Feeling the flutter at the fair

Tablets: the future of classroom curriculum

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Daily Egyptian

From digital chalkboards to overhead projectors, technology has played a large role in the advancement of education. With the advent of tablets across the world, though, students literally have knowledge at their fingertips.

Over the past five to 10 years, there has been a decrease in textbook sales at not only the school bookstore, but bookstores all across the country, said Chad Nale, manager of the University Bookstore. He said e-books and online renting sources such as Chegg have been a major factor behind the drop in book sales.

"Speaking in general terms, the entire industry has seen a steady and disturbing decline in sell-thru for the better part of a decade," Nale said in an email. "We define sell-thru as the amount of materials sold as a percentage of total enrollment within a class section department or school."

Phu Vu, a doctoral student in curriculum and instruction from Vietnam, said iPads and other tablets are a main factor in this decrease — and for good reason.

Vu said the amount of teachers who advocate tablet use outnumber the opponents because of how easy it is for teachers to get students involved in class material as well as their relatively cheap nature over an extended period of time compared to textbooks.

"Not necessarily an iPad, but any tablet can be a good choice to replace books in the very near future," Vu said.

He said a few school districts have already spent money to bring tablets into the their educational system for teachers and students.

New York City public elementary schools have spent about $1.3 million on iPads, and approximately 200 Chicago public schools applied for $23 district-financed iPad grants that total to $450,000, according to an article in the New York Times.

Many tablet developers such as Apple, Microsoft, Amazon and Google plan to make smaller and more affordable tablets in the future, and there will be even less of a reason for students to buy and sell back books once the new generation of hardware and the product becomes more accessible to more public schools, Vu said.

He said while a tablet may be more expensive at first, studies show how cost-effective a tablet can be over the course of four years.

According to the National Association of College Stores, a not-for-profit trade association that represents the $10 billion campus retail industry, the average student spends about $650 on textbooks each year, Vu said.

Sandusky case leads to new employment form

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A new state law requires all Illinois universities to have its employees sign a form that states they will report any child abuse or neglect they observe.

The Department of Children and Family Services implemented the law this year after the Jerry Sandusky case went to trial, according to the Illinois General Assembly website. DCFS was already attempting to get the bill passed, but the department increased its effort to get the bill passed through the Senate once Sandusky was convicted of 49 out of 48 child sex abuse charges.

It went into effect June 27, 2012, said Bruce Duber, policy writer for DCFS.

Sandusky was the assistant football coach at Penn State in University Park, Penn., who coached for more than 32 years. Sandusky has been under investigation since 1998 but was not arrested until December 2011 and charged with sexually abusing more than 10 boys over a 15-year period.

Sandusky was found guilty June 22 and is awaiting his sentence in Centre County Prison in Pennsylvania.

"Every employee of an institution of higher education must sign the form before they can begin working," Duber said. "It is just for Illinois because this is where we have jurisdiction."

Toni Vagner, student employment manager, said the form is new this semester but has not had an effect on the employment rate so far. The form is signed along with seven others that students must complete when they are hired to a new position on campus, she said.

Vagner said she has not received any negative feedback since the form went into effect this semester. Even though the bill was passed in June, SIU already completed its summer semester but has not had an effect on the employment rate so far, she said.

"Is it only one additional form," she said. "It honestly has not affected my work at all."

However, students seem to have contrary feelings toward the new form and the requirement to sign it for employment on campus.

Dexter Lee, a junior from Chicago studying electronic systems technology, said he feels the decision to report an incident should be the student’s choice because sometimes what an individual thought was child abuse might actually be a parent disciplining their child.

"How would you know if it’s abuse or not?" he said. "What if a parent hits their child and someone reports the incident and ends up misinterpreting what actually happened?"

Kiara Poole, a senior from Bolingbrook studying education, said she thinks the form is pointless because university students don’t really have any interaction with children.

"I would hope that if someone witnessed that then they would report it anyway, but we’re at university so I didn’t see the point," Poole said.

