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Enrollment shows ups and downs

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Daily Egyptian

The university’s 10-day spring enrollment figures show the freshman retention is up, sophomores stayed close to the same, but overall enrollment is the lowest it has been since 1964.

“Over all the seniors and juniors graduate, there will be bigger classes coming behind them,” Chancellor Rita Cheng said. “We have to work through one class at a time building enrollment and so our freshman and sophomore enrollments are significantly important to us for the future.”

The College of Science had a 23 percent increase in enrollment from spring 2013. Other areas of growth included the College of Liberal Arts, College of Engineering, College of Business, and College of Education and Human Services.

“People are coming from India and China and Brazil and the Middle East.” Cheng said. “It’s just a wonderful occurrence.” Cheng said. “They’re coming from all over the world. The College of Engineering had a 16 percent increase from spring 2013 enrollment.

Several other departments saw higher retention than spring 2013, including the College of Science and the College of Business. However, the university saw declines in several areas, including the College of Education and Human Services.

“People are working on attracting students to the college but they’re working on a lot of different strategies,” Cheng said. “I know that they’ll have some very good things to show in the future.”

The College of Liberal Arts also saw a slightly more than average decline in retention.

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Stringing up designs

Shelby Orr, left, a freshman from Champaign studying architecture, and Zoey Koester, a freshman from Chatham studying interior design, fix the layout of a class project Wednesday at the Design Barracks. Orr and Koester designed for honors credit through their architecture 122 class and are recreating Georges Seurat’s “A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte” in several 3D layers of Foam Core. Each classmate is responsible for the contents of an individual square the model uses to mimic the painting. See Pg 3 for story.

New development planned for downtown Carbondale

SETH RICHARDSON
Daily Egyptian

Illinois Avenue in Carbondale may be getting a facelift.

The space located at 710 S. Illinois Ave. will see significant redevelopment in the coming years, if a development group’s plan to build a five-story complex on a two acre site now occupied by a popular bookstore proceeds.

Representing the developers, Doug Freichl and Michael Fitzgerald unveiled their plan to the Carbondale City Council on Tuesday.

“The opportunity came to us,” Freichl said in a later interview. “Someone had forwarded to us that the bookstore site was available. We thought that it would make a good location.”

The project will contain around 4,000 square feet of retail space on the ground level. Above the retail level, will be four stories of luxury retail housing to accommodate nearly 400 people. The rental units will include one, two and four-bedroom apartments with a courtyard in the middle. It will also include more than 100 parking spaces.

Freichl said they chose the hybrid retail-residential model because of the high foot traffic in the area.

“Anytime you’re in a downtown or up town area that’s a little more urban like that, I think it addresses the location,” he said. “It’s a vibrant kind of pedestrian area with a lot of shops so it’s perfectly suited.”

The area was mutually beneficial to both the city and the developer, Fitzgerald said.

“Students are going to support not only the retail that’s on that site but they’re going to support the businesses right along the radius there,” he said. “It works well for not only the developer who’s investing in this but it’s really a benefit to the university and the community.”

Fitzgerald said they chose the five-story model based on cost-effective techniques.

“Two-story buildings might not have as much of an impact on a streetscape, but they require the same elevators and stairs, kind of those core elements multi-story buildings need,” he said. “You can go up more than a couple floors, it just makes it that much more efficient.”

Freichl said he drew inspiration from the southern Illinois area in designing the building. “Especially the rock formations with horizontal strata are beautiful characteristic of the region,” he said, “and contrasting that to these great, forested areas and the vertical natures of the trees and trees growing out of swamps. All that helped go into composing the façade of this building.”

Fitzgerald said he expects the total cost of the development to be more than $20 million.

“We send it out for bid and whoever wins offers the best value,” Freichl said. “My guess is most of it (will go to local contractors). Maybe you get some guys from St. Louis coming over, but I think it will be a combination of local to the community and regional subcontractors.”

Freichl and Fitzgerald said the space is located in a tax-increment financing district.

They plan to have the building open by fall of 2015. The current occupant of the building, 710 Bookstore, located in a tax-increment financing district.

For photo illustrations of building plans please see pg. 3.

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Greek week preparations
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Dance company auditions
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Freshman golfer stuck in China
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The “Hunger Games” has the university’s fraternities and sororities fired up for competition.

