Students rock for environmental change

Campus concert aims for energy awareness
Luke McCormick

On a day where the weather went from drizzling rain to bright sunshine, students gathered on the campus to raise awareness for climate change.

Live Earth, a nine-band concert event put together by the Student Environmental Center, ran from noon to 11 p.m. in the free forum area near Parkinson Laboratories.

Group members said their aim was to inform students of the actions they can take to change the climate and sustain that positive change.

“It’s also about SIU’s moral and civic obligation to decrease our green house gas emissions,” said group member Katie Thomas, a junior from Colorado studying political science. “We’re talking to students about sustainability and how feasible that is.”

Originally, one of the event’s causes was to raise awareness about the proposed $10 “green” fee for students, but discussing the fee was disallowed by Undergraduate Student Government officials who partially sponsored the event.

Thomas said Election Commissioner John Teresi contacted the SEC members Tuesday night before the concert to say they must not talk about the proposed fee or it would be removed from the referendum April 15 and 16.

The SEC is one group campaigning for student support on the “green” fee, which aims to pay for the beginning of a sustainability council on campus.

Students will be able to vote for or against the fee during next week’s student elections.

Teresi said the event’s cost would exceed the group’s $400 spending limit allotted for them to campaign for the fee, and therefore cannot be a part of the event.

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University scraps ‘Finish in Four’ scholarships

Financial aid to be directed toward incoming, current students

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Students expecting to be rewarded for finishing their college career on time had best take solace in the slowing of the stream of bursar bills.

The “Finish in Four” scholarships, which are awarded to students who graduate in four years, will be discontinued after spring commencement this year, said Terri Harfst, field representative for the Financial Aid Office. Students graduating in May will be the last who are eligible for the reward.

The $500 scholarship has been awarded for the past two years, but Harfst said tighter budgets caused the university to cancel the program.

“IT was decided ... that it would probably be better, if we had to make a decision, to use that funding to recruit and retain students while they’re still in college,” she said.

Walter Wendler, the former chancellor, announced the “Finish in Four” program in 2005. The program was said to be the first of its kind in Illinois.

At the time, the estimated cost of the program was about $400,000, but university officials said the cost would be offset by extra revenue generated as students took larger course loads to finish in four years.

Harfst said the university decided it could better spend scholarship money by awarding it to incoming or current students.

As the cost of education continues to rise, that option seemed more appropriate than rewarding students who were nearly finished with school, she said.

Problems also arose when students applied for the $500 grant but did not actually graduate on time. For financial aid reasons, the students were awarded the money months before their projected graduation date.

But when they didn’t actually graduate, the university was forced to take that money back, a move Harfst said was not always popular.

“Some students are not very happy with us for doing that,” she said.

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Fugitive gang leader linked to former Chicago alderman surrenders

CHICAGO (AP) — The FBI says an alleged leader of the Black Disciples street gang has turned himself in after nearly four years as a fugitive.

Fifty-year-old Doleo Jehan, one of six gang-linked people indicted on federal drug conspiracy charges in May 2004, surrendered to Chicago police Tuesday night and was turned over to federal authorities.

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White, who currently serves as Undergraduate Student Government president, is a widely known candidate for student trustee. He has been mentioned more than 50 times in the Daily Egyptian for work with USG and other groups, including a recent push to rename Mill Street in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. and King’s wife, Coretta Scott King.

People know what I can do, what I have done and what to expect,” White said, adding that his platform was dictated by the wants and needs of students.

The senior from Chicago studying psychology said he was most concerned, both as a student and USG president, with the rising cost of education. Public education has begun to struggle with privati- zation, White said, and the university is becoming less accessible to low-income students every time it raises tuition and fees.

He said he also plans to look into putting a cap on student fees and imple- menting a textbook rental system. Additional issues of concern for White include student safety and access- ibility for people with dis- abilities.

White said he plans to keep his name out there and support the proposed $10 “green” fee because he thought the students would lose control of it.

White said his record of public service dates back to his pre-university days.

“I just like helping people, you know,” White said. “My satisfaction comes from seeing that someone wanted something and it was done and it happened.”

