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# Small business retirees a growing concern

SETH RICHARDSON  
Daily Egyptian

With the baby boomer generation reaching retirement age, a new concern has arisen among some in the business community.

According to Forbes, 60 percent of all business owners are baby boomers, a group of people born between 1946 and 1964. Mary Mechler, manufacturing specialist at the Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center, said these business owners are beginning to reach retirement age at a very fast rate, and many do not have plans for what to do with their businesses.

"A business owner turns 65 every 57 seconds," she said. "That's a huge amount of people."

Mechler said these owners are starting to face a harsh realization when it comes to their businesses: a drastic change in culture.

"That was the era of people starting their own manufacturing companies and businesses," she said. "Traditionally, they were taken over by their children, but these days, kids are not as likely to want to get into the family business."

She said the number of businesses that transition to a second generation is less than 30 percent. That number shrinks to less than 15 percent by the third generation and less than 5 percent by the fourth.

One local business is facing this problem firsthand. Steve Rhoads, part-owner of Coleman-Rhoads Furniture in West Frankfort, said his store is closing after 33 years in business. His and his partner's children were not interested in running the family business and decided to pursue different careers. They were unable to find a suitable buyer and so they decided they will close the store around Christmas.

Rhoads said his time in business has been successful and he is viewing his retirement as a celebration, but he does view the closing as bittersweet.

"I don't think it was more sudden than we expected," he said. "At our ages you start thinking of exit strategies and where you want to be and what you want to do. So, yeah, it's on your mind, but we all go quicker than we expect."

Luckily, help is already on the way for other businesses facing such a situation. Lisé Stewart is the founder of The Galliard Group, a network of business advisers that aims to aid family-owned businesses with successful transitioning.

She said she recognizes the problem and is working to find solutions for small businesses.

"We call it the coming crisis of the family business," she said. "If we don't help these business owners, many of them are going to firstly end up working hard until they can no longer work. Secondly, somebody might end up liquidating the business well below the value of what the business could be if they'd really undertaken some planning. And third, some are going to just shut the door and walk away. In many of those cases, it is not healthy for the business and the potential for loss of jobs in small rural communities is enormous."

She said this is why The Galliard Group is partnering with the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center to offer transition counseling for area businesses.

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# Lending a helping hand



JOHN SCOTT | DAILY EGYPTIAN

**Jonathan Rivera, lower, a senior from Rineyville, Ky. studying recreation, donates blood Tuesday at Morris Library, while Sabrina Cooley, right, a sophomore from Paris studying political science, gives him moral support. The Red Cross puts on blood drives at various locations on campus throughout the semester. The Red Cross will be hosting another blood drive Saturday at the Student Services Building.**

# Illinois People's Action claims IDNR created a biased task force

JORDAN VANDEVEER  
Daily Egyptian

A task force formed by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to address the Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act has elicited negative reactions from some southern Illinoisians.

The Illinois People's Action group, a faith-based community organization with the mission of helping its members work for justice in their local communities, claims the task force is biased because of the lack of representation from the public and scientific community. The task force members criticized are from reading environmental groups.

Hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, takes place when previously unavailable natural gas is removed from shale rock layers through a method of horizontal drilling to inject highly-pressurized water, chemicals and sand. The fluid cracks the rock or widens previous cracks so the natural gas can be released.

Annette McMichael, a member of both the Illinois People's Action and local organization SAFE—Southern Illinoisians Against Fracturing our Environment—said the IDNR indicated it would include both groups in meetings and other decisions. However, she said the IDNR has not delivered on this promise.

"We've had a couple meetings with IDNR which we were hoping would be fruitful but obviously that hasn't happened.

“There's a lot more to it than just the four environmental groups represented.”

— Terri Treacy  
conservation field  
representative at the  
Sierra Club

This task force is nothing more than a slap in the face to those of us who feel fracking needs to be further studied before it's approved," McMichael said.

McMichael said the members of the task force are environmentalists who support fracking. She said she is concerned because while many still think fracking needs more research, the committee is composed of individuals who want to pursue a solution without looking at the possibility of further complications that fracking may produce.

The members of the task force the IPA has listed in a press release include Ann Alexander, a senior attorney at Natural Resources Defense Council, Jenny Cassel, staff attorney at Environmental Law and Policy Center, Brian Sauder, policy director at Faith in Place, and Terri Treacy, a conservation field representative at the Sierra Club.

Treacy said it does not matter that scientists are not on the committee.

"Although the four environmental people on the task force are not per se scientists, the groups all have people either in their organization or they work closely with people, other organizations who do have scientists, so it's not just going to be four people in a silo," Treacy said. "They will be reaching out to their members or colleagues to help."

Treacy said if issues arise, they will be taken care of by the regulations.

She also said she is sure there are more members on the task force other than what the IPA has listed, but she is not sure who the other members may be.

"There's a lot more to it than just the four environmental groups represented," Treacy said.

She also said the task force will not be making any decisions.

"It's not a task force that makes any decisions, investigations per se. We're just to inform the General Assembly in 2016; it's just in regards to how the regulatory theme for the hydro-fracking is going," Treacy said.

McMichael said the IDNR needs to create a task force that represents Southern Illinois, because that is where most of the fracking will be taking place.

"The task force is composed of people that helped create the bill in the first place; no one from Southern Illinois is represented," McMichael said.

The IDNR could not be reached by the time of publication.



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In the Nov. 12, 2013, edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the article titled, "Same sex marriage bill lacks equality" should have read, "Regardless of this needed progression, not all members of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender and Queer community are satisfied with the bill's equality," and "The student conduct code does protect student gender identity."

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**One World Trade Center named tallest US building**

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Associated Press

NEW YORK — They set out to build the tallest skyscraper in the world — a giant that would rise a symbolic 1,776 feet from the ashes of ground zero.

Those aspirations of global supremacy fell by the wayside long ago, but New York won a consolation prize Tuesday when an international architectural panel said it would recognize One World Trade Center as the tallest skyscraper in the United States.

The Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat, considered a world authority on supersized skyscrapers, announced its decision at simultaneous news conferences in New York and Chicago, home to the 1,451-foot Willis Tower, which is being dethroned as the nation's tallest building.

Measuring the height of a building

would seem to be a simple thing, but in the case of the new World Trade Center tower it is complicated by the 408-foot-tall needle atop the skyscraper's roof.

The council's verdict rested on a conclusion that the needle should be counted as part of the building's total height. Without it, the tower would be just 1,368 feet tall, the same height as the original World Trade Center. That would make it smaller than not only the Willis, but also a 1,397-foot apartment building being built a short subway ride away near Central Park.