Further information on the law can be found at ilga.gov under Public Act number 97-0711.

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Throwback Thursday: today in 1975

JIM COOK | DAILY EGYPTIAN

From pump to tank to riders’ fares, the price of gas is passed on. Mark Gorsich, DeSoto, might as well be pumping liquid money into his taxi at Yellow Cab Co.
With the next generation of tablets priced at about $200, a student can buy the device and have money left to purchase e-books. This may result in a little more money spent in the first year, but this could save a student several hundred dollars over the course of a four-year education.

To compare e-books to their physical counterparts, the physical book “Media Ethics: Issues and Cases” can be purchased from Amazon for about $65 new, whereas the e-book version sells for $54.

A used copy of the book would cost about $50. If a student rented the e-book, it would cost about $37.

For everyone else, a new measure of respectability is looming for online cat videos. If you’re among the seemingly tiny minority of the general population not interested in watching a 1-minute clip of a cat in a T-shirt pounding on a keyboard, then move along.

Some people, a bit embarrassed.

On Thursday is a story about online cat videos.

While not all teachers use tablets in the classroom yet, there is definitely a rise in the extent to which they are implemented in schools. Vu said. He doesn’t personally know of any teachers at the university who use tablets, he said, but there are professors who use the devices and want their students to bring other technology to school as well.

Cameron Carlson, assistant professor of educational leadership, said he is one of those teachers.

“I don’t use an iPad,” he said. “I use another tablet, and I encourage students to bring laptops to class.”

Joel Block, a junior from New Orleans studying linguistics, said while he believes tablets can be a great educational tool, most students would use the device to play games instead of learn.

“I think it would be distracting,” Block said. “If I were to bring an iPad to class, I would just want to mess around on it. You just have to discipline yourself.”

He said this problem may be alleviated with the requirement of iPads or tablets in high schools, or even grade schools, so students are adjusted to using them for educational purposes before college.

“In my hometown, there’s a lot of high schools that are requiring iPads now, so there’s 13, 14, 15-year-olds walking around with iPads so they can do their homework, so I think they’ll be fine with an iPad in the classroom,” Block said.

Nale said e-books and online purchases will continue to rise in popularity with newer generations of students each year.

“The entering freshman class grew up using the Internet, and they are accustomed to the convenience the internet offers, whether researching a project or shopping for textbooks,” Nale said.

While there are many advantages to tablet use in the classroom, students need to realize these devices are more than just leisure objects, Vu said. After he conducted a study with freshmen about the amount of time and ways they use their iPads, he came to the conclusion students mainly used the hardware for entertainment purposes.

“Our findings also indicated that students were not encouraged to use their iPad in the classroom,” Vu said. “It seems that software and hardware for the digital age are already ready, but ‘humanware’ is still a hurdle.”

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GPSC discusses enrollment, budget

KARSTEN BURGSTHALE Daily Egyptian

The Graduate and Professional Student Council members said they would like to see a change in the admission process, which might benefit enrollment figures for graduate students.

The GPSC met for its first meeting of the semester Tuesday night, where members discussed issues that relate to the council’s constitution and overall graduate student enrollment.

Although final enrollment numbers will not be released until the university’s 10-day enrollment report next week, the council had an estimated figure to report.

Brooke Talley, vice president for graduate school affairs, said enrollment is about the same this year, but the yield average is down.

The yield average is a measure of how many students are accepted to any college program versus how many actually enroll.

Talley said the graduate program’s yield is 40 percent, which is a drop from the 56 percent average in recent semesters.

Talley also said changes are being made to the enrollment process.

“One thing that slows down the admissions process is all these hoops that people have to jump through,” she said.

In order to speed up the admissions process, the graduate school proposed to admit students without official transcripts, Talley said.

However, the school would require official transcripts before graduation.

The council also appointed members to committees, including the fee allocation board.

“The allocation board is in charge of the GPSC budget, said Peter Lucas, vice president for administrative affairs.