White said he learned his leadership skills from his father, who served in the U.S. military. But his charisma comes from his mother, who co-owns a theater company in Chicago.

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Murat Surucu, a musician from St. Louis plays the ney, a Turkish reed flute, at the Recreation Center Alumni Lounge Wednesday night.

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At the Carbondale Middle School, parental permission has to be granted before students can go on field trips, have their photographs taken, use the Internet or post their photos on the Internet. Yet, the Maine middle schools can get birth control from the health center without permission. True, the parents have to allow the children to use the health center. But I don’t think it is too much of a stretch to have them give additional permission for distribution of the pill or patch. That is a little bit more important than a Band-Aid for a cut.

The Maine school introduced this service to 11-year-olds as a result of five students, who were 14 and 15, reporting that they were sexually active. So, instead of introducing them to right and wrong and the consequences of sex, they threw a pill at them. Pills and patches are not fix-it-all. The problem was not with the 11-year-olds. Why involve them? Why introduce such young minds to thoughts they have no business thinking? Good grief, an 11-year-old girl has just begun puberty! Shall we confide her more by telling her she is safe to have sex? What about the side effects of birth control? The more years you spend on the pill, the greater your chances for cervical and liver cancer. Pills also increase your blood pressure. The longer amount of time you spend on the pill, the greater your risk of high blood pressure. Those are only the adult risks. The risks increase when the user is young. Breast cancer is a huge concern. Also, the chemicals in the pill damage DNA in the breast cells of these still developing females. Finally, the pill may cause girls’ bodies to stop ovulating. This means no children later in life because of decisions made early on. The risks are very large, and I am quite sure we will find more as more research is done on these children as they reach adulthood.

As for the pill, the FDA released a report this past January stating it increased the risk of developing serious blood clots. On top of all of this, neither the patch nor the pill protects the user from STDs. I can’t believe there is not more of an outcry against this, at least by the parents or if not the general community. Giving your school the right to give your 11-year-old daughter the pill without your knowledge is ridiculous. What is the world coming to? How much lower will we let the age of the user go until we decide to speak up?

Lindsey is a senior studying journalism.

**Their Word**

**Foreclosure plan helps everyone but homeowners**

**McClayton Tribune**

Congress is on the hot seat to ease the home foreclosure crisis, but a bipartisan bill before the U.S. Senate this week doesn’t come close to doing the job. The legislation provides little real help to the growing ranks of homeowners facing foreclosure. But it helps just about everybody else, giving generous tax breaks to homebuilders, lenders and buyers of foreclosed properties.

The so-called Foreclosure Prevention Act of 2008 does little to spur restructuring of troubled mortgages. Ironically, senators threw out the provision that consumer groups believe would do the most to help subprime borrowers: allowing bankruptcy judges to alter mortgage terms on primary residences. It’s hardly a revolutionary idea. Judges can do it now with vacation homes and investment properties.

The bill would allow people who don’t itemize on their tax returns to take a standard deduction for property taxes. But homeowners who aren’t in danger of losing their homes would benefit the most. States would be able to sell $10 billion in tax-free bonds to subsidize mortgage refinancing for subprime borrowers. This could be a help, but it’s not the most efficient way to go about it.

Meanwhile, a buyer of a foreclosed home would get a $7,000 tax credit. That could actually encourage foreclosures and further drive down real estate prices.

Communities would get $4 billion in grants to buy and fix up foreclosed homes to prevent deterioration of neighborhoods, but that’s another after-the-fact strategy.

So we’re left with a bill larded with special considerations.

The chief beneficiaries would be homebuyers and other money-losing companies that would get retroactive tax breaks on previous years’ profits — a gift worth at least $6 billion.

When the Federal Reserve bailed out Bear Stearns, it had said that help for Wall Street trumped help for Main Street. Congress needs to close the gap. If the Senate passes the current bill, the House is apt to stand up for homeowners.

This editorial appeared in the San Jose Mercury News Tuesday.
Take action and get some satisfaction

Petraceas' assessment: Not if soon, when?

