four spots to become the nation’s fifth largest coal producing state, producing 47.2 million tons of the resource last year, according to the report. While the state has suffered in overall coal production and distribution since the federal Clean Air Act was passed in 1990, it slowly is making a comeback.

“Almost a third of our production went out of the country,” he said. “That’s primarily because Illinois coal is low-cost and (there is) pollution control equipment to burn it, and it can be used very economically.”

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Job prospects may not be abundant for college students who lack the equivalent of a master's degree. In a random national survey conducted by Accenture, a management consulting and outsourcing company, results showed 41 percent of 1,000 individuals surveyed who graduated in 2011 and 2012 have jobs that do not require college degrees. In addition, almost two-thirds surveyed said they will need additional training in order to attain their dream job. While students who attained graduate school degrees have better odds at obtaining jobs in their career fields, the number of graduate students is declining.

One potential reason graduates find it hard to get their desired jobs is that they aren't prepared for specific tasks when they graduate. Accenture media representative Alex Pachetti said while this survey has been done before, job preparation was the main issue this time around.

“We have surveyed college grads in prior years, but the questions we ask respondents changes according to what’s happening in the market,” he said. “Right now, skills and preparedness for work are a hot topic.”

The survey results showed 77 percent of prospective graduates surveyed expect their jobs to provide formal training. However, less than half received it. Pachetti said poor job preparation comes from a company’s failure to prepare graduates for their required work skills.

“We believe college graduates have great generalist skills, and it is incumbent upon employers to provide targeted training to develop the more specific skills required to ensure they perform in their jobs,” he said.

Another issue graduates may face is competition from individuals with more advanced degrees. According to information gathered by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, individuals with an associate’s degree had a 6.2 percent unemployment rate, slightly less than the national average. However, individuals with a master’s degree or higher had an unemployment rate of 3.5 percent or less.

While information suggests higher degrees can lead to better job opportunities, one expert said graduate school enrollment has declined. John Koropchak, vice chancellor of research and graduate dean, said graduate school enrollment has seen a minor decline nationally.

“The national trend for graduate enrollment has been roughly 1.5 or 2 percent declines nationwide over the last few years,” he said. Koropchak said graduate student enrollment has declined because the country’s economy has been in a rough spot for several years. Raised tuition costs, international student decline and graduate students staying in school to expand their resumes have all been factors in the graduate enrollment decline, he said.

Though the odds might be stacked against them, some students believe they still have a shot in the job market.

Shakari Granberry, a freshman from Chicago studying radio-television, said while he is worried about finding a job when he graduates, he thinks his early preparations will help him be ready.

“Before I graduate, I’m going to try and have myself straight already, as far as jobs,” he said. “I’m going to get an internship and basically set myself up while I’m in college so I don’t have to deal with all of that when I get out.”

Michael Andersen, a senior from Villa Park studying mechanical engineering, said his college performance will help him find a job. However, he is concerned because he has to compete with other graduates.

“There’s going to be thousands of fresh graduates looking for jobs in the same place I am, so it’s a little bit intimidating,” he said.

Andersen said he would only consider graduate school if a company helped him pay for it because he cannot afford it at the moment.

Jack Miller, a senior from Belleville studying Spanish, said he has some options available to him but does not know what the future will hold.

“Just got certified to be an English teacher abroad, so I’ve got that going for me,” he said. “But as far as immediately finding something in the (United States), like in St. Louis or the Chicago area, I guess it’s a little bit concerning.”

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McDonald’s reaching out to Ohio man

NEW YORK — McDonald’s says it wants to speak directly to a man widely quoted in accounts of the discovery of three women who were being held captive in a Cleveland home this week.

Charles Ramsey, who lives in the neighborhood where the women were found, noted in an interview with a local TV station that he was eating McDonald’s when the scene unfolded Monday. He also made note of his meal in a 911 call. Both the interview and the 911 call went viral online.

Danya Proud, a spokeswoman for McDonald’s, said Wednesday that the company is trying to reach out to Ramsey through its local franchisee. She said the company wanted to speak with Ramsey directly given the sensitivity of the situation, rather than communicating with him through the media.

“Randall directly with him any type of reward,” she said.

The Associated Press

Chicago case alleges ties to North Korea

CHICAGO — A Taiwanese businessman long suspected of ties to North Korea and his Illinois-based son have been charged in Chicago with trying to export goods and machinery to the hard-line communist nation, federal prosecutors announced Monday.

Hsien Tai Tsai, 67, and his 36-year-old son, Yueh-Hsun Tsai, are charged with one count each of conspiracy to defraud the U.S. in its enforcement of laws prohibiting the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, a statement from the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Chicago said.

The statement suggests a wider investigation.

Federal agents have been investigating the two Tsais and a network of companies on suspicion of trying to export goods and machinery from the U.S. that could be used to support North Korea’s advanced weapons program, the statement said.

The father, who lives in Taiwan, was arrested on Wednesday in Tallinn, the capital of the Baltic Sea-coast nation of Estonia.

He will be confined to his home and will be under electronic monitoring.

Speaking to reporters later on Monday, the younger Tsai’s attorney insisted the machinery involved was “unsophisticated.”

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The statement from prosecutors doesn’t specify about why Hsien Tsai was in Estonia, though it says U.S. authorities are seeking his extradition.

The son, a legal U.S. resident, was arrested on the same day last week at his home in suburban Glenview, just outside Chicago, according to prosecutors.

The arrest comes as North Korea, under the leadership of Kim Jong Un, has faced international criticism over its nuclear and weapons-development programs. The federal complaint released Monday doesn’t offer details about which weapons systems the machinery could have benefited.

The elder Tsai, who also goes by Alex Tsai, fell under suspicion of U.S. authorities at least as far back as 2008, when he was convicted in Taiwan of forging shipping invoices and illegally shipping restricted materials to North Korea, the U.S. Department of Treasury said in press release at the time.

Treasury officials accused him of shipping items to North Korea that could be used to support its advanced weapons program, and the department in 2009 placed a wide-ranging prohibition on him doing any business in or with the United States. The ban applied to him and several Taiwanese-based companies he helped run, including Trans Merits Co. Ltd. and Trans Multi Mechanics Co. Ltd., the complaint says.

It was the alleged bid to skirt the 2009 prohibition, with the son’s alleged help, that led to the charges in Chicago.

