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State tax rate key to SIU funding

University given two scenarios, one flat funding and one involving a $25 million loss

KARSTEN BURGSTAHLER Daily Egyptian

Gov. Pat Quinn’s fiscal year 2015 budget calls for appropriations for state universities to stay the same.

But President Glenn Poshard said numbers depend on the Illinois legislature voting to keep Quinn’s 2013 tax increases — specifically the 5 percent personal income tax and the 7 percent corporate tax.

In 2011, Quinn said these increases would only be temporary, but he is now pushing to make them permanent.

If the legislature fails to retain the higher rates, Quinn’s contingency plan, which he does not recommend, suggests a 12.4 percent decrease in state appropriations. For SIU, funding would decrease $25 million, from $205 million to $180 million, more than half of the $45 million dollar university has seen during the past decade.

“Without the passing, or the keeping of those two taxes, (the governor’s office) is saying, ‘This is what we will have to face,’” Poshard said. Poshard said he is scheduled to meet with the appropriations committee in Springfield April 3, to explain what would happen to the university if it were forced to make a 20 percent appropriation cut.

However, Quinn’s warnings could be a result of the political climate this year in Springfield, Poshard said.

“There are a lot of legislators in Springfield right now that are opposed (to keeping the present rate) because they don’t want to deal with this before the next election, which is the problem we always have,” he said.

If the tax rates are cut and the university does lose the appropriations, vital programs will feel the pinch, Poshard said.

There would be a reduction in Monetary Award Program grant funds of $59.3 million and 20,000 students across the state would lose those grants.

SIU is one of the largest users of MAP grants in the state, Poshard said.

Quinn received backlash for his proposal from legislation and citizens alike. A Paul Simon Institute poll released Monday showed 60 percent of those asked would not favor retaining the 5 percent income tax, and institute director David Yepsen said while the final vote will not happen until after months of debate, keeping the tax hikes, and therefore the flat funding, will be an uphill battle for Quinn.

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Wage increase could hit SIU’s wallet

KARSTEN BURGSTAHLER Daily Egyptian

The federal minimum wage could be raised to $10.10 an hour, but university officials are not sure where the money to support it at SIU will come from.

During his State of the Union address and in the months following, President Barack Obama has argued the wage, now $7.25, is not enough for citizens to live on. Gov. Pat Quinn has pushed for similar legislation in Illinois. But University President Glenn Poshard said the $3.2 million cost the university system would incur if the wage was increased — $2 million at SIU, $1.2 million at SIU-Edwardsville — comes at a time when funding for higher education is dwindling.

“It would be good to have a minimum wage increase, but that money’s got to come from somewhere else,” Poshard said. “If that somewhere else limits student services, takes away from the workforce and other repercussions that would result, is that going to be beneficial enough to the students? It’s a trade-off.”

While Poshard’s presidential term will end months before any legislation would take effect, his successor, Randy Dunn, could be dealt a crisis soon after taking office.

“Just as I have had to face over the past several years, grappling with this thing, it appears at this point in time that, if those two tax rates go back, to where they were three years ago, then there’s several things (Dunn) is going to be facing as president to try to continue to balance the budget.”

A request for comment from Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Kevin Bame was directed to Chancellor Rita Cheng, who said student employment currently costs the university $11 million. Each 1 percent increase in the minimum wage is approximately an added $1 million dollar expense, she said.

“Our minimum wage employees are students, and our challenge would be to implement the increase without decreasing student employment opportunities,” Cheng said.

The Apple of love

Ruby Roknic, left, a senior from La Grange studying university studies, and Pearlshana Cummings, a junior from Chicago studying speech communications, rehearse Monday at Kleinau Theatre for the upcoming premiere of the play “Athena and the Apple.” The play is about a high school student named Athena and her love interests was written and directed by Nicole Wood and is set to premiere Thursday at Kleinau Theatre. “It has been nice to see the development of the story and be a part of it coming into birth,” Roknic said.

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School of Engineering strikes new deal

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KIA SMITH Daily Egyptian

The transition between community college and a four-year university is easier for engineering students thanks to increasing cohesion between the university and Kaskaskia College.

Kaskaskia College in Centralia and SIU’s college of engineering signed an agreement last week that assists students who have an associate degree in pre-engineering with transferring their credits to the engineering college.

