Candidates discuss Illinois’ critical issues

Lex Green, at left, and Ed Rutledge, Libertarian candidates for governor and lieutenant governor, listen to the speaker at the podium as Scott Lee Cohen, independent candidate for governor, dressed it by setting $3 billion dollars in state spending.

"Governor Quinn understands the importance to strike a balance, cutting state spending where we can while continuing to invest in jobs, education and training to prepare Illinois workforce for the future," Busbee said.

Cynthia Kesler-Criswell, Independent candidate for governor, listens to Baxter B. Swilley, Independent candidate for lieutenant governor. The Men were part of the 2010 Election Candidates Open Forum hosted Tuesday at the School of Law Auditorium.

Busbee called Republican candidate Bill Brady’s 10 percent cuts across the board devastating for Illinois and said no one knows what specific cuts he will make because he won’t release his plan until after the election.

Candidates discuss Illinois’ critical issues

Union seek different goals in bargaining

We’re concerned that some people who are civil service employees won’t make enough to live.

— Cyndie Kesler-Criswell

president of the Association of Civil Service Employees

Cheng to ask trustees for increased tuition rate

My thought is that the money raised through a tuition increase is strictly used for providing high-quality education.

— Sanjeev Kumar

faculty senate president

Whether it is tuition or it is fees, it is painful for them and their families,” he said.

Lisa Broten, associate professor in radio-television and member of the senate, said Cheng also addressed the issue of administrative closure days and made a distinction between cash flow issues and the budget deficit.

Kumar said the closure days would be similar to borrowing money from faculty and staff and he wanted to know if they would get that money back.

"I think this needs to be negotiated with the bargaining units," he said. "I’m pretty sure they will have similar questions and concerns, and however the argument comes out, I think we will all abide by that."
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HIGHLIGHTED WITH POP CULTURE

Jenn Freitag, a speech communication Ph.D. student from Mediapolis, Iowa, and Schuyler Blelema, a junior from Dixon studying anthropology, listen to students discuss the relationship between Eminem's "Love the Way You Lie" music video and domestic violence. "Pop culture videos are everywhere that show us a lot about how our culture views social issues," Freitag said. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Freitag said on average, one in four women in this area fall victim to domestic abuse.

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Sen. David Luechtefeld spoke on Brady's behalf and said the state budget was also his No. 1 priority. He said new jobs and state ethics would be next on the list.

"Never before in the history of this state has the state been in the condition that it is right now. It is too late to blame that on the other party, but it just doesn't fly anymore," Luechtefeld said.

He said Illinois has the highest unemployment in the Midwest, so jobs would be another critical aspect to Brady's candidacy. Before the state can get more jobs, issues such as workers' compensation, legal fees and regulation of business have to be addressed, he said.

"When I think of the top three Illinois facing the state, I'm forced to say the budget, the budget and the budget because so many problems relate to it," Green party candidate Rich Whitney said.

Whitney said the most important and interconnected issues are the state budget, the lack of job opportunities and energy and transportation infrastructure.

"We keep hearing that the state is broke; it's not broke. We have a broken tax system because we tax the wrong people," he said.

Libertarian candidate Lex Green agreed the state budget was the No. 1 issue in this election. He said individual rights were among the top issues and he would fight for unrestricted gun rights.

"There are unlimited carry rights for only one class of people — criminals. The best thing we can do is to provide for people to defend themselves," Green said.

Both Green and Whitney have added legalizing the use of marijuana to their campaigns. Green said the prohibition of cannabis demonstrates why the government should not be in charge of individual rights.

"They've caused a million people to go to jail. They've caused a trillion dollars to be spent and they've caused gang violence to be furthered by the black market of marijauanas," Green said.

Independent candidate Scott Lee Cohen said his campaign is focused more on the economy than the state budget and Illinois should model itself after Texas because it's No. 3 in the country for job growth.

"Under Governor Quinn's administration we've lost hundreds and thousands of jobs. I believe this state should model itself after Texas," Cohen said.

A debate featuring Quinn, Whitney and Brady will air live at 8 p.m. Thursday on WSIU-TV. The debate will also be available online at wsiu.org.

