University checks claims about Treviño

Joe Crawford
Daily Egyptian

The university’s attorneys are re-interviewing the campus administrators who first complained about Chancellor Fernando Treviño’s leadership before he was put on leave last month.

SIU spokesman Dave Gross said the university would double-check its work after Treviño refuted the assertions about his leadership in a meeting last week with SIU President Glenn Poshard. The 30-minute hearing took place as a part of the due process proceedings the chancellor is entitled to in his contract with the university.

“We’re just going back and taking a look at what the chancellor has responded to to verify the assertions that have been made,” Gross said.

The interviews should be finished this week, he said, but there is no timeline for an announcement regarding Treviño’s future with the university. If he were removed from the chancellor spot, his contract calls for him to be reassigned as a tenured professor.

Poshard put Treviño on paid administrative leave March 12 during spring break. When he announced the move March 17, Poshard said campus and community officials had expressed serious concerns about the chancellor’s job performance as early as August, the month after he was hired.

Poshard chose Treviño from a pool of candidates who were interviewed last month.

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New roofs on horizon for Faner and Agriculture buildings

Campus buildings may go green as early as fall

Luke McCormick
Daily Egyptian

Students could spend the coming years learning under freshly cut grass.

Plans are in motion to replace the roofs on Faner Hall and the Agriculture Building with an energy efficient alternative to roof building known as Green Roofs, said Phil Gatton, director of the Physical Plant.

According to the Green Roof Web site, Green Roofs are grassy spaces on the top of a man-made structure. The roofs, widely used in Europe, also cut down on maintenance and replacement costs and create savings on heating and cooling costs, according to the site.

Jay Hamblin, a junior from Bloomington studying automotive technology, said for most of last semester he saw buckets collecting water when he used the computer lab in Faner Hall.

To cope with the deteriorating roofs in the Agriculture Building, bags have been attached to problem areas on the ceiling to collect water. Tubes underneath the bags transport the water into large, plastic garbage cans below.

C.K. Hsu, a research assistant in plant, soil and agricultural systems, said leaking roofs in the Agricultural Building destroyed his research.

“I had been researching certain bacteria and the leaking water ruined about a week’s worth of work,” Hsu said.

Gatton said the project is part of a long-term maintenance plan up for vote at the Board of Trustees meeting Thursday. If the board approves the plan, administrators would take more steps to decide what direction to go with the new roofs, Gatton said.

Gatton said the project must be put through the Board of Trustees because it would cost more than $250,000.

According to the board’s Web site, the proposed roof work will happen on roof areas B and C in the Agriculture Building and Wings A, B and C in Faner Hall.

Gatton said there have been problems with both buildings’ roofs for a while and the Physical Plant decided to take the funds from the facility maintenance fee to pay for the project.

He said if the board approves the plan, it could take up to six months of planning and preparation before the project could begin.

A wet floor sign is stored in a hallway that is known to have frequent water damage on the third floor of Faner Hall. A new roof and roof repairs are planned for Faner Hall and the Agriculture Building this summer.

New roofs could begin as early as late fall, Gatton said.

“This would be the first major project resulting from the facility maintenance fee. Administration hopes the fee will eventually pay to fix roughly $102 million in deferred maintenance throughout the university, including classroom improvements and repairs to underground steam tunnels,” he said.

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Dance Company struggles to get funding

**Jenn Lofton  DAILY EGYPTIAN**

Southern Illinois Dance Company members already have a spring in their steps. Now they need a spring in their stage.

Furr Auditorium in Pulliam Hall is the home for the Southern Illinois Dance Company, but the staging area floor has made it difficult for the women to continue to perform, said group member Brianna Goldstein.

Private donations have earned them a new $5,000 floor scheduled to arrive soon, but the group is seeking more help if all necessary upgrades will be made, she said.

Most dance floors are equipped with hidden springs that make it easier to do stunts and are not as rough on the dancers’ bodies. However, the stage the company currently uses is a hard floor with no enhancements, causing problems for the dancers, said Goldstein, a senior from Vernon Hills studying hospitality.

