King takes throne as USG president

Looks to ‘hit the ground running’ over the summer semester

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Daily Egyptian

The Daily Egyptian sat down with new Undergraduate Student Government President Marcus King to see how he is transitioning into office and his plans for summer months.

"King, a senior from Daytona, Fla., studying journalism, has been a senator in USG and executive director of the Student Programming Council, but said he is most excited for his role as the students' president," King said he would focus on opening the lines of communication and providing helpful information to students during the summer months.

DE: Now that the semester is over, have you started to settle into your new position?
MK: It's a transition period right now as far as getting into the office. I'm ready to go, though, at full speed. I want to hit the ground running because I am very excited about this.

DE: What's going to be your No. 1 goal over the summer months?
MK: I think getting information out to students is the No. 1 thing. My primary concern is trying to help students save money. We have to let students know about the inter-library loan system and other means of saving money on textbooks and things like that. It's not always about creating programs; sometimes you just need to inform people of what's available.

DE: How has your staff been adjusting so far?
MK: I think the staff is coming along pretty well. The people that I have come from different organizations and that is going to be a major plus because we can spread the word through the university and know what's going on in different areas.

DE: Do you plan to stay active with the students during the summer?
MK: I absolutely plan to work with students this summer. I already have a bunch of calls on different issues and I am going to try to tackle as many as I can. If I can't tackle them, I don't believe in telling someone we can't do something. I am going to make sure they get to the right place and it gets worked on.

DE: A lot of former USG presidents have tried to tackle issues like fee increases directly. It seems like you plan on using other resources to try to accomplish some of your goals.
MK: I want to do a little of both. The things that aren't in my power I will still work on because people expect problems to be solved. I plan on meeting with the student trustees and past USG presidents. I try to involve as many people as possible, including administration, which is very important.

DE: Do you feel like you are ready to get started on some of those goals right now?
MK: Definitely. The hardest part for me right now is just the simple stuff like finding all the files and information. From past presidents, but that's a natural problem. I'm ready for the struggles that are sure to happen next semester, but I have a lot of great relationships with students and administrators and I am ready to start working to bring them together and get some problems solved.

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Grocery stores continue fight to sell alcohol

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Representatives from local grocery stores continued their push to change city ordinances Tuesday's City Council meeting.

Though the council did not vote on any of the proposed revisions to the liquor code, representatives from Schnucks, Kroger and the Neighborhood Co-Op again asked council members to allow them to sell alcohol.

The City Council has not identified a date to vote on any proposed revisions.

The council has previously said two concerns in allowing liquor sales at grocery stores are increased access for minors and competition with liquor stores.

Tim McGurk, public affairs manager for Kroger, said items the store does not carry, beer and wine, were far the most requested. McGurk said there have been no alcohol violations in 2009 and so far in 2010 at the 2,000 other Kroger stores that sell alcohol.

Robert Wiegers, director of government relations for Schnucks, said the Carbondale store is the only Schnucks store that does not sell any alcohol, and all other stores have been able to function within a short distance from several liquor stores without putting them out of business.

Steve Hoffman, who said he was representing several liquor dealers in Carbondale, said allowing grocery stores to sell liquor will not result in any increase in sales, but instead each store will receive a smaller portion of revenue.

"The council has to decide what's good for Carbondale," Hoffman said. "The people who own and operate these (liquor) stores live here, raise their kids here."

John Vomick, an attorney speaking on behalf of liquor stores, said the question to the council is whether they should encourage easy access to liquor.

Councilman Lance Jack said he would suggest taking a step back and looking at the basic ordinances and where they wanted to permit the sale of alcohol.

"They way we're doing it seems like a really backwards way of doing it," Jack said. "We just seem to be muddying the water more."

The council approved a one-week suspension of the taxi certificate of Russell High's Yellow Cab following an incident in April where the driver picked up a customer in a car without a valid taxi certificate.

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Chair of Automotive Technology Department retires after 13 years

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Jack Greer
Chair of SIUC's Automotive Technology Department to retire June 30

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Jack Greer said he is ready to retire as chair of SIUC's Automotive Technology Department. He will leave behind a few big challenges for associate professor Michael Behrmann — his predecessor — when he retires from the department June 30 after 33 years of affiliation with the department, and more than 13 years as chair. Behrmann will take over the program and its challenges, such as a budget deficit, the need for more instructors and a major move to a new $2.3 million facility.

"I think our building still keeps people away..." Greer said. "Once they get in and..."

Greer said he remembers when the automotive department moved to its location in Carbondale as a temporary facility, and has since planned for a new building. The Transportation

SIUC Automotive Technology Department's and the ATO club's race car — a 1966 Chevy Nova — has finished its 20th year of drag racing. Department chair Jack Greer will retire June 30 after more than 13 years as chair. He said he would be back to see students race the car. "Without alumni support, we couldn't keep it on the track," Greer said.

