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Daily Egyptian Staff
Doctoral student from Kenya found dead

ASHLEY ZBOREK  Daily Egyptian

A Ph.D. student from Kenya was found dead in her apartment Sunday. Alice Mbogua, who was pursuing a doctorate in rehabilitation after earning a master’s degree from SIUC, was taken to Carbondale’s Memorial Hospital after she was found Sunday. The reasons of death are unknown and an autopsy is scheduled.

The Rev. Robert Gray, SIUC police chaplain, said Mbogua’s family in Kenya has been contacted. Carl Flowers, acting director and professor of the Rehabilitation Institute, said Mbogua was a good and responsible student.

“This is a tremendous loss for the university, as well as the Rehabilitation Institute,” Flowers said. Mbogua was an active member of the Student Rehabilitation Association and was on schedule to graduate this spring. She was also a research assistant for the Rehabilitation Institute.

Flowers said he is shocked by the death, as is everyone else.

“She was the picture of good health,” he said. “She exercised and ate well, so her death was very unexpected.”

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Giant City Stables caters to young riders

Crystal Elliott, 11, of Murphysboro, mounts a pony Saturday at Giant City Stables. Elliott was one of many children who attended the stables’ “Fun Day.” “I came today not only to have joy with the horses but also for the horses to have joy,” Elliott said. “I wanted them to have fun with me.”

Children line the arena gate at Giant City Stables Saturday waiting for their turn to ride a horse. The stable puts on a “Fun Day” each year, which includes horse rides, event demonstrations, lasso practice and a marshmallow and hotdog roast over an open fire.

Area businesses boosted from mild temperatures

SHARON WITTKE  Daily Egyptian

Usually, when people say “it sure is warm,” it’s the middle of July. But this year, they’re talking about winter.

Most of the United States has experienced a mild winter so far, and southern Illinois is no exception. The warmer temperatures have contributed to better-than-average bottom lines for some area businesses, but there are a few downsides to the good weather.

The cause of this year’s mild winter is a core of cold air normally located in central or eastern Canada that has remained near Alaska for most of the winter and has pushed the coldest temperatures farther to the west, said WSIL-TV Chief Meteorologist Jim Racer in an email.

That means most of the continental United States has been affected by a warm, southwestern flow of air, he said.

Some local businesses specializing in outdoor recreation have benefitted from the warm air flow.

The general manager of Midland Hills Golf Course, Winslow Chou, said he was busier this January than he was last year. “Normally, we wouldn’t have very much play in the winter,” he said.

Chou said he thought golfers would continue to play if the weather stays warm but the recent rain hasn’t helped. The ground has to stay firm enough to support the carts, he said.

Kelly Drew, owner of Shawnee Adventure Guides in Makanda, said she’s also seen an increase in business because of the mild weather. She offers guided tours for rock climbers, kayakers, canoeists and backpackers.

“This warm weather is motivating people to get ready for spring,” she said.

Cathy Steton, assistant manager at Changing Seasons Landscape Center at Marion, said her customers are also thinking about spring. “During the two warmest weeks in January, the center’s plant specialists were overwhelmed by customers checking to see what was available for their gardens,” she said.

The mild weather is promoting early growth for some species of plants, Steton said. “Bulbs and some perennials are starting to bloom already and the buds on some trees are starting to open a little,” she said.

A mid-April cold snap will below-freezing temperatures could damage those early bloomers, Steton said.

The concern about a severe spring frost was echoed by Homer Cissell, owner of Lincoln Heritage Winery in Colenda.

He said he expects an early bud break on his grapevines this year because of the warmer winter. “A bud break occurs when the buds on a grapevine’s pruned spurs and canes break open to reveal the new growing point of the shoot that will develop from the bud. When bud break occurs too early, the young shoots are more vulnerable to damaging frost later in the spring,” according to www.my-grape-vine.com.

Cissell said despite the good weather, he is resisting the temptation to prune his grapevines too early. Because pruning is labor intensive, many grape growers like to start as soon as weather permits. “I don’t want to put my vines at risk,” he said.