“During practices there are at least six injuries a night from girls scuffing their feet on the floor,” Goldstein said.

The company is one of many registered student organizations that depends solely on fundraising to stay running because the RSOs are usually not included in the university’s budget.

The group has asked for money on several occasions in the past, but members say they have been denied every time.

The only time the company received money from a university source, members said, was in spring 2005, when they asked Undergraduate Student Government for help to rent Shryock Auditorium for the following spring’s concert.

Although USG granted the company $2,000, the dancers had to give all ticket sales back to USG. Where the profits were less than the group owed, the dancers had to repay part of the loan out of their own pockets, Goldstein said.

At that time, USG was having financial problems and a new policy has been set for those who ask for help with funding, said USG President Demetrous White.

Donna Wilson, faculty adviser for the company, said payment for the new floor must come from private donations and previous ticket sales.

The order for the floor has been placed and is scheduled to arrive Friday, so the members will be able to use it for the spring concert at the end of the month.

Group choreographer, Lauren Hartman, a senior from Champaign studying art, said most of the external funding comes from the members’ families who have seen or have been told about the conditions facing the company.

After Hartman’s father saw the group’s fall concert and then viewed the condition of the floor, he decided to make a $3,500 donation.

Wilson said she and the dancers are grateful for the donations and being able to take the first of many steps to get Furr Auditorium back to a quality performing level. Wilson said there is still a lot of work that needs to be done to lighting and other stage equipment, but the money is just not there.

“We have a long way to go, but with everyone’s hard work hopefully we will be able to accomplish more,” Wilson said.

The idea of using another facility to practice and perform has been brought up, but Goldstein said their only option is Shryock, and they do not have the money to pay for a show that would cost them roughly $3,000.

Hartman said Shryock should be a good location, but the amount of money they would spend to perform there would take all they have raised and leave them back at square one.

Hartman said she is glad the company has raised enough to get the new floor, but still hopes the university lends a helping hand and sees the organization for more than just a group of dancers.

“Not having money and having to work so hard to get it has become a motivation and has brought us closer together,” Hartman said.

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**Members of the Southern Illinois Dance Company stretch before practicing a dance called ‘Almost Lover.’ Monday evening in the Furr Auditorium, the team recently raised money to build a new stage.**  

**Ryan Reynolds  DAILY EGYPTIAN**
Constant riots disrupt Olympic torch relay

In San Francisco, where the torch is due to arrive Wednesday, three protesters wearing harnesses and helmets climbed up the Golden Gate Bridge and tried the Tibetan flag and two banners to its cables. The banners read “One World One Dream. Free Tibet” and “Free Tibet.”

The 17.4-mile route in Paris started at the Eiffel Tower, headed down the Champs-Elysees toward City Hall, then crossed the Seine before ending at the Charlie and field stadium.

Throughout the day, protestors boarded trucks emblazoned with the names of Olympic corporate sponsors, chained themselves to railings and hurled water at the flame. Some unfurled banners depicting the Olympic rings as handcuffs from the Eiffel Tower and Notre Dame cathedral.

The Interior Ministry said police made 18 arrests. Officers sprayed tear gas to break up a stampede by about 300 pro-Tibet demonstrators who blocked the route. Police tackled protestors who ran at the torch, at least two antioxidants got within arm’s length before they were grabbed by police. Near the Louvre, police blocked a protester who approached the flame with a fire extinguisher.

One detained demonstrator, handcuffed in a police bus, wore “F1” on her right pants and “FS” on the other — spelling the French word for “freedom” and held them up to the window.

PARIS — Olympic torch relay descended into chaos Monday, with protestors scaling the Eiffel Tower, grappling for the flame and forcing the torch relay to effectively stall out the torch and transport it by bus past demonstrators yelling “Free Tibet.”