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Daily Egyptian

Marcus Abston said Carbondale will host its first ever powwow cultural event thanks to money from Undergraduate Student Government.

The powwow, which will be held in the spring, is a social gathering of various tribes that performs dances and competes with other tribes, said Abston, president of the Native American Student Organization and graduate student in zoology from Harvey.

He said the event is not exclusive to people with Native American heritage, and dance lessons are open to anyone willing to learn.

USG gave NASO almost $500 for a Powwow Contest and Cultural Night at its meeting Tuesday in the Student Health Center.

The event could attract hundreds of people, Abston said.

"This will bring in people from all over the country," he said. "After a few years, we hope to eventually get 10,000 people annually. There are only three or four other powwows held in the state.

Abston said he requested money from Chancellor Rita Cheng, who has promised almost $1,000 toward the powwow with a promise to support the organization's future events.

Ashley Epp, senior for College of Liberal Arts, said events such as the powwow are educational for the entire campus community.

"This is going to bring out different heritages and different cultures from all over the country, and show the diversity we have on this campus," she said. "When I think of a powwow, I think of everyone getting to know each other... I can't wait to attend this.

She said she urged NASO to find additional funding from other potential sponsors and wants to see this event expand as far as it possibly can.

Darrin Fansler, senator for West Side housing and member of Internal Affairs, said the cultural diversity on campus is a cornerstone.

"I think that is going to bring a lot of value to the campus community.

I'm confident we will see a remarkable turnout," he said. "USG approved roughly $4,100 to three other registered student organizations.

USG gave Opp! Entertainment $600, Omega Psi Phi $3,102 and Caribbean Student Association $1,435 for upcoming spring and fall semester events.

A vote for allocated money for an additional RSO, Film Alternatives, is being pushed until the student government's Oct. 26 meeting because representatives were not present, said Ben Watson, a senior from Hudson, Wis., studying computer science and chair for the finance committee.

With Tuesday's vote, the finance committee has spent more than $33,000 of its proposed fall semester budget. The student government handed out more than $26,000 at its Sept. 29 meeting.

USG had planned to spend about $50,000 per semester from the Student Organization Activity Fee account rather than spending too much during the fall semester and having nothing left in the spring, Watson said. After allocations, there is about $85,000 remaining in the activity fee account for the school year.

Watson said he isn't worried about ever extending the fall semester budget, but he said he wants more RSOs to come to the student government with money requests.

"We have plenty of money this semester and we need more groups to come to us," he said.

He said there are more than 450 RSOs on campus but he sees only 15 to 20 money requests per semester.

He said this is because USG senators in the past would allocate most, if not all, of their budget early in the semester leaving nothing for the following semester.

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BARGAINING CONTINUED FROM 1

There are 18 negotiated labor contracts between SIUC and different unions, including the Graphic Communications International Union, International Union of Operating Engineers and Graduate Assistants United.

Brenn Patton, SIUC director of labor and employee relations, did not return messages left at his office Monday and Tuesday, or an e-mail sent Monday seeking comment.

Different unions contacted by the DAILY EGYPTIAN said they were looking for different things as they entered negotiations with administrators, but several of them said they were looking for guarantees.

Criswell said she and her constituents were looking for a guarantee that layoffs were not a possibility.

"Some people said they would be willing to take the furlough days if it means we do not have to have layoffs — but the administrators will give us no guarantee about that," Criswell said. "It's hard to sell a package to someone when you're not getting anything in return; you're just asked to give, give, give."

According to a survey conducted by the Civil Service Union, which 251 of the 413 total constituents responded to, 63 percent of respondents made less than $30,000 a year.

Jim Podesva, president of the Graduate Assistants United, said his group would meet with the administration's bargaining team Thursday, and his group expects administrators to provide a list with their stance on issues such as health insurance, fee reductions, and a possible increase in stipends.

"It's obviously not legally binding, but when you put something in writing, it takes on an added significance," he said.

He said he was relieved by an interview Chancellor Rita Cheng gave on WSIU's "Morning Conversation" Tuesday, where she said no students would be affected by closure days. He said he was still seeking clarification from Cheng on the comment.

