Southern Illinois celebrates new transportation education center

ELIZABETH ZINCHUK
Daily Egyptian

A new SIU facility aims to take programs to new heights. A grand opening was held Friday for the new Transportation Education Center at the Southern Illinois Airport in Murphysboro. The $63 million, 228,000-square-foot complex contains classrooms, faculty offices, teaching labs and meeting rooms and serves three SIU programs. It was commemorated at the event by university and state leaders, students, faculty, staff and program alumni.

The complex’s construction began in summer 2010, and the automotive technology, aviation management and flight, and aviation technologies programs started using the center in August.

“The old facility did not match the program’s excellency,” SIU Chancellor Rita Cheng said at the reception.

David Bias, a senior from Chicago studying aviation flight and management, said he thinks the education he has received at the university finally matches the facilities. Bias said some of the facility’s new features such as vehicle lifts in the automotive technology labs and simulators for aviation students are big improvements from their former locations.

“All this put together helps us continue being the best,” he said.

Cheng said SIU had to convince people of the programs’ quality before the complex was built.

“This will promote the bring-in of industry professionals on a more interactive level in the classroom,” Cheng said.

She said the university received donations from motor corporations that complement the new facility. During the opening reception, representatives from Chrysler and GM gave the university new equipment.

For our program to have such a new technology to work with sets us apart from other programs,” Cheng said. “We greatly appreciated these donations.”

Charles Priest, SIU alumnus and co-chair of the campaign to construct the center, said these changes are only the beginning.

“The aviation and transportation industries are the backbone of the economy,” Priester said.

He said this facility was a great step to encourage those involved in aviation engineering to move forward in the industry and create more environmentally efficient technology.

Jim Underwood, executive director of the Illinois Capital Development Board, said many energy-efficient attributes were put in the new TEC facility such as 300-foot-deep geothermal wells that extend from the center to the Southern Illinois Airport. Another example is the construction team’s effort to recycle 76 percent of the construction’s waste.

“I know SIU had its sustainability day recently, and this building adds to those efforts,” Underwood said.

Lawrence Jeralds, automotive technology professor, said he has been with the university’s automotive technology program since 1996, and this new building will be a huge improvement.

“The old building was bad,” Jeralds said. “The office was in the old armory barracks cafeteria. We would have raccoon problems, and the roof would leak excessively whenever a bad storm came.”

Jeralds said the whole department enjoys the new facility.

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KAYLI PLOTNER
Daily Egyptian

With a term that spanned from 1977-1991, Illinois’ longest serving governor spoke about the state’s political problems when he visited campus Thursday.

Former Governor Jim Thompson delivered his address, “Perspectives on Present and Future,” to celebrate 50 years of WSUI broadcasting and 15 years of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

His address focused on bridging the division in today’s political parties, how corruption can ruin the perception of politics and how to get southern Illinois back on its feet economically.

Thompson encouraged young people to get involved in politics by keeping themselves informed and volunteering in any campaign. He said hard work is all it takes.

“You have to be reasonable, patient, a good listener and agree with friends in other parties,” Thompson said. “Reach out and make yourself bigger than you are as a political a figure, and the more you do that the more you will be accepted as more than a political figure.”

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Thompson visits SIU, addresses politics

University scholarship created for area youth

SIU and JALC offer scholarships to Boys and Girls Club members

MATT DARAY
Daily Egyptian

Some area boys and girls will have a chance to receive full college tuition before they ever enroll.

SIU and John A. Logan College announced new scholarships for Boys and Girls Club members at the club’s eighth anniversary dinner Thursday. Provost John Nicklow said SIU will provide two full four-year scholarships to the Illinois Youth of the Year candidate and a Midwest Youth of the Year candidate from the club.

The Boys and Girls Club is a program that offers services to promote and enhance young adults’ development by instilling a sense of belonging and influence in their communities, according to the club’s website.

