Finalist addresses faculty concerns

About 40 people attended forum with Frederick

Sean McGahan  

John Frederick was asked to address most of the major pressing issues facing SIUC Wednesday, and the administrator didn't flinch once.

Frederick, the first of four chancellor finalists scheduled to visit campus before the semester ends, was asked questions ranging from how he plans to fundraise to how much focus should be placed on athletics during an open forum with faculty Wednesday in the Student Center Auditorium.

Frederick, who has been the executive vice president and provost at the University of Nevada in Reno since 2001, seemed at ease conversing with the roughly 40 faculty members in attendance.

He began the forum by asking the members of the sparsely filled auditorium to come in closer to the stage, and often put a foot up on the seats and walked toward the audience when answering the questions.

Faculty members asked a wide range of questions in the hour-long session, and Frederick was quick to respond with lengthy, often statistic-fueled responses.

When asked what he would do to combat declining enrollment at SIUC, Frederick noted the university's failure to retain 30 percent of its freshman class for a second year. He said he dealt with a similar problem at UNR and was able to increase retention by allocating special financial aid packages to returning students.

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Text messages an option in emergency

SIUC officials consider cell phone warning system

Alejandro Gonzalez  

After an abandoned bag of sand sparked an evacuation at a lecture hall, SIUC officials are considering text messages to communicate during an emergency.

While the university informed people on campus through mass e-mails and emergency radios on campus during the investigation of what police called a "suspicious package" Wednesday, some e-mails were delayed and some people did not receive any at all.

"There isn’t any fool-proof method of doing this," said university spokesman Rod Sievers. "I know that people want instantaneous messaging. I don’t know if it’s even possible, but it’s something we’re looking into."

Sievers said text message alerts sent out from a university system could immediately notify people across campus of an emergency scenario. He said officials are looking into several different companies that would provide the service, but haven’t decided on anything yet.

"Nothing is set in stone," he said.

"Several text messaging companies have contacted the university trying to sell their service."

Sievers said he doesn’t know how the university could pay for the alerts.

Bryan Crum, spokesman for text-messaging company Omnilert, said there are at least 40 colleges and universities in the country that use the company’s warning service. He said 300 more colleges have contacted him about the service since the April 16 killings on the Virginia Tech campus.

Crum said the service costs about $1 a year for each person who wants to receive the text messages, and standard messaging charges apply to the receiver of the messages.

There are no universities in Illinois with the service, he said.

"Unfortunately, it takes a tragedy like Virginia Tech to make people realize that their current method of communications aren’t sufficient," Crum said.

SIU Police Chief Todd Sigler said the text messages could help the police inform the public in emergencies, but would only be another form of communication among many others.

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Board votes today on Dunn’s possible presidency

Sarah Lohman  

The Western Michigan University Board of Trustees is set to vote today to decide if interim Chancellor John Dunn will become the school’s next president, but Dunn and several WMU officials talked Thursday like it was already a done deal.

Dunn said he would attend the board meeting in Kalamazoo today, and feel good about his chances.

“I start them July 1,” he said.

Dunn, who began at SIUC as provost in 2002 before being named interim chancellor in November, said he would remain committed to his post at SIUC until he leaves for WMU.

“I’m going to give SIU as much time between now and then, hopefully to minimize the amount of paperwork the new chancellor will inherit,” he said.

Dunn beat out three other candidates earlier this month to be recommended by WMU’s search committee for the president post, which is equal to the chancellor post at SIUC.

WMU board secretary Betty Kocher said the board would meet at 11:30 a.m. today and the vote is the first thing on the agenda. The eight trustees will decide on a roll-call vote whether Dunn will join their administration, she said.

“I think he will be elected unanimously,” Kocher said.

Larry Tolbert, the vice chairman of WMU’s presidential search committee, said Dunn was the best candidate of all the ones the committee interviewed.

Tolbert said Dunn was the most open, honest and working candidate, and the committee thought Dunn’s experience in recruitment would help cash those dropping enrollment numbers.

“He just seemed to fit well with Western,” Tolbert said.

Miller is also a trustee and will vote at today’s meeting.

He said he hadn’t talked to the other trustees, but thought Dunn had a great chance of being voted in.

