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Unions protest Cheng's installation

JULIE SWENSON
Daily Egyptian

Jerry Monteith said it's a mistake to think unions aren't important anymore because the problems they face are gone.

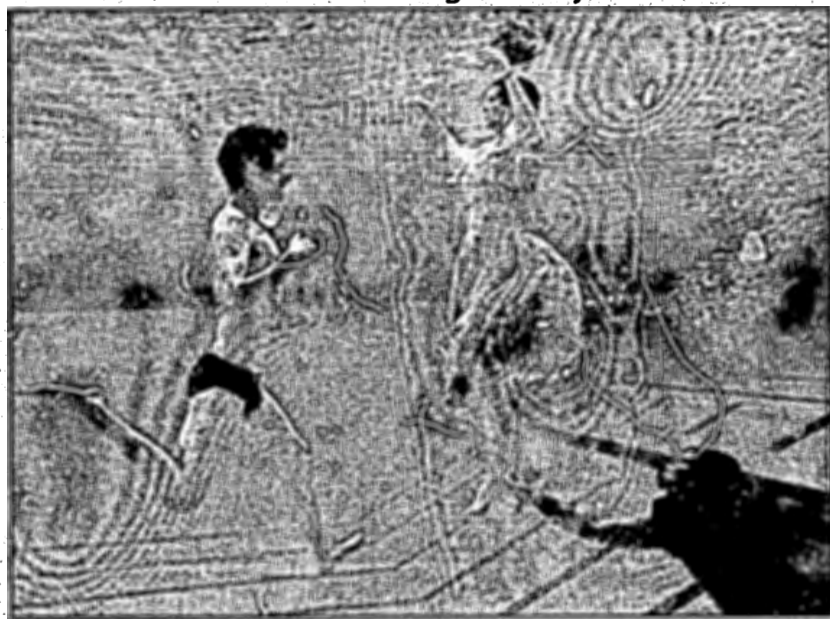
"I hate to see a situation where it seems as though from the beginning there wasn't much thought given to how furloughs and pay cuts might affect faculty morale," said Monteith, an arts and design professor. "A perception of a lot of people, I'm afraid, is that the members of the Faculty Association are simply greedy people unwilling to step up and do their part when that's certainly not the case. I'm committed to this university. I have been here for a long time and I care very deeply about it."

Monteith, a member of the Faculty Association, said he wanted to educate students about problems faculty face and clear up misconceptions about association members at the Unconorination Union Rally Friday. The FA, Non-Tenure Track Faculty Association, Association of Civil Service Employees and Graduate Students United rallied the hour before Chancellor Rita Cheng's installation as the 22nd chancellor of SIUC at Shryock Auditorium.

Monteith said he is perplexed by SIUC's large amount of administrative costs compared to other Illinois universities, and that affects the quality of education faculty are able to provide.

Morteza Daneshdoost, an electrical and computer engineering professor and member of the Faculty Association bargaining team, said there are two sides to the issue — the administration's side and the faculty, students and staff's side. He said the university's motto, "There is no excellence without labor," is interesting because of the way faculty and staff are treated.

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From left to right, Jim Kress, a senior from Tinley Park studying theater; Katelyn Ratliff, a junior from Collinsville studying musical theater; and Robin Peters, father of Skye Peters shoot an underwater scene for Skye Peters' senior thesis Saturday at the Edward J. Shea Natatorium. Skye Peters, a senior from Parkland studying cinema, centered the story on a young man, Emmitt, who experiences

tragedy and creates three alternate realities to help him cope with the death of his family. Each "reality" is based on paintings by Pablo Picasso, Vincent Van Gogh and Salvador Dali. Throughout these alternate realities, Emmitt meets a girl but struggles when all three worlds come together. The scene shot Saturday was a dream sequence based on the work of Salvador Dali.

Cheng formally installed as chancellor No. 22

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Daily Egyptian

After attending Chancellor Rita Cheng's installation, Priscilla Kwakye said she hopes Cheng will keep her word to improve SIUC.

"In her speech, she did talk about some of the improvements that we have made in the school, the stuff we are doing well and how she will continue to make the school a better place," said Kwakye, an undecided freshman from Evanston who works in the Pre-Major Advisement Center. "I do believe that she will make a difference for our school."

Cheng was installed as the 22nd chancellor of SIUC on Friday at Shryock Auditorium. Faculty, graduate students and staff from four of the local Illinois Education Association unions protested outside the auditorium the hour before the installation. Cheng said the ceremony was just a formal installation and recognition of her role as chancellor.

Kwakye, whose boss gave her a ticket to the installation, said last semester when she took University 101, she and her classmates met with Cheng and talked about changes they wanted to see at the university. They

"I'm hoping that with some of the things that she did talk about that she does keep to her word, that she does help our school to the best of her ability and hopefully the school does work with her in improving the students and the community."

— Priscilla Kwakye
undecided freshman

discussed installing wireless Internet service in Brush Towers, lowering the price of food and getting baskets to carry food in Grinnell Hall. Some of the changes, such as wireless Internet, will be implemented soon, Kwakye said, which is why she thinks Cheng will keep her word on other promises.

"Hopefully the school does work with her in improving the students and the community," she said.