Meetings oftentimes run past their scheduled times because of funding proposals from organizations, and the council wants to be able to trust a committee to do the background work on a proposal so only the essentials need to be discussed at the meeting, Lucas said.

He said he also wanted to know what people think the council’s vision should be.

“Some feel that we should be more community service oriented,” Lucas said. “Some feel that we should be strictly graduate professional student oriented.

That’s something I’m curious about.”

In other new business, Blaine Tisdale, president, said he wants to set up a committee to review the group’s constitution.

He said the document has some peculiar demands and errors in it that don’t quite make sense.

One issue brought up by the constitution is that the rule requires the council to hold meetings every other week of the semester starting the second week.

This year, the semester’s eighth week falls during the university’s fall break, so Tisdale said the group must decide on an alternative.

On the list of constitution amendments and committee appointments, building repairs were covered in roundtable discussions.

One council member said he was stuck in an elevator at Fanner Hall earlier this semester, and that particular elevator has gone out twice already during the fall semester.

The student said the university usually fixes the elevator quickly, but he was concerned about the elevator breaking down on nights and weekends, which is the typical time when graduate students work, and crews may not be able to respond as quickly.

Social media was also a topic of discussion at the meeting.

The goal is to make everything GPSC-related open to the public, Lucas said.

However, the group must use the university WordPress website and cannot make its own, he said.

“The university is all about branding right now, and every website needs to look the same,” Lucas said.

The group’s next meeting will be 7 p.m. Sept. 11 in Lawson Hall 0231.

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USG looks to expand student involvement

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Undergraduate Student Government has plans to improve student interaction.

The school year’s first USG meeting Tuesday had low senior attendance, but the group made plans to enhance its product through the creation of a new communication team.

Brittany Grotheus, a junior from Bolingbrook studying accounting and marketing as well as the president of USG, said one of her main goals for the year is to help students become more involved with Registered Student Organizations.

“The meeting was a little rough because of the senator turnout,” Grotheus said. “The biggest problem that USG faces is to get students together to talk about topical problems like street safety instead of parties and events.”

Grotheus said the group serves students by helping them get their opinions heard by university administrators.

“This year USG will be enforcing open communication with deans and students,” she said.

Another one of the USG’s goals this year is to keep student retention high through RSO participation, Grotheus said.

“Studies show when students get involved on campus they are more likely to be happy and stay in school,” she said.

Kenneth Newsome, a senior from Chicago studying social work, was the only senator in attendance at the meeting.

Newsome said he is looking forward to impacting the campus through USG this year as well as being on the finance committee.

There are normally 40 senators on USG. Grotheus said. She said there must be 20 in attendance at meetings in order to vote on an issue.

To become a senator, a student must have at least a 2.5 grade point average and complete a senator petition that requires 50 signatures within their college.

The prospective senator must also attend a senate session to present his or her interest to become one, get voted in by the senators and then get sworn in by the USG president.

A senator must reapply every year to be a part of USG.

The finance committee dictates how much funding student organizations receive.

“The committee takes a large amount of commitment,” Newsome said. “But its worth it because I get to leave my mark on campus.”

Four new senators were inaugurated at Tuesday’s meeting. Adrian Miller, a freshman from Cumberland studying pre-med, will represent the College of Liberal Arts. Brandon Willingham, a junior from Chicago studying journalism, will represent the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts; Dan Wabommor, a senior from Chicago studying civil engineering, will represent the College of Engineering; and Oliver Keys, a junior from East Saint Louis studying automotive technology, will represent the College of Applied Sciences and Arts.

Newrease will represent the College of Business.

Senators enhance student life because they give students a representative who can bring their concerns to administrators, Grotheus said.

The communication team is a new effort that will employ a professional group of students who have gained skills through academics, Grotheus said.

Editors, photographers, scriptwriters, strategists and videographers will all be needed, she said.

Students who are employed on the team will provide and coordinate a public relations and advertising campaign to make a positive difference on campus by working with different student organizations and USG, she said.

