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Summer enrollment drops 232 from last year

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

Not even summer sun can shine light on SIUC's enrollment crisis.

The 10-day enrollment count for the summer semester came in at 8,604, down from 8,836 last sum-

mer, said Rod Sievers, university spokesperson. The most significant drop comes in first year graduate students, with a loss of 206 students.

SIU President Glenn Poshard's office deferred all questions regarding enrollment numbers to the Chancellor's office. The offices

of Enrollment Management and Undergraduate Admissions also deferred all questions regarding enrollment to the Chancellor's office.

The Chancellor's office deferred all questions to Sievers.

Sievers said financial problems could factor in the declining

enrollment numbers.

"Maybe guys are holding off, maybe they're going to hold off until the fall, trying to find a job over the summer," Sievers said. "There are certainly factors that probably go into the decision of taking summer courses."

The second largest drop came in the senior class, which lost 172 students from last summer. The junior class dropped 35, while the sophomore class dropped 15 students.

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Carmi-based company booms from Gulf oil spill

LAUREN LEONE
Daily Egyptian

Jeff Bohleber said he doesn't mind watching his products burn every night on national news.

Bohleber is the chief financial officer of Elastec/American Marine, a Carmi-based company that has provided oil spill equipment to the Gulf of Mexico since the oil leak began April 20. The Deepwater Horizon spill has become the largest offshore oil leak in history, according to conservative estimates of the U.S. Geological Survey.

"Every night on the news, you see the burning of oil in the Gulf — that's us," Bohleber said.

Elastec is the largest manufacturer of oil spill equipment in the United States — and the only company that produces the Hydro-Fire Boom system, which is the fastest way to eliminate oil from spreading to the shorelines, said Brian Cook, marketing assistant for Elastec.

Cook said the concept of the Hydro-Fire Boom system is simple to understand. He said each end of the boom, a 500 ft. log shaped barrier filled with foam, is connected to two boats, which drag the boom until it forms a U-configuration.

As this happens, oil is collected within the barrier of the boom until it is thick enough to ignite, said Cook. He said this method does produce a lot of smoke, but thousands of barrels are being destroyed rather than ending up on the shores or spreading elsewhere.

This type of boom is a reusable, cost effective alternative to other boom concepts that burn up immediately — causing the burning oil to spread, Bohleber said.

Bohleber said Elastec began shipping oil spill equipment to the Gulf April 26, six days after the oil spill began. He said two weeks later, Elastec signed a contract with BP for 420,000 feet containment boom and 15,000 feet of Hydro-Fire Boom. BP renewed the contract June 8 for an additional 210,000 feet of boom, but Bohleber could not disclose the contract amount.

"Once the contract was signed, it took all of our inventory, everything for existing customers — and for BP," Cook said. "So it hit us three times as hard."

Randy Knight, a shipping supervisor at Elastec, said the company had only 12



JESS VERMEULEN | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Eric Myer, of Norris City, bundles containment boom Tuesday in the Elastec/American Marine warehouse in Carmi. Randy Knight, the warehouse's shipping supervisor, said Elastec ships at least one truckload of boom daily, with about 5,400 feet of boom in each load.

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— Jeff Bohleber
chief financial officer of
Elastec/American Marine

employees before the oil spill, but has since hired 8 full-time employees and 36 temporary employees. Knight said the employment increase would last as long as demand is high in the Gulf of Mexico.

"When other companies were laying people off, we were hiring people," Cook said.

Elastec currently ships one or two truckloads of boom daily to the Gulf, with roughly 5,400 feet on each load, said Knight.

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Pins on a map in the Elastec office building in Carmi display where Elastec has recently sent products.

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Timothy James Bunselmeyer, 23, of Murphysboro, was issued Carbondale City notice to appear citations and released Friday at 3:49 a.m. near SIUC Arena for the possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia, a department release stated.

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Corrections

In the Tuesday edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the story "State schools shy from loans" should have said Northern Illinois University would go to a four-day business week in the summer. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

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Small plots sprout resident savings

MICHARA CANTY
Daily Egyptian

Mary-Kate Huebener said farmers do what they do for the better picture of their communities.

Huebener is a fourth generation farmer of Huebener Farm in Brighton, 135-miles northeast of Carbondale. She said the land has been a primary source of produce for sustaining their family's livelihood and the community.