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Sorority to host Virginia Tech fundraiser
Genna Chi Nu Christian Sorority is hosting its first fundraiser to benefit the victims of the Virginia Tech incident from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. today at the south end of Faner Hall.

Student news team takes honors in competitions
The student journalists responsible for WSLU-TV’s River Region Evening Edition were recently honored by two different organizations. The Charles and Lucile King Foundation and the Broadcast Educators Association honored the students’ “2007 Student Broadcast News Team” award at Las Vegas. The award recognizes the overall excellence of the news operation.

The honor is in addition to the first-place “Best NewsCast” award for Evening Edition and individual awards for Julie Koch (3rd place, Hard News) and Max Orenstein (2nd place, Videography). The Illinois News Broadcasters Association also honored Evening Edition and its students with several awards at its statewide convention in Galesburg.

Suspect in custody in killings of two brothers
CARY, Ill. (AP) — An 18-year-old high school student faces disorderly conduct charges for writing an essay that authorities described as violent and disturbing.

The writing assignment depicted violence, was disturbing and inappropriate, but did contain any specific locations or names, Cary Police Chief Bond said Wednesday. He said the man is a “known acquaintance” of the family who had been identified by the 15-year-old.

The girl, who was stabbed in the neck, is in stable condition at a hospital. She managed to flee the home and go help to a nearby gas station.

The medical examiner’s office said the cause of the boys’ death will not be released until Thursday afternoon.

Police arrived at the boys’ residence about 3:30 a.m. Thursday. Bond said the boys were pronounced dead at 4:45 a.m.

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Police reports
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Sarah Vaughn has done something no student has done in more than 30 years.

Vaughn, a senior from Olney studying art, is $20,000 richer after showing Rickert-Ziebold Award Competition judges her artistic abilities in glass blowing. She is the first sole winner of the prize money since 1975.

Vaughn, who beat out 17 other students for the award, said she was consumed by disbelief when she was announced as the only winner. Two fellow students had to catch her as she fell backward and nearly fainted, she said. Vaughn said she was in a state of hysteria and called her father at work because it was the easiest number to remember. The secretary at her father's office told Vaughn she couldn't talk with him because he was on the other line but promptly sent her through when she stated she won $20,000. Even then, Vaughn said her father was astonished.

“It’s kind of about what I saw happening in my head,” she said.

Vaughn said she would use the awarded money to pay for her summer tuition at Pilchuck Glass School, buy a kiln and help pay for graduate school.

Ed Shay, a professor in art and design who has been at the university for nearly 30 years, said this year’s contest was one of the finest and praised the students for the art they submitted.

2007 Rickert-Ziebold award winner, Sarah Vaughn, a senior studying art, takes a moment to look at her work displayed in the Glove Factory Thursday morning. Vaughn’s piece, ‘A Moment of Choice,’ was made by kiln formed glass and won a $20,000 award.

Carroll Cass, a senior from Alton studying art, said she had three paintings in the exhibition. Her work depicts 1950s-style dresses and shoes in an attempt to shed light on women’s issues, she said. For example, one painting shows the shoes and dresses in a scene with luggage, which Cass said illustrates the baggage women carry with them.

“It’s incredible, it’s amazing,” she said.

“I watched her tack it up all day and I just couldn’t believe it, and I’m just so happy for her.”

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General says conditions likely to worsen

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. military commander in Iraq says the war effort may face some significant obstacles before it gets easier that the U.S. forces are likely to continue facing heavy resistance.

Speaking as the Senate was passing legislation to increase U.S. troop levels in the Iraqi conflict, U.S. Rep. Dick Gephardt, a Democrat from Missouri, said conditions on the ground are likely to remain challenging.

"We're in a tough situation," Gephardt said during the debate. "We're in a war where we are fighting a war of terrorism, and terrorism is an ever-evolving force."

Gephardt said the legislation would provide the military with additional resources, including more troops, to help meet the challenges.

"This legislation is about giving our men and women in uniform the tools they need," he said. "It's about giving them the resources they need to succeed in this fight."
Springtime in Carbondale brings warm weather, outdoor music, graduation and swarms of friends and relatives who flock to the city to watch SIUC’s commencement ceremonies.