Sheila Simon, lieutenant governor of Illinois and SIUC graduate, spoke at the installation and said Cheng's installation signaled new opportunity for students and the state.

"I am pleased to be here for the installation of a chancellor who understands that opportunity and understanding that opportunity should not be reserved for just those who have wealth, power and access, that opportunity should be for

everyone," Simon said in her speech.

Cheng said in her speech she wanted to highlight the great research SIUC faculty, students and staff conduct and how she hopes the state, of the university will continue to improve. She also said the university needs to increase its efforts in enrollment and education of students to meet Pres. Barack Obama's challenge of making the U.S. the country with the highest number of college graduates.

Larry Hickman, director of the Center for Dewey Studies and faculty representative speaker at the installation, said in his speech the democratic mission of the university must be preserved in light of the pressure faculty receives to streamline the education process.

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Members of the four local Illinois Education Association unions march Saturday outside Shryock Auditorium before the installation ceremony for Chancellor Rita Cheng. The rally focused on issues such as contracts and closure days.

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Mentors build youth reading skills, character

BRANDON COLEMAN
Daily Egyptian

Ryan Reed said he understands how children can blame themselves when their father is missing from their lives.

"I was reading 'Hansel and Gretel' with a kid," Reed said. "They had gotten to the portion of the story where they had found some diamonds, and he said 'If I had these diamonds, I'd get this, I'd get this, I'd pay for my daddy to come back home.' It really hurts to know that because it's not their fault."

Reed, a junior from Dolton studying speech communication and a regular reader for the I Can Read program, said he spent four weeks planning "Kids' Day Out," an event for children enrolled in the I Can Read after-school program at the Eurma C. Hayes Center that took place Saturday at Morris Library. The purpose of the event was to draw more mentors, specifically men, he said.

Twenty children, ages 5-10, chatted and laughed with 40 student mentors in the top room of the rotunda, a circular room

on the library's third floor. Their hands were full of colorful books such as Marcus Pfister's "The Rainbow Fish."

Men from the Saluki football team, the Speaking and Teaching Registered Student Organization, Black Men's Roundtable and several fraternities read to and interacted with the children. Mentors also came from Alpha Kappa Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi.

Interaction with positive male role models can help children realize there are idols they can look up to and aspire to emulate, Reed said.

Shetara Cokley, a graduate assistant in the I Can Read program from Hoffman Estates, said children in the program come from Parish, Thomas and Lewis elementary schools. Children in the program become more respectful and polite from interacting with volunteer mentors and improve their reading and writing skills, she said.

"The kids came a long way with manners and being respectful, even their speech and how they talk," Cokley said.

Claudette Colbert, an I Can Read program coordinator, said some children enter the program reading and writing below their proper grade level, and being in the program helps the students catch up to their classmates.

"Because SIU comes in and does assessments, we're able to determine what their current reading level is," Colbert said.

Colbert, who has been a teacher's aide in the Carbondale Area School District for 14 years, said she receives daily compliments from teachers about the improvement of reading skills in children enrolled in the program.

Darien Fisher, a junior from Chicago studying management, said he has noticed how intelligent children in the program can be during his eight months of volunteering for the program.

"The girl I work with, she's in third grade and she can read sixth-grade level books," he said.

Colbert said strong male role models are important for children in and out of the program because they are constantly bombarded with negative role models in



Saniya Dysart, 7, of Carbondale, turns the page while reading "The Little Engine That Could" Saturday at Morris Library. Dysart was one of 20 children from the I Can Read program at the Eurma C. Hayes Center in Carbondale to come to campus for "Kids' Day Out." SIUC students involved in the program act as mentors to children in the community.

RYAN VOYLES
DAILY EGYPTIAN

the media. Mentors are needed to show children that going to college and any other dreams they have are options for them because some don't expect to live past the age of 18, she said.

In a time when 8 percent of all households are led by a single mother, according to a 2002 survey by the Population Reference Bureau, mentors such as Fisher act as positive role models for children and may fill the void left by a former father

figure, Colbert said.

Volunteering to work with children is an investment in the future of the community that requires one to put his or her life and family on hold for a few hours to make a difference in the lives of children by reading to them, Reed said.

"Seeing them interact with different people, loving what they do and loving the people around them, that's what really is the challenge," he said.

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"How can one side say that excellence is in labor and then treat the other side like this?" Daneshdoost said. "You can't disconnect people who you are supposed to rely on to deliver what you are asking for. We picked this day to show everybody that this is not the way to treat the people who are the heart of this university, including students."

Doug Flummer, a computer systems specialist in information technology and a civil service worker, said he monitors the campus networks and Banner system, and his office, which offers its services 24 hours a day, will not be staffed because he has to take his second closure day on one of the campus' biggest recruitment days. Flummer said because of the closure, no one will see or be able to fix an error or breakdown in programming.

"If the database that monitors admissions and records, financial aid, etc., has a problem, my office

will be unstaffed, and we may not be able to catch it and bring it to the attention of people who need to fix it," he said. "It's poorly timed. It's not the best day for a furlough day."

Flummer said he would have been willing to take the closure days if they had been negotiated. He said he started saving money as soon as he heard closures could be a possibility and can afford to take the days this year, but he won't be able to afford them next year. It would have made more sense for the administration to take a percentage of faculty's pay so the financial effects weren't as drastic, Flummer said.