Southern Illinois main economical draw and employment is through agricultural production, said Lindsay McQueen, manager of Jackson County Farm Bureau. She said farming is the number one commodity for small communities.

Poor, rural regions of southern Illinois tend to experience diet-related illnesses because of the high cost for healthier foods, said Jerry Bradley, communication director of Food Works, a non-profit organization that studies local food system development and community engagement.

"Rural revitalization — the cycle of sustaining an economical balance of local agricultural producers and the consumers that purchase the produce — supports the local economy, families, and invests back into the community," Bradley said.

Most farms plant in early April, Huebener said. She said she grows corn, soybeans and wheat, as well

as raises dairy and beef cattle on her 1,000-acre farm. The produce either goes straight to her family restaurant — the Huebener Dairy Barn — or the produce is delivered to distribution centers, which deliver the food to local co-ops and other commercial stores such as Schnucks.

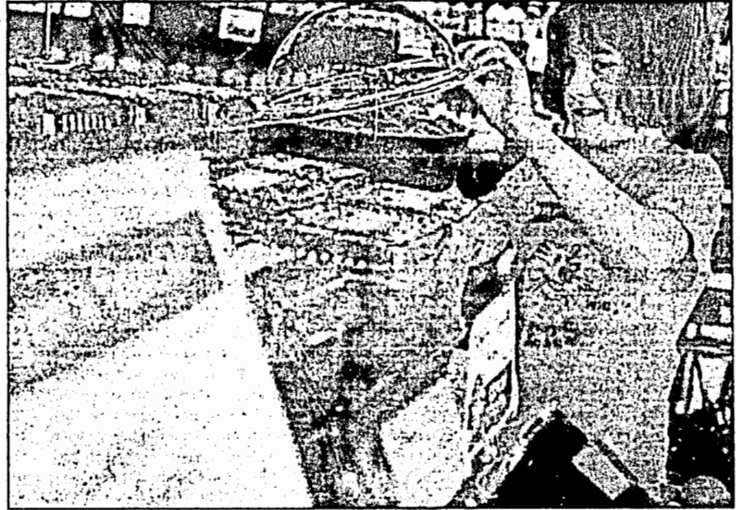
Carbondale's Neighborhood Co-op Grocery has bought more than 100,00 local products from 50 different local farms within a 100-mile radius of the store in the past two years, said Francis Murphy, the general manager of the Co-op. He said local products account for 5 percent of the store's food inventory.

"Customers are increasingly seeking healthy, fresh produce," Murphy said. "We are owned by the people of the community, so we want to support the community."

It is better for buyers to purchase local produce to protect their health and support environmentally healthy agriculture, Bradley said.

At an even more local level, many people grow their vegetables in a backyard plot of Evergreen Terrace, the university's family housing area.

International students' inability to find fresh products that they used prompted University Housing to offer the plots in 1983 to Evergreen Terrace residents, said Jamie Corr, assistant program director of University Housing.



EVAN DAVIS | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Cordy Anderson, 8, picks a sample of a cherry tomato from a bin at the Carbondale Co-op for a taste test. The community owned store has locally grown corn, tomatoes and blueberries available.

The Co-op has been a popular destination for locally grown produce, but recently community gardens like the ones at Evergreen Terrace and Hickory Lodge have also grown in popularity.

"People are able to come together and share food and exchange social interactions with one another," Corr said. "Different ethnicities of people develop relationships."

The university provides land and water for the 36-sectioned plot, Corr said. She said SIU's Plant and Service Operations Grounds

Department gives away excess fertilizer and compost to enrich the soil.

As an effort to make area residents aware of the fresh produce grown locally, the Neighborhood Co-op outreach program, partnered with Mulberry Hill Farm, will host another farm

tour entitled the Gourmet Farm this fall, Murphy said.

"With our current economy, agriculture is not going anywhere," McQueen said.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Save the kumakura garden

DEAR EDITOR:

I was sorry to hear of Dorothy Morris' passing. She was a gracious and delightful woman who played a large role in the growth of SIUC from a teacher's college to a comprehensive university. When the SIUC Women's Club named a scholarship in her honor, she attended the annual meeting of the club that she was instrumental in starting and renewed old ties.

It is so disheartening to see what has become of the kumakura gardens. The pond is stagnant, the plants — both those in the pond and outside of it — are overgrown, and the plaque honoring Mrs. Morris is no longer there. I realize there is a budget crunch, but this garden needs to be attended to. If the grounds crew can't do it, then please let a local garden club, an Agriculture School class, or dedicated volunteers take over its care.