With only two weeks remaining before graduation weekend — May 11 through 13 — almost all of the rooms in Carbondale, Murphyshores, Carterville and Marion have been booked already, leaving last minute shoppers with few options.

According to the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau Web site, Jackson County has more 800 hotel rooms, only a handful of which are still available. In Carbondale, only the Best Inns of America, which has two rooms left for the weekend, and the Hampton Inn, which has one room left for May 11, had any space left as of Wednesday evening.

As graduation draws closer, those looking for last-minute rooms might have to look as far as Mount Vernon, Cape Girardeau or Metropolis.

Dave Coracy, owner of B and A Travel Service, said his agency often fields many phone calls from people looking for rooms around this time of year, but he can’t help them. He said this is a high demand period, so almost all of the available rooms are filled, even at bed and breakfasts and cabins. To find rooms in the area, people will have to rely on cancellations. The best way to find canceled rooms is to call and talk to hotel personnel directly, Coracy said.

“It’s possible, if you have direct phone lines and talk directly to the reservation staff on the property, you can sometimes find rooms that way,” he said.

Using travel agencies or online reservations systems usually does not work because hotels often overbook and don’t advertise open rooms, he said. Hotel policies often require pre-payment or a deposit, so even when there are cancellations, the hotels still make money so there is no motivation to fill up rooms unless people call, he said.

Coracy said his company currently deals with outbound tourism — leaving the area for vacation — only, but he hopes to start working with inbound tourism — traveling to southern Illinois — in the near future. Possibly by next spring, he said he hopes his company can act as a clearinghouse for area hotel rooms to better assist travelers coming into the area.

Kevin Lister, who works for the SIU Foundation, shopped at the Horticulture Association Plant Sale on Thursday afternoon. The variety of plants ranged from banana trees to cacti.
Every sport has a winner to be celebrated

Nathan Woodcock
GUEST COLUMNIST

The reality is that there is a lack of individuals with the knowledge and expertise in bodybuilding to teach posing and other elements of contest preparation.

Allen’s behavior immature

DEAR EDITOR:

I applaud Mrs. Allen’s decision to withdraw her donation. In this chaotic time when American soldiers and Iraq citizens are being blown to bits, when thousands are being slaughtered in Darfur and when dozens of students have been gunned down at Virginia Tech, I am glad to see she has her priorities straight in the knowledge and expertise in bodybuilding to teach posing and other elements of contest preparation. Were it not for her generosity, we would have been deprived of the opportunity to see a beaver on campus right outside our dorm.

Leave it to beavers

DEAR EDITOR:

The new SIU Web site is great. The pictures that flash on the homepage are breathtaking. Along with captions like “sniffing” and “divinity,” you really get an idea of what SIU is all about. It’s just missing one thing— that is a picture of a muscular beaver with the caption “Beaver Killers.”

I have recently been reading about SIU and its decision to kill beavers. I honestly disagree that this great university would do such a thing. I am a Thompson Point resident and I am by the lake everyday. Being able to see a beaver on campus right outside my residence hall is a unique opportunity that many people can’t experience at other colleges. I love SIU’s little bit more than I already do for this fact that I can encounter a beaver.

My love for SIU has taken a hit after hearing that it murders beavers. The same has happened to alumna Lorie Allen, who decided to remove SIU from her will after what they have been doing to the beavers, among other things. I applaud her actions and hope other alumni do the same in order to put an end to these beaver killings. The fact that beavers are being killed due to loss of vegetation around the lake is pathetic. I have seen two paws missing that have been cut off by beavers. That is what beavers do in their environment. We should just let the ecosystem be.

I agree with Lorie Allen’s claim that the university kills beavers in order to make the lake less crowded. All sarcasm aside, Mrs. Allen’s behavior is galling and immature. Allen is doing that one better. She’s cutting off the noses of the students to spite the hardworking men and women who keep SIU clean and beautiful. I say that if she’s going to be petty with her “generosity,” then UW is welcome to her sweaty cash. God help them if someone steps on a cockroach. Now if you will excuse me, I’m off to go hunting for muskrats.

