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FLU SHOT FEVER

Suzanne Carraker | Daily Egyptian

Leif Faber, left, a Toach of Nature employee from Makanda, and his wife Jules, center, hold their 9-month-old son Kai as he gets his first flu vaccination Tuesday at the SIUC Health Center. The Jackson County Health Department provided flu shots to SIUC staff members and their families. Linda Akino, a Jackson County Health Department nursing secretary, said by 3:30 p.m. almost 750 people received the vaccination, and the clinic expected to run out before the day’s end.

Ange Bailey, director of health education at the Jackson County Health Department, said the department has seen a number of flu cases, but are instructed to treat any flu symptoms as H1N1.

Because the only tests confirming the H1N1 strain are done after hospitalization and the symptoms of both H1N1 and the seasonal flu are so similar, she could not say how many people in the area have been sick with each string of the flu.

According to the Associated Press, states have ordered almost 6 million doses of swine flu vaccine in the campaign that started last week. The Associated Press also reported the World Health Organization hopes to ship 60 million doses of swine flu vaccine to developing countries in November as an effort to protect their fragile health systems from the pandemic.

On-campus interviews scheduled for November

Stile T. Smith
Daily Egyptian

The search for SIUC’s next chancellor is down to the final stages.

The search committee for Chancellor Sam Goldberg’s replacement has narrowed the field down to six candidates.

Philip Howze, Faculty Senate president and member of the committee, said at Tuesday’s Faculty Senate meeting he is pleased with the final candidates.

“Rarely do you see such a gender balance and ethnic diversity in a pool of high-quality candidates,” Howze said.

Peggy Stockdale, co-chairwoman of the committee, said it came up with a field of about 35 candidates while high-ranking administrators at other universities suggested 20 more, giving an initial pool of about 55 candidates.

From that list of 55, Stockdale said she contacted the potential candidates to gauge their interest in the position.

After the committee was able to find out who was interested in the position, Stockdale said it was able to shorten the list until it was cut to six.

Stockdale said the chancellor search committee has worked hard to bring the field down to the final six.

Panel receives input on gerrymandering problem

Diana Soliwon
Daily Egyptian

One of SIUC’s political arms presented two proposals to state officials Tuesday in an effort to squelch gerrymandering, a district-drawing tactic that has caught fire in Illinois for decades.

The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute hosted the open Senate Redistricting Committee meeting at the John C. Grayson Auditorium to hear the latest commentary on reform for Illinois’ district mapping process, which former Gov. Jim Edgar once called “the most politically ugly and partisan thing that takes place” in Illinois.

The current redistricting format, which takes place every 10 years after the U.S. Census, allows one party to have complete control in drawing the lines around the areas senators and representatives serve.

Minorities end up being misrepresented, said committee chair and state Sen. Kwame Raoul, D-Chicago.

Elected officials also have the power to control which voters they’ll represent and hopefully be re-elected by, said Justin Levitt, counsel for the Brennan Center of Justice and speaker for the institute via videoconference.

“The problem is the conflict of having to draw (your own) districts. The public assumes you’re trying to rig the game,” Levitt said.

The problem also stems from a misguided decision made by legisla-
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“This is one of the best committees I’ve ever served on,” Stockdale said. “Every person on that committee reviewed at least two or three candidates.”

Stockdale said of the six candidates, three came from the committee’s initial field of 15, while the other three came from the group of 20 suggested by other universities’ administrators.

Stockdale said off-campus interviews would take place in the coming weeks, while on-site interviews would occur in November.

Stockdale said the entire SIUC campus would be invited to the on-site interviews, and an option to submit an anonymous online evaluation of the candidates would be available as well.

Hoover said the university must show the candidates that SIUC is a good option for them.

“We have as much to demonstrate to the candidates that we are worthy for them as they do that they are worthy for us.”

Stockdale agreed with Hoover and said it is important no candidate drops from the running.

“I think we need to do our job both in getting to know the candidates well and selling (the university),” Stockdale said.

At Tuesday’s meeting, Hoover also stressed the importance of trying to restore the Monetary Awards Program grant.

Hoover said the university is not in a situation where it can afford to lose mass amounts of students.

“We’re at a point now where even if we lose 1,000 of the 5,000 students (receiving MAP findings), it will have devastating effects not only on the university but the remaining students as well,” Hoover said.