Cissell said he was more concerned about spring and summer weather. Because there hasn’t been a long period of below-freezing temperatures this winter, he said there may be an increase in the number of bugs that infest grapevines.

Razor said he hopes the abnormal winter doesn’t turn into a violent spring. If the current warm air flow switches to a colder pattern at the same time the area is warming up for spring, a classic clash of warm, humid air and cold, dry air that fuels severe spring storms could result, he said.

While most area residents enjoyed the break from blustery winter weather, waterfowl hunters weren’t as enthused. Ducks and geese that normally winter in southern Illinois wetlands to avoid harsh winter conditions stayed farther north, said Dolly Ruiz, of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Horsehoe Lake Conservation Area.

Their decreased numbers negatively affected duck and goose hunting, she said.

“The season wasn’t as good this year, but it picked up toward the end,” Ruiz said.
The Weather Channel® 5-day weather forecast for Carbondale

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Oil jumps to 9-month high after Iran cuts supply

PABLO GORONDI
Associated Press

Oil prices jumped to a nine-month high above $105 a barrel on Monday after Iran said it halted crude exports to Britain and France in an escalation of a dispute over the Middle Eastern country’s nuclear program.

By Monday afternoon, benchmark March crude was up $2.02 to $105.26 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange, the highest since May. The contract rose 93 cents to settle at $103.24 per barrel in New York on Friday.

Iran’s announcement will likely have minimal impact on supplies, analysts said, because only about 3 percent of France’s oil consumption is from Iranian sources. Britain had not imported oil from the Islamic republic in six months.

“The price rise is more a reflection of concerns about the further escalation in tensions between Iran and the West,” said commodity analyst Caroline Bain of the Economist Intelligence Unit. “Banning the tiny quantities of exports to the U.K. and France involves very little risk for Iran — indeed quite the opposite, it catches the headlines and leads to a higher global oil price, which is something Iran is very keen to encourage.”

Markets in the United States are closed Monday for the Presidents Day holiday.

Iran’s oil ministry said Sunday it stopped crude shipments to British and French companies in an apparent pre-emptive bluff against the European Union after the bloc imposed sanctions on Iran’s crucial fuel exports. They include a freeze of the country’s central bank assets and an oil embargo set to begin in July.

Iran’s Oil Minister Rostam Qasemi had warned earlier this month that Tehran could cut off oil exports to “hostile” European nations. The 27-nation EU accounts for about 18 percent of Iran’s oil exports.

Tehran also is considering extending the embargo to other European countries, a semi-official Iranian news agency reported Monday.

The head of Iran’s state oil company Ahmad Qalibeh was quoted by the Mehr agency as saying that the country would stop selling crude to nations who take action against Tehran.

The EU sanctions, along with other punitive measures imposed by the U.S., are part of Western efforts to derail Iran’s disputed nuclear program, which the West fears is aimed at developing atomic weapons. Iran denies the charges, and says its program is for peaceful purposes.

Oil prices also rose on hopes that Greece’s new bailout deal will be approved on Monday as well as by China’s decision to boost monetary support to spur lending and economic growth. China’s central bank said Saturday it will lower the ratio of funds that banks must hold as reserves, a move that frees tens of billions of dollars.

Oil has jumped from $96 earlier this month amid optimism the global economy may grow more this year than previously expected. J.P. Morgan raised its Brent crude price forecast to as high as $135 from $120 — on Monday, the April Brent crude contract was up 79 cents at $120.37 per barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.

“Building economic momentum has the potential to pull oil prices higher for the next 12 to 24 months,” J.P. Morgan said in a report.

In other energy trading in March contracts, heating oil gained 3.22 cents to $3.22 per gallon and gasoline futures rose 6.27 cents to $3.72 per gallon.

Natural gas lost 7 cents to $2.62 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Federal agent opened fire during job discussion

AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

LONG BEACH, Calif. — It had all the ingredients of workplace violence: a manager, an angry employee, a discussion about job performance and at least one gun.

But in this case, both people were federal agents. And when gunfire erupted in a government office building, a third agent drew his handgun and took out the shooter, helping save the manager’s life.

