$20,000 message

Speaker tells SIUC employees change starts with them

Sarah Lohman  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

About 50 SIUC employees gathered in the Student Health Center Auditorium Monday with a collective mission — to get motivated.

Steve Beck, the president of Beck and Associates Corporate Training Solutions, flamboyantly presented a motivational speech titled “Making A Difference — It Begins With You.”

It was one in a series of speeches this week that cost SIUC $20,000, said Mary Anne Osborne, a workforce learning and development officer.

The presentation described how to be more receptive to students as well as coworkers and family.

Osborne said she headed the effort to bring Beck to campus, which was an attempt to promote the goodwill of employees towards one another, students and the community.

She said it was a good deal, and Beck’s visit had nothing to do with declining enrollment or a recent marketing report that stated SIUC suffered a lack of pride among its employees.

As a member of the National Speakers Bureau, Beck usually charges at least $5,000 per session, but he was willing to come to SIUC for less, Osborne said.

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Jeff Holder, director of purchasing, left, and Debbie Abell, an accountant in purchasing, laugh during a presentation given by motivational speaker Steve Beck on Monday afternoon at the Student Health Center Auditorium.

Representative emphasizes importance of education

Joe Crawford  
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Global Media Research Center speaker Steve Grove.
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In Monday's EVENING EDITION, the page 1 story “Taming the blue” and the page 16 story “Polar bears at the Brookings” should have noted that the SIU men’s basketball team had beaten a ranked opponent on the road. The Salukis defeated then No. 10 Michigan State, 82-75, at home.

If you spot an error, please contact the EVENING EDITION accuracy desk at 536-3311, ext. 233.

CORRECTIONS

Jury selection set to begin in Midwest’s first blockbuster pain killer Vioxx trial

EDWARDSVILLE, Ill. — More than three years since 52-year-old Patricia Schaeffer died of a heart attack, the Illinois widow and a pharmaceutical giant are once again squared off in court over whether the former blockbuster painkiller Vioxx was linked to the mother of two’s demise.

In the first Midwest trial over the arthritis medication, jury selection is to be held Tuesday in a trial before Judge James Whitcomb who has eagerly looked to send to trial Merck’s and Co.’s potential risks before pulling the drug off the market in 2004.

Attorneys suing Merck for at least $500,000 in damages on each of the lawsuit’s eight counts say Schaeffer had been taking Vioxx for more than 20 months before she died suddenly Aug. 3, 2003.

But Merck expects to prove that heart problems by certain plaintiffs, including Schaeffer, were caused by pre-existing health issues, not Vioxx. The company also contends it properly warned doctors of possible complications from using the painkiller.

Civil unions for gays now available in New Jersey

TEANECK, N.J. — Hundreds of gay couples received the same legal protections as married couples early Monday when a law making New Jersey the third state in the nation to legalize civil unions took effect.

The civil unions — which offer the legal benefits but not the title of marriage — were granted automatically to the hundreds of gay New Jersey couples who had joined in civil unions or married in other states or nations.

State Sen. Loretta Weinberg, a prime sponsor of the civil unions law who hosted ceremonies for couples in her office, called the day “a big giant step forward”.

A handful of same-sex couples across the state also opened at 12:01 a.m. to accept civil union license applications from couples who had not been so joined previously. They must wait 72 hours before they can hold civil union ceremonies, and several plans to exchange vows early Thursday.

Police: Man attacked family with three-pound hammer because he felt “disrespected”

CHICAGO (AP) — An enraged Illinois immigrant used a 5-pound hammer to beat his wife, sister-in-law and mother-in-law to death and then stabbed them to death, police said Monday.

After the attack, Daryush Ebrahimi, 55, also struck himself several times in the head with the same hammer he used to bludgeon his relatives, said Chicago Police Cmdr. Thomas Byrne.

Ebrahimi had been charged with first degree murder in the death of his 66-year-old sister-in-law, Karolin Koshabad, 44, his 65-year-old mother-in-law, Behnaz Eynaliwashosbadi. He appeared in court Thursday afternoon, where a judge denied his bond. Defendants and the family may have had a history of violence.