The agreement is part of a dual-admission program between Transfer Student Services and Kaskaskia College. Amanda Sutton, the assistant director for Transfer Relations Services at SIU. The dual admission program was created to assist students who knew they were going to attend a community college before finishing at a four-year university.

“For students who plan to attend a community college first, we help them pick classes that will allow them to transition faster,” she said. “We also allow students to take classes online so they can access courses that they would need to take here, such as the UCOL 101 class.”

Sutton said agreements like the one between Kaskaskia and SIU are very common throughout the Midwest.

“In Illinois, we have active recruiters in nearly every community college, as well as the border states such as Wisconsin and Missouri,” she said.

Students who transfer to SIU have the option to participate in the dual-admission program, with one of the major benefits being the locked-in tuition rates. Sutton said.

“The mission of the dual-admission program is to not only eliminate extra years for students, but also saves them extra money that is usually accumulated going through a traditional university,” she said.

Chris Pearson, the coordinator of recruitment for the college of engineering, said new agreements mean a great deal of change is coming to the School of Engineering.

“The agreement is a direct articulation agreement between us and Kaskaskia,” Pearson said. “The students in Kaskaskia’s associate engineer of science program allows students to complete their degree in whatever they’re engineering degrees may be.”

Though this agreement is fairly new and
SIU to host 25th annual history fair

LUKE NOZICKA
Daily Egyptian

The history department will host the 25th Annual Southern Illinois Regional History Fair Saturday in the Student Center.

More than 300 high school and middle school students will have their plays, essays, display boards, historical reconstructions and web productions judged by 50 history students, faculty, professor emeriti and alums.

Jonathan Wiesen, a professor in history and coordinator of the fair, said every presentation relates to the history of Illinois.

“They do a display on something regarding Lincoln or a march of neo-nazis in Skokie, or something like that,” he said.

About 19 schools will participate, half of which are middle schools, he said.

Wiesen said there is special event at 12:30 p.m., called “Highlights from Morris Library Special Collections: A Special Viewing for History Fair Students, Parents, and Teachers.”

He said this is the first time the fair will hold this event, where librarians will display treasures of the library.

“I’m hoping they pull out their 4,000-year-old clay tablet from Iraq,” Wiesen said.

He said librarians might also display a handwritten Abe Lincoln Speech or a page from the Gutenberg Bible.

The exhibitions are open to the public from 1 to 2 p.m. after all final judgments. The showcases will be displayed in the Student Center Ballrooms A, B and C.

Winners will advance to the Illinois History Expo in Springfield May 8.

“We’re here to see students who want to pursue their interest in history further,” Wiesen said.

“Some certainly have come to SIU, some past participants who have become my student.”

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“Woe to going several months talking about what the alternatives will be, the ones that are going to be made if we do not do something in Illinois and that may change public opinion around. It may prompt some legislators to… vote for this thing.”

However, Hobart said other parts of the bill show a conflict of interest. While 60 percent of those polled wanted to cut the income tax rate, the same percentage, or even more, didn’t want any program cuts, he said.

“You can’t have it both ways,” he said. “If you can’t maintain the present revenue stream, then the only way that you can look at balancing a budget is to cut services.”

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Game Poll

Question: More than 30% of students surveyed are dissatisfied with the current student tailgate experience. Which of the following changes would you like to see implemented?

A - New location, such as, closer to the stadium and alumni
B - Longer tailgate hours, such as, all day rather than five hours prior
C - More entertainment, such as, live music or TV’s screening other games
D - Re-establishment of the allowance of the ability to have keg beer in the tailgate section.

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New location, such as, closer to the stadium and alumni

23%

Longer tailgate hours, such as, all day rather than five hours prior

18%

More entertainment, such as, live music or TV’s screening other games

23%

Re-establishment of the allowance of the ability to have keg beer in the tailgate section.

32%

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Either the number of hours available or the number of students SIU is able to employ could be impacted, she said.

"Certainly either approach would be damaging to students who are working to pay for college, and their financial challenges would in turn challenge the university," Cheng said.

Qinn has recommended flat funding for universities in fiscal year 2015, and while Qinn did not mention the minimum wage during his budget address, as it does not factor in to state appropriations, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute director David Yepsen said the added expenditures could be left to the university.

"It would be up to the university to make more cuts," he said. "That will be part of the debate on the minimum wage, but when I say minimum wage isn't a budget issue, I'm talking about at the state level."

Cheng said she doubts the state would provide extra funds if wages went up — flat funding is the best the university has to offer.

