Snowstorm closes university

Icy conditions cancel classes, cause power outages

Allison Petty
Daily Egyptian

The university closed Tuesday with only essential personnel asked to report, after a winter storm covered southern Illinois in inches of snow and ice.

Rod Sievers, spokesman for the university, said he had been notified around 11:00 p.m. Monday that the campus would be closed.

“In closing the university is not something they do at the drop of a snowflake, for sure,” Sievers said. “Obviously, it was in very unsafe conditions yesterday and even still, and it didn’t appear that they could get the campus open anyway.”

More than 16,000 Ameren customers in southern Illinois experienced power outages after the storm, according to the company’s Web site. At 10:50 a.m. Tuesday, the site reported that 3,931 of the nearly 10,000 customers in Carbondale’s zip code were without power.

Erica Abbett, spokeswoman for Ameren, said the morning began with only about 5,000 outages in the area. However, she said local-tree limbs continued to fall on power lines throughout the morning.

“It was a really, really weird day,” Abbett said. “We have made some significant progress and if we can continue to make this kind of progress we’ll be able to restore a lot more customers by the end of the day.”

She said about 250 workers were working to restore power at noon Tuesday, with about 250 more people expected to join in later in the afternoon.

“When this kind of thing happens, we gut all of our resources into getting customers back on as quickly and safely as possible,” Abbett said. She added that workers would be slowed by the extreme conditions, but would take extra precautions to work safely.

Brad Dillard, assistant director of facilities, spoke from his cellphone as he and about 35 other employees worked to clear ice off roads and sidewalks.

Dillard said they began these efforts around 7:30 a.m. and would probably continue until the evening.

“In a situation like this, it’s all hands on deck,” Dillard said. “Everybody will probably be working 15, 16 hours straight trying to get the university ready to go tomorrow.”

He added that the unusual level of ice had forced Physical Plant employees to experiment with a number of different methods to clear the sidewalks.

Carbondale Police Officer Randy Mathis said seven weather-related car accidents had been reported since 7 a.m. Monday. Power outages affected four traffic signals Tuesday morning, but all have been repaired.

Police reports warned hazards would continue through the night and radio stations told drivers road conditions were hazardous at best.

Todd Sigler, director of the SIUC Police Department, said no accidents had been reported on campus. He said officers responded to calls, but would not patrol the campus until road conditions improved.

“We try not to become part of the problem by getting ourselves stuck or causing our own accidents,” Sigler said. “That doesn’t do a lot for serving the campus community if we’re not available.”

Some students were able to keep warm in the Recreation Center. The facility did not close on Tuesday, though staff members worked on a voluntary basis only.

Intramural sports programs and fitness classes were cancelled, said Gary Tisdale, director of marketing for Recreational Sports and Services.

“Basically, the doors are open,” Tisdale said. “For the most part, the students that come in, they can do whatever they like as far as — the courts are wide open.”

Tisdale said he had not seen many students in the Recreation Center as of Tuesday morning.

Sievers said he believed the university would be open Wednesday, unless conditions worsened.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said at about 3:30 p.m. Tuesday that he did not want to cancel Wednesday classes.

"I'm just saying that as a blanket statement right now," Poshard said. "If they're not going to get the power back on or they can't clear the sidewalks adequately and so on, then who's to say? Maybe we would, but that wouldn't be my first pass at the thing," Poshard said.

Poshard said the university traditionally left it up to faculty members as to whether individual classes would be canceled.

An e-mail sent out by the Department of Public Safety just before 4 p.m. said the university would be open Wednesday.

According to the Paducah National Weather Service, there was a slight chance of snow and freezing rain for Tuesday night. At 3:30 Tuesday, the forecast for today predicted sun and temperatures in the upper 20s.

A thick sheet of snow and ice cover town square in Carbondale Tuesday morning.
Freezing rain and snow continued throughout the day.

Jae Leonard
Daily Egyptian
### CALENDAR

**Blood Drive American Red Cross**
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Lecture presentation by Phil Matthews

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### NEWS BRIEFS

Blagojevich plans to unveil his new budget Feb. 20, but his administration acknowledged Monday that it also must close the $750 million gap in the current budget that was fused together in a bitter legislative overtime session. The governor's figure is even higher than the $400 million shortfall projected by the legislature's budget forecasters.

Rising of Medicaid and state worker pensions coupled with a slowdown in revenue growth provide the makings of an ominous financial picture going into the budget year that begins July 1, officials said.