Fran Beque

executive director of Women for Health and Wellness

A letter of thanks and appreciation

DEAR EDITOR:

In 30 days I will have completed my year as an AmeriCorps VISTA. During this past year I have met and had the privilege of working with some outstanding businesses and people here in southern Illinois. Some of these businesses include John John's BBQ in Colp, Applebee's in Marion, Larry's House of Cakes, the Williamson County Tourism Bureau, Pepsi, Ryan's as well as Bandy's Drugs, Barb's, McDonald's, Casey's and the Food Shop in Johnston City. There have been many more businesses but to list all of them would take a whole page.

I would like to also thank some of the great people I have worked with: the folks at EAA, Kathy Heine, Cathy Small and the rest of the volunteers for

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

Scott and Mary at The Southern, Matt at the Daily and Daniel from the Independent for their coverage of Johnston City events.

I want to also thank the DAILY EGYPTIAN for making room for our many public service announcements this past year and to the SIUC Radio and Television Department for its support. I have a special thanks to all the Southern Illinois Roller Girls, Johnston City High School and Unit 1 office, the Johnston City Council and members of the Johnston City Park Board. Many people gave and came together to make Johnston City a great place to live and provided countless hours of volunteer support, financial support and spiritual

support to make Johnston City Community Outreach a growing, giving organization. To the original founding members, I offer kudos for a job well done and to our current board, I know the future will be bright. I would like to also thank Courtney Goodman and Illinois Coalition for Community Service for its faith in me and my dreams.

Thank you southern Illinois for making this last year a year I will never forget, a year highlighted in so many ways.

It was an honor to serve Williamson County and in Johnston City particularly.

Robert Poff

AmeriCorps VISTA assigned to Johnston City Community Outreach

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ENROLLMENT
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The freshman class was the lone class to rise, with an increase of 122 from last summer.

"When you get freshmen numbers up so high, you know you have to be doing something right," Sievers said.

There was also a raise of 74 in miscellaneous categories such as doctorate students, Sievers said.

Like fall enrollment, summer enrollment numbers have steadily decreased the last decade. Chancellor Rita Cheng has already made changes to the office of Enrollment Management — reassigning Victoria Valle, former head of the enrollment, and naming John Nicklow as Valle's replacement.

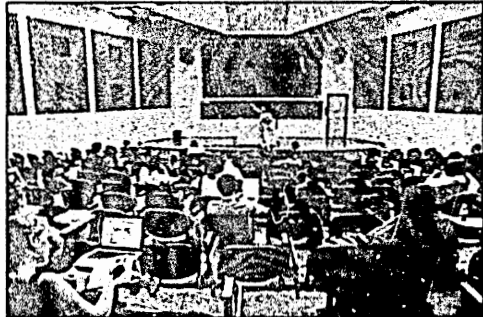
Summer enrollment has dropped every year since 2007, when enrollment was 9,460. SIUC's summer enrollment was as high as 11,524 in 2001.

Jack Young, academic advisor in the School of Journalism, said financial uncertainty factors in a student's choice to take summer classes.

"Financial aid is always an issue," he said. "Until the state increases what they're giving out in financial aid, then it's gonna kill summer enrollment — especially at SIU. The average student income is much less than you see at some other state universities."

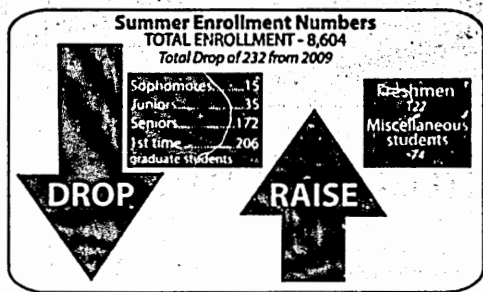
The amount of classes could also play a factor in summer enrollment, Young said. He said although his department had no problems filling classes, getting students into courses provided by other departments "was a pain."

"There wasn't a lot offered," Young said. "Looking at different courses offered by different colleges on campus, it was tough to find 300 or later courses



JESS VERMEULEN | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Najjar Abdul-Musawwir, associate professor of African American Art History, instructs his History of African America Art class Monday in Lawson Hall Room 171. Though summer enrollment is down 232 students compared to last summer, Abdul-Musawwir said his classes have stayed steady with 40 to 50 students.