Gen. David Petraeus, commander of U.S. forces in Iraq, on Tuesday offered a maddeningly familiar assessment of the war to Congress: progress, yes, but no end in sight. After spending $25 billion and so to rebuild Iraq's army, those troops still aren't able to stand up as U.S. troops can stand down.

Sectarian violence still flares. Iraq's central government is corrupt and divided.

In congressional hearings, Petraeus encountered all three U.S. senators campaigning to become the next commander in chief: Republican John McCain, a supporter of the war, and Democrats Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, both of whom pledge to end the war as quickly as possible. One will inherit President Bush's costly, bloody burden. But Petraeus offered the view that it's too soon to talk about bringing more soldiers home. He recommended a delay in further troop withdrawals, beyond those scheduled to occur in July.

That's just fine with McCain, who claims, "success is within reach in Iraq." But McCain used Tuesday's hearings to tone down his hawkish rhetoric that he would keep American troops there for 100 years, if necessary. Now, McCain thinks it's possible that the United States could bring home its troops "perhaps sooner than many imagine." Sooner than even McCain imagined a few weeks ago, when his 100-year comment drew widespread ridicule.

Petraceas has done an admirable job in an extremely difficult situation. The surge of troops that began in January 2007 has helped to reduce the number of U.S. deaths. But the long-range picture in Iraq is no less bleak.

It's understandable for a commander in the field to want the flexibility to send troops home only when conditions warrant it. But Petraeus couldn't explain Tuesday what those favorable conditions would be.

As Sen. Evan Bayh, D-Ind., tried to paraphrase for the general: We'll know it when we see it, but we don't know when we'll see it. Unfortunately, President Bush has done a poor job of defining what it is.

The administration also hasn't explained what Americans have to gain from the further expense of troops' lives and tax dollars.

Bush is running out of time to ask for more time in Iraq. The administration should be setting a schedule to withdraw troops, subject to conditions on the ground. A stable government in Iraq looks increasingly like an unachievable goal. U.S. troops shouldn't be kept in harm's way indefinitely in these circumstances.

Sen. Joseph Biden Jr., D-Del., offered perhaps the most useful analogy of the day. He pointed out that the success of the troop surge has lowered the violence in Iraq only to the same level it was in 2005. "We cannot expect water forever," he told Petraeus.

The next president can't wait for what may never happen to get U.S. forces out of these treacherous waters.

This editorial appeared in the Philadelphia Inquirer on Wednesday.
Agricultural students get wet and wild

College kicks off spring with a fling

Jenn Lofton
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Free food, dates with sororities and an opportunity to dunk a professor into a pit of cold water brought barrels of student organizations to the College of Agricultural Sciences Wednesday.

Agriculture students and faculty members gathered at the Bull Test Station on Rowden Road to take part in the Annual Spring Fling, a social that allows faculty and students to interact outside of the lecture hall. The Agbassadors, who hosted the event, spent most of the semester planning the dinner of pulled barbeque pork as well as student organization relay races.

Amanda Barczewski, graduate adviser of the group, said the event is one of the biggest socials for the college this semester. The attendance of students, faculty and student organizations showed how everyone is willing to come together and have a good time, she said.

Kathleen Carmack, a sophomore from Villa Grove studying plant and soil science, was one of the Agbassadors who planned the event. Carmack said the evening was not just a chance for students to interact with faculty, but to spend time with friends they might not be able to see outside of class.

“I think it is important to have a night just for fun for the students,” Carmack said.

Carmack and the rest of the group’s social committee gathered donations for food, T-shirts and prizes from local businesses. One of the most popular events had students slaming teachers down in the dunk tank.

Todd Winters, chair of the Animal Science and Food Nutrition Department, was one of the faculty members brave enough to get dunked in the cold water numerous times by students and even his family members.

Winters said events such as this are the reason the college has so many students involved in a number of agricultural clubs. It is not just a social, he said, but also a way to fund the Agbassadors, who worked hard all year.

Another organization that attended the fling was the Sigma Alpha sorority. Jenna Wicks, a sophomore from Ancona studying agriculture education, said she and others in the sorority sold tickets to win a date with a Sigma Alpha or the chance to throw pies at them.