Suzanne McCann, a secretary in the physics department, said she wanted to make everyone aware of both sides of the story because the local media often focuses on the administration's side. As a member of ACSE, McCann said the possible loss of collective bargaining rights makes the issue personal for her.

"In all of 14 years I have worked here, this is the first time I'm actually scared about my job, that

I'll even have a job within a year," she said. "When we don't have a contract and the way things are right now, the chancellor has the power to go through and eliminate positions."

She said it feels as though something is wrong when the university has had eight chancellors in 11 years, and SIUC should not be spending so much money on searching and advertising for members of the administration that don't stay.

"I would like to see the chancellor, in good faith, say something like, 'We can work with you,'" she said. "It feels like we have been talked down to, like she's the big parent and we're the children, and 'This is what I expect from you.' I'd like for her to be able to take some of the things we tried to bargain for and actually think about them instead of just carte-blanche coming through and making decisions."

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"It is our responsibility as educators to ensure that the methods and aims of democratic life permeate and guide every aspect of the educational experience," he said in his speech. "We are called on to take account and reflect on the historic achievements of democratic life. If education is about and for the promotion of democracy, and democracy is about and for the promotion of education, then we must have patterns of instruction that are aesthetically and morally thicker, not thinner."

Hickman cited fears of faculty

having to teach students how to test well rather than how to learn, which forces educators into the job of only giving knowledge to students so they graduate and get a job.

"The future of democratic life will be fragile indeed if we merely train our students to perform the basic tasks of their future professions," he said in his speech. "The future of democratic life challenges us to educate our students in moral and aesthetic virtues of their chosen fields."

Jessica Stout, a senior in physiology and an honors program student, said in her speech Cheng represents a bright spot in a worldwide climate of political and financial instability.

Stout said Cheng showed she cares about student success by bringing the university college model to SIUC, and she believes Cheng will continue to do things that help students, the university and the community.

"It takes a courageous person to stand up against the staggering forces of the status quo. It takes courage and confidence to make the unpopular decisions that are necessary to seize opportunity, especially in a time of turmoil," Stout said in her speech. "I'm confident that Dr. Cheng will continue to lead in such a way."

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GUEST COLUMN

Where should budget lines be drawn?

DOYLE MCMANUS
McClatchy-Tribune

In case it wasn't clear already, we now know what the 2012 election will be about: how fast to cut federal spending, whether to raise taxes and what to do about healthcare, especially Medicare.

President Obama's awkwardly named "deficit reduction framework" unveiled Wednesday has the usual list of flaws of any long-term budget proposal. It doesn't tie up every loose end. It includes a couple of "magic asterisks" promises to cut whole categories of spending without spelling out how. That's why it's called a framework; it isn't specific enough to qualify as a real budget.

But Obama's proposal has at least two virtues. First, it puts the president back in the budget-cutting game after months in which he played rope-a-dope, asking Republicans to go first in hopes they'd embrace politically unpopular cuts. Last week, they did, in the form of Rep. Paul Ryan's budget plan, which would turn Medicare into a voucher program. That has given Obama more courage to call for his own cuts in Medicare spending.

Second, Obama's framework gives

voters a clear choice among three paths for cutting the federal budget: one from the president, one from Ryan and one from the co-chairmen of Obama's debt reduction commission, former Republican Sen. Alan Simpson and former Bill Clinton aide Erskine Bowles. The comparison isn't quite apples to apples, because each plan is clear on some issues while vague on others, but it makes the choices stand out.

Almost everyone's a budget-cutter now. Ryan proposes cutting the deficit by \$4.4 trillion in 10 years; Simpson and Bowles, by \$4 trillion; and Obama proposes cutting the deficit by about \$3 trillion. (He said hell out by \$4 trillion over 12 years, but that was sleight-of-hand to make his plan sound as tough as the others; over 10 years, Obama's cuts are smaller.)

On taxes, there is an even clearer difference. Ryan and the Republicans wouldn't increase anyone's taxes; indeed, Ryan's budget includes a new tax cut that would mostly flow to high-income taxpayers. Obama would increase taxes by \$1 trillion over 12 years, partly by restoring higher tax rates on household incomes that exceed \$250,000, a position he has

long held. But he also agrees with Simpson and Bowles that a broader tax reform should raise federal revenue, in part through limits on tax deductions for such items as mortgage interest and charitable contributions. (Will Republicans praise Obama for his courage on this count as they praised Ryan for backing Medicare?)

And on healthcare, the differences among the plans are stark. Ryan finds most of his budget savings by cutting future spending on Medicare, on the federal health insurance plan for the elderly, and on Medicaid, the plan that covers the poor and disabled. That means changing Medicare to a voucher system. Seniors in the future would get a subsidy to buy health insurance; the subsidy's growth would be capped at the rate of inflation. Obama countered with a loud defense of "Medicare as we know it," and claimed that his health-care law's Independent Payment Advisory Board, demonized by Republicans as a "death panel," could wring savings out of the system if it were given more powers.

Neither of those plans is a surefire answer to Medicare's cost problems. Ryan's free-market formula would make the voucher too stingy; and, in all

likelihood, prompt a future Congress to vote for more spending. Obama's model would depend on his plan to enforce limits on Medicare services, and on the future Congress to go along. But at least they give voters a clear choice.

