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Students flock to the Attitude Designs table Tuesday as Courtney Smith, general manager of Attitude Designs, throws free T-shirts during Meet Me on Main, a Week of Welcome event at SIU. Carbondale Main Street, local businesses, Registered Student Organizations and sport clubs gathered on the Recreation Center’s south lawn to inform students, recruit members and give away free merchandise. Amy Spomer, customer service manager at Attitude Designs, said the event is a great opportunity for downtown merchants to spread the word about their businesses. “For two weeks after events like this, we see our shirts everywhere so we know the marketing works,” she said. “Plus, everyone likes free shirts.”

New dean makes plans for Morris Library’s future
Anne Cooper Moore
AUSTIN FLYNN
Daily Egyptian

A passion for education, understanding of student needs and a love of physical exercise are just some qualities the new library dean said she possesses.

Anne Cooper Moore, dean of library affairs, started her position July 16 and planned changes she said will better serve students inside and outside of the library. Moore said while she knows Morris Library is an excellent facility, she thinks there are many positive additions she can help the library work toward.

“We’re trying to put as much in this building as possible so that whatever you come in for you can finish … and not leave until you’re really satisfied,” Moore said.

She was hired after former dean David Carlson left July 1 to work at Texas A&M University as dean of university libraries.

The new dean said she has many plans to attract more people to the library — including completion of the sixth and seventh floors, which have remained inactive since the building’s renovation in 2008.

Moore said she wants to use the extra space to create more study rooms, bring in academic support services and make the library a place students can visit for anything school-related.

Howard Carter, associate dean for library support services, said Moore is a refreshing change, and he hopes to see her ideas implemented around the library.

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Student injured at Recreation Center crosswalk
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- Low: 59°

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- High: 94°
- Low: 63°

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** Corrections**

In the Monday edition of *The Daily Egyptian*, the story “Book presented, victim misnamed” should have said $3,500 in proceeds were raised to go toward Harrisburg tornado victims.” *The Daily Egyptian* regrets this error.

**Water main breaks in Communications Building**

All water was shut off in the Communications Building Tuesday night after a water main break was discovered. Employees from the Physical Plant and Service Operations worked to repair a water main break on the east side of the Communications Building after water was found flooding into the basement.

Brad Dillard, associate director of facilities, said at about 8 p.m. workers were still unaware of where the break was located and what caused it. He said university personnel became aware of the problem after water was found to be flowing into the basement. Employees from the Physical Plant and Service Operations worked to repair a water main break on the east side of the Communications Building after water was found flooding into the basement.

Dave Degenhardt, refrigeration foreman, said the water that overflowed out of a steam tunnel into the building was contained because it was located near a steam pipe. He said the water that flowed into the building was contained because it was directed into a drain.

Dillard said he hopes the break would be located and repairs could be made before classes started in the morning. "We'll be on it until we have it fixed," he said.
At Tuesday’s City Council meeting, the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau was approved for $75,000 to help complete its website, file all necessary state and local reports, develop a welcome center, balance its budget and hire an interim director. “This project has been a longtime coming,” Mayor Joel Fritzler said. “It started two Mayors and two city managers ago.” An ordinance that allows video gambling machines in licensed establishments was also passed by a 5-2 vote, and water and sewer fees were updated with a 6-0 vote to create a Tax Increment Financing district in Carbondale’s downtown area.

Nicole Hester
DAILY EGYPTIAN

US horse rescues overwhelmed by abandoned animals

GRANT SCHULTE
Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — The Double R Horse Rescue looks different in drought: There’s little but stubble in the pastures and a chain and padlock on the gate.

The owner began looking up the property last month in an effort to keep people from driving up at night and dropping off horses they can no longer afford to feed.

Horse rescue groups nationwide have been struggling to care for a growing number of animals abandoned since the Great Recession hit more than four years ago, but leaders say their work has become even more difficult and expensive this summer as drought and wildfires burned up pastures and sent hay prices skyrocketing. Many people who held on to their horses in the downturn are now letting them go because they can’t find or afford feed that has more than doubled in price.

Jami Salter is caring for 15 horses at the Double R Horse Rescue in Riverdale, about 150 miles west of Omaha, and she said that’s all she can handle. But she’s still getting three or four calls a week from people asking her to take their horses. At one point, people were abandoning one or two animals a week.

“People would just drop horses off without asking me,” Salter said. “Every morning, I went out to water them, and I’d have more horses than the day before.”