Koshbad and Koshabad were found Saturday in an apartment in the city’s West Rogers Park neighborhood, and Eynaliwashosbadi was found in an apartment around the corner.

A theft of more than $500 of a book bag and contents occurred at 10:52 a.m. Friday at AT&T. There are no suspects at this time.

SIUC student Matthew Thomas Syverson, 19, of Dekalb was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving too fast for conditions, driving with a suspended license, and a motor vehicle accident early Saturday morning at 9:28 a.m. Saturday on the 1200 Block of Lincoln Drive. Syverson posted $500 cash bond.

Chicago Tribune, 02/12/07
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Peace talks end with little progress

Anne Gearan
The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — A midsummer peace design opened to a new chapter for Israelis and Palestinians fed up with violence occurred Monday with no new agreements and a pledge to keep talking.

The United States, which had pushed for the session, said it was an accomplishment merely to hold such a get-together for the first time in six years. After two hours of talks with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, the United States had said that it would move forward with assembling a coalition of countries.

The council of the United Nations, which was meeting in New York, voted Tuesday to establish a new committee to monitor the Middle East peace process.

Stranded mountain climbers rescued

Sarah Skidmore
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two mountain climbers were rescued from the mountain that night, and had started back down on Sunday when they ran into bad weather officials said.

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Architecture students create life-size dinosaur

The fact that dinosaurs went extinct about 65 million years didn't stop a group of architecture students from creating one on campus.

Fourteen students helped build a full-scale model of a triceratops for the research portion of an architecture class project over a two-week period. The project culminated Sunday when the dinosaur was put on display in the patio area of Quigley Hall.

The two leaders of the project — Cedric Price, a senior from Lake Zurich, and Jonathan Ward, a senior from Jerseyville — both said it was the largest physical model they had ever built.

The hand-built triceratops weighs about 1,700 pounds and is 10 feet long, 9 feet tall and 7 feet wide, which are the dimensions of the real extinct herbivores, Price said. Actual triceratops were believed to have weighed nearly six tons.

The blueprints were copied from a make-it-yourself toy model. The students used the small pieces and proportioned them to fit the life-size dinosaur.

“We went to a field trip to the St. Louis Science Center in the beginning of the year and we just found it in a gift shop,” Ward said.

Price said the group used the toy model as a guide because the toy was close to a real triceratops frame.

“It turns out that this is actually pretty close to what the actual skeleton dimensions were, so we decided to go with this template,” he said.

The group paid for about $240 in materials out of their own pockets, Price said.

“That was actually pretty cheap for what we’re getting out of it,” he said.

After a vote, the group decided to paint the dinosaur completely white. The two leaders joked that a neutral color was chosen because they couldn’t imagine a dinosaur outside the building.

The students said they would try to keep the model outside of Quigley for as long as possible.

“That’s why we’re using exterior paint to seal it up, so the rain doesn’t effect the thing too much,” Price said.

“We’re also realistic. We know it’s not going to be out there forever. It’s not steel or concrete.”

Price said if the triceratops were moved from the back of the Quigley building, it would go outside the child development office.

“I wouldn’t recommend putting it around the kids, but maybe on the other side of the fence where they could see it,” Price said. “They’d like it.”

Stewart Wessel, an associate professor of architecture who taught the class, said the group deserves an A for the work they did.

“By and large, with the materials and the budget that we had, I don’t think it could have been any better,” Wessel said.

Wessel said he assigned the project to teach the students the different types of design that can be done.

“I wanted them to learn that they have the freedom to explore anything when they do architectural research,” he said. “The experience of doing these types of things makes you a better designer.”

Becky Dunn, a senior from Ohio studying physical therapy, said she noticed the triceratops while walking to class Monday. She said she liked that the model was life-size.

“It’d be interesting to walk under,” she said. Dunn said she was worried the weather might put a premature end to the dinosaur’s existence.