If Obama's rhetoric on Wednesday is any guide, we can expect to hear much more about that difference in the short 18 months remaining before next year's presidential election.

Over the five months since the midterm election, Obama has deliberately struck a contrived pose, blurring distinctions between him and the Republicans. They want to cut the budget; he wants to cut it too. They wanted to renew George W. Bush's tax cuts for high-income taxpayers; he agreed to a compromise that let the cuts continue. And last week, he made a deal on short-term federal spending that cuts \$38 billion from current levels, considerably more than he originally proposed.

Liberals were beginning to worry that Obama wouldn't fight for anything. But on Wednesday, Obama drew a few bright lines, especially on taxes and Medicare. At times, he sounded like the old-fashioned Democrat he once was,

arguing that the wealthy have a duty to "give more back," and that the United States "would not be a great country" without a strong social safety net for the elderly, poor and disabled.

And he made a point of addressing "those in my own party" who don't like spending cuts at a time of high unemployment. "Doing nothing on the deficit is just not an option," he insisted.

On paper, Obama's framework, his "budget mulligan," a do-over from the deliberately unambitious budget he submitted in February, is intended as his opening position in negotiations toward a 2012 budget.

But the questions he, Ryan, Simpson and Bowles have now all addressed, how fast to cut the budget, whether to increase taxes, how to rein in healthcare costs, are far too big to resolve by June, the deadline Obama proposed. They're probably too big to resolve by September, the beginning of the federal government's next fiscal year. Instead, Obama's framework and Ryan's proposal are likely to be remembered as the opening shots of a debate that will run throughout next year's campaigns for the presidency and Congress, a debate that will be up to voters to decide.

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The need to move Bucky Dome shows poor planning

DEAR EDITOR:

There has been considerable information in the DAILY EGYPTIAN about the ongoing struggle by the staff and faculty for what they consider proper rewards for their participation in the operations of the university. I agree with them. However, I also believe they need to take responsibility for their actions when they screw up.

An article in the April 8 edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN caught my

eye. The architectural department is seeking \$10,000 to move the "Dome," which was constructed only last year. This is only the most recent example of the lack of planning on this campus. I can just imagine someone sitting up in their ivory tower and saying, "Go ahead and build it. We'll figure out what to do with it later."

Kenneth Cochran
SIU alumnus, class of 1963

Comments about mayor-elect, council member relationship misrepresented

DEAR EDITOR:

I was dismayed to see the caption on the first page of the April 7 edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN under the picture of Joel Fritzel. It said, "According to council members Mary Pohlmann, Steven Haynes and council member-elect Don Monty, personal differences between Fritzel and Lance Jack could interfere with their work."

I never said there were personal

differences between Councilman Fritzel and Jack. Any differences that I might identify are solely with regard to their separate interpretations of state law and city ordinances regarding liquor licenses. Such differences of opinion are at the heart of most deliberations of a political body. That is why we have thoughtful discussions of any controversial topic brought before the City Council. These differences

of opinion certainly do not interfere with the Council's work. In fact, they are vital to the functioning of the Council.

Differences of opinion do not translate to personal differences. I am sorry that the DE misconstrued my comments.

Mary Pohlmann, MD, PhD
Carbondale City Council member

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"It's been a fantastic journey."

SUSAN LUCCI
the actress who has played the iconic character Erica Kane on ABC's All My Children for 41 seasons, on the announcement that the show and another long-running ABC soap opera, One Life to Live, will be canceled

"The truth is, we're long overdue to be knocked down by the press."

Darrell Steinberg
co-founder of Twitter, on the recent Fortune article "Trouble @Twitter" which describes some of the management and moneymaking problems the company is having

Gamers wage War at civic center

AUSTIN FLYNN
Daily Egyptian

Tabletop hobbyists spent Friday through Sunday amidst a symphony of dice rolls and card shuffles at Egypt Wars 2 at the Carbondale Civic Center.

Castle Perilous Games and Books' bi-yearly gaming convention attracted players from across the region. Scott Thorne, owner of Castle Perilous, said 131 people paid to attend the

event and another 24 watched the games. People from Indianapolis to St. Louis attended the event to compete, trade collectibles and banter with their fellow hobbyists.

Games played, included card games such as "Magic: The Gathering" and "Yu-Gi-Oh." Tabletop action figure games such as "Warmachine" and role-playing games such as "Dungeons and Dragons."

Thorne said there used to be a similar convention in the area



Alex Steinhour, 14, of Makanda, weighs his options while surveying the game board during Egypt Wars on Saturday at the Carbondale Civic Center. The event, hosted by Castle Perilous Games and Books, offered a wide variety of role-playing and strategy-based games. While some players snacked on Slim Jims, Sun Chips and Pepsi, others were engrossed in epic battles scaled to miniature proportions. "Now you've got me," Steinhour said after losing a key component to his defensive strategy in Warhammer, a strategy-based miniature game.
GEORGE LAMBOLEY
DAILY EGYPTIAN

"It's a good way to meet people. I just went in to trade a few Magic cards and talk about Dungeons and Dragons some more so, it's a very friendly atmosphere."