“I want the RSOS to not have to get in contact with us, but USG to get in contact with them,” Grotheus said. “USG will try to match students to RSOS that interest them and make information about the RSOS easily accessible.”

Hannah George, USG’s chief-of-staff and a junior majoring in social work, said she hopes USG will have a good year.

“USG challenges students and members to stay involved while providing a unique opportunity to be a part of the campus and university,” she said. “It will be a great year.”

All students interested in becoming a part of USG or simply interested in the organization are encouraged to attend meetings.
When you are working or being a student in higher education, you continuously hear how university presidents and chancellors should work their way up the ranks.

I agree, but I believe it should be done in the student affairs division rather than the academic division.

Dr. Paul Portney, an economics professor who also served as a dean for six years at the University of Arizona, said “One reason is that virtually every university president started his or her career as an assistant professor focused almost exclusively on getting tenure.”

A professor can contain those characteristics that I mentioned earlier, but I sense they cannot operate in the same capacity as a student affairs professional.

An instructor who wants a full professor ranking has vision, inspiration and organization. They are also focused on their research in order to attain that ranking.

A student affairs professional is focused on student life and the components that make that up as well as their professional peers.

Another thought that came to mind is that student affairs professionals tend to work with most, if not the whole university.

Professors, department chairs and deans tend to work with only their colleges as if they were in silos. Once they become a provost or president/chancellor, they struggle with communicating and understanding other colleges’ structures.

Would you not want people who study and specialize in a certain area to lead that area? If so, what does a university or college fall under?

The direction of the leadership has been failing in recent years with the firings of presidents such as at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Louisiana State.

The characteristics each university or college need and want are qualified better in student affairs professionals, rather than our academia professionals.

We ask for a different type of leadership and a transformation in higher education repeatedly, but we fail to make the change.

James Thomas put it this way: “To be a great leader and so always master of the situation, one must of necessity have been a great thinker in action. An eagle was never yet hatched from a goose’s egg.”

Coco Chanel once said “It’s amazing how many cares disappear when you decided not to be something, but to be someone.”

Have you ever thought of that while being a student or working in higher education as a faculty, staff or administrator?

When it comes to leadership, I have.

In a business industry, for example, you want a CEO who is experienced in the same or similar industry to be in control.

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Democratic congressional nominee Enyart visits campus, kicks off Pizza and Politics

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The Democratic nominee for Illinois’ 12th Congressional District will visit the campus today for Pizza and Politics.

Bill Enyart, D-Belleville, will be the first of three candidates to visit the lobby of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. David Yepsen, director of the institute, said Pizza and Politics is a way for students to get acquainted with and form opinions on the district’s three congressional hopefuls.

This a good way for students to meet the candidates early and decide whether they would like to help out with any of their campaigns, Yepsen said.

Enyart, who became the democratic nominee in early July, was voted in unanimously after primary winner Brad Harriman dropped out of the race with health issues.

Retired Maj. Gen. William L. Enyart of the Illinois National Guard is an SIUC Law School alumnus who served as a member of the governor’s cabinet as the principal adviser on military matters. His campaign office did not return phone calls seeking comment by press time.

“As an alumnus, SIU and southern Illinois are very close to my heart,” Enyart said. “My youngest son, Alex, is in his third year of law school at SIU but is taking the semester off to help out with the campaign.”

The three candidates look to fill the seat of Jerry Costello, D-East St. Louis, who announced last fall that he would not seek re-election in the midst of his 12th term.

Nominee Jason Plummer, R-O’Fallon, is the vice president at R.P. Lumber Company and serves as an intelligence officer in the Navy Reserves. Plummer is scheduled to visit the university at 5 p.m. Sept. 13.

Candidate Paula Bradshaw, I-Carbondale, made her way onto the Green Party ballot after a challenge to her petitions was recently dropped. She is an emergency room nurse at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale as well as a political activist, and she will be the last candidate in the series to visit the institute Sept. 18.