The relentless anti-Chinese demonstrations ignored across the capital with unreported power outages and ingenuity, foiling 3,000 police officers responsible for fending off jeering joggers and even inline skaters. Chinese protestors finally gave up on the relay, canceling the last third of what China had hoped would be a joyful jog by torch- bearing VIPs past some of Paris’ most famous landmarks.

Thousands of protestors slowed the relay to a stop-start crawl, with impassioned displays of anger over China’s human rights record, its grip on Tibet and support for Sudan despite years of bloodshed in Darfur.

Five times, the Chinese officials in dark glasses and trackshirts who guard the torch extinguished it and retreated to the safety of a bus — the last time emerging only after the vehicle drove across 15 feet of the final stop, a track and field stadium. A protestor then ran the final steps inside.

Outside, a few French activists sat on the steps and shouted, “Passée!”

Robert H. Reid THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD — Hundreds of people fidelity fighting in Baghdad’s Shiite militia stronghold Monday as U.S. and Iraqi forces increased pressure on anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who faces an ultimatum to either disband his Mahdi Army or give up politics.

Al-Sadr’s aides said he would only dismantle the powerful militia if ordered by top Shiite clerics — who have remained silent throughout the increasingly dangerous showdown.

Although al-Sadr holds consider- able influence through the Mahdi fighters — estimated at up to 60,000 — political lush for his movement would shatter his dream of becom- ing the major power broker among the country’s Shiite majority.

Gunbattles raged around the sprawling Sadr City district that serves as the Baghadde nerve center of the Mahdi militia, which has been under siege since last week.

Police said at least 14 civilians were killed in clashes Monday in the Baghdad area, nine of them in Sadr City. Frightened families poured out of Sadr City — some carrying their belongings in sacks or piled in push- carts.

Al-Sadr’s office affirms that the door is open to reach an understanding regarding these problems.

— Salah al-Hashemi

Al-Sadr’s aides, Hassan al-Zarqani, told the Associated Press by telephone from Iran that Iran had been ideal as Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani and other top Shiite clerics in Iraq. If they “recommend he disband the Mahdi Army, he will obey,” al-Zarqani said.

But it was unclear whether the statement signaled any significant change in strategy by Sadrists move- ment. Al-Sadr has maintained for years that only the sect’s top clergy could disband the Mahdi militia.

Unequivocal was whether al- Sadr would shore up his position if his move to take a public position on the show- down or leave it to the politicians to resolve. The aged, Iranian-born al-Sistani has remained silent since the latest crisis erupted.

Shiite clerics intervened to resolve the two uprisings against the U.S.-led coalition that al-Sadr led in 2004. Those agreements allowed al-Sadr to build his followers into a formidable political movement.

But al-Sadr, who is believed to be in Iran, has never faced such intense pressure from a broad politi- cal spectrum. His 30 seats in the 272-member parliament would not be enough to block legislation ban- ning his movement from politics.

Al-Sadr could lose significant gains in the Shiite south if his move- ment competes in the fall elections. That would shoo up his position even without the Mahdi Army, which bitterly tarnished its image among many Shiites because of its role in sectarian violence and crime.

Al-Sadr has called for a mass rally in Baghdad on Wednesday — the fifth anniversary of the U.S. capture of the city — to demand an end to the American military presence.

Washington

Obama raised $40 million in March, bringing their campaign total to about $234 million. Clinton raised $20 million for a total of more than $175 million during the entirety of the contest.

The amount was confirmed to The Associated Press by two foreign officials speaking on condition of anonymity because the numbers haven’t been made public.

One official said McCain intends to accept public financing in the general election, a move that would put McCain one step closer to supplementing public financing with his own campaign funds. McCain also said he would wait to apply to participate in public financing for the likely Republican nominee.

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Alumni Association looks for new director

Nationwide search begins this month

Madeleine Leroux
Vice Chancellor

The SIU Alumni Association has begun its nationwide search for a new executive director.

Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor for institutional advancement, said the Alumni Association began accepting applications for executive director this month.