"If we chose to prioritize student employment, then we would have to look for something else in our budget, and I have not identified where we would find $2 million in our budget," she said.

Cheng said no students have approached her seeking an increase in minimum wage on campus.

In general, the minimum wage issue divides economists and politicians because of one main debate: how sensitive businesses are to wage increases, economics professor Kevin Sybler said.

The margin of increase is also important, Sybler said. Some politicians might argue the substantial $2.85 increase will push prices to buy off.

"These people would argue they simply can't absorb the cost increases," he said. "And (they also say) you and I, as consumers, will see price increases at McDonald's and other businesses that use a lot of minimum wage labor."

Others may argue the margin is not large enough to force businesses' hands. Even if the increase was not as much, for example $7.25 to $9, people who argue the increase is too high might be happy, but those who argue it is too little may not settle.

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TSA wants police at checkpoints after LAX shooting

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Transportation Security Administration recommended Wednesday that armed law enforcement officers be posted at airport security checkpoints and ticket counters during peak hours after a review of last year's fatal shooting at Los Angeles International Airport.

The 25-page report to Congress obtained by The Associated Press makes 14 recommendations that do not carry a price tag and are somewhat dependent on local authorities who provide airport security.

While airport security has been beefed up since 9/11, the shooting exposed communication problems and gaps in police patrols that left an LAX terminal without an armed officer for nearly 3 1/2 minutes as a gunman targeted TSA officers with a still No. 1.

The AP has reported that the two armed airport police officers assigned to Terminal 3 were on break that morning and hadn't notified dispatchers as required. Months earlier, LAX had changed staffing plans to have officers roam terminals instead of staffing checkpoints such as the one the gunman approached.

TSA conducted the review of nearly 450 airports nationwide after Officer Grazado Hernandez was killed in the agency's first line-of-duty death. Two officers and a passenger were wounded. Paul Ciancia, 24, a Pennsville, N.J., native, has pleaded not guilty to 11 federal charges, including murder of a federal officer.

The review found most TSA officers are concerned for their safety and want better security.

Report recommendations include requiring TSA employees, who are unarmed, to train for an active shooter incident. It specifically discussed the notion of arming an armed unit of TSA officers.

TSA Administrator John Pistole has said he doesn't believe more guns at checkpoints are the solution, but creating an armed unit of TSA officers would provide extra funds if wages went up.

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On Wednesday that armed unit of TSA officers.

The report is being presented to Congress, there is no specific action lawmakers must take. Airports are run by local operators, and because each airport is different, each is responsible for creating its own security plan that must be approved by TSA. The agency has general guidelines that airports plans must meet, and an airport can be fined for violations.

"Everyone understands that local law enforcement agencies across the country inevitably leave gaps in security, as we saw at LAX," and J. David Cox Sr., national president of the American Federation of Government Employees. "Only an armed law enforcement unit within TSA can ensure the constant and consistent presence of sufficient law enforcement resources needed in the immediate area of the checkpoints and other key locations in order to prevent another tragedy like the one that occurred at LAX."
Eminem, Outkast top
2014 Lollapalooza lineup

CARYN ROUSSEAU
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Eminem and Outkast will headline a diverse lineup of more than 130 acts at this year’s three-day Lollapalooza music festival in Chicago. June’s Addition lead singer and Lollapalooza founder Perry Farrell announced Wednesday.

The lineup also includes recent Grammy darling Lorde, whose hit “Royals” won song of the year and best pop solo performance at this year’s Grammy Awards.

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Illinois State University President Timothy Flanagan abruptly resigned last weekend after campus police finished an investigation into an allegation that he assaulted a groundskeeper at Flanagan’s university-owned home. On Tuesday, he was charged by the McLean County state’s attorney with one count of disorderly conduct, a misdemeanor punishable by a maximum of 30 days in jail.

In a one-paragraph news release announcing his resignation, the university’s board of trustees thanked him for his service.

Nothing to see here, folks. Move along.

The board hired Flanagan less than a year ago. Flanagan departs with an outsized golden parachute and an agreement that everyone will keep quiet about the whole thing. Paragraph 5 of Flanagan’s departure deal: “The parties agree that other than the parties agree that other than the press release ... the parties will not make any further comments regarding Flanagan’s resignation.”