Yepsen said the event is open to students, faculty and staff with an RSVP requested but not required. Each event will last an hour with Yepsen’s opening remarks to follow a question-and-answer session between the nominees and audience members.

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Nintendo hopes old solution fixes new problem

As companies grow older and mature, often times to do their business practices, but Nintendo fans can rest assured that some things never change.

About a year and three months after the March 27, 2011, release of the 3DS, the 3DS XL was announced to hit store shelves by Aug. 19 of this year. The device was said to be a beefed up version of the original handheld with a 90 percent bigger screen, a longer battery life and minor aesthetic enhancements. After its release 11 days ago, consumers are left wondering to themselves, “Is it worth it?”

The conclusion consumers come to could greatly affect Nintendo’s finances.

Nintendo is no stranger to the frequent face lifts it gives its handhelds. The company released its first portable system titled Game Boy, back in August 1989. This quickly became popular with the help of iconic games such as Mario, Tetris, Mega Man and Pokemon, the game that started a world-wide craze. While the Game Boy did remain the front runner of its game genre for quite a while, the company released two different versions in a little over a year.

After its release, Nintendo would then go on to release other handheld systems such as the Game Boy Advance, the Nintendo DS and finally the Nintendo 3DS. Each of the separate portable systems had multiple transformations in their lifetime with the Game Boy Advance having three different versions in a four-year timespan, the Nintendo DS having four iterations in a five-year time period and the 3DS with two varieties released in a little more than a year. All of these upgrades created a steady cash flow for the company in the past, and in light of some recent profit losses — a net loss of about $220 million in the company’s 2012 quarter one sales reports — Nintendo will depend on a boost in sales with the release of its super-sized 3DS.

However, some technical and packaging issues could lead to a less-than-impressive quarter two sales turnout for the Japan-based gaming company. When the 3DS was first released, many consumers were upset with a few features the system hypes up such as the 3D visuals the system is named after. After the device was on the market for about six months, games were also released that would greatly benefit from the addition of a second analog stick. When Sony’s competitor, released its new handheld, the PS Vita, gamers were not only given the second analog stick they wanted so badly, but they also got enhanced graphics with a bigger screen to enjoy them on.

Although the 3DS outsold the Vita by more than 400,000 units, Nintendo still struggles to please its fans with the release of the XL — a move that could drop its sales even more. The first issue fans have with the 3DS XL is its lack of a second analog stick. Even after much feedback from fans through emails and comments on the company’s YouTube page, Nintendo still neglected the possible addition. According to a report by slashgear.com, a website for technology reviews, Nintendo President Satoru Iwata said the addition of a second analog stick would not have been possible in combination with a longer battery life and an overall size that kept the system portable.

The second problems consumers have with the 3DS XL is one not seen in America. The system does not come packaged with a charger in Japan and Europe. Nintendo states this is being done to production cut costs, but this limits sales of the handheld to Japanese and European people who already own a 3DS, or people who are willing to shell out the extra $10-$20 for a charger. This lack alienates a large portion of consumers in Japan and Europe, and it leaves the people who have already bought the original 3DS as the target selling audience. While the XL does offer some great upgrades, it doesn’t justify spending another $200 out of the bank, especially with the issues that still remain.

This isn’t to say the XL’s redeeming qualities aren’t worth a mention. The bigger screen and longer battery life makes for a great experience that enhances the 3D effects in a longer, more immersive way. Aesthetic changes such as a fingerprint-resistant matte finish and smoothed corners help alleviate some comfortability problems presented by the original device as well.

In all, the 3DS XL is a wonderful opportunity for gamers who missed out on the 3DS to immediately upgrade their gaming experience for an extra $30, but people who already own the original will most likely stick with what they have. The real question is whether the 3DS XL will save Nintendo from its lowered sales. The answer, as it seems right now, is no.