Speaking at his office in New York, council chairman Timothy Johnson, an architect at the global design firm NBBJ, said the decision by the 25-member height committee had more "tense moments" than usual, given the skyscraper's importance as a patriotic symbol.

"I was here on 9/11. I saw the

buildings come down," he said.

Over the past few months, the council had hinted that it might be open to changing its standards for measuring ultra-tall buildings, given a trend toward developers adding "vanity height" to towers with huge, decorative spires.

But the council also has a history of disallowing antennas in height calculations. The Empire State Building's landmark 204-foot needle isn't counted in its height measurement. Neither are the two TV antennas atop the Willis Tower, which had been the country's tallest building since it was completed — and named the Sears Tower — in 1974.

But in the end, there was unanimity on the committee that One World Trade Center's reach for 1,776 feet — a number that echoes the founding year of the United States — was an artistic architectural expression.

# WORLD & NATION

## Typhoon's toll underscores weak Philippine infrastructure

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Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Under a reforming president, the Philippines emerged as a rising economic star in Asia but the trail of death and destruction left by Typhoon Haiyan has highlighted a key weakness: fragile and patchy infrastructure after decades of neglect and corruption.

Authorities fear that the storm that tore through Leyte province in the country's east has killed thousands. More than 600,000 people have been displaced. Low rates of insurance in the Philippines mean the disaster is likely to sap government finances but analysts say it might not slow growth significantly because of the small role the affected region plays in the wider economy.

Haiyan's devastation, however, underlines the pressing need to spend more money to build hard assets such as more roads, ports and power lines — not only to improve living standards but also to better withstand the storms, earthquakes and other natural disasters that strike the country with numbing regularity.

The Philippines has the lowest percentage of paved roads when compared with neighbors Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand and Singapore, according to data compiled by foreign business groups in the Philippines in 2010. It also had the worst scores in other key indicators such as fixed phone lines, households with power and electricity lost in transmission.

"It's hard to prepare for the worst storm in the world," said HSBC economist Trinh Nguyen. "But at the same time one of the issues now is there isn't a way to access these places that are severely hit. The roads are not there."

The Philippines is the country that's most at risk to natural hazards, according to UK-based risk analysis firm Maplecroft. The country loses \$1.6 billion dollars on average each year because of such disasters, according to the Asian Development Bank. Haiyan, likely the most powerful storm on record, was just one of 20 typhoons that hit each year and arrived as the country was still recovering from a 7.2 magnitude quake in October that killed 220.

Despite the challenges posed by natural disasters, President Benigno Aquino III has managed to steer the economy into one of Asia's fastest growing, raising hopes that millions would be pulled out of poverty. Quarterly growth has risen as high as 7.8 percent this year, outpacing China. Reflecting improved finances, Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch have all given the country an investment grade credit rating, allowing the government to borrow money more cheaply for big projects.

Aquino, who took office in 2010 pledging to root out corruption and reduce poverty, launched an ambitious effort to improve the country's inadequate infrastructure. He set a

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— Trinh Nguyen  
HSBC economist

goal of boosting infrastructure spending to 5 percent of the economy by 2016. That's about double the average of 2.5 percent over past decades, which substantially lagged other countries in the region, according to a joint report by foreign business chambers.

Aquino's goal amounts to about \$20 billion year, said John Forbes, an adviser to the American Chamber of Commerce.

"Targeting that, frankly even funding it is the easy part. Actually spending it is more of a challenge," Forbes said.

Aquino's plan included partnering with private companies on some projects. Out of 47 public works in that pipeline, only one is partly complete: a plan to build about 9,400 classrooms able to withstand earthquakes, typhoons and floods.

Progress has been slowed by efforts to eliminate corruption.

In 2011, Aquino scrapped or reconsidered \$2 billion in foreign funded infrastructure projects that he said had inflated costs or technical problems. The projects were signed under predecessor Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, who is embroiled by corruption and election-fixing allegations.

They included a \$430 million Belgian project to dredge a lake on the southern edge of Manila that involved moving silt from one section to another. Aquino also ordered the renegotiation of a \$276 million French port building project and the restudy of a Chinese-financed rail line.

HSBC's Nguyen said infrastructure investment is even more crucial given the Philippines rapid growth in population, which rose from 74 million in 1998 to 96 million today.

"When you have a lot of people coming into the labor force, coming into the population, you really need to increase your infrastructure funding. Added to this, there's a lot of pressure from weather related challenges," Nguyen said.

Analysts and officials say the disaster-struck region, one of the poorest in the Philippines and the only one that suffered shrinking economic output last year, contributes about 2 percent of the national economy.

Officials looked for silver linings.

"We can also turn this into an opportunity to improve land use planning" in communities exposed to storm surges and other natural hazards, said Emmanuel Esguerra, deputy director general of the National Economic and Development Authority.

## US stocks fall as earnings disappoint

STEVE ROTHWELL  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Disappointing company earnings and falling oil prices pulled stocks back from record highs on Tuesday.

NRG Energy slumped after the company lowered its earnings forecast, leading other power companies lower. News Corp. fell after the media company posted an unexpected revenue decline due to weakness at its Australian newspapers. Energy stocks declined after oil dropped to a five-month low.

Winners included airlines. The gains were led by JetBlue Airways after the Justice Department said it cleared the way for American Airlines and US Airways

to merge, creating the world's biggest airline.

This year's 24 percent surge in the stock market has slowed in November. The Standard & Poor's 500 has edged up 0.6 percent this month after an average monthly increase of 1.7 percent in the previous 10 months.

"The market looks tired to us," said Jim Russell, a regional investment director at US Bank. "A little bit of a pause is actually healthy," allowing the economy time to catch up to the gains the stock market has made.

After closing at an all-time high on three of the previous four trading days, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 32.43 points, or 0.2 percent, to 15,750.67. The S&P 500 index dropped 4.20 points, or 0.2 percent, to 1,767.69 points. The Nasdaq composite edged up 0.13 point to 3,919.92.

## US, Europe resume talks on new trade pact

JOHN-THOR DAHLBURG  
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The United States and the European Union sought Monday to get past a rough patch in diplomatic relations to resume talks on a free trade deal that would grow what is already the world's biggest business relationship.

Negotiators for the Obama administration and the EU say an agreement would create jobs and boost growth in the two economies, which represent almost half of global output but are still not fully recovered from recession. The trade volume in goods and services between the two economies totaled \$1.08 trillion in 2012.