— Beth Dennis
freshman studying cinema and photography,

called the Egyptian Campaign that began in 1989, but the event's popularity slowly decreased over time and stopped altogether two years ago.

"Its peak pulled in about 750 people," Thorne said. "That was about 1998 or 1999, and I want to get Carbondale as a focal point for people to come and spend a weekend playing tabletop games."

Thorne said people generally stick to the games they come to play, but about half who attend the convention branch out and try a game they were not aware of or have not tried before.

Mike Maxwell, a freshman from East Moline studying radio-television, said he came to Egypt Wars to play a variety of games even though he's primarily interested in "Magic: The Gathering." He said his favorite part of Egypt Wars, besides the prizes, is the exposure to new games and the amount of people to compete with.

"There's more things to do," Maxwell said. "I played a little bit of Warmachine last semester at Little Egypt Wars. That was pretty cool because I got to get into something new without having to buy it and learn it myself."

Maxwell said his friend Terry Richardson, 31, of Anna, came to the event to sell and trade his own personal collection of Magic cards.

Richardson said he enjoys selling and trading because it draws interesting conversations with the people he does business with. At the convention he also gets to be with friends he rarely sees, he said.

"They try to make the effort to come to this event because they know I'm helping to run the event and they support me and they want to support the community," Richardson said. "But trading really — it kinda stirs something within me I guess. I really like to do it."

Beth Dennis, a freshman from

Geneseo studying cinema and photography, said she enjoyed her time at the convention and met new people she plans to keep in touch with.

"It's a good way to meet people," Dennis said. "I just went in to trade a few Magic cards and talk about Dungeons and Dragons some more so it's a very friendly atmosphere."

Thorne said his favorite part of the event is organizing it and bringing the players to the Carbondale area.

"You don't have a lot of towns with gaming (conventions) anymore," Thorne said. "Plus, I like the fact that we get to try to put some heads in beds in the community and send people out to eat downtown because I'm a big supporter of downtown Carbondale."

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Fox comes out of 'Ice Age' with warmer 'Rio'

BRENDAN SMITH
Daily Egyptian



In its second animated feature using computer-generated imagery, "Rio," 20th Century Fox travels miles from the chill of the "Ice Age" trilogy to warm, vibrant Brazil.

In the film, a scientist attempts to repopulate the last two macaws on Earth: the domesticated, sheltered Minerva pet bird (voiced by Jesse Eisenberg) and the feisty, wild Jewel (voiced by Anne Hathaway). Of course, things aren't as simple as planned with this odd couple, and the adventure begins.

The story takes audiences through the action-packed, urban, colorful cityscape of Rio de Janeiro as the birds battle a gang of villains, make new acquaintances and find love, all set to the pulsating party sounds of Brazil.

In the new age of Pixar and Dreamworks Studios animated movies, Fox's "Rio" gives the competition a worthy rival.

With its huge musical numbers and tropical backdrop, the film brings to mind classic Disney pictures such as "The Lion King" and "The Little Mermaid." "Rio" puts a modern twist on the genre with outstanding 3-D animation and pure pop musicals.

Despite voice work from an

ensemble cast featuring Jamie Foxx, Willam, George Lopez and Tracy Morgan, the main character in the film is Rio de Janeiro itself. The beautiful beaches, vivid nightlife and festive depiction of the country's famous Carnival celebration makes the film one of the most exciting visual movies of the year.

Though "Rio" targets younger viewers, the plot is centered on sex and laughs, and it transcends generational boundaries. There is truly something for everyone.

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Seniors honored for success, sacrifice

BRANDON COLEMAN
Daily Egyptian

Being a distinguished senior isn't necessarily about sacrifice, but dedication and time management. LeCharles Ward said.

"I don't like my time to be wasted because I really do like to do a lot of stuff," said Ward, a senior from Chicago studying speech communication.

Ward was one of the seniors awarded for their contributions to the university at the 25 Most Distinguished Seniors ceremony Saturday. The event started in 1991 and coincided with the Super Student Scholarship created in 1989.

Students are honored not only for their excellence in service to the campus and community but also for academics. Recipients

balanced work, research, academics and volunteer time. They receive a plaque and a year membership to the SIU Alumni Association.

Students such as Jamie Pfister, a senior from Roanoke studying mathematics who held a 4.0 GPA as a member of the track and field team, were recognized by the Student Alumni Council with the Alumni Association, Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement Rickie McCurry, Chancellor Rita Cheng and teams from eight of the university's colleges.

Ward said receiving the award sheds light on the many young, progressive black males who are positively involved on campus and in the Carbondale community. Such awards allow people who usually go unnoticed to finally receive recognition, he said.

"It breaks the stereotype of black

men not being able to achieve," Ward said. "This award shows that they're here, you just have to open up to see them."

Ward said he participated in the Black Affairs Council, Progressive Masculinities Mentors, Association of Black Psychologists and the Multicultural Programming Council.

Emily Boyer, a senior from Decatur studying Spanish, said earning one of the 25 Most Distinguished Seniors awards wasn't something she planned on when she began her collegiate career, but she knew she had a chance to be honored as one of the award recipients when she looked at the qualifications in an e-mail.

"It's nice to have recognition every once in a while," she said.