Allen Karnes, a professor of accounting, said he is not optimistic the grant would be reinstated, so students and faculty need to make sure their voice is heard.

“We’ve been getting the short end of the stick for the last 10 years,” Karnes said. “It’s time to get the long end of the stick.”

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Author discusses the naked truth about college

Erin Holcomb

Harlan Cohen introduced himself to SIUC students through his song about his most ex-roommate, Stu.

Cohen, author of "The Naked Roommate: And 107 Other Issues You Might Run Into in College," said he was uncomfortable with his roommate at first, but was more accepting after Stu’s nudist sister visited.

The song, "My Roommate Stu," isn’t a true story, but Cohen related it to the audience of more than 450 students about shaky college beginnings.

"Roommate visited. The universe at the start of college, Cohen said, are just positives in disguise.

"College is about getting comfortable with the uncomfortable," he said.

That motto was the basis for Cohen’s book about college issues — the hilarious and the serious.

"For some people, it’s easy for them to get out and experience college," Cohen said. "For many people it’s hard to get around and even stay here."

In Cohen’s song, he described the positives of the visit of Stu’s sister, but emphasized the agreement he and his roommate made. If Stu didn’t cover up, then Cohen would cover his eyes.

Living with someone can be very uncomfortable, Cohen said.

"But that’s great," he said. "It’s like we’re so afraid of being uncomfortable, and we try to stay in our comfort zone."

Cohen said students, especially freshmen in college, should get out and get uncomfortable in order to create opportunities for themselves.

"When you live in a world of options, everything can happen," he said. "College is a place to create a world of options."

Cohen also talked to students about dating and relationships.

"Without dating and relationships, we wouldn’t take any risks," he said. "And not everyone that you want will always want you."

Rejection can cause students to withdraw, but students must be comfortable with themselves before they can be comfortable with others.

"Picture yourself wearing a thong and embracing what hangs out — mentally and physically," Cohen said.

He said he embraced his large ears and decided he had the advantage when compared to "other guys with flat ears." He encouraged students to do the same with their perceived flaws.

Cohen ended his presentation answering anonymous questions from students about sex, roommates and math equations.

Julie Payne-Kirchmeier, director of Saluki First Year, said all incoming freshmen received a free copy of Cohen’s book if they moved on campus this semester.

She said because Cohen is engaging and has talked to students at more than 300 campuses, his presentation was the perfect compliment to his book.

"Students get pretty much whatever they want from this presentation," she said. "They walk away here feeling comfortable."

Morgan Eckols, a freshman from Murphyboro studying physics, said she didn’t receive a copy of the book because she lives off campus, but came to the presentation because it seemed interesting.

"I actually came here for an assignment for one of my classes," Eckols said. "But I’m definitely going to buy the book now."

Cohen said even if students feel comfortable after reading his book or attending the presentation, they should still ask questions about anything in their life.

"Don’t be afraid," he said. "Questions are just people expressing what’s hanging out of their thong."

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**Shawn Pogatchnik** \(\text{The Associated Press}\)

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A Hong Kong teen who took part in a growing social phenomenon in China called compensated dating, where women agree to be paid for dates that include sex, said girls don’t consider it prostitution because the money is for shopping, not survival.

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**Quote of the Day**

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**InSight**

Not just a bunch of hot air

When Mark Gindlesparger spits from 2,000 feet above ground, he hopes he doesn’t offend anyone. It is a simple tool he uses when piloting a hot air balloon.

Gindlesparger said he and his wife Sue gained a true appreciation for hot air balloons in 1995 after volunteering at Cascades of Colors, a balloon festival in Carbondale, with their children Emily and Matt.

“We crewed for the festival, pretty well got involved,” he said.

He said their first step to flying their own balloon was to become a pilot. The requirements to obtain a pilot’s license includes at least 30 hours of flying with an instructor, 10 hours of classroom work and a written exam.

“Then you qualify for an exam with the FAA, which is a written exam, an oral exam and then a flying exam,” he said. “By late August or so (in 1996), I had my full license.”

The Gindlespargers said they traveled to Statesville, N.C. for their custom balloon.

“We got to design the balloon; they sent us fabric swatches and coloring sheets,” his wife said.

Gindlesparger said the estimated cost for all of the necessary equipment is around $23,000. $21,000 for the balloon, fuel tanks and handmade basket; $1,000 for two aircraft radios and $1,000 for an inflation fan.

