Lee Hartman and Sarah Heyer, executive director of Keep Carbondale Beautiful, clean up litter Sunday on Deerwood Drive in Carbondale, saying they are well acquainted with broken bikes and tires. Keep Carbondale Beautiful is a non-profit organization and affiliate of Keep America Beautiful. The organization’s mission is to engage individuals in taking greater responsibility for improving their community environment.

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Being a parent and a student are two full time jobs that some SIU students take on daily. Finding time to study is already a challenge, but for some students like Dawn Steward, a reading and language major from Murphysboro, balancing academics and parenthood is a daily routine. Steward has attended SIU since the spring of 2012. She said finding a babysitter is an obstacle. “The hardest struggle is finding childcare that fits into my schedule,” Steward said. “I have evening classes and a job during the day. I use the SIU daycare while I’m at work and then I have a separate sitter for when I have classes in the evening, and so far, it has worked out well this semester.”

The university offers multiple resources for students who double as parents. Daycare is offered through Rainbow’s End. It offers childcare to faculty, staff, and students from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Parents can choose between different rates and times that work best with their schedules. Additionally, there are family housing options available, with two- and three-bedroom apartments at Evergreen Terrace. Jamie Eader, a junior from Herrin studying journalism advertisement, works with non-traditional services and said departments including the library offer resources many students might not know about. “At Morris Library there is a family study room which we try to inform students of,” she said. “It has games and toys for kids to interact with while the student can study. The Recreation Center also has events that focus on students with family.”

Suggs said the resources she has found on campus have been helpful and balancing her time has been a positive challenge for her. “As a parent and student, balancing aspects of both worlds is the hardest challenge but it’s also the best motivator,” Suggs said. “I have also found that SIU has great programs including the Association of Non-Traditional Students. There are helpful people and programs here which make life easier.”

Steward said the resources for student parents has grown in recent years. “Since I’ve been here they really have evolved their ways of helping us,” she said. “If you ever have a question or need advice on what is best for you, they always lead you in the right direction.”

Eader said feeling like you are making excuses is one of the hardest parts. “When your child is sick and you can’t attend class you feel like you’re making excuses, when you know you’re not,” said Eader. “You have to be proactive on communication with your professors. Introduce yourself at the beginning and let them know you have a child and will not always be able to attend even though you’d like to.”

Homework and parenthood, a balancing act

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Deborah Barnett, left, a graduate student of Marion and coordinator of SIU Non-Traditional Student Services, plays in a bounce house Saturday with Oliver Stoffel, 2, of Carbondale, at the "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" SIU Family Carnival in the Recreation Center. The Family Carnival, presented by SIU Non-Traditional Student Services, welcomed students and their children with prizes, free food, activities and information from organizations located on and off campus.

Deborah Barnett, coordinator of non-traditional student services, said making students aware of the available resources is something the university does well. “We try to connect with students before they enter their first class,” she said. “We e-mail about scholarships and workshops and we have a complete resource guide on our website that informs students on housing, financial aid and childcare. There are also lists of help in the community, not just the university resources.”

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Brutal cold returns to Midwest for extended stay

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A persistent weather pattern driving bitterly cold air out of the Arctic will cause temperatures from Minnesota to Kentucky to plummet Monday, turning this winter into one of the coldest on record in some areas.

For about two and a half days, actual temperatures will range from the teens to zero, and the wind chills with be even colder, minus 45 in Minneapolis, minus 23 in Milwaukee and Chicago, minus 14 in Kansas City, Mo., and minus 3 in Louisville.

In fact, the National Weather Service says most of the Midwest will feel far colder than Monday’s expected high in the nation’s capital, Chicago, but that’s never a given in such weather, and, at this time of the year, much colder air.

In the Chicago area, residents were bracing for a historic deep freeze. Monday’s high was expected to be minus 4 degrees, and it could get as low as a negative 17 downtown, with wind chills as low as 40 below. Such temperatures are expected to hold into Tuesday.

