SIU community celebrates life of Varughese

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Daily Egyptian

University President Glenn Poshard was just an 18-year-old U.S. Army soldier when he volunteered to visit an orphanage in Korea where 11-year-old Jini Roby lived.

The two were reunited Wednesday morning. Poshard has become a University president, and Roby a distinguished global researcher of issues connected to children at risk and professor at Brigham Young University.

Roby’s lecture Wednesday at the Carbondale Civic Center, titled “Issues in Child Welfare—Here and Around the Globe,” addressed issues such as protection from abuse, neglect and exploitation.

As a child in an orphanage, she used her experience to research global issues of children at risk. Roby also works to promote new national policies and procedures for providing child protection and welfare services.

“My experiences growing up and in the orphanage really guided me,” she said.

Pashard said he saw mention of Roby in a BYU publication. When he realized she lived at the orphanage, he once volunteered at while serving in the Army, he emailed her.

Roby said the email fell out of the blue, but it persuaded her to meet one of the volunteers who helped out at the orphanage.

“I was so thrilled. I have such fond memories of the volunteers who came and showed us they cared and just treated us like we were important,” Roby said.

Poshard said when the opportunity to visit the orphanage came up in Korea it seemed natural to help out. He said he was raised to care about children’s wellbeing.

“They really were about the only ones who made us feel that way because being an orphan and living in an orphanage was so harsh,” Roby said.

Poshard said he was happy to meet Roby and reflect on the experience which made a huge impact on his life.

“It was a wonderful experience for me. I got a lot more out of it than I gave, and you always do in those situations,” Poshard said.

When Poshard helped out at the orphanage and played football at the same orphanage he once volunteered at while he was stationed in Seoul, Korea in 1964-65. Roby

Common experience brings two together

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SIU students can look forward to future renovations and more parking availability.

Patti Diggle, coordinator of the Department of Public Safety Parking Division, said there are now 225 new parking spaces on campus. She said the university is pushing to add more red decal parking areas for students.

“We’re not here to stick a spoke in everyone’s wheels,” she said.

“We’re trying to maintain some kind of stability, consistency and fairness about parking and that’s why we decided to increase the amount of red parking availability in that area of campus.”

Kevin Bame, vice chancellor for administration and finance, said the university has two new parking lots available for decal sticker users.

Bame said the university converted Lot 13A, which was previously metered, to a red and blue decal sticker lot and added 90 new spaces for students.

Diggle said there are four new handicapped-parking spaces in 13A.

Bame said City Lot 3, located by the blue barracks, is ready for use as well, after being leased from the City of Carbondale. The lease is a two-year agreement for $10,000 a year and consists of 135 parking spaces. In order to exit Lot 3, one must drive south on Washington Street around the Brush Towers and then north on Logan Drive to intersect Wall Street just south of East Grand.

The university will determine the future of the lot in two years depending on feedback and consistent use from students and faculty.

The university is considering raising the prices of decals to pay for this lease.

Yellow stickers may increase by $15, making them $40, while red and green may increase by $20, making them $110. Pricing for faculty and staff depends on their salary and decals may increase anywhere from $10 to $55.

The recommendations go into effect July 1 based on the chancellor’s approval. Bame said decal sales account for more than $1 million dollars per year.
From the first day I met him he knew how to light up a room, “he said. “I can’t remember a time when I was mad at him.”

Dakota Reynolds, a junior from Carbondale, is studying nursing, said coping with Varughese’s death is a daily struggle. “Sometimes it will hit you hard and sometimes you’re just like, ‘Did this thing happen?’” she said. “It’s like he’s still two doors down from me. He’s still there.”

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When Poshard helped out at the orphanage and played with the children he said he felt like he was giving back in times of conflict.

“The kids gave us a sense of ‘Hey this is something worthwhile to be doing,’” he said. “It’s the giving back in times of conflict.”

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A (hopefully) foolproof guide to the Oscars

It’s been a winding road to the Oscars this year. The race has been long and circuitous, with many hopeful nominees vying for attention. The competition is so vast that even the most seasoned film critic would be hard-pressed to predict the ultimate winners. However, with a bit of educated guesswork, we can attempt to make every nominee watch his or her back. The competition is so good even the best prognosticators are still at a loss to name a Best Picture. Some categories are gimmies, like Best Supporting Actress. Others are hotly contested, like Best Supporting Actress. But with no mortal who will, they’ll be the ones — there are no awkward choices this year. And the only hope we can have is that 2014 is as good a year for film.