Source: Rod Sievers, University spokesperson
CALEB WEST | DAILY EGYPTIAN

for our students to take." Sievers said he would not speculate on fall enrollment numbers, but there is little — if any — correlation between summer and fall enrollment.

"You gotta compare it from summer to summer; it's apples to apples," Sievers said. "Summer stands alone, fall

stands alone, and spring stands alone. You can't look at the upcoming fall enrollment numbers, then act surprised because they're up from summer."

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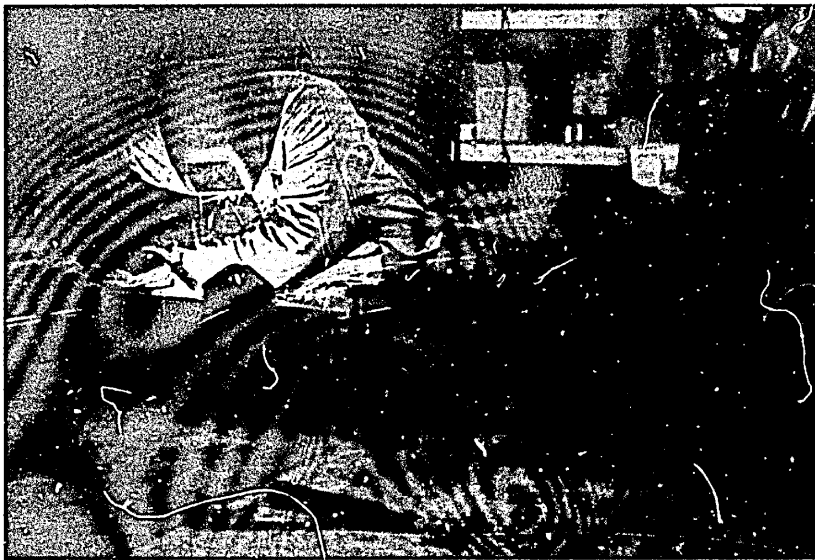
The demand is high for oil spill equipment, and it doesn't look like that demand will slow in the immediate future, said Cook.

"Even if this rig were to get plugged today, that oil is still going to be out there for a long time," he said.

Bohleber said it's been very stressful for BP to try to marshal the resources to take care of the spill. He said BP has provided efficiency experts for Elastec to increase production since the contract was signed in May, and has asked the company to supply as much as they can.

"Nobody really knew the magnitude of this. I don't think BP did either," Bohleber said.

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Jordan McWhirter welds parts of boom reel Tuesday in the Elastec/American Marine warehouse in Carmi. According to www.elastec.com, a boom reel is a piece of equipment used to recover, move and store containment boom.

JESS VERMEULEN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Kagan insists she didn't block military at Harvard

JULIA HIRSCHFELD DAVIS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan dashed Tuesday with a Republican senator over the limits she ordered on military recruiters while dean of Harvard Law School, repeatedly denying she blocked them as she sought to deflect foes' efforts to slow her apparently smooth road to confirmation.

Despite a tony exchange with the top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, President Barack Obama's nominee soldiered through her second day of public testimony on Capitol Hill apparently in good shape to win Senate approval — barring a major gaffe — in time to take her seat before the court opens a new term in October. If confirmed, Kagan, 50, would succeed retiring Justice John Paul Stevens.

Republican foes weren't giving up quietly. Sen. Jeff Sessions of Alabama said he emerged from the long day of questioning more "troubled" about Kagan's nomination than he had been previously. During his sometimes heated back-and-forth with Kagan,

"We were trying to make sure that military recruiters had full and complete access to our students, but we were also trying to protect our own antidiscrimination policy and to protect the students."

— Elena Kagan
Supreme Court nominee

Sessions said her decision to bar recruiters from the law school's career services office over the Pentagon's prohibition on openly gay soldiers was "punishing" the military at Harvard, treating them in a "second-class way" and creating a hostile environment for the military on campus.

Kagan said she was trying to balance Harvard's nondiscrimination policy, which she believed "don't ask, don't tell" violated, with a federal law that required schools to give military recruiters equal access as a condition of eligibility for federal funds. She said she welcomed the military, and believed her policy of requiring recruiters to work through a student veterans group — first set by a predecessor — was a valid compromise.

