Veterans to receive tuition assistance again

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Veterans enrolled in higher education remain eligible for financial aid because of a congressional resolution.

Congress voted Thursday to reinstate military tuition subsidies, a move that reversed the March 8 military official decision to cut tuition assistance because of mandatory sequestration cuts. The tuition assistance was part of the Senate Continuing Resolution, which provides government funding for the next six months and seeks to avert what would be a government shutdown. The resolution instructs the Pentagon to find money outside of cutting tuition assistance, which cannot be fully cut.

All armed-services branches, except the Coast Guard, are affected by this amendment, according to a Huffington Post article.

Although Congress reversed the cuts, University President Glenn Poshard said it wasn’t a surprise that tuition assistance was initially dropped.

“It’s been cut steadily over the last three years,” he said. “I think we anticipated that it probably would be cut again.”

However, Poshard said the university had been exploring areas to help veterans. He said the university would attempt to provide veterans a college education and would not shortchange them if the original amendment had remained in effect.

“We have been designated by Military Times as one of the top two, three schools in the country that are military-friendly,” he said. “We have no intentions of cutting back in any way of trying to afford our veterans’ education.”

Campus veterans are excited by the return of the tuition assistance for themselves and their fellow brothers-in-arms. Nicholas Kaiser, a senior from Normal studying speech communication, said the government holds up its end of the bargain through the resolution.

“When I signed the contract for active service, what was implied in the contract was when my years of service were up, I would get educational benefits,” he said.

Kaiser said he thinks Congress reinstated the tuition assistance because both Democrats and Republicans support the armed services. He said both political parties have a better presence when they support the troops.

Overall, Kaiser said the university has strongly supported veterans.

“I feel that SIU has done more than its part in helping me as a veteran,” he said. “I feel, honestly, a lot of veterans chose SIUC because military magazines rank it very high in regards to care to veterans.”

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Survey reports student professionalism slump

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A recent analysis suggests many upper-level college students may not be ready for the workplace.

The study, which was conducted by the Center for Professional Excellence at York College of Pennsylvania, was distributed to more than 330 two- and four-year higher-education institutions across the country. Of the polled professors, 38.3 percent said nearly 50 percent of their upper-level students did not exhibit workplace professionalism because of actions such reading social media while in the classroom. Likewise, the study shows 22.2 percent said college students felt entitled to future careers even though they were underqualified for the workplace.

Royce Burnett, associate professor of accountancy, said he has noticed a change in how students work since he began teaching in 1981, but not in their professionalism. Burnett attributes the change to students’ increased access to technology.

“Professionalism is about doing the work, and I think that students are far more focused in doing their work now than ever before,” he said. According the study, 75.6 percent of college professors agreed technology was a major problem for student focus, and the problem is not getting better. Digital forms of communication such as cell phone use and text messaging were said to distract students from the classroom, but Burnett said the university has adapted to the times and students use technology to focus more on improving schoolwork.

“When I started working here, technology for us was using a new hand calculator, and all it did was add, subtract and multiply, and that was new technology,” he said. “I think that today, students are far brighter than that. They are exposed to technology since they are born, and it is a great tool for students to bring to the classroom.”

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Women devote awards to finance research, missions

JESSICA WETTIG MILES
Daily Egyptian

Twenty-six women were recently honored for their service across the country and around the world. As part of Women’s History Month, three SIU organizations — University Women’s Professional Advancement, the Carbondale branch of the American Association of University Women and the Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies program — held the 17th annual Celebrate Women Honoring Inclusive Excellence award ceremony March 7. The recipients will use their award money to fund projects, which range from teaching to healthy living.

During the ceremony, the University Women’s Professional Advancement presented mentoring awards, a new award given to eight faculty members. The mentoring awards can be presented to men or women, but all other awards given are only offered to women, said Melinda Yeomans, event coordinator. This award is granted to anyone who has held doors open to women and minorities, she said.