The tickets were $2 each and the sorority raised $200 before the Spring Fling. Wicks said she hoped they were able to raise more during the event.

Profits go to the Relay For Life, which the group plans to participate in at the end of the month, Wicks said. Besides raising money, Wicks said she also thinks the event brings everyone close together. She said the dinner, games and relaxed interaction between students and faculty said a lot about the event’s value.

“I think this was a great way to show students the faculty cares about them,” Wicks said.

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Controversial filmmaker Oliver Stone (“Platoon,” “ JFK,” “Nixon” et al.) is in pre-production on “W.,” a biopic of President George W. Bush. Its release is scheduled to coincide with the presidential election or the presidential inauguration. The roles of George and Laura Bush will be played by Josh Brolin (“No Country For Old Men”) and Elizabeth Banks (“The 40-Year Old Virgin”). Who would you have play the presidential couple?

Audra Ord

Ladies and gentlemen and children of all ages might have a little something extra to look forward to this weekend.

The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey is set to present its new show with only one ring, Boom-A-Ring.

“The Greatest Show on Earth” features both animal and human acts, including, clowns, high wire walkers, acrobats, trained dogs, tigers and elephants.

One of the show’s high wire walkers, Jasmin Castro, said she still gets nervous before performances. Castro is a third-generation circus performer and made her professional circus debut at age 8.

“Just not really the fear of heights... you have to have for respect it. Sometimes when you’re confident in what you do, then you start being more cautious,” Castro said.

One of the animal acts showcases six trained white-striped Bengal tigers that perform various tricks and routines based on the animals’ individual personalities and talents, according to the performance program.

The program says the routines are “often based on the behaviors the big cats exhibit naturally during play.”

The inclusion of animals in the circus has sparked controversy both nationally and locally.

Olivia Schake, a sophomore from St. Louis studying zoology, started a Facebook group called “Boycott the Circus at the SIUC Arena.” At press time, the group had 91 members.

“I love animals. It’s our honor and duty to take care of them,” Schake said. “There’s a lot of venues where kids can learn about animals, like zoos or field trips... I don’t think the circus is one of those venues.”

Castro said the animals with the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey show live like kings, enjoy gourmet meals and are frequently bathed, oiled and massaged.

She said she saw the Ringling Bros. circus in Florida when she was younger and is looking forward to seeing the elephants this weekend.

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The Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey’s Boom-A-Ring opens Friday and runs through Sunday. Tickets range from $14 to $30 based on seating preference and can be purchased through Ticketmaster.

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Circus comes to SIU, sparks controversy

Friday at 7 p.m.
Saturday at 11 a.m., 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Sunday at 1 p.m.

“I think they live better than humans do,” Castro said.

Schake organized a protest for Saturday. She said she got supplies from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and contacted the Department of Public Safety to ensure the protest is handled the right way.

The circus protest will be staged in front of the Student Center and begins at 9:30 a.m., Schake said.

“No bear wants to ride a unicycle, no elephant wants to perform day in and day out... it’s not their natural instinct,” Schake said.

Whitney LaMack, a senior from Barrington studying business, said she is excited about seeing the show.

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The Garden of the Gods is one of the staple attractions of the Shawnee National Forest. The giant rock formations are unique to southern Illinois and were formed nearly 100,000 years ago during glacier movements.

Alison Petty

Southern Illinois may not strike anyone as "arctic," but the area is home to strawberry, holly, steep hills, rivers, waterfalls, magnificent canyons and one small fall of water. The diversity is so thick in this thin area that Franklin D. Roosevelt sought to protect it in 1939, creating the Shawnee National Forest.

This federally recognized area spans roughly 284,000 acres of southern Illinois. While the university was the lead as a selling point, more than 500 vertebrate animal species call it home. An example of the unique terrain is the annual snake migration, when thousands of reptiles and amphibians move between Lakaas-Plas Hills Bluffs and the adjacent swampland. The Forest Service closed 2.5 miles of "Snake Road" during these times each year.

Linda documentary many forest issues such as limiting the number of bore trails and changing the size and access areas of the forest.