"We were trying to make sure

that military recruiters had full and complete access to our students, but we were also trying to protect our own antidiscrimination policy and to protect the students whom it is ... supposed to protect, which in this case were our gay and lesbian students," Kagan said.

Sessions rejected her version of events and accused Kagan of defying federal law because of her strong opposition to the military's treatment of homosexuals.

"I know what happened at Harvard. I know you were an outspoken leader against the military policy," Sessions said "I know you acted without legal authority to reverse Harvard's policy and deny those military equal access to campus until you were threatened by the United States gov-

ernment of loss of federal funds."

Kagan was less willing to mix it up with Republicans who closely questioned her on controversial legal topics.

The nominee, who once wrote a strongly worded article denouncing Supreme Court nominees for dodging questions at confirmation hearings, herself refused repeatedly to be pinned down on specific legal issues, her political views or even the passions that animate her to seek a place on the court.

She did call recent Supreme Court rulings upholding gun rights "binding precedent," and she said the court's rulings mandate that in any law regulating abortion "the woman's life and the woman's health have to be protected." She said a 5-4 decision this year that said corporations and unions were free to spend their own funds on political activity was "settled law."

But she was less forthcoming when asked whether she thought that campaign finance case, which she argued for the Obama administration and lost, had been wrongly decided.

"I did believe we had a strong case to make. I tried to make it to the best of my ability," she told Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, who questioned her in detail

about Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission.

She also said none of her work arguing the government's cases before the Supreme Court — she was Obama's solicitor general until last month — should be interpreted as reflecting her own positions.

"I want to make a clear distinction between my views as an advocate and any views I might have as a judge," Kagan said.

Across hours of testimony before the committee, Kagan declined to weigh in on virtually any substantive question posed to her, eluding GOP efforts to label her ideology as well as one Democrat's seemingly friendly bid to get her to opine up about why she wants to be a justice.

"What motivates me is the opportunity to safeguard the rule of law," Kagan said under questioning by a visibly frustrated Sen. Herb Kohl of Wisconsin, who asked her about her passions. "I think I will take this one case at a time if I'm a judge. It would not be right for a judge to come in and say, 'I have a passion for this or that.' This isn't a job, I think, where somebody should come in with a substantive agenda."

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Bill Gates touts charter schools, accountability

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The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Billionaire Microsoft founder Bill Gates said Tuesday that charter schools can revolutionize education, but that the charter school movement also must hold itself accountable for low-performing schools.

"We need breakthroughs," Gates said at the National Charter Schools Conference in Chicago. "And your charters are showing that breakthroughs are possible."

The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has been a big player in the school reform movement, spending about \$200 million a year on grants to elementary and secondary education. Gates said charter schools and their ability

to innovate are a key part of the foundation's education strategy.

"I really think that charters have the potential to revolutionize the way students are educated," Gates said.

Charter schools receive taxpayer money but have more freedom than traditional public schools to map out how they'll meet federal education benchmarks.

Nelson Smith, president and chief executive of the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools, said 457 charter schools have opened in the last year for a total of about 5,000 charter schools educating about 1.65 million children nationally.

Gates said his foundation wants to focus on promoting and sharing effective teaching practices. But he said charters

that fall below public school performance averages also need to be identified and either improved or closed.

"The deal that allowed for the autonomy really has to be a real deal," Gates said. "The freedom to perform in new ways meant that if you don't perform that things are shut down after being given a chance."

Smith said charter schools are being shuttered if they don't meet academic standards.

"People who oversee charter schools are getting very serious about that," he said. "The charter promise of autonomy for accountability is really being realized."

Obtaining proper facilities also has proved to be a challenge for charter schools nationally, said

Caprice Young, president and chief executive of KC Distance Learning in Portland, Ore.

"While the money may follow the student, the facilities don't," said Young, who also is a board member of the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools. Gates said his foundation is working to help charter schools with financing facilities so they can receive larger loans at better rates.

Gates said charter schools find themselves with an "historic opportunity."

"The majority of children in the country are attending schools that don't work for them," Gates said. "So it's imperative that we take the risk to make change, not just small changes at the margin but dramatic changes that are centered around the student."

ILLINOIS WIRE REPORTS

Witness: Blagojevich wouldn't consider Giannoulis

CHICAGO — A prosecution witness says then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich angrily dismissed the idea of appointing Illinois Democrat Alex Giannoulis (Ih-NOO-lee-oh) to Barack Obama's vacated U.S. Senate seat.