Investigators on Friday were still piecing together the details of Thursday’s chaotic scene at the Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Long Beach.

The confrontation apparently began during a discussion involving Kevin Kozak, the agency’s second-in-command for the Los Angeles area, and a lower-ranking supervisor agent named Ezequiel Garcia.

At some point, the discussion escalated, and Garcia pulled out his weapon and fired. Kozak hit six times, in the upper torso, legs and hands. He was hospitalized in stable condition and was expected to recover.

“His life is in danger, and I believe that’s what he’s alive today,” said Claude Arnold, the ICE agent in charge in Los Angeles. “He refused to succumb to his injuries, and in law enforcement, that’s what makes the difference between people who go home at the end of the day and those who don’t.”

After Garcia fired, a nearby agent drew his own gun and fatally shot the attacker. The third agent, whose name was being withheld, was placed on administrative leave.

Arnold said he wasn’t aware of any issues between Garcia and Kozak. “We are doing everything humanly possible to understand why it happened and to ensure it will not happen again,” he said.

A federal official with knowledge of the investigation told The Associated Press that Kozak had denied a request for an internal transfer request by Garcia. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the investigation publicly.

ICE routinely reallocates resources in line with priorities, but does not disclose information about transfers due to security reasons. ICE spokesman Virginia Koeck said.

Students climb for a cause

BEN CONRADY
Daily Egyptian

Volunteers offering cups of water and shouts of encouragement, paired with memories of loved ones, motivated participants to climb flight after flight of stairs Saturday in the name of lung cancer awareness.

February is National Cancer Awareness Month, and four SIUC students did their part in promoting cancer prevention at the third annual Fight for Air Climb in Springfield.

The event is a fundraiser put on by the American Lung Association in which participants find sponsors who will donate to the cause if they accomplish their climb. Springfield’s summit was the 32-story Hilton Hotel.

Emily Berglin, a junior from Lincoln studying criminal justice, said she was inspired to participate in this year’s climb after volunteering at last year’s event.

After watching the participants last year, I knew I wanted to get a team to do it together this year, and when I asked the other three girls they were quick to jump on board with me,” she said.

Berglin’s team consisted of fellow SIUC students Marilise Wachter, Kelsey Bunner and Bridgette Hyde.

The women received sponsorships from family, friends and members of their hometown communities. Lung cancer awareness is a cause that hit home for each member of the team, as each of them said they have relatives who have suffered from the disease.

Hyde, a senior from Reason studying radiological sciences, said she had an aunt who died of lung cancer, while her grandfather has emphysema and her boyfriend’s father has been fighting lung cancer for six years.

Brunner, a junior from Lincoln studying biological sciences, and Berglin said they both had grandfathers die of lung cancer.

Wachter, a junior from Lincoln studying radiological sciences, said though she also has relatives who have struggled with various lung diseases, she is encouraged to promote cancer awareness more for the general cause.

“I hate cancer, which is why I chose my major,” she said. “I want to be able to treat cancer. I’m determined to find a cure during my lifetime. If it has to do with cancer awareness, I’m going to do it.”

The team, nicknamed the Strutin’ Salukis, set a goal to raise $1,000 and was able raise even more as each member completed the $30 steps of the climb. Each member also wore a ribbon during the event that listed the names of his or her loved ones and his or her sponsors’ loved ones who had lost their battles with cancer.

Kelsey Dyckman, special event manager of the American Lung Association, said 640 people participated in this year’s event, raising more than $110,000.

“This year was a total success,” she said. “This event continues to grow. We surpassed our goal of participants and money raised. But mostly we continued to raise more and more lung cancer awareness to people of all ages. Anyone can be affected.”

ALA Development Manager Bianca Walker said all the money raised is used to support cancer prevention programs locally.

The Strutin’ Salukis plan to participate in another Fight for Air Climb March 11 in Chicago.

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At the Feb. 7 meeting, Mayor Joel Fritzler proposed shifting $120,000 from the the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau to other civic organizations that promote tourism in Carbondale.