“We hope to have a person announced and ready to start by the first of the next fiscal year, so July 1,” McCurry said. “That’s an aggressive timetable but we’re keeping our fingers crossed that we can meet that.”

The executive director coordinates planning, organization, development, implementation and evaluation of the alumni relations program. The director also serves as a bridge between the university and the Alumni Association.

McCurry said a search committee has been formed to go through all applications and decide on a group of finalists who will be invited to the Carbondale campus for interviews.

The Alumni Association is a member of the international student association and administrators from varying areas of SIUC.

“I don’t think we do not have to have previous experience working in a university system,” McCurry said, but do need experience in alumni services.

“The Alumni Association hopes to invite the final candidates to Carbondale before the end of spring semester, if possible.”

Ed Burger, the former executive director, retired in December after serving 18 years on the job.

“I am sure there will be a lot of interest in the position and is anticipating a large number of applicants,” McCurry said.

“We’re looking forward to getting a good and diverse pool of applicants,” McCurry said.

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Director search

December 2007
• Executive director retires—Michelle Suarez named interim director

April 2008
• Nationwide search begins for new executive director

May 2008
• Committee hopes to invite final candidates to campus

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Michelle Areas — Daily Egyptian

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Americans: How we are born to conform

— the fun stuff. As time progresses, we find ourselves in middle school. Then the mass production of workers begins. Day after day; week after week, students are bored out of their minds doing numerous worksheets while teachers do their best to instill in them a sense of pride in the beginning of their ends. Now, don’t get me wrong. There are plenty of children who get through school, go to college, find their purpose; and actually do go out and become those leaders and change the world. They are the lucky ones. They are the few who were able to hold on to a dream and see it through.

As for the rest, I continue. The children in these grades, still unaware of what they’re being prepared for, are learning the facts — history, math, geography, social studies, health and P.E. Now I will give it to the educational system, it does do one thing right, and that’s exposing how redundant of a schedule we can all adapt to. But aside from that, it’s a setup. Moving right along into high school, where students are praised for good behavior and following the assignments yet punished for their creativity. Shouldn’t school be a vehicle that fosters growth and encourages children to think outside the box? Not my school, and not most schools for that matter. It’s a shame that the brilliant minds of tomorrow are stuck in the classes where they are, in essence, being programmed, something like the drones in that one Star Wars movie. They are programmed to follow instructions, then moved on into a higher institution of learning. Similar to trade schools that allow students to graduate with something like the drones in that one Star Wars movie. They are programmed to become the “employer.”

Tradational business is similar to the movie Office Space. “Find your cubicle, here’s the task, worry about being fired and, oh yeah, you aren’t allowed to have a case of the Mondays.” There are more red staplers getting ready to graduate than Swingline’s entire summer collection. Now, think about that for a setup. Sure, there are hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of college graduates every year, but according to Yahoo! Finance, there were also 80,000 lay off last month and 76,000 layoffs each of the two months prior. Talk about job security! We should start thinking about our “Plan B.”

As the saying goes, you either fail to plan or plan to fail. I urge you all reading this to think long and hard as to how much you’ve already fallen into this mess — but focus on the positive. There’s always a way out; just keep swimming.
I've got some thumbs for you

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No thumbs, Andy.

Columnist Andy Fruth stayed from his normal thumbs up/thumbs down segment, but for luck, his readers, I'm great with fingers. With that said, the thumbs up/thumbs down in the fall 2005 sports pages of the Daily Egyptian, so I've got the approval, disastrous drop down segment.

Plus, this will force me to find some sort of positivity in this community, something the haters say I couldn't do.

Let's explore.

Thumbs up to SIU student athletes who put on the Kids Night Out program at both centers, path athletes who put on the Kids Night Out with a bunch of you, too, while their parents were in school. That was when I was at age, I remember looking up high school athletes like they were wearing shorts of Michael Jordan.

Also, it's nice to see that some SIU women's basketball players paved the way, especially considering what their coach has said about them. Which brings me to . . .