Greek Week is April 6 to April 12. The Inter-Greek Council chose the theme “The Hunger Games: Catching Fire.” Emily Lind, a junior from Herrin studying art and the special events coordinator of the Inter-Greek Council, said Greek Week is usually a week of activities when the chapters get together and compete to grow closer. “We’re changing it up this semester and making it into a semester-long thing, so there’s events once every two weeks or so,” Lind said. “There will be service things like Carbondale Clean Up, going to basketball and baseball games as well as other activities together.”

Andy Morgan, coordinator of fraternity and sorority life, said the teams have been able to earn points since Inter-Greek Council announced the teams on Jan. 21. He said events where Greeks can earn points change each year. “The events vary year to year,” Morgan said. “But, typically, you’ll have service related events, educational events, maybe leadership education, risk management, academic and then just some — field day events.”

Bryce Webster, a senior from Woodstock studying psychology and sociology, and president of Inter-Greek Council, said Greek Week is something that happens at almost every university with a fraternity and sorority presence. “It depends on the university on how big of a scale it is,” he said. “The purpose is to build unity so we wanted to announce the teams so they could get to know each other early.”

Webster said picking teams earlier helps build friendships and a stronger bond of the teams. With Greek Week being at the end of the year, it made sense to introduce the teams as soon as possible, he said.

Last year’s theme was Nickelodeon, a theme Webster said was a good idea to draw events from. He said he hopes the same for this year’s subject. “We want to always be doing better than we were in the past. Hunger Games is really cool right now and there’s a lot you can do with the theme, it provided a really easy framework.”

Webster said there is several ways Inter-Greek Council will use the Catching Fire theme. All the teams will be named after a district from the series, and many of the games and events will be held outside. Webster said the teams are picked at random by the Inter-Greek Council. “We want to keep the teams equal size,” he said. “The organizations in the Greek community range from two members all the way up to 87 members. We couldn’t just have a chapter of 87 competing against a chapter of two.”

Lind said there are about 125 members on each of the six teams. Of the 33 chapters at the university, 27 are competing. Webster said in previous years, individual chapters would compete by themselves, and changed to teams three years ago. He said the Greeks compete for bragging rights.

“At that point, they would just assign every organization to a team and then you would end up having teams that have organizations that didn’t want to participate,” he said.

This year, Lind asked the organizations if they would like to participate instead of forcing participation. Lind said the winning team would be announced at the Greek awards on May 1.

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Students create 3D art from paintings

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Daily Egyptian

Students are creating a 3D replica of a painting as part of a project in the School of Architecture.

Thirty-eight freshmen are recreating Georges Seurat’s “A Sunday Afternoon on the Island of La Grande Jatte” as a 3D art exhibit. Two will receive honors credit while working on the project through their Architecture 122 class.

Shelby Orr, a freshman from Champaign studying architecture, said they have been working on the piece since last semester. She said the design has been through many trial and errors and this is the first 2D to 3D project they’ve done this year.

Koester said the assignment applies lessons learned in the architecture, interior design and art programs. “It basically was a focus on perspective, proportion and how that works in contrast with the vanishing point,” she said.

Orr said the final model will be 16 by 8 feet and 8 feet high. She said the final project would be completed before spring break and will hang at Gallery 119 in Quigley Hall.

Koester said the project took a long time to complete but the final product will be worth their time. “We worked long hours and burned off our fingertips,” she said. “It will look amazing. I have faith in that.”

Koester said they took a photograph of the original painting and sectioned it off into 40 pieces. After dividing it into sections, they began to plan how they would build their 3D version.

For each section, students are assigned to create 3 to 10 layers of Foam Core artwork. The exhibit is being built in the Design Barracks on the east side of campus.

Associate professor in architecture Peter Smith said they use a system called mapping, a method he introduces to all of his freshmen. “We take a painting and then we take the painting apart, essentially,” he said. “And then we do what we call the XYZ axis. We sort of build a painting in 3D.”

“Nearly two acres between University Avenue and Illinois Avenue south of Freeman Street could become an upscale apartment complex with ground floor retail stores.”