The trustees are giving him a fat check — courtesy of students and taxpayers. Flanagan will collect at least $488,418 as a partial buyout of his three-year contract. He’ll receive a final paycheck for his regular wages and accumulated leave time. He’ll be allowed to live in the university-owned home at least until late July.

What are the ISU trustees thinking? What are they hiding? Do they need a reminder that they preside over a public university? In its latest budget proposal, ISU is asking for $74 million from taxpayers for next year, the same amount the school received in the current fiscal year, according to the Illinois Board of Higher Education. The university’s overall budget is more than $400 million.

Your money, taxpayers. But do you even dare ask questions about Flanagan’s departure? Do not ask why a public university would allow a nondisclosure clause in a severance package. Do not ask why the university would pay someone off in the midst of an investigation.

If Flanagan was in the wrong, why wasn’t he simply fired without a big payout? And if he was in the right, why is he leaving?

ISU board President Michael McCuey, a senior U.S. District Court judge, hung up on us when we started asking those questions. Trustee Jay Bergman of Joliet said the board felt “it was best for the university to get everything behind us and agree to a reasonable compromise. He wasn’t a good fit for ISU. All sides agreed this was the best solution, given the alternatives, the hurdle.”

Read between the lines. The trustees didn’t want to deal with a potential lawsuit. They did not want to deal with questions or unflattering publicity. They wanted this to go away.

We hear that a lot in Illinois.

In 2012, Michael Hogan resigned under pressure as president of the University of Illinois, but held a professorship with a $285,100 starting salary. Anonymous emails sent to a university advisory board that attempted to influence school policy were traced to his chief of staff, Lisa Tisyre. She resigned and received $757,000 and a different job at the school. The university spent another $250,000 on public relations efforts to deal with the scandal. The school also agreed to delay Hogan’s departure long enough for him to qualify for a $37,500 bonus.

Your money at work.

Two top administrators at Northern Illinois University who faced misconduct investigations were given nearly $80,000 to go away in 2012.

Last summer, Mtrax’s board pulled a similar stunt with the buyout of Executive Director Alex Clifford, who said he had been pressured to hire patronage workers. Mtrax’s board gave Clifford a severance package worth $871,000 and everybody promised not to talk about it.

Enough. Public bodies need to be transparent about their business. They need to quit this game of hush money.

They should not be allowed to enter into secret severance agreements. We have called on the General Assembly to pass a bill aimed at stopping this practice. How much more tax money has to be shoveled into golden parachute deals before lawmakers respond?

University officials cry about diminishing state funds. They show up in Springfield every year asking for more money. They cripple their argument when they waste money like this.

Now, back to the ISU board. Who will be the first trustee to own up to making a top hire who “wasn’t a good fit,” who lasted less than a year, whose secretive departure is costing big money? Who will be the first trustee to take responsibility and resign? No parachute necessary.

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Pinch Penny Pub
NCAA Action
Blackhawks vs Bruins @ 6 p.m.
Blues vs Wild @ 7 p.m.
Past Night

Tres Hombres
Mortimer Bustos @ 10 p.m.

Hangar 9
Johnathan Richman (of The Modern Lovers) / Vinyl Dance Party @ 7 p.m. $15

The Grotto Lounge
Live Jazz w/ Coulter, Goot and Wall @ 7 p.m.

Student Center
SPC Films Presents: The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug @ 7 p.m. $2 SIU Students w/ ID $3 General Public
$2 Children

Grinnel Hall-Lower Level
Lower Level Movie Night hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha @ 7:06 p.m.

Friday 28

Pinch Penny Pub
NCAA Action
Blackhawks vs Senators @ 6:30 p.m.

Tres Hombres
Ivas John Band @ 9 p.m.

Hangar 9
Cosby Sweater Featuring Joel Cummins of Umphrey’s McGee @ 9 p.m. $10

Copper Dragon
Matt Pose Band @ 9 p.m.

Curbside
Fabulous Dreline, Soul Census, JD Kemp @ 9 p.m.

Rustle Hill Winery
Moorit Mary @ 6 - 9 p.m.