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In addition to the count of conspiracy to defraud U.S. proliferation laws, the father and son each face one count of conspiracy to violate the International Emergency Economic Powers Act and one count of money laundering.

The count of conspiracy to defraud the U.S. carries a maximum 20-year term.
Social media spikes student reading habits

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Reading is an activity many college students are expected to partake in; however, technology’s advances are causing some students to look to social media rather than books for reading material.

A study presented April 30 at the American Educational Research Association shows students are reading more than commonly thought because of the time they spend using social media, according to the Chronicle of Higher Education. However, some students and staff said they aren’t sure social media usage can be considered reading at all.

Edward Brunner, an English professor, said student reading material constantly evolves. The content and form can change from generation to generation, he said.

“Young generations will always choose what they want to read for their own interests,” Brunner said. “The material will always take new and surprising forms.”

While the material won’t always be taught in a university, the words will always have meaning to the students who read it, he said.

Brunner said previous generations’ literature often wasn’t viewed as credible material during its time, but years later people realized the works’ value.

Brunner taught a class on ghost stories that were overlooked when first written, he said. However, in his class he analyzed the meanings the work said about a particular time, he said.

“A lot of what we think of as amazing classics from the past are something that we honor because they have ancient roots,” he said.

Brunner said he predicts the same could happen for the social media of today, as well as modern literature.

Karen Heiternan, a graduate assistant in English from Peoria, said a select few students read plenty of literature but most students don’t — they prefer social media.

Heiternan often asks her students what their favorite books are and many can’t answer, she said.

Kaitlyn McNeary, another graduate assistant in English from Dover Plains, N.Y., said college-age adults traditionally don’t like to read for leisure. However, students are choosing to read more often because young adult literature is becoming more popular, she said.

Social media isn’t replacing students’ reading habits; it’s more of a hobby students like to practice in their spare time, he said.

“Students live in a sea of text, which makes literacy even more important than ever before,” McNeary said.

While some teachers said social media is becoming more popular, many students said they have a passion for reading novels but also social media.

Hali Burke, a freshman from Lake Forest studying zoology, said she spends about two hours a day on social media to stay connected with people back home and stay updated on news.

“I not only get the story, but I also get to see other people’s opinions about it,” she said.

Burke said she also likes to read for fun — especially Stephen King novels.

Haleigh Langer, a freshman from Johnsburg studying pre-med, said she doesn’t read as much as she used to, mostly because she didn’t bring any books from home this year and she doesn’t like e-books. While she is on social media constantly, Langer said it’s mostly because she can access her accounts from her phone.

“It doesn’t help that my iPhone sends me push notifications for social media,” she said.

Haley Stevens, a freshman from Canton studying pre-med, said she loves to read for fun, she enjoys Jane Austen novels and “Gone with the Wind,” as well as more modern books such as “The Help” and “Water for Elephants.”

Stevens said she is on social media daily but didn’t have a Facebook until the start of this year.

“Now I read more social media, but that only because I have a Kindle,” she said.

However, Stevens said she prefers paper books compared to Kindle e-books.

Jacob Carlson, a sophomore from Johnsburg studying biomedical sciences/pre-medicine, said he doesn’t like reading social media or novels. He prefers outdoor hobbies, he said, such as hiking and fishing, but occasionally reads magazines about his hobbies.

“Social media is kind of a waste of my time,” he said. “I’d rather go outside.”

Carlson uses social media to keep in touch with people, but he doesn’t feel the need to spend a lot of time on it, he said.

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Illinois college offers free study opportunities

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Many university students do not have the financial capability to expand their academic studies outside of a college campus, but a program offered by Augustana College allows its students to learn from different places around the world. The Chronicle of Higher Education published an article April 29 about a program at Augustana College called Augie Choice. The program helps students find opportunities to stand out academically. Augie Choice sets aside $2,000 for each of its students toward a learning experience of his or her choice. Whether students are interested in international study, internship or research, the study supports their work outside of campus and encourages them to get involved with different organizations. These opportunities are offered at SIU, but many students do not have the funds required to afford these programs.

Keri Rursch, director of public relations at Augustana College, said Augie Choice allows students to work on programs that will make an impact on their studies.

“The knowledge they are gaining in these learning opportunities are important for college students, and Augie Choice really does match our culture,” she said. “It is getting out there and meeting new people, getting to know those from our students; they appreciate the money and the opportunity, they appreciate the money and what it does to prepare them for future careers or graduate school,” she said.

Thomas Saville, associate director of Study Abroad Programs at SIU, said international studies are a benefit to students because they help them interact with different cultures. He said whether students are learning another language, understanding different cultures or just showing employers they have the ability to work in a different part of the world, study abroad experience can make a difference in the job market.

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“There are many different programs — take study abroad for example,” she said. “Study abroad is offered in many different ways, and there are many trips that students can take part in, but they also have the chance to build their own opportunities. That is one of the really exciting things I have learned about Augie Choice. It is completely customizable to the student.”

She said students appreciate the opportunities offered by Augie Choice because the experiences prepare them for life after college.

“We have heard so many wonderful things from our students; they appreciate the opportunity, they appreciate the money and what it does to prepare them for future careers or graduate school,” she said.

Saville said most of the students involved in study abroad program are typical SIU students, so there are many opportunities if students actively seek them out.

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“One of the key things about study abroad is it opens students to different cultures, and that is a critical part of what we do,” he said. “I can guarantee you in these days, you will run into other cultures in your everyday life.”

He said the experiences from study abroad programs are invaluable to setting students apart in terms of international interaction.

“Think it is a valuable experience,” Saville said. “I think it is important for students to share their experience and articulate what they have done so they can demonstrate their work. You went there, you stayed in the country, you learned to operate functionally in their culture, you had a successful experience, what did you bring back?”

He said faculty study abroad programs are less expensive, so they are more easily accessible for students.

“Private colleges usually have a little more of an advantage, so it’s easy for a student to go abroad and save a little money, unlike here,” he said. “We do have scholarships for study abroad. We have a number of students who receive scholarship money for study abroad, and particularly we are looking at a new initiative here to grow the number of faculty lead programs.”

He said many people also feel more comfortable going to another country with people they know, so going with a faculty member they trust can make the transition easier.

