Randy Dunn named SIU's next president

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Youngstown State's Randy Dunn has officially been named the eighth president of Southern Illinois University.

The university's Board of Trustees voted unanimously on Dunn's appointment in open session Monday afternoon. Trustees Donna Manering, Jesse Clew, Shirley Portwood and Roger Hervin were present by phone.

"It was an intense process, not long," Board Chairman Randal Herrin said. "We very quickly got ahead of our time table and we realized that by being ahead, we had an opportunity, an obligation to maintain confidentiality."

Thomas said the board was pleased with Dunn's answers in the interview process, but not all five finalists for the position were interviewed. Former SIU Vice Chancellor and Provost, John Dunn, was not a final candidate, he said.

"Once it was evident that we had the person that we wanted, we moved very quickly to get to this point today," he said. "We're thrilled to have Dr. Dunn. He will be thrilled — he expressed his willingness and how thrilled he would be to be back in Illinois, to be back to Southern Illinois University."

Dunn has served as Youngstown State University's president for seven months, taking office July 13, 2013. His SIU start date has yet to be determined, but Dunn's salary will be $430,000. Present university President Glenn Poshard earns a $326,820 salary plus benefits.

"We have an effective date of the contract today and the salary, and we have President Poshard's potential retirement date," Thomas said. "But Dr. Dunn will be working with his current employer to see how available he would be and (whether) could get him here early. We don't anticipate having to do anything as an interim."

YSU Trustee Carolee Weimer said the board members were blindsided. YSU trustee Harry Meshel said he was not happy with Dunn's decision to accept the position.

"It's a sudden surprise," he said. "I'm quite unhappy about it, because I was very supportive and thought he was a great person. I looked forward to working with him for many years."

Sudershan Garg, chair of the YSU board, said he was disappointed with how the matter unfolded.

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New outdoor warning system installed

ADIE APPLEGATE
Daily Egyptian

Students who want to remain safe should listen to the voices in the sky.

The Department of Public Safety, the Physical Plant and Federal Signal, a security company focused on communities and workplaces, installed a new outdoor emergency notification system for SIU students. The system is placed in eight locations and has the ability to store 13 prerecorded messages. The system is replacing the five sirens the university used previously.

"This system is replacing the five siren system which dated back to the '50s," he said. "That system only used sirens and was difficult to test, and did not always function properly."

Dillard said the sirens will stay, but new messages will be added with more specific needs.

"This system will still have the national severe weather siren as well as the national civil defense siren. But it will also have 13 prerecorded messages," he said. "The messages were chosen by the Department of Public Safety and the Physical Plant Service and will address situations such as a gunman, a hazardous chemical spill or weather that does not meet the severe weather criteria."

Dillard said the messages can be heard at varying distances based on location.

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Debate team carries momentum to nationals

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Despite not finishing first over the course of two tournaments this weekend, the number one ranked debate team in the country managed to bring home some hardware.

The final two tournaments before the national championship were held back-to-back at Loyola University Chicago Friday through Sunday. The debate team placed fifth at the first tournament and second at the next.

The National Parliamentary Tournamont of Excellence’s top-ranked duo of Ben Campbell, a senior from Springfield, Mo. studying political science, and Josh Rivera, a senior from Chicago studying political science, have a record-round of 8-2.

Todd Graham, director of the debate team, said he hoped for two tournament victories, but thought the duo performed well.

“We’ve been a strong team, we were hoping for a championship at one of the two tournaments,” Graham said. “While we didn’t do that, I still think a second and fifth place still are very good.” However, Rivera and Campbell were named the I-70 Cup champions.

The I-70 Cup is awarded to the team with the best combined scores or rankings between the four tournaments at Loyola University Chicago, McKendree University, Washburn University and William Jewell College.

Graham said he set its name from the interstate near the four tournaments’ locations. He said the first of the four tournaments started early last semester with the last one during the weekend.

“It’s kind of a prestigious award in that it indicates you debated well for an entire season,” he said. “You can have some poor tournaments and the I-70 cup indicates you did better in the long run for a lot of tournaments.”

Graham said he has high expectations for the debate team, as SIU has a long history of championship wins. The I-70 top gives the debate team momentum into nationals, he said.

Graham said he was very pleased with how Rivera and Campbell are debating but they still have work to do before the national championship.