On behalf of the students, faculty and staff, please join Chancellor Rita Cheng and Dean Anne Cooper Moore, Library Affairs, for an OPEN HOUSE

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Tours Available

Southern Illinois University
**Thursday, January 30, 2014**

**Pinch Penny Pub**  
Pint Night  

**Hangar 9**  
Dance Party feat. Shattered Sound @ 9 p.m.

**The Grotto Lounge**  
Live Jazz w/ Coulter, Groth and Wall @ 7 p.m.

**Student Center**  
Glass Bead Making @ 6 - 8 p.m.  
Bowling & Billiards: Cosmic Bowling @ 8 - 11 p.m.

**Hangar 9**  
Aaron Kamm and the One Drops with Crate2Crate  
@ $7 ticket; $5 ticket with student I.D

**Curbside**  
This is How We Do It '90s Party @ 10 p.m.

**Rustle Hill Winery**  
Blue Afternoon @ 6 - 9 p.m.

**First United Methodist Church**  
S. Illinois Flute Chior & SIU Flute studio Concert @ 7:30 p.m.

**Student Center**  
Rocky Horror Picture Show @ 12 a.m. $3 w/ I.D  
Heartland Honor Chior and SIU Concert Chior @ 1:30 p.m.  
Heartland Honor Bands & SIU Wind Ensemble @ 3 p.m.

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**Wednesday, January 29, 2014**

**Pinch Penny Pub**  
Blackhawks vs Sharks @ 9:30 p.m.

**Hangar 9**  
Summer Camp on the Road Tour

**The Grotto Lounge**  
Billy Dan Langley Live @ 9 p.m.

**Copper Dragon**  
17th Floor @ 10 p.m. $7 cover

**Von Jakob Vineyard**  
90 Proof @ 5 - 6 p.m.

**Starview Winery**  
South of 70 @ 3 - 7 p.m.

**Student Rec Center**  
Rocky Horror Picture Show @ 12 a.m. $3 w/ I.D  
Heartland Honor Chior and SIU Concert Chior @ 1:30 p.m.  
Heartland Honor Bands & SIU Wind Ensemble @ 3 p.m.

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**Friday, January 31, 2014**

**Pinch Penny Pub**  
Pint Night  

**Hangar 9**  
Summertime Tour - Summer Camp on the Road Tour  

**The Grotto Lounge**  
Billy Dan Langley Live @ 9 p.m.

**Student Center**  
17th Floor @ 10 p.m. $7 cover
**EVENT CALENDAR**

**Thursday, January 30, 2014**

**JAN. 30 - FEB. 5**

**The Grotto Lounge**  
Home-Style Comfort Food

**Blue Sky Winery**  
Bonnie Randle - from Nashville, TN  
(Adult Contemporary) @ 2 - 5 p.m.

**Von Jakob**  
Dave Caputo @ 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

**Student Center**  
Bowling and Billiards Sunday Funday @ 1 - 5 p.m.  
$5 groups of 12 or more

**Old Baptist Foundation**  
Recital Hall  
Convocation @ 10 - 11 a.m.

**Student Center**  
Bowling and Billiards Food Night @ 5 - 8 p.m.  
Wood Working @ 5:30 - 8 p.m.  
Slip Cast Ceramics @ 6 - 8 p.m.  
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**Shryock Auditorium**  
Night at the Oscars w/ SIU Symphony Orchestra  
@ 7:30 p.m. $20, $8 Students

**The Grotto Lounge**  
Prime Rib Night

**Copper Dragon**  
Casey Donahew Band @ 8 p.m. doors 9 p.m. show  
$10 ticket in advance; $13 ticket the day of

**Rustle Hill Winery**  
Ol’ Moose @ 5 p.m.

**College of Applied Science & Arts**  
CASA Resume Blitz

**Student Center**  
Grad Bash 2014 @ 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.  
Bowling and Billiards Dollar Night @ 7 - 11 p.m.
Kids’ obesity risk starts at young age

**Marilynn Marchione**
Associated Press

Those efforts to fight obesity in schools? Think younger. A new study finds much of a child’s “weight fate” is set by age 5, and nearly half of kids who became obese by the eighth grade were overweight when they started kindergarten.

The prevalence of weight problems has long been known — about a third of U.S. kids are overweight or obese. But surprisingly little is known about which kids will develop obesity, and at what age.