In a report on state finances released Monday, Hynes predicted a continued decline in sales-tax and corporate income-tax collections. That, he said, could further delay state payments to Medicaid providers.

"I don't think there's any more latitude in terms of cutting Medicaid bills off," Hynes told the Sun-Times' editorial board. "To fill the current hole, the governor's aides said they hoped lawmakers would consider eliminating a series of tax breaks for corporations and sweep money from a variety of special funds with balances that have been tapped in prior years under Blagojevich.

Chicago's spokesman for Abby Ottenhoff said the current budget was passed by the legislature with inflated revenue projections and would be worse if the governor did notViewSet hundreds of millions of dollars.

### Gui's police sketch now seen on electronic billboards

CHICAGO (AP) — Authorities hope electronic billboards will help them track down the gunman in this month's deadly shooting at a suburban Chicago clothing store.

The signs display a police sketch of the suspect in the Tinley Park attack that left five women dead and another injured.

The 10-second message, with mention of a $5,000 reward, went up Monday in seven busy areas in the Chicago area.

An eighth site is planned.

Scott Elliott is president of Clear Channel Outdoor Chicago, and he says his company will run the billboards for an indefinite amount of time. The company donated the billboard space.

The sketch is based on a description from the survivor, a female store employee.

Police describe the suspect as a black man, between 5 feet 9 and 6 feet tall and between 200 to 230 pounds with thick braided hair and a receding hairline.

### Krajcir extradition to Missouri could happen this week

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo. (AP) — A man suspected of killing nine women in four states in the late 1970s and early 1980s could be extradited as early as this week from Illinois to Missouri, where five of the women were slain.

Timothy Krajcir has already been convicted of two of the murders, both in Illinois, and is serving an 80-year sentence.

 lieutenant Scott Compton of the Illinois State Police told the Chicago Tribune's editorial board on Monday that Krajcir has already been convicted of two of the murders, both in Illinois, and is serving an 80-year sentence.

"We still have a serious budget deficit," Hynes said the state is entering an "indefinite amount of time. The state Comptroller's office is estimating a $5,000 reward, went up Monday in seven busy areas in the Chicago area.

During a morning meeting, Calderon and Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed a partnership agreement to strengthen educational ties between the state and Mexico. It includes a visiting program for Mexican teachers.

Calderon also is set to meet with Chicago Mayor Richard Daley and then address the Mexican community members at a large afternoon event.

### Comptroller: Budget hole needs filling

CHICAGO (AP) — State Comptroller Dan Hynes says a $750 million hole in this year's budget needs to be filled as Gov. Rod Blagojevich's administration prepares a budget for next year that could go a significant distance to close the deficit.

Hynes said the state is entering "an extraordinarily challenging period" because it failed to pass key legislation to fill the holes.

"We still have a serious budget deficit," Hynes said.

Chicago Tribune's editorial board.

"I hope this is a good day for those who have chosen to participate. The results cannot be assumed to represent the opinions of Internet users who have not chosen to participate."
A dark take on love

Devlin Vaughn
Daily Egyptian

Xiu Xiu: ‘Women as Lovers’

Rebecca Davis, Ram. 29
Label: Kill Rock Stars
www.xiuxiu.org

3 out of 5 stars

Most bands, after years of record making, tend to mellow and shift into autopilot, coasting on past glories as opposed to exploring new musical landscapes. The American art-rock band Xiu Xiu, however, now with its sixth studio album under its belt, shows no sign of complacency as it directs itself along a path that is anything but standard. The title “Women as Lovers” suggests sexual overtones, the album’s cover art, which depicts a soft, nude woman bound by her arms and legs, confirms it is going to be a little strange, and her slurring of words is unlikely to find its way into the playlist of your average music fan, a woman pop singer. The album’s cover art, harmoniums to guitars and sound effects, each song’s components seem to pull at their own seams, never allowing an easy harmony or steady driving beat to lull the listener into a feeling of comfort. Though Xiu Xiu manages to take what sounds like cacophony and turn it into a unique, intriguing and, at times, absorbing symphony.

However, Xiu Xiu manages to inspire anyone to dance, each track somehow succeeds in producing a raw energy capable of pulling in the listener. In this sense, Xiu Xiu’s musical experimentation is a success, but, at times, the album’s artier qualities wear a bit thin and raise the flag of pretension a bit too high. One needs only to hear a song title like “To Lust You Can Hear the Anx Fall” to wonder if its songwriter is a bit too serious. With a focus on sexuality as a driving beat to lull the listener into a feeling of comfort. Though Xiu Xiu manages to take what sounds like cacophony and turn it into a unique, intriguing and, at times, absorbing symphony.