Boyer said she works at the Carbondale Boys and Girls Club

through AmeriCorps five hours every day. She said she was involved in a variety of Registered Student Organizations when she used to work as a resident assistant for University Housing, but she sacrificed her participation in those groups to make more of a change in the community with AmeriCorps.

Joe Allaria, a senior from Edwardsville studying marketing, said he became one of the 25 Most Distinguished Seniors by following the example of commitment set by his parents and mentoring from his football coaches. Allaria, who led the Salukis with 58 receptions last season was also voted to the ESPN All-Academic First Team at the end of the 2010-2011 Saluki football season.

"I couldn't be more thankful to those people like coach (Dale) Lennon, Kristina Theriault (and

Jeff Jones," he said.

Allaria said his coaches, advisors and staff in the athletics department always pushed him to strive for more, whether he was in class or helping with community service drives for the Good Samaritan House. He said he and his teammates went to grocery stores the Saturday before the Super Bowl to collect a few thousand dollars for the house from shoppers.

"When you're younger, you don't really know why you do things sometimes," Allaria said. "I have been told to work hard and all that stuff, but I really didn't need to be told because I grew up watching both of my parents. They practiced what they preached."

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NC gets worst of storms that ravaged swath of US

BROCK VERGAKIS
Associated Press

A tornado-spewing storm system that killed at least 45 people across half the country unleashed its worst fury on North Carolina, where homes broke apart, trees snapped and livestock were swept into the air. Residents in the capital city and rural hamlets alike mourned the dead Sunday, marveled at their own survival

and began to clean up devastated neighborhoods.

Observers reported more than 60 tornadoes across North Carolina Saturday, but most of the state's 21 confirmed deaths occurred in two rural counties. A thunderstorm spawned a tornado that killed four people in southeastern Bladen County, then kept dropping tornadoes as it hoppedscotched more than 150 miles, eventually moving into Bertie County killing 11 more.

Heavy winds swept some homes from their foundations, demolished others and flipped cars on tiny rural roads between Askeville and Colerain, Bertie County Manager Zee Lamb said. At least three of those who died were from the same family, he said.

The winds ripped to shreds the doublewide mobile home in Askeville where Justin Dunlow sought shelter for his 3-year-old daughter, 5-year-old son and himself.

The 23-year-old roofer, whose own mobile home nearby also was destroyed, lay on both children as the storm did its worst.

"I just started praying, and the wall fell on top of us and that's what kept us there," he said. "I can replace the house, but I can't replace my babies. And that's what I thought about, I'm alive. My babies are alive."

In Bladen County, Milton McKoy thought his mobile home in Ammon was out of the storm's path before he

saw a tornado over the tops of pine trees, lifting pigs and other animals into the sky.

"It looked just like 'The Wizard of Oz,'" said his wife, Audrey.

The couple took shelter in the laundry room as the tornado snapped trees and carried off several homes in the neighborhood. When they stepped out, it took them a moment to realize the twister turned their own home around, leaving them in the backyard.



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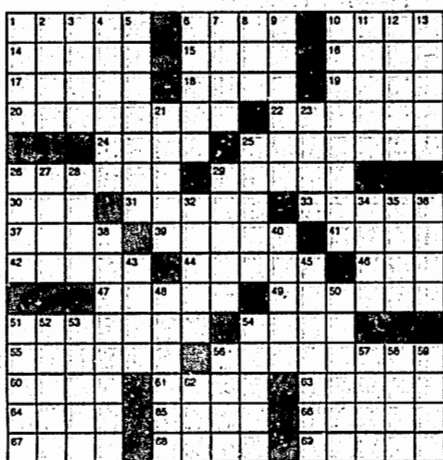
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TRACK & FIELD

Salukis break records across country

JACQUELINE MUHAMMAD
Daily Egyptian

While most of the SIU track and field team participated in the War Eagle Invitational in Auburn, Ala., senior distance runner Jeff Schirmer traveled to Walnut, Calif., for the Mt. San Antonio College Relays on Thursday where he broke the Southern Illinois and Missouri Valley Conference record in the men's 10,000-meter run.

Schirmer broke the record, previously set by former Saluki Chris Bunyan in 1984 by nearly six seconds, and broke the MVC record held by Drake University's Jason Lehmkuhle in 2000 with a time of 28 minutes, 42.71 seconds.

Schirmer said it felt good to break the record after coming close to it last season.

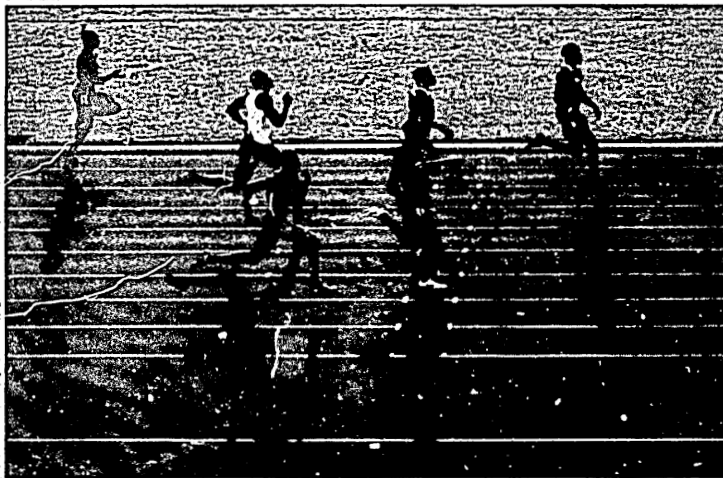
"Last year I came within six seconds of the school record, so all year I've been working towards breaking it," Schirmer said. "So when it finally happened I felt like all of my training paid off."