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“Most students in study abroad are on financial aid, but they took the initiative to study abroad,” he said. “If you check, you can find many opportunities in study abroad. It is like a scholarship, if you don’t apply for the scholarship, you won’t get it.”
Gonet said the production cost of mining Illinois coal, as well as the state’s close proximity to the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers, has made the state’s coal considerably cheaper compared to other states. The increased worldwide coal usage will open up more job opportunities in Illinois and continues to grow, he said.

“We haven’t seen the end of the increase in production,” he said. “Three of the mines that opened up last year … once they have a full year of operation (the) production on a couple of those mines will double.”

Gary Broadbent, Murray Energy Corporation media director and assistant general counsel, said in an email that his company exported about 3.75 million tons of coal last year and expects exports to nearly double this year.

Broadbent said his company’s employment rate has stayed almost the same during the past few years. However, the company is losing U.S. markets because of increased natural gas use and actions from the Obama administration to regulate coal production.

Tomasz Wiltowski, university Coal Extraction and Utilization Research Center director, said the state export increase is beneficial because it helps retain and create Illinois jobs. “I’m happy that the export grows because, actually, we are keeping the jobs and coal production,” he said.

While coal production helps retain jobs for coal miners, it also creates more transportation jobs for the state, Wiltowski said. Coal will continue to increase in use worldwide because it is in high demand, especially in China, he said.

Wiltowski said coal is becoming more popular because it is now safer to use. “There are modern technologies in place, such as scrubbers and filters that prevent harmful elements from entering the air,” he said. “While coal might not be a popular resource to use, it is a practical resource for the economy and energy production,” Wiltowski said.

“We need energy, we need electricity,” he said. “The question is where this energy will come from. Of course, (people will) answer solar panel, windmills, all of this stuff; I agree with it, but we can not cover electric requirements right now from these renewable (resources).”

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Students staying in Carbondale for the summer have activities designed to keep them occupied until the fall semester begins.

The Carbondale Friday Night Fair, the Sunset Concert Series and the Shawnee Bluffs Canopy Tour are several experiences students can look forward to as the summer begins.

The Carbondale Friday Night Fair is a weekly event that will last from May through June in the Carbondale town square. This will be the event’s third year and will bring free live music from local artists, including The Swamp Tigers, Rural Kings and The Jewels.
BIKE FASHION:
Ditch the spandex for new commuter clothes

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McClatchy Tribune

MINNEAPOLIS — Johnny Woodside’s cycling clothes are almost as cool as his name. The 30-year-old Minneapolis hydrogeologist dons Lycra shirts, Red Wing boots and has a tapered mustache. Forget the blinding neon spandex get-up.

“The last thing I want to do is walk into the bar and hear, ‘Lance Armstrong’s here!’” said Woodside, who bikes to work, to happy hour and everywhere in between.

As more people trade four wheels for two, retailers are courting bike lovers by tapping into the cycling lifestyle. From boutiques that carry commuters-friendly clothing lines to hip bike hangouts with craft beer and coffee, every corner of the local cycling scene has a pit stop for people with a fashion sense.


Minneapolis has the nation’s second-highest bike commuter rate behind Portland, Ore. — and the number is growing. Bike traffic in the city rose by 47 percent between 2007 and 2011, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

The Twin Cities area is home to a busy schedule of bike events that bring together this well-dressed community. The recent Artcrank show drew more than 6,000 people to celebrate bikes, posters and fashion. The Minneapolis Institute of Arts is often overrun with cyclists for its annual Bike Night (July 18).

But for most who attend these gatherings, bike fashion is more than a passing fad.

“The bike has become a part of my identity,” said Katrina Wollet, a 24-year-old marketing specialist who gave up her car last month, but not her style. “Just like clothing, it’s an extension of my taste, personality and lifestyle.”

To feed this common philosophy, grease-stained repair shops are transforming into stylish hangouts. With its mix of bikes and artisanal coffee, Angry Catfish has become a thriving hub of local bike culture in south Minneapolis.

Over at the new Handsome Cycles shop in Minneapolis’ North Loop, smart wool is the new Lycra. For her that means skirts — and even heels.

“Not here. So much of that stuff is just so ugly,” said Handsome co-owner Ben Morrison. “A full Lycra kit looks great on you if you’re 6 foot 1 and 150 pounds. But for most people it’s not comfortable and it’s just not them.”

SUIT AND TIE (AND CYCLE)

Until recently, commuting to work often meant packing an extra set of clothes and announcing your arrival at the office in an outfit of unflattering spandex and clunky-clack cycling shoes.

“There hasn’t been a lot of gear out there that you can wear comfortably in the office,” said Greg Kuroski, who commutes 25 miles from Victoria, Minn., to downtown Minneapolis several days a week. The president and CEO of Periscope advertising agency said he’s had to wear his racing gear on hot days.

“Now, there are cycling-specific technical clothes that breathe better, wick moisture — they don’t look like normal cycling clothes,” Morrison said. “You can wear this stuff to the office and it’s making commuting by bike a lot more feasible.”

ARE YOU CYCLE CHIC?

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In recent years we've seen a shift in attitude when it comes to adopting an adult dog. "Recycled rovers" used to be a "hard sell," not only because puppies have "the cuter factor," advantage, but also because many people believed adult dogs were less likely than puppies to bond with a new family. Rescue groups, shelters, veterinarians and trainers alike have long argued that's not the case, and the message has gotten through. Adult dogs are now widely considered a wonderful adoption option, especially for people who aren't in a high position to raise a puppy.

When choosing an adult dog, however, you need to ask questions and then think about the answers. While expecting to work on some things as your new dog gets used to you is reasonable, there are no wrong answers, but here are some questions to ask about any dog you're considering adopting:

— What do you know of this dog's history? You may be dealing with a shelter, a rescue volunteer, the dog's original owner or breeder, or a nice person who found a stray. While it's certainly possible for a dog found as a stray to be a perfect candidate for "rehoming," knowing a dog's history is usually helpful when it comes to predicting his potential future in your home.

— Why is this dog available for adoption? Dogs become available for lots of reasons. "Losing our home," "divorce" and "death" don't reflect badly on the dog; "bit our daughter" should give you pause, at the very least. Listen, too, for what isn't said. "He needs more exercise than we can give him" may mean a dog with exercise requirements only a marathoner could meet, or it could mean the previous owners really wanted a dog with the exercise requirements of a stuffed animal. When in doubt, ask more questions.