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A dark take on love

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Adele’s ‘19’ young debut

With the addition of an orchestra and band, and without the guitar, Adele transforms into something that sounds much older, much more produced, yet more natural as far as vocals are concerned. There’s something there to back up her voice instead of letting it fly solo and drown out everything else. Her slower guitar songs are a sweet idea, but they just don’t work well for her. Her voice is better with an R&B accompaniment, not so much with a sparse guitar picking instead of even full-blended chords.

“Cold Shoulder” is an R&B tune with orchestra; the album either goes one way or the other with acoustic, love songs or jazzy studio songs, but they all have Adele burning out her heart and singing about love. When the rain is blowing in your face, and the whole world is on your case, I can offer you a warm embrace, to make you feel my love,” she sings on “Make You Feel My Love,” with a soothing piano.

Though Adele has raw acoustic ballads that don’t just sound quite right, her orchestrated songs sound too over-produced, and there’s no real place to make two ends meet. “My Same” is her strongest, with Afterwards, sin singers, she sounds like a true R&B singer, a good fit for her sweet distance, but that’s the only track she’s able to do that on. Hopefully she gives it another shot and comes out stronger on her next album.

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**Trader Joe’s bans imports**

**Robert Jablon**

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LOS ANGELES — Trader Joe’s will stop offering some Chinese-grown food products because of customer concerns about safety, the store chain announced Monday.

Guisti said 60 to 70 people were reported panic attacks, but no damage was reported, and wages. Naparagas has more than 70 offices in five Eastern states, stopped purchasing Chinese-grown garlic last fall but continued to sell other products.

“We have not made any sweeping decisions in the wake of last week’s events because of being sourced from China,” spokesperson Jeanne Coelho said.

**Case for alleged Sept. 11 plotters will take time**

**Joe’s bans imports**

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**Iraqi journalist killed in Baghdad**

Kim Gable

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BAGHDAD — Radical Shiite cleric Sadr’s office on Tuesday condoned the kidnapping of two CBS journalists,Baghdad, while Iraqi police said an intensive search was under way for them.

Separately, a 27-year-old Iraqi journalist who disappeared after leaving his office two days ago to buy some supplies was found shot dead Thursday in central Baghdad.

Iraqi police and witnesses said the kidnappers warned on place Sunday morning when about eight masked gunmen with rifles and shoulder-fired anti-tank missiles set the Sultan Palace Hotel and sent the CIA’s office to Baghdad, told reporter and his Iraqi interpreter.

CBS News said Monday that two of the six kidnappers were believed to be in Basra, but it did not identify them.

Basra, the second-largest city, has seen fierce fighting between rival Shiite militias as part of a power struggle for the oil-rich south.

The kidnappers’ demands were quick to distance themselves from the disappearance of the journalists.

“We condemn the abduction of journalists, and we demand the release of the British journalist and the American,” Harith al-Edhari, a director of Sadr’s office in Baghdad, told reporter. “Our office will participate in such events and we call on security forces to help them in their release.”

An official in the Basra security operations room, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of security concerns, said authorities had launched an intensive search and had targeted for involvement in the kidnapping, police said.

CBS said all efforts were under way to find the journalists and request the kidnappers “to accept and present any information that helps to localize the identities of those involved” until more information was received.

Kidnappings of Westerners and Iraqis — for political motives or ransom — have been common in the past but have become infrequent recently with a decline in violence.

Since 2004, three journalists — James Brandon, Steven Vincent and Faleh Haidar of The New York Times — have been abducted in Basra, according to Colin Harkins from the Committee to Protect Journalists. Brandon was released, but Vincent and Haidar were murdered, it said.

According to CPJ, at least 51 journalists have been abducted in Iraq since 2004. The New York-based group said the majority was released, but 12 were killed.

“Iraq is the most dangerous country in the world for journalists,” CPJ Executive Director Joel Simon said. “Journalists face inculcating risks in order to bring us the news about what is happening on the ground there.”

CPJ also has recorded at least 122 journalists killed since the U.S.-led war started in March 2003, excluding the latest death.
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There was no such thing as a Grand Canyon National Park in 1872, when the law governing mining on federal lands was enacted. Times have changed.

