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Paul Simon
Debate turns friends into foes

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Daily Egyptian

Two national champions normally on the same side of an argument found themselves head-to-head in the inaugural Paul Simon Debate.

Ben Campbell, a senior from Springfield, Mo., studying political science, and Josh Rivera, a junior from Chicago studying political science and economics, faced off in the debate Monday at the Student Center Auditorium.

Campbell and Rivera won both the National Parliamentary Debate Association National Championship and the National Parliamentary Tournament of Excellence National Championship in March.

Chancellor Rita Cheng said Rivera and Campbell are indicative of the success students can reach.

“Wherever our debaters and coaches travel they’re outstanding representatives of SIU,” she said. “They serve as an example of our commitment to excellence, our student success commitment and we really do prove that big things are in reach here.”

David Yepsen, director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, said the institute put on the competition because “any time anybody is successful on this campus in any field we all benefit,” he said. “Whether you’ve got a good football team or somebody winning an award for research, it lifts all the boats. This is a source of pride and it enhances our image. We should always celebrate each other’s successes.”

The two showcased their skills to a crowd of more than 150 about whether or not to raise the Illinois minimum wage to $10.10 per hour, with Campbell arguing in favor and Rivera arguing against.

However, instead of the typical format, the two competed in a “Shark Tank” style debate complete with their coaching staff of graduate students Steven Farias and Mike Selck and redirecting questions towards the two.

The crowd was polled before the debate began with an initial tally of 80 in favor of the resolution and 65 against.

By the time the two finished, the poll showed 75 in favor of the resolution and Rivera argued against.

The two said the debate was different in terms of style, they were comfortable with the format. Campbell said the two are constantly competing against each other while simultaneously working together.

Waste producing fresh produce

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A pile of compost sits at the Vermicompost Center at the SIU farms. Vermicompost is the process of composting using various worms. The vegetable scraps used for the compost come from SIU dining halls.

Carly Merz, a student worker at the center, said the institute put on the competition because “the community rarely gets to see the debate team in action. In a narrow room full of swords and facemasks, several students greeted an Olympian to campus.

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With the spring semester coming to a close, most students do not have the time for breaks and personal hobbies. Some students, however, are able to blend their hobbies with their career goals to make for a better college experience.

Kyla Kugow, a sophomore from Amory, Miss., wrote about creating writing and poetry, was not able to picture herself doing anything but that.

“I figured that if I love what I’m doing, then working hard for a job won’t be as stressful,” Kugow said.

Kugow said her passion for writing started as early as first grade when she would write out scripts and put on plays with her friends for the classroom.

“No one asked me to or anything,” she said. “I just would come to class with these weird animal drawings cut out of printer paper and have scripts written and pestle the teacher until she’d let me grab a couple people and we’d put on the play.”

When she was around 10 years old, Kugow said she began to write stories. She began writing one called “Ginger Jacknife,” a story with somewhat of a blend between the “Harry Potter” series and the “Enchanted Forest Chronicles.”

“In late middle school, early high school, I definitely used poetry as a way to express myself. Many classes at SLU are offered to inspire and help artistic minds grow,” English Professor Edward Brunner said.

“Tennis is the road to the Olympics is longer than that of London in 2012. Every four years, weapon team events in fencing are cut. In 2016, women’s foil and men’s saber will be cut. Brunner said by teaching this form, he encourages students to broaden their creative writing skills by showing that what most think of as a ‘simple’ piece of work, has much more passion in it.

“Students get into a form they know but have never handled, it almost naturally becomes a kind of problem-solving apparatus,” he said.

Wilson said: “So we were able to afford it without having to worry about it.”

Williams said the club paid for Ross to come talk about how to get women involved in the sport, what club members can do outside practice to train and to do several workouts.

The club has eight members, including three women. Three of the fencers faced Ross in a match. Alexa Baczak, a sophomore from Peoria studying anthropology, said she hopes more women get involved in the sport.

Baczak, who is new to the sport, she said she is glad Ross came to show the club some techniques.

The club has about two tournaments each semester.

For more information, please visit the club’s Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/SLUFencing.
US drone strikes came despite Yemen’s hopes to limit them

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SANAA, Yemen — A series of U.S. government drone strikes in Yemen over recent days has brought into sharp relief divisions among the country’s rulers over how to rein in a program they’ve long supported.