If Chicago makes it to 60 hours below zero, it will be the longest stretch since 1983, when it was below zero for 98 hours, and the third longest in 80 years.

Chicago resident Matt Ryan, 19, who said he has seen some challenging winters in his life, said he has seen some of the best:

“Looking back, you just don’t want to remember some of the coldest days, you just don’t want to remember the coldest days, it’s pretty much just been a very persistent pattern of cold air.”

He said its an amplified pattern of the jet stream, and air is filtering in behind a large area of low pressure. He explained further:

“The are typical with unstable conditions or snowstorms. And, at this time of the year, that’s what we’re dealing with.”

Scott Blair, a meteorologist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in Grand Forks, N.D., said he has seen some challenging winters in his life, but that’s not what this week is:

“Looking back, you just don’t want to remember some of the coldest days, you just don’t want to remember the coldest days, it’s pretty much just been a very persistent pattern of cold air.”

He also said it is hard for him and his employees to get to and from work in the snow, ice and cold. Sometimes, the 24-hour restaurant is operating with just him and a waitress.

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Syria agrees to evacuate civilians

The Syrian government has agreed to allow the first aid convoy to reach the Yarmouk Palestinian refugee camp in Damascus late last week has yet to be completed to the Syria conflict that are present in and around Yarmouk must support and facilitate humanitarian access to civilians,” he said in his emailed statement.

The situation in Homs could be just as difficult. The Syrian government has long claimed that the people still in the old-city area are primarily armed rebels and their families, and that some of the civilians are being kept there against their will.

Brahimi said that as part of the evacuation plan, the Syrian government was insisting that the opposition coalition provide a list of all the men in the besieged part of Homs, so that it could sort out combatants from noncombatants. But it was not clear that the rebels in the besieged district would agree to provide it, given that it might be used to single them out for retaliation.

Meqdad also denied that government forces were shelling Homs, as local anti-government activists had reported. The actions said government forces had used mortars and heavy machine-gun fire to destroy homes and wound civilians.

"It is a big lie that the government is shelling," he said. "The armed groups are shelling, and they report it as the government." He said the government had "not fired a single shell" at Homs.

Meqdad speaking at a press conference.

Macklemore makes “Heist” of Grammys

Macklemore & Ryan Lewis might shop at thrift shops, but they now have a ton of Grammy gold.

The rap duo won four Grammy Awards so far Sunday, including best new artist and rap album for “The Heist,” beating efforts from Kendrick Lamar, Jay Z, Kanye West and Drake.

"Wow, we're here on the stage right now," said Macklemore, thanking fans first, then his fiancé and family.

"I want to say we made this album without a record label, we made it independently and we appreciate all the support!" He kicked off the Grammy Awards with steamy and smoky performance of "Drunk In Love." She started on a chair and then grinned in a revealing black outfit. Jay Z emerged in a fitted suit to rap his verse, and the couple — parents of little Blue Ivy — held hands and danced together.

Robin Thicke performed with Chicago, singing the group's songs before going into "Blurred Lines," which energized the crowd. Thicke finished the performance singing on the floor. Katy Perry sang "Dark Horse" in an eerie forest with fire that mirrored the song's video, and John Legend and Taylor Swift — who whispered her head, and hair, back and forth — played pianos during their slow songs.

Daft Punk, nominated for record and album of the year, were double winners, picking up honors for best dance/electronic album for "Random Access Memories" and pop dual/group performance for "Get Lucky" with Pharrell Williams and Nile Rodgers.

"Dude, on the behalf of the robots thank you, thank you, thank you," said Williams, who also won non-classical producer of the year.

Looking to Daft Punk, sporting their signature helmets, Williams said: "They want to thank their families. And of course, the incredible Nile." Macklemore and Lewis win, which include best rap song and rap performance for "Thrift Shop." come after the Grammy rap committee almost swept the group from its categories. A source told The Associated Press that the rap committee rejected the duo, but that was later overruled by the general Grammy committee. The rap committee felt Macklemore & Lewis should qualify for the pop awards instead because of their massive success on Top 40 radio. The source, who attended the general Grammy meeting, spoke on the condition of anonymity because the meeting was private.