“Typical process for getting up in the air consists of, luck, preparation and a lot of manual labor,” Gindlesparger said.

“You need to check the weather thoroughly before sunrise … then you call the flight service, tell them where you’re flying. After you have determined whether you can fly, it’s just a matter of packing up the balloon into the truck and going to your launch site,” he said. “You also send up a helium pilas (pilot balloon) to calculate wind direction and speed.”

To have a successful launch, the ideal site should consist of flat land, short grass and a tree line that can break the wind, Gindlesparger said. Once the location is determined, the task of unfolding and filling up the balloon requires the meticulous attention of everyone involved.

Gindlesparger said a pilot and a three-man crew is the bare minimum, but a five-man crew is best. Having a chaser — a person who drives in a car behind the balloon and is at the landing site — the passenger and any extra help makes for a smooth process.

“Once you’re in the air, you’re organizing your thoughts on what direction your going, what’s the wind doing and checking if your passengers are freaking out,” he said.

The series of ropes and cords found inside are used to open and close vents, allowing a certain amount of air into the balloon to cool it down, while the burner provides lift by heating it up. Pilots use the cooling and heating techniques to regulate the altitude during the flight and speed of descent upon landing.

When up in the air, luck becomes a big factor on which direction the wind takes the balloon because there is no steering involved.

Picking a landing spot is something that happens near the end of the flight, and the spot is almost never the same. This is when Gindlesparger spits over the side. It helps him calculate the direction of the wind below and how fast it’s moving.

In the end, the one thing that keeps the Gindlespargers flying is the peace and quiet nature offer 2,000 feet above ground.
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Fall movie preview

“The Road,” directed by John Hillcoat
Opens: Nov 25

This film is another adaptation, taken from Cormac McCarthy’s post-apocalyptic novel of the same name. McCarthy’s book was a haunting and gut-wrenching affair.

Director John Hillcoat was given the reigns to this film after his debut, the wonderful Australian western “The Proposition.” Hillcoat proved he could do gritty, grim action sequences, which is what this film will need if it attempts to stay close to its magnificent source material.

“Up in the Air,” directed by Jason Reitman
Opens: Dec 4

Jason Reitman’s latest has already grabbed a deal of Oscar talk, mostly pointed at the film’s cast and its portrayal of corporate America. George Clooney plays a man who travels the country terminating employees when companies do not want to. He excels at this, hopping from airport to airport. His view on his plane-lifting life changes when his company’s needs for him change and he meets a woman (Vera Farmiga). Reitman is no stranger to Oscar land as his last feature, “Juno,” was Hollywood’s surprise hit in 2007. Unlike that film, Reitman wrote the majority of this screenplay (adapted from a novel) and by all accounts it is his best work yet. Plus, critics absolutely love Clooney.

“Invincus,” directed by Clint Eastwood
Opens: Dec 11

Clint Eastwood’s films always pop up around this time, making the last surge to get him another golden statue on his mantle. This year he is bringing a biopic, which always do well with the Oscar judges. The film is about Nelson Mandela’s life after his release from prison, set during the 1995 Rugby World Cup in South Africa. Thrust crowd and critic favorites Morgan Freeman and Matt Damon into the mix and it seems Eastwood may have another winner on his hands.

Gearing up for Oscar season

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Good news, moviegoers: Fall has arrived.

This means studios will unleash the films they feel have a shot at a coveted Best Picture Oscar. No more suffering through 3D gerbils or lame horror remakes; it is time for real-deal films.

Two pictures, which have already received considerable Oscar buzz while traveling the film festival circuit, will be released nationwide Friday. In the last two months of 2009, a bevy of films worth getting excited about will battle for the critics’ approval.

Here is a rundown of some of the big releases and a few under-the-radar films scheduled to hit theaters.

“An Education,” directed by Lone Scherfig
Opens: Friday

The film is being billed as a coming-of-age tale about a woman in her late teens (Carey Mulligan) who begins a romance with an older man (Peter Sarsgaard). Films about growing up always have a good shot at getting some heat come Oscar time—if they are done well.

This one has a wonderful cast (Sarsgaard is being touted as Best Actor frontrunner) and a screenplay by witty novelist Nick Hornby, making it a can’t-miss when it hits theaters.