Union official Tom Balanoff testified at Blagojevich's corruption trial that he mentioned Giannoulis' name after the 2008 presidential election.

Balanoff says Blagojevich cursed repeatedly and said he wouldn't do anything for Giannoulis because Giannoulis took shots at the governor every chance he got.

Giannoulis is currently in a contentious race for Obama's old seat with Republican Congressman Mark Kirk.

Court seeks to protect siblings of beating victim

JACKSONVILLE — A judge has placed into protective custody three siblings of a 3-month-old Jacksonville girl who remains hospitalized after a severe beating.

Morgan County Assistant State's Attorney Robert Borejan filed child neglect petitions Monday. He contends the environment in the home of 26-year-old Amanda Cozart was injurious to the infant and her older siblings ranging in age from 1 to 4 years old. He pointed out incidents of domestic battery.

Authorities say the 3-month-old was being treated at a Peoria hospital for skull fractures.

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Saluki Insider

After his explosive outburst, Chicago Cubs pitcher Carlos Zambrano was sent to the restricted list and won't return to the lineup until after the All-Star break at the earliest. When do you think the Cubbies management will let Zambrano come back?

Come back, I couldn't tell Carlos Zambrano was on the team this year to begin with. Let me go check the statistics and see if the Cubs will miss him — OK, he had three wins and a 5.65 earned run average, I think they will survive. Zambrano has more heat with management than he does on his fastball nowadays anyway, so he shouldn't be back for a while.



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Honestly, by the time the All-Star break ends the Cubs will need all the help they can get. They will be pushing to get him back in the lineup ASAP, which means he will be back within the first week after break.



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As people close to me can vouch, I was a pretty big supporter of Big Z, even though he showed signs of dementia. His most recent outburst is the last straw — I don't want him back on the team. We are already a huge disappointment, and frankly, I don't want to have to worry about Big Z injuring members of his team with his wily WWE-esque antics. Keep him away.



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15 minutes FOOTBALL with: John Lantz

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John Lantz
Football
redshirt freshman, wide receiver

While the SIU football team works on its strength and conditioning during the summer months, the DAILY EGYPTIAN caught up with redshirt freshman wide receiver John Lantz.

The Springfield native attended Sacred Heart Griffin High School where he was the all-time career leader in receptions. In his junior year, he led the conference in catches and receiving yards. His 886 receiving yards are fourth best in school history.

Lantz talked about what position he would play other than wide receiver as well as his non-bandwagon love for the New Orleans Saints.

DE: What is your favorite part about being a wide receiver?

JL: I like how I always have an opportunity to make a big block or catch a big pass. It is one of those positions that is a game-changing position and that is what I like about it.

DE: If you were not a wide receiver what position would you most likely want to play?

JL: It would definitely be free safety because I played it in high school and you have to have good instincts and I feel like it is something that I am pretty good at.

DE: What is your favorite professional sports team?

JL: You probably won't believe this right now because they just won the Super Bowl but I like the New Orleans Saints, I have been a fan for five straight years now.

DE: What is one of your favorite movies?

JL: One of my favorite movies is Dumb and Dumber because it is funny and I need something to laugh at when I am stressed out. It is just a good movie and I can watch it any time.

DE: What is one of your favorite meals?

JL: Definitely going to Texas Roadhouse and getting their 24 oz. porterhouse along with a baked potato.

DE: What have you been playing a lot on your iPod?

JL: I got a little bit of rap, country, R&B. I like slow stuff, basically anything that relaxes me — Jack Johnson, stuff like that.

DE: What would you do if you won the lottery?

JL: I would finish school and spend the money as wisely as possible. I would probably help out my family first and then after that buy anything that I ever wanted.

DE: What is one thing that you always wanted to do but have never had the chance to do?

JL: I have always wanted to go and watch the World Cup or go somewhere out of the country.

DE: What team are you rooting for now that the United States is out of the World Cup?

JL: Well I was rooting for the U.S. but I am going to go with Argentina.

DE: What do you hope to get out of this season coming up?

JL: Last year we were really productive and it is all about how we bounce back this year. Last year, we lost a lot of good seniors and a good running back, but this year we have just as much talent and we just have to put forth the effort.

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No all-Williams final at Wimbledon: Venus stunned

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WIMBLEDON, England — Venus Williams would shank a shot — and she shanked many on this day — then turn toward the Court 1 player guest box where her parents were seated and put her palms up or shrug her shoulders, as if to indicate, "I don't know what's happening here."