“I think going into the national championship they know what they have to do to improve, which is super important,” he said. “One of the reasons we came up to Loyola was to see how we are doing and where we stand against some of the better teams.”

Campbell said the tournaments this weekend were a steppingstone before his team reaches nationals.

“Any time we go to a tournament, we’re wanting to win it,” Campbell said. “It was unfortunate we lost these tournaments, but we walked away knowing what things we need to fix for nationals.”

The debate team will work to improve the organization of their arguments, speaking skills and stylistic approaches, Graham said.

“Some of our stylistic approaches the judges weren’t finding as persuasive as they did earlier this year so we’re going to do a lot of practice in the next three to four weeks,” Graham said.

Campbell said he and Josh spend up to 90 hours during each of the weeks prior to the national tournaments to research and prepare.

Usually a tournament will give debaters their topics 20 minutes prior to a round. With the NPTE, Campbell and Rivera will get their topics weeks in advance.

Rivera said the first national tournament is unique, but often requires more time since they know the research topics.

“It’s a lot of practicing, a lot of going over assignments and getting ready for the full spectrum of our strategy with our coaches,” Rivera said.

The debate team’s next competition is the NPTE, a double elimination, closed-invite-only tournament, from March 15 to 18 at Northern Arizona University. The National Parliamentary Debate Association tournament, a single elimination, open invitation tournament, will also be at Northern Arizona University March 20 - 23.

Rivera and Mike Sekk were the national champions of both tournaments last year.

YSU Board Chair Sudeshran Garg said he was disappointed with how the matter unfolded.

“Of course campus will be affected temporarily, but it won’t stop,” Garg said. “He surprised us all by not telling anybody, and we were not happy about it. We wish he’d kept the board more involved.”

Youngstown’s Board of Trustees met with Dunn Monday night in an executive session lasting more than two hours. Garg said the meeting went fairly well and the board members accepted the facts at face value.

“The community thought he was here to stay, maybe for as long as 10 years,” Garg said. “He broke his commitment. The board is obviously unhappy losing a good president.”

Dunn’s contract with Youngstown says he may terminate his presidential employment at any time by providing the board with a written notice 180 days in advance, unless waived by the university. During Monday’s meeting, Dunn submitted his formal resignation to YSU, effective August 16.

Dunn’s SIU contract includes a car but does not give him university housing. Thomas said Dunn was a late addition to the candidate pool, but search firm R. William Funk and associates told the board that he may be where the best candidates are found — the committee had at least three late qualified arrivals. The search cost the university $90,000 plus $9,000 in indirect costs, he said.

“(Dunn) entered the presidential search committee process late,” Thomas said. “We had been well advised by our consulting firm Funk and Associates that the best candidates will arrive very late in the process because if you’re a sitting president at a college like Purdue, you don’t want to apply to the SIU system until late in the game so that your board in Purdue doesn’t find out, or your contemporaries and your peers and your employees.”

In 2006, Dunn became superintendent of education for the Illinois State Board of Education, hand-picked by then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich. According to a Chicago Tribune article, controversy arose when Dunn appointed a new general counsel, and a new budget director that same day, both of whom had worked with the Blagojevich administration. Murray State Board of Regents minutes from May 1, 2006 state Dunn was approved as president in a 7-4 vote, but would not arrive on campus until Dec. 1, 2006 because of prior commitments with the Blagojevich campaign.

Seth Richardson contributed to this story.

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“Some of the negative effects, it will age you faster, so your skin ages, your teeth turn color, and I think for some students — when they think about it in those terms — it really does concern them,” she said.

McLemon said a lot of students start smoking because of the social aspect. She said 6 percent of students at the university smoke on a daily basis.

“11.3 percent smoke not on a daily basis, meaning they are probably social smokers or out on the weekend. They’re drinking, they’re with their friends, and they kind of tie those two together and become social smokers,” she said.

McLemon said less people are smoking than expected. A survey conducted by the university said people on campus think about 87 percent of students have been smoking in the last 30 days, 70 percent more than the actual figure.

In December 2012, a 17-member advisory committee of faculty, staff and students was formed to examine how the university would make potential changes to the policy.

Thomas Rable, a graduate student from Spokane, Wash., studying philosophy, said he does not know how the university will enforce this rule.