Macklemore and Lewis are also nominated for album of the year.

Justin Timberlake, who isn't up for any of the major awards, won three trophies, including best R&B song for "Pusher Love Girl" and music video for "Suit & Tie," which also earned Jay Z a Grammy. Jay Z and Timberlake also won best rap/sung collaboration for "Holy Grail."

"I want to thank God — I mean a little bit for this award — but mostly for all the universe for conquering and putting that beautiful light of a young lady in my life," Jay Z said, getting emotional at Beyoncé. "I want to tell Blu that, look, 'Daddy got a gold sippy cup for you.'"

Lorde won for the Yarn for best pop vocal performance with their "Royals."

"This is the one thing I didn't expect the most about tonight, so thank you so much," said Lorde, who beat out Timberlake, Perry, Sara Bareilles and Bruno Mars.

Lorde performed "Royals" early on during the show, and she was just one of the top females to hit the Grammy stage Sunday: Madonna, Carole King, Pink and Bareilles will also perform at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.
Eleven Signs you are becoming too comfortable where you work

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Workaholic. Perfectionist. Busybody. Dedicated. Overachiever. Committed. Obsessive. Ok, so you work a lot. But, you love your job. Who cares if you start to do some things other people might find strange? This list goes out to all the people that work too much.

1. You don't wear shoes anymore.
Why bother wearing shoes when you spend the majority of the day in one room? It is no different than walking around your home or dorm room. And okay, sometimes you'll end up going down the hall, but it's not that far. Besides, there's never anyone in the building late enough to judge you anyway.

2. You start to get creative with the furniture.
Granted, the furniture I'm talking about is not the best. When you see the same broken office chairs and carpet that hasn't been changed since the '60s, you have to figure out the best ways to utilize what you have. If that means lying across two chairs with one leg on a desk, so be it.

3. Everyone in the office knows your Jimmy John's order.
Or Quatro's, or basically any restaurant that delivers. You frequently work through lunch or dinner — or both. Rames has it Jimmy John's keeps track of every order you place. More than one of us wants to get that list printed when we graduate just to see how much of our paychecks went straight to our stomachs.

4. You start to recognize the delivery workers.
You may know the schedule well enough that you know what day of the week that one really attractive JJ's driver works.

5. You know late night janitors quite well.
In fact, you are probably on a first-name basis, and can talk to them about anything — including their children, plans for break, etc. You miss them if they don't come in one night.

6. Your roommates don't bother asking where you're going anymore.
They already know the answer is work. It really throws them off when they do ask and your answer isn't "the office." Sometimes you forget you even have a roommate because you only see them when they're asleep.

7. You've noticed a significant decrease in invitations to go out.
I guess people get tired of hearing no. Or maybe they forget about you, too, since you basically live at work.

8. You've claimed the nearest restroom in the building as your own.
And you treat it as such. You actually get offended if it appears to have not been cleaned recently.

9. You've slept in the office.
Probably more than once. All-nighters become common in the later weeks of the semester. Co-workers begin to join you, leading to arguments over who gets the lumpy couch that's been here longer than most of us have been alive.

10. You buy groceries for the office.
You may actually buy more groceries for work than you do for home. Most meal times occur either during class or work. Who has time to go home and cook? If you're a journalist, you don't really cook anyway, so what's the point? Ramen and macaroni and cheese are just as easy to make in the office.

11. Your co-workers really are like a family.
They've seen you in every possible physical, mental and emotional state at all times of the day. Like with most families, the drama, challenges and crazy arguments are (usually) outweighed by the fun, good times and fond memories.

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New Ukrainian revolution leader: is there any?