"We hadn't been told anything about that in the past, just some rumors that it wouldn't affect students," Podesva said. "It was something we were hoping would be clarified at our next meeting. But hearing (Cheng) say that on the radio — it's something we'll have to talk more about."

Cheng said Wednesday that although the university was still looking to implement four leave days for university faculty, staff and administrators, students should not have to feel the burden.

"We need to support our students as they progress through their graduate and undergraduate experience," Cheng said. "So students don't need to worry about this."

RANDY HUGHES, president of the Faculty Association, said negotiations had been going on between the association and the administration for several weeks, and although he said there are many issues being discussed, he did not want to discuss what issues were being negotiated.

"We want to keep this at the negotiation table as much as possible," Hughes said. "We want to avoid a situation of having big issues discussed and bargained about in the public."

He said both sides have raised the issue of unpaid administrative leave, or furloughs, days during the bargaining process.

"Civil service employees) make the least amount of anyone on campus, and it's just really sad that we and other hard-working employees will be feeling these cuts," Criswell said.

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— Rita Cheng

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Guest Column
Society heads to Orwell’s world

James Anderson
graduated in a mass communication and media arts program.

We’re almost there. Our fateful destination? Oceania, the hereto-forgotten place featured in Orwell’s ominous book, “1984,” about a dystopian future bereft of privacy, rights and freedoms.

When we arrive, we can rest assured all of our homes will be protected by Big Brother. Of course, “by protected” I mean “raided for aligning with antiwar groups or labor activists,” as the Fifl did Sept. 27 in Chicago and Minneapolis. In our new Orwellian world, those who oppose war and violence must supposedly be violent terrorists hell-bent on committing mass murder. These are the people who support the rights and interests of the working population must persevere to act at any cost for the good of our nation.

As Oceania, we need not think or question repressive forces, but rather double-think and question those who question forceful repression. Get it? It’s OK if you don’t, namely because you probably won’t be around long enough for it to make a difference. At reported Sept. 27 in the New York Times, federal law enforcement would like to make all online services use new technologies conducive to information-gathering, making it easier to keep tabs on us all.

And in Oceania, we also targeted assassination of citizens, as in the authorized killing of American-born Anwar al-Awlaki without charges away from armed conflict, so there’s no need for indefinite detention. Although that still seems like a white lie decision, Plus, they help criminalize large segments of the population. Incarceration is, after all, the unofficial national pastime.

Some have to be locked up because they exercise their rights of freedom of speech to challenge corporate-state authority, a right reserved to individuals in charge of the nation-state and the mega-corporations that control it. Which makes perfect sense, I double-think. Furthermore, folks unfamiliar with our ways might tarry for a moment on why a prevailing blame-the-victim ethos pervades society. They might find it hard to comprehend our utterly incomprehensible customs.

As dutiful citizens of Oceania, we double-think really hard to love the government when it might provide needed public services and defend us from unfettered private power, but simultaneously, and somewhat paradoxically, support the government in acts of aggression and illicit extraction of liberties performed, as you might suspect, in the name of defending democracy and liberty. So as our hapless journey to Oceania nears its harrowing end, perhaps literally as well as figuratively, we should take to heart this longitudinal dystopia’s ultimate lesson: Do not let this happen to us.

Chairman Cantor, Speaker Boehner, John Boehner, John Boehner, John Boehner. Please don’t look at your notes. No, it’s not a mistake. We’re still in that Oceania.

Guest Column
Obama’s two-year plan still under wraps

Doyle McManus
McClatchy Tribune

The most sought-after secret document in Washington these days isn’t about intelligence operations or the war in Afghanistan. It’s the strategic blueprint the new White House chief of staff, Peter Orszag, is drawing up as a starting point for President Barack Obama’s next two years.

No. I don’t have a copy. White House officials say the paper isn’t finished yet, and its five points will depend on whether Republicans take control of the House and Senate in a 36-month election. But Obama and his aides have already begun adjusting to the prospect of living for the next two years with, out a Democratic majority.

They assume they’ll be playing defense, not offense, battling Republicans over tax cuts and spending cuts and fending off GOP efforts to dismantle the healthcare and financial regulation laws Congress passed this year.