Last week, a top Yemeni military official told McClatchy the government had placed the drone program “under review” in hopes of persuading the United States to limit strikes.

The most recent strikes — one Saturday in the central province of al-Bayda hit a vehicle carrying more than a dozen suspected militants from al-Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula, another roughly 24 hours later in the reputed AQAP stronghold of al-Mahfad in the southern province of Abyan and a third Monday that killed three in Shabwah province — show such a review has yet to limit the attacks.

Yemeni government has long assented to the strikes — primarily, in the case of former President Ali Abdullah Saleh, but openly under the country’s current leader, Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi, who took power in February 2012.

But a rising number of civilian casualties, particularly the tragic funeral bombing of a wedding party that left 15 dead, has unnerved some Yemeni officials.

“We’ve told the Americans that they’ve been going about things the wrong way,” the high-ranking Yemeni military official said last week, speaking only on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the topic. “When it comes to the current drone policy, there have been too many mistakes.”

The first American drone strike in Yemen is thought to have occurred in November 2002, killing senior al-Qaeda leader Qaid Sinan al-Harithi and five other suspected militants, including American citizen Jamal Darsheh. The Department of Defense said the strikes continued to occur sporadically until late 2011, when they increased. According to estimates published by the New America Foundation, a Washington-based research center, there were at least 47 U.S. drone strikes in Yemen in 2012, and at least 25 the following year.

The strikes have long been controversial here — many Yemenis view them as violating their sovereignty — and popular opposition has only grown in the two years since the start of Hadi’s presidency. While American and Yemeni officials have defended them as key tools in the battle against AQAP, their frequency has left many Yemenis agitated. Local political analysts and tribal leaders in the provinces where they occur most often argue that the telltale buzz that precedes them terrorizes the local population, spurring many to sympathize with al-Qaeda.

Such sentiments have only heightened in the wake of a spate of civilian casualties. After the December attack on the wedding party, Yemeni Parliament voted unanimously for the drone strikes to halt.

Study: Fuels from corn waste not better than gas

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Biofuels made from the leftovers of harvested corn plants are worse than gasoline for global warming in the short term, a study shows, challenging the Obama administration’s conclusions that they are a much cleaner oil alternative.

The biofuel industry and administration officials immediately criticized the research, saying it was too simplistic in its analysis of carbon loss from soil, which can vary over a single field, and vastly overestimated how much residue farmers actually would remove once the market gets underway.

“The corn analysis depicts an extreme scenario that no responsible farmer or business would ever employ because it would ruin both the land and the long-term supply of feedstock. It makes no agronomic or business sense,” said Jan Koninckx, global business director for biofuers at DuPont.

Last year the company is scheduled to finish a $200 million-plus facility in Nevada, Iowa, that will produce 30 million gallons of cellulosic ethanol using corn residue from nearby farms. An assessment paid for by DuPont said that the ethanol it will produce there could be more than 100 percent better than gasoline in terms of greenhouse gas emissions.

The researchers are among the first to attempt to quantify, over 12 Corn Belt states, how much carbon is lost to the atmosphere when the stalks, leaves and cobs that make up residue are removed and used to make biofuel, instead of left to naturally replenish the soil with carbon. The study found that regardless of how much corn residue is taken off the field, the process contributes to global warming.

“I knew this research would be contentious,” said Adam Liska, the lead author and an assistant professor in a statement that the study “does not present a pro-conservation position, and it would replace power produced from coal, reducing greenhouse gas emissions. That study assumed some of the residue harvested would replace power produced from coal, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, but it’s unclear whether future biofuers would do that.

Liska agrees that using some of the residue to make electricity, or planting cover crops, would reduce carbon emissions. But he did not include those in his computer simulation.
The Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) is hosting a babysitting event to benefit the Special Olympics. The event, Kids Night Out, will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Saturday at SIU Arena.

LEAH LEE, SAAC secretary and senior tennis player, said the event is an opportunity for local parents, “We're teammates obviously and our competition was in good sport, just going back and forth in terms of individual rankings in tournamets,” he said. "So I think it was sort of like that minor competition that was sort of a joke being blown into a public event where it’s like the two heavyweight national championships duking it out.