Hellgren agrees. "The area's managers should control the amount and type of trees in the forest in order to limit the moisture and heat." Rainfall in the area creates a rainforest environment.

Background of the forest
The Shawnee is composed mainly of oak and hickory, or hardwood, trees, said Eric Hellgren, director of the SIUC Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory. These trees provide a rich habitat for the wildlife in the forest. Hellgren said, because many animals eat acorns produced by oak trees.

However, because oak daily grow well in the shade of other oaks, maple and beech trees begin to fill up the understory of the forest. Shortly, the forest is changing to the softer woods, Hellgren said.

From Hellgren's perspective, as a wildlife biologist, the change to maple and beech is undesirable. "(Hard woods are) a huge food supply in the fall and over winter for lots of animals," Hellgren said. "You've got a whole system tied to producing oak acorns and to some extent hickory nuts, too."

Early in the forest's history, forest fires kept the older trees from growing new hardwood growth, said Charles Ruffner, associate professor of forestry at SIUC. But the forest alveo have been thinned by human intervention, which lowered the natural evolution of the forest, Ruffner said.

Helgren said many SIUC professors and students use the Shawnee as fodder for research projects, adding that the university often receives grants to fund the work. He said he and students would begin a project in the fall to determine which forest composition — oak-hickory or maple-beech — birds prefer.

To burn or not to burn
The Forest Service has several ideas to keep the forest in hardwoods.

The Land Management Plan, released in 2006, calls for prescribed burnings as well as timber management, which would involve cutting trees in certain areas.

"Lack of active management (e.g., prescribed fire) can affect diversity and wildlife habitat by enabling natural processes to correct much of the oak-hickory forest to the more shade-tolerant maple and beech," said Regional Forester Randy Moore in a statement accompanying the plan.

Donham, who bus on 35 acres in the heart of the forest, said he does not believe there is conclusive evidence that anyone should manage for an oak-hickory composition. The burnings disturb natural habitats, fragment the forest and kill wildlifefrom natural succession, Donham said.

Besides, he adds there are plenty of hardwoods.

If there is no active forest management, Donham said, there are "plenty of hardwoods.

"If you value it, I want you to see maple trees,' you're not going to want anyone to cut anything. If your value is 'I want oak and hickory,' then you're going to want to do things that will — you know, we have that power to manage things.

— Eric Hellgren
director of the SIUC Cooperative Wildlife Research Laboratory

LEFT: An animal skull rests on a sandbar in the middle of a forest creek in the Shawnee. (Mark Donham)

BElow: Like carpet, moss naturally covers the ground in some areas of the Shawnee. The forest itself is very rich and diverse with plants like blueberries and blueberries. (Mark Donham)

Evergreens were planted in the Shawnee by the Forest Service during the 1930s and 1940s to cut down on erosion and help rebuild the soil.

A mother protects her fawn near a patch of farmland close to the Garden of the Gods. White tail deer are abundant in the Shawnee.

Environmentalists ponder management methods at Shawnee National Forest

Jared Johnson — Daily Egyptian

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Thomas said she immediately contacted those who had been invited to the event through Facebook and those on the SEC listserve to inform them the event was in no way tied to promoting the fee. “We will not be talking about the green fee, the vote (for the fee) or the referendum,” Thomas said before the event.

Chris Klarer, a senior from Carbondale studying art and design, said he felt the event had one primary function: to serve as an educational event about climate change and sustainable solutions to energy needs on campus and in the United States. “We want to emphasize that climate change is a big issue and one of the biggest we’ll face as a generation,” Klarer said.

Ashley Cline, a senior studying foreign language and international trade, said she looks forward to an event showing the university in a positive light. “It would be nice for us to be in the news because students are making a change and becoming leaders,” Cline said.

To voice your opinion on the “green” fee or other environmental issues, visit http://www.siude.com.

Lisa Langdon, a sophomore from Oak Forest studying athletic training, said she knows of few students in her program who graduate in four years. Langdon said she had not heard of the scholarships, but she thought it might motivate some students to finish college on time. “I think that would be a good incentive to finish quicker,” she said.