Most farmers and ranchers have had trouble growing hay this year because of the drought that stretches from Ohio west to California. Salter said a company that donates to her rescue got 46 bales last year from a 22-acre plot but this year expects only six or seven. Recent wildfires in northern Nebraska have added to the shortage, forcing ranchers to choose between feeding their horses and more profitable cattle.

Did you need to get an insurance refund?

The Fall Semester deadline to apply for an insurance fee refund is August 31, 2012.

To apply for a refund, go to the insurance section of the Student Health Services’ website at shc.siu.edu. Click the Insurance Refund link to be guided through our automated refund system. Once a refund is requested online in the Fall Semester, you are exempt for one entire year. Remember, even if you get an insurance fee refund, you are still eligible to receive services at the Student Health Center.

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Pharmacy

Don’t wait until the last minute to get immunized.

The Fall Semester immunization compliance deadline is October 12, 2012.

Illinois law requires that all students show proof of immunity to tetanus, diphtheria, measles, mumps, and rubella. Immunization records may be obtained from your high school (copy of both sides of your 9th grade physical), previous university attended, private physician, or local health department. The SIU Carbondale Immunization Compliance Form may be downloaded from our website. For more information, contact the Student Health Services’ Immunization Compliance Office at 618-453-4326.
He said some changes have already taken place such as the beginning phase of the One Search program, an online search engine on the Morris Library website that allows students to look up books, journals, articles and videos.

“She has some new enthusiasm,” Carter said. “She’s looking at the ways that we have done things in the past and asking questions about why things are being done the way they are and how we can do them better. She has breathed new life into the building and the staff.”

Chancellor Rita Cheng said Moore was chosen from a pool of qualified applicants because of her ability to skillfully articulate her goals and visions she has for Morris Library.

“She had a much, much stronger message than some of the other candidates,” Cheng said. “It’s a beautiful building and I’m so excited about some of the other visions she has for Morris Library.

Moore has taken library positions in different parts of the country with her most recent as dean of libraries at the University of South Dakota, Moore said.

Chuck Staben, provost and vice president of academic affairs at the University of South Dakota said Moore started with the University of South Dakota in 2008 and managed more than one academic library on the campus.

He said Moore made vast improvements to the libraries at the University of South Dakota; one of the most notable, he said, was when she simplified an entire collection of books into a more manageable amount of space.

This freed up physical space in the library, Staben said, and has enabled the school to bring in more academic services such as a writing center and a study abroad office.

“It was a pleasure for me to work with her,” Staben said. “I think what you saw was that her success in South Dakota led to her being eligible to move up to a library like SIU, which is probably one of the top 100 academic libraries in the United States.”

When she is not at Morris Library, Moore said she can be found either running four miles a day with her Cavalier King Charles Spaniel, Molly, or listening to Madonna on her treadmill.

She has three children and a grandson; 30-year-old Rider, 28-year-old Ian, 25-year-old Cassandra and 10-month-old Loren, or “Ren.”

Moore said she wants to know what students want and be able to give it to them.

“One of my personal mantras is if you have to say ‘no’ repeatedly, you need to examine your policy and develop a way that you can say ‘yes’…put things in place so it can be a positive experience rather than a negative one,” Moore said.

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Summer construction almost complete

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Daily Egyptian

The work of more than 20 construction projects across the university may catch students’ attention.

While a majority of the projects started by the Physical Plant and Service Operations this summer are complete, some finishing touches still linger. Although some students have called the ongoing construction and changes an inconvenience, Physical Plant director Phil Gatton said most projects should be completed in the first few weeks of the semester.

While the construction may create minor obstacles around campus, Chancellor Rita Cheng said she has heard compliments on the projects rather than complaints.

“People have also commented that the campus has looked good for a long time,” she said. “I think we are starting to make a difference in the external and internal improvements we are making.”

Some students visited campus for the first time last week before officially moving to Carbondale, and Cheng said she thought many families responded positively to the ongoing changes. “The parents and students who were here for move-in and for Saluki Startup really complimented us on the construction projects that were going on and the quality of the work that had been done,” she said.

Richard Heins, a freshman from Campbell Hill studying physical therapy, said he thinks the construction makes the campus easier with some projects’ completion. He said he difficult to navigate this summer, but it has become easier with some projects’ completion. He said he difficult to navigate this summer, but it has become easier with some projects’ completion.

Sarah Gardner | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Some areas of sidewalk are blocked by fences because of construction near Faner Hall. Construction on the area is running on schedule and should be completed within the semester.