Todd Graham, the director of debate, said the competition was nothing out of the ordinary for the two.

"If they said it was something new, they’d be liars," he said. "I watch them debate each other informally all the time. We have topics that come up every week to research, and Josh will have an opinion and Ben will have an opinion. While oftentimes those opinions may be similar, oftentimes they’re not. So I’ve seen them hash out arguments all the time."

"The two roommates were given a week to prepare for the debate instead of the typical 20 minutes."

"It’s been an interesting experience waking up in the morning and looking at Josh and just being like, ‘I’ve got you,’” he said. “You know those sort of things. It’s just been fun and in sport.”

Rivera said despite the competition between the two, they’re remained excellent teammates even through arguments.

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Lee said all of the proceeds would be donated to the Illinois Special Olympics, an athletic competition for children with mental and physical disabilities. Lee said the SAAC regularly donates to other not-for-profit organizations but now the committee wants to help Special Olympics.

“We have done stuff for the Boys and Girls Clubs and the Veterans Hospital,” she said. “But this year we were trying to think of a charity that we don’t always give to.”

Registration for the event ends April 25. To register for the event go to siusalukis.com, click on the fan zone tab and click on the "2014 Kids Night Out" link.

DEBATE CONTINUED FROM 1

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Rivera said he has high expectations for the debate team next year, when he will be paired with Arnone as well as other new debaters.

"When you enter SIU's debate team, the goal is to win a national championship," he said. "That’s told to you from day one. So we’re going to keep on doing what we’ve been doing and adapt to the new debaters we have.”

Graham said he received entirely positive feedback from the audience. Yepsen said the institute plans to do more events like this with the debate team in the future.

"I think it accomplished what we wanted to do and that is highlight a nationally recognized group of people,” he said. “I think it’s important to people on campus to realize we have this group of people on campus. They’re the best there is.”

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An open letter to NCAA
President Mark Emmett

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Mark, you make $1.7 million per year. That is $6.8 million over the course of four years, the average amount of time a college athlete spends on campus.

Meanwhile, student athletes are suspended for even taking a free lunch, something any college kid would kill for.

Mark, what are you doing?

With the upcoming vote Friday regarding Northwestern University football players’ ability to unionize, the age-old debate about paying college athletics is back in the headlines.

Most people take an ethically avowed and say it is reprehensible you make seven figures a year while your workhorses at each program work make a fraction of that.

They’re right, Mark. You’re kind of a jerk for suspending athletes for procuring freebies off their talent. Or you are a jerk for not even being a former student athlete while governing the body presiding over student athletes.

After all, the old saying goes: It’s all in the game.

But instead of debating the ethics or fairness, let us take this argument outside the box and look at college athletics as commodities in a marketplace (after all, we don’t want to treat them too much like human beings).

Mark, you and the people at universities make a lot of money off of college sports. You make money by selling in your ivy tower and selling the totally-not likenesses of the athletes to video game companies, television stations and just about anyone else who will give you a dollar.

And besides, it’s not like being the upstanding guy you are who runs complex organizations would do anything like sit as provost at a complex organization like Montana State when they were found guilty of a “lack of institutional control” in 1993. Or lose $100 million on a construction project in 1998 at a complex organization like the University of Connecticut. Or manage the academic fraud allegations against a complex organization like Louisiana State University’s football program in 2001.

Third be preserves.

The universities make money by selling jerseys that just happen to be the same number as the star player, selling tickets to sellout games and selling their athletics program as a reason for others to attend the school.

So Mark, why aren’t you taking better care of the commodities that make this money?

You’re treating athletes like indentured servants at this point. Yes, they get prestigious degrees, which will earn them just a little over $2 million during their lifetime according to the Casey Research Center. The sum is far short of what you will make in two years, Mark.

But hey, they’ve got a degree. And that’s cool. Without that degree they would’ve had to go to community college or take out loans.

And this way, you and the NCAA remain “pure” while grandstanding around the country with other people who don’t want to pay athletes. I don’t know what that purity consists of, but it sure is important to you and other people who don’t really matter (read: non-student athletes).

Instead of rallying around the notion of purity, Mark, let’s treat the situation like what it is: pure capitalism.