Thumbs down to Dana Ekenberg, SIU women's volleyball coach. Dealing with Dana in the past, I've always thought she was a great coach and a class person. Yeah, Ekenberg proved to be a great coach. She took the Salukis from a doormat and placed them at the top of the MVC in the 2006-07 season. But now being a great coach is a being a mentor and a leader. You can scold and degrade your players all you want, but at the end of the day, it has to yield productive results.

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Voices

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Tuesday, April 8, 2008

JACINDA TOWNSEND

Childcare in the workplace

Childcare in the workplace: SIUC doesn't offer it despite the fact that it has not, but two centers have opened on campus. It's a matter of notoriety, as well as policy by not offering spots for the children of employees at other centers, SIUC in effect prevents some employees from availing themselves of either.

At the state university where I previously taught, half the spots at the child development lab were reserved for employee's children and no other workplace childcare that we researched. I breastfed my child for 18 months, and I could lunch with her anytime I wanted. If the fall full, I could pick her up in three minutes flat. Such opportunities are invaluable to working mothers.

At SIUC, I'm on the other side of the divide. This isn't for lack of planning. In fact, my child has been on the waitlist for both of SIUC's childcare centers since December 2005. But since Rainbow's End serves "faculty, staff and students" with a set number of spots assigned to faculty and staff, SIU in effect made my employee, compete with some of the parent of one class SIU and work all day elsewhere. The Child Development Lab is open to the entire community, so I'm competing with anyone who wants to pick up or their child to the MLM, and, even at-home moms.

Regardless of whether Rainbow's End or the CDL reserves spots for SIUC employees, they both should clean up their sloppily waitlist hygiene. Rainbow's End took my daughter off the waitlist because they hadn't reached me at my old phone number. Apparently no one had two minutes to re-mail me, or 90 seconds to look me up on People Finder. The CDL, makes many of its waitlist calls in September, after most children have already gone through two weeks of tearful goodbyes at another center. If a mother wants to prevent her child from having to go through two to three weeks before the end of the last quarter and near the top of the list but rather than staying near the top for the following semester or year's consideration. There's a tremendous lack of transparency to the waitlist process. Why, for instance, can't you check the waitlist and see your child's progress on the waitlist via Internet? Online tracking would forestall even the suspicion of waitlisting and favoritism.

Of all the factors that went into my childcare decision, proximity was the top of my list. Even momma squirrels out gathering their sloppy waitlist hygiene. Rainbow's End took my daughter off the waitlist because they hadn't reached me at my old phone number. Apparently no one had two minutes to re-mail me, or 90 seconds to look me up on People Finder. The CDL, makes many of its waitlist calls in September, after most children have already gone through two weeks of tearful goodbyes at another center. If a mother wants to prevent her child from having to go through two to three weeks before the end of the last quarter and near the top of the list but rather than staying near the top for the following semester or year's consideration. There's a tremendous lack of transparency to the waitlist process. Why, for instance, can't you check the waitlist and see your child's progress on the waitlist via Internet? Online tracking would forestall even the suspicion of waitlisting and favoritism.

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- 913 W. Sycamore
- 919 W. Sycamore
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- 402 1/2 W. Walnut
- 820 W. Walnut #2
- 406 W. Willow
- 404 W. Willow

### Three Bedroom
- 607 N. Allyn
- 408 S. Ash
- 504 S. Ash #3
- 508 S. Ash #1
- 514 S. Ash #1, 3
- 409 S. Beveridge
- 502 S. Beveridge #1
- 503 S. Beveridge
- 506 S. Beveridge
- 509 S. Beveridge #4
- 513 S. Beveridge #3-5
- 515 S. Beveridge #5
- 510 N. Carico
- 405 W. Cherry
- 405 W. Cherry Court
- 406 W. Cherry Court
- 407 W. Cherry Court
- 408 W. Cherry Court
- 608 W. Cherry

### Four Bedroom
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- 502 S. Beveridge #1
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Dalton Latch helps his mom, Pat, pick out flowers at the Farmer’s Market Saturday morning in the Murdale Shopping Center. Saturday’s market was the first of the year, which signifies the beginning of spring for many.
**Roller hockey teams take a shot at Nationals**

*Jenn Lofton* 

A team that is often overshadowed by other collegiate sports, roller hockey has been a part of the university since 1992. The team has had its share of ups and downs in the past and was dormant for a year due to a lack of funding. However, thanks to SIUC graduate and former player Brandon Van Damme, the team was back on its feet in the fall semester of this year.