The Physical Plant and Service Operations is in charge of cleaning, maintenance and repairs as well as campus facility operation and maintenance. The projects the Physical Plant completed this summer totaled around $120 million, Gatton said. Those projects included renovations to Faner Hall, which has yet to be completed.

Gatton said the addition of lighting and wider walkways around Faner Hall is intended to make more space for student interaction. He said lighting construction is ongoing, and cement work in front of the building is not complete despite plans for a finished project before fall. Another week of concrete work is needed before the pathway is complete, he said.

“I hope the students who have been here before see all the improvements, and hopefully all the new students who come here appreciate the way the campus looks,” Gatton said. “I think we’re really heading in the right direction on facility improvements.”

Renovations were also made to remove asbestos and replace stating, flooring, lights and the ceiling in1n2dgers Hall, French Auditorium.

Hallway and office upgrades in Faner Hall and the Agriculture Building are also complete. This is the first significant renovation the Agriculture Building has received since it was built in 1955.

“It looked like you were stepping back in time,” Gatton said. “(The building) had poor lighting (and) just had a poor look.”

Faner Hall also underwent construction to fix its roof and increase precautions to prevent mold from occupying the building.

Although the construction around Faner is near complete, the summer’s construction work raised concerns because of gas line leaks.

“I don’t know if it was that huge of an issue. It probably wasn’t unexpected.”

Gatton said several buildings were evacuated during the gas leak, but only as an added precaution. He said it is not uncommon to run into things such as gas and water lines during construction.

While most construction around campus is complete, some projects such as the new Student Services Center are still under construction.

“We’re starting to actually see the layout of the building,” Gatton said. “It’s approximately a $30 million project that should be finished by the end of next summer.”

Gatton said the construction is going better than he thought because there were few no run delays.

Cheng said future improvements will be made to academic buildings and the library along with remodeling Pulliam and Quigley Halls.

With the ongoing construction running into fall semester, some students and faculty have concerns.

Grace Darmour-Paul, a professor in foreign languages, said the construction has been a hassle for her to maneuver around campus. She said the campus seems to change everyday, and the routes she takes one day are sometimes blocked off the next. But Darmour-Paul said she believes the improved look will help bring in more students.

Chris Bannee, a junior from Champaign-Urbana studying psychology, said the campus was difficult to navigate this summer, but it has become easier with some projects’ completion. He said he likes the campus’ new look and thinks it could attract more students to the university.

David Palm, a junior from Schaumburg studying plant biology, said the construction makes the campus look more appealing — especially as a transfer student. He said he does not think the ongoing construction will prevent him from reaching his classes on time.

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Programs smooth out transfer student transition

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Daily Egyptian

As students attend their first week of classes, two campus programs are working to assist new and returning students in their transition to campus.

Whether individuals need assistance through the admissions process or want to sign up for an orientation session, New Student Programs and the Transfer Student Center programs are designed to help those who are new to campus adjust to their new life.

New Student Programs aims to help all newly admitted students, and the Transfer Student Center is designed to support those who have transferred to the university and makes on-the-spot assistance available to them.

The university provides new student orientation sessions through the New Student Programs department. However, enrollment numbers will determine the fate of some programs’ scheduling from semester to semester, said Phil Campbell, coordinator of New Student Programs.

“I think our transfer students are very important, and we do need to find that connection component,” Campbell said. “However, their attendance and their enrollment tend to fluctuate, so I think it’s going to be different year-to-year, and I think it’s going to be needs-based.”

Campbell said while transfer students can attend any scheduled orientation, New Student Programs provides one orientation a year specifically for them.

New Student Programs provides orientation opportunities for accepted admitted students, and the Transfer Student Center helps those who might still need to complete the admissions process.

Tamma Workman, director of Transfer Student Services, said the department is focused on helping with last minute registration details as the school year gets into full swing. The service aims to provide transfer students with the opportunity to have all of their work wrapped up in one visit, she said.

“If we do not have the answer, if the student needs to go somewhere else, we follow through and make sure the student gets the information they need and gets to the location they need to be in without being referred,” Workman said. “The transfer student staff is trained to meet the student’s need, whatever that need may be.”

Melanie Schmeck, an admissions and records officer in the Transfer Student Center, said the center’s job via SIUC’s Two-Plus-Two program involves dealing with transcripts and reporting back to the students at the seven area community colleges in order to ensure they are prepared to transfer with the proper credits.