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Dominick Tapia, a senior from Romeoville studying biology, said if he knew about the “Finish in Four” program he might have worked harder to graduate in four years. Tapia said he changed his major late in his college career and would be attending an extra year. “I might have locked into switching a little bit sooner,” Tapia said.

Paul Snemyr, a junior from O’Fallon studying automotive technology, cleans out a fountain on display in the True Value parking lot. Snemyr said the store is preparing to accommodate shoppers wanting to beautify Carbondale.

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A suggestion from a reader...

Natalie Miller, a junior from Madison, Ill., who reads the Daily Egyptian, wrote to the paper’s editor to suggest a change. She wrote: “The computer has a terrible font. Why not change it?”

She said that the tabloid goes better on a laptop, but not on a desktop computer. “It is hard to read from a desktop computer,” she said.

“I wish you could keep an eye on the font and design and keep the students in mind when you do it,” she said. “Please change the font.”

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By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday — Your friends come bearing good advice and emotional support this year. They'll also help you set priorities and balance a hectic schedule. Navigating the problems at home as soon as you can, so they don't get worse. To get the advantage, check the day's ruling. 10 is the easiest day, 9 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — Something you try doesn't work. Don't lose patience; try something else. By finding out what not to do you'll narrow down your options.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Take care of the paperwork first. Postpone your celebration until later. Make sure everything is in order before the activities begin.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — You're enormously successful. There's only one little complaint. Costs can go up quickly. Pay attention to what you're paying.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 9 — Gather up what people owe you. Retrieve what they've borrowed, from money to eggs and the garden hose. Settle old accounts.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 5 — If you're looking for a special person, get friends you trust to help. Anyone from a new doctor or lawyer to a mate ought to come up with a recommendation.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 5 — Postpone a romantic interlude until there's a little more time. Work-related pressures should ease up by tomorrow night.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 4 — Four investigation reveals many important answers. Make the decision and achieve a long-held objective more quickly than you thought possible.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 5 — It should be possible for you to get whatever you've been wanting for your place. Furnishments aber again, and start shopping for the best deal.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 9 — Seek up the information from a knowledgeable person. Your hunch proves to be accurate. You've headed in the right direction.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 9 — A go-to-guy can make a good living now. Selling ideas. Think of all the questions a buyer would ask, so you'll have all the answers.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5 — Think of all the questions a buyer would ask, so you'll have all the answers.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 5 — Don't spend more on your friends or favorite charities right now. Take care of your home and family first. The Lord helps those who help themselves.

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News Delivered To You...
Memories and move ins

Jeff Engelhardt
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Trash cans are overflowing with busted brackets and Dick Vitale is making a tee time, which means college basketball teams are bidding farewell to seniors and preparing for promising freshmen.

The Salukis’ senior class provided fans with some memorable moments, most notably the Sweet Sixteen run during the 2006-07 season. Randal Falker and Matt Shaw have etched their names into the SIU record book while Tyrone Green and Dion Coopwood have left their legacies with the Dawg Pound.

While the days of Falker’s trademark dreadlocks and the Dawg Pound’s chants of “Coop” have passed, SIU will need to look to the future to make up for the major voids left by the seniors.

Falker was a two-time Missouri Valley Conference First Team selection and MVC Defensive Player of the Year. Shaw was one of the most proficient scorers in school history, finishing with 1,363 points for 17th all-time at SIU.

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Senior guard Dion Coopwood looks to pass the ball during the 69-53 victory against Oklahoma State March 18 at the SIU Arena. Coopwood transferred in his junior year from Upper Iowa to join SIU during the 2006-07 campaign.

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Matt Shaw attempts a layup over a Nevada defender at the SIU Arena Feb. 23. Shaw finished his career as the 17th all-time leading scorer in school history with 1,363 points.

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Unfortunately for schools like Georgetown and Kentucky, which tried to get him late in his high school career, SIU and Chris Dillard already had him on the radar his sophomore season.

Dillard said it was SIU’s genuine interest and belief in his son’s abilities that attracted both of them to the school. "It’s kind of like going out with a girl. If she doesn’t want to go out with you she will be the worst date in the world,” the elder Dillard said. “If you’re going to be with someone...you...you she will be the best date in the world, if she wants to spend time with you.”