Schirmer was joined in competition by fellow SIU senior distance runners Dan Dunbar and Emily Toennies.

Dunbar set a new personal record in the 10,000-meter run with a time of 29:21.83, which ranks fourth in SIU history in the event. Toennies finished 22nd in the women's 10,000-meter invitational with a time of 35:37.55.

With severe storms covering much of the Midwest and southern states Friday, the rest of the team came home with four event titles and 22 top-10 finishes as it worked through competition delays.

The meet began with junior thrower J.C. Lambert and sophomore distance runner Zach Dahleen winning their events. Lambert picked up his third win in the hammer throw with a 64.12-meter throw, and Dahleen



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Senior sprinter Anthony Seay races ahead of the competition in the straightaway of the 200-meter dash Saturday at the War Eagle Invitational in Auburn, Ala. The men's and women's track teams combined earned four

meet titles this weekend. Jeneva McCall placed first in the women's hammer throw, J.C. Lambert placed first in the men's hammer throw, Jake Delters took the win in the discus throw and Zach Dahleen took first in the 1,500-meter run.

won the 1,500-meter run by .02 seconds with a time of 3:50.59.

Junior thrower Jason Seaman finished seventh in the men's shot put with a toss of 16.58 meters.

Lambert said he's throwing close to his personal record right now, and said he is confident he will have a good throw in the weeks to come.

Senior middle distance runner Toni Whitfield finished fourth in the javelin with a distance of 41.78 meters before the weather ended Friday's competition. She was joined by senior thrower Jess Vermeulen, who finished eighth with a distance of 37.47 meters.

Saturday brought two more event titles for SIU and two more record-breaking performances.

Junior thrower Jeneva McCall broke the Auburn's Hutsell-Rosen Track facility record in the women's

hammer throw with a toss of 66.17 meters. She also took second in the discus at 53.82 meters and finished third in the shot put with a throw of 16.24 meters.

McCall said she was excited when she learned she broke the facility record.

"To go to another facility and compete where so many athletes have and reach a feat nobody has ever done before is great and shows me that I'm really improving," McCall said.

Senior thrower Rickard Roach finished ninth in the discus with a throw of 43.62 meters. Senior thrower Gwen Berry followed McCall in the shot put and placed fourth with a toss of 15.68 meters and sophomore thrower Kim Fortney finished seventh at 14.68 meters.

The Salukis also took four of the top six spots in the hammer

throw. Freshman thrower Erin Atkinson came in fourth with a throw of 58.61 meters. Senior thrower Olga Ciura finished fifth at 58.40 meters and Fortney finished sixth with a throw of 57.62 meters.

The day's second win came from junior thrower Jake Delters as he won the discus with a mark of 57.00 meters.

Senior pole vaulter Tim Robberstad set a personal-best in the men's pole vault as he reached a height of 5.01 meters and placed third among the competition, which ranks seventh in SIU history.

The SIU women brought home two more top-five finishes in the hurdles. Senior sprinter Meredith Hayes placed fifth in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 13:59 seconds. Senior sprinter

Tredene Gant finished fifth in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 1:00.10, and sophomore sprinter Tess Shurbert tied for 10th with a time of 1:02.00.

Seven more top-10 finishes came for SIU with senior middle distance runner Stephen Arvanis placing sixth in the 800-meter run at 1:52.74.

Freshman jumper Kenya Culmer finished seventh in the high jump with a 1.72-meter jump.

The women's 4x400 relay team of Shubert, Gant, junior middle runner Alisa Baron and senior sprinter Kandice Thompson finished seventh with a time of 3:45.86.

Junior jumper Maxim Bakana finished ninth in the long jump with a jump of 6.97 meters and 10th in the triple jump with a mark of 14.54 meters.

Junior distance runner Neal Anderson finished seventh in the 5,000-meter invitational run at 14:41.94. The 4x100 relay team of junior sprinter Brandon Deloney and senior sprinters Justin Kozak, Kenny Blanks and Anthony Seay finished 10th with a time of 41.73 seconds.

Schirmer said winning conference will be the team's major focus in the weeks to come, and he hopes to continue training and develop healthy habits that will help the team reach that goal.

"We've come as close as we ever have to winning conference in my four years of being here, and it's everyone's goal to do their part in helping the team win," Schirmer said.

The Salukis will head south again Friday as they participate in the Vanderbilt Invitational in Nashville, Tenn.

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BASEBALL

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Sophomore Brad Drust continued the run of quality pitching in the second game Sunday, but ran into trouble during his last two innings. Drust finished the day with four strikeouts and two walks, but allowed four runs on nine hits. The Bears would go

on to win after they took the lead in the eighth inning from a deep sacrifice fly by third baseman Brent Seifert.

As the Saluki pitching improved Sunday, so did its hitting, led by junior left fielder Jordan Sivertsen. In the two games combined Sivertsen had eight RBIs. In the first game of the doubleheader he had a career-high of six RBIs, four

of which came from his grand slam in the second inning which put the Salukis up 7-0.