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Corrections
In Thursday’s edition of the Daily Egyptian, the story “City holds off on Neighborhood Business District” should have said, “Mayor Joel Fittler reminded Councilman Lee Fronabarger such a district has existed for four years, and the council wants to update its restrictions so businesses can take advantage of it.” The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.
The next award, $1,000 Research, Scholarly and Creative Activity Awards, went to seven female faculty members. Rehabilitation Institute Assistant Professor Valerie Boyer said her research award will fund equipment to analyze data from a pilot project that promotes language and literacy with children who are learning English in Head Start programs.

“This project is in its second year, Boyer said. Graduate and undergraduate students in the department of communication disorders and sciences spend time with 4-year-olds teaching aspects such as vocabulary and the alphabet.

“We just felt like this was an area where we could be helpful,” she said. The program has four undergraduate students and one graduate assistant work with 40 children since its beginning. Previously, everyone used Boyer’s university office. The program will now host its own office because of the grant, which she said will help her balance duties as a professor and program director.

WGSS presented seven scholarships, and one recipient said she applied for it not for financial needs, but to help others.

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As people entered the Marion Kleinau Theater Friday night, a stern movie usher gave them a long list of strict warnings.

David Whitfield, the play’s usher and graduate student in speech communication from Cairo, said he would rid the audience of a chance of laughing at sexual or religious jokes, no loud smacking, no balloons and no talking back to the screen during the premiere of “Nacht Der Textlichen Leiche: A Movie Riffers’ Performative Guide to Reanimating Bodies in the Dark.”

After Whitfield’s warning, the lights suddenly began to flicker and six “intruders” dressed like the Grim Reaper hopped on stage and harassed him. While Whitfield promised the audience would watch “Transformers 4,” a movie which doesn’t exist, the intruders instead presented the audience with an ’80s movie titled “MegaForce.” Much like the show “Mystery Science Theater 3000,” the group entertained the audience through the night by riffing through “MegaForce” and offering hilarious commentary.

The show is comical and encourages audiences to change the way they think about movies they watch by making fun of a film that is plagued with sexist material and false depictions of war. Whitfield said many people in today’s culture take in media messages but aren’t really thinking about those messages critically.

Whitfield said his character is designed to be a barrier between the play’s attendees and movie riffers by playing police to the audiences’ laughing responses to them. He tries to create a divide in the audience side with the loud, obnoxious riffers’ behavior and the quieter, uptight standards typical of any movie theater, he said. Whitfield said he also challenges the audience to examine whether the movie commentators’ jokes are done in good taste.

“I act as the moral compass of what is public or private (behavior),” he said.

Performance director Matt Foy, a graduate student in speech communication from Manly, Iowa, said the show criticizes “MegaForce” in an entertaining and enjoyable way. He said the movie shows many false war depictions Foy wanted to expose in a way that encouraged the audience to reflect on what war is in modern culture.

Foy said “MegaForce” depicted war to be all fun and games — nobody dies and the effects of war are watered down.

“For its sake, it was a kid’s movie,” he said.

For the rest of the story please visit www.dailyegyptian.com.
Tennis

Juniors Korey Love and Anita Lee continued the Salukis’ success in doubles play with their 8-1 victory over Katie McCall and Johanne Van Zyl of UT-Martin. Meanwhile, sophomore Noelle Tomishima defeated her opponent (6-3, 6-4) in the No. 3 spot of the Salukis’ 7-0 victory against UT-Martin.

The Salukis’ dominance against UT-Martin continued its dominance against UT-Martin in singles competition as the Salukis won every match at all six positions. Delsart lost at the No. 1 spot against Simic, bringing her record to 6-3 on the season. Delsart struggled to find a consistency in the first set as the match was tied 6-6 going into the tiebreaker. Delsart said that she had really strong serves, but she ended up getting used to it a little more, then she won.

Delsart said that she found difficulty early on in her match, but in the end, she found a rhythm and put her opponent away.

“Tennis is never easy,” Delsart said. “I had a little trouble in the beginning with her (Simic’s) serves. I had really strong serves, but I ended up getting used to it a little more, then I won.”

Delsart said that the transition from playing outdoor to coming back indoor was another reason she struggled.

“We just came from spring break playing outside, and inside is faster, so I didn’t realize I had to be extra intense and extra fast,” she said.