The Youth of the Year award is given at individual Boys and Girls Clubs. Members ages 14 to 18 can then compete for the state competition, which is judged on standards such as moral character, obstacles overcome and public speaking, according to information from the club website.
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Phi Beta Sigma's got sole

AJ Sutherland, a junior from Calumet Park studying criminology, takes a break and dances after setting up for the Phi Beta Sigma's third annual Sneaker's Ball, a black-tie event held Saturday at the Catholic Newman Center. Attendees were encouraged to bring new or slightly worn shoes to donate to Soles4Souls, an organization that collects shoes for the less fortunate. Byron Handcox, fraternity president, said the group has collected more than 500 pairs of shoes over the past two years to donate to the organization, making it one of their most charitable events that they put on during the year.

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"We didn’t have the individual first-place winner, which makes it more difficult to win this race," Sparks said. "The guys ran together as a unit and made up for not having the best individual time out there."

Freshmen Juan Carrera and Oscar Medina and sophomore Nick Schrader also finished within the top 10. Medina concluded the day in ninth with a 24:49, and Schrader managed seventh place with a 24:43.

Medina said the rest of the team was able to energize the front-runners. "Our other guys also did a really good job," he said. "Even though their scores didn’t count, they were able to knock players from other teams down a spot because they were out there giving it their all. We all work together, and our motivational level is very high right now."

Sparks said this team is very different from the other championship teams he has coached at SIU. "We have never been this deep but being young at the same time," he said. "We had two freshmen in the top 10. Our young guys are proving they can run like veterans."

All five of the top 10 southern Illinois runners received All-MVC honors, which makes a second straight All-MVC honor for Dahleen and Dixon.

Sophomore Evan Ehrenheim and junior Lucas Cherry placed in the top 20 of 68 and finished 21st and 26th at 20:25 respectively. The women’s team also ended its season started, she said. "It feels good to prove them wrong."

The Salukis will travel to Springfield, Mo., for the NCAA Midwest Regional Nov. 10.

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Let the record show that "Cloud Atlas" is incredibly ambitious. But does it really work? The film, which follows six different stories that cover more than 100 years, casts a few actors to play a role in each plot. Some have called the film brilliant. Others have been left scratching their heads. But is that what the directors wanted, or did "Cloud Atlas" take a wrong turn somewhere? We're taking a crack at it.

Karsten Burgstahler: The movie never really fleshed out any of the six tales presented. Each one has a climax and a resolution, but they did not get the development they deserved. The stories were shells, not actual plots. Even with the film's nearly three-hour running time, it wasn't able to give enough character development for me to sympathize. The real point here is to show how each story is connected, but they did not get the development they deserved.

AF: Overall, "Cloud Atlas" is so much more than a film that should be seen once and forgotten about. My main problem was the fact that I knew I was watching something extremely significant, but I didn't know why. It was a thrill ride one moment, a love story the next and then a comedy about senior citizens, all while making philosophical comments about mankind and the cycles of life. I could watch this 100 times and get something new out of it every time. I absolutely adored the movie for that, even though I could understand why someone may get lost in the big picture that is "Cloud Atlas."

KB: First of all, I'm not sane. What's the old saying? The whole is only as good as the sum of its parts. Yes, the plot is ambitious. I'm not saying it's not breathtaking. Breathtaking and coherent are two different things, as demonstrated by any Michael Bay movie. Don't get me wrong. In no way am I trying to say "Transformers" and "Cloud Atlas" are even in the same league, but I think the Wachowskis became too caught up in their own dreams.

AF: Multiple viewings would make the movie extremely coherent, but we are only getting a small glimpse of something truly genius because we watched it once. Something we can both agree on is production value. The film's locations, acting, cinematography, music and especially pacing were all incredible. It is a hard feat to balance so many stories, and not only did they do it seamlessly but they did it cleverly.

KB: Yes, the pacing was excellent. I was never bored watching the movie, and that's probably why I wanted each story to be longer. I'm not sure the movie will ever become coherent because I'm not sure anyone beyond the Wachowskis will ever understand what goes through their minds. The music was incredible and at several points moved me more than the action. The set design was also outstanding, especially during the futuristic sequences. The Wachowskis proved their sci-fi talents with "The Matrix," and their lack of experience elsewhere shows through the other stories.