The negotiations, however, are taking place against the backdrop of European pique over reported U.S. electronic espionage of EU citizens, including high-

profile leaders like Germany's Angela Merkel. The Greens in the European Parliament on Monday became the latest political group to call for the trade talks to be frozen in response.

Concerns over the talks also grew last week when a Belgian court accused the EU's top trade official of tax fraud. European Commission spokeswoman Pia Ahrenkilde Hansen assured reporters on Monday that Karel De Gucht's legal troubles "will not have any impact" on the talks.

But both European and U.S. officials have said the benefits of the proposed Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership are too great to let other issues jeopardize them. The week-long bargaining session in Brussels, which was delayed due to the U.S. government shutdown, was expected to discuss services, investment, energy and raw materials, and regulatory issues.

## TV pitchman jailed after jurors find him guilty

MICHAEL TARM  
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Jurors deliberated for less than an hour Tuesday before finding Kevin Trudeau guilty of criminal contempt in weeklong trial during which prosecutors accused the TV pitchman of lying in infomercials to boost sales of his diet book.

In a rare move, immediately after the verdict Judge Ronald Guzman revoked the 50-year-old's bail and ordered marshals to take him into custody. White-collar defendants are typically allowed to remain free as they await sentencing.

As the federal judge read out the verdict to a crowded courtroom in Chicago earlier Tuesday, Trudeau sat on the edge of his seat — but otherwise showed little emotion. One of his supporters wept as she left the courtroom minutes later.

Trudeau, who lives in Oak Brook, a Chicago suburb, theoretically could be sentenced to life behind bars for the criminal contempt conviction — though he's likely to receive a far less severe sentence. No sentencing date was set Tuesday.

Prosecutors say Trudeau violated a federal judge's 2004 order barring him from making false claims about his book "The Weight Loss Cure

They Don't Want You to Know About," which topped best-seller lists.

During closing arguments Tuesday morning, prosecutor Marc Krickbaum accused Trudeau of lying repeatedly about the benefits of the book in his infomercials, which were ubiquitous on late-night television.

"He made the book sound way better than it actually was," Krickbaum told jurors. "If he told the truth, that book wasn't going to sell nearly as well than if he lied."

But in his closing, defense lawyer Thomas Kirsch said prosecutors had failed to prove their case, noting they called just two witnesses. He said prosecutors also hadn't shown that any possible misstatements by Trudeau were intentional.

The core dispute revolved around dramatic claims in Trudeau's TV infomercials about the book, including that people who followed the diet need not exercise and could eventually eat anything they wanted without gaining weight.

The book describes a diet of 500 calories a day and the use of prescription hormones. The truth of the claims in the book itself weren't at issue — only the veracity of claims Trudeau made on TV as he sought to persuade viewers to purchase the book.



# Comics lovers will be drawn to Ohio museum

COLUMBUS, Ohio — There is a place where Snoopy frolics carefree with the scandalous Yellow Kid, where Pogo the possum philosophizes alongside Calvin and Hobbes. It's a place where Beetle Bailey loafs with Garfield the cat, while Krazy Kat takes another brick to the noggin, and brooding heroes battle dark forces on the pages of fat graphic novels.

That doesn't even begin to describe everything that's going on behind the walls of the new Billy Ireland Cartoon Library and Museum on the Ohio State University campus, opening to the public Saturday.

"This is the stuff that makes me drool," says Jim Borgman, the Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist who now draws the "Zits" newspaper comic strip. "I enjoy art of all kinds, but it's as if cartoons were segregated for many years and not allowed into such hallowed halls. And this is kind of a moment of setting things right, I think, giving cartooning its due when it has been in the wings all these years."

Jeremy, the kid from "Zits"? He's in there, too, since Cincinnati native Borgman donated most of his art and papers to the museum.

The whole thing started with Milton Caniff, the influential comic artist whose beloved "Terry and the

Pirates" and "Steve Canyon" adventure strips lived in the nation's funny papers for a half-century.

Caniff graduated from Ohio State and loved the place so much that he wanted his original art and other papers to be kept here forever. He handed it all over to the university in 1977. Along with library curator Lucy Shelton Caswell, Caniff then began urging his cartoonist friends to do the same. Two classrooms in the journalism building soon began to fill with the new comics archive.

"Prior to that, most universities ignored that type of popular culture," says current curator Jenny Robb, noting that for many years original comic strips were just thrown out with the trash and animation celluloid sheets — known as "cels" — were routinely wiped clean and reused.

Today, the museum collection includes more than 300,000 original strips from everybody who's anybody in the newspaper comics world, plus 45,000 books, 29,000 comic books and 2,400 boxes of manuscript material, fan mail and other personal papers from artists. The university says it's the largest collection of cartoon art and artifacts in the world.

— Mitch Stacy  
Associated Press

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Both Stewart and Mechler stressed the need for businesses to plan in advance for a situation like this. Otherwise, rural communities will suffer.

"We're losing the jobs in small rural communities, and that's where we're finding a tremendous amount of impact," Stewart said. "I'm sure you've heard of this sort of 'Main Street problem.' You can drive down the main street of small towns all over the U.S. and see shuttered buildings. The point of what we're trying to do is help those smaller communities keep those jobs."

However, there are local success stories as well. The Oliver and Associates insurance agency in Carbondale transitioned well between the previous owner, Bill Oliver, and new owners Matt Brooks and Kathy Eickelman.

Brooks credits the low turnover of staff and the guidance of the previous owner as for the successful transitioning. He also said Eickelman, who worked at Oliver and Associates prior to the transition, was familiar with the clients. These moving parts helped create a successful plan and made the transition smooth and successful for all.

"It was all positive," Brooks said. "There wasn't a negative impact on anyone. We never felt like anybody's job was in jeopardy. We wanted to keep it the same. That's why we didn't change the name."

Regardless of the optimism, Stewart said it is still important to come up with a plan to transition successfully.

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"What we believe in is transition with dignity," she said. "We help business owners find the best way to transition out of their current leadership role with their dignity intact because it can be an extremely daunting thing to do."

But all too often this is not the case. Stewart said that most businesses fail within two to three years of the transition.

"They don't fail right away, but the transition itself creates an instability within the business," she said. "A lot of the times the people they've identified to take over the business are not really the best qualified to do it."

Stewart said the effects of retiring small business owners may also reach consumers.

"Consumers really miss out when we lose the flavor of our famous mom and pop shops all over the country," she said.