“With the wind gusting at 40 to 50 miles per hour, I don’t know if that’ll be long,” she said. “It looks a little shaky.”
Time for questions

The primary elections are approaching and students have the chance to choose Carbondale’s next leader. The Meet the Candidates forum at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Health Center auditorium could be one of the biggest political events of the year for SIUC. Students can bring their concerns to the candidates and have a better understanding of who is on the ballot. All four hopefuls are expected to attend.

There are many issues that affect not only the Carbondale community, but also the student body. This forum is the chance for students to mention these issues to the candidates. Students may not think Carbondale issues apply to them, but the actions taken by the city’s leaders indeed affect students’ lives.

Some may not care about the elections because they may think their vote doesn’t count, or the mayor is serving the city, not the university. But SIUC is a part of this community and students’ voices are definitely heard.

At the forum, students can also find out why these Carbondale citizens want to run this city — and exactly who’s running for the office.

There are plenty of questions to be asked. Carbondale councilwoman and SHU School of Law professor Sheila Simon brings a wealth of political passion to the table. The daughter of the late and legendary Sen. Paul Simon is no stranger to elections, but does she have what it takes to run what many consider the “capital of southern Illinois”?

Another School of Law employee, Jessica Davis, brings a load of academic degrees and experience running for mayor in much larger Baltimore. But can this East Coast native connect with the people of Carbondale?

Melvin “Pepper” Holder is the only Carbondale native in the running, and his bank of knowledge about the city’s people and places is an undeniable asset. Without any political experience, though, is he a worthy candidate for the position?

Mayor Brad Cole looks to continue his leadership in the city. Carbondale has done fairly well under his reign and he can only look to better his game against worthy contenders. Like any leader, Cole has made his enemies. Will they surface to unseat the 35-year-old mayor?

Wednesday’s forum is meant to give students the prime chance to go face-to-face with those looking to lead the home of SIUC. The student voice is a strong one, and these candidates are sure to listen.

The rich and the poor

The gap between rich and poor in the United States is now wider than at any time since the Great Depression, yet every time commentators point out this they are accused of rigging the statistics, impugning the virtues of rugged capitalism or simply fomenting class envy.

As Bernanke observed, “If we did not place some limits on the new technologies. As Bernanke observed, “If we did not place some limits on the inevitable churn, he argued, then it should make sure they have excellent job training, some guarantee of health insurance and a measure of pension security. And in a nod to important research by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, he pointed out that quality early-childhood education can improve the economic prospects of children from poor families.

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The real benefit of having a central banker address the problem of inequality is not just the credibility he brings to the topic, but the fact that his solutions are likely to make the economy more productive, not less. If the nation expects workers to accept layoffs as part of the economy’s inevitable churn, he argued, then it should make sure they have excellent job training, some guarantee of health insurance and a measure of pension security. And in a nod to important research by the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, he pointed out that quality early-childhood education can improve the economic prospects of children from poor families.

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Take it from a central banker.
LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

After reading the article featured in the DE on Jan. 30, “Course ‘Helps ‘A’ students understand each other,'” I had a mixed reaction. Although I applaud the DE for making an International Teacher Assistant Training Program available for International Teaching Assistants (ITAs) who need it, I also feel that the training program should also be available for undergraduate students. If there is a language barrier, why are ITAs always blamed for it? I cannot help but write to the editor about this article because every Arin, Anggraini, an ITA from business administration, who was quoted, said, “I learned how to speak and listen and took [the training program]” I feel badly for Arin and other students to say that in their training program has to negotiate his ITA identity in order to sound “American” for students who are not willing to make the same effort to do what it takes to break communication barriers.

Don’t you think our students should also have the right to learn more correctly? It is important that they can understand their ITAs! We now live in a multicultural U.S. society, and unfortunately, many of us are too lazy to learn another language and try to learn ways to communicate more effectively with people from different cultural backgrounds. If we want student-teachers communication to work in the classroom, both parties — ITAs and students alike — should make efforts to break the language and cultural barriers. Unfortunately, it has always been a one-way street for ITAs who are the rest of the problems in the classroom.