KB: Hugo Weaving. He plays every time a different character except for "Polar Express." He played six roles successfully. It's not that he only did them seamlessly but they were menacing. Bravo to Weaving.

AF: If anything, this was a giant step up from the "Matrix" trilogy, although that says very little. I'll take Tom Hanks over Keanu Reeves any day of the week, unless we're talking about the "Bill and Ted" movies. Several actors played some roles more respectably than others, but for one actor to play so many parts in a movie is impressive. The last time an actor successfully took on that many roles was Mike Myers in "Austin Powers." Come to think of it, that's probably why the Wachowski siblings chose Tom Hanks for "Cloud Atlas." He played six roles successfully in "Polar Express."

AF: Ha! The actors' commitment did impress me, but they didn't seem suited in their roles. Tom Hanks really needs to work on his British accent. I guess I was more impressed with Halle Berry because I thought her range went over a lot better than Hanks. But the most impressive was Hugo Weaving. He plays every time frame's antagonist, and he's downright menacing. Bravo to Weaving.
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Cross-country men clinch MVC title

Women’s team takes third place in conference overall

DEMARIO PHIPPS-SMITH
Daily Egyptian

While the Saluki women took third, the Saluki men’s cross-country team won its first Missouri Valley Conference title in four years at the Farm State MVC Cross-Country Championship Saturday in Normal.

Junior Zach Dahlern was the Saluki lead runner as he rocketed second place with a time of 24 minutes, 25 seconds. Dahlern has been consistent and reliable for his team this year, finishing in the top 10 of every race he has participated in. This is also his third year finishing in the top 15 of the State Farm meet.

Junior Brian Dixon was able to improve from his seventh-place finish at the Bradley Classic to sixth at the MVC championships. His time of 24:42 was his second best finish of the season.

Coach Matt Sparks said the Salukis won as a team because they ran like one.

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Men’s basketball crushes Panthers at Home

DEMARIO PHIPPS-SMITH
Daily Egyptian

The men’s basketball team made light work of Lincoln University as it won 85-47 in the team’s first exhibition game of the 2012 season.

Junior guard Desmar Jackson scored 18 points to lead the team in his first Saluki outing. The 6-foot-7-inch transfer from Wyoming also managed to grab nine rebounds.

“In felt real good out there. Coach came up with a lot of screens and down screens for me to get some good looks,” he said. “Coach told me to attack, and that was good for me because I like playing aggressive.”

Jackson said this year’s team feels completely different from past ones.

“We play more team basketball,” he said. “I already feel that we have more of a connection, more chemistry than last year.”

Senior guards Kendall Brown-Surles and T.J. Lindsey were the game’s second and third leading scorers respectively. Brown-Surles shot three of six from a 3-point range to finish with 15 points, four assists and four steals. Lindsey shot 50 percent from the field as he made five of ten shots and finished with 12 points and four steals.

Fellow senior guard Jeff Early also had a productive night as he scored eight points, six rebounds and two steals. Early said he wanted to give the younger players more opportunities to gain confidence during the game.

“I had a decent a decent. I just saw this as a chance to get the young guys some shots,” he said. “They really looked good out there tonight, and I think they are going to be a good fit for the team.”

The Salukis shot 46 percent from the field, which is 4 percentage points better than last year’s field shot. Early said Coach Barry Hinson has already helped increase the team’s shooting ability.

“He has had us on a shooting machine, and he also has us shoot shots that we would see in game situations,” he said. “He has really been stressing that we need to be a better shooting team.”

The upperclassmen guards carried the load in some of the team’s points combined and account for six of the 10 total assists. However, the freshmen guard trio of Jalen Pendleton, Colby Long and Anthony Beane Jr. combined for 19 points in limited playing time.