Yet today, that outdated law still gives federal officials no authority to prevent mining close to America’s national parks, and with global prices for metals soaring, companies have been filing a mother lode from just 10 in 2003 to 1,130 today. Between July and January, the number grew by 40 percent. In December, the Forest Service granted a British company permission to drill seven exploratory wells related to possible uranium finds just outside Grand Canyon National Park. The permit to VANE Minerals was issued with little notice and no public input and notes that the 1872 law “specifically authorizes the taking of valuable mineral commodities from Public Domain Lands. A ‘No Action’ alternative is not an option that can be considered.”

Michael Dombeck, a former director of the federal Bureau of Land Management, told a congressional committee last month that “once claimed, it is nearly impossible to prohibit mining” under current law “no matter how serious the impacts may be.”

In the case of uranium mining, the impact on land, air, water — and human beings — can be extremely serious. Last year, the Los Angeles Times detailed the long-lasting environmental effects of uranium mining on Navajo land near the Grand Canyon, including high rates of cancer and areas of radioactive contamination. Former uranium miners and workers who hauled radioactive ore suffer from higher than normal rates of cancer. Concerns about this new wave of uranium prospecting have prompted local governments near the canyon to try to block mining.

On top of that, the 1872 mining law also allows companies that dig for copper, silver and gold to avoid paying royalties for minerals extracted from public lands. This is unconscionable. The House of Representatives passed an updated mining bill last fall that would give the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management more say over where mines may be located. It also would allow the government to collect royalties when minerals are extracted.

The House bill is awaiting action in the Senate. The Environmental Working Group, an advocacy organization, says opposition from powerful mining groups makes it difficult to pass. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Nevada Democrat, previously has opposed the bill.

Enactment of the 1872 law produced a mining boom in the area around the Grand Canyon. Although it had yet to be designated a national park at that point, it was no less grand than it is today.

One hundred and twenty-six years later, we have come to understand better the importance — and the fragility — of America’s unique natural treasures. With or without Reid’s support, the Senate needs to take quick action to protect the Grand Canyon and the rest of our awe-inspiring national heritage and preserve them for the generations to come.

The following editorial appeared in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch on Saturday.
GOP will unify as Obama and Clinton continue to vie

Jonathan V. Last
McClatchy Tribune

Super Tuesday? The circus has already moved on, with voting in Kansas and Louisiana on Saturday and a Democratic primary in Maine on Sunday. Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Virginia voted Tuesday. The primary process is a remorseless eating machine.

Nonetheless, it's worth dwelling on a moment for Super Tuesday because its results give us a clearer picture than this weekend does. Also, because Super Tuesday was one of those rare nights where almost everybody was able to walk away happy. It's a win-win-win. So let's run down all the "winners".

John McCain: Only an act of God can stop him from winning the Republican nomination. In exit polls, he showed strength in all regions and across all bands — even among self-identified conservatives.

Mike Huckabee: He has done more with less than any presidential candidate in the last 20 years. Elite conservatives in print, talk radio and on the blogs spent a week trying to tear down McCain and present Mitt Romney as the conservative alternative. But Huckabee did almost as well as Romney, on a campaign so cheap it won't run out of money. But he is going to run out of Southern states.

Hillary Clinton: Her traditional Democratic coalition continues to build. Originally composed of women, union voters, Catholics and people making less than $50,000 a year, it now includes Hispanic voters. For some reason, the media keep predicting Obama blowouts, but Clinton keeps turning in solid electoral results. She won a crushing victory in California while also taking a Southern border-state (Tennessee) and Ted Kennedy's Massachusetts. Consider: Had Obama not won Iowa, his campaign would be hanging by a thread today. As it is, Clinton remains the mild favorite and probably has more room for opportunistic growth.

Barack Obama: Tuesday was never going to be a great day for him, but it could have been a disaster. His one-point win in Missouri was critically important because it showed he could beat Clinton in a toss-up state. Obama has created a coalition for himself of upscale white liberals and black voters. Think of it as Bill Bradley-Plus. That's not a knock: You can go far in a Democratic primary with that support. But without some other coalition partners, it seems pretty big in the long term. Needs to expand if he wants to triumph.

The good news for Obama is that there will be a long run and he has the money to pay for it. Democrats: Look at their raw vote totals from Tuesday. In every state such as Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee, Democrats ran even or ahead of Republicans in total votes. In middle-of-the-road Missouri, Democrats had better than a 4-3 advantage, a very good sign for them. The topography of 2008 suggests that Democrats have good ground on which to fight. And their candidates aren't bad, either.

Republicans: Here's the good news: They're going to nominate the guy who runs best against Democrats in every poll taken so far.