Rhoads also shared this sentiment.

"What I fear is the American consumer's choices are going to become more and more limited," he said. "A lot of these small businesses provide products and services that are unique to them. The more you have these options closing, the more people's choices are limited. The quality of life (for people in their 20s and younger) have available may be

changed and diminished, and that concerns me."

Despite what seems like a dire situation, some are more reserved in their forecast. Kevin Sylwester, associate professor of macroeconomics, said the impact on the larger economy will likely be minimal.

"I'm not sure how much the retirement of baby boomer business owners, specifically, would affect the macroeconomy," he said. "I suppose one could tell a story that such baby boomers have been in business a long time and so their experience makes for better, more efficient, more profitable businesses. But even if this is true, and I am skeptical that it is, then I suspect that the magnitudes are small."

Les O'Dell, executive director of the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, said the millennial generation in particular could benefit greatly.

"There are few generations as entrepreneurial-minded as those in their 20s and 30s," he said. "It's certainly better to purchase an existing business, inherit a loyal customer base in some cases and have an established location than it is to start from scratch."

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# A vote for workplace equality

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In 1996, by a 50-49 vote, the U.S. Senate defeated a bill outlawing job discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation. Last week, in a step that dramatized how much attitudes have changed in recent years, the Senate approved a similar bill by a vote of 64-32, with 10 Republicans joining the majority.

It's about time the Senate got around to approving this. Since 1964, federal civil rights law has forbidden employment discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. But gays and lesbians have no protection, except in the states and cities that have passed laws including them. In the rest of the country, an exemplary worker may be punished or fired merely for coming out of the closet.

The Senate is actually lagging the American people on this issue. In 1993, a Gallup poll found that 80 percent thought gays and lesbians were entitled "equal rights in terms of job opportunities." The last time Gallup asked, the figure was up to 89 percent.

Most people, in fact, think it's already against the law to fire someone on the basis of sexual orientation. That's probably because Americans generally regard such discrimination as grossly unfair and unwarranted, and find it hard to imagine that the law would not treat it as so.

The case for the Employment Non-Discrimination Act, or ENDA, is self-evident. Sexual orientation and gender identity have no more relevance to one's ability to perform on the job than skin color or religion. If a company can't reject an applicant for being a fundamentalist Christian, a Latino or a woman, it's hard to see why it should be entitled to indulge a prejudice against gays, lesbians or trans-genders.

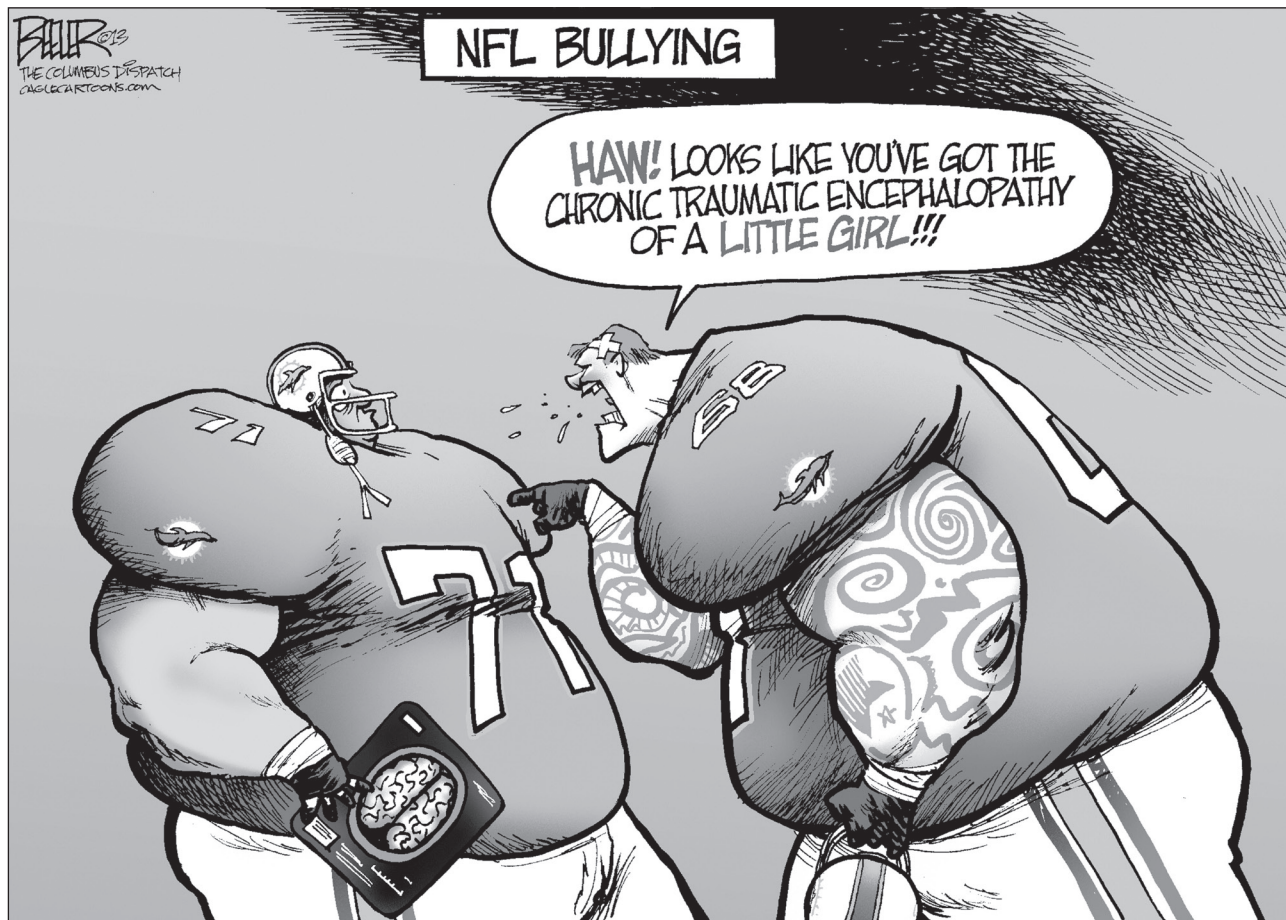
One striking fact about ENDA is that none of the senators who voted against the bill spoke on the floor in favor of blessing discrimination against this particular group. As William Saletan noted in Slate, "Only one senator spoke against the bill, and only about religious exemptions."