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Ukraine's capital city Kiev has been a battlefield many times since the pre-Christian era of Eastern Europe. The latest bloodletting is happening these days as Ukrainians take radical action, after more than two months of peaceful protests, over the cessation of the nation's pro-European movement by President Victor Yanukovych in favor of Russia. The government's decision to delay signing Ukrainian associated membership with the European Union has resulted in protests coming out to the Euromaidan demonstrations in Kiev to protest. Recent opinion polls have shown the dramatic change in Ukrainian public opinion where more than 50 percent of the people favor closer relations to Europe than to Russia. According to one recent poll, an average of 53 percent of the population expressed loyalty for European integration.

After brutal restrictions from the Russian government in the form of banning Ukrainian products, rising gas prices and complicating the process of entering Russia, millions of Ukrainians are increasingly supporting Europe. Now there are nationwide protests of Russian association. After several rallies of all over Ukraine, there have been no constructive negotiations from the authorities. And, the attempts to remove demonstrators from the Euromaidan protests by police force have resulted in the occupation of Kiev's city hall by protesters, barricading the main city squares and buildings, and an ongoing fight with police outside the parliament building. According to the police, over 500 were arrested and injured, and an estimated 600 protesters were killed.

On Dec. 19, opposition leader Arseniy Yatsenyuk said, "The real leader is you, folks." His remarks sounded ridiculous, as experts see the need for a new legislative body to be formed to address the present situation. The current parliament was counted by a show of hands from the president's majority, while the opposition was not consulted. The government has not officially announced the new legislative body, but experts predict it will be called the "Ukrainian Democratic Alliance for Reform." Experts have called for a new legislative body to be formed to address the present situation.

A protestor puts a gas mask on a young woman behind a barricade on Grushevsky Street in downtown Kiev during clashes with riot police on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2014. (AP Photo/Sergei Poliakov)

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Dana Garsky, a customer service assistant in procurement services, samples chicken Friday at the grand opening of Sbarro and Chick-fil-A at the Student Center. Free samples from both restaurants were provided and a raffle was held for students and staff who attended. Chancellor Rita Cheng and Tena Bennett, director of the Student Center, attended the event along with university staff, who cut the ribbon for both restaurants' official openings.
In an early sequence during Stuart Beattie’s new film, “I, Frankenstein” (Rated PG-13; 93 Min.), Bill Nighy’s character informs a scientist played by Yvonne Strahovski that “Time is flowing. I’d rather you not waste mine.”

Beattie uses that quote as his mantra for making this film, taking to heart that “time is flowing” as he races through scene after scene of binding action and nonsensical dialogue while seemingly forgetting the part about not wasting our time.

“I, Frankenstein” is, in fact, a giant black hole that will suck time you would have been more entertained using to watch C-SPAN.

“I, Frankenstein” is the latest in a series of Hollywood films attempting to put a contemporary spin on gothic scientific tales. The central character of Mary Shelley’s “Frankenstein” would have been enough for an interesting update, so why Beattie decided to choose this particular adaptation, from the graphic novel by Kevin Grevioux that throws a contemporary spin on gothic neo-gothic pieces. It is so focused on plot exposition that nearly every line of dialogue is an attempt to explain the plot. If Beattie were not so concerned with shoehorning in so many different elements, he wouldn’t need this sort of dialogue.

About the only reliable actor here is Bill Nighy, who plays Naberius, the apparent lord of the demons. Nighy chews on his dialogue and is somewhat menacing for the first half of the film, but as the script begins to insist he transform into a ghoulish demon he becomes laughable. Nighy is such a diverse actor he can take on comy plotlines like he did in the “Pirates of the Caribbean” movies, or more serious roles, as he did in November’s overlooked “About Time,” and has no problem owning what he’s been given. That’s why “I, Frankenstein” isn’t his fault.