“Where the Wild Things Are,” directed by Spike Jonze
Opens: Friday

The film is adapted by the legendary children’s book of the same name by Maurice Sendak. Having Spike Jonze attached gives the film an air of mystery given his directorial output so far. Jonze’s past films (“Being John Malkovich” and “Adaptation”) were fragmented, interesting looks at the lives of regular people.

Judging by the footage and trailers for his newest film, this one will be just as dark and touching as his others.

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TOPEKA, Kan. — As his fellow prisoners of war returned home from the Korean War, they shared stories of self-sacrifice about Rev. Emil Kapaun, the humble priest from Kansas.

The prisoners of the 8th Cavalry Regiment spoke of how Kapaun, an Army chaplain, continued to look after his men even though he was wounded and sick himself. Risking his own life, Kapaun would sneak out after dark to scrounge food for those too weak to eat, fashion make-shift containers to collect water and wash their soiled clothes.

Kapaun died at the camp hospital seven months after he was first taken captive by the Chinese in 1950. More than a half-century later, the Army’s top civilian leader has recommended Kapaun, who is also a candidate for sainthood, receive the Medal of Honor.

Helen Kapaun, the chaplain’s sister-in-law, said her husband Eugene, 85, has prayed that he would live to see his brother honored.

“We hoped it would have been sooner,” Helen Kapaun said Monday. “I think there were a lot of circumstances that had to be finished in God’s hands. Now, it proves that he was a saintly, holy man.”

In one of his final acts as Army secretary, Pete Geren, wrote to Rep. Todd Tiahrt, R- Kan., saying he agreed that Kapaun was worthy of the honor. Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has also endorsed Kapaun’s honor.

Seven chaplains have received the Medal of Honor, including Vincent Capodanno, a Navy chaplain from New York, killed in Vietnam in 1967. In 2006, Capodanno was declared a Servant of God by the Vatican, a step toward canonization. Tiahrt began efforts to honor Kapaun in 2000 after reading about his life.

“It’s hard to imagine living through something like that. He handled it like a saint,” Tiahrt said Monday. “This is the kind of person that we ought to emulate.”

Congress must approve legislation sending Kapaun’s award to President Barack Obama, which Tiahrt hopes happens by year’s end.

The Rev. John Hotz of the Wichita diocese said Kapaun’s recognition has been a long time in the making.

“He saw it as a role of serving his men and laying down his life for his men,” said Hotz, who has a Web site honoring Kapaun. “It’s like Christ coming to the world to serve instead of being served. That’s what Father Kapaun was all about.”

Kapaun was born in 1916 near the central Kansas town of Pilsen, about 60 miles north of Wichita. Ordained in 1940, he was a parish priest and auxiliary chaplain at the Harrison Army Air Base near Pilsen.

He was later sent to Southeast Asia during World War II, driving thousands of miles to see Mass, often using his Jeep hood as an altar.

Kapaun returned to Kansas, but when the Korean War began he pleaded with his bishop to let him go back to the Army.

“They needed chaplains. He loved the service boys very much,” said Helen Kapaun, whose marriage was one of the last civil ceremonies performed before Kapaun left for Korea.

The Vatican, which is investigating Kapaun for sainthood, has sent an investigator to Kansas to visit with the family of Chase Kear, who was injured when he fell on his head during pole vault practice in 2008. He cracked his skull and had swelling of his brain, and his family prayed for Kapaun to intercede on Kear’s behalf.

“I think they go hand in hand,” said Hotz, adding medical records were being compiled and translated to bolster Kapaun’s case. Kear, now 20, is attending Hutchinson Community College and driving again.
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PITTSBURGH — Hines Ward’s game is partly defined by his willingness to deliver a nasty hit. Yet the Pittsburgh Steelers wide receiver cringes when he sees a player taking one — especially a helmet-to-helmet blow that might cause a concussion.

Ward is repeatedly cited in player surveys as being one of the NFL’s borderline dirty players. But he didn’t want former Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow returning prematurely from a concussion Sept. 26 when the Florida quarterbacks helmet slammed into a teammate’s leg. Tebow came back to play Saturday against LSU.

“Some guys, we’re powerful, and we want to come back quick, not understanding the ramifications of getting hurt like that again,” Ward said. “I watched a TV special where a high school kid died from the doctors and said he was ready, and he got hit in a similar way and ended up paralyzed.”