Fritzler said he thought the other community groups deserved a chance to show how they can attract business to downtown Carbondale.

Councilman Lance Jack said council members want to be good stewards of the city's money and while some suggestions from the last meeting were worth further consideration, he was concerned the council might act too rapidly.

'The wholesale redirection of funds over such a short period of time doesn't seem to be the best process,' Jack said.

Debbie Moore, executive director of the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau, said she was asked to submit additional paperwork that was basically the same information she already submitted, but in a different format.

'This year's budget processes have been handled quite differently than ever before,' Moore said.

The bureau received more than $317,500 from the city last year. Moore said the proposed reduction would prevent her from targeting new tourism markets in the Peoria, Bloomington, Springfield and Quad City region during the next year and would reduce the amount of money she could spend on marketing in Evanville, Ind., and Memphis and Nashville, Tenn.

Moore said Carbondale is a drive-in destination for many tourists and she focuses marketing campaigns in regions where people driving to Carbondale would most likely require an overnight stay. Revenue collected from the city's lodging tax funds her programs and other city-wide tourism efforts, she said.

Moore said she is afraid if her budget is cut, hotel and motel room sales will decline and the amount of money the city receives from the lodging tax will decrease over the next couple of years.

Moore said it would be an overall decline in the number of people visiting Carbondale and surrounding communities each year, she said.

Jack Whittlock, retired director of the Southern Illinois University Carbondale Museum, said he is a strong supporter of the bureau.

He said the bureau provided excellent service to the Marine Corps League and Marine Corps League Auxiliary Department of Illinois when the organization planned its annual convention in Carbondale in May 2011.

Approximately 130 people attended the convention and memorial service at Woodlands Cemetery. Moore's staff arranged for the attendees to take a wine trail tour and helped book hotel rooms and a banquet facility, he said.

'Ve feel the CCTB has been so good for Carbondale,' Whittlock said.
In Iraq, occupation by another name

ADIL E. SHAMOO
The Baltimore Sun

Two recent reports appearing on the same day last week in The New York Times and The Washington Post illustrate U.S. intentions in Iraq. What they reveal is despite the heralded “end” of U.S. participation in the war there, U.S. policy continues to depend on our security apparatus to influence Iraq, at the expense of Iraq’s sovereignty and dignity. The Times report informed us that the U.S. State Department decided to cut the U.S. embassy staff by 50 percent from its current 16,000 personnel. This is a good decision; the U.S. embassy in Baghdad is the largest in the world. The reason given for the decision is primarily to reduce the American footprint in Iraq with the hope of reducing Iraqi hostility toward these evident remnants of occupation.

The second report, in the Post, informs us that the U.S. is significantly ramping up the number of CIA personnel and covert Special Operations forces in order to make up for reducing the American military and diplomatic footprint. These added covert personnel will be distributed in safe houses in urban centers all across the country. This represents a new way to exert U.S. power, but it is betting on the Iraqis not noticing the increased covert personnel. Really? This is a bad decision as it contradicts the reasons for the decision to reduce embassy staff.

The Iraqis have suffered for nine years as a result of the U.S. invasion and occupation. The economic, educational and political systems in Iraq have been destroyed. Sectarianism, contrary to the belief of many in the U.S., has become the order of the day since the invasion. A significant percentage of Iraqis do not like us and do not want us to stay in Iraq. No Iraqi politicians want to openly be identified as pro-American. Autonomy toward the U.S. is on the rise because of the heavy U.S. presence in Iraq. Our projects in Iraq function to serve our interests, such as building and training security forces to keep the Iraqis in check (building the infrastructure for the promotion of democracy has taken a back seat). We have made sure that Iraq, for the foreseeable future, will depend on us for security equipment and spare parts, heavy industrial machinery and banking. We built Iraq’s security forces but made sure it has no air force. And the half-hearted democracy we built is a sham; graft and corruption are still rampant.