The university’s Two-Plus-Two program works with prospective students to make sure their current community college classes match up with the university’s general education requirements.

Schmeck, a transfer student herself, said because the Two-Plus-Two program strives to ensure community college students are on the right track with transferring credits, those students are very well prepared when it comes to meeting the university’s requirements. She said the program helps eliminate the possibility of taking courses that will not benefit students for their degree.

Workman said the services are available to any new transfer student who has not gone through the Two-Plus-Two program, and their needs can be addressed quickly, no matter what their schedule.

“(The students) can stop in at the transfer center,” she said. “The evaluation staff over there can receive the transcript and take care of putting the hours up on the student’s record right away. Workman said Spencer Cordts, a junior from McHenry studying education and history, said these programs seem to be working.

“I thought the experience was really easy,” she said. “They made everything pretty step-by-step.”

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Bynes being investigated for traffic accident

Associated Press

Los Angeles police are investigating a minor traffic accident involving actress Amanda Bynes after a person reported the actress left without providing her information.

Police Lt. Andy Neiman said Sunday the 26-year-old actress stopped after the accident and looked at the other vehicle and determined there wasn’t any damage. Police said Bynes drove away without giving her information, which is required by law.

Niman said police will turn over the case over to the city attorney’s office for review.

No one was injured and the damage to the other person’s vehicle in the Aug. 4 incident was more than $800. Bynes has pleaded not guilty to a driving under the influence charge after she was arrested in April for grazing a
Recalled gas also went to Chicago, Milwaukee

Associated Press

BP says recalled gasoline went to Chicago's south suburbs and Milwaukee and may involve grades other than regular. BP spokesman Scott Dean says some of the recalled fuel was sent to Milwaukee and sold at retailers there Monday and Tuesday before sales were halted.

The company announced the recall Monday, saying it was limited to regular gasoline sold at retailers in northwestern Indiana. Dean now says some of the tankers delivering the fuel there also crossed the state line into Illinois. Dean says it also might involve premium and mid-grade gasoline.

He says BP has heard from more than 5,000 customers whose cars have required repairs because of the gasoline with a high level of a polymeric residue.

Grains futures rise, livestock prices fall

Associated Press

Grains futures rose Tuesday on the Chicago Board of Trade. Wheat for December delivery rose 19.25 cents to $9.22 a bushel; December corn rose 15 cents to $8.3875 a bushel; December oats rose 2.25 cents to $3.97 a bushel; while November soybeans jumped 49 cents to $17.3250 a bush.

Beef and pork futures fell on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. October live cattle fell 0.85 cent to $1.2462 a pound; October feeder cattle fell 1.65 cents to $1.4240 a pound; while October lean hogs slumped 0.10 cent to 75.80 cents a pound.

Airport to offer new air service

Associated Press

A struggling southwestern Illinois airport is welcoming back a commercial passenger service. Officials announced Tuesday that a Las Vegas-based carrier that halted its service out of MidAmerica St. Louis Airport near Mascoutah in January 2009 will be restoring its flights to Orlando, Fla.

That nonstop service by Allegiant is to begin Nov. 7 and will include twice-weekly flights. MidAmerica has struggled since opening in 1999, and it lost its last passenger service a decade later.

Since then, the county largely has focused on attracting cargo business to the money-losing airport.

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Swimming coach Rick Walker said he enjoyed his time at the Summer Olympics and would go back if given the opportunity, but that is not his main goal.

“If my work brings me to that, fine,” he said. “I’m more concentrated on trying to get our kids there.”

Saluki swimmers, Csaba Gercsak, Pamela Benitez and Mazen Aziz went to London to compete in their respective competitions this Olympic season. Walker coached Egyptian Aziz in the 10 km. marathon. Both Gercsak and Benitez will return for the Salukis’ 2012-13 season.

It was the first Olympic experience for Walker, who had a chance to swim in the 1980 games but could not because of the United States boycott.

“In 1980 we held the trials and I did not make the team, but nobody did,” Walker said. “We boycotted and nobody went. That was kind of my year. I felt like I had a reasonable shot and I still wanted to go.”

Walker said he relished his first trip to the games — particularly being in the company of athletes around the world who worked relentlessly to get there. He said he also enjoyed seeing how similar all the competitors were, even across cultural barriers and in the presence of world-class athletes.