Such "theoretical" matchups can measure worthings, name-recognition and solidarity of a campaign. Forget name recognition: McCain, Clinton and Obama are all well-known. But McCain's campaign is sound indeed. He will put immense pressure on independents and Hispanics. He should run extremely well with men. And his trump card is that he's the only person in the race who was right from the very start on what should be the defining difference in the campaign: Iraq.

The question for the general election will be whether McCain's advantages as a candidate can overcome the Democrats' general advantages in political terrain: a troubled economy, two wars, Bush fatigue and a slew of vacated Republican Senate seats.

Two paths are diverging in the woods. The Republicans will begin mopping up and unifying the party once the next few weeks. The Democrats are in for a protracted and probably unpleasant fight that should go through April. (It could get personal, because the actual policy differences between the two candidates are so small.)

In the near term, Obama is poised to have a good couple of weeks, since he's likely to get Maryland, the District of Columbia and Washington state. Clinton can look forward to competing hard in Virginia and Wisconsin. It will be nearly a month of skirmishing before the next big crossroads, Ohio and Texas. And don't look now, but the Pennsylvania primary on April 22 might not only be important — it could decide the race.

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The earnings report and buyout offer came as GM struggles to turn around its North American business as the economy weakens.

GM Chairman and Chief Executive Rick Wagoner said the company made significant progress in 2007, reducing structural costs in North America, negotiating a historic labor agreement and growing aggressively in Latin America and Asia.

During a conference call with analysts and media, Chief Financial Officer Fritz Henderson said 2008 will be difficult, but the company sees the potential for significant earnings increases by 2010 or 2011 once it reduces its work force and labor costs and transfers its entire health-care costs to a new UAW-run trust.

The Detroit-based automaker said it was offering a new round of buyouts to all 74,000 of its U.S. hourly workers who are represented by the United Auto Workers.

GM won’t say how many workers it hopes to shed, but under its new contract with the UAW, it will be able to replace up to 16,000 workers doing non-assembly jobs with new employees who will be paid half the old wage of $28 per hour.

Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler LLC already have announced similar buyout offers.

Henderson said GM’s offer is “reasonably attractive,” and the company raised the amount it was offering to match Ford and Chrysler. He said GM wants to implement lower wages as well as lower its overall worker headcount.

“We have a substantial amount we can do in terms of transformation of the work force,” he said.

GM shares rose 44 cents to $27.56 in late morning trading. GM’s annual loss of $38.7 billion largely was due to a third-quarter charge related to unused tax credits.

The 2007 loss topped GM’s previous record in 1992, when the company lost $23.4 billion because of a change in health care accounting, according to Standard & Poor’s Compustat.

Excluding the tax charge and other special items, GM lost $23 million, or 40 cents per share, for the year, compared with a net income of $2.2 billion in 2006, beating Wall Street’s expectations. Analysts polled by Thomson Financial expected GM to post a full-year loss of 95 cents per share.

For the fourth quarter, GM posted a loss of $772 million, or $1.28 per share, in the fourth quarter, compared with a net income of $950 million in the year-ago quarter. Fourth-quarter charges included $622 million to Delphi Corp., GM’s former parts division, for its restructuring efforts, and a gain of $1.6 billion because of tax credits related to GM’s pension liabilities and the sale of GM’s Allison Transmission unit.
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Complete the grid so each row, column, and 3-by-3 box (in gold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.co.uk.

Solution to Tuesday's puzzle

Level: 1

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2 6 7

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Sophomore guard Josh Bone dives for the ball as junior forward Tony Boyle follows against Indiana State. The Salukis battle Drake tonight at the SIU Arena.

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Sophomore guard Josh Young, who scored a game-high 24 points, led Drake’s offense while senior forward Clayton Korrer added 13 points for the Bulldogs.

The Salukis made it a close game at the Knapp Center, cutting the deficit to 47-43 with six minutes left in the second half. But the Salukis didn’t have the ability to finish the comeback and let the game slip away from them, as has been common on the road this season.

In a post game radio interview after the game, coach Chris Lowery expressed his frustration in his seniors Shaw and forward Randal Falken, who combined for only 12 points for the Salukis.

“We had our best runs when our younger guys are out,” Lowery said. “I have to find a way to motivate Matt and Randal.”

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both rounds at 7-over for a 12th-place tie and Laegeler had a total of 15-over for a 16th-place tie respectively.

Hood and senior Kelly Gerlach finished the day at 29th and 30th respectively.

The final round of the tournament was in progress at press time.