Brian Rose

graduate student in mass communication and media arts

Trapping the engineers of the animal world

DEAR EDITOR:

In response to the article “Alumna removes university from will after beaver killings,” I applaud Mrs. Allen’s putting her money where her mouth is. She is correct in not supporting institutions whose policies and actions are contrary to her fundamental beliefs.

The university’s decision to wipe out the “engineer of the animal world” seems short-sighted when there are readily available humane, long-term and cost-effective solutions. The university community would be well served to educate themselves on the natural history of the beaver and effective ways to resolve human-beaver conflicts — before the problems become critical. A review of www.beaversww.org/index.html and “An Introduction to Non-Lethal Beaver Management” at dtm.metroc.gov would be a good first step. Most conflicts can be resolved using solutions that are humane, ethical and in the long-term, more effective and less expensive than trapping family after family of beavers.

Sarah Rulnick

Charlton, Mass.

GUEST COLUMN

This letter is in response to Mr. Cates’ uninformed guest column in the April 25 edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN in which he states that there are many questions without any answers. Mr. Cates, here are your answers. Mr. Cates in fact reinforces the view of the DE in choosing to spotlight the accomplishments of the winner because he did “push himself to the physical limit.” Winning is a part of athletics. In every sport there is a winner who deserves to be celebrated. I suppose Mr. Cates would want the losing team in the Super Bowl or World Series to receive equal press. Why pursue the goal of winning if the reward is the same? This is not elementary school where everyone wins.

The show was called the Mr. and Mrs. SIUC show because the competition was open to both women and men. The reality is that no women chose to compete. If the author wanted to see women compete, the SIUC Bodybuilding Club would greatly have welcomed his support in recruiting female contestants. The same is true with the fitness division, in which there were also no contestants.

In regards to Mr. Cates’ questioning of the relationship between the winner and myself, I would guess that nearly all competitors in the show would consider themselves to be my friend. After you spend a long period of time helping someone prepare for such an endeavor, you tend to form a friendship. I put in many long hours teaching the competitors how to pose so they would be adequately prepared for the event.

Mr. Cates’ assertion that the winner is selected ahead of time is entirely untrue and an insult not only to me, but also to all of the other judges, including Dr. Banz and Dr. Brecce, esteemed SIUC faculty members.

As far as not seeing the contestants ahead of time, the reality is that there is a lack of individuals with the knowledge and expertise in bodybuilding to teach posing and other elements of contest preparation. Who would you suggest to teach these individuals the essential elements of bodybuilding? It would have been completely unprofessional to host an event and not provide adequate preparation. If there was only one judge, Mr. Cates may have a point, but there were in fact four judges. Additionally, as SIUC students we all use the same Recreation Center. Even if I hadn’t taught contest preparation, I still would have seen these competitors every day working out at the Recreation Center. This practice was no different than in previous years.

Finally, Mr. Cates seems to believe that the DE somehow knew the winner in advance. Last year the DE did do a feature story on my contest preparation that included the 15 weeks prior to the competition. There was no way for the reporter to know that far in advance who all of the competitors even were. This year’s coverage of the winner was all compiled following the completion of the show. The DE did not interview me or the winner until the competition was over. The DE also took a large amount of pictures, likely to ensure that they had photos of everyone, as the winner was not yet determined.

Mr. Cates, maybe you should do some research before you make such wild and unfounded accusations which are an insult to myself as well as all of this year’s great competitors who did have the “intestinal fortitude” to do what you could not have done.

Woodcock is president of the SIUC Bodybuilding Club. He is a senior studying organizational communication.

WORDS OVERHEARD

“‘There might be something because people like to overreact after something like that.’” — Mark McAlister

senior from Elmhurst studying radio and television on his bag of sand and the repercussions that might arise.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Beavers serve purpose in ecosystem

DEAR EDITOR:

I would like to respond to Thursday’s front page article about the ecosystem of the SIUC campus.

I believe that students pay into a fee that should benefit from it. That is the philosophy we followed on the committee and it is the only one, in my opinion, that makes sense. Having said that, I will say that earlier this year I passed legislation in support of women’s night transit.