Maybe instead of crucifying “I, Frankenstein” for its horrendous contents, it is better to look at the film from the vantage point of missed opportunities. As a human race, we’re obsessed with resurrection and whether or not there is life after death. We struggle with our beliefs and the gap between relating to our own reason and putting faith in God. “I, Frankenstein” does focus some of its efforts on rebirth, but there certainly could have been more of a human element of turning a regular person into a believer. The closest the audience gets is Strahovski’s character, Terra, a scientist who one minute says she doesn’t believe in immortality, is an obsession in our culture, but the writers refuse to let us get to know this character. Terra more to grapple with would have added another dimension to the film.

“I, Frankenstein” did not have to waste our time. It could have been an interesting update of a character whose major characteristic, immortality, is an obsession in our culture, but the writers refuse to let the movie be anything more than schlock and cut-rate special effects, pushing the film over the edge and into the garbage can.

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‘I, Frankenstein’ better off dead
Head-to-Head

Veteran Super Bowl quarterback Peyton Manning takes on first-time Super Bowl QB Russell Wilson.

How the two players and their teams match up:

Wilson was part of a well-regarded group of rookie quarterbacks drafted in 2012. He is 27-9 as an NFL starter and has won three out of four playoff games so far.


Russell Wilson
Passer rating 101.2
Rank* 7

Yds 3,357
Att 407
Cmp 257
TDs 26
Ints 9

Seattle Seahawks
Head coach Pete Carroll

2013 Record
W 13 L 3 Pct. .813 Finish 1st-NFC West

2013 Rankings
Offense Rank Yards/game
Total offense 17 339.0
Rushing 4 136.8
Passing 26 202.2

The Quarterbacks
Comparison of the starting quarterbacks’ regular season stats

Peyton Manning
Passer rating 115.1
Rank* 2

Yds 5,477
Att 659
Cmp 450
TDs 55
Ints 10

Denver Broncos
Head coach John Fox

2013 Record
W 13 L 3 Pct. .813 Finish 1st-AFC West

2013 Rankings
Offense Rank Yards/game
Total offense 1 457.3
Rushing 15 117.1
Passing 1 340.2

The Teams
Comparison of the Seahawks’ and Broncos’ regular season stats

Edge

*At least 20 passing attempts

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1. Surname of the 1973 Beatles’ album
5. California or Colorado, e.g.
14. Female student
15. Weaver
16. Suffer defeat
17. Bull, in Spain
18. Outstanding
20. Up, T"bar
21. Golfing pegs
22. Small diagram in a larger map
26. Fire residue
29. Poll digit
42. Reach, as a goal
43. Spring holiday
51. Evert of tennis
52. Duck's remark
54. Rowdy horde
56. Mr. Sedaraku
57. Sausage
58. Urge on
59. And so forth: abbr.
60. Pay color to walls
61. Conference; WWII meeting for FDR et al.
64. Paddled for WWII
65. "Hammer"
66. Corny
67. Drive forward
72. Mediterranean
74. Stem to stem
77. Amazon.com, for one
78. One of the 12 constellations
79. Nothing...
80. The way: pioneers
81. Brewed drinks
82. Memory
83. Senior moment
84. Warmth
85. Play divisions
86. Behold

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1. Surname of the 1973 Beatles’ album
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3. Specialty of doctors who treat primarily senior citizens
4. Hubhub
5. Window cover
6. Banan and bird
7. Goals
8. "... for Two"
9. Go astray
10. Mars or Jupiter
11. Steals from
12. - of Wrath
13. Encounter
14. Street corner of newstand
21. Land of Your Land
24. Job or mission
26. Facial problem
27. Fraternal letter
28. Lane direction
29. Possessing job skills of some kind
30. Malamian's beast
32. Give up
33. Fancy vase

THURSDAY'S PUZZLE SOLVED
HUITCH CHIN ULAH
NEATONER ONS BAIT
ENTREMING DROUSE
OF RAPPE RSVP
BETL AECEP RPE
OOR IUVUN A NILL
STEL OY D VWI
ARSENAL BALD
GUARDS DEJUMPE MENT MZUIZ
LID ELLE TREAT LAY
LONE LENDS AYED

Answer: WHARF MOUTH

PICK UP THE DAILY EGYPTIAN EACH DAY TO TEST YOUR CROSSWORD SKILLS

Chapter 2: Horoscopes

Aries — Today is a 7 — Confer with your team and make a plan accounting for each of your abilities. Use their ideas and approach. You’re already ahead of the game. Talk about what you’re learning.