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**Saturday 29**

- **Quigley Auditorium**
  - Variety Show hosted by Alpha Phi Alpha @ 7:06 p.m.
- **Pinch Penny Pub**
  - Blues vs Stars @ 7 p.m.
- **Tres Hombres**
  - The Ventures @ 9 p.m.
- **Hangar 9**
  - Orsino w/ American Lion @ 9 p.m. $3
- **The Grotto Lounge**
  - Well Well Well (Blues) Live @ 9:30 p.m.
- **Copper Dragon**
  - Wedding Night @ 9 p.m.
- **Rustle Hill Winery**
  - Tim Whiteford @ 2 - 5 p.m.
  - Iva John Band @ 6 - 9 p.m.
- **Von Jakob Vineyard**
  - Blue Confusion @ 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.
- **Starview Winery**
  - Adam Williams @ 3 - 7 p.m.
- **Student Center**
  - SPC Films Presents: The Hobbit, The Desolation of Smaug. @ 7 and 10 p.m. $2.50 Students w/ ID, $3 General Public.
  - $2 Children.
  - Craft Shop: Fused Glass @ 1 - 3 p.m. $25 Students, $30 Others
  - Craft Shop: Basic Bike Repair @ 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. $5 students, $10 others.
  - March of Dimes @ 7:06 p.m.

**Student Recreation Center**

Saluki Cheerleading Pre-Tryout Clinic @ 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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**Sunday 30**

- **Pinch Penny Pub**
  - NCAA Action.
  - Blackhawks vs Penguins @ 6:30 p.m.
- **The Grotto Lounge**
  - Home-Style Comfort Food Sunday.
- **Rustle Hill Winery**
  - Rip Lee Pryor @ 1 - 4 p.m.
- **Blue Sky Winery**
  - Beatie Rhodes (Acoustic Rock) @ 2 - 5 p.m.
- **Von Jakob Vineyard**
  - Dave Caputo Duo @ 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.
- **Starview Winery**
  - Misednecor Marty @ 1 - 4 p.m.
- **Old Baptist Foundation Recital Hall**
  - Outside The Box: Erik Rohde, violin - Music of Adams, Tews, Xenakis @ 7:30 p.m.
  - Richard Davis Cello Recital @ 4 p.m.
  - Jeffrey Reers Tuba Recital @ 9 p.m.
- **Student Center**
  - Bowling & Billiards: Sunday Funday @ 1 - 5 p.m.

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Allen gets $15.5M from Bears

ANDREW SELIGMAN
Associated Press

The Chicago Bears were looking to fortify their defensive line. How does adding Jared Allen sound?

The Bears agreed to a four-year contract with the first-time Pro Bowl defensive end Wednesday, replacing one accomplished pass rusher with another as they rebuild a defense that ranked among the league’s worst last season.

A person with knowledge of the agreement told The Associated Press that Allen will get $15.5 million guaranteed on a deal that could be worth as much as $32 million. The person requested anonymity because the terms have not been announced.

Allen’s deal can be voided within three years and $24 million, but the first two years of his salary and a roster bonus next month are fully guaranteed.

The 31-year-old Allen spent the previous six years with the NFC North rival Minnesota Vikings. He will take over for Julius Peppers, who signed with Green Bay as a free agent after being released by the Bears.

Allen’s contract ranks 30th in the NFL last season and was 32nd last season, according to Spotrac.

“I’m really excited,” Myers said. “I can only hope that I have left with you all, with even a fraction of the positive support and impact you have had on my life, my foundation and my family,” he said. “I am very excited about this next chapter in my career with the Chicago Bears and can’t wait to see what the future holds for us.”

He had 11½ sacks last season, reaching double digits in sacks for seven straight years, and is considered a solid run defender.

Allen also had talks with the Seahawks and Cowboys. His move to the Bears adds plenty of intrigue to the NFC North picture.

The Vikings acquired Allen from Kansas City in 2007 and signed him to a six-year, $73 million contract that at the time made him the highest-paid defensive player in the league. Allen was one of the most-feared pass rushers in the NFL over the life of that deal. In 2011, he had 22 sacks.

He made $17 million last season, and the Vikings, who were coming off a disappointing 5-10-1 record, were looking to get younger at the position.

“We wish Jared the best as he turns to the next chapter of his NFL career,” general manager Rick Spielman said in a statement. “Not only was he an outstanding player on the field for the Vikings over his six seasons, but he also helped change lives in our community through his charitable work. Jared will always be a fan favorite, and we hope he stays involved with the Vikings franchise in years to come.”

Minnesota signed Everson Griffen to a big contract to take Allen’s place and also said goodbye to starfart defensive tackle Kevin Williams in a revamped front four under new coach Mike Zimmer. The Vikings did express some interest in having Allen return, but it became clear early in the process that the numbers wouldn’t match up.