Although it may have worked for the company defined by a mushroom-munching plumber in the past, Nintendo may have to wait for the release of the Wii U to get its financial issues sorted out. Sometimes it’s not all 1-ups and saving princesses, and Nintendo might have to find that out the hard way.
PJUOL returns to rock Hangar

BRENDAN SMITH
Daily Egyptian

Donald PJUOL is a man that is about his music. He doesn’t require grandiose venues. He likes the intimate and the natural. "I’m from Tolono, IL. Now I live in Nashville," PJUOL said.

He is simply an artist by the people for the people. Despite his name being dropped in Riding Stones, Spin Magazine, and making an appearance at Bonnaroo in June, he hasn’t forgotten his initial support from the following musicians in Carbondale.

Devin Henneman: "What initially drew me to music and how long have you been playing?"

Donald PJUOL: "I think it’s really hard work aimed at trying to earn enough material stability. I’ve been playing rock ‘n’ roll for about..."

Devin Henneman: "How has your style and sound changed since you released your first record?"

PJUOL: "Really hard work aimed at trying to earn enough material stability. I’ve been playing ‘music’ since I was 13. Creative and work-minded aspect. I’ve been playing ‘music’ since I was 13."

Devin Henneman: "What are you looking forward to Friday?"

PJUOL: "There’s a big emergence happening in Nashville that love people. They have never seen a case such as hers. She is the only person in the world with her illness, and she will..."

Devin Henneman: "Do you think you have a mystery condition?"

PJUOL: "Yes. I think I alternate between a glori..."

Devin Henneman: "What is the sound and scene there like?"

PJUOL: "Well, the longer I do this I..."

Devin Henneman: "What do you decide to make Carbondale one of your stops?"

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Take a Trip to the Strip

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Students find friendship, develop skills in club sports

Story by: Alex Rostowsky

David Hug never had any experience climbing until he started college three years ago.

Now Hug, a senior from Waterloo studying forest recreation, is the president of the SIU climbing club and scales bluffs as much as possible.

The climbing club is just one of 41 registered sports clubs offered by the university. The clubs are a way for students to continue participating in sports they grew up playing, or any individual who wants to learn a new sport.

Sports clubs differ from intramural sports because the clubs are organized and funded by officers and students. Sports club teams are also eligible to play clubs from other universities, while intramural athletes only play against other SIU students.

Hug said he embraces the friendships he has gained with members of the club, as well as the diversity amongst its members.

“There are so many different people from so many walks of life. They all being great personalities to it,” he said.

Hug said he wants the new members of the club to fall in love with climbing as he has over the past few years. He plans to take the club to areas in the Shawnee National Forest such as Jackson Falls, Lake Kinkaid, Fern Clyfer and Cedar Lake.

“I want to show them why southern Illinois is beautiful,” Hug said.

Tommy Lafortaine, a freshman from Bloomingdale studying aviation, said he joined the men’s soccer club seeking friendship as well.

“(I want) close relationships with friends through the team and to better myself in the game of soccer,” he said.

Jared Rosine, men’s soccer club president, has played the game for more than 10 years. This year will be his third with the club.

Rosine, a senior from Strasburg studying sports management, previously played at the collegiate level at Rend Lake College. Since joining the club, Rosine said he has watched it progress.

“(I enjoy) the way I’ve watched it grow from a team of misfits to an organized team that’s very competitive,” he said.

Vijaya Kollipara, like Hug, did not have much experience in his sport before he started college. Kollipara, a graduate student in mining engineering from Hyderabad, India, said he never played badminton before coming to the United States. Now, after three - and - a - half years with the club, he is the president.

Kollipara said the club has around 35 members now, but he hopes to see the number reach 50 or 60. It has had more than 100 members in past years, according to the badminton club website. He said he is striving for more diversity amongst the club.

“Most of the club members are from India, Malaysia and China,” he said. “What I’m trying to do this year is get more Americans involved.”

Kollipara said he has many objectives for the club this season, including to watch beginners progress and reach out to other schools to set up tournaments.

Badminton members compete against one another in the club. Kollipara said he has contacted representatives from Saint Louis University to set up a tournament between the two clubs.