“There’s either going to be people who think that this is some infringement on freedom and it’s a public space and it’s open air,” he said. “Other people are saying, ‘Oh, it’s a health concern and people shouldn’t be smoking and so, good for the campus.’”

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Question: How should students be involved in future presidential searches?
A - The current process is appropriate
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C - The student body should get a collective vote via the student trustee
D - The student body directly votes for who they support

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The Flowers of Evil play their own style

DYLAN FROST Daily Egyptian

To the band members’ dismay, The Flowers of Evil is often considered a revival of ‘60s garage rock. But every musical endeavor, they believe it delivers one of the best sounds in Carbondale.

The Flowers are not on a journey to develop a particular sound like garage or psychedelic; signatures often assigned to them. For the five-piece group, it is a free-flowing affair.

Despite having five albums, nearly one hundred songs and years of experience, The Flowers have only been together in their present form for about a year and a half. Vocalist/guitarist Kaleb Hunter started recording songs with a few friends in his hometown of Johnston City in 2009. He has played with his brother, Flowers’ guitarist Joshua Hunter, since childhood.

Eventually, drummer Chris Wittman and bassist Dan Tejada joined the band.

“It was probably five years ago Dan and I said, ‘one day we have to find a leader,’ ” Wittman said. “And then one day, Kaleb dropped out of a cloud. But he doesn’t do a leadership role; he’s more an outsider, a hidden outlet in southern Illinois only helps them create.

“The music scene has always been pretty open to bands like us,” Tejada said. “It’s kind of in a slump right now, but it goes through those stages.”

By staying ambitious and open-minded, The flowers of Evil can cement themselves as one of the all-time great Carbondale bands, even if their music goes somewhat unnoticed for a couple decades.

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“Federal Signal has used sophisticated acoustic technology to decide where the alarms should be and how far they will be heard,” he said. “They are based on the terrain of the campus, surrounding buildings and how close other alarms are so that no message will sound unclear.”

Dillard said students who are in the intramural sport fields will have weather warnings as well. “Students playing in the intramural fields will have warnings about lightning when severe weather warnings are not needed,” he said. “This will give students a chance to stay safe sooner and will help prevent any accidents.” The university now has control over the system and which part of campus it alerts. Dillard said all of these locations are controlled by the click of a mouse.

“The alarms are controlled from a computer screen which will show the locations of the alarms and whichever needs to be set off can by clicking on that specific alarm,” he said. “The Department of Public Safety and the Physical Plant will both have access but the city of Carbondale will still be in charge of the severe weather alarms.”

Testing times are still on the first Tuesday of every month. Students who are indoors will still be alerted by radio, emailing and text notifications.

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Opinion

Confidential search causes concerns

Our Word

Transparency is defined in a social or political context as openness, communication and accountability. This presidential search carried out by the university was nothing of the sort.

SIU Board of Trustees chairman Randall Thomas said the process was transparent, but it is questionable to whom it was transparent.

When attempting to fill a position as critical to the university as president, the process of choosing a new leader should involve educating those he or she will serve.

While the university sent an e-mail survey asking for input, and held two open forums—one for each campus—the final decision was made in secret.

The open forum in Carbondale took place at 11 a.m. on a Thursday during finals week, a time when many students and professors were unavailable. The names of the final candidates were never released, leaving no opportunity for students, professors or staff to weigh in on the final options.

Keeping such an important decision from those directly affected by it is unacceptable.

The Board of Trustees should be held accountable for informing the university community who may become the next leader.

Students, professors and staff are not the only people who benefit from transparency. Accountability does not end with the university. Present employers of the candidates have a right to be notified of the situation. Candidates owe their employees the courtesy to inform them they were chosen as a finalist, and their departure could be a possibility.

Randy Dunn has left Youngstown State University with a lame-duck president, and an uncomfortable 180 days of searching for his replacement. Leaving with no notice has left Youngstown’s board to question Dunn’s loyalty. According to a Youngstown area newspaper, the Vindicator, the administrative positions of provost and vice president for finance and administration will soon be vacant as well. Youngstown’s Board of Trustees learning of Dunn’s application at SIU from a Feb. 15 DAILY EGYPTIAN article shows just how deep the secrecy ran.