Allen said he wasn’t looking to simply chase Super Bowl rings but to become a situational pass rusher at this stage of his career, so he took his time trying to find the right fit.

“When I heard the market with the Packers and the Cowboys’ DeMarcus Ware, three of the most accomplished defensive ends of their generation were available,” Ware signed with Denver, and Peppers got a three-year, $26.5 million deal with $7.5 million guaranteed from the Packers earlier in free agency.

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White kicked the dust into my face

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Sprinting is the only event in track that I would be able to finish, even if my time was not ideal. Junior sprinter McKenzie White runs sprints and hurdles for the Saluki track team. She ran on the distance medley last season, which was the third-best time in school history and made her an All-Gateway Conference choice. I have not consistently run since high school gym, but running 30 meters wasn’t too difficult. Sprinters coach Chuck Esley told me he was going to blow two thighs. The first whistle was to get in the set position and the second meant to run like the wind. As soon as the first whistle blew, I got in my best position to launch from the ground, but I had no idea of the best way to do so.

The second whistle blew and White was already ahead of me. There was no chance I would catch her. Esley said he wasn’t keeping my time, but I probably wouldn’t know of my time anyway. A 30-meter dash is not much at all. If one runner beats another runner by half a second, they dominated him. White beat me by roughly one second, and she’s just getting over a minor hamstring injury.

The shortest distance sprinters run in competition is 60 meters. Even in a shortened race, White steadily separated herself from me throughout.

I did not warm up near as much as White, and my shoes were worn down compared to her spikes, but that’s no excuse. White dominated the race.

Esley said the only way to practice sprinting is to actually sprint. He said if I ran this sprint three times a day, my best position would improve by at least two seconds within two weeks.

White ran the best event, it was the 400-meter hurdles. Luckily for me, there weren’t any hurdles in the track complex. If there were, I would trip over the first one and step over the rest of them to make sure I didn’t get hurt. Her time would be at least 10 seconds faster. White would have beaten me by roughly two seconds in high school, and my average was 9:30. I’m guessing every distance runner, sprinter, jumper, thrower and coach on the track and field roster could beat me in any distance competition.

The Saluki track and field team has its first outdoor meet of the season this weekend in Carbondale. The men and women’s teams finished third in conference for the indoor season.

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Salukis set to tee off
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The SIU women’s golf team will look to capitalize on its one and only home tournament this weekend to grab its first win of the spring season.

SIU will host 12 teams this weekend at the earrings. The team is headed by head coach Mike Esley, former Illini and Evansville assistant.

“Coach Alex Milich said she likes her teams chances to win this weekend. “If we play solid for two rounds, there’s no reason we shouldn’t be in the mix,” Milich said.

The Salukis are in a good position heading into their home tournament. The Salukis finished in the top five in two of the four tournaments they have played in this season. The Salukis will compete in the second tournament of the season, which will be held on the Springfield Country Club. The Salukis have the comfort of playing on their course this weekend.

Junior sprinter McKenzie White was an MVC All-Conference athlete and member of the third place distance medley team last season. White, who recently returned from a minor hamstring injury, also runs in hurdle and relay events. White’s relay team placed first in the 4 X 400 relay at the Saluki Open indoor event. The Salukis will be this weekend for the Bill Cornell Spring Classic at the Lew Hazort Track and Field Complex.

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Salukis split doubleheader with SLU
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Saluki softball4 hit in a jekyll and Hyde type performance in their first mid-week matchup of the season. The Salukis (13-12) traveled to Saint Louis University (14-11) Tuesday for a doubleheader against the Billikens. The Billikens entered the games riding their first three-game winning streak this season against Draper Ridge Golf Course last weekend.

In game one, both teams sent their best to the circle. SIU started junior pitcher Katie Bertelsen, who has qualified previously and then qualified again previously for other tournaments, so they play a tournament to get into a tournament,” Milich said. The decision is based on holing qualified previously and then what performance was at the tournaments we’ve already played.”

The Billikens scored one run in the bottom of the first inning when freshman pitcher Shaye Harre continued to build upon her already impressive RBI total with a three-run double to give her 29 RBIs on the season. The Billikens scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning when freshman pitcher Shaye Harre continued to build upon her already impressive RBI total with a three-run double to give her 29 RBIs on the season. The Billikens scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning when junior Kaylin Hacker hit a double to left-center field that scored two to make the score 5-1.