Iraqis can tell the difference between mutually beneficial programs and those that create the impression that the U.S. is powerful and can do whatever it wants in Iraq. Four years ago, on this page, I speculated that the massive U.S. embassy being built in Baghdad would be pillaged by angry Iraqis blaming the U.S. for destroying their country. In a follow-up article, I suggested that as a goodwill gesture, the embassy be converted into a university staffed primarily by volunteers from the Iraqi expatriate community in the U.S. The conversion of the embassy into a university surely would not cost a large portion of the embassy’s current $6 billion budget. Such an institution, filling much of the compound’s soon-to-be-vacated space, would serve the U.S. interest much better than boots on the ground (or in safe houses) and turn a new page in our relationship with the Iraqi people.

U.S. policy in Iraq is in need of a wholesale change, not a ramping up of covert operations and certainly not in urban centers. All of the ingredients of Arab awakening are alive and well in Iraq. U.S. policy needs to realize this and build on it, not implement policies that denigrate Iraqi aspirations, hopes and autonomy.

If the university can't party, let it be known for safety

JUSTIN BAGGOTT
SIUC alumni

SIUC’s enrollment peaked in 1991 and has dropped 19 percent since then, with the root cause being the lack of identity. But the looming question is, “How do we stop this decline and develop a new identity?” What you don’t do is try to compete with the Ivy League in academics or the Southeastern Conference in sports. You also cannot expect to regain the “fun school” identity when most think just the opposite of SIUC and Carbondale. We were fortunate to have had that identity in the first place, because Carbondale does not have the obvious appeal of Las Vegas, Southern California, Florida or New York. We should be able to compete on cost, but we don’t so we only have one option left.

I think there is a top concern emerging for parents and prospective students, which is the safety ranking. The great thing about this is most schools haven’t or cannot solve this issue. SIUC’s safety ranking is 409th, which is pathetic considering the peaceful community we live in compared to many other universities. SIUC can continue to chase the pipe dream of being known for academics, but the obvious choice is to reach for No. 1 in safety rankings — and for that to become SIUC’s new identity.

We need money to implement the plan. The state is broke, taxing residents is always a bad idea, SIUC already struggles to make ends meet and many alumni are reluctant to donate. SIUC should get approval to sell at least $700 million in bonds. That money will be used to remodel, modernize and better secure the campus.

The money would secure the campus as well as make campus travel much more convenient for students. Any security system needs a wall and cameras, so we will build a wall around the main part of campus and it will be locked down, with only two access points for visitors and only one way for students to access the campus. Students would be required to enter the campus on the new monorail system, which will have entry platforms at multiple locations. The monorail will start near Brush Towers and wrap around the campus, with a new train every ten minutes. All commuting students will park at the SIU Arena and enter the monorail from there. There will be a campus police checkpoint at each entry point with metal detectors and X-rays, similar to the airport.

There will only be two locations to enter campus by car, and those riding bikes will have a special lane at each of these. The need for a bike on campus will be greatly reduced by the monorail system, so cyclists will be encouraged to park at one of the monorail platforms. These measures will make SIUC modern and secure, and attract today’s high school graduates and parents. SIUC will have the best security ranking in the country. What better to be known for than safety? We can market this to young women and market the high gender gap numbers to young men. That solves the identity issue, which in turn will solve the enrollment problem.
Study Break

THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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Monday’s Answers: DANAP

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Monday’s Answers: OMEOS

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SCORPIO
Scorpio — Today is an 8 — A spiritual advisor keeps you on the right path. Share your experience with someone to whom it would make a difference. Your friends are really there for you.

LIBRA
Libra — Today is a 6 — Travel and romance both look good for the next two days. Expand your options. There’s no shortage of information. Learn quickly from a loved one.

ARIES
Aries — Today is an 8 — Draw upon hidden resources. Provide excellent service. Accept a generous offer. You’re gaining authority. Review priorities and contemplate your next move.

TAURUS
Taurus — Today is an 8 — A spiritual advisor keeps you on the right path. Share your experience with someone to whom it would make a difference. Your friends are really there for you.

GEMINI
Gemini — Today is a 9 — Consider new opportunities in your career, perhaps by completely reinventing your goals. Make time to help others. What goes around comes around.