Daugherty said she hopes the team performs well at the tournament, but the experience will be positive no matter what the final results are.

“We’re hoping that their experience comes through and we can start off this spring season on a high note,” Daugherty said. “This is the earliest we’ve ever competed, but we got the opportunity to go to Mexico and I thought it was a pretty neat deal.”

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managed to win their first collegiate singles matches. Restrepo and Sebastian Rubiano came back to win their respective flights after dropping the first set while Chase Miller earned his first victory in straight sets.

Coach Dann Nelson said he was proud of the way the team played after losing to Marquette.

“I really liked how our guys responded,” Nelson said. “We played aggressively and it showed in the scores. We were able to get the doubles point, which was very important.”

Both teams will return to action on Saturday with the men taking on Eastern Kentucky and the women facing off against Belmont.

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Memphis Grizzlies swingman Rudy Gay posted a video on YouTube asking dunkers worldwide to submit their most creative dunks, the best of which he will emulate during the All-Star dunk contest this weekend. What dunk should Gay perform?

Thursday, February 13, 2008 whiskey & rye

SHIN GT ON — Roger Clemens, a seven-time Cy Young Award winner, is to be the focus of Wednesday’s congressional hearing about the Steroid Eruption of the American League. Clemens, along with former teammate and personal trainer Brian McNamee, became the center of attention last summer when McNamee was required to testify before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform about his relationship with Clemens, a seven-time Cy Young Award winner. Joe McNamee said in the Mitchell Report, the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, that because of the denial, Pettitte’s presence wasn’t necessary.

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Salukis try to maintain home perfection

Megan Kramer

The Saluki women have continued to hold strong at home this spring season. The men's side, the Salukis had never been there before," said despite all the cold conditions and practice there is no substitute for tournament experience. SIU did see an improvement between rounds when they cut the first-round score of 324 to 315 in the second.

Daugherty said she expected the team would have to overcome a disadvantage since the southern-based schools had more practice leading into the tournament. The cold conditions did not keep the Salukis from getting in as much practice as possible.

The squad of five Salukis. The mark is the lowest total ever at SIU.

SIU's four members, who are 3-1 in doubles and 3-0 in singles, are all set to play against Indiana State University. The Salukis are set to play Drake tonight at the SIU Arena.

Senior guard Wesley Clemmons led the Saluki offense in the earlier contest with 13 points and senior forward Mart Shaw added eight.

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Senior Felipe Villanenor practices during the fall season. The men's team is 1-1 so far this spring season with their next match Saturday against Eastern Kentucky.

**Tennis**

Jeff Engelhardt

The SIU tennis teams are looking to bolster the program with winning seasons and after improved records last year and a positive start this season, the signs are promising.

The Saluki women have competed in four matches and are 3-1 while the men have competed in two matches and compiled a 1-1 record.

The women's first match was Feb. 2 against Dayton. The Salukis defeated the Flyers 5-2 with Sabine Tisa Mvilongo, Jessica Flannery, Michelle Cruize and Amanda Tallister all winning their respective flights.

It didn't take long for the women to get their next victory when they defeated Wright State 5-2 on Feb. 3. Mvilongo won her match after dropping the first set and Cruise, Martina Viscano Ce and Andrea Courtand all won in straight sets.

The doubles play was strong over that span and the teams went 5-1 and took the point on each day. The teams of Mvilongo and Flannery and Cruize and Ce won on both.

Coach Audrey Nothuber said the team had been focusing on doubles play leading into the season since it is an important point in every match.

"We were really strong at doubles and solid all the way around," Nothuber said. "But we still have a long way to go."

The Salukis' next victory was Saturday when they defeated Memphis in a 4-3 match. After SIU took the doubles point, Mvilongo went on to win her flight, but Ce and Cruise fell in their flights causing a 2-2 tie.

Flannery saved the Salukis by winning her match after dropping the first set to lead the team to victory.

The lone loss on the season came against Samford on Saturday. The Salukis lost 7-0 but managed to win one doubles match. Ce was the only player to win a set in singles.

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Golf

Women’s golf swings down to Mexico

Jeff Engelhardt

The Saluki women's golf team started the defense of its Missouri Valley Conference Championship in unfamiliar territory — Baja, Mexico.

The Salukis opened up their spring season Monday at the Baja Invitational held at the Baja marina and Oceanfront Resort. The tournament comprises of nine teams including two conference foes in Bradley and Drake.

SIU coach Diane Daugherty said the opportunity to play in Mexico was too good to pass up despite not having much time to prepare for it.

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