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Master glass blowers show off trade

Audra Ord
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The artist puts the metal rod out of the fire, the glass on the end glowing a faint orange. He sits at his workbench and begins rolling the rod as his assistant blows through a tube at the end of the rod to help shape the glass.

After several repetitions of rolling, blowing and rolling, what began as a blob of melted glass at the end of a stick has transformed into a usable piece of art.

Glass artists Boyd Sugiki and Lisa Zerkowitz are demonstrating their skill today and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon at the APRIL TIAN.

"Having a master glass blower come into our studio and blow glass — you can’t pass that up," said Andrew Najarian, a senior from Chicago studying glass.

Sugiki is known for making utilitarian glass pieces, such as bowls and cocktail glasses. During Monday’s demonstration, he made several glasses, including a standard drinking glass and a martini glass, with the help of Zerkowitz.

Zerkowitz is a third-generation glass artist who is known for her blown-glass beach balls.

Rachel Van Winkle, a junior from Cary studying glass, said she learned new techniques by watching the demonstration. She said even manipulating the art form a little bit can have a big impact on the way the glass turns out.

"Sometimes it’s the little things that can make a big difference," Van Winkle said.

Even the temperature of the fire that is used to heat the glass to make it malleable can make a difference.

During the demonstration, the temperature was between 2,200 and 2,300 degrees Fahrenheit in the "glory hole."

"There can be a difference because it’s a material that requires a lot of practice," Najarian said. He said he enjoys the challenge of making something with his hands and tools.

"In a world of manufactured things, you can still make something with your hands," Najarian said.

Najarian said working with glass is an old tradition that not many people know how to do anymore, except for those studying it.

SIUC offers both bachelor’s and master’s degrees in the glass department.

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SEMOTION

In the 3,000-meter steeplechase, Megan Poore and Emily Tennessie posted second- and third-place finishes.

Saluki throwers Brenton Siemens and Brittany Riley picked up a pair of titles for the Salukis in the field.

Siemens won the shot put and finished second in the hammer throw, while Riley won the women’s title in the hammer throw and finished second in the discus and shot put.

Sophmore Terrier Poore and Thomas Smith succeeded in the field events, finishing in second and third in the javelin throw, respectively.

Poore also scored with a 6-2.3 3/4 leap in the long jump to finish in the high jump while Mykiya Nicholson contributed with a second-place finish in the triple jump.

Jumps coach Andre Scott said the jumpers performed well after practicing hard throughout the week. As SIU gets closer to the Missouri Valley Conference Championships, Scott said he expects scores to get better.

“By making the sprinters shorter and faster and lightning up on the weight-room, you’ll see a little lighter and a little faster,” Scott said. “Each week they should get better and closer to qualifying for regionals.”

SIU returns to the track Saturday when it travels to Oxford, Miss., for the Ole Miss Invitational.

CRUISE

Murray State’s defense didn’t help out its pitching staff at all, committing three innings and keeping the inning alive for SIU in the bottom of the fifth.

An error by right fielder Wes Cunningham allowed the Salukis to add four runs in the inning. Senior outfielder Dean Cademartori rapped the benefits with his first home run of the season.

Cademartori’s three-run shot capped his best hitting day of the season as he finished 4-for-5 with five RBIs and a pair of runs scored.

Cademartori said he has never had a stretch of games like this in his four-year career.

“I’ve been working on my swing a lot lately,” he said. “I just feel comfortable up there and there’s no reason not to feel confident.”