CAPRICORN
Capricorn — Today is an 8 — Fun is in the air. Now’s a great time to think up old ups and create new possibilities with loved ones. They help you achieve the next level.

AQUARIUS
Aquarius — Today is an 8 — A do-to list helps with tasks. Start by checking off projects closest to your heart. At the end of the day, delegate or erase those you’re never going to do.

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Pisces — Today is a 7 — You’re in a time crunch, so you race around getting things done. Luckily, you’re good at this. It gets easier as the day goes by. Have fun with it.

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SUDOKU

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contain every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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Answer:...
BRANDON WILLINGHAM
Daily Egyptian

Junior guard Teri Oliver tied the SIU single-season record for most 3-pointers in SIU’s loss to Wichita State.

The Salukis (7-19, 3-12 Missouri Valley Conference) fell short Friday in their biggest loss of the season, losing 74-46. Despite the loss, Oliver hit four 3-pointers in the game to total 79 for the season.

In the next game against Missouri State, Oliver broke SIU’s record of 79 3-pointers by making her 80th and 81st shots.

The previous record was set by alumna Cari Hassel during the 1994-95 season.

Oliver now ranks 16th in MVC history with 220 career 3-point shots.

Oliver ranks seventh nationally with an average of 3.1 made 3-pointers per game.

She shot four of 11 from field goals in the Wichita loss, where she scored 12 points and grabbed seven rebounds against the Shockers.

Oliver said it’s good to be a part of the school’s history with other former athletes, but she said the team didn’t play with 100 percent effort Friday, which contributed to the loss.

“I spent a lot of time over the summer and before and after practice working on my jump shot,” Oliver said. “I feel like we could have given more effort because we didn’t play a full 40 minutes.”

With a few games left in the season, Oliver said the team has progressed this season and hopes to do well in the State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Tournament in March.

Freshman point guard Cartaeha Macklin led the Salukis with a double-double of 25 points and 11 rebounds. Both Macklin and Oliver are the third duo in SIU history to score 400 points each in a season.

Macklin said she congratulated Oliver on her success as one of SIU’s dominate 3-point shooters, but Macklin said the team didn’t play adequate defense against the Shockers, nor did it take open opportunities offensively.

“Defensively, we defended poorly,” Macklin said. “We got into early foul trouble from bad calls (because of) laziness. Offensively, we got looks but weren’t knocking them down. At times, we weren’t taking care of the ball and rebounding.”

Macklin said the team came out of the first half strong, but during the second half the energy was gone.

Although coach Missy Tiber praised Oliver’s achievements, her reaction to the game’s outcome was quite different. She said the team discouraged her by not taking advantage of opportunities on wide-open shots.

“We just didn’t do the things on the offensive end that we should’ve,” Tiber said. The Salukis have three regular-season home games left. They will play Evansville at 2:05 p.m Sunday at the SIU Arena.

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Salukis split doubleheader at home

Freshman Martijn Adriaan returns a volley Sunday with senior partner Brandon Florez behind him during a doubles match against Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville at Sports Blast. Adriaan and Florez lost their match against the Cougars.

Akees Gelaspie
Daily Egyptian

The SIU men’s tennis team earned a split with Austin Peay University and Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville in a doubleheader this weekend.
The Salukis lost to Austin Peay 4-3 Friday in front of home crowd at Sports Blast. Singles play prevented the Salukis from capturing the win as their top three seeds fell to their Governor opponents. On Sunday, the Saluki men improved their singles play and won the meet 5-2 overall against SIUE.

No. 1 seed junior Bahr Cherradi lost a close match 7-5, 6-4 in.

Though he lost, Cherradi used every kind of shot to try and defeat his opponent.

“I was trying to play my game and not him,” Cherradi said. “I was up 3-2 in the first set...I had a perfect drop shot and I just missed an easy volley. I was kind of thinking about it during the match.”

No. 2 seeded singles player junior Stanislav Rodier lost his match 6-2, 6-4, and No. 3 seed junior Brandon Florez fell 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

Florez was able to battle during a close second set, but he said the extra set left him fatigued.