Opposing it on that basis doesn't make much sense either. The measure contains a broad exemption for religious organizations. No church or parochial school would have to employ someone who is gay or lesbian.

Despite public support, the fate of this bill is uncertain, since Republican House Speaker John Boehner opposes it and may refuse to allow it to come to a vote — even though it might pass. President Barack Obama said after the Senate vote that "one party in one house of Congress should not stand in the way of millions of Americans who want to go to work each day and simply be judged by the job they do."

He's right. For a long time, gays and lesbians have been victims of a great injustice in the American workplace. The House owes them at least a vote.

## EDITORIAL CARTOON



# Obama comes clean on 'you can keep it' promise

San Jose Mercury News

President Barack Obama finally stopped spinning and came clean. On Thursday, he admitted he'd misled people with his assurances that "if you like your health plan, you can keep it. Period." He said he was sorry, and that his administration is looking into ways to help the folks who got bushwhacked.

It's a good thing. Obama will spend the rest of his presidency fighting for the Affordable Care Act. He couldn't effectively argue for its benefits if he kept defending what was so obviously a false promise.

Unlike the health reform website, which is a convoluted disaster, Obama's use of the "keep it" promise long after he had to know better was a simple, stupid lapse of judgment. It reminded us of George W. Bush's claim that he'd always said the Iraq War would be long and difficult, even though countless videos showed him saying the opposite beforehand. When people become president, do they forget

about the Internet?

In failing to learn this lesson, Obama has deepened the worries of Americans who already doubt his ability to deliver on reform because of the Web cataclysm.

Remarkably, support for the law remains steady in most polls, but it is not strong. People need to believe in it to sign up in sufficient numbers to make it work. Obama's mistake, lie — whatever you want to call it — is being used to attack the substance of reform, but the 5 percent of Americans who are individual policyholders are a minuscule part of the overall program. And many of them will not pay more under the new system.

If Obama had said up front that several million individually insured Americans might need to change policies, we still would have supported reform. There was no way to improve our catastrophically unfair system without disrupting some lives.

Many Americans benefited from the old system. Healthy people were pooled with others like them because the individual

market excluded those with pre-existing conditions — things as minor as pollen allergies. So rates for them were low, but it was impossible for far more people to get insurance at all.

And some who now need to buy different policies never really had insurance to begin with. Bare-bones policies left them a car accident or cancer diagnosis away from financial ruin — at which point the burden of paying for care falls on the public. The Affordable Care Act, like other consumer protections, sets standards so people have real coverage.

Opponents say it creates winners and losers. It does, but so did the old system. Under the new act, some people will have to pay more — perhaps half of that 5 percent insured on the individual market — but there will be far more winners gaining consistent access to health care.

Obama's apology doesn't end the debate over his reforms, but it will help refocus it on real issues. Like that website — which had better work soon, or nothing else will matter.

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Issac Lausell, left, a guitar professor in the School of Music, and Zvonimir Tot, right, a clinical assistant professor of music at U of I Chicago, play a rendition of Richard Rodgers and Lorenz Hart's "My Romance" Tuesday at Quigley Hall. The performance featured composed works by both guitarists and popular jazz artists.

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# Inspirational through insight



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Former NFL player Trent Shelton talks to a group of students Tuesday in the Student Center auditorium about how to make connections throughout their time in college as well as learning how to manage stress. Shelton, who is the co-author of the best seller "See My Heart Not My Past" and CEO of the Rehab Time Organization, spoke to students and faculty about inspiring people and helping them realize their full potential. Shelton also spoke about what his life was like growing up and what helped him succeed. "I knew that I was dreaming right because when I told people I wanted to change the world, they all laughed at me," Shelton said.

# Google barge plans reveal 'a curious and visually stunning' structure

BRANDON BAILEY  
San Jose Mercury News

Google's mystery barge is still under wraps, but new documents obtained Friday show that its builders are hoping to create "a curious and visually stunning" structure that will serve as both a floating studio and temporary exhibition space at waterfront sites around San Francisco Bay.

The barge will have a dozen massive sails, "reminiscent of fish fins, which will remind visitors that they are on a seaworthy vessel," according to a proposal, obtained by the San Jose Mercury News, that was submitted to the San Francisco Port Authority by the shell company that owns the barge.

The four-story structure, built from recycled shipping containers, will have more than 13,000 square feet of exhibition space, a large open

atrium and catwalks that "will afford views down through the atrium, while a roof-deck will offer new sightlines of the spectacular San Francisco skyline and waterfront," the proposal enthused.

Google finally broke its silence about the barge earlier this week, in a brief statement which said only that the giant Internet company hopes to use the massive floating structure "as an interactive space where people can learn about new technology." The company did not specifically dispute earlier speculation that it might be planning to use the vessels as a floating showroom for its wearable computing device, Glass, and other cutting-edge products from its secretive Google X division.

But a few more details emerged from the Port Authority documents, which were submitted to the agency in September by a shell company, By and

Large LLC, that serves as the registered owner of the barge now moored at Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay. By and Large is also the listed owner of a second, similar barge that's been spotted on the East Coast.

While local and regional planning officials say they haven't issued any permits for the project, the proposal says the backers hope to attract hundreds of visitors a day when the vessel is moored at different sites around the bay, including Fort Mason Center, Angel Island, Richmond and Redwood City.

In their proposal, the project backers say the barge would stay in each location for a few weeks and eventually move on to San Diego.

Despite the eye-catching sails, it's most likely the barge will have to be towed to each location, since the floating platform itself isn't designed to be a sailing vessel.

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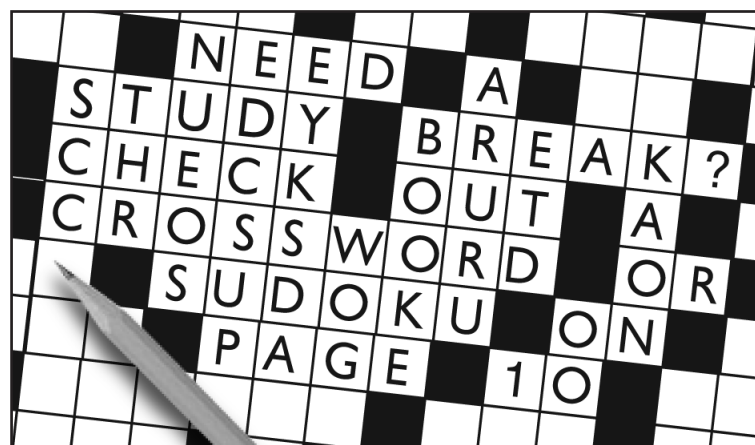
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CROSS COUNTRY

# Salukis earn academic honors after making history

SYMONE WOOLRIDGE  
Daily Egyptian

After bringing home two Missouri Valley Conference championships, seven SIU cross country runners were declared MVC Scholar-Athletes, making history yet again with the most honorees the team has ever had.