The five-time Wimbledon champion was out of sorts, out of answers and out of the tournament in the quarterfinals, stunned 6-2, 6-3 Tuesday by the lowest-ranked woman left, No. 82 Tsvetana Pironkova of Bulgaria, meaning there won't be an all-Williams title match at the All England Club this year.

Williams double-faulted five times and totaled 29 unforced errors, 23 more than her solid-if-not-spectacular opponent.

"Didn't do myself any favors," said the No. 2-seeded Williams, whose younger sister, No. 1 Serena, won Tuesday to reach the semifinals. "I missed all shots today: forehand, volley, backhand. You know, if there was a shot to miss, I think I missed it."

It was the older Williams' 77th career singles match at the All England Club — she participated in eight of the past 10 finals, losing to her sister three times, including in 2009 — and never had she won so few games. The only time she's been beaten at Wimbledon by someone ranked lower than Pironkova was all the way back on June 28, 1997, when the American lost her tournament debut to No. 91 Magdalena Gzybowska.

Really, the only factor preventing this result from truly being considered one of the biggest upsets in tennis history is that Pironkova actually managed to do this before. She defeated Williams at the 2006 Australian Open.

"I don't even really remember anything from last time," Williams said. "Obviously, she's played well to get this far, but I don't think I did anything right today."

Set aside, for a moment, all of Williams' bona fides — seven Grand Slam titles, seven runner-up finishes at majors, a stint at No. 1 in the rankings — and consider the 22-year-old Pironkova's resume: She never made it beyond the second round in 18 previous Grand Slam

events, and never made the final at any tournament.

"No one expected me to (reach a) semifinal in Wimbledon," Pironkova said, "and to beat Venus Williams like that."

But Pironkova, who's coached by her father, must have believed this was possible, right?

"If I have to be honest: no," she said. "Coming here, I really just wanted to play a good game, to maybe win one or two rounds. But (a) semifinal looked, to me, very far."

Well, now she's there.

On Thursday, Pironkova will face No. 21 Vera Zvonareva of Russia, who added to the topsy-turvy day by coming back to oust No. 8 Kim Clijsters 3-6, 6-4, 6-2. Unlike Pironkova, Zvonareva at least can boast of some experience at this stage, having reached the 2009 Australian Open semifinals.

On the other side of the draw, defending champion Serena Williams smacked 11 aces — lifting her total for the tournament to a Wimbledon-record 73, one more than she hit last year — and made only six unforced errors in a 7-5, 6-3 victory over No. 9 Li Na of China.

"I haven't seen her serve that in a while," said the Williams sisters' mother, Oracene Price, who joked that "they're stealing some aces from Serena; we're counting."

That Centre Court match began after Pironkova's victory was completed, so tennis' two most successful siblings crossed paths in the locker room. Venus — who had just lost — and Serena — about to play — chatted, already aware they would not meet in the Wimbledon final for a fifth time.

"I don't know if it affected my play too much," Serena said.

She next faces yet another unheralded member of this year's final four, 62nd-ranked Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic, who saved five match points and erased third-set deficits of 4-0 and 5-2 to eliminate 80th-ranked qualifier Kaia Kanepi of Estonia 4-6, 7-6 (8), 8-6.

"I play now very well, my best tennis in my life, my career," said the left-handed Kvitova, who knocked off No. 3 Caroline Wozniacki, No. 14 Victoria Azarenka and No. 23 Zheng Jie en route to her first Grand Slam quarterfinal.

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FOOTBALL

Freshmen shed redshirts

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Daily Egyptian

Second-year freshmen are eager to shed their redshirts as they hope to take the field for the first time as Salukis.

Head football coach Dale Lennon said the redshirt freshmen are expected to be contributors on the field this year. He said it would differ from position to position on the potential roles they might be asked to play.

"Some of them will have opportunities to earn their way onto the field as far as scrimmage plays are concerned but those are things they are going to have to prove before the fall," Lennon said.

Getting that chance on the field is like getting that feast. Redshirting last year was like waving a bowl of food in front of a bunch of hungry dogs because we did everything the team did except get out onto the field and play, and now we have that opportunity.

—Rodney Reagens, redshirt freshman inside linebacker

"The coaches are on you telling you to keep going and going even when your body is telling you that you can't do it anymore," Reagens said. "It is like you have to trick yourself to just keep working."