As a man, I personally do not have an issue with spending $1.40 to make sure some young woman arrives home safely. However, I do not speak for myself, and that is why the Undergraduate Student Government needs your vote.

This is a vital issue with huge implications. Send me an e-mail or stop by the USG office on the third floor of the Student Center. We welcome you.

White is a senior studying psychology.

David Amerson
Women’s Self-Defense Instructor
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Transit service shutdown not the solution

DEAR EDITOR:

The DAILY EGYPTIAN editorial focused on the night transit service. The DAILY EGYPTIAN totally missed the mark.

The DE stated that: “It’s unclear how people have found a way to get around campus all day and not die from heart attacks.”

While this may seem costly, I think if we follow our own examples. Are there some people that use the night transit for the purposes other than intended? Probably. But to say that women, more often than not, use it as a first line in their mental health strategies is simply off base.

We are still getting dollars to their destination safely. I’d be interested to know if the editors at the DE have ever asked a woman what she feels walking across campus at night.

While men are the victims of violence as well, the answer is not to shut down the night transit, as you suggest, but to expand it. Simply saying that the bus is enough is absurd, it does not take much to envision a criminal waiting on the bus for a woman to exit, then following her to her house or dorm. If you expanded the transit to the 24-hour, then everyone could be assured a safe trip to his or her doorstep without being followed. While this may seem costly, I think we can surely find a way to make this campus security program that will cost hundreds of millions of dollars, we can find a way to make our students a little bit safer at night.

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Parent of slain Va. Tech student remember moments of hope

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHAMPAIGN — More than a day passed between the moment Bryan and Renee Cloyd realized their daughter, Austin, might be among the students shot at Virginia Tech and the moment they knew she was gone.

It was a period punctuated by emotional highs and lows, they said. It seemed like a week, but it was only a day.

"What I learned from that was the importance of hope," Bryan Cloyd said.

He works two buildings away from Norris Hall, where his daughter and most of the other victims were shot, and was in his office that Monday morning when he learned that something was wrong at the hall.

Checking his daughter’s class schedule, he found that she should be in French Class in the building. Austin, a freshman, was majoring in International Studies and French, hoping one day to work with the United Nations.

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It was a period punctuated by emotional highs and lows, they said. It seemed like a week, but it was only a day.

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There isn’t much of an opportunity for people to get exposed to this kind of music," said Connie Shanahan, director of the Southern Illinois Irish Festival. "There’s a lot about the culture that is worth sharing, too.

"There’s a very rich literary tradition, and there is a spirit to the Celtic people that transcends the music itself, even. They’re very charitable, very friendly and are ready to share.

This weekend, the 10th annual Southern Illinois Irish Festival will be held at Turley Park, featuring many of the same events and a couple new ones, as well. For new events this year, there will be a Sunday concert series as well as a bag tournament on Saturday afternoon.

The Sunday concert features several local and area musicians, including local favorite The Doirins, and also performances from The Gordons, The Bankester Family, Blackberry Blossoms and Dan Keding. This jam session, beginning at 11 a.m. and lasting through 4 p.m., is to show the similarities between American and Celtic music cultures.

"What we are doing is bringing together local bluegrass musicians and helping people to see the connection between some of the Celtic music and what has become American traditional music," Connie Shanahan said.

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These events include throws of stones weighing 28 pounds and 56 pounds, and also throws of a 56 pound weight and a 36 pound barrel sack over a bar. The winners are those who throw them the furthest and the highest. The games also include a caber toss, which is a gigantic-piece of wood, comparable to a telephone pole, which is thrown.

Performing in the Highland Games are the Ancient Athletes from Springfield. The company has been competing in the Highland Games for about 15 years, which are men who wear kilts while doing it all.

"Women like us and the men want to be us," said Marci Lawless, the athletic director of Ancient Athletics.

"No, it’s a lot of fun, you’re wearing the kilt, first of all, and a lot of people have never seen anyone in a kilt. Lawless, whose family heritage is Scottish and Irish, has been competing with the company for the last five years, but he has been competing in national Scottish hammer throw tournaments for roughly seven years and has even traveled to Scotland to compete in a world championship. He said the games also a very important part of Celtic culture. The Highland Games have been performed in Scotland and around the world for centuries, and still take place today.