“It was very, very draining. It was a very physical match,” Florez said.

After winning the first set, Florez said he ramped up his intensity to try for a victory. But after he dropped a tie-break and missed a playable ball, Florez lost the second set and said he was drained physically and emotionally, which eventually caused him to drop the match.

“I worked my butt off to get there, put myself in position, didn’t do it. Then had to come out for the third set,” Florez said. “I was rushing to get back on the court and wasn’t comfortable from then on.”

Freshman Martijn Adriaan won his singles match 6-2, 6-4 for the first singles win of the meet. Junior Orhan Spagic wrapped up singles play with a 4-6, 7-6, 10-4 win, pulling off a victory after forcing a tiebreak set.

In doubles play, the Salukis won in thrilling fashion.

The fans were on their feet cheering as Spagic and partner senior Seymour Opiæczek clinched the doubles point for the Salukis in an extra game, winning 9-7.

Partners Cherradi and Rodier also won their match 8-3, but the Salukis’ No. 1 doubles team Adriaan and Florez lost for the first time this year 8-3. Despite the loss, Admiral said there are still positives that can be taken from their performance.

“We can work on some things. Today was tough. We had our opportunities but they took them earlier,” Admiral said. “We’ve got to work hard on doubles and make ourselves better.”

Overall, coach Dann Nelson said the team’s singles play still has room for improvement, and were a couple missed points away from victory.

“We need to play like big-point champions and not a big-point chump,” Nelson said. “We’re just a few points away from a break here, a hold of serve there. We’re in these matches, we just got to get over the hump.”

The Salukis bounced back Sunday and beat SIUE 5-2. Singles seeds one through three Cherradi, Rodier and Florez defeated their opponents 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (10-7); 6-1, 7-6; and 6-0, 6-2, respectively. Junior Jordan Snyder won his match as the sixth seed, 8-3.

No. 1 doubles seed Florez and Adriaan lost again against the Cougars, their second loss of the season. Cherradi and Rodier won their match 8-0 at the No. 2 seed, and three seed Opiæczek and Spagic won their match 8-3.

The Salukis return to action March 2 and March 3 in a doubleheader against Marquette University in Milwaukee and against Northern Illinois University in Rockford.

Seck still optimistic about this season

Staff Column

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Senior forward Mamadou Seck is an optimist in the purest sense of the word, though his team is on the cusp of losing the most games in school history.

“We still have a chance to go to the (NCAA) tournament. I still believe we can do it,” Seck said. “In our conference, there is no mega-team, or any one team that would beat everybody.”

Seck is one of two seniors winding down Saluki career, so if anybody’s going to fight for a postseason berth, it’s Seck. But with the 71-62 loss Saturday to Ball State, SIU tied the school record for losses in a season with 20, so the optimism is oddly timed.

Looking ahead, only two teams stand out in the MVC: Creighton (23-5, 12-4 MCV) and No. 24 Wichita State (24-4, 14-2 MVC). Both teams beat the Salukis twice, and in record fashion: Wichita State defeated SIU by the largest margin in Saluki history Jan. 21, and Creighton set the MVC-record for field goal percentage against the Salukis Feb. 14.

But after those two teams, nobody in the MVC stands out. The next six teams (Missouri State, Illinois State, Drake, Evansville, Northern Iowa and Indiana State) in the MVC standings are separated by just two games.

Seck said he realizes there is work in store for the team if they hope to make it past the play-in game March 1, but he hasn’t given up hope on his postseason aspirations.

“I’m not going to lie to you, if that wasn’t the case, I might say ‘why practice?’” Seck said. “That’s the only reason I’m practicing right now.”

Every relevant stat and storyline says Seck is crazy to think this team has a shot to win the MVC tournament. SIU is giving up three-pointers at a ridiculous rate, the Salukis can’t seem to win on the road and they seem to find more ways to lose close games then win them.

But if Seck’s attitude rubs off on the other guys, and somebody else knocks out Creighton and Wichita State, who knows what could happen? With a little luck, SIU could turn an abysmal season into something memorable.