— What behavior problems does this dog have? What health problems? Many things are fixable and worth considering if you honestly believe you'll take the time to work with the dog. Remember, too, that some problems don't need anything more than a dose of common sense to fix. "Won't stay in the yard." For example, may be easily cured by a decent fence and neutering. As for health, some dogs (like some people) need daily medication for chronic conditions, which might be a problem in some families.

— How is it with children? Other dogs? Cats? Even if you don't have children, you're going to run into some from time to time. Even if you don't have cats, you're going to run into some from time to time.

— How is it with other dogs? If you don't have them, but make certain your prospective pet at least tolerates them well if you do share your home with a cat or two. As for dogs with aggression issues, in many cases these can be worked out, but you may need the help of good trainers or behaviorists, plus a dedication of time and money.

Love is not enough for a good match. While almost any dog can be successfully rehomed with experienced, patient new owners, dogs with severe problems are usually not good projects for beginners. You'll be happier and better able to offer your dog a great new home if you take your time to make sure the fit is a good one. Follow your head as well as listen to your heart, and you'll be off to a great start on a new life with the adopted dog you finally choose.

In recent years we've both taken adult dogs into our homes, including ones with health or behavior problems. Because we knew what we were getting and knew what we could deal with, everything worked out just fine. And it can for you, too.

## Corn and Black Bean Dish

**Ingredients**

- Basic recipe:  
  - 1 (15 oz) can corn, drained  
  - 1 (15 oz) can black beans, drained  
  - 1 (4 oz) can of sliced green chilies  
  - Pepper, to taste  
  - Chili powder, to taste

- Additional Ingredients:  
  - Small tomato  
  - 1 package of small flour tortillas  
  - 2 cups pre-cooked chicken strips  
  - Sour cream  
  - Shredded cheese of choice

**Directions**

1. Warm chicken according to package directions. Meanwhile, prepare the corn and black bean dish as stated above. After warming add a small diced tomato to the bean dish. Spoon bean dish, warmed chicken, sour cream and shredded cheese onto warm tortillas.

2. Using the corn and bean dish here will increase serving amounts to six and the time to 15 minutes.

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### Make it a salad:

Add 2 tablespoons fresh chopped cilantro and 1 tablespoon of lime juice after warming. Top salad greens with the mix.

### Make it a main dish:

**Additional Ingredients:**

- 2 cups pre-cooked chicken strips

### Make it a dip:

Add a small diced tomato after warming to create a salsa dip.
Tonight:
Music
Key West Bar and Grill • Memory Lane (karaoke and DJ)
Newell House Grotto Lounge • Couts, Goot, and Wall (jazz)
Tres Hombres • AD/CB (Another Dead Cover Band)
Hangar B • Orchard Lounge / Shattered Sound
Pinch Penny Pub Beer Garden / Copper Dragon Brewing Company • garden party
PK’s • Tim Whiteford Trio (power trio)
NAhatoit • Herrin: Heavy J and Mandy Rai (DJ and karaoke show)
Rustle Hill Winery • Cobden: Fowler-Bonan Foundation fundraiser w/ Bone Dry Reel Band and Friends (Americana)
Other
Castle Perilous • strategic gaming
S.I. Bowl • Carterville: cosmic bowling / karaoke
Carnegie Library • Marion: Stone Soup Shakespeare presents William Shakespeare’s “The Tempest” (live theater) @ 9 p.m.

Friday:
Music
Gaia House Interfaith Center • open
Tres Hombres • DJ Nasty Nate / Transcendental Cowboys (American)
Pinch Penny Pub Beer Garden / Copper Dragon Brewing Company • Mike and [modern rock]
Town Square Pavillion • Carbondale Street Community Friday Night Fair / Pinocottas (indy rock)
Hangar B • Aaron Kamm and the Dubs (reggae)
Honker Hill Winery • karaoke
Fat Patties’ Red Corner • R and R
Key West Bar and Grill • Memory Lane (karaoke and DJ)
PK’s • Slappin’ Henry Blue (Taww blu)
Walker’s Bluff • Carterville: Patrick Bosley (country/ western)

Sunday:
Music
Two 13 East • Diva’s of Illusion featuring Blanche DuBois (drag show)
Calla’s • drag show featuring Judy Santana and friends
Blue Sky Vineyard and Winery • Makanda: Sunday in the Park series w/ Acoustic Feedback
Walker’s Bluff • Carterville: Eisenauer Band (bluegrass)
Von Jakob Orchard • Alto Pasie: Dave Capoto Duo (classic rock)
Rustle Hill Winery • Cobden: Brad and Bri / Blue Afternoon (acoustic rock)
Other
AMC Showplace Eight • Jack Platt and Nick Nye’s “All Summers Fades/The Diaries” (short-film screenings) @ 2 p.m.
Arttucks Park • Stone Soup Shakespeare presents William Shakespeare’s “The Tempest” (live theater) @ 6 p.m.
Castle Perilous • strategic gaming
Saturday:

Music:

La Fogata • Carbondale Hot! Sauce (Latin music, jazz, funk)

Newell House Grotto Lounge • Casey James (blues)

Longbranch Coffeehouse • salsa night

Hangar 9 • Barnacle Billy and the Zebra Mussels (classic and original rock)

PK’s • Sippin’ Henry Blue (Taw blues)

Tres Hombres • Fresh Hops (jam band, jazz, funk)

Pinch Penny Pub Beer Garden / Copper Dragon Brewing Company • Rod Tuffcurls and the Benchpress (party rock)

Kite Hill Vineyards and Bed and Breakfast • Larry Dillard and Blues Therapy

Key West Bar and Grill • Memory Lane (karaoke and DJ)

Farmers’ Market • After Barbed Wire (bluegrass)

Grace United Methodist Church • Southern Illinois Children’s Choir

Walker’s Bluff • Carterville: Fiddle Rick Johnson (Americana) / Eastwood Frisch (southern rock)

Alo Vineyards • Alto Pass: Springfest w/ Merchant Men / Venturis (classic rock)

Rustic Hill Winery • Cobden: Southbound (southern rock) / Todd Pierson

StarView Vineyards • Cobden: Voyageurs (folk)

Owl Creek Vineyard • Cobden: Of Moose (Americana)

Yellow Moon Café • Cobden: Wil Maring and Robert Bowlin (singer / songwriter)

Blue Sky Vineyard and Winery • Makanda: Reds, Whites, and Blues Festival w/ Rich McDermough and the Rough Grooves / Jeremiah Johnson Band featuring the Silders (Saint Louis blues)

Black Diamond Harley Davidson • Marion: Brock Bartling

Other

Bookworm Bookstore • Jonathan Patrick Riccardi’s “Chronicles of Lore, Volume IV” (book signing)

Castle Perilous • strategic gaming

S.I. Bowl • Carterville: cosmic bowling

Cultural and Civic Center • Marion: Chonda Pierce (Christian comedy) @ 6 p.m.
Stop the big dig

Exercise, supervision will keep your lawn free of holes

GINA SPADAFORDI, Uncrised Ucologist

Over the Labor Day weekend, a puppy joined my family. While he’s still pretty small, he has a lot of growing to do, especially if he’s to help fill the hole in my heart left by the death of my 16-year-old Sheltie, Drew.