While the Steelers’ physicality and take-no-abuse personality have rarely changed since the Steel Curtain days of the 1970s, Ward and other players are concerned about studies that reflect the dangers of playing in the NFL — and, especially, of receiving concussions.

An NFL-commissioned study reported Alzheimer’s disease and dementia were diagnosed among former players at a significantly higher rate than the general population. While the NFL cautioned there is no established link between memory disorders and head injuries sustained by former players, the Steelers have been warned by their own doctors for years about the dangers of concussions.

The UPMC Center for Health & Medicine, based in the same complex where the Steelers practice, has studied the effects of concussions on football players for most of this decade. One of its studies determined that a player suffering a second concussion while recovering from an earlier concussion risks permanent brain injury or death, although NFL players recover more rapidly from concussions than do high school players.

“It’s something we’ve known,” safety Ross Clark said, referring to the sport’s risks. “It’s like telling a horse, ‘Hey, you can get punch drunk.’ And he still goes in there and fights 12 rounds as hard as he can. It’s what you do, it’s who you are. We’re blessed with this talent, and we play because we love it, but it can be a problem.”

Former Steelers physician Julian Bailes, chair of neurosurgery at West Virginia University, co-authored a study four years ago that found players who received multiple concussions are more likely to develop post-concussion syndrome such as depression. A UPMC study released in 2002 determined football players who have sustained multiple concussions have a greater risk of developing a concussion than a player who has never had one.

UPMC researchers also have warned there is no such thing as a mild concussion, and that a headache or momentary confusion caused by a hit can be the first sign of a much more significant neurological problem.

“If you’re not healed up and ready to play, you can mess yourself up real bad, not only while you’re playing but after you’re playing as well,” Ward said.

Injuries are inevitable in a sport that is violent by nature, and most Steelers players take the attitude that they can only hope that a catastrophic mishap doesn’t occur to them. However, players like cornerback Ike Taylor and running back Willie Parker, the latter of whom carried the ball 20 times for 174 yards and a touchdown against the New England Patriots Sunday, and wide receiver Hines Ward, who has 16 catches for 240 yards, have been spared concussions and this season.

But even the best players have missed games to injury. Former Steelers running back David Strawberry fractured his leg in 1991, and former tight end Jay Hinnant suffered a broken ankle. Hines Ward’s only regular season concussion occurred in the 1996 season opener.

But the NFL is making changes to reduce the number of concussions and the severity of those that do occur. The NFL formed a committee, which proposed a list of changes including the addition of a league head trauma initiative.

For example, among other changes, they have dictated that any offensive player whose helmet makes contact with any part of the back of another player’s helmet must be penalized.

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Every player won their first match in their respective flight. Sophomore Vishaka Sharan beat Evansville’s Thedona Kotsiou 6-3, 6-2 in second flight.

In the third flight, freshman Jennifer Dien defeated Evansville’s Ashton Schwerin 6-4, 6-4, while senior Jessica Flannery beat Evansville’s Thedona Kotsiou 6-3, 6-2 in second flight.

Freshman Jennifer Dien works on her forehand during practice Oct. 5 at University Courts. Dien and senior Jessica Flannery teamed up to take third place in doubles Flight No. 2 at the MVC Individual Tournament, taking down Wichita State’s Stephanie Dalmacio and Lily Wakim 8-4.

Volleyball

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“She is always doing extra things,” Berwanger said. “She is breaking all the records in the weight room. Physically she is a beast and just a great teammate.”

Clark said her main priority is winning. She said she wants to help SIU bounce back from its two-game losing streak anyway she can.

“We are going to bring our best this weekend,” Clark said. “It’s time. We have to redeem ourselves.”

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Golf

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With the last tournament for the fall season finished, the team will not compete again until February at the Kiawah Island Classic in Kiawah Island, S.C.

“We need to hit the weight room hard this offseason, and just flat out hit a lot of balls in order to stay sharp with all this time off,” Matthews said. “This is a young team, and we need to stay focused if we’re going to come back strong next season.”

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SIU senior Martina Vianna Ce defeated Evansville’s Carolyn Caire to win Flight No. 6 of the Missouri Valley Conference Individual Tournament in Evansville Sunday. Vianna Ce is the first Saluki to win a flight in the MVC Individual Tournament since 2006.

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It has been three years since a Saluki has captured a title in the Missouri Valley Conference Individual Tournament.