Sivertsen said he was able to see the ball better, which forced the pitcher to give him something in the strike zone.

"I was getting ahead in the count," Sivertsen said. "They were starting me off with the curveball, and most of the time getting

behind, so I was sitting on fastballs for the rest of the at-bat."

Sophomore second baseman Brock Harding said he is confident with the way the team has been hitting and pitching, and even though they lost the series to MSU, he said he believes the team had reason to walk away with a positive mindset.

"I feel like we're still in good

shape," Harding said. "Missouri State is one of the best teams in the conference, and we played really well against them."

The Salukis next game will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at home against Tennessee-Martin.

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BASEBALL

Bears take second conference series

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After severe weather forced two of SIU's three weekend games against Missouri State to be rescheduled for one game Saturday and a doubleheader Sunday, the Bears scored five unanswered runs in the final game to clinch the series win with a 5-4 victory.

The Salukis (13-22, 4-2 Missouri Valley Conference) lost their series to Missouri State (21-13, 4-2 MVC) at Abe Martin Field despite quality hitting and pitching Sunday. SIU had two solid starts and 23 combined hits in the final two games, but it couldn't hold on to win their second conference series of the year.

Interim head coach Ken Henderson said he is happy with the way his team battled back after having a rough outing Saturday in an 11-4 loss. He said he is proud of his players for the way they came together and the weekend was a test of the team's character.

"Our kids are not happy right now, and they shouldn't be — that's a good sign," Henderson said. "I think we proved we can play with anybody in this league, and we're still right in it."

Sophomore starting pitcher Cameron Maldonado dropped his season record to 3-5 in Saturday's game after he allowed 10 runs on nine hits in his 3.2 innings pitched.

Despite the loss, the Salukis were able to find a bright spot in the game when they called to their



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Interim head coach Ken Henderson talks with freshman relief pitcher Peter Slavonic in the fourth inning Saturday while junior pitcher Cameron Maldonado returns to the dugout after

bullpen and brought in freshman reliever Peter Slavonic. Slavonic pitched the remaining 5.1 innings and had only one earned run and

gave up four hits.

The Salukis had their best pitching of the weekend when sophomore starter Cody Forsythe

surrendering 10 runs on nine hits against Missouri State at Abe Martin Field. The Salukis won one of three games against Missouri State Saturday and Sunday.

threw a complete first game Sunday. Forsythe allowed only one run and seven hits. The Salukis also had their best game

at the plate and went on to win game two 11-1.

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SOFTBALL

SIU slams Sycamores with flurry of hits, home runs

AUSTIN FLYNN
Daily Egyptian

The SIU softball team averaged 12 runs per game, extended its winning streak to eight and broke three records in a weekend sweep of the Indiana State Sycamores.

The Salukis beat Indiana State 16-14 Saturday, 8-5 in the first game Sunday and 12-7 in the second.

Senior center fielder Mallory Duran, who hit 6-10 in the series, said it was nice to score 36 runs in the three-game series and win with a strong offense after the pitching staff carried them in the past.

"We're actually pretty amazed ourselves," Duran said. "It was crazy, just obviously scoring that many runs in three games."

In the first game of the series, the Salukis trailed 11-3 in the first

inning but came back to win after a slew of home runs.

Freshman right fielder Michelle Bradley homered in both the fourth and fifth innings to give SIU three runs, and Bradley tied the record for the most home runs in a single game.

Senior catcher Cristina Trapani hit a grand slam later in the fifth, which was immediately followed by a solo home run by freshman first baseman Taylor Orsburn that put the Salukis on top 15-13.

The teams combined for a total of nine home runs in the game. Both teams had back-to-back home runs and one grand slam.

The series' second game had far fewer home runs, but the Salukis never trailed the Sycamores.

The lead changed several times in the final game, but SIU took the lead for good in the seventh when

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— Mallory Duran
senior center fielder

they scored five runs off a two-run home run by Trapani, an RBI double by Duran that scored two and an RBI double by sophomore left fielder Morgan Barchan that brought in one.

Trapani's home run was her second of the game, which tied her for the most home runs in one game. That feat has been accomplished by 22 Saluki hitters. Katie Wagner was the last player to hit two home runs in 2008.

Barchan had five hits in the game, which tied the record set by Becky Lis in 1995 of having the

most hits in a single game.

Barchan said the team's performance as a whole was impressive, and it will take a lot to stop their momentum.

"We're on a roll, and we have a really good hitting team," she said. "So I feel once we get behind we're really relaxed, and I think that helps us because we know we can come back."

Trapani agreed with Barchan and said the team knows that it can recover from tough situations and never counts itself out of a game.

"We kind of pride ourselves on

coming from behind," Trapani said.

Co-Kerry Blaylock said both teams had great offensive weekends, but the Salukis hit the ball when they needed to and held the Sycamores when necessary.

Blaylock said the team lacked intensity before their eight-game winning streak, but it returned against the Sycamores.

"We just had a bunch of fight in us," Blaylock said. "It wasn't the greatest conditions. We don't like to play games where the scores are kind of like football scores, but we had so much fight."

The Salukis' next game will be against SIU-Edwardsville at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Charlotte West Stadium.

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