Redshirt freshman wide receiver John Lantz said spending time on the sidelines last year was a positive experience for him, but he is excited to bring what he can to the team.

"I just want to be consistent game in and game out and when I make a mistake to bounce back and play at a level that I have always been able to."

Almost all of Lennon's 2009 recruiting class redshirted with the exception of running back Steve Strother. Strother played in 11 games as a true freshman racking up 38 carries for 159 yards along with five receptions for 40 yards.

Lennon said he was pleased with what he saw from the freshmen in the spring. He said he looks for every recruiting class to compliment the remaining part of the team.

"We recruited them because they would have an opportunity to contribute early and so far they have lived up to that expectation," Lennon said. "What they give us is quality depth throughout the team."

Redshirt freshman inside linebacker Rodney Reagens said he is excited to be able to play this season. He said he has ran and lifted for a full year and is happy the hard work is turning into an opportunity to play on Saturdays. He said he wants to fit in wherever the coaches place him because it is all about playing time on the field.

"Getting that chance on the field is like getting that feast," Reagens said. "Redshirting last year was like waving a bowl of food in front of a bunch of hungry dogs because we did everything the team did except get out onto the field and play, and now we have that opportunity."

Reagens said the level of conditioning and training required at the college level is beyond anything he has ever done before.

VOLLEYBALL

Salukis off to a different hot start



EVAN DAVIS | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jennifer Berwanger, a senior outside hitter, tosses a medicine ball to her teammate Tuesday at McAndrew Stadium while conditioning for the

upcoming season. Last season, Berwanger became the fourth player in SIU history to earn first-team All-MVC honors twice.

JEFF ENGELHARDT
Daily Egyptian

It's not the 11-0 start the SIU volleyball team got off to last season, but the Salukis are off to a hot start as they prepare for their 2010 campaign.

Senior leader Jennifer Berwanger said the team is in an important part of its preseason as it clocks plenty of hours under the hot summer sun in a strength and conditioning program designed to prepare the team for five-set matches.

While the early morning sprints up the stadium steps, campus runs and agility and leaping exercises are not always enjoyable, Berwanger said it would improve the physical and mental makeup of the team by the start of the season.

"Our biggest motivation right now is to make it into the top four of the (conference) and that's been our goal for a few years," she said. "This is the time that is extremely important because it really does take a lot of conditioning to get through five sets of volleyball and this prepares us for that."

The Salukis can use all the preparation they can get as they will face two tough challenges in replacing Chandra Roberson and playing through what head coach Brenda Winkler said is the toughest schedule they have seen.

Finding Roberson's replacement will be no easy task as she holds the school record for most block assists and ranks in the top 10 in solo blocks,

We don't want to get burned out, we want to keep it light because we have a long time from here until November. Once the beginning of August comes, we're going at it hard.

—Alicia Johnson
senior right side hitter

kills, hitting percentage, sets played and matches played.

Senior right side Alicia Johnson said all the work put in during the summer helps make the search for a replacement much easier as it gives the team a chance to develop chemistry and make up for the loss of Roberson as a unit.

"We were a very deep team last year as it was and I feel we're even more ready this year because people have matured and gotten used to each other on the court," Johnson said. "With our preseason we jump right into things ... because we're practicing all together."

As two of four seniors on the team, Berwanger and Johnson said it is their responsibility to help lead and coordinate summer practices because Winkler cannot participate with the team until mid-August because of NCAA regulations.

Leadership and experience are two qualities Winkler said the Salukis would need for their challenging schedule.

After winning 17 games in 2008 and 18 in 2009, Winkler said the Salukis could make it to the next level by playing tough non-conference oppo-

nents such as Iowa and South Florida. She said the stiff competition would give SIU mental toughness when they begin play in one of the toughest leagues — the Missouri Valley Conference.

"This is the hardest schedule since the time I've been here and the reason we're doing that is because our conference is ranked No. 7 out of 32 conferences," Winkler said. "We really have to make a push to try to get into the top-50 and right now we're right around the 100 mark."

The push for a top-50 national ranking and top-4 conference finish begins in the summer, but Berwanger and Johnson said it is also a time for the team to have fun.

While they try to make practices competitive, Johnson said it is important to not overwork players.

"We don't want to get burned out. We want to keep it light because we have a long time from here until November," Johnson said. "Once the beginning of August comes, we're going at it hard."

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