"They first tease you and make fun of you, and eventually say, "Where can I get one?," he said. "It’s been said that a man in a kilt is a man and a half."

Along with the Highland Games, SUIC’s Medieval Combat Society will be fighting with fake medieval weapons, and the Society for Creative Anarchons will also be fighting medieval-style.

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VERONICACOLUMN

Not just another St. Patty’s Day celebration

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"I can’t really understand why people wouldn’t want to talk to police." Sweden, you aren’t willing to do anything about it. People fail to realize that it is up to them to make a difference in the world.

But I watch my favorite TV show, "America’s Most Wanted," almost every week and if I see one, I don’t be mad if I call John Walsh.

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Aldon Addington of Carbondale stands among the art that is his life on Thursday. Addington, a retired SIUC teacher in the Department of Art and Design for 34 years, and his wife, Dona Bachman, director of the University Museum, have lived in their predominately all-metal home, no nails included, for about a year. Addington has been building his house and surrounding environment for seven and a half years. The structure’s design offers a gradual transition from the inside to the outside environment and vice versa. There are many windows that allow ample atmospheric viewing.

Most of the metal that Addington used for their home and for his sculptures is recycled. ‘There weren’t very many trees logged down to build the house, ‘ Addington said. He hired students to help him construct the residence and will have Ted Peterson, an architectural student, as a full-time employee this summer. The two will work to complete several sculptural projects that are on the premises.

The home is a one-room structure with a bedroom loft. The inside and outside area is adorned with numerous works of art, including a steel fountain that juts from the small rock-rimmed pond in the yard. Addington exhibits his work throughout the nation, and Carbondale recently purchased a sculpture of his, ‘Ring of Friendship, ‘ which is located by the intersection of Mill Street and U.S. 51 North.
Solution to Thursday's puzzle

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Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - Before you leave the job early, make sure you have what's coming due. If you pick up the tab tonight, expect to find hidden expenses.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - You're making a good impression and could get a nice promotion. Don't hold out for more money; that will come later.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - There'll be a few things you want to change about your living arrangements. This is perfectly normal. Your life is a work in progress.

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SUDOKU

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SIUC goes to Springfield

Students and faculty lobby for money for higher education

Amber Fijolek
Daily Egyptian

In Springfield on Wednesday, in addition to its usual array of lobbyists, the capitol building was full of small packs of maroon-clad students and faculty with a message for legislators.

The group of about 100 SIUC representatives found its way to visit legislators and push bills to increase funding for higher education, and most importantly, increase funding for the university.

About 1,000 people from at least 15 organizations, including other state universities and teacher’s unions, came to voice higher education funding concerns this year.

“We may be from all different universities from all around the state, but we’re here today under one tent speaking with one voice,” said Ken Swanson, president of the Illinois Education Association, at a rally before the lobbying.

It took collaborative efforts to recruit the highest turnout in SIUC lobby day history, one organizer said.

“It was really a project that showed the different kinds of leadership within the university,” said Nate Gross, a senior from Chester studying political science.

The former USG president, with the help of nine students from a political science honors course, contacted the chancellor’s office and every college dean to ensure every facet of SIUC was represented.

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David Gross, SIUC’s head lobbyist, said the program is more organized every year.

“A degree is too important of a commodity right now. What are you going to do in this economy without a college degree?” Gross said.

“To make that degree affordable, it’s sort of a fundamental responsibility of the legislature to support their public universities.”

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**BASEBALL**

**Salukis back home against Bears**

The Salukis got back on track with a win against Saint Louis, but coach Dan Callihan is still changing some things around.

The SIU baseball team has another critical Missouri Valley Conference series at 2 p.m. today against Missouri State (19-21, 4-8) at Ate Martin Field.

Callihan talked about tinkering with his pitching rotation for several weeks but finally made the move for the Bears’ series. Shawn Joy will pitch today and senior Jordan Powell will take the mound at 1 p.m. Sunday.

Cody Adams will remain the Salukis’ starter against Missouri State, and pitch for the 2 p.m. start.

Saluki pitching coach Tim Dixon said the move wasn’t based on performance reasons.