The transition from a very old dog -- Drew was managed with daily fluids and medicine for kidney failure a year before his passing -- to a very young puppy can be jarring. Drew had been a well- mannered adult since the Clinton administration, and young Ned has a normal puppy streak of naughtiness.

Which is why I wasn’t really prepared when I came upon a hole in the backyard clearly dug by Ned’s little paws. With a puppy, it’s pretty easy to catch and correct unwanted behavior, but it’s not impossible even with a grown dog. As with any behavior, you have to get to the root of the problem before you can come up with a fair approach to minimizing the damage.

Like many behaviors people find troubling, digging is natural for dogs, with any number of triggers driving the activity. Among them:

• Wanderlust. Some dogs, especially un neutered males, have a strong desire to dig their way out of the yard, especially when the breeze carries the enticing scent of a female in heat.

• Prey drive. Subterranean wildlife can be irresistible to some dogs, especially to terriers or terrier mixes -- breeds developed to dig vermin from their lairs.

• Need for shelter. A well-dug den can keep a dog cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Although any breed or mix can show an interest in making a den, the behavior is more common in breeds such as huskies and malamutes.

• Recreation. Digging is just plain fun. This is Ned’s motivation, I’m pretty sure.

• Excess energy and boredom. This combination is either directly responsible or a contributing factor in most canine behavior problems. The trick is to give a puppy a job. And a happy dog is to do what you can to eliminate the triggers for digging, and then take your pet’s needs into account when planning your landscaping. Neutering can greatly reduce the desire to wander. In wildfire’s case, contact your local agricultural extension for tips on how to get the pets to give your yard a ship. And make sure your pet has the shelter he needs to stay comfortable no matter the weather.

Every dog needs an exercise program, with the emphasis on heart-thumping aerobic interludes, such as a daily run or a game of fetch. If you keep your pet well exercised, he’ll be less likely to indulge in destructive behaviors.

A tried dog is always a good dog! Some trainers suggest giving dogs an area where it’s OK to dig, and training them to use it. This is an especially good strategy for dogs who just love to dig.

The final tip? Design your yard for compromise. Make a less visible part of the yard a dog-friendly, free-dig zone, and limit your pet to that area when you can’t be there to supervise. Provide safe chew toys to keep him occupied, such as peanut butter-stuffed Kongs. discourage digging in off-limits areas by filling in holes and covering them with chicken wire and large rocks.

If you address the underlying issues that cause digging and then allow your dog the opportunity to do some of what comes naturally in an area that’s acceptable to you both, you’ll find that it’s indeed possible to have a yard you can be proud to show off.

Ned seemed pretty easily distracted and pretty happy to grow on a chew toy rather than continue with his digging. But if he shows signs of getting a real kick of the excavations, I’ll be setting him up with an area where he can dig in with my approval.

Q&A: Don’t give in to demands of kitten

Q: A few months ago, we adopted a new kitten from the shelter. We are not inexperienced pet owners. My husband and I both grew up with animals, and we’ve had many pets during our 32-year marriage. The problem? The kitten is very noisy. She follows us everywhere and has an “opinion” on everything. If we don’t pet her or feed her, she gets worse. How can we get her to pipe down? — via Facebook

A: Some cats are chattier than others. Indeed, “talkativeness” is an adored trait in many pets during our 32-year marriage. Which always through 32 years of marriage, which always involves a certain amount of acceptance and compromise. Use these skills with your cat, and you’ll be fine.

Funny thing: In reading your question I found myself wishing my own cat were a little more outgoing. Ilario is a very large, long-haired orange tabby, but he’s so reclusive, many visitors to my house never see or hear him at all — Gina Spadafordi

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— Dr. Marty Becker and Gina Spadafori

The BUZZ

— A year after the release and subsequent killing of dozens of tigers, lions, wolves and bears from a private compound in Zanesville, Ohio, the state is poised to become one of the strictest in the keeping of exotic pets. Owners of such animals have until Nov. 5 to register their animals with the state’s department of agriculture, and a complete ban on owning such animals goes into effect Jan. 1, 2013. The few animals captured alive after the tragedy were sent to the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, and later were ordered returned to the widow of the man who released the animals before killing himself.

— In the wake of a disaster, animals show levels of stress that may make re-adapting to family life difficult, according to a study of pets rescued from the devastating city of Fukushima following the earthquake and tsunami. Scientists noted higher than normal levels of the stress hormone cortisol in dogs rescued from the area, and found that the animals seemed slow to form new companionship bonds. The study’s lead author, Dr. Miho Nagasawa of Azabu University, likened the symptoms to post-traumatic stress disorder, according to a report in the Los Angeles Times.

— Alabama’s veterinary medical board voted down regulatory changes that opponents said would have shut down the state’s four nonprofit spay-neuter clinics after public protest. Some vets felt that medical care was being compromised by the high number of surgeries in the clinics — up to 50 a day by a single veterinarian. Proponents of the clinics argued that the great danger was leaving animals free to breed in a state that reportedly kills 100,000 pets a year for population control. The regulations were proposed after a law with similar language was defeated in the state legislature.

Dr. Marty Becker and Gina Spadafori

Do you have a pet question?
Send it to petconnection@gmail.com or visit Facebook.com/DrMartyBecker.
Casino bosses transform Sin City into Club City

LAS VEGAS — To step into club XS at the Wynn Las Vegas is to enter the dreamscape of a modern artist with fetishes for gold and bronze and bodies in motion. A golden-plated frieze made from casts of nude women sits atop a shimmering staircase. Waves of electronic dance music grow louder with each downward step toward a pulsating, football-field-sized club where lasers cut the air above thousands of dancers.