Researchers think there may be a window of opportunity to prevent it, and “we keep pushing our critical window earlier and earlier on,” said Solveig Cunningham, a scientist at Emory University. “A lot of the risk of obesity seems to be set, to some extent, really early in life.”

She led the new study, which was published in this week’s New England Journal of Medicine and paid for by the federal government.

It tracked a nationwide sample of more than 7,700 children through grade school. When they started kindergarten, 12 percent were obese and 15 percent were overweight. By eighth grade, 21 percent were obese and 17 percent were overweight.

Besides how common obesity was at various ages, researchers focused on the 6,807 children who were not obese when the study started, at kindergarten entry. Here are some things they found:

**Who Became Obese:**
Between ages 5 and 14, nearly 12 percent of children developed obesity — 10 percent of girls and nearly 14 percent of boys.

Nearly half of kids who started kindergarten overweight became obese teens. Overweight 5-year-olds were four times as likely as normal-weight children to become obese (32 percent versus 8 percent).

**Grades Levels:** Most of the shift occurred in the younger grades. During the kindergarten year, about 5 percent of kids who had not been obese at the start became that way by the end. The greatest increase in the prevalence of obesity was between first and third grades; it changed little from ages 11 to 14.

**Race:** From kindergarten through eighth grade, the prevalence of obesity increased by 65 percent among whites, 50 percent among Hispanics, almost 120 percent among blacks and more than 40 percent among others — Asians, Pacific Islanders and Native Americans and mixed-race children.

By eighth grade, 17 percent of black children had become obese, compared to 14 percent of Hispanics and 10 percent of whites and children of other races.

**Income:** Obesity was least common among children from the wealthiest families and most prevalent among kids in the next-to-lowest income category. The highest rate of children developing obesity during the study years was among middle-income families.

**Birthweight:** At all ages, obesity was more common among children who weighed a lot at birth — roughly 9 pounds or more. About 36 percent of kids who became obese during grade school had been large at birth.

The study’s findings do not mean it’s too late for schools to act, but their best tactic may be to focus on kids who are overweight and to encourage exercise and healthy eating, Cunningham said.

The work also shows the need for parents, doctors, preschools and even day care centers to be involved, said Dr. Stephen Daniels, a University of Colorado pediatrician and a spokesman for the American Heart Association.

Parents who are concerned about a child’s weight should talk with their child’s doctor, because it may be hard to tell what is normal at various ages and appearances can be misleading.

In children, obesity and overweight are defined by how a child ranks on growth charts that compare them to other kids the same age and gender. Kids at or above the 85th percentile are considered overweight, and obese at the 95th percentile or above.

No child should be placed on a diet without a doctor’s advice; the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises. To help keep kids healthy, balance the calories a child gets from food and beverages with how much exercise he or she gets to allow enough for normal growth — some weight gain is normal, the CDC says. 

“You can change your fate by things that you do early in life,” with more exercise and eating a healthy diet, Daniels said. “Once it occurs, obesity is really hard to treat. So the idea is we should really work hard to prevent it.”


**STAFF COLUMN

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**Motored. Clockwork. Rhythm. Currents**

**JAKE SAUNDERS**  
**Daily Egyptian**

Currents, or a Call to Wildness Sings in the Night for Our Fall into the Pull Familiar, it Enchants though Not as Well as When We Sing Our Own Song; If We are the Ocean, We Cannot be Swept into the Currents

When overlooking the streamlines jetty,  
There is a pull to idleness abandoned.  
It feels simple and smooth as a lover wet,  
Calling for you.  
The current submerging moves the body along.

The ebon flowing dusk and coursing,  
Leading only to waterfall and swelling whirlpools -  
Then, when all that is felt is of darkness dry,  
Bones and pearls sunk:  
The body hollowed from swallowing watered salt.

Is it well to control the surging body,  
Sing the refrains of your contained sea organs!  
Captivating the streamed veins, become the ocean:  
Jagged white caps,  
Metallic in sunbeam beacons toward the heavens.

Depth is found in swimming against these currents,  
And I happily will drown in our bodies,  
As the godeye moon ever runs me aright,  
Rising, falling:  
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Dancers express art through movement

For those who aspire to join the swaying nature of rhythmic art forms, no creative outlet may offer greater freedom of expression than dance. The Southern Illinois Dance Company, led for the last 27 years by faculty adviser Donna Wilson, held auditions Jan. 21 to integrate new dancers into their setting. This semester, the group brought in six new dancers to make the group total almost 40 members.