“It’s not that Joy is better than Powell or anything, we just needed a change out there,” Dixon said. “The defense has been playing really well when Adams is out there so we hope the defense will play a little bit different if we change some things around.

Powell has struggled in the Friday spot, going 5-6 with a 4.34 ERA. He is second on SIU (35-15, 4-6) in walks and strikeouts at 16 and 46, respectively.

Despite the rotation changes, Powell said he isn’t bothered by the coaches’ decision.

“It doesn’t do anything to my confidence because I was feeling fine before the change, but I think Cal and coach Dixon wanted to make a change to help the team,” he said.

It wasn’t really based on performance so it doesn’t really bother me because it doesn’t matter where I am in the rotation.

Changes have also been made in the infield recently. Junior Tyler Powell has struggled in the Friday spot, going 5-6 with a 4.34 ERA.

Throughout the offseason, the Rams went to two Super Bowls without a dominant defense because the Colts scored too much. In recent drafts, taking cornerback Tye Hill in the first round last year.

The Rams will draft for need, with two veteran receivers who are arguably the two highest-paid guys in the league, but it’s justified.

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“We want to get an impact player, regardless of position, and address needs as we go,” Linehan said.
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SPORT BRIEFS

Tennis

Men and women’s teams set for first round

The SIU tennis teams are gearing up for their first round matches of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament in Omaha, Neb.

The Salukis (9-10, 6-3) and the Salukis (7-10, 4-4) will be in the same bracket today.

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**SOFTBALL**

**Battle of the Valley heavyweights**

No. 19 SIU meets No. 22 ISU in Normal

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**Daily Egyptian**

It could be billed as a matchup of the giant killers. The Saluki and Illinois State softball teams have made a habit of knocking off ranked schools this spring.

Earlier this season, the Salukis beat No. 5 LSU in Houston and Illinois State knocked off 10-time national champion UCLA 2-1 on March 2. The fact that the teams both carry a top-25 ranking have the Valley’s top two hitting line-ups, and battle regularly on the recruiting circuit adds even more intrigue to the games.

The two Valley rivals meet for the third time this season Saturday and Sunday in Normal.

“It’ll be a great matchup,” SIU coach Kerri Blaylock said. “It’ll be two very great teams going at each other. It’s a big rivalry. Our kids love to play them. You’ve got to throw statistics out the window and just play the game.”

The first place Salukis (36-9, 15-3) enter the game on a six-game winning streak since suffering their first home loss, a 4-3 setback, to Missouri State on April 15. After letting the conference lead slip away last season, the Salukis charged up for a game like this. “We love games like these,” SIU coach Melinda Fischer said. “It’s not hard to get mentally charged up for a game like this.”

Meanwhile, SIU’s freshman hitting phenom Alicia Garza bats .384 to go along with 12 doubles and four home runs. Garza had three hits and batted in two runs to help lead SIU to a come-from-behind win over Northern Iowa Sunday, 10-5. Fellow freshman Katie Wilson needs just two homer runs to break Katie Jordan’s single-season mark of 14.

The No. 22 Redbirds (37-13-1, 13-6-1) are coming off their worst stretch of the season after losing three straight games, one to Indiana State last week, Illinois State now sits in a second place tie with the Bluejays.

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The Redbirds rank second in the nation with 70 home runs led by Kelsey Warren’s 15. Illinois State freshman Kara Nelson leads Valley hitters with a .431 batting average, 75 hits and 52 runs. “We know they have good pitchers,” Illinois State third baseman Tiffany Prager said. “Since we’re so evenly matched, I think it will come down to pitching and defense.”

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During the NFL Draft, which will hold its first three rounds Saturday and rounds four through seven Sunday, several Salukis will seek to either hear their name called or their phone ring with an NFL executive on the other line.

In all, running back Arkee Whitlock, tight end Braden Jones, cornerback Brandon Bruner, defensive end Lorenzo Wims, fullback J.T. Wise and kicker Craig Coffin are hoping to get drafted by an NFL team.

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He began playing football when he was 7 years old and said he hopes his productivity at SIU is taken into account by NFL teams — not just his 40-yard dash time, between 4.58 and 4.63, and 5-foot-10, 195 pound frame.

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