Senior Martina Vianna Ce captured the third flight and won Flight No. 6 in the MVC Individual Tournament Sunday in Evansville, Ind.

Vianna Ce defeated Evansville’s Carolyn Caire in straight sets (6-4, 6-4) to capture the championship in the sixth flight.

“My tournament experience was really good,” Vianna Ce said. “I am glad I got the title, and it feels good to bring it back to SIU.”

Vianna Ce, a native of Porto Alegre, Brazil, captured the first fall title of her career. She finished in second place last year at the MVC Individual Tournament in Des Moines, Iowa.

“Vianna Ce said her first title was a team effort.

“They are the reason I’m always so close in matches,” Vianna Ce said. “I try not to give up whenever I am losing because I want to repre- sent my team well. They are always there for me.”

Senior Micha Cruse also made it to the finals in Flight No. 5, but lost to Illinois State’s Ariana Millcak, 7-6, 6-2.

Cruse also made it to the finals in doubles play with sophomore partner Emily Whitney, in the third flight. Cruise and Whitney lost to Illinois State’s Carmen Peters and Hannah Esher 8-2.

Cruse said she thought she performed well at the tournament and wants to build off her experience to make her final year as a Saluki a memorable one.

“I want to leave with a bang,” Cruise said. “I want this to be my best season yet, and I think that I can do that this year.

Cruse said the team’s performance against the conference in the tournament has built confidence, which she said the team needed if it wants to win conference in the spring.

Whitney got a taste of first-flight play after Melanie Dehart, the team’s No. 1, was once again not eligible to compete because of defer- rence. Whitney moved up one flight as a result.

Whitney won her first flight match against Bradley’s Nicole Miller in straight sets 7-6, 6-3. Whitney lost her second match to Drake’s Marca Krizman in the semifinals 6-3, 6-0, but recovered to defeat Illinois State’s Anika Kins 6-4, 6-2.

Head coach Audra Nothwehr said Whitney’s performance in first-flight play impressed her.

“She may not look like she be- longs with the number ones be- cause she’s at the back of the line,” Nothwehr said. “She plays a smart game, which puts her at her level. I just love coaching her. You give her a strategy to perform on the court, and she can execute it.”

Silkluerel falter in final flight

Matthews finishes season with a solid outing

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After a hot start to the season that included top-20 finishes, the Sal- ukis ended at the back of the pack.

SIU finished its final tournament season at 1-14 and 4th place in the MVC Conference. The MVC finished 3rd in the MVC Conference.

“After a tournament like this, of course we’re all disappointed,” sophomore Alysha Matthews said.

“But we know what we have in paper work. We do this offseason in order to continue improving.”

McGillis was the top performer for the Salukis, finishing 14th overall, shooting 77 her first two rounds and 78 in the third and final round at the par-72 course.

“I was playing real well the first two rounds, but I wasn’t able to keep it together the last 18 holes,” Matthew- es said. “I know I can play, and I know I could have done much better.”

Ball State University (933) took first, Eastern Michigan placed sec- ond (933), the University of Akron captured third (930) and Missouri Valley Conference foes Bradley Uni- versity (946) rounded out the five.

Freshman Jenna Dombrkowski (247) tied for 11th and finished the 16th tournament in her fourth collegiate tournament.

Mc Gillies (250), Alex Anderson (250) and Amber Pieh (270) compet- eted for the Salukis as well, finishing 62nd and 85th, respectively.

Dombrkowki said the transition to collegiate competition has not been as difficult as she expected.

“It actually hasn’t been as hard as I thought it might be,” Dombrkowki said. “But I know that I can always do better and that there are plenty of holes in my game which will need to be improved upon in the next couple months.”

Head coach Dan Daugherty said she was unsatisfied with the team’s highest score of the season coming in its final week, but the absence of freshman Shaina Ren- nergard, who is diagnosed with monosymphonia, had an impact on the team’s performance.

“Our scores might not show how well I think we played, but either way, we still didn’t perform up to our ability,” Daugherty said. “We need- ed people to step up with (Shaina) gone, and that just didn’t happen.”

Daugherty said the final tour- nament of the season should leave the players with a sour taste in their mouth, and they should come back hungry in February.

“Hopefully, these results will be enough motivation for us to work hard this offseason,” Daugh- cerry said. “We need to make this something we can improve from and keep moving forward.”