Sophomore Natasha Tomishima continued her hot streak, besting her opponent (6-3, 6-4) at the No. 2 spot for her ninth-straight win and senior Jennifer Dien extended her singles streak to 12 matches with her (6-2, 6-0) win over Winkelmann at the four spot. Next up for the Salukis was a Saturday match against the University of Memphis and Nothwehr said she anticipated the challenge.

“Memphis is a tough team. They’re a nationally ranked team and that could really help us,” Nothwehr said. “We have nothing to lose.”

The Salukis fell to the hands of the 31st-ranked Tigers 7-0 to end the team’s 10-match winning streak. Although the Salukis lost, Nothwehr said that she thought the team showed a strong performance.

“Although the team score didn’t reflect it, we really gave them some great matches,” Nothwehr said in a Saluki Athletics release. “I saw some of the best tennis I’ve seen all season and we had matches that could have gone either way.”

In doubles competition, Delsart and Simons were defeated 8-1 in the No. 1 spot by Memphis’ Tiffany Welcher and Alyssa Hibbard. In the second spot, Dien and Tomishima lost to Memphis’ 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 and ranked doubles team, made up of Stefanie Mikesz and Caroline Wegner 8-2.

Memphis (12-4) also took every singles match against the Salukis to cap off their nine-match winning streak.

SIU concluded their weekend matches Sunday against Arkansas State, where the Salukis fell to the hands of the Red Wolves 6-3.

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**Salukis’ streak ends at 10**

**TERRANCE PEACOCK**

Daily Egyptian

The SIU women’s tennis team saw its match-streak record extend to double digits before seeing the it come to an end over the weekend against a nationally ranked opponent.

The Salukis swept the University of Tennessee-Martin 7-0 at the Sports Blast Thursday to extend its winning streak to 10 matches, the team’s longest streak in school history.

The victory also extended the Salukis’ record to 10-1, the team’s best start in school history.

The Salukis had little trouble with the visiting Skyhawks (2-9) as they took every point in doubles competition and won all three doubles matches.

Seniors Melanie Debart and Anastacia Simons won their 10th-straight doubles match against UT-Martin’s Ivan Simic and Anna Marie Herbold, 8-2. The win improved the duo’s record to 22-2 on the season.

**BASEBALL**

**SIU drop three straight against Sycamores**

**JACK ROBINSON**

Daily Egyptian

Pitching errors and blown saves contributed to the SIU baseball team’s three consecutive-game loss to Indiana State University during a weekend series to push the season’s longest losing streak to seven games.

The Salukis started the series with a 9-11 record against ISU’s 8-7, and the series was both teams’ first in Missouri Valley Conference matches.

In a post-game interview, coach Ken Henderson said conference games are always difficult matchups.

“Conference games are going to be closer games,” he said. “There’s going to be more pressure situations, and if we can’t handle the pressure, then we’re not going to have success.”

Sophomore pitcher Sam Coonrod started Friday’s game and struck out nine batters while allowing seven runs in six innings. Coonrod received the 8-1 loss, which moved his record to 3-2 on the season.

The Salukis’ runs started to flood in the bottom of the seventh inning, when ISU scored five unanswered runs to settle the score for the rest of the game. The Salukis’ only run came in the eighth inning, when junior infielder Jake Welch hit a home run to right field.

Despite the loss, Henderson said he was pleased with Coonrod’s performance.

“As a matter of fact, that’s the best he’s been all year,” Henderson said. “He did his part. That’s two very good college pitchers going at it.”

The Salukis next two games took place Saturday, during Saturday’s doubleheaders. Senior pitcher Cody Fonfety started the first inning and pitched a no-decision loss. He struck out seven batters and allowed no runs off two hits in eight innings. ISU’s pitcher Devin Moore pitched nine innings, struck out three batters and allowed no runs.

Pitching was the highlight of Saturday’s game, which was also the closest of the series. The ace-level pitching lasted until the score broke 0-0 in the bottom of the 11th inning, when SIU junior pitcher Aaron Snyder threw a wild pitch and allowed ISU’s Landon Carry to score a game-winning run.

Although the Salukis couldn’t grab the win, Henderson said Fonfety deserved it.