Wilson said when the company looks for new dancers, members look for those who have an advanced skill level to integrate new dancers into the production. The company holds 12 rehearsals which run an hour and a half every semester. When the rehearsals culminate into a concert during the fourteenth week, experience helps, she said.

“I know a lot of the studios around go to competitions, but what I see on TV, I think it turns it into more of a circus-type thing, as opposed to art as expression,” she said.

Wilson said this circus portrayal is a struggle she deals with as a teacher. Dance is seen from a judging standpoint on screen, in which tricks are tallied by compressed multitudes in minutes. Dance often lacks a true joy, free expression and beauty that can come in dancing, she said.

“Since (we’re) trying to teach dance as an art form and a form of expression, our concerts aren’t very much dance exposition,” Wilson said.

Sheranita Davis, a junior from Country Club Hills studying political science, said the Southern Illinois Dance Company will incorporate point pieces, acts in which ballet dancers perform on their toes.

“We do hip-hop, modern, jazz, lyrical, contemporary. We do it all,” Davis said.

Nicole Mellecker, a sophomore from Yorkville studying Hospitality and Tourism, and the company’s choreographer, said when dancers prepare for auditions, it is important to keep in mind that it is not about what one can do through dance, but how one chooses to do it.

“With any type of audition, there’s going to be a lot of pressure there,” she said. “Stay focused on yourself and knowing what you can do and then just put it all on the table for everyone else to see.”

While others may find sincerity in another art form, Wilson said the ability to become skilled at dance depends on the individual, as some find it more naturally than others. There are ways to achieve greatness, only by practical application is there a way to become certain, she said.

“There’s a lot of factors that go into it,” Wilson said. “So dance and study, take as much class and get as good as you can be.”

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Golfer gets late start to semester

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Daily Egyptian

One Saluki women's golfer got an unwanted extended winter break. Xianmei Jin, a freshman, got stranded more than 7,000 miles away in China since Jan. 10, when she was not allowed access into the U.S. because of an issue with her passport. Jin was visiting her family in Qingdao, China over winter break.

Jin's passport was within six months of its expiration date: Jan. 8. Some countries, including China, do not allow travelers in or out of the country if their passport is within six months of their expiration date. Jin returned to SIU Wednesday and started classes today, 19 days later than she expected, after waiting for her passport to be renewed.

"If my flight was just two days earlier, my passport would have worked," Jin said.

According to Jin, the "six month rule" is not well known to many international students. The rule states any passport expiring six months before the passports listed expiration date is not valid, therefore making a passport expire six months earlier than listed. For instance, if your passport expires Jan. 1, 2014, the actual expiration date for some countries would be July 1, 2013.

The Center for International Education at SIU helps international students with many aspects of college life including assisting them in arranging trips home to visit family.

Carla Coppi, director of the CIE, said when she first heard of Jin's situation from Kathy Jones, senior associate athletic director, she thought it was an issue with Jin's visa, not her passport. Coppi said it's usually visas students have issues with, not passports.

"In August, I will have worked here for 31 years," she said. "We've never had an issue with passports."

Coppi said she is unaware if anyone else has had similar issues with passports.

"I think that was a necessity," Coppi said. "I want to tell you how proud I am of them tonight."

After dropping three straight conference games, the Salukis (7-15, 3-6) were able to regroup against Indiana State University (16-5, 7-2).

For the second consecutive game, Hinson started three freshmen, this time with a different outcome than Saturday's loss to Missouri State.

The Sycamores grabbed an early 5-0 lead but the Salukis scored the next six points and never looked back.

Of the four Salukis scoring in double digits, sophomore guard Anthony Beane had 22 with 16 coming in the second half.

Senior guard Etmear Jackson sat for most of the first half after picking up two fouls early in the game.

"It was mainly just to get stop," Beane said. "Because we knew once the second half came, Dei is going to be back in we're going to be good after that."

Despite his lack of minutes on the court, Jackson was the second highest scoring Saluki with 16 points.

Two freshmen finished with double-doubles. Bola Olaniyan finished with 12 rebounds and added 12 points. Sean O'Brien grabbed 12 rebounds and had 11 points for a double-double.