Dillard did not only overcome obstacles on the court but he persevered off it as well. His mother died when he was 1 year old, which resulted in a severance of it as well. His mother said Dillard used his sorrow as motivation and had one of the best games of his career as he scored 36 points.

Dillard said the adversity off the court has helped him develop into the player and the person he is today. "I’m a stronger person because of what I have been through,” Dillard said. “Everything that has happened in my past, I just dedicate everything I do to that.”

Dillard will join Torres Roundtree and Anthony Booker in one of the most highly regarded recruiting classes at SIU. Dillard said he is also trying to convince Roundtree and Anthony Booker to make his decision public Saturday.

The title of Mr. Basketball can be regarded as a heavy burden, but Dillard said he is ready to prove his critics wrong again at the collegiate level. "Now people are doubting me because of what I have been through,” Dillard said. "But I am going to keep working hard and prove them all wrong again at the collegiate level.”

Golf

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trying a personal best, shooting a total score of 213, 5-under par. Sophomore Jordan Cox shot a 1-over-par to finish in 36th with a 54-hole total 214, 2-under par. Sophomore Blake Driskell and junior Phillip Collaret measured out the Saluki scoring tied for 72nd overall with a total score of 222.

Head coach Lenzy Newton said he was happy with how the team competed against a difficult field. "Even though the 10th place might not look as glamorous, we played some good golf and got back on track to where we were in the fall,” Newton said.

The Salukis travel to Champaign to compete in the Fighting Illini Spring Invite Saturday and Sunday as they continue to prepare for the Missouri Valley Conference Championship April 21.

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The Penguins and Senators should be a high scoring affair. Both teams can put up points. Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and Marian Hossa lead the Pittsburgh’s top line and watch out for Jason Spezza, Dan Boyle and Daniel Alfredsson for Ottawa.

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The Salukis may not have won the big one on the court this season, but they were the victors off of it.

SIU is expected to welcome Kevin Dillard, who won Mr. Basketball of Illinois this month, to the team next season. Mr. Basketball is awarded to the best high school player in the state and is decided by a vote from coaches and media.

The Homewood-Flossmoor point guard is in elite company; joining past winners such as NBA players Kevin Garnett, Eddy Curry, Julian Wright and current Memphis point guard Derrick Rose. Most winners have advanced to the NBA since the award’s debut in 1991.

Dillard said he wasn’t sure if he would win the award but he believed in himself and was honored when he heard he received it.

“It wasn’t really expecting to win it but I thought I had a chance,” Dillard said. “Based on what my team’s record was and what I was able to do, thought I was a candidate for that award.”

Dillard is accustomed to proving the critics wrong because he battles bigger players every game. Though he stands at 6-foot and weighs in roughly 170 pounds, that does not stop him from dominating his opponents.

The soon-to-be Saluki led Homewood-Flossmoor to a 27-2 season while averaging 23.3 points, 5.6 assists and 4.3 rebounds per game. He also seems to have some “Flloobers U” in his game as he averaged 5.3 steals per game.

Dillard’s father, Kevin Dillard Sr., said his son’s work ethic doesn’t allow him to relax.

“It all started in the summer when he had a fantastic season on the AAU circuit,” the elder Dillard said. “He would go to individual workouts anytime the gym was open and when the season started he would stay an hour, hour and a half of his weight program to work on drills.”

Big universities started taking notice of Dillard during his time on the AAU circuit where he proved he could shine alongside top high school players such as Mike Dantong, Josh Crittle and Matthew Humphrey.

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Wilson, Schmidt help Salukis win 2-0
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After a few five innings, the SIU softball team won its eighth straight game with a victory over Evansville Wednesday.

Freshman pitcher Danielle Glosson had a dominating shutdown performance with five strikeouts and just one walk as she secured a 2-0 victory over the Purple Aces (18-13, 4-6 MVC).

Glosson said a pitcher can get nervous when the offense comes late in a close game but any time the Salukis get a lead it helps calm her down.

“It’s always stressful for a pitcher because when you don’t score runs early, you can’t have any room for error,” Glosson said.