“He was awfully good,” he said. “He and Coonrod threw as well as they’ve thrown all year, and they have nothing to show for it. I feel bad for Cody because all we had to do was give him one run, and we couldn’t do that. He deserved better.”

Indiana State displayed its offensive firepower during the series’ last game, when the Sycamores unleashed eight runs off of six hits. SIU junior pitcher Derek Fogel started and exited the game with a 4-2 lead at the top of the eighth inning. The Sycamores then scored six unanswered runs in the bottom of the eighth inning against junior relief pitchers Lee Wild and Todd Eaton to take the game 8-4.

Henderson said his team missed out on too many opportunities against ISU.

“To win on the weekends, you have to score when you have opportunities, and you have to make teams earn what they get,” he said.

The Salukis will face the Belmont University Bears at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Abe Martin Field.

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**A rock-solid year**

Climbers warm up to boulder Saturday at the Climb So ILL gym in St. Louis. David Chancellor and Daniel Chancellor, who began making climbing holds in their parents’ De Soto basement nine years ago, created the gym in 2012 to give back to the climbing community. The gym celebrated its first year of operation Saturday.

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**TRACK AND FIELD**

**Salukis start outdoor with five titles**

**TERRANCE PEACOCK**

Jack Robinson

Daily Egyptian

The SIU’s track and field teams began their outdoor season Friday and Saturday where it left off during the indoor season: winning titles and setting records.

The Salukis traveled to Nashville, Tenn., to compete in the Vanderbilt Black and Gold meet and came away with five event wins.

During the event’s track portion, senior sprinter Tress Shubert claimed her first outdoor 400-meter-dash title of the 2013 season with a time of 59.92 seconds. Her time of was the only under-one-minute place in the women’s 400-meter.

The men’s 4x100 meter relay team also saw a strong outing as senior Eric Reives, juniors Dominick Williams and Matthew Benes and freshman Nikolai Gall claimed the title at 41.66 seconds.

SIU nearly swept the 4x100 races, but the women fell just short of claiming another title. The team, composed of Shubert and sophomores Lauren Chadde, Amiris Warren and Desiree White, fell four-tenths of a victory clocked at 46.72 seconds.

In the first outdoor meet of the year, J.C. Lambert set a new Missouri Valley Conference record in the hammer throw. He won the men’s hammer throw with a 67.09-meter final toss in his first action since the 2012 indoor season.

Lambert’s 67.09-meter heave bested his personal record by nearly eight feet, broke former Saluki thrower Mark Millville’s SIU record by nearly four feet and took over the 2000 MVC, all-time top throw set by Tom Berrett of Illinois State.

Sophomore Curtis Wideman and senior Bradley Sauer also competed in the hammer championship. Wideman threw 58.43 meters in the finals and placed fifth, and Sauer placed seventh with a 57.36-meter final throw.

Wideman threw 49.41 meters during the discus competition and placed second behind University of Miami at Ohio junior Robert Stein, who won with a 50.52-meter final toss. SIU freshman Josh Freeman also made it in the top five with a fifth-place finish after he threw the discus 47.30 meters in the finals.

Freeman also made the men’s shot put top five. In the finals, he posted a 17.13-meter final throw and placed third to start his collegiate outdoor career.

The women’s field team also saw a good weekend after it landed nine top-five finishes.

Senior Kim Fortney took the women’s first weekend win in the hammer-throw competition with a 61.28-meter final toss. Fortney also placed second in the shot put when she posted a 13.99-meter throw. She was followed by SIU sophomore DeAnna Price, who threw the hammer 69.00 meters in the finals.

SIU junior Kenya Culmer led jumpers after she took second in both the triple jump and high jump. Culmer leap 1.75 meters in the high jump to finish just .05 meters behind the winner, Middle Tennessee State University senior Ann Dudley.

MVC triple-jump champion Dougie Palacios also came out victorious with a 14.95-meter leap in the triple jump, which was two feet better than second place.

The Salukis’ ladies’ track team placed at home Friday and Saturday, when athletes will christen the new Lew Hartung Track and Field Complex at the Bill Cornell Classic.

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