Dan Unes is also in his first semester as president of an SIU club. He is the head of the men’s rugby club, which he has been a member of for four years.

“This year, the club joined the newly formed Gateway Conference with other Division II rugby squads — Central Missouri State University, Missouri S&T, Principia College, Saint Louis University, University of Missouri-Kansas City and Washington University in St. Louis.

“Our goal is to win the conference,” Unes said. “If we win the conference playoff, we should have a bid right into the sweet 16 in nationals.”

Unes, a senior from Peoria studying mechanical engineering, said a lot of the rugby players enjoy the game because they get to hit someone on the play field — something they might not have done since their high school football days.

He said this year’s club is comprised of players who came back from last year, as well as a group of athletic freshmen.

“It’s a fun game,” Unes said. “There’s a lot of social activity involved. Rugby has a lot of traditions.”

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Men’s club soccer player Gordon Lee, center, scores the equalizing goal Tuesday for a 1-1 final against Mid-Continent University, from Mayfield, Ky., at the Saluki Track and Field Complex.

The Salukis have been practicing together for less than two weeks, Lee said. “It’s early in the season, but I think we have what it takes to compete at nationals,” Lee said. “Drawing with a team like Mid-Continent University is an accomplishment.”

Jeremy Hamilton, a sophomore from Lockport studying aviation, swims toward the ball Monday at the Dr. Edward J. Shea Natatorium.

“It’s a great sport, very intense, very fast, very physical. It keeps you on your toes,” Hamilton said. Sam Stein, a sophomore from Skokie studying criminal justice and the club’s secretary, said his hopes for this year’s team are to travel more and build camaraderie amongst teammates. “It’s a support group, a family, not just a water polo team,” Stein said.
White Sox pound Saunders in 8-1 win over Orioles

Associated Press

Baltimore remained 3 1/2 games behind the first-place New York Yankees in the AL East. Androd (2-2) allowed one run, three hits and three walks in seven innings to move into a tie for first in the third inning. Recalled from Triple-A Charlotte, Saunders (0-1) gave up 10 hits and six earned runs in 5 1-3 innings to move into a tie with right-hander retired 13 straight batters before a one-out walk in the eighth ended his night.

Baltimore Orioles’ third baseman Manny Machado throws out Chicago White Sox’s Alexei Ramirez (2) on the second error on the play, during a baseball game in Baltimore, Wednesday, Aug. 7, 2013. The play was ruled as a hit, allowing Segura to score. Ramirez was cited with the time apart to develop their confidence and skills even further will hopefully make them better in college,” Sparks said.

Cole said he hopes to make major improvements over last season.

“Last season I finished 10th,” Cole said. “I’m hoping to crack the top five this season. I feel like I’m a very gifted player, and it will be interesting for the fans and maybe even for me because I’m a girl, and he’s a guy,” she said.

Although this is Alyssa’s first season, Cole said she already has high expectations.

“The girls’ team hasn’t won a conference title since 1992. For the last three years, the women’s cross-country team finished outside of the top five in the MVC Championship. The team hasn’t finished better than 18th in the NCAA Regionals for the last two seasons. The team finished 7th last year, which was the lowest since coach Sparks started coaching here, so I think it’s possible for the Salisbury girls to break the top five, maybe even top three,” Alyssa said.

Sparks said he thinks the siblings will be an asset to the team.

“They have an even closer relationship than most siblings do, because they happen to play in the same sport,” Sparks said. “It’s been quite a surprise to us, and we’re really excited to see how Alyssa and Cole will begin their season at 5:30 Friday at the Salisbury Early Bird Meet.”

Fiers works 7-1 3-innings as Brewers beat Cubs 3-1

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CHICAGO — Mike Fiers tossed 7-1 3-innings to lead the Milwaukee Brewers to a 5-1 win over the Cubs on Wednesday night, their eighth straight victory against the team they swept.

Fiers (8-6) held the Cubs to four hits and struck out six, helping Milwaukee beat its division rival for the 15th time in 16 games this season. The Brewers have won eight of their last nine overall and moved within 5 1/2 games of 500 for the first time since July 21.