In a capitalist society, firms (universities) compete to put out the best product (sports teams). They do this by paying for better resources (players) than the other firms.

It’s simple really. Keep your workers happy and your equipment running smoothly and you’ll have a successful business (NCAA).

Did you get that, Mark?

It works in professional sports, so why not college? Your answer to every question right now seems to be, “I know how to run a complex organization.” So let’s figure out something as simple as payrolls.

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The sweet smell of freedom is starting to waft in like air conditioning on a blisteringly hot day. Come May 10 that freedom will no longer be a mirage. With the end of school comes summer movie season. This is also known as the three months where audiences are bombarded with robots and Seth Rogen, so that the art films critics love around the holidays can be bankrolled. But the occasional blockbuster can be good for you. Summer is quite frontloaded this year, with most of the major blockbusters hitting theaters before the Fourth of July. Here is a look at what to expect in the first 10 weeks:

**May**

**“Neighbors” (May 9)**
Seth Rogen never really grew up, so there’s a good chance Rogen playing the straight, stiff man opposite Zac Efron as a frat boy could be the best comedy served up this summer. Rogen plays Mac Radner, loving father and husband, who is aghast when a fraternity moves in next door. After he calls the cops on their partying, he begins a juvenile prank war on an R-rated scale. Early reviews from the SXSW film festival were very positive and the supporting cast, including Rose Byrne and Dave Franco, is top notch.

**“Godzilla” (May 16)**
Director Gareth Edwards wants you to forget Roland Emmerich’s 1998 version of the classic monster movie ever happened. That is why he’s sticking to the legend’s Japanese roots and bringing in a respectable cast, led by Aaron Taylor-Johnson and Bryan Cranston, to run from the mass chaos. Edwards began his career with 2010’s “Monsters,” a politically motivated film, and hopefully can bring deeper meaning to the hysteria than Emmerich’s “Godzilla’s pregnant” storyline.

**“X-Men: Days of Future Past” (May 23)**
“Days of Future Past” is a risky move that will either be a major success or an epic failure, but it’s doubtful it will fall in the middle. “X-Men” and “X2” director Bryan Singer returns to the franchise that blends the original “Class” prequel class as an army of robot species out. This means Stewart, Michael Fassbender, James McAvoy are all face-to-face with Toss in Hugh Jackman, Lawrence and more, an summer’s most ambitious Also in May:

**June**

**“22 Jump Street” (Jun 21)**
“2 Jump Street” is a revival of the new millenium Channing Tatum and chemistry as undercover Schmidt. Hill has tried image, but with how he’ll leave it behind and the two head to college so the jokes aren’t likely — college comedies are plopping two adults in some funny results. But at least some of the same is it has got a good shot at
How to Train Your Dragon 2 (June 13)

Only a few movies have been truly impressive in digital 3D, and the first “How to Train Your Dragon” found its way into that exclusive club. The animation was top notch and the Dreamworks creation was as emotionally involving as any of Pixar’s best. The flying scenes, during which the camera took a first-person view, were exhilarating and the second movie promises to deliver more airtime. The voice cast has added some talent as well, with Cate Blanchett joining as the lead character, Hiccup’s mother, and Djimon Hounsou as the sequel’s lead villain. With Pixar out of competition this year, “Dragon 2” is likely to be the best family film hitting theaters this summer.

Transformers: Age of Extinction (June 27)

The fourth film in Michael Bay’s multi-billion dollar “Transformers” franchise is this year’s big Fourth of July film. Few details are known beyond the film’s teaser trailer, but the entire cast has been swapped out in a move to reboot the series while keeping the established mythology. Mark Wahlberg takes the lead from Shia LaBeouf, which is actually a step up. The supporting cast includes Kelsey Grammer and Stanley Tucci, both dependable backups who are likely to elevate Bay’s material. “Age of Extinction” will most likely stick to the explosions and ridiculous action that has made the series a hit, but whether the new cast works remains to be seen.

Also in June: Tom Cruise faces a nightmarish “Groundhog Day” scenario in which he lives the day he dies during an alien invasion over and over until he gets it right in “Edge of Tomorrow,” June 6; Young adult fiction gets weepy with Shailene Woodley as a cancer patient in the adaption of the hit “The Fault in Our Stars,” June 6; The surprise 2012 hit that made Kevin Hart a household name returns with a Vegas follow-up in “Think Like a Man 2,” June 20.