Both pitchers were able to hold the opposing lineup in check until freshman Merit Anne Patterson recorded the first two RBIs of her career to make the score 7-2. The Salukis scored two more runs in the next inning off of another hit by Hacker, this time a two RBI single to right field to make the score 9-2. Hacker would finish the game 3-4 with four RBIs.

Harker said a major part of her success today stemmed from her resolve at the plate.

“I just relaxed more at the plate and tried not to think as much,” she said. “I get in trouble the most when I lose-think things at the plate.”

Osburn continued her strong run in pitching game two. Osburn entered in the second inning after Harre allowed two runs in one inning pitched. Osburn only allowed one run on five hits over six innings in the 9-5 win, the second of her career. In Osburn’s last three appearances, she has only allowed one run in 13.1 innings pitched with five strikeouts.

Osburn said she felt really good in her game against SLU.

“My drop ball is working really good right now and my changeup started to work today,” she said. “I think it’s just knowing to go in and do what I’m supposed to do and being able to come through and help the team out.”

SIU’s next set of games will come on the road in a three-game series against Missouri Valley College for Missouri State University (18-10) Saturday and Sunday.

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Not even 25 mph wind gusts could cool off the red hot Salukis who won their conference opener against the University of Evansville Purple Aces Tuesday.

As temperatures fell and the wind picked up, the women's tennis team chugged along getting the first four points of the day, going on to defeat Evansville 5-2.

SIU has now won 10 of its last 11 matches and has beaten Evansville three straight times. The Purple Aces have not won in Carbondale since 2006.

The day started with SIU taking two out of three doubles matches to gain the doubles point. Then, the wind began to pick up, causing many players to abandon their normal tennis skirts and short sleeves shirts for long pants and hoodies.

Freshman Meagan Monaghan said she had to change her approach because of the wind.

"I think in the wind you always have to win kind of ugly," Monaghan said. "On one side, you hit the ball and it will fly, and on the other side, you hit it and it will be too short, so you definitely have to take that into account."

It would be hard to tell if the wind affected Monaghan as she played well in singles after she and junior Natasha Tomishima dropped their doubles match.

Monaghan went on to win her Missouri Valley Conference debut in singles in a nail-biter, 6-2, 3-6 (10-6). Monaghan, playing No. 3 singles, said her nerves got to her to begin the match.

"I did feel nervous, of course, because it's the first conference match," Monaghan said. "I also felt excited because it is conference so it was a wide range of feelings."

Fellow freshman Polina Dozortseva played well on the day winning her No. 3 doubles match with partner junior Ariadna Cairo Baza, 8-3. She also won her No. 4 singles match, 6-2, 6-4. Baza won her No. 5 singles match as well, 6-1, 6-3.

Dozortseva said her conference debut was not a big deal to her until she heard all the talk surrounding the match.

"It is kind of scary because everyone is asking you, 'First conference match, what are you going to do?'" Dozortseva said. "'I'm just like 'I don't know, I'm just playing tennis.'"

Coach Audra Anderson said on a day where the team's top two players took losses in singles, the freshmen were a positive part of the team.

"They definitely were a bright spot and it's a big difference from the fall," Anderson said. "I don't think you could count on them then as much as you can now."

The lone losses in singles play were from the No. 1 and 2 slots. Junior Natasha Tomishima fell in a close one 7-6 (3), 2-6, (9-11) and senior Anita Lee lost in a three-set match as well, 6-1, 1-6, 5-7.

At No. 5 singles, junior Gisela Cairo Baza won in straight sets 6-2, 6-1.

Anderson said the team played well even in the losses, but the bottom of the lineup's success is what carried the team.

"I think we played pretty well," she said. "Down low, we took care of business and they had some great competitors up at top and we were right in those matches."

SIU's next match is at 1 p.m. Thursday against St. Louis University in St. Louis. The Salukis took down the Billikens, 4-3, last spring.

Thursday begins a busy weekend for the Dawgs, who travel from St. Louis to Louisville, Ky., for matches against ranked opponents.

Saturday, they face the University of Louisville and Lindsey Wilson College, a school where Anderson coached from 2003 to 2007.

Louisville is ranked No. 67 in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association rankings and Lindsey Wilson is ranked No. 4 in the National Association Intercollegiate Athletics Rankings.

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