With no score in the top of the sixth and two runners in scoring position, sophomore outfielder Katie Wilson, who leads the team in sacrifice flies, hit a pop up to center field which scored sophomore second baseman Alisia Garza, who was on third, to put the Salukis up 1-0.

The Purple Aces attempted a comeback in the bottom of the sixth but Glosson shut down the effort.

Pitching has been vital for SIU as the rotation has not given up an earned run in 48 straight innings. Glosson said she is in a zone with fellow starting freshman pitcher Nikki Weitemeyer and is giving the Salukis an edge.

Coach Kern Blaylock said she is pleased with the way the rotation has thrown and is impressed with the duo’s presence on the mound as the season progresses.

“They don’t look nervous, they don’t look anxious,” Blaylock said. “They’re just throwing like freshmen anymore.”

Junior outfielder Katie Schmidt gave the Salukis an insurance run in top of the seventh with a solo home run that brought them to the game-winning score of 2-0.

Schmidt said even though the Salukis didn’t score a run until late in the game, the pitching staff gave her confidence.

“I have confidence that our pitching is going to continue to stay strong, that our defense will stay strong and the hits will come,” Schmidt said. “We just need to keep working hard!”

Blaylock said she isn’t worried about the late production of the offense either, as long as pitching and defense provide a solid effort.

The win gave the Salukis their first MVC road win of the season. Schmidt said the team gave the game the same amount of effort in practice but luck has been on their side for the string of wins.

Home runs have also been key for the Salukas as they have hit a ball over the fence in the past eight out of 10 games. The Salukis got a hit off the bench as injured senior outfielder Tiffanie Dismore saw action for the first time since she suffered a broken jaw in a March 2 game against Northwestern.

Dismore came in to pinch run in the top of the sixth for senior shortstop Becky Wegmann but did not see time in the field.

Blaylock said Dismore was fully released to play Wednesday and could possibly see an at-bat during the weekend and a start at home against Evansville April 16.

The Salukis will look to continue their streak on the road as they head to Des Moines, Iowa, to face the Drake Bulldogs in a three-game series beginning noon Saturday.

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MEN’S GOLF

Career-best not enough to lift SIU
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Todd Obergonner’s career-best performance wasn’t enough to lead the SIU men’s golf team to victory.

Obergonner shot a 5-under par 67 Tuesday to tie for second overall with Austin Peay State University freshman Luke Shermoh and junior Grant Lever in the 93 player field, but the Salukis finished 10th out of 16 teams at the ASU Indian Classic at the Sage Meadows Golf Club in Junction, Ark.

The Governors set a new Indian Classic record with a 30-under-par on the 6,903-yard, par-72 course to edge host Arkansas State by two strokes for the championship.

Obergonner, whose third round score stands as the third-best 18-hole score in school history, said his short game was key to his best finish as a Saluki.

“It helped really well, and my ball striking was as solid as it’s been since the fall,” Obergonner said. “You can’t shoot 12-under without making some putts.”

Obergonner shot 15 birdies and an eagle during the tournament on route to being named Missouri Valley Conference Men’s Golfer of the Week.

SIU entered the final round of the tournament tied for seventh place after posting back-to-back total scores of 281, but the team’s third-round score of 289 dropped the Salukas to 10th. SIU’s 13-under-par team total was the team’s best finish of the spring season, after the team posted a 16-under-par 848 Sept. 4 at the Wasioto Winds Fall Kick-Off in Pineville, Ky.

Senior captain Matt Ellis finished tied for 31st overall after

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Salukis bring in the best

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Softball

SIU continues streak over Aces
Freshman pitcher Danielle Glosson threw a complete game shutout during the Salukis’ 2-0 victory over Evansville Wednesday.

The Salukis, traveling to Des Moines, Iowa, Saturday to face the Drake Bulldogs. Rose/REIDEN, DAILY EGYPTIAN

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Men’s Basketball

Kevin Dillard, Homewood-Flossmoor senior point guard, is recognized as the best high school basketball player in Illinois after being named Mr. Basketball. Dillard is one of three committed recruits coming to SIU next season.