The revelers take their cues from the famous DJs on stage who are known to surf the crowd in inflatable rafts, throw sheet cakes at clubbers' faces and spray vintage champagne into their mouths.

In Sin City, where over-the-top is always the sales pitch, lavish nightclubs featuring a heart-pounding party have become the backbone of a billion-dollar industry that is soaring while gambling revenue slips.

“We learned a long time ago that in order to continue to attract people from around the world, we have to provide things that are hard to find anywhere else,” said Jim Murren, CEO of MGM Resorts International, which operates nine Strip hotel-casinos boasting their own dance scenes. “These clubs, if done correctly, are tremendous magnets.”

Between the Las Vegas super-clubs coincides with the decline of the town's gambling supremacy. The tiny Chinese enclave of Macau surpassed the desert oasis as the world's top gambling destination in 2006. Singapore is on track to claim the No. 2 spot.

During the height of the recession, when overall Strip revenues tumbled by 16 percent, nightclubs saw more profit than ever. By 2011, Las Vegas was clawing all the way to the bank, with Strip beverage departments earning more than $1 billion, and casino revenues began remaking the Strip into the club capital of the world.

With extravagantly paid DJs, larger-than-life venues and billboard ads that stretch beyond the Strip to Hollywood Boulevard and Miami, casinos are trying to pull off a tricky balancing act: keeping the kindy core that draws older generations while finding a way to make the city hip enough to attract a younger, big-spending set — emphasis on big-spending.

HANNAH DREIER
The Associated Press
LEXINGTON, Ky. — She has championed country music tradition on two continents, secured TV stardom in Los Angeles and even landed a role on Broadway. So what is missing from the career of Sherrie Austin?

How about a crystal ball? Since her primary artistic vocation is songwriting, the ability to see into the future might come in handy. Maybe the native of Sydney, Australia, would get advance word on what country celeb would be next in line to cut one of her songs.

Her track record already is impressive. Among the artists who have done her songs are George Strait (“Where Have I Been All My Life”), Blake Shelton (“Good at Startin’ Fires”) and Tim McGraw (“Shotgun Rider”). But forecasting how far any artist can go with her songs on her most recent album, 2011’s indie-produced “Circus Girl,” open up into different outdoor adventures.

But her records and occasional performances are George Strait (“Where Have I Been All My Life”), Blake Shelton (“Good at Startin’ Fires”) and Tim McGraw (“Shotgun Rider”). But forecasting how far any artist can go with her songs is nearly impossible. And if anyone thinks they can pinpoint a hit before it happens, Austin has some choice Aussie words for you.

“Anyone who says they know it, well … see, I’m Australian. I use a lot of curse words. So I’m thinking now, ‘How do I put this?’” she said. “People will want to tell you that they think they know. But they don’t know if it’s a hit. No one does.

“I write with a lot of artists, so you try to structure songs for them in a way that will get them played, that will offer them the most possible opportunities to be heard. So that’s a whole different kind of mind-set than just sitting down and writing for yourself. But sometimes those end up being the commercial hits, too. So there is no real rhyme or reason to any it.”

Austin also had her own run on the charts. She played at the concert before and will perform with the Ark Band have opened canopy tours of different outdoor adventures. The Shawnee Bluffs Canopy Tour debut this summer as an outdoor escape.

The experience isn’t just fun and games, Miles said. The canopy tour is also made to be educational as well, which separates it from other summer activities, he said. “It’s an adrenaline rush, but it also has a good mix of some education for the history of the area,” he said.

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Saluki runners flock together

Although track and field is often pegged as an individual sport, the SIU men’s and women’s 4x400m relay teams have shown the importance of team camaraderie.

The 4x400-meter race is a four-legged relay during which four runners individually one lap around the 400 meter track. Runners carry a baton to hand off to their teammate once their leg is completed. SIU sprints coach Chidi Enyia said the baton handoff is a crucial aspect of the race that depends on trust.

"When (runners) are exchanging the baton, they are not looking at the person—they are just waiting for a call," he said. "They have to be able to trust that person coming in is going to be where they need to be and that they can exchange where they need to exchange it on the track."

The key to the handoff is that the two runners must sync up their pace, sophomore sprinter Amiris Warren said.

"You want to take out strong but don’t take out too fast because we are all running, coming in off of a full lap," she said. "You want to finish hard and hand off your baton on time and push out on that curve."

Senior sprinter Tess Shubert said, the women’s relay team is very close — some even live with each other.

"We all live in the same apartment complex and the other (runner) live right down the road from us," she said. "We are all a family. We spend every day together and go everywhere together. They are like my sisters, which makes it more meaningful to have success with them."

Shubert said having such a close-knit team translates into a better performance on the track.

"It gives us a certain degree of responsibility that we hold and owe to one another," she said. "It almost holds it over your head, but it gives you more motivation to not let your family down."

Outside of track, Warren said the relay team spends nights...
MIAMI (AP) — Jimmy Butler entered the Chicago starting lineup about six weeks ago, his break coming when a slew of Bulls were dealing with injuries. He hasn’t come off the bench since.

“Everybody went down,” Butler said. “I got my minutes.”

Butler’s role right now is to be the Bulls’ ironman. NBA regulation games last 48 minutes, and even the guys with the biggest workloads get a little break every now and then. But Butler has played every second of Chicago’s last three games, and going back to when he entered Game 5 of his team’s first-round series against Brooklyn for the last time, he’s been on the court for the last 148 minutes, 29 seconds of Bulls basketball.

“I think the most important thing is staying healthy,” Butler said. “You’re always in the flow of the game and you have to think on your toes.”

Butler is one of the league’s top three-way defenders and can get to the rim. He’s also an better-than-average 3-point shooter who can hit clutch shots. He’s a good passer who can find his teammates.

Said Bulls guard Dwyane Wade, who scored 21 points and 10 rebounds in Chicago’s season-opening win over the reigning NBA champions on Monday night: “Whenever you have a professional athlete who can contribute on both ends of the floor, like Jimmy can, you’ve got to find a way to get him on the court.”

Butler is averaging 17.9 points and 6.2 rebounds per game, second behind Wade in both categories. Butler is shooting 47.1% from the field and 38.6% from 3-point range.