“I know, it’s crazy to say, but hopefully we can do it,” Seck said.

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Du Quoin competition celebrates motocross in Southern Illinois

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Exhaust filled the cavernous dome of the Southern Illinois Center as fans crowded the high-rise bleachers Saturday for the sixth annual Mid-America Arenacross in Du Quoin.

Hundreds of dirt bike riders from 26 different classes competed early Saturday morning in an attempt to qualify for an evening race of 250 people. Participants age 16 and up rode late Saturday for an open professional payout, one of the most experienced classes, with a purse of $1,000.

Motocross can be an expensive sport in a decade of climbing gas prices, and race manager Steve Ezell said in the past three to four years the event has suffered at the hands of a bad economy. Despite dropping 4-wheelers from the race this year due to insurance reasons, the event has remained popular, with more than 200 participants each year, he said.

Ezell worked with Bass Productions, an organization that holds motocross races throughout Illinois, Missouri and Kentucky, to put on the event.

Professionals are not the only ones who compete in the event. Participants as young as 4 and as old as 60 pull on helmets and head into the arena.

“This event is a stepping stone for kids trying to get into the pro classes,” Ezell said. “This is where a lot of young kids come to learn how to race, and a lot of veteran riders come out for their love to race.”

Ezell said the combination of southern Illinois’ variety of quality riders and Du Quoin’s central location to racing hotspots throughout Kentucky and Missouri make the Southern Illinois Center a prime place for riders to meet up for the weekend, park their RV’s on the vacant fairgrounds and enjoy the community of race fans from all around the Midwest.

Brian Huckstep, a 25-year-old rider from Cape Girardeau, Mo., said he’s been riding for 14 years and has made the trip to Du Quoin since the races began six years ago. Huckstep said there were 16 racers in the event from Cape Girardeau County, and the increase of motocross popularity in his part of Missouri reflects a trend throughout the country.

Despite the entry fees, the cash prizes and the costly nature of the event as a whole, Arenacross serves as an outlet for motocross fans to come together in competition and communion. Where they go, restaurants and other businesses in the area also benefit.

“Racing is expensive,” said Huckstep. “Whenever riders go somewhere to race, they pump a lot of money into the local economies they visit.”

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Salukis compete in Friday Night Special

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The SIU track and field team competed in the Eastern Illinois University Friday Night Special, where they captured several top-five finishes. The meet was not scored but individual marks were taken.

The meet was held on EIU’s campus at the Lantz Indoor Fieldhouse and included the University of Illinois, Arkansas State University, Butler University and host Eastern Illinois University. The meet was the team’s final competition before heading to the Missouri Valley Championships and provided stiff competition for the Salukis.

Heading into the weekend, the women’s team moved up one spot in the national rankings to No. 10, but many of the Salukis’ top runners did not compete in the meet Friday. The women were still able to capture several top five finishes, led by junior thrower Kim Fortney, Fortney finished second in the weight throw with a distance of 64-04.50 and third in the shot put with a distance of 51-07.5. Freshman thrower DeAnna Price also earned a third-place finish, in the weight throw, and fifth in the shot put with distances of 62-02.25 and 46-01.25, respectively.

Senior jumper Nina Okafor finished third in the women’s long jump with a jump of 17-08.75 and placed second in the triple jump with a jump of 37.05.25. Freshman Ryle Bruce placed fourth in the triple jump with a jump of 35-05.75. Freshman Evelyn Scott finished second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 59.73 and freshman Nininioma Sunden finished fourth in the 55-meter dash with a time of 7.29.

The men had one event winner Friday with senior J.C. Lambert’s first-place shot put of 58-02.00. Sophomore Brian Cooper followed in second place with a distance of 55-02.25, and senior Collin Otto was the top Saluki finisher in the weight throw with a third-place finish of 66-05.00. Freshman Bradley Sauer placed fifth with a throw of 64-00.50. The top runners on the men’s side were freshman Blake Green and junior Jeremy Bankston, who competed in the 400-meter dash and placed fourth and fifth with times of 51-12 and 51.24, respectively.