Six women and one man have held a cumulative grade point average of 3.2 or better, have finished among the top-20 in the conference meet, and are at least a sophomore in their academic and athletic standing, qualifications that meet all three of the MVC-scholar rules.

NCAA qualifier and 2012 All-MVC runner Brian Dixon has been a leader to the team this season. As a senior, this marks his third consecutive year as an MVC Scholar-Athlete.

Dixon is an accounting major with a cumulative 3.93 GPA. This summer he will begin an internship with KPMG accounting firm in St. Louis. After the internship, Dixon will work towards his master's degree at SIU and hopes to land a permanent job at KPMG.

"My team's MVC championship is more meaningful to me than the scholar athlete individual title," Dixon said. "But as an individual, the coaching staff does a good job of making sure I'm on track and getting all of my work done as well as everyone else."

In the MVC championship race, coach Matt Sparks became the second coach in conference history to win both men's and women's titles in the same year.

Sparks said academics are not an issue for his athletes. Prior to his runners coming to SIU, Sparks and

*"It's a great honor ... Primarily to be able to represent the Saluki program for academics and athletics is great."*

— Kristen Levi  
junior cross country runner

his coaching staff monitor potential recruited athletes in high school.

"If you have a good high school GPA, then it's going to translate into having a good college GPA and also a college athlete because you're putting in the same commitment," Sparks said.

He said the Salukis set an academic goal at the beginning of the year, and most of the time, the athletes begin to either meet or exceed their goals. Therefore, unacceptable grades never become an issue.

"Honestly, we don't talk about academics a whole lot; they're committed to it," Sparks said. "They know it's something they have to take care of because they are in college to be both students and athletes."

Junior Kristen Levi finished first for SIU at the MVC race. Levi is a biological science major with a cumulative 3.93 GPA. Levi said with school and cross country consuming most of her time, she doesn't have much time for anything else.

"To be honest it takes a lot of sacrifice," Levi said. "You have to be able to balance both academics and your social life and a lot of the time your social life just gets pushed to the side."

Levi said her parents are her support system and are consistently there for her whenever she needs them. Once she leaves SIU, Levi would like to attend a physical therapy school

somewhere out of state.

In her time as a Saluki, Levi said she is proud of her teammates, as well as herself.

"It's a great honor," Levi said. "Primarily to be able to represent the Saluki program for academics and athletics is great."

Junior Sadie Darnell has earned quite a bit of success this season. Darnell has finished no lower than second place for SIU in each race thus far.

Darnell is an elementary Education major with a cumulative 4.0 GPA. Darnell said keeping her high GPA is often challenging, but time management is the key.

"I always have to make sure I have all of my school work done and be able to work around practice," Darnell said. "But a lot of the cross country athletes help each other balance both school and running."

The SIU women also include four other MVC scholars in junior Kelley Gallagher with a 3.22 GPA in exercise science, junior Tori Parry with a 3.39 in physical education, junior Lacey Gibson with a 4.0 in physiology, and sophomore Krista Menghini with a 3.37 in exercise science.


The Salukis have nearly wrapped up their season with only two races left. The cross country teams will head to their highly-anticipated meet on Friday, when they will race in NCAA regionals at Iowa State University.

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## Blackhawks agree to terms with Shaw

Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — The Chicago Blackhawks have agreed to terms with forward Andrew Shaw on a two-year contract extension through the 2015-16 season.

The 22-year-old Shaw had nine goals and six assists in 48 games last year, his first full season in the NHL. He added five goals and four assists as the Blackhawks won the Stanley Cup, and he is currently sixth on the team with 11 points — and 51 hits

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# Second half surge propels Tigers past Salukis

**TYLER DIXON**  
Daily Egyptian

For the first time since the 2003 NCAA tournament, the Salukis faced off against the University of Missouri Tigers and came away with the same result, a 72-59 loss.

After winning both of their exhibition games, the Salukis faced a Missouri team without its head coach. Frank Haith is serving a five-game suspension for sanctions while he was the coach at the University of Miami.

Senior guard Desmar Jackson scored the first eight points for the Salukis to start the game. Both teams exchanged leads for most of the first half. The Tigers largest lead of the half was seven points, 32-25 with 4:15 left.

Harrisburg product, freshman guard Tyler Smithpeters scored his first point at the 8:58 mark; a 3-pointer from the corner.

With 30 seconds to go before the midway point, junior guard Dawson Verhines made a cross-court pass to junior guard Mike Balogun for a wide open 3-pointer to put the Salukis up 34-33. Missouri guard Jordan Clarkson finished the half with a layup to give the Tigers a 35-34 lead.

Jackson's led the Salukis in points with 10 at halftime.

Missouri outscored SIU 37-25 in



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**Senior guard Desmar Jackson drives to the hoop Saturday during the Salukis' 78-66 exhibition win against William Jewell College at SIU Arena. Jackson led the Salukis with 17 points Tuesday as the Salukis were defeated by the University of Missouri 72-59 at Mizzou Arena. SIU will host its first home game of the season against Saint Louis University at 7:05 p.m. Saturday at SIU Arena.**

the second half.

The Salukis made twice as many 3-pointers in the loss than they made in both exhibition games

combined. They finished 6-20 from beyond the arc.

Free throws were an issue throughout the game, as SIU missed

its first five attempts from the line and was 3-9 in the game. Jackson was 1-5.

Despite Missouri's advantage in

the paint, the rebounding battle was even at 37 apiece. Sophomore guard Anthony Beane led the Salukis with five rebounds.

Coach Barry Hinson said in the press conference after the win against William Jewell College, he would have a rotation of nine players, but 11 players logged minutes in the loss.

Dawson Verhines, who did not play in the first exhibition game, and only played five minutes in the second, finished with three points on only one shot and added four rebounds in six minutes on the court.

Fouls were a concern going into the game for SIU. Senior forward Bronson Verhines had two fouls in the first two minutes, which limited him to only 13 minutes of action. A total of 39 fouls were committed and 36 free throws were taken, 27 by the Tigers.

Jackson paced the Salukis with 17 points on 7-14 shooting and four rebounds while fellow guard Beane finished with six points and shot a dismal 3-12 from the field.