Look in Friday’s e-DE for breakdowns of July and August.

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The moment a kick is missed, a pass is deflected or a tackle is whiffed is only the beginning. A football stadium is a safe haven. Players don't hear from fans in the student section. They can mute疯帽 from afar.

No, in 2014, blood boils when 21-, 22- and 23-year-old athletes turn on their cell phone in the locker room. After shifting through all "keep your chin up" text messages from Moms and girlfriends, many inevitably tap upon their Twitter accounts.

"Coaches say: don't go on Twitter, don't read it," Florida cornerback Jaylen Watkins said at the NFL scouting combine. "But it's like touching a hot stove when you're little. You're going to touch it!"

Again, social media and sports have collided. Not necessarily by what athletes react to, rather by what they read. The backlash, the aftereffect, through the pre-mock draft madness, everything is measured. Speed. Power. Intellect. Athleticism. The 300-plus draft prospects at the NFL combine in Indianapolis in February were lab rats. But there's no stopwatch in existence that tracks how Prospect A will react to obscene and anonymous taunts.

Rick Pitino and Tom Izzo challenged the favor during the college basketball season. With fans blaming his player after games, Pitino said the site "poisons" minds. Izzo said Twitter is essentially a "safe haven." Parents, coaches and often athletic opponents tweet themselves, rather by what they say. "It's a matter of what they say, but it's not a second to go back on it. They're above 140-character slurs. Some say, 'Suck, . . . Suck a fat one all of you.'"

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"Some guys can't handle the audacity that some fans have," Bakley said. "Because they can say things, but they know we're not going to say anything back because we have something to lose and they don't. They take advantage of it a little bit. But it's all fun to me. I keep smiling and just move on with my life."

"All kinds of things, it got crazy with the Kniffin situation." Some players understand fans' angst. They led angst themselves. After all, this is a tool许多-year-old trend to daily. Syracuse defensive end Jay Bromley says everyone is a fan of something; he follows the New York Knicks."

"And all my choices," he said.

He remembers the uproar online when his coach, Scott Shafer, called the city of Atlanta "softnosed" during an ice storm.

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Taurus — Today is a 5 — Focus on career matters. Be attentive. Increase your understanding of the big picture. Grow your independence by accepting more duties. Short trips are possible.

Gemini — Today is a 5 — Write down long-term goals, and a budget for them. Find ways to cut costs and share expenses. Wait to purchase a big-ticket item. Controversy arises, and you need to think fast.

Cancer — Today is a 5 — Organize finances. Don’t recklessly spend this week. An argument breaks out; you might join. Ignore the temptation. Remember what you stand for. Slow, steady persistence is a good strategy.

Leo — Today is a 5 — Actions could fall flat. Keep track of personal duties, and increase your pressure. Don’t waste money. Partnership negotiations occur lately. Add order and organization.

Virgo — Today is a 6 — Keep your head down. Complete short-term goals, and a budget for them. Find ways to cut costs and share expenses. Wait to purchase a big-ticket item. Controversy arises, and you need to think fast.

Libra — Today is an 5 — You’ll have more time to relax and enjoy. Use it to learn new tricks and skills, or to improve old ones. Finish a big project. Costs are higher than expected; simplify your materials.

Scorpio — Today is a 5 — You’re in for a busy few days at home. Ask each person to clean his/her own mess. Discipline is required. Have people over instead of going out. Shop carefully; seek a frugal person.

Sagittarius — Today is a 5 — Don’t push yourself too hard. Decrease your obligations, expenses, and deal with critics graciously. Ask questions. Decline an expensive invitation. Stay home and catch up on a project.

Capricorn — Today is a 6 — These days are good for making money and spending it. Keep to the budget, or risk breakdowns. Complete projects and clear your desk. Sync schedules. Extra work delays travel.

Aquarius — Today is a 5 — You’re eager to move forward; you have the resources. Check your course, before going on. Only accept cost-effective ideas. Don’t just buy what your friends want. Stay calm.