“While we will fight to keep the reforms we made,” Obama told Democrats in a stump speech last week, but he proudly didn’t mention the new legislation passed.

“Then the phase is going to be less about legislative action than it is about managing the change that we’ve brought,” said one former aide.

The main event of postelection politics will be a series of battles over taxes and government spending as each party strives to keep its promises and test its strength.

The first clash will come in Congress’ lame-duck session after the election, when legislators try to wring their stalemate over extending tax cuts for households earning more than $250,000 a year (Republicans for, Democrats against). Even bigger will be a series of battles over appropriations — the laws that set each government agency’s priorities and determine how much legislation hasn’t passed any appropriations bills yet, even though the fiscal year started Oct. 1. This is where Republicans will get their chance to propose specific spending cuts, and to begin defunding parts of Obama’s health-care law in an attempt to undermine its implementation. GOP leaders have proposed to tear up the health-care law, but Obama would veto any such bill, so that isn’t a political possibility.

Some White House aides hope to engineer a replay of 1995, the year after President Bill Clinton’s Democrats lost the House in a similar Republican wave. In 1995, the new House speaker, Newt Gingrich, demanded deep cuts in federal spending, including future Medicare outlays. In an impasse that led to a two federal-government shutdown, Clinton cast himself as a centrist in search of compromise and won the battle for public opinion.

One more difference from 1995 is that House Republican leader John Boehner is not Gingrich. Gingrich was an insurmountable leader with an impulsive streak; Boehner and his second-in-command, Eric Cantor, are both thoroughly conservative but less impetuous. In an interview with the Wall Street Journal, Cantor said he has no interest in replicating the Gingrich experience.

“I don’t think the country needs or wants a (government) shutdown,” he said. Republicans want to enact big change, he said, but “(We) have to be careful about how we do it. We don’t want to be seen as a bunch of yahoos.”

Positioning himself in the center may be a bigger stretch for Obama than it was for Clinton, but don’t count him out. The polarization of the two congressional parties, paradoxically, gives him an opportunity: It leaves the presidency as the only institution that can make things work.

Obama’s appointment of Orszag as his chief of staff — so far, only on an interim basis — could be a sign that he’s going to try harder to make deals. Rouget’s predecessor, Rahm Emanuel, was a raged partisan whose job was mainly to keep a large but fractious Democratic majority together. Rousse’s in contrast, made his name as a quiet deal-maker for Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle in another era when Republicans held the majority.

Both parties will be pulled in two directions, between their electoral extremes and the hard-to-fund bipartisan center. But at least one lesson of 1995 still holds true: The party that seizes the center will win.

Guest Column
We can’t score a goal with our brains

Lindsey Smith
Editor-in-Chief

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Former hospital director gets into mayor mix

Maroney plans to add business-like approach to government

NICK JOHNSON
Daily Egyptian

The newest addition to the Carbondale mayoral race may not know much about jumper cables, but he knows how to run a business and is a strong candidate for the office, City Councilman and mayoral candidate Joel Fritzler said.

About a year ago, George Maroney gave Fritzler’s motorcycle a jump when it sputtered and died off South Tower Road in Carbondale, Fritzler said.

Fritzler pulled off onto West Pinewood Drive and saw Maroney, a retired administrator of Carbondale Memorial Hospital, standing outside his house.

“I stopped in front of his house and said ‘Hey, can you give me a jump?’” Fritzler said. “He didn’t know how the jumper cables worked. But he helped anyway, and Fritzler was able to be on his way thanks to his long-time acquaintance.

The two now will campaign against each other, as well as against businessnessman and community activist Brent Ritzel, in the 2011 Carbondale mayoral race. Incumbent Brad Cole announced in December he will not seek a third term. Maroney, 66, announced his candidacy Monday, but Fritzler said he encouraged him to run before then.

“I’ve known George for awhile. In some ways we’re very different, in some ways we may be similar,” Fritzler said. “I was going to call him and say ‘Throw your hat in. The more the merrier.’

If elected, Maroney said he plans to make the city’s government function more like its strong city manager structure than it currently does.