Don’t you think it’s time to make a change?

Richie Nell Hao
doctoral student, international studies assistant, department of speech communication

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We buy more than what we sell

Harold Jackson

PLANNING INQUIRER

“Now don’t you worry your pretty little head about that” always seems to be the return of the economic monster. When the economic world suddenly starts asking questions about the U.S. trade deficit.

Now you’re not the only one feeling little, but I am stupid about world shipping, despite the heroic efforts of my financial economist. So, when it was reported Tuesday that the U.S. trade deficit for 2006 reached a record $673.6 billion, I was a little shaken. I do remember enough about economic theory to know you make money by sell- ing more goods than you buy.

December saw American monthly trade deficits increase to $81 billion in November. The Wall Street Journal says the 5.3 percent increase was more than 0 percent deficit, higher than expected. They blamed high oil prices, mostly.

The trade record gap caused House Democrats to fire off a letter to President Bush calling for new policies to end the string of five straight years of record-setting trade deficits. The letter’s 15 signers said the trade deficits were in part responsible for the loss of 3 million U.S. manufacturing jobs. They asked the president to prepare a comprehensive plan to eliminate the largest trade deficit — with China, the European Union and Japan together.

China is a particular worry. In entry into the World Trade Organization in December, 2001 was in some ways as important as the day before, back then any day of the week, because that’s just how we roll down in Carbondale.

Frost is a senior studying history.

We can’t get enough of the cheap Chinese-made products.

China does buy our goods, too. But I like the way Yoonim Smith, a Port of Long Beach, Calif., spokes- woman explained the difference on PBS Televisions’ “Frontline” “We export cotton, we import clothing. We export hides, we bring in shoes. We export scrap metal, we bring back machin- ery. We’re exporting - doing business abroad, and we’re making our trade deficits. The American few weeks ago asked—

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In response to warnings issued by the Food and Drug Administration last week, grocery stores in Carbondale have removed Peter Pan peanut butter and Great Value peanut butter. Both brands, manufactured in the same Georgia plant, have been linked to a salmonella outbreak.

Affected jars of both brands have a product code that begins with "2111," and the FDA is encouraging consumers who bought either brand since May to throw it away, according to a press release.

Great Value peanut butter is the Wal-Mart store brand, but a spokesman from the Carbondale Wal-Mart said it has discarded all of the possibly infected jars. He also said the store is offering refunds if the seal on the jar is still intact.

Both Kroger and Schnucks carry Peter Pan peanut butter, among other brands, and all of the affected jars have been removed from those stores as well. Save-A-Lot does not carry either brand of peanut butter.

The university uses Jif peanut butter in the dining halls, so student dining has not been affected by the outbreak.

As of Monday, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention had identified 290 cases of Salmonella Tennessee — the type of salmonella associated with the outbreak — throughout the country. Forty-six patients have been hospitalized, but there have been no reported deaths.

Of the nearly 300 cases reported, five have come in Illinois. The victims of the outbreak range in age from 1 to 27 years old and are from northeast, northwest and southeast Illinois, according to a press release from the Illinois Department of Public Health.

"Salmonella are a family of bacteria that can cause diarrhea, fever and stomach pain," said Eric Whitaker, state public health director, in a press release. "Salmonella infections usually last five to seven days."

"This strain of salmonella also causes urinary tract infections. Anyone experiencing these symptoms after eating the implicated peanut butter is urged to contact their health care provider and local health department."

Salmonella can also enter the bloodstream and cause life-threatening infections.

ConAgra Foods manufactures both brands of peanut butter at its plant in Sylvester, Ga. The plant has been shut down while FDA inspectors try to determine the source of the contamination.

ConAgra is also offering refunds on both brands of peanut butter. To receive the refund, consumers must keep the lid of the jar with the product code on it and mail it along with their name and address to ConAgra Foods, P.O. Box 3768, Omaha, NE 68103.