Taurus — Today is a 6 — Complete financial paperwork: invoices, expense reports, tax forms... if you don’t understand, don’t be afraid to ask. Get in touch with old clients or friends who can provide new work.

Gemini — Today is a 7 — A good partner who helps you out farther, and new friends can also provide a unique opportunity that you wouldn’t discover otherwise. Provide motivation, plus facts, and win the prize.

Cancer — Today is an 8 — You can find the right words to make an excellent deal. Get busy and take advantage of your great productivity today. Include time for romance. Let your partner share your appreciation.

Leo — Today is a 7 — Indulge in passion and imagination. It’s a nice day for romance. Write a love letter and seal it with a kiss. But don’t forget your career obligations. You find the balance. Share fun and laughter.

Virgo — Today is a 6 — Study new ways to save at home. Pay attention to unneeded or forgotten stuff. Spend wisely to improve your decor. Keep your promises. Your plans develop as you go along.

Libra — Today is a 7 — Your past work speaks well for you. Make new friends. Check out an interesting suggestion. For a fresh perspective, ask a child. Cash in coupons and ask for help possibilities.


Sagittarius — Today is an 8 — Write, record or organize about your new escapsade. Include new support or information. Do it for love. Write a practical document. Find just the right tone. Private efforts bear fruit.

Capricorn — Today is a 7 — A roommate helps you understand. Share the pertinent facts. Your input is appreciated. Destiny solves a problem. You’re on a roll. Keep saving as much as you can.

Aquarius — Today is a 7 — Have a private conversation with a supervisor or at home. Allow yourself to get persuaded. Ask questions and take notes. Run errands. Watch for hidden agendas. Work smarter as you assimilate new ideas.

Places — Today is an 8 — Work on the plan you made. Gather new information. Use your wit and charm. Friends keep you on track to profit. You’re gaining respect.
Men’s basketball drops third straight conference game

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Despite having a lead in the final 10 minutes, the Salukis could not get out of the woods against the Bears of Missouri State. Missouri State University (14-6, 4-4) entered the game after a sophomore standout Marcus Marshall but was still able to win 69-63 while wearing down SUU (6-16, 2-6). As all five Saluki starters played at least 30 minutes.

Three freshmen were in the starting lineup with Tyler Smithpeters and Bola Olaniyan getting their first career starts. Smithpeters played 20 minutes in the loss Wednesday scoring 12 points and hitting two 3-pointers. Smithpeters led the Salukis in scoring for most of the game against the Bears until a dunk by senior Domarr Jackson with 3:30 helped Jackson finish with 18. The Salukis were 6-14 from beyond the 3-point line against Missouri State with four of them coming from the hands of Smithpeters who finished with 16 points, a new career high for Smithpeters added four rebounds and free assists while only committing one turnover. For the first time in the past few games, the Saluki with the most minutes was not Jackson, as he played 32 minutes while Smithpeters played 35.

Freshman forward Sean O’Brien was the other freshman starter for the Salukis. He finished with six points and four rebounds but committed three turnovers. Apart from Missouri State forward Jarmar Woods against the Bears of Missouri State. Men’s basketball drops third straight conference game

Intramural sports provide multiple opportunities for students

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With more than 100 games covered in a semester, the sport clubs and intramurals at SIU have made a name for themselves.

“I’ve developed friendships throughout intramural sports that I have maintained for life,” Shane Bennett, assistant director of intramural sports/sports clubs, said. “Through intramurals, students have showcase talents, traveled, held well-paying jobs and met new people from all over the country, Bennett said.