While he was director at Memorial Hospital for more than 30 years, Maroney said he believed strongly in delegation and he believes that City Manager Allen Gill should simply be allowed to do his job.

“The mayor ... should not be spending every day, all day at city hall, to me, that’s micromanaging,” Maroney said. “That’s not the way the government of this city was structured and intended to function. I’m not criticizing Mr. Cole, that’s his style, but I’m saying that my style would not be that.”

Maroney said he would feel suppressed if he were the mayor with Cole as a deputy.

“I can’t speak for Mr. Gill, but I don’t think that’s a good utilization of Mr. Gill’s talents,” he said.

Ritzel said Maroney’s style would put Gill as CEO then, and the business model is not the way the city should be run.

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Kirk, Giannoulias on gays in military ruling

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The two major party candidates in Illinois are weighing in after a federal judge to bar enforcement of the military’s “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy went into effect.

Democratic Alexi Giannoulias praised Tuesday’s decision to stop a policy he called “discriminatory” and “unconstitutional.”

A spokesman for Republican Mark Kirk said he wasn’t aware of a decision should be made until the Joint Chiefs of Staff issued its report on the policy in December.

A federal judge in California issued a nationwide injunction stopping the military from enforcing the policy that prevents gays from serving openly.

Kirk, a congressman, and Giannoulias, Illinois treasurer, are battling for President Barack Obama’s old seat.
CALIFORNIA
Judge stops don't ask, don't tell policy with worldwide injunction in landmark case
SAN DIEGO — A federal judge issued a worldwide injunction Tuesday immediately stopping enforcement of the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, suspending the 17-year-old ban on openly gay U.S. troops.

U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips' landmark ruling also ordered the government to suspend and discontinue all pending discharge proceedings and investigations under the policy.

U.S. Department of Justice attorneys have 60 days to appeal. Pentagon and Department of Justice officials said they are reviewing the case and had no immediate comment.

The lawsuit goes into effect immediately, said Dan Woods, the attorney who represented the Log Cabin Republicans, the gay rights group that filed the lawsuit in 2004 to stop the ban's enforcement.

TEXAS
Mexican police commander investigating reported shooting of U.S. tourist is slain
AUSTIN — A Mexican police commander investigating reported shooting of U.S. tourist is slain.

Rolando Flores, the commander of state investigators in Ciudad Mipiel Almanza, the town of a group investigating the reported shooting of David Hartley, was killed, said Ruben Reis, spokesperson for the Tapachula state prosecutor's office.

Ross said authorities "don't know how or why he was killed. We don't have any details on how he died." U.S. officials said threats from drug gangs who control the area around Ficon Lake have hampered the search for Hartley.

His wife, Tiffany, says she and her husband were attacked by pirates on the lake on Sept. 30, while they were returning to the United States from Medio on Jet Ski. Hartley was shot and presumably fell into the lake.

WASHINGTON
Back in business: Government lifts deep water drilling moratorium imposed after Gulf oil spill
WASHINGTON — The U.S. is back in the deep water oil-drilling business. The question now is when work will resume. The Obama administration, under heavy pressure from the oil industry and Gulf states and with elections nearing, lifted the moratorium that it imposed last April in the wake of the disastrous BP oil spill.

The ban had been scheduled to expire Nov. 30, but Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said Tuesday he was moving up the date because new rules imposed after the spill had reduced the risk of another catastrophic blowout.

Industry leaders waited for details of those rules, saying the moratorium wouldn't be truly lifted until then.

"The policy position that we are articulating today is that we are open for business," Salazar declared.
Josh Hurrcny, a Junior at ISU studying computer science, takes a break in between shots during the filming of "The Eye of War." Sunday in DeSoto. The movie is directed by Doug Vito, a Junior from Schaumburg studying cinema, and follows the story of a soldier in World War II. Vito has worked with Eminem, Lady Antebellum lead American Music picks

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Eminem and Lady Antebellum lead nominees for the 38th annual American Music Awards with five nods each. Ten heartthrob Justin Bieber has four nominations, while Katy Perry, Ke$ha and Lady Gaga have three each.