Best Picture
Will Win: “12 Years a Slave”
Could Win: “Gravity”

This race is so close that three movies switch frontrunner status every day. The Oscars have a preferential ballot, meaning if no movie has a clear margin of victory in the number one spot, the Academy considers voters’ second and third choices. If the number one spot is evenly split, “Gravity” could have the upper hand. But most prognosticators are going with “12 Years a Slave,” which is a pretty good bet. The best reasoning behind this is while “Gravity” is a spectacle that redefines sci-fi filmmaking, “12 Years a Slave” is the most realistic film in quite some time, shining a light on a darkness that has been allowed to settle for too long. Plus “Gravity’s” screenplay isn’t universally loved, while “12 Years” is widely expected to win in its screenplay. “American Hustle” is beloved by the actors branch, the largest voting membership in the Academy, but it just doesn’t have the steam these other two movies have picked up. “Gravity” will still have its share of measures.

Best Director
Will Win: Alfonso Cuaron, “Gravity”
Could Win: Steve McQueen, “12 Years a Slave”

McQueen is really a long shot here. Cuaron had his career made out of “Gravity,” and he very well could be shut out there too.

Best Actor
Will Win: Matthew McConaughey, “Dallas Buyers Club”
Could Win: Jared Leto, “Dallas Buyers Club”

This category belonged to Ejiofor a few months ago when “12 Years” began screening for critics. The way he held his emotions as he witnesses the brutality of the plantations he has been sold into is award-worthy by itself. It could come down to McQueen’s “Gravity” and Ejiofor’s “12 Years a Slave.”

Best Actress
Will Win: Cate Blanchett, “Blue Jasmine”
Could Win: Amy Adams, “American Hustle”

It’s a shame Sandra Bullock was never given much of a chance, because her one-woman show in “Gravity” is mesmerizing. But the probable winner is a one-woman show in another sense. In “Blue Jasmine,” all the characters revolve around Blanchett’s psychotic ex-wife, who is scorned by her neurotic part in his movies, and Blanchett has taken to casting other actors to fill his roles. Today, shining a light on a darkness that has been allowed to settle for too long. McQueen is really a long shot here. Cuaron had his career made out of “Gravity,” and he very well could be shut out there too.

Best Supporting Actor
Will Win: Jared Leto, “Dallas Buyers Club”
Could Win: Barkhad Abdi, “Captain Phillips”

Leto is about as sure as Blanchett is, having swept the awards season so far. However, Ejiofor has a rags-to-riches story that epitomizes the American Dream, and he’s been making the rounds. A few months after Leto began campaigning for “Dallas Buyers Club,” it became widely known that his character Rayon, a transgendered prostitute who works closely with McConaughey’s Woodroof to provide lifesaving drugs to HIV patients, didn’t actually exist — this might have hurt Leto’s chances, but moreso McConaughey’s chances as it came out Woodroof wasn’t exactly the savior the film made him out to be. Neither appear to be hurting though, so expect Leto to give another triumphant speech Oscar night.

Best Supporting Actress
Will Win: Jennifer Lawrence, “American Hustle”
Could Win: Lupita Nyong’o, “12 Years a Slave”
Will Win/Could Win is deceptive on this one, as they have an equal chance of winning. This race is even closer than Best Actor was a few months ago. However, I’m sticking with Lawrence, the theory being that voters want to award “American Hustle” somehow and this is the most likely category for it to happen in. “12 Years” will probably end up with Best Picture, and Academy members will want to spread the wealth. Lawrence is perfect as her bored housewife in “Hustle,” not taking too much screen time but dominating when she is present. Her battle with a “science cow” is just the cherry on top. Nyong’o is equally deserving of the award as Paney, a slave Ejiofor comes across in “12 Years.” Her performance is heartwrenching and could cause “American Hustle” to miss out on the Oscars completely.

Best Original Screenplay
Will Win: Spike Jonze, “Her”

“American Hustle” has the best screenplay of the year hands down. But the voters often go with the quickier pick here, and Jonze’s screenplay is unique and inventive — something the voters have fallen in love with. Therefore, his story of a man who falls in love with a Siri-type operating system is the most likely candidate to take the gold here, bolstered by the “spread the wealth” theory, that this is the only place “Her” has a shot at being awarded. The same could be said for “American Hustle” beyond Jennifer Lawrence, so don’t count it out too quickly.

Best Adapted Screenplay
Will Win: John Ridley, “12 Years a Slave”
Could Win: Terrence Winter, “Wolf of Wall Street”

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City lot 3, next to the Blue Barracks, sits unused Wednesday at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Illinois Avenue. The lot is leased by SIU for $10,000 a year. It is one of two new decal lots available, the other being 13A across from Neckers Building, which was previously a metered lot.

**Parking**

Diggle said last year, the school generated nearly $900,000 in decals alone.

Bame said because of the additional spaces, decal revenue is projected to increase by nearly $200,000. He said the university generated $875,000 in parking fines last year.

**Parking**

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The appeal board consists of representatives from the Faculty Senate, the Civil Service