A candidate either wants to be here, or he or she does not. If he or she does not feel comfortable disclosing his or her application status, the community is left to question his or her commitment to the university, and the thousands of students he or she will represent.

When Randy Dunn was vying for the presidential position at Illinois State University in 2013, each of the final four candidates were made public and open forums were held to address students, faculty and staff. SIU should implement an equivalent process.

As it stands, the process for choosing a president does not allow the public to form an opinion on the next leader of the university until their input can no longer make a difference.

All transparency issues aside, SIU has a new president whose name most of the university community knows nothing about. Only nine people have any concept of what he wants to accomplish and what he may change while he is here.

This leaves the question if there may have been a better candidate. At this point chairman Thomas said the names of the other finalists will never be released. This leaves no way of comparing Dunn to his competition. At best, this leaves us skeptical. We have no way to know he won’t leave when the next "unique opportunity" comes along.

The university is expected to trust the input of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, and the board’s choice. Nine board members and a search committee should not be the only parties to know the identities of the potential presidents, who could ultimately be responsible for the fate of the institution. Only one vote in the final decision belongs to a student, who is not permitted to seek the opinion of his or her constituents.

When the students are what drive a university and justify its existence, fair representation of their input must be a priority.

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Leo — Today is an 8 — Stay out of a risky investment. Focus on the numbers this month. Get creative, finish what you've started. The natives are restless. Discuss a theory, and wait a few days. Save up energy!

Cancer — Today is a 7 — Travel conditions improve this month, but surprises still lurk. Make future plans and work out the itinerary. Schedule work and reservations carefully. Then enjoy the comforts of home.

Aries — Today is a 9 — You're entering a one-month review period; you're extra sensitive. Maintain objectivity, a reflective view, and stay flexible. Will yourself to success. Consider your values.

Taurus — Today is a 9 — Favor private over public time. Peace and quiet draws you in. Get your main tasks handled so you can rest. You'll have more fun for the next month. Save up energy!

Scorpio — Today is a 7 — There's not enough money for everyone you all want. Prioritize, and be fair. For about four weeks, you're lucky in love. Generate creative ideas. Contemplate, meditate, recharge.

Aquarius — Today is a 9 — For the next four weeks, you do work financially, if you can keep from spending it all on good causes. Stay practical. You may not have what you think. Give appreciation.

Pisces — Today is an 8 — You're especially sensitive and intuitive. Rest and avoid spending. Invite friends over.

Capricorn — Today is an 8 — Neither a borrower nor a lender be. Avoid unnecessary expense. Study and practice what you love next month. Step carefully. Travel later. There could be fierce competition.

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Jumble

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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answer:
Women’s tennis wins third straight

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Despite the three losses the SIU women’s tennis team began the season with a fall, they capped off a successful weekend with a win over Murray State University, pushing their winning streak to three games.

The team also won at home Saturday against Chicago State, 4-2.

The Salukis dropped the doubles point against the Cougars, making them 0-5 on the year in doubles decisions, a strength for the team last season.

Coach Audra Anderson said losing the doubles point is a new problem the team needs to figure out.

“The doubles point is something in the past we’ve been really strong at,” Anderson said. “It just hasn’t clicked for us yet this season.”

In singles play, SIU lost just one match, with No. 2 freshman Megan Monaghan, and No. 3 junior Aneta Lea, leading the way.

Junior Ariadna Cairo Bata, and freshmen Polina Dotsorova and Lauren Hoekstra also won their singles matches, clinching a win for SIU.

The Salukis started Sunday off by winning two of the three doubles matches, earning their fourth doubles point of the year. The team then clinched the victory by winning the top three singles matches.

Anderson said the team’s early season struggles in doubles play improved Sunday.

“We have kind of been struggling with the doubles and getting the doubles point,” she said. “Today’s win (in doubles) was big, it was really happy with the doubles.”

Anderson said part of the reason for the win was the decision to switch up the pairs.

“We actually switched up the doubles teams today which was kind of scary because we haven’t practiced too much with those doubles teams,” she said. “But it ended up working in our favor.”

One of the bigger adjustments Anderson made was breaking up the duo that won the MVC Doubles Championship last semester, junior Natasha Tomishima and senior Korey Love.

Instead, Love was paired with Cairo Bata and Tomishima was paired with Monaghan. Love and Bata took their match 8-1, while Tomishima and Monaghan was a bit closer, with the Dawgs taking it 8-6.