Singers Demi Lovato and Taio Cruz made the announcement Tuesday in Los Angeles.

Eminem and Bieber are each up for favorite pop/rock artist and album, and the rapper is also nominated for favorite artist and album in the rap/hip-hop category. Both Bieber and Eminem are also nominated for artist of the year, along with Perry, Ke$ha and Lady Gaga.

The American Music Awards will be presented Nov. 21 at the Nokia Theatre and broadcast live on ABC. Ben Jour, Usher and Pink are slated to perform.

Egypt court jails 11 for stolen Van Gogh

The Associated Press

CAIRO — An Egyptian court convicted 11 officials from the Culture Ministry, including the deputy minister, of gross negligence and incompetence in the theft of a Vincent Van Gogh painting that embarrassed the government.

The defendants received sentences of three years in prison and will have to post a bond of $1,800 to stay out of prison until the appeal.

The "Poppy Flower," valued at $80 million was stolen in broad daylight from Cairo's Mahmoud Khalil Museum. Subsequent investigations revealed that no alarms and only seven of 43 security cameras were working.

In addition to the poor security, thieves took advantage of the moment when museum guards were praying, to slice the canvas out of its frame with box cutters.

In the course of the trial, Deputy Minister Mohsen Shalan, and a number of museum officials said they had asked the culture minister for nearly $7 million to upgrade security systems, including at the Mahmoud Khalil Museum, but that only $60,000 was approved.
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Swim club promotes sport with success stories

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Daily Egyptian

Elizabeth Bell won the 2009 Illinois state championship in the 50-meter freestyle though she didn’t have a swimming pool at her high school like schools in the Chicago or St. Louis areas do, Saluki Swim Club coach Jay Newton said.

Bell is a freshman at the University of Illinois and a former Saluki Swim Club member from Anna.

"You would look at Anna and say, 'I didn't even know they knew how to swim down there.'" SIU swimming and diving coach Rick Walker said. "(But) they're the best in the state."

When Newton started with the program in October 2008, there were 85 athletes who swam competitively and 15 in swim school, Newton said. Currently 130 swimmers below and up to high school age swim competitively for the club, while another 15 to 20 participate in the club’s swim school program.

Natalia McLean, who swam for the Saluki Swim Club from 1997 to 2005 and for SIU from 2006 to 2008, coaches 40 to 45 children on the 12 and under age group. Five to six years ago, the Saluki Swim Club lost a significant number of kids in the program but since Newton joined the program numbers have swollen once again, said McLean, who also coaches swimming for Carbondale Community High School.

Awareness about swimming as a sport is a recent phenomenon, she said. More students at CHS ask about the program numbers have swollen.

"We always hope to give kids who enjoy swimming an opportunity and show them there is another sport out there that's maybe not as publicized as football, basketball or baseball," Newton said.

Newton said swimming gains more publicity whenever the Summer Olympics arrive every four years. The success of Michael Phelps and the U.S. swim team in the 2008 Beijing Olympics helped to increase awareness about the sport, he said.

Walker said he’s been a supporter of Saluki Swim Club since he began coaching at SIU 24 years ago.

Newton brought interest in swimming back to the southern Illinois region and it is the coach that makes region swimmers want to get better, he said.

"Any parent who would like to have their kid involved in an activity where they are taught time management, goal setting, appropriate behavior and punishment if they’re out of line, Jay Newton is the guy who brought that back," Walker said.

Newton and Walker said some of the swimmers in the club also participate in other sports such as basketball, football or track and field.

"It's a normal progression for a kid to be involved in several things. One thing that suits well with swimming is running," Newton said.

"We have some kids that swim in the winter but pick up track during the spring." Newton said he and his staff always let the swimmers know there are other sports they can join and it's OK if they join only for exercise.

"If you haven’t found your sport, this is one you may not have thought of, but you should come learn to swim and see what happens," Newton said. "There’s opportunities at different levels. Obviously everybody’s not going to be competitive enough to swim for SIU or Illinois but if they’re enjoying the sport we try to fine them a school, whether it be Division 1, Division 2, Division 3 or even the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes."