The Sycamores faced their biggest deficit of the game with 7:23 left. They trailed by 23 but were still in the game until they started to foul the Salukis to try and extend the game.

Free throw shooting has been the Achilles heel for the Sycamores this season but they were able to hit them toward the end of the game to get the win.

SIU converted 25 of 38 free throws in the game while Indiana State only made 22 trips to the line, making 11.

Jackson and Beane each hit key free throws down the stretch to help put the game out of reach.

Press box allows more press

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The new press box at Itchy Jones Stadium will be five times bigger and infinite times better than the old Abe Martin Field.

Andy Pettit, SIU associate athletic director, has been overseeing the construction of the stadium, and he said the press box alone cost roughly $200,000.

He said construction of the press box has been happening at the same time as the rest of the stadium, and because of the cold weather the construction crew have been working on the inside of the press box more.

"There's about three different contractors in there every day," Pettit said. "It's a nice space for a baseball press box, but for those guys to work in there, you can't get more than ten guys in there."

Richard Clancy, left, a carpenter from Johnston City, and Scott Darnell, a laborer from Thompsonville, work on the exterior of the press box for the new Itchy Jones Stadium Wednesday. The new baseball stadium is located at the site of the old Abe Martin field. The renovation is scheduled to be finished by late February.
The new facility is approximately 800 square feet. Pettit said there was not enough space for even the essential media members to fit into the press box.

"Before, we had literally a spot for maybe one media member to sit out of the weather," Pettit said. "College baseball is typically played in 40 degree weather, so the press box is huge."

Coach Ken Henderson said the team needs media coverage, and he was not happy when opposing schools brought media members with them.

"The old one was embarrassment," Henderson said. "The media is very important to us. Having people cover our games is important and hopefully they will be able to enjoy the game in a little more comfort."

Pettit said the new facility is flexible on seating and depending if the visitors bring a radio crew with them the box could seat 10 people comfortably.

"Really what it was before was a shed on top of the bleachers," Pettit stated.

It will allow the media to video stream the games online in a more efficient way. He said the video services crew used to have cables running everywhere, but now everything will be ready to go in the press box.

"It was scabbed together before, now it’s going to be first class," Pettit said. It will be closer to the ground but senior pitcher Todd Eaton said it would not be distracting because of its similarity to several other fields SIU has played at, including University of Illinois and Illinois State University.

"Anything is better than what we had before," Eaton said.

Henderson said the team obviously needs it and that it will add to the image of the stadium.

"We have to have the amenities to go with the field," Henderson said. "The playing surface is the most important thing to me, but it’s just a statement that we’re not doing things halfway."

The press box will have its own name as well. Pettit said there is a donor who will get to name it, as long as a committee approves. He said the donor has come up with a name, and he thinks the committee will approve it. But, he would not disclose the name.

The construction has roughly four weeks left and should be ready for the first home series against Northern Illinois University starting Feb. 28.

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Darnell, left, and Clancy, check to make sure the awning between the new press box and concessions building is level Wednesday. Along with the press box and concession area renovation, other renovations include the installation of AstroTurf, a grandstand seating bowl and new lighting for the field. The new stadium is scheduled to be finished in time for the salukis’ first home game of the season against Northern Illinois University.

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13. Who kicked the longest field goal in Super Bowl history?
14. How long was the longest field goal in Super Bowl history?
15. Which is the first wildcard team to win the Super Bowl?

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**FUN FACTS**

1. The Super Bowl is measured in Roman numerals because football season runs over two calendar years.
2. It’s estimated that over 700,000 U.S. employees won’t show up for work the morning after the Super Bowl.
3. Over 700,000 footballs are produced annually for official NFL use, and 72 of them are used for the Super Bowl.
4. It is the second most watched sporting event in the world.
5. An estimate of 51.7 million cases of beer are sold for Super Bowl fans.
6. The Vince Lombardi trophy is seven pounds of sterling silver, handcrafted by jewelry icon Tiffany.
7. The Super Bowl can bring $150 million dollars to an area.
8. Super Bowl Sunday is the second highest day of food consumption in the United States, after Thanksgiving.
9. The Super Bowl will be distributed to more than 185 countries and broadcast in 30 different languages.
10. 1.23 billion chicken wings are eaten on Super Bowl Sunday.
Hinson said this was not the biggest win of the season despite Indiana State being highly ranked in the MVC.