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FOOTBALL

Salukis fall short in Fargo

BEN CONRADY
Daily Egyptian

SIU’s football team couldn’t hold on to a late lead in its bout with defending national champion North Dakota State University on Saturday and fell 23-13.

The Saluki offense sputtered as the clock wound, and NDSU took its first lead of the game with 5:29 remaining to later win the contest.

“In the previous three weeks, we’ve been in games very similar to this one,” coach Dale Lennon said. “We’ve been able to make plays like we did today that gave us a chance to win at the end. Today, we just couldn’t find the right combination to pull it off.”

SIU (5-4, 4-2 MVC) began the game with an 11-play, 83-yard drive that was capped off by a 32-yard pass from junior quarterback Koren Polites to sophomore slot receiver La’Sheven McKinney for a 7-0 advantage.

North Dakota State (7-1, 4-1) responded with an extended drive of its own and knotted the game at 7-7 on quarterback Brock Jensen’s 1-yard keeper with 12:26 to play.

Later in the quarter, sophomore fullback Tyler Williamson broke through the Bison offensive line on a blitz and pummeled Jensen, which forced a fumble in the process. Senior cornerback Brandon Williams recovered the loose ball and returned it 55 yards for the 14-7 SIU advantage.

The teams traded field goals before NDSU pieced together a 7-yard drive that ended in a 1-yard touchdown run by running back Derrick Lang to tie the game at 17-17 with less than 13 minutes to play.

The Bison took advantage and scored again when the Salukis failed to convert a first down on a pair of drives, this time on a 3-yard run by running back John Crockett.

With five minutes left to play, the Salukis had an opportunity to win with a scoring drive, but Faulkner was picked off to seal it.

The teams staged eight first downs in the contest compared to North Dakota’s 23.

“This was a classic game where we set up pretty well to be successful heading into the fourth quarter,” Lennon said.

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VOLLEYBALL

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The second set seemed to change both matches for the Salukis during the teams’ weekend play.

Despite the Bulldogs’ early three-point edge, SIU (8-6, 8-5 MVC) held on to take Friday’s first set. Despite the Salukis’ easy first-set win, Drake (3-19, 2-9) came back fighting in a second set that saw 18 ties and 10 lead changes.

The teams were tied at 23 when Drake’s Cassie Effelman threw down a kill to put the Bulldogs at set point. After a Southern timeout, junior outside hitter Lisa Whitehead answered with a kill that tied the set at 24. Drake scored again, which put the team at set point once again. An attack error from Effelman, a kill from senior outside hitter Laura Thode and a bad set by Drake’s Sarah Maddox sealed the set 27-25 for SIU.

As opposed to an easy first set, the third set was much like the second.

The teams traded points until the middle of the set when SIU went on a five-point run and stopped three points ahead. Shortly after a Drake timeout, the teams went on a six-point run that put the Bulldogs up 16-13. The teams were tied at 22 when Whitehead had back-to-back attack errors and a kill. The Bulldogs were still up 24-23 when they won the set with a kill from Kait Drulke.

The third set ended close until SIU pulled away with a kill from Thole that put the Salukis up 18-16, and the team went on to win the set 25-19.

SIU held Drake to a 3:17 hitting percentage including a .089 in the first set and .079 in the third set. The Salukis also recorded 11 team blocks compared to the Bulldogs three. Thole recorded a double double with 10 kills and 14 digs. Whitehead led the team with 20 kills, senior libero Bailey Yager had 35 digs, and sophomore setter Amy Drahms tallied 45 assists.

The Salukis won the first set in Saturday’s matchup against Creighton (20-3, 11-1), which made it look like the team would repeat history of Creighton’s lone season conference loss to SIU Sept. 28. SIU jumped out to a five-point lead in the set with senior middle blocker Alaysia Mayes serving.

Creighton answered with runs of three and four points, and Saluki senior setter Rachael Brown stayed back to serve four points with three consecutive kills from Mayes off of sets from Drahms. The teams traded points until a kill from Thole helped SIU take the first set 27-25.

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