“Jimmy Butler’s our next big thing,” Bulls coach Tom Thibodeau said. “We’ve got a lot of good young talent, but Jimmy Butler’s the one who’s really going to help us.”

Butler has played 29 games this season, making six starts. He has 32 points in his last five games.

“I feel like I’m getting in a rhythm,” Butler said. “When you get into a rhythm, you start playing better and better.”

Butler has started the last seven games for the Bulls. He’s averaging 15.7 points and 6.2 rebounds in that span.

“I think he’s really coming into his own,” Thibodeau said. “He’s really become a big part of our team.”

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F Minus

WE SHOULD HURRY BACK.
I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO LEAVE THE ICE RINK.

Argyle Sweater

I'M TIRED OF THIS, BOBBY. NEXT TIME
YOU WRING YOURSELF OUT IN YOUR BED,
YOU'LL BE WASHING YOUR OWN SHEETS.

Flying Mccoys

"HERS NOT GOING TO MISS A FEW SHOWS, AND YOU'RE
CRAYZY IF YOU THINK IM GOIN TO WALK SIX MILES
TO THE NEAREST PUBLIC RESTROOM.

Sherbert

By Ryan Wiggins: sherbertwiggins@yahoo.com

What did one duck say to the other duck?

No what did one duck say to the other duck?

What did one duck say to the other duck?

Pooch Cafe

By Phil Flickinger (www.blundergrads.com)

HEY GRANT! IS THIS YOUR
JAR OF SALSA IN THE FRIDGE?
IT'S GOT A MOUSETRAP ON TOP
OF IT & IT'S JUST TAPE SHIT...

AND IT'S WRAPPED IN BARBED
WIRED, AND HAS "PROPERTY
OF GRANT" ANGRILY SCRIBBED
ACROSS THE FRONT?

No way! Where'd you find salsa?

COMMUNAL FRIDGE

Blundergrads

Aries — Today is an 8 — Venus enters Gemini for over a month of
learning. Study with passion. In a
conflict of interests, walk a thin line.
Follow rules, and complain only to
someone who can do something.

Taurus — Today is a 9 — It's
easier to make money for the next
month, and you're in the zone. The
New Moon solar eclipse in your sign
today provides confident energy
for six months.

Gemini — Today is an 8 — The
urge to run and play tempts.
You're irresistibly lucky in love,
with Venus in your sign. Use
the New Moon solar eclipse to
organize and clear space.

Cancer — Today is a 9 — You won't
wear your heart on your sleeve
as much this next month. Sweet
dreams and fantasies abound.
Allow yourself more quiet time to
consider. Sort. file and discard.

Leo — Today is an 8 — You're
especially popular, and group
activities go well. It's a good time to
get your message across. Evaluate
accounts. Settle an old debt.
Reconsider a decision a bit longer.

Virgo — Today is a 9 — Divide
the necessary tasks more equitably.
Then sell, sell, sell! For four weeks, it's
easier to advance your agenda, and
social networking is key. Take your
time with complex computations.

Libra — Today is a 9 — Don't push
too hard or you'll break something.
It's good for travel and setting
goals this coming month. Make a
lot. Sidestep a conflict of interests.
Confer with your team. Think ahead.

Scorpio — Today is a 9 — It's
easier to save this month and to push
forward. Increase assets by being
aware of expenditures. Stay out
of the argument yet soak up their
enthusiasm. You're gaining confidence.

Sagittarius — Today is a 9 — Provide leadership. Partnership
and compromise arrive more easily.
Watch out for misunderstandings.
Question tradition. You don't need
to tell everyone everything.

Capricorn — Today is a 9 — Your
work is more fun and creative.
A feminine touch colors your
workplace. You can afford to save.
Shop carefully, and don't lose
receipts. Provide support. Talk it over.

Aquarius — Today is a 9 — Artistic efforts blossom. You're lucky
in love for the next month, and
beauty abounds. Finalize creative
plans with discipline. Calm your
mind. Cutting corners costs you.

Pisces — Today is a 9 — Start from practical basics, and toss
out the superfluous. Your home
can become your love nest. Use
your own good judgment, and
don't be afraid to change routine.

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Crossword

ACROSS
1 Small ape, for short
6 Fail to keep a secret
10 Experts
12 Nile or Jordan
15 Actor Rob
16 British noble
18 Give a speech
19 Merry-go-round
20 Remorseful
22 Prejudiced
24 Shipshape
25 Stove top
26 Straightens
29 Started
30 One of the Seven Dwarfs
31 Passes out cards
33 Use someone’s exact words
37 Pelicans
39 Clumsy fellows
41 Gospel writer
42 Olympian’s goal
44 Change one’s alarm clock
46 Golfer’s peg
47 Becomes oxidized
49 Fallen _ _ _ flat
51 Home of the Braves
54 Threesome
55 Modest
56 Naughtiness
60 Group of cattle
61 _ _ market
63 Nation’s capital
64 Therefore
65 Phobia
66 One who won’t leave prison
67 Mine eyes have _ _ _ _ the story of _ _ _ _
68 Tiny amount
69 Wear away

DOWN
1 Cut short
2 Give a job to
3 _ _ _ _ _ the Terrible
4 Ding out
5 Playact
6 Like a dull knife
7 Bowedler
8 Holy wonder
9 Bloodsucking wingless insect
10 Make _ _ _ earn each year
11 Elevate
12 Neatness
13 Winter toys
21 Artist’s stand
23 Baghdad’s land
24 Outperforms
26 Eup’s husband
27 Easy gait
28 Frosted a cake
29 Bossie Smith’s music
30 Major artery
31 Promises
32 Maple or cedar
36 _ _ _ out of a living; gets by
38 Address Susan
40 Department store chain
43 Breathing
51 Is sore
52 In that location
53 Huge
54 Jeweled crown
55 Ham or veal
56 72°
57 Lowdown; dope
58 Watched
59 Rider’s toe
62 Zodiac sign

Wednesday’s Puzzle Solved

Sudoku

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

DIFFICULTY RATING: 5

Wednesday’s Answers:

OATOF

TINAF

ITOWUT

SEDUXO

Answer:

AHEAD. HUSKY. APPEAR. DOUBLE

The rabbit’s cousin was having a — BAD “HARE” DAY
ACROSS
1. Reusable Stationary __, Koda
2. The Knight's Day
3. Japanese composer Hayashi
4. Warm-up Tegan & Sara song?
5. Fixated stylist
6. British singer Dirty
7. lady's raincoat
8. Charlie Parker's sax
9. Did the theme... (3)
10. Tut-tut, tut-tut, shush... (4)
11. Banjo player's pizza song
12. Five... just wanted to celebrate
13. Tornadoes' "Eie..."
14. ACDC's is dynamite
15. Jackson's "It's Blue..."
16. Guitars' name
17. Linkin...
18. Listen, listen... "Near the..."
19. Planet Jersey... (4)
20. Tom Petty's "Crimson and Great Wide..."
21. "The Will" song about a baby?
22. "I'm going to do..." land? (4)
23. ACDC "Rico's"
24. Monthly oryany G17 unguided band
25. Pink slips session musician
26. I'm Have a song for..." (4)
27. Stage musos
28. Pull down on "Empire Burlesque"
29. Scorpions' "I..."
30. "Hard to Smile" song?
31. Pitchhead "Cut..."
32. "Badly Drawn Boy..." Words"
33. "Tenderness" targeting during... (3)
34. "I Figured You Were..." (4)
35. Matchbox is 20 hit
36. Do it online, post-posture (4)
37. Blue October "Jump"... (4)
38. "How Jack's Swingin' At It..." (4)
39. Michael McKee & band's "Spatial"
40. Jair Burgos' band "Bugal"

DOWN
1. Bournemouth Stationary's... Koda
2. The Knight's Day
3. Japanese composer Hayashi
4. Warm-up Tegan & Sara song?
5. Foxed stylist
6. British singer Dirty
7. Lady's raincoat
8. Charlie Parker's sax
9. Did the theme... (3)
10. Tut-tut, tut-tut, shush... (4)
11. Banjo player's pizza song
12. Five... just wanted to celebrate
13. Tornadoes' "Eie..."
14. ACDC's is dynamite
15. Jackson's "It's Blue..."
16. Guitars' name
17. Linkin...
18. Listen, listen... "Near the..."
19. Planet Jersey... (4)
20. Tom Petty's "Crimson and Great Wide..."
21. "The Will" song about a baby?
22. "I'm going to do..." land? (4)
23. ACDC "Rico's"
24. Monthly oryany G17 unguided band
25. Pink slips session musician
26. I'm have a song for..." (4)
27. Stage musos
28. Pull down on "Empire Burlesque"
29. Scorpions' "I..."
30. "Hard to Smile" song?
31. Pitchhead "Cut..."
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The SIU men’s baseball team plays six of its last seven games against Missouri Valley Conference competition and the season’s final stretch could be what the team needs to have a successful postseason.

The Salukis have been stricken with close games this season and this weekend was no exception. SIU left 29 runners on base in three games and scored only 21 runs against a struggling Purdue University team that has a record of only 13-27.

“We are faster, we all have fun and we are self motivated enough to run fast but that extra kick to run,” he said. “We may be talented enough and have a good mental approach and the chemistry, and you can build a good feel for each other. If you practice the exchanges enough you can better run,” he said. “It is important that teammates support the runners in the relay races, because Enyia said the relay team is different from any other relay team he has been on in his track career.

“If the Salukis want to make a deep run in the playoffs, they have to figure out a way to get more runs production from the whole lineup. Even though SIU has struggled with runners in scoring position, the team’s hitting has seen improvement all season. Senior outfielder Austin Montgomery is hitting a .365 batting average, scored 28 runs, 44 RBIs and hit seven home runs this season. Montgomery has provided a solid offensive foundation and has been clutch in many games. In SIU’s May 1 game against Belmont University, Montgomery, with two runners on base, hit the game-winning single to score junior infielder Jake Welch. Against the University of Illinois April 30, Montgomery had three hits, including a two-run home run to post four RBIs.

In the playoffs, close games can either make or break teams and the Salukis have lost 18 games by three runs or less this season. The Salukis have to improve their late-game play if they expect to advance past the first round in the MVC tournament.

— Chidi Enyia
SIU sprints coach

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Outside of track, Warren said the relay team spends nights together doing various activities. “We have movie nights, dinners and even slumber parties like girls like to do,” she said. “A lot of us came in wanting a relationship where we could like each other, and we have continued to push each other all year.”

Sophomore sprinter Blake Green said the men’s team isn’t as close to the women’s team, but still has a good bond. “We see each other a lot, we go to dinner sometimes after practice and hangout and talk about our day,” he said.

Senior sprinter, pole vaulter and member of the 4x400 team Ryan Sidwell, said the men’s bond is about our day,” he said. “You develop chemistry, and you can build a good feel for each other.”

Senior pitcher Cody Forsythe knows this all too well, as he has started 12 games this season, yet has only two wins. Even though his record is unimpressive, Forsythe has struck out 48 batters and has only allowed 27 earned runs in 77 innings pitched this season.

Along with Forsythe, junior relief pitcher Todd Eaton also has an outstanding pitching record this season. Eaton has allowed only seven earned runs, struck out 24 batters and has seven saves in 21 appearances. Eaton has come in late games and sealed team’s fates decisively.

SIU’s one consistent aspect this season has been the dominance of the mid-inning relief pitchers. SIU junior pitcher Aaron Snyder has a record of 3-4 this season, posted an ERA of 2.60 and struck out 21 batters in 34 innings. The season’s best pitcher is junior left hander Tyler Dray. Dray has an impressive ERA of only 0.84 and has struck out 18 batters and allowed only two earned runs in 21 innings pitched. The key to the postseason is usually in the pitchers’ hands; if SIU can continue to get solid performances out of its pitching staff the Salukis could match up well against their MVC opponents.

If the Salukis can come away with four or five wins out of this seven-game stretch, it will set the team up for a successful postseason. However, the problem is the Salukis have only won three out of 12 MVC games this season. On May 10, the Salukis play a three-game series against Bradley in Pekin, Ill., then will travel to play Saint Louis University on Tuesday. To conclude the season, the Salukis host Illinois State University at Abe Martin Field in Carbondale for the team’s last home series starting May 16.

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When they are exchanging the baton, they are not looking at the person they are just waiting for a call. They have to be able to trust that person coming in is going to be where they need to be and that they can exchange where they need to exchange it on the track.”

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