Jake Jones, a senior from Zion studying psychology, said it has been more than just a break from classes. "My first encounter with intramural sports was playing four-on-four flag football," Jones said. "They have seven-on-seven leagues, like in high school, for the fall and four-on-four for the spring. After a few games, I found out that I could apply to become a referee so I continued playing and began officiating as well."

Officiating has allowed students to travel to schools like the University of Georgia, Ohio State University, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the University of Notre Dame. Bennett said officiating is one of his favorite aspects of intramurals.

“As far as officiating goes, I started working intramural sports and started officiating in the surrounding communities,” he said. “I’ve actually grown through the ranks of high school and now Division II college football and college basketball, and it all started with working intramural sports. You listen to a lot of big time referees, a lot of them say they started through intramural sports.”

Michael Ingram, an alumnus and former Division I baseball player for SIU and student coordinator for officials, said club sports and intramurals have dramatically altered his college experience on and off the court.

“To be a good official, you have to have great communication and conflict resolution skills,” Ingram said. “These and other skills you learn and refine by officiating are transferable to nearly every job across every industry. Officiating also teaches confidence in the face of doubt and teaches you how to show strength while being challenged.”

Anna Marquez, a freshman from Chicago studying psychology, said the confidence intramurals gives you, either by playing or officiating, can span genders.

“If you’re a girl who likes sports, watching sports or playing sports, then participating in intramural sports is just as much fun,” Marquez said. “And, as a girl, I’d have to say you have to be confident, you can’t be nervous. It could be a challenge but it’s good to get a chance to prove yourself.”

Taylor Willet, a junior official from Wentzville, Mo., studying dental hygiene, said intramurals are competitive but maintain a good work environment for female participants.

“Working here overall has been great because I know in the world of officiating it can be very sexist towards women,” Willet said. “But here I feel as if they treat everyone helpful. It is very helpful when you have to go out in the community and officiate.”

WILLER supervises and helps coordinate all sports for the intramural office. She also has won a flag football championship through intramurals and now refrees in her hometown.

“I officiate at home in Missouri, and it was good to start here,” Willet said. “When I started volleyball it really helped boost my confidence and helps me block out anything that would put me off as unequal, which is a huge thing for all girls.”

Intramural sports have already tipped off for the spring semester. Enrollment for basketball and futbol — a type of indoor soccer — has passed and games start next week. Softball and four-on-four flag football are gearing up to begin later in the semester and are open to all students.

Ingram said intramural sports provide chances for anyone looking to meet new people, find a job or just get active.

“There are very high quality intramural teams and there are a lot of players who played high school sports but the general feeling is much more loose and relaxed,” Ingram said. “Just join, you cannot have anything other than a fantastic experience. Intramurals bring together friends and strangers in a friendly, sports-centered environment.”

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Purple Aces freshman Sara Dickey answered back, collecting nine consecutive points for Evansville. The freshman ended her night scoring 30 of her team’s 57 points.

“We were really struggling with guarding her the entire game but Mercedes did a great job of staying with her and denying her the ball,” Stein said. “You have to spot a kid 30 points, but that’s pure effort. But I think Mercedes kept her away from the ball as much as possible.”

The Salukis held Dickey to only two points in the final eight minutes of the game.

After a missed free-throw attempt, Griffin stole the ball and sprinted down court on a fast break to expand the Salukis’ lead 61-53 with under a minute left.

From then on, SUU drained five free throws to claim the win and record its second conference win.

The Salukis’ home streak is over and they will head to Wichita State University Friday evening.

The Shockers have not lost a game since Nov. 15 and are undefeated in conference play.

Stein said this would be the toughest road trip for the Salukis.

“I think it’s good for us because we keep hoping that when things go bad and you keep playing hard, good things come,” Stein said. “And it’s good for them to recognize that that is true and they keep fighting.”