The Salukis will try to secure their first win Saturday as they welcome the St. Louis University Billikens at 7:05 p.m. at SIU Arena.

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# Zhang continues to improve as Saluki diver

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Sophomore diver Cheri Zhang barely spoke English before her freshman year at SIU, but after putting in a lot of hard work, she has a GPA over 3.0 and has won multiple meets and awards.

Zhang has been diving competitively since her early teenage years, and she has told herself to never make the same mistake twice.

She has already been named Missouri Valley Conference diver of the week twice this season, and gives the majority of the credit to her teammates and coaches.

"Without my teammates helping me, I cannot win diver of the week," Zhang said. "My teammates and my coaches help me a lot, so I really appreciate them."

Zhang said her teammates always boost her confidence by giving her pep talks before almost all of her dives.

"Every time I don't feel good or like I cannot make a dive, they just tell me 'You are the best, and you can do it.' They say positive words to me, so I keep improving," Zhang said.

Diving coach, Joy Zhao, said she is proud of Zhang for all she has accomplished. She said Zhang barely knew English before moving from China to the United States, and has worked hard every day to be a good student and a good athlete.

"When she came her freshman year her English was not very good," Zhao said. "In her country education teaches English at an elementary school level. She

moved here, and it was very difficult for her. She studied and worked so hard and now her GPA is above 3.0."

Her teammate, freshman Aiden Chipps said Zhang is extremely humble about all of her diving success, including her MVC Diver of the Week honors.

"She's very modest about it," Chipps said. "She won't boast or rub it in other people's faces."

Chipps said Zhang has helped him improve his own diving.

"I try and copy her technique because she has really good technique, and that's why she wins all the time," Chipps said.

Chipps said Zhang is mostly reserved and keeps to herself. However, when she does open up she makes the team laugh. Everyone enjoys being around her.

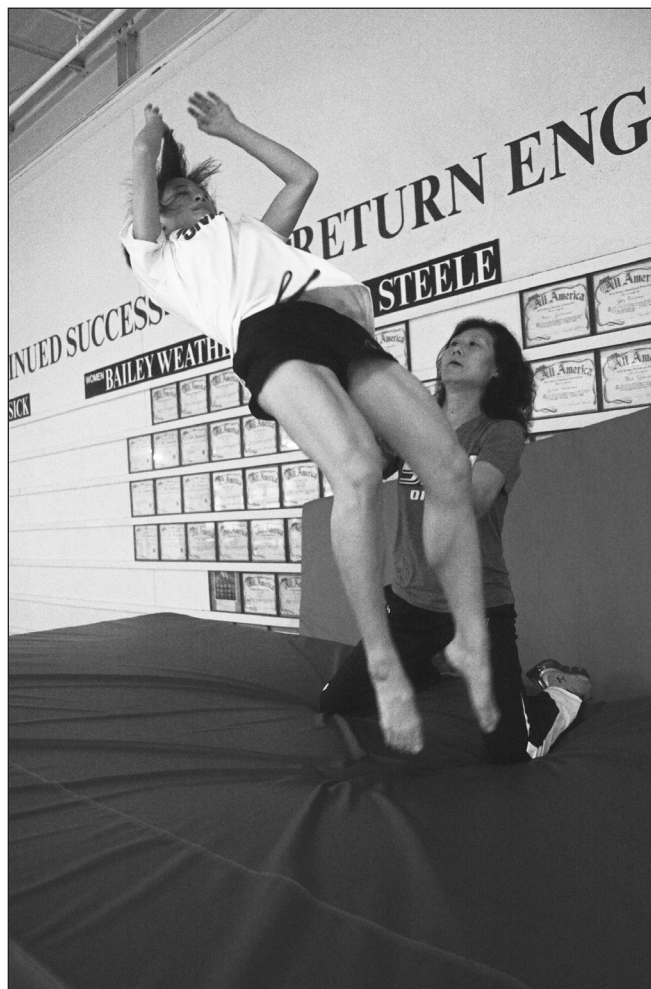
"She's really quiet when she talks," Chipps said. "She can be quite funny and quite a lovely person. She brings a lot of humor to the team."

Zhang said diving is a lot more fun to her in the United States than in China because the team seems to be a lot closer together during practices and competitions.

Zhang captured a conference title for the three-meter dive last season, and Zhao said she expects Zhang to do well in conference and compete in the NCAA tournament.

Zhang said diving is a metaphor for her life.

"Diving is like a lot of life experiences," Zhang said. "Sometimes my dive is not good, sometimes (my) life is not good, (I) just have to keep telling (myself) (I) can do it, and when (I) make a hard dive (I am) happy from overcoming (my) fear."



**Sophomore diver Cheri Zhang practices flipping with diving coach joy Zhao Monday at the Recreation Center. Zhang earned the Missouri Valley Conference Diver of the Week distinction for the second consecutive week and won five out of six events she has competed in so far this year. The swimming and diving team won 13 combined championship events Saturday at the Henderson Invitational at Henderson State University in Arkadelphia, Ark. The Salukis will attend the Missouri Invite Friday in Columbia, Mo.**

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"I know Austin Peay is a good quality team that are very well coached," Stein said. "But I am so focused on our team and how we will get better cause we can't just get better game by game. We have to look down the road too."

Stein said the Salukis are concentrating on the game of basketball much better than they were before. She is not happy with the

second consecutive loss, but is content with the improvement. The Salukis are developing their game after a 5-26 record last season.

"I don't believe in moral victories," Stein said. "I'm encouraged because there are things we are doing that's better than before but I'm discouraged because I feel like this game is a game that did slip away."

The Salukis head to Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne Monday.

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Kianicka and fellow freshman Filip Aleksic had to transition to a new country, new school and a new doubles partners but Kianicka feels he did well in his first season as a Saluki.

"I think that my fall season was pretty good, I think the team also did well the whole season," Kianicka said. "I think we'll keep playing better and better."

The fall roster for the team only had six members. Nelson said he has one spot open for a scholarship player and hopes to add a few more walk-ons.

Rigby said it would take pressure off of the other members of the team knowing they have other players to fill in.

"It's going to obviously improve the depth of our team," Rigby said.

The Salukis have a little over two months off until the start of the spring season. Their first match is on the road

at Oklahoma State University Jan. 17. The first home match for the team is Feb. 14 against Austin Peay University.

Nelson said all he wanted his team to do during the fall was simply improve.