“I think the big game is 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, because we can play good for one game,” Hinson said. “We can’t play good for two games because we’re too cool for school.”

SIU will play Loyola University Chicago Saturday at the arena. The Salukis beat the Ramblers 71-67 Jan. 8 in Chicago.

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Since introducing club rugby, SIU has seen nationally ranked teams on both the men and women’s sides.

While the men have continued their prevalence in the sport, the women has been successful but not to the extent they were a decade ago.

Assistant Director of Intramural Sports and Sport Clubs, Shane Bennett, remembers a time when women’s rugby was one of the most popular clubs on campus.

“When I was an undergrad here, in the early 2000s, the women’s team was ranked nationally,” Bennett said. “They were a legit squad.”

Bennett said the team has seen some years of low recruitment in the past, but women’s rugby is ready to return to greatness.

Alisha Pritchett, a senior from Chicago studying psychology, is also Women’s Rugby Club president. She said they finished third in conference in the fall season, and though the team is back.

“We play in the Illinois Thunderbird Conference,” Pritchett said. “We played against Western Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Illinois State University and Lindenwood University, some very good teams.”

Besides the victories on the field, the club also provides some valuable life lessons to the women, as well as a support group for them to fall back on.

Team captain Kristen Mundinger, a junior from Wildwood studying radio and television, said playing the sport gives her a big boost of self-confidence, not just physically, but in all facets of life.

“I focus on how fun it is to play but the other half is becoming a better person,” Mundinger said. “You find your strength and your power not just in being able to tackle, but in class or at work or in social situations.”

Team members said the sport increases strength and conditioning as well. For them, it is more than a sport. Rugby is a way to improve their lives and health habits, as well as how they spend their free time.

“I always tell everybody, come to a practice just to see what it’s like, even if you don’t like it, just come to get fit,” Mundinger said.

Although rugby is considered a rough sport, Pritchett said injuries are not that common.

“People think rugby is a really tough sport, and it can be, but players don’t really get injured like some people think,” Pritchett said.

Mundinger said the sport helps all the girls get in better shape and is not too hazardous.

“A lot of girls may be afraid at first but eventually they realize this sport isn’t as scary as they thought,” Mundinger said.

“They realize they can do this.”

Mundinger said the team is all about getting more people interested in the sport and creating a sisterhood among the players.

Mundinger said her grades have gotten better because of the support from her teammates and the organizational skills the team gives her.

“We support each other inside and outside of school and that’s what kept me coming,” Mundinger said. “Aside from the fact that I love the sport itself, it was having someone be there for me.”

Coming off a relatively successful fall campaign, the team is gearing up for the tournament-intensive spring season. The team travels all over the Midwest, playing schools in their conference as well as University of Illinois and Loyola University. The team has competed at seven universities during the past year.

However, they are still two players short to be qualified for tournaments, said Kota Graziano, a sophomore from South Elgin studying speech communication.

“As of right now I think we have 13 members who show up consistently, but we need to have 15 to get into a game,” Graziano said. “We’d like to have 5 or 6 ready to play in case anyone gets hurt.”

Liz Villagran, a junior from Chicago studying mortuary science and funeral services, is the recruitment chair for the club and agreed the team could use more players.

Like most of her teammates, Villagran had never played rugby before coming to the university, but said that should not hold back any potential participants.

“A lot of the ladies that we come across on campus are really scared of the sport and think they’ll get hurt,” Villagran said. “I had those thoughts too, but you get taught all the skills you need so you don’t get hurt.”

Villagran said that most of the team was made up of former high school volleyball, badminton, soccer, and softball players as well as swimmers and divers. They have all transitioned over to the contact sport and now love the team like a family.

“I’m new to the team and I had never touched a rugby ball beforehand so it was different,” Villagran said. “I used to be a volleyball player but now I learned rugby and now I love the sport.”

Women’s rugby teammates lift Nicole Lowden, a graduate student studying micro biochemical molecular biology, for a line out during game simulations. A line out is when play restarts after the ball has gone out of bounds. SIUC’s Women’s Rugby Club will start off its season in March in Nashville, Tenn., where they will participate in Nash Bash, a 31-year-old competition for teams from all over the U.S.

Rugby provides support system for women