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Freshman guard Tyler Smithpeters makes a pass Thursday evening against the Salukis’ loss to Drake University at SIU Arena. SUU fell to Missouri State University Saturday in Springfield, Mo. 69-63. Smithpeters had a career-high 16 points and five assists during the game. The Salukis will play at home at 7:05 p.m. Wednesday against Indiana State University.
Salukis flush out Aces

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Daily Egyptian

After a week of rest, the SIU women's basketball team (4-14, MVC 2-5) gave an enormous effort against the University of Evansville (7-11, MVC 2-5) and toppled the Purple Aces 66-57. Sophomore forward Dyana Pierre led the team with 24 points.

Sophomore thrower Josh Freeman prepares to throw the shot put Jan. 11 during the Saluki Open at the Recreation Center. Freeman broke a 30-year indoor shot put record held by the Salukis walked away with six event titles.

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When sophomore thrower Josh Freeman broke the indoor shot put record Saturday just as his throwing coach John Smith did 30 years ago, they each had one special person in the crowd. It was pure coincidence that Freeman’s father and Smith’s father witnessed their son’s record-breaking throws that changed SIU history.

Freeman and his Saluki teammates spent their Saturday at Notre Dame Invitational, where both men and women’s teams finished in third place.

The Salukis walked away with six event wins—four of the six coming from field athletes.

Freeman threw a personal best of 62 feet and surpassed the Saluki top all-time indoor record, which was set by Smith during his time as an SIU All-American.

Smith said he is extremely happy with the Salukis’ performance.

“ITook me four and a half years to set that record,” he said. “And my father was there to see it in his birthday. Josh’s dad walked in before he took that throw and broke that record.”

Freeman’s family was running late for the meet. The normal two-hour drive to Notre Dame was extended to four hours because of weather conditions. Freeman did not think they would make it before his turn, because the event started 45 minutes early.

Right before his last throw, and record-breaking toss, Freeman’s father walked in.

“The meet basically ended after the shot,” Freeman said. “So he was only there for maybe 30 minutes at the meet and he told me the trip was worth it even though he drove all that way just to stay for a half an hour.”

Freeman said he could not have done it without his coach pushing him.

“Even though it has my name on that record, he still had a lot to do with it,” Freeman said. “I’m grateful for [Smith] and his coaching, we’ve been talking about the record for a while and it’s nice to finally get that under my belt and out of the way.”

Freeman was not the only Saluki thrower to perform well. Junior thrower DeAtina Price blew away her competition despite knee pains.

Price won the women’s weight throw by throwing 67 feet to solidify her first place spot. Price said she was excited to throw that far even through the discomfort. She said she is also content with her start of the season.

“I’m doing really well in the throws,” Price said. “I never really expected that to be one of my strong events but after throwing 53 feet before, I’m like ’okay this will work.’”

Four teams competed in the invitational.

The SIU women calculated 133 points but were 40 points behind second place finisher Michigan State University. The SIU men tallied 112 points but fell short 59 points to second place finisher and host the University of Notre Dame.

Finishing second in weight throw was sophomore Sophia Luzano, throwing 65 feet.

Freshman Kyle Landon finished first in high jump setting a personal best record of seven feet.

Landon is now ranked 13th in the nation, and is also tied for fifth all-time in the SIU indoor high jump.

Junior jumper Kenya Calmer finished first in her event as well. The Saluki finished in the top spot after clearing five feet in the high jump. This is Calmer’s second consecutive first place win.

Junior mid-distance runner Mobula Zerbi finished first in the women’s 1000-meter run, sprinting to a time 2 minutes, 55.1 seconds.

Smith said the Salukis had a great turnout overall. The track and field team will be back on the road Friday to compete in Indiana Relays in Bloomington, Ind.

“We have to just keep training hard and keep trying to make personal best,” Smith said. “We have to do that every weekend.”

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Sophomore guard Hannah Shores, right, looks to pass over University of Evansville freshman guard Paris McLeod, left, Sunday at SIU Arena. The Salukis defeated the Purple Aces 66-57.

Sophomore forward Dyana Pierre led the team with 24 points. The women’s basketball team will travel to Wichita, Kansas, on Friday to take on Wichita State University.