Chistoph Miha, an alumnus who now lives in Detroit and has been working for Chrysler for 25 years, said his relationship with the department and Greer has grown throughout the years since he began donating parts for the student-owned race car — a 1966 Chevy Nova. The car has gone from a joke to one of the top-ten in local racing, and will be one of the aspects he will miss the most, Greer said. "I'll mostly miss the students and their car," Greer said. "I'll probably stay around for that a little bit."

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Carbondale police responded to report of a burglary at 8 a.m. Thursday on the 500 block of North Carico Street. Officers learned between midnight and 8 a.m. an unknown suspect entered a storage shed and stole property. The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information should contact the Carbondale Police Department or Crime Stoppers.

The Carbondale Police Department will focus specifically on seat belt and child restraint safety from May 14 to May 31. The period will coincide with the Illinois Department of Transportation's Click It or Ticket program. According to a report from the police department's website, the goal is to influence people to buckle up and prevent collisions, not to issue citations.
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The SIU women's golf team added not only three recruits to next year's roster, but also a newly erected indoor facility at Hickory Ridge Golf Course.

"The fact that we have our own indoor facility now, and we acquired three new talented recruits is one big step closer to taking the program up another notch," Daugherty said.

Daugherty said the women's golf program raised the funds to build the indoor facility entirely on its own and said being able to utilize the building will help the team next year.

"At the beginning of the spring season we weren't able to practice that much because of the bad weather, so we didn't get off to the best start that we could've had and this facility will allow us to practice at any time," Anderson said. "Next year I think we are going to be unstoppable because of this new facility, and we won't have to rely on the weather to practice."

Aside from the addition of their own practice facility, the Salukis also acquired three new recruits.

"They are very talented, and they are the best recruits we have gotten from the surrounding area," Daugherty said.

Anderson said the recruits bring elements to the team that have been lacking in recent years. "I know they are very good and each one of them is going to be a big help to the team," Anderson said. "I think they are going to make our lineup deeper, and since they have a lot of talent they will push the rest of the team to get better and create more inner competition on the team."

Daugherty said she hopes the golfers work hard over the summer and play in as many summer tournaments as they can.

Junior Aliyah Matthews said she has many tournaments planned for the summer.

"I plan on playing in some USGA qualifiers this summer like the Illinois Open," Matthews said. "My goal over the summer is to go out each day I play golf and focus on one aspect of my game and repeatedly hit the same shots so when I play in tournaments I am much more consistent."

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Men's Basketball
Brown-Surles, Cleveland to handle point guard duties

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Daily Egyptian

When Kevin Dillard made the decision to transfer, it left open the starting point guard spot for the SIU men's basketball team. Kendal Brown-Surles and Mykel Cleveland will try to grab that spot.

Brown-Surles, a sophomore, will enter his second season in a Saluki uniform, while Cleveland will be in his first after transferring from Southern Illinois College.

Head coach Chris Lowery said both players are expected to log major minutes for SIU next season.

"They both know how to play the position," Lowery said. "They understand their job is to get people the ball, and they play hard."

Brown-Surles appeared in 30 games last season, starting four, and averaged 4.1 points and 2.4 assists per game while averaging 1.9 minutes per game.

Cleveland, meanwhile, averaged 11 points, four assists and five rebounds per game last season, leading the Blue Storm to the semifinals of the MVC Tournament.

Lowery said Brown-Surles put up impressive numbers last season for the Salukis.

"He's one of the few freshmen to ever have a positive assist-to-turnover ratio," Lowery said. "It's impressive. He probably deserved to be in at the end of games more than he was."

Lowery said Brown-Surles is the quickest player on the team, and he should play at a faster pace next season.

Athletic Director Mike Moccia said Cleveland, as well as the four other recruits SIU brought in for next season, is a good character guy who will fit in well with the team.

"They all seem to be singing the same common theme of, 'Hey, we wanna be a team,'" Moccia said.

Cleveland helped lead the Blue Storm to 57 victories in his two seasons with the team.

Brown-Surles and Cleveland will be tasked with making up for the production of Dillard from a season ago. Last season, Dillard averaged team-highs in points and assists with 12.3 points and five assists per contest.

Lowery said he doesn't think the duo will have any problems locating teammates in scoring situations.

"Given the opportunity, those guys will probably put up numbers for us because they understand who needs to get the ball and how to get it to them," Lowery said.

But Lowery said the most immediate impact Brown-Surles and Cleveland would make would be on the defensive end.

"I think those guys can be good defenders first, and then help us to do the things we need to do at the offensive end," Lowery said.

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