Other swimmers who have graduated from the club are Sarah Hall, who swims for NAIA member Milligan College in Tennessee and Lindsey Kolar, who swam for Eastern Michigan University, Newton said.

"If it weren’t for the club, half of our kids wouldn’t go anywhere with swimming," McLean said. "We don’t really have any high school teams other than Marlon. They can’t get scholarships from a league swimming."

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MMA

SIU students enter the octagon at Kage One

BRANDON LACHANCE
Daily Egyptian

Dylan Hughey doesn’t lose all his free time partying or playing video games; he trains to step into the mixed martial arts cage.

Hughey, a senior studying exercise science, has trained and competed in MMA for four years while attending SIU. He said he has always been interested in fighting and entered strongman competitions when he was younger. The MMA format was the next step for him to keep fighting, Hughey said.

"I thought I'd try my luck in the cage, and love. My opponent was less than me, his coach came up and asked me to train with him," Hughey said. "I took him up on the offer and he has been my coach ever since."

That coach was Tim Ficks, owner of the Dojo USA gym in Charleston and Herrin and a promoter for Kage One. He promoted an MMA event Saturday at Black Diamond Harley-Davidson in Marion where both Hughey and another SIU student, Drake Schneiderec, fought. Both fighters said they fought for the love of the competition.

Hughey had his first fight before he started training, but still has managed a 7-3 record, he said. Hughey said he concentrates more on getting in December and comes back for strength and conditioning coach at a professional team than advancing past the amateur ranks of the cage fighting, but he loves the competition.

"I'm just a passion. I'm good at it; it's fun," Hughey said. "To me, it's fun."

Jamie Stocks and Jamari Harp both finished in 17th place overall. Junior Joe Godinhall's round of 83 equaled the personal best he shot last season.

Billy Garris moves to kick Jeremy Glass in a middleweight division eight Saturday at the Kage One MMA Fight Night at the Black Diamond Harley-Davidson Warehouse. The night featured 13 fights, two of which were title fights for lightweight and heavyweight divisions.

BRANTON LACHANCE
Daily Egyptian

MMA is the fastest growing sport in America because the athletes love the complexity it offers them, said he wanted to establish himself in MMA more than anything else.

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George Tate freshman golfer

FRESHMAN GOLF

Freshman flops first low score

RYAN SIMONIN
Daily Egyptian

Freshman George Tate fired off his best score in his collegiate career as he helped the men's golf team finish seventh out of 15 teams Tuesday at the Skyhawk Fall Classic.

Tate said at a team there were still many shots left out on the course, but he was excited about his individual performance. Tate tied for 15th out of 82 players in the field and shot a three-round total of 22.

"It was the first time I actually performed on the level where I should be. Everything was clicking and it all came together for me," Tate said.

Central Arkansas captured first place in the tournament with a team score of 862, while Murray State and Tennessee-Martin followed in second and third with scores of 866 and 863.

Coach Leroy Newton said the team played great for most of the rounds but it had trouble with the few hills on each round. He said sometimes players just put too much pressure on themselves.

"If we would have just finished out the last couple of holes in every round we would have turned in real good scores but just didn't do it," Newton said.

Though Tate led the scoring for the Salukis, every player on the team shot less than 80. Sophomore Brandon Caddell tied for 34th with a score of 221.

Sophomore Jake Erickson and senior David Griffin tied for 41st with scores of 225.

"It was nice to finish in the middle and know that we didn't quite play our best. If everybody could play to their potential we would be right up in the top of every tournament," Erickson said.

Junior Joe Godinhal finished out the Saluki leaderboard and tied for 66th with a score of 230. Juniors Jamie Stocks and Jared Hart both played as individuals and finished in a tie for 30th and 31st place with scores of 230 and 232.

The golf team will be back in action Oct. 25 as it tees off in the SIUE Invitational.

Freshman George Tate puts the ball into the hole Oct. 4 at Hickory Ridge Golf Course in Carbondale. Tate finished with a tie for 13th place, hitting two fives in a three-round total in a Skyhawk Fall Classic Tuesday.

The Salukis finished in 7th place overall. Please see MMA | 11