Summer enrollment drops 232 from last year

BYAN 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 summer, said Rod Sievers, university spokesperson. The most significant drop comes in first year graduate students, with a loss of 296 students. SIU President Glenn Poshard's office deferred all questions regarding enrollment numbers to the Chancellor's office. The office 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 33, while the sophomore class dropped 18 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 26. 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 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.

Eric Meyer, 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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Pin on a map in the Elastec office building in Carmi display where Elastec has recently sent products.
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Campus policearrisoned Matthew Clifton Gill, 25, of Arlington Heights, on suspicion of domestic battery around 11:05 p.m. Friday on the 500 block of Normal Avenue near Wosley Hall. A department release stated, Gill is being held in the Jackson County Jail. The victim, a 28-year-old STUC student, did not require medical treatment.

The Weather Channel® 5 day weather forecast for Carbondale, Ill.

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The New Solution to Weight Loss
- The foundation for Illinois Professionals will hold a lecture about a new solution to weight loss.
- 7 p.m. July 6
- Carbondale Civic Center Room 122
- Call 625-5891 to reserve a seat.

SIUC University Museum Free Summer Programs 2010
- All programs from 10:30 a.m. to noon Wednesdays at the SIUC library
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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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The Fur Ball in July
- Cache Creek Animal Rescue 1st Annual Fund Raiser
- 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. July 17
- Blue Martin, 215 E. Main St. Carbondale
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Small plots sprout resident savings

MICHAela CANTY
Daily Egyptian

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

Huerbener is a fourth generation farmer of Huerbener Farm in Brighton, 135 miles northwest 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 economic 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.

Post, 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 interests back into the community," Bradley said.

Most farms plant in early April, Huerbener said. She said she grows corn, soybeans and wheat, as well as mixed dairy and beef cattle on her 1,000-acre farm. The produce either goes straight to her family restaurant — the Huerbener 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 100,000 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 even a more local level, many people grow their gardens 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.

"People are able to come together and share food and exchange social interactions with one another," Corr said. "Diverse 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 SIU 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 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 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, Lardy’s House of Cakes, the Williamson County Tourism Bureau, Pepsi, Ryan’s as well as Sandy’s Drugs, Babka’s, McDonald’s, Casey’s and the Food Shop in Johnston City. There have been many more businesses but just 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 provide countless hours of volunteer support, financial support and spiritual support to make Johnston City Community Outreach a growing, giving organization. To me 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
The freshman class was the lone class to rise, with an increase of 122 from last summer. "When you get freshman 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 studies, Sievers said. Like fall enrollment, summer enrollment numbers have steadily decreased the last decade. Chandler Rita Cheng has recently made changes to the Office of Enrollment Management — reassigning Victoria Vale, former head of the enrollment, and naming John Nucklow as Vale’s replacement.

Summer enrollment has dropped every year since 2007, when enrollment was 94th. SIUC’s summer enrollment was as high as 11,524 in 2001.

Jack Young, academic advisor in the School of Journalism, said financial uncertainty was causing students’ 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 who’s going to SIU, their family income is much less than you at some other state schools.

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

“There wasn’t a lot of it,” Young said. “Looking at it differently, it’s a factor of being offered by different departments or campuses. It was tough to find a class or later courses for our students to take.”

Sievers said he would not hesitate on fall enrollment numbers, but there is little — if any — correlation between summer and fall enrollment.

“You gotta come as is, summer to summer,” Sievers said. “It’s apples to apples.”

Summer Enrollment Numbers

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Source: Rod Sievers, University spokesperson

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"When you get it from summer, it’s exciting to see the upcoming fall enrollment numbers, then act surprised because they’re up from summer." — Ryan Volden

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 322 students compared to last summer, Abdul-Musawwir said his classes have stayed steady with 40 to 50 students.

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Kagan insists she didn’t block military at Harvard

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court nominee Elena Kagan dodged Tuesday 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.

During a testy exchange with the top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, President Barack Obama’s nominee spared 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 questions with more “worry” about Kagan’s nomination than he had been previously. During his sometimes heated back-and-forth with Kagan, 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, and creating a hostile environment for the military on campus.