“I think in the (Olympic) Village everybody was just like everybody else,” he said. “Kobe Bryant could go down to go eat and, while people wanted to talk to him or get a picture, he wasn’t the biggest star there.”

Hungarian Csaba Gercsak swam alongside SIU teammate Mazen Aziz in the 10 km. marathon and finished six places ahead of him in 18th.

“Mazen is a good friend of mine,” Gercsak said. “It was really special that we both made the Olympics, but in the water we compete against each other, so I don’t treat him differently than anybody else.”

It was Gercsak’s second Olympic appearance, as he also competed in the 10 km. marathon during the 2008 Beijing games.

He also won bronze in last year’s International Swimming Federation World Championships 25 km. marathon in Shanghai. Of all the games’ spectacle and hoopla, Gercsak said it is the competition that he will remember most.

“The race was in my mind all the time. It was my second Olympics, so I kind of knew what to expect,” he said. “Obviously, I had a little more pressure on me, but it mostly came from the feeling that the world was watching.”

Though Gercsak enjoyed his time at the Olympics, he is not focused on competing in the 2016 Rio de Janeiro games.

“Right now, I am not really thinking about Rio,” he said. “I will be competing next year at the World Championships in Barcelona. I still have plans with swimming, but I don’t really plan four years ahead.”

Pamela Benitez, from El Salvador, swam in the women’s 800 meter freestyle and finished in 33rd after the first heat at 9 minutes and 2.66 seconds.

Benitez, who typically swims in longer distance competition, was the only swimmer greater than 500 meters last season. Against Washington University, she swam the 1,000 meter and finished at 10:15.85.

Coach Walker said he is proud of his Olympians, and he enjoys watching his swimmers progress.

“Every good grade that we get, every good swim that we get, every challenge we overcome, I get equal sense of reward and a sense of accomplishment,” he said.

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Baseball team added to MVC

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Dallas Baptist University officially moved to the Missouri Valley Conference Monday as an affiliate member in baseball.

The Patriots’ remaining 13 sports teams will continue to compete in the Division II Heartland Conference. SIU Athletic Director Mario Moccia said the vote to add a ninth conference member to the Valley was nearly unanimous by the coaches earlier this month and affirmed by the President’s Council, which includes elected officials from the various Valley schools, effective the 2013-14 school year.

“I was totally sold on (the move) from the beginning,” Moccia said. “They have been a traditional baseball power in the (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics) since the mid 80s. I think it’s great for the league, and I think it’s great for baseball.”

Last season, the Patriots — who had an enrollment of 5,545 in fall 2011 — compiled a 14-7 record as an NCAA bid. They had an RPI of 23 last season. The Salukis was 114.

“Once of the things the coaches around the league were saying was we needed to bolster our RPI,” Moccia said. “Dallas Baptist has a tremendous RPI. Even if they aren’t having a great season, they will still have the high RPI, which will help (the university).”

Moccia said other positives Dallas Baptist’s conference addition include are a warm weather climate, a market for alumni, a great media market in Dallas and a new recruiting pipeline.

“There’s no question that Dallas Baptist University is a premier power in Division I baseball,” MVC commissioner Doug Elgin said in a statement released Monday. “Their addition in our conference as an affiliate member in baseball will strengthen our position in the national landscape, and we’re excited to commit to one another for a lengthy term. The Missouri Valley Conference has a rich tradition in baseball, and the addition of Dallas Baptist will make us stronger.”

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Women’s tennis veteran players lead the season

Demario Smith-Phipps
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The SIU women’s tennis team ended last season with many accolades and achievements, including second place in the Missouri Valley Conference. The team lost this year for more singles and doubles victories, but an MVC women’s tennis championship is the goal.

Coach Audra Nothwehr said because the team did well last year, this year’s team should only improve.

The depth and experience of the team are its strengths, Nothwehr said. Senior Melanie Delsart is the team’s only returning starter.

“Growing up in Brazil, I was used to clay courts and not the stuff used here,” she said. “That was something I really had to work on.”

The team has only one freshman, Abigail Plecki, who Nothwehr said will receive significant experience by training with such a veteran group of players.

Sophomore Natasha Tomishima said major improvements begin for players in their first year.

“Growing up in Brazil, I used to play on clay courts and not the stuff used here,” she said. “That was something I really had to work on.”

Coast Northwehr said she expects the team to pick up where it left off last season.

“We are a team that has seen some success last year. I don’t see why it would change this year,” she said.

The team will begin its season Sept. 21 in Clarksville, Tenn.

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