Pisces — Today is a 5 — Make the rounds. A confusing station seems oppressive. Resist the temptation to meddle in someone else’s controversy. Work interferes with travel. Retreat from the world.
TONY MCDANIEL Daily Egyptian

Replacing Kory Faulkner will be a big task for the Salukis to tackle, but all the pieces are in place to do so.

The SIU roster has three players listed at quarterback. Junior Matt Vincent and redshirt freshman Mark Iannotti, along with sophomore Ryan West. With the starting quarterback spot open, all three players could find themselves in that role in the fall.

Along with a new signal caller, the team has a new quarterback coach. Nick Hill joined the staff to pass on some of his knowledge. Hill played quarterback for the Salukis from 2004 to 2007 and is the single season record holder at SIU for completion percentage, passing yards and touchdown passes.

Andrew Seligman
Associated Press

There were some emotional moments and some funny stories as Joakim Noah accepted the NBA’s Defensive Player of the Year award on Monday, like this one.

The Chicago Bulls’ center recalled a greuling workout with coach Tom Thibodeau.

“I told Thibs, ‘If we weren’t winning games, I would really, really hate you,’” he said. “And he said, ‘Trust me, Jo, I feel the same way about you.’”

Noah laughed. So did Thibodeau. With their drive and desire, those two are in many ways a perfect match. And when it came to this year’s award, it was no contest.

Noah got 100 of a possible 125 first-place votes from a panel of sportswriters and broadcasters and wound up with 555 points.

“It’s been an open quarterback competition,” Hill said. “They’ve all proved that they can go in there and get the job done, now somebody has just got to step up and take the job.”

Hill said the team would make its selection based on key characteristics that all Saluki quarterbacks have had.

“Number one, he’s got to be tough. The best quarterbacks here have always been tough, starting with Joel Sambursky,” he said. “They’ve got to be a leader, they’ve got to be able to get their teammates to follow them.”

West is the only quarterback on the roster with any experience at SIU. In 2013, West played seven games for the Dawgs during Faulkner’s absence because of a broken finger. West completed 63 of 127 passes for six touchdowns last year.

Noah’s transfer to SIU from Eastern Michigan University earlier this spring has been competitive, but still friendly.

“We always want the best for whoever is out there, we want them to do great,” West said. “When you get in there you just want to relax out there. Just trust what you see and go from there.”

Vincent will return for his senior season in 2014, and if he wins the starting job, will get his first taste of game action. Vincent passed for more than 5,000 yards during his high school career in Florida.

Vincent said the main thing Hill has been working on are the fundamentals of playing quarterback.

“Footwork and mechanics, that’s it,” Vincent said. “He said ‘you can’t count how hard you throw or how far you throw.’

The third and final quarterback on the team is also one of its newest members. Iannotti transferred to SIU from Indiana’s Roy Hibbert (166 points, eight first-place votes) and the Los Angeles Clippers’ DeAndre Jordan (241 points, eight first-place votes) came in second and third, respectively.

“This is very humbling to be in this situation right now,” Noah said as his famous father Yannick, his mom, his sisters and brother all watched from the stands. He’s getting as much praise for his ability on offense as for his defensive play.

The recognition comes after Noah helped Chicago win 48 games and earn home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs despite losing Derrick Rose to a season-ending knee injury and trading away Luol Deng.

The Bulls won more games than any other Eastern Conference team after New Year’s Eve before stumbling in the postseason opener against Washington. Game 2 is Tuesday, another test for a team and a player who have passed their share.

Noah had some issues with teammates and coaches after he was drafted out of Florida in 2007. But there’s little question who the team’s most valuable player was this season.

When the Bulls looked like they might fall apart, Noah kept them together. The irony is the defensive player award comes at a time when he’s getting as much praise for his ability on offense, a weakness his first few years in the league.

Noah averaged career highs of 12.6 points, 11.3 rebounds and 5.4 assists. He’s a focal point on offense and one of the league’s best passing big men, with the ball often being funneled through him. He also remains their anchor on defense with his ability to cover ground and rotate onto smaller players in pick-and-roll situations creates havoc for opponents. He averaged 1.5 blocks.

“It’s been really fun for all of us to watch him and his game evolve and grow over the years,” general manager Gar Forman said. “He’s a competitor. He’s passionate. He’s intelligent and he’s a leader. But along with that, what Joakim probably is is the best teammate that I’ve had a chance to witness in the 16 years that I’ve been with the Chicago Bulls.”