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1982
Ozzy Osborne is arrested for urinating on the Alamo. I don’t think Ozzy will ever forget the Alamo security.

1986
Nintendo releases The Legend of Zelda, in which only an elf in green tights can save a magical world. Peter Pan totally did that first.

1988
The U.S. Supreme Court sides with Larry Flynt’s “ Hustler” magazine by overturning a lower court decision to award televangelist Jerry Falwell $200,000 for defamation. Eleven years later, Falwell would lose another battle at the hands of a Teletubby.

1999
Denise Franz receives a star on the Walk of Fame in Hollywood. I recognize him from the wall of fame in the Recreation Center. Is he famous or something?

This behavior isn’t up to our standards
Two young ladies were thrown out of the Grumpy Mole Saloon in Christchurch, New Zealand, for kissing passionately on the dance floor. It was distracting the other patrons.

This is a stick... Blam!
A man tried to rob a gun store in Penrose, New Zealand, with a machete. The proprietor shot him.

Mike Pingree is a columnist for the Boston Herald. Read a second “Looking Glass” column at www.pingreeslookingglass.com
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Today's Birthday (02-20-07)
You're even more imaginative than usual this year. You're charming, and a genius. You help people solve big problems. You get paid well for it, and you have a great sense of humor. Make the most of these gifts. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - The clouds are lifting; the path to your goal is getting obvious. Don't be impulsive. Follow your plan. Timing is everything.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - Obligations interfere with the festivities. It's time to stop talking about what needs to be done, and actually do it.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 5 - You're in the major leagues, so don't sit around like a doofus. Absolutely play by the rules, and do it quickly.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - You're learning about new places to go and your curiosity is piqued. Don't start out until tomorrow, however. You have other things to do first.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - Many of your doubts have been relieved. Although conditions are unstable, you'll be able to get a lot more done now. The power is in the knowing.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Looks like somebody wants you to help them decide how to spend their money. You might not get much cash for this job, but the fringe benefits are delightful.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - It might be wise to talk over your plans with a sensible partner. You may not get the income you expected, and absorb the love others give you. This will not be your year. To the contrary, it will set you free.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - The more you learn, the more your previous assumptions are challenged. The next phase puts your worries to rest, as you discover a new path.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - Aries - You're doing well, but the income isn't really steady. You can minimize the fluctuations by doing more study.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - There's a rush job to focus on, at least one, today and tomorrow. The money's good and this opportunity will not last forever. Get on at Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - Libra - Today is the day to express your love, and absorb the love others give you. This will not be your year. To the contrary, it will set you free.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - Taurus - You're learning about new places to go and your curiosity is piqued. Don't start out until tomorrow, however. You have other things to do first.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 9 - Libra - Today is the day to express your love, and absorb the love others give you. This will not be your year. To the contrary, it will set you free.

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Yesterday's Jumbles: COUPÉ PRONE REDEEM INTAKE A: FOR

What he did after the company farewell party — HE “RETIRED”
SEEKING
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Recently, the City Council voted to contract its electrical services with MidAmerican Energy Company. This will help the city save money on its electric accounts, but does nothing for residents. Cole said the city should look to long-term gains, rather than short-term successes, when trying to ease its consumption burden.

Mayor Brad Cole recently signed a statement supporting the United States Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement.

This agreement says Carbondale agrees to participate in environment-friendly practices, including reducing global warming pollution and urging Congress to pass bipartisan laws to curb greenhouse gas emissions.

Cole rarely mentions such green practices in his 11-page campaign platform. Instead, he focuses on his city cleanup program that began last year and reclaiming Piles Fork Creek, which runs parallel to Wall Street.

He said he hopes to widen the creek, clean it up and add lighting to the area. Reclaiming the creek would be part of a larger plan to do similar work with the city’s network of small tributaries.

Cole said he uses a commonsense approach to energy conservation, pointing to his office light switches, one of which was taped down.

Cole, who drives a sports utility vehicle, is probably unlikely to ride his bicycle to work, but one of his opponents, Councilwoman Sheila Pauls, plans to drive her bicycle riding to and from work at the SIU law school.