"We just progressively got better each tournament and that's what I've been preaching to them since the get-go," Nelson said. "To get better each day, improve day to day and that's what I think we've accomplished this fall season."



## Pruitt out for season with leg injury

Junior tight end MyCole Pruitt is tackled by Missouri State University defenders Saturday during the Salukis' 37-27 loss at Saluki Stadium. Pruitt, who suffered a fractured tibia during Saturday's game, will miss the remainder of the 2013 season. Pruitt ranks second in the nation with 601 receiving yards among tight ends.

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Daily Egyptian

The SIU football team suffered another loss Tuesday when the team announced that junior tight end MyCole Pruitt would miss the remainder of the season with a fractured tibia.

The injury occurred in the fourth quarter of SIU's 37-27 loss against Missouri State University Saturday.

Before the season, Pruitt was selected to The Sports Network's FCS Preseason All-America Second Team and has not disappointed. The junior leads all Football Championship Series tight ends with 48 receptions, and his 601 receiving yards rank second in the nation.

Pruitt has also caught a career-high five

touchdown passes this season and is third in the Missouri Valley Football Conference with 4.8 receptions per game and fifth with 60.1 yards per game.

Pruitt, who was also an MVFC Preseason Team selection, is SIU's all-time leader with 140 career receptions and 1,740 receiving yards by a tight end.

The Salukis are already without senior quarterback Kory Faulkner who fractured his right index finger Oct. 19 against North Dakota State University.

Pruitt has one more year remaining and will return next season for the Salukis.

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Junior guard Cartaesha Macklin goes up for a shot Tuesday during the Salukis' 69-71 loss against Austin Peay State University at SIU Arena. Macklin tallied 20 points for SIU, but the Salukis' 21 turnovers contributed to the loss to the Governors.

## Jumper buries SIU in final seconds

SYMONE WOOLRIDGE  
Daily Egyptian

The SIU women's basketball team fell short against Austin Peay State University Tuesday, despite a fight until the very end.

APSU sophomore guard Tiasha Gray scored in the last 1.9 seconds of the game, making the final score 71-69. The last time SIU and APSU met was during the 2011-2012 season, when the Salukis fell to the Lady Governors 76-70.

Although the Salukis didn't leave the arena with a win, the SIU women improved drastically with the leadership of new coach Cindy Stein. This is Stein's second game as a Saluki, and she has been working her players physically and mentally.

After Friday's loss, Stein said the women are still working to play better defense.

"I feel like we have really made a transition since the last game. There's probably about seven fouls that were just stupid," Stein said. "Unfortunately we tend to have some brain fades like that that we are trying to eliminate, and I think we will get better and more instinctive of what we need to do."

Stein said the urgency of coming to practice has changed drastically. The Salukis are gaining confidence in each other and as a team. In practice, the women have improved their communication and positioning on the floor.

The Salukis pulled away with a much better experience at the free-throw line Tuesday, making 16 of 18 in the first half.

Junior guard Cartaesha Macklin played a huge role in free throws, as she scored 10 of her 18 first half points at the line. Macklin led the Salukis with 20 points.

Macklin accumulated three personal fouls in the first half, forcing Stein to limit her playing time.

Junior forward Azia Washington grabbed seven rebounds and a steal in the first half. The first half consisted of seven lead changes and 10 ties.

Washington led the Salukis with 13 rebounds and scored eight points. Although she played well defensively, Washington was still hard on herself.

"If the team is not winning, then you can take away all of that," Washington said. "I would rather have a bad game and win, than have nice stats and lose."

The Salukis led the Lady Govs 43-

40 at halftime but battled with nine lead changes and nine ties in the second half.

"How we are working and what we are learning isn't necessarily being projected on the court, and, like coach said, we have to play the whole game," Washington said. "In some spurts we play well and in some spurts we don't."

The Salukis stayed close to the Lady Govs, never letting the game slip away. Macklin scored her 20th point of the game, tying the game at 69 with 31.1 seconds left.

"It was nerve-wracking, but you live for those games ... you want to win them," Macklin said. "It came down to the final draw, and I give credit to them."

Junior guard Mercedes Griffin played close defense on Gray, but it wasn't enough as Gray captured the last two points for the APSU win.

"When it comes down to the last seconds of play and they have their best player against our best defender there is something we are doing right," Stein said.

Gray led the Lady Govs with 14 points, and shot 100 percent from the free-throw line.

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## Tennis wraps up season with championship hardware

TYLER DIXON  
Daily Egyptian

The Salukis had a rocky start to the season but a young duo came together at the right time to claim the Missouri Valley Conference Doubles Championship at Drake University during the weekend.

Sophomore Jonny Rigby and freshman Michal Kianicka claimed the title Sunday morning after beating Wichita State University 8-2 in the final.

Coach Dann Nelson said his team's mindset was simple with only one tournament left.

"Our goal going into this tournament was for it to be our best tournament of the fall," he said. "I think we accomplished that."

Rigby said he knew the potential he and his partner possessed.

"I knew me and Michal (Kianicka) would play well, that we could be really good but

we sort of exceeded expectations," Rigby said.

Kianicka agreed with Rigby in that they went above what everyone thought they could do but Kianicka is still looking forward to the next two years with Rigby.

"It was amazing, no one expected us to win, we wanted to go deep but since we are a freshman and sophomore, no one expected us to go all the way," Kianicka said. "It's an amazing feeling, we have to win another two years."

Nelson said the success of Rigby and Kianicka means good things for the future of Saluki tennis.

"I think it bodes well for the recruiting that we've done, Jonny's just a sophomore and Michal's a freshman," Nelson said. "For those guys to win the doubles championship is just amazing."

Not only did Rigby find success in doubles, but he advanced to the final of the

singles championship as well. Rigby dropped the match 6-1, 7-5.

Along with Rigby, junior Jorge Cavero advanced to the third round of the singles bracket but fell to Drake junior Matt Frost 6-4, 7-5.

Cavero didn't play well at the beginning of the season but gained momentum as the season wound down.

"He definitely finished it better than he started, he's gaining confidence with every win so that's always good to see," Nelson said.

Every player was guaranteed three singles matches and Rigby said no one could hang their heads.

"This weekend every player played well and fought well," he said. "Nobody went there and could have been disappointed in the way they played."

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Doubles partners freshman Michal Kianicka, and sophomore Jonny Rigby converse between plays Oct. 12 during their 8-6 win against South Dakota State University. The pair claimed the Missouri Valley Conference Doubles Championship title Sunday in Des Moines, Iowa.