Tomishima said the changes in the lineup could be effective because of the differences in playing styles between her and Monaghan.

“We changed the people in doubles to see if it would be a better combination,” Tomishima said. “(Monaghan) is more a consistent person, and I’m more at the net.”

The duo’s victory was just one of three SIU wins for Monaghan this weekend. The Colorado native defeated senior Carla Saga of Murray State to run her singles winning streak to four matches.

Monaghan said she is happy to be playing well, but still sees areas where she can improve.

“There is still things I need to work on, like maybe mixing up the ball a little bit, or some slices, and definitely my serve,” Monaghan said. “But I feel like I’m playing good tennis just have to go back and keep working.”

Monaghan was not the only Saluki with a big win against the Racers. The team nationally ranked, Elenon Tchakarova in the No. 3 singles, 7-5, 6-2.

“It was nice to not know that she was interested stalked before I played her because it could have put more pressure on me,” Lee said. “I’m happy that I got the opportunity to play someone that good and come out with a win.”

Tomishima also had a big win, beating a former Mexican National Champion, junior Andrea Eskandarium, 7-5. They only played one set before Eskandarium retired because of injury.

Anderson said she was happy with her team’s solid play against tough opponents.

“I think Natty handled herself very well,” Anderson said. “And then Megan was just on a roll, really exciting to see. Ari played much better today. Overall, I think we’re happy.”

The team will put in three-match winning streak on the line Friday against Arkansas State University, a team Anderson said should be tough.

“They’ve beat us in the past and we need to be ready for them,” she said. “We’ve got to bring our A-game next weekend.”

Friday’s match will start at 5 p.m. at Garden Grove Event Center in Carbondale.

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Men’s golf places third in season opener

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With a finish of third out of 15, the SIU men’s golf team started the 2014 campaign on a high note considering the team was practicing indoors for most of the off-season.

The finish may come as a surprise to some, as the team has not been able to practice outside because of low temperatures and ice on the golf course.

Newton said last week he was optimistic but cautious about his team going into the tournament.

“We’re not going to embarrass ourselves,” Newton said. “We have a W probably cost the team a few shots.”

The team played at the Frito Lay/Taco Bell Intercollegiate, which was hosted by Jackson State University and held at the Dancing Rabbit Golf Club in Chetopa, Miss.

The University of Missouri-St. Louis won the tournament posting a team score of 14-over-par. They were followed by the University of Tennessee-Martin, which came in at 27-over SIU trailed UMSL by 22 strokes, finishing at 36-over.

Along with the high finish as a team, SIU had three golfers place in the top 20 of 84 players.

Only UMSL had more top 20 finishers, with six.

Senior Caleb Harms and sophomore Drew Novara tied for second with a score of 2-over-par, and senior Wade Thompson finished in 3rd place with a score of 13-over. Harms and Novara trailed the leader, Juan Pablo Segurias, of Indiana University-Purdue Indianapolis, by just one stroke.

Harms said he felt good even though he was a bit rusty from the lack of time on the course.

“(Sunday) I was pretty rusty on the greens, which I expected to be,” Harms said. “But I kind of figured it out late in the round and that kind of carried over into today.”

Harms posted scores of 77 Sunday and 69 Monday in his two rounds.

Novara also said he experienced some rust, especially in his chipping. Novara was tied for one after first posting a 70 Sunday. He ended with a 76 Monday.

“(Monday) I wasn’t quite as accurate with the irons,” Novara said. “I had to chop a little bit more and I think my chipping probably ended up costing me a W probably cost the team a few shots.”

Newton said he was happy with the team’s performance considering its lack of practice time.

He also singled out Thompson’s performance, as he finished with an 8-over even though he had a 12 on one hole.

“Your talk about bad luck,” Newton said. “He shot 76 and he had a 12 on one hole. He grinded it out pretty good.”

Newton said he was happy to get back to Carbondale and hopefully be outside for practice this week.

“We’re ready to play outside on the golf course and get ready for the next tournament,” he said. “If there’s any way that we can be outside, we’ll be outside whether it’s just chipping or hitting some balls.”

The Salukis will hit the links next at the Sandium Intercollegiate tournament March 3 at the Hoover Golf Club in Hoover, Ala.