Pauls, who maintains a blog that addresses local and national environmental issues, said she only wishes he mental issues, said he only wishes he had today’s technology in the 1980s.

Candidate Pepper Holder wants to focus his environmental attention to the Koppers Wood Treatment Plant on the northeast side of town. The plant, which closed in 1991, handled hazardous chemicals that nearby residents claim has led to illnesses and death among friends and family. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is monitoring the site.

Holder, who grew up on one side of town, said he wants to conduct a health survey on all of Carbondale’s residents to see what ails them. He said he would want to rely on the university’s resources for help.

“He’s not really Southern at 150, it’s just the right thing for the area,” Holder said. “Fairness, happiness is good for the environment on this and is good for economy on that end.”
“We could’ve let down after we did get ranked and fortunately we had very good composer and the right type of people that we needed for back-to-back road games,” Lowery said. “I hope it’s not a problem and we don’t foresee it as a problem, but human nature does, can take over at times.”

The previous high ranking for the Salukis came in March 2004 at No. 15 during a six-week stay in the Top 25, and Lowery said he doesn’t want the Salukis to get ahead of themselves, as a national ranking doesn’t always convert into a Missouri Valley Conference championship.

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However, Cugentgh was a six seed in the NCAA Tournament that season, while SIU was seeded at 11, but Lowery said he isn’t worried about what seed the Salukis might receive.

“You just got to play whatever games they put in front of you. As far as we’re not even worried about that,” Lowery said. “Obviously we’re worried about Indiana State and when that,” Lowery said. “Obviously we’re not even worried about what seed the Salukis might receive. As a national ranking doesn’t always convert into a Missouri Valley Conference championship.

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Former SIU baseball player and free-agent outfielder Steve Finley is trying to decide whether to wait for the Chicago Cubs to move right fielder Jacque Jones or accept a job as a reserve with another team. Finley, who turns 42 next month, played for the Salukis from 1984 to 1987.

Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered?
E-mail: deeditor@dailyegyptian.com
**Salukis 13th in NCAA**

**Men's Basketball**

*Win over Butler boosts SIU in rankings*

**Scott Mieszala**

The SIU men's basketball team is now ranked higher than it ever has been.

The Salukis were tabbed No. 13 in the Associated Press Top 25 and No. 14 in the ESPN/USA Today Poll in the Top 25 polls that were released Monday. SIU achieved the No. 13 ranking on the strength of its Saturday win over Butler. SIU won 68-64 and climbed to No. 13 in the rankings.

SIU guard Bryan Mullins goes after the ball Saturday in the Salukis' game at Butler. SIU won 68-64 and climbed to No. 13 in the rankings.

**SWIMMING AND DIVING**

Santorino named SBC Swimmer of the Year

*Jeff Engelhardt*  

The Salukis never gave up on their goal for first place. The SIU men's swimming and diving team finished their season strong at the Sun Belt Conference.

The Salukis got off to a hot start on Thursday, earning four top-three finishes in five events. The start was good enough for second place after the first day. SIU then started to slip in the standings, falling to third place Friday and finishing the tournament in fourth Saturday.

The Salukis had four events where they had a swimmer meet the NCAA provisional time for the NCAA Nationals.

SIU swim coach Rick Walker said the low number of SIU swimmers was a big factor.

"I think we performed very well," Walker said. "In the Sunbelt you have a 20 person team, we had 16." Junior Antonio Santoro led the team by example, winning SBC Swimmer of the Year.

Santorino had three NCAA provisional times, two in single events and one in a team relay. Santoro posted a 1:47.34 in the 200-yard butterfly, helped the 800-yard free relay team achieve a time of 6:37.16 and swam 4:24.48 in the 500-yard freestyle.

Senior Vincent Wukel took first place in the 200-yard freestyle, putting up another NCAA provisional time of 1:37.63. Santoro finished second and sophomore Dennis Hedo came in at third.

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