Senior utility man Adam Hills left the game after reaching on a single in the second inning. Hills fouled a pitch off his foot during the prior pitch sequence.

Callahan said Hills would be taken out for an X-ray today.

STREAKS

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Waters was named MVC Pitcher of the Week on Monday after three shutouts and 24 scoreless innings.

Coach Keri Blaylock said the duo, along with junior pitcher Katie McNamara, have finally adapted to their individual roles on the mound.

“We were young in the beginning of the season and we’re going to try to hang in there,” Blaylock said.

The Salukis also have multiple sluggers contributing hits game after game at home, which has led to an 8-5 mark in Carbondale.

Senior first baseman Lauren Haas had an eight-game hit streak end in the second game of a doubleheader Wednesday but has reached base on a hit, run or error for the last 14 games.

Junior third baseman Katie Wagner extended her streak to six games before going 0-for-3 in the last game of the series against Indiana State Sunday. The streak elevated her batting average to .349, which is second best on the team behind Haas.

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BASEBALL

SIU cruises to 17-4 victory

Salukis tally eight runs in first innings

Matt Hartwig
Daily Egyptian

This time there wasn't a need for any late game heroics. The SIU baseball team took a commanding 8-1 lead after the third inning and never looked back as it defeated Murray State 17-4 Monday at Abe Martin Field to grab its fifth straight win.

The blowout was a welcomed break from the weekend's come-from-behind wins as the offense controlled the pace with 22 hits.

The Salukis picked up eight runs in their first two at-bats, corresponding with the two teams' starting pitchers. Senior Mark Kelly, the designated hitter, went 4-for-6 with three RBIs as the duo of freshmen hurlers Freshman Nick Rice tossed five innings and allowed three runs while pitching out of jams in the fourth and fifth innings.

Saluki coach Dan Callahan said the game was a major confidence builder before falling short of a seventh-consecutive NCAA Tournament bid.

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The two-RBI single scored freshmen center fielder Chris Murphy and junior second baseman Scott Elmesdorf.

Donze picked up his fourth loss of the season for Murray State (7-14). Kelly, the designated hitter, did his damage in the third with a bases-loaded single up the middle off reliever Drew Lemper.

Murphy and Elmesdorf both scored on the play.

Kelly went 4-for-6 with three RBIs and two runs scored.

Freshman Nick Race tossed five innings and allowed three runs on route to his first win of the season.

Rice struck out three and walked three while pitching out of jams in the fourth and fifth innings. Rice's defense backed him up as it did not commit a single error.

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SOFTBALL

Streaks help Salukis return to form

MVC Pitcher of the Week provides lift

Megan Krampaer
Daily Egyptian

There have been odd similarities between the SIU softball and men's basketball teams this season.

While in the heart of a mid-season slump when the softball team played numerous ranked opponents both at home and on the road, the Salukis have found a way to turn things around in Missouri Valley Conference play, just like their mens basketball counterparts months ago.

The Salukis are in the middle of a seven-game winning streak at home to help push them toward another bid for their fifth-straight NCAA Tournament. The mens basketball team went on a similar streak against conference opponents after a similar out-of-conference start to the season before falling short of a seventh-consecutive NCAA Tournament bid.

Now the only difference between the two teams is that the softball squad still has a chance at NCAA Tournament glory.

The diamond Dogs haven't lost since March 27 thanks to strong pitching and an offensive lift that has resulted in a perfect home stand at Charlotte West Stadium.

"It's always great to play at home," said senior outfielder Krystal Steen. "We have great fans and we have a great atmosphere here."

But there 22-13 record will be put to the test as they hit the road for a single game senior night showdown against Evansville on Wednesday and a three-game series in Des Moines, Iowa, against the Drake Bulldogs.

Pitching has carried the team lately as the duo of freshmen hurlers Nikki Waters and Danielle Glasson have combined for a 2.80 ERA.

The Saluki softball team gathers before its Wednesday's doubleheader against Saint Louis University. The team is currently on a seven-game winning streak and will be playing at Evansville Wednesday.

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