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WASHINGTON

Republicans use Kagan's record on
Harvard to make their anti-military
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WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans and
Jeb Bush endorsed John Mccain in the
anti-war campaign, backing him as the
candidate to replace the current
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McCain has long been a critic of the
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**Horoscopes**

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clements

**Aries** (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 5. Think through yesterday's work. List concerns, and then reject the 12 percent of the ideas before making decisions.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6. Get out of town with a spare person. You both need time off to regroup. Regrouping time can help you recharge your spirit.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - Begin the day by seeking a solution to a financial puzzle. Explore unusual avenues, and you find answers that satisfy your values and beliefs.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 8. Someone close to you makes some questionable decisions regarding money matters. A healthy relationship would help to allow them to keep the peace, as long as you reserve the right of final decision.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 9. Begin the day seeing if your ideas will fit into one finished project. Clear any ideas removed from the mix for the future.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 1. It's time you take a day to spend more time with loved ones. Enjoy the company of others at home, and remove criticism from the conversation.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 2. Home is not where your heart is. It's good place you hang out on weekends. Hang up your clothes, and you find the heart of your home.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 3. Research a potential vacation site. Imagine yourself there, with family or companions. Your vision before you confirms reservations.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 4. You aren't the only one in your department. You see the potential for the future. Budget to get there.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 5 - Imagination you inspired by a dream or meditation symbol. Use it to develop a type of plan. Read it to a friend before publishing.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 6. Some people are in a basic mode getting anywhere you want, according to what you need.
John Lantz
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, 45.

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 feel like it is something that I am pretty good at.

DE: Which is your favorite professional sports team?

JL: I 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: Which 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: Which 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 finished 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 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 thank a shot — and she thanked Mama.

On this day — when 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 very first 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 doubled-fisted five times and totaled 20 unforced errors, 23 more than her solid-of-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 I was at a shot to miss, I think I missed it."

It was the older Williams' 17th 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 2000 — and never had the seventh. The only time she's been beaten at Wimbledon by someone ranked lower than Pironkova was all the way back in 1997, when the American lost her tournament debut to No. 91 Magdalena Grzybowska.

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 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.

For Pironkova, who was 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 make the biggest dreams of dreams. 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 out to No. 8 Kim Clijsters 3-6, 6-4, 6-2. Unlike Pironkova, Zvonareva at least won a lot of some experience at this stage, having reached the 2009 Australian Open semifinals.

On the other side of the draw, defending champion Serena Williams knocked 11 seed, 81-year-old Kimiko Date-Krumm out of Wimbledon, then 75, one more than she hit last year — and made only six unforced errors in 7, 6-5, 6-2 victory over No. 91 of China.

"Isn't that her serve but well in a while," said the Williams sisters' mother, Oracene Price, who joked that "they're stealing some action from Serena's tournament".

That Centre Court match began after Pironkova's victory was completed, so tennis two most successful sisters crossed paths in the locker room Venus was 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 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 8th-ranked qualifier Kaia Kanepi of Estonia 4-6, 7-6 (4), 8-6.

"I play now very, very best tennis in my life," my career," said the left-handed Kvitova, who knocked off No. 3 Caroline Wozniacki, No. 4 Victoria Azarenka and No. 23 Zheng Jie en route to her first Grand Slam quarterfinal.

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FOOTBALL

Freshmen rid 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 didn't get everything the team did except get out onto the field and play, and now we have that opportunity." — Rodney Reagans, redshirt freshman inside linebacker

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 Reagans said he is excited to be able to play this season. He said he 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.

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

"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," Reagans said. "It is like you have to trick yourself to just keep working."

Redshirt freshman wide receiver John Lantz said spending time on the sideline 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." — Ryan Simonin can be reached at rsimonin@dailyEgyptian.com or 536-3311 ext. 269.

VOLLEYBALL

Salukis off to a different hot start

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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 practices up the stadium stairs, campus runs and agility and jumping 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 Robertson and playing through what coach Brenda Winkel said is the toughest schedule they have seen.

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

"We were a very deep team last year as it was and I feel we're more ready this year because we have matured and gotten used to each other on the court," Johnson said. "With our pre-season 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 Winkel cannot participate with the team until mid-August because of NCAA regulations.

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

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

Jennifer Berwanger, a senior outside hitter, tosses a medicine ball to her teammate Tuesday at McKernan 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.

"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." — Alida Johnson, senior right side hitter.