Fiers sent down 14 straight batters at one point and won his second straight start. Milwaukee’s streak of eight straight games with at least 10 strikeouts came to an end. It was the longest such streak since 1900. John Axford finished up for his 22nd save in 30 chances.

Jeff Samardzija (8-12) gave up seven hits and three runs — two earned — in seven innings for the Cubs. Beckham greeted Kevin Gregg with an RBI double after Matt Wieters’ sacrifice fly in the fourth when Beckham hit a fly ball to the warning track in center before Adam Dunn walked. After Paul Konerko got an infielid hit, Aoki and Ramirez singled in two runs.

Chicago added an unearned run in the fourth when Beckham hit an RBI double after Matt Wieters dropped a foul pop behind the plate. Baltimore closed to 5-1 in the bottom half when Wieters doubled, took third on a fly ball and scored on a sacrifice by Quinlan to make it 6-1.

A.J. Pierzynski wasn’t in the starting lineup for the series opener because of a left thumb sprain that he suffered on July 28 while batting in the July 27 game. His return is expected in September.

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The Saluki football team isn’t exactly sure what they will see out of Eastern Illinois University’s offense during Thursday’s season opener, but whatever happens will be quick.

Coach Dale Lennon said he expects a fast-paced game out of the Panthers, including a no-huddle offense under new coach Dino Babers. Babers worked with the wide receivers and special teams during his four-year tenure at Baylor.

Lennon and his staff have no tape to scout how the EIU team plays because this is the season’s first game, but Lennon said they have studied some film of last season’s Baylor squad.

Luckily for the Salukis, Eastern doesn’t have a player to contend with like Robert Griffin III, Baylor’s Heisman trophy winner last season. However, the Salukis plan to sport an up-tempo offense of their own this season.

Offensive coordinator Kalen DeBoer and his staff travelled to Norman, Okla., during the summer to try and create a faster-paced offense like the University of Oklahoma’s.

Lennon said the combination of both teams working quickly could make for a high-scoring game. “Playing a team with the up-tempo type offense, you have to be ready for a lot of points to be scored against you fast,” he said. “You can have a 14- or 20-point lead, but that really isn’t that safe of a lead. At the same time, when a team is very high-tempo, you have a chance to get the ball back to your offense.”

The Salukis took advantage of both teams working quickly last season against EIU and recorded three interceptions en route to a 45-28 home victory Nov. 12. The win was quarterback Kory Faulkner’s first since he obtained the starting nod Oct. 8.

This season, Lennon said he is confident the junior is ready to take the reins. “Kory was thrown into a tough situation (last year),” Lennon said. “He was thrown into some tough matchups, and that should help him. He should have a better understanding of the game plans, and hopefully that will translate to the ability to make more plays.”

Faulkner said he is excited and ready for a new season after a full season as the lead man.

Sophomore tight end MyCole Pruitt will likely be the name highlighted on Eastern’s offensive scouting report. Pruitt was a force on the field last season in his first year of action.

Lennon said he feels comfortable with the entire receiving core. “Last year (sophomore) LaSteven McKinney hadn’t taken a snap at the receiver position. Now he’s at a point where he’s very comfortable,” Lennon said. “(Senior) David Lewis ... is finally at the point that we’ve been hoping he’d be. And (junior) John Laura is just that consistent type of player. I think the overall experience level of our receiving corps should allow us to be a little bigger factor than we were in the past.”

Lennon said he also expects senior running backs Steven Struther and Malku Kalokoh to factor into the passing game. He said he is confident heading into the season opener, even though it is on the road. “You always like to have a home game, but that first game just to have your team with you on the road in a closed environment, I like that part,” he said. “Sometimes there are so many distractions around that first game of the year that you would like to have your players more isolated. I don’t mind the road game for the first game of the year.”

Lennon has a 13-2 record in season openers as a head coach.

Thursday’s kickoff is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

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