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“We were watching a game,” said Yannick Noah, the former tennis star. “(Joakim) was 15 or 16 years old. Mr. Green told me, ‘I’ll get him there,’ we’ll get him there.’ I said, ‘Where are you gonna get him — to the next tournament or the ABCD camp or something?’ And he said, ‘No, we’re gonna get him there to the NBA, and I never believed that.’

“Why not?”

“He was too skinny, couldn’t shoot,” Yannick Noah said. “He could never jump, couldn’t do a lot of things. The only thing I knew he had was his drive.”

Look where it got him.

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Not just “pingpong” but table tennis

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Shou Jie Ho, a senior from Malaysia studying geology and president of the SIU Table Tennis Club, practices April 14 at the Recreation Center. The club has several members participate in national tournaments since its establishment in 1996, including sending three of its members to the 2014 TMS College Table Tennis National Championships April 4-6 in Monroeville, Pa. The club practices from 6 to 10 p.m. every Friday and from 2 to 6 p.m. Saturday in the aerobics room at the Recreation Center.

TYLER DAVIS
Daily Egyptian

Some international students at SIU find a slice of home in Carbondale within the table tennis club.

Table tennis, more commonly known as pingpong in America, is a popular and competitive sport in Asia, and the table tennis club at SIU is comprised of players from all over the globe.

The club’s president, Shou Jie Ho, a senior from Malaysia studying geology, said the team’s 14 members come from Taiwan, Japan, China, Malaysia and America. Ho said the club has plenty of undergraduate and graduate students.

It is also one of few sport clubs to have an actual coach, longtime player Greg Dillard. Dillard is from Carier Mills and has been coaching the team since 1986. He has led the team to numerous berths in national tournaments and appeared in multiple national tournaments during his playing career.

Dillard said he coaches because he loves the game but he also loves to see international students join in something that makes them more comfortable in the U.S.

“Table tennis (in foreign students) is like our basketball and baseball in America; it’s one of their number one sports,” Dillard said. “So when they play here, it gives them something to bond with.”

One of the older international students on the team is Chang-Ying Tai, a known by his teammates and peers as “Kyle,” a doctoral student from Taiwan studying mechanical engineering. He said he has felt more at home in Carbondale because of table tennis.

Tai originally attended SIU but went to the University of California, Los Angeles in the fall of 2010. After a semester in Los Angeles, Tai decided to come back to Carbondale.

“There were some other seasons, but after that big season was that they didn’t have a good enough table tennis club there as they did here,” Tai said. “I like the whole atmosphere here and I like having a really good coach.”

Shane Bennett, the assistant director of sport clubs and intramurals, said one of the club’s strengths is its global popularity. Bennett said the table tennis club also stands out because of its success in competition.

“It’s a sense of familiarity because it’s an international sport,” Bennett said. “All students are familiar with the sport whether they’re recreational or want to play competitive.”

One of the team’s biggest tournaments is The National Collegiate Table Tennis Association National Championship. To get to the national championships, players must first win two regions in St. Louis and then one in Chicago. There were more than 300 students from across the country in this tournament, Dillard said.

The team usually sends at least one player for singles, but this year SIU sent three, the most in the club’s history. Dillard said.

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New position brings new opportunity

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Coach Ken Henderson has six options for his starting outfield but one of his best picks may be a player who has not played in the outfield since Little League.

Freshman catcher Jake Hand started six of the last seven games in right field, and the other at catcher. He is hitting .333 in those games with one RBI and the other at catcher. He is hitting .333 in those games with one RBI.

It is possible Henderson may keep Hand in right field, even after Jones graduates. Hand has only caught one game since Little League.

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“Left-handed batters are scarce in baseball, and Munch is the only starter batting from that side. Henderson needs to start Rolland and give more diversity to his lineup.”

Chris Zoeller • Daily Egyptian

Junior outfielder Tyler Rolland takes a pitch April 15 against the University of Tennessee-Martin at Itchy Jones Stadium. Rolland is one of six players who have shared playing time in the outfield this season. His left-handed batting and improved batting average have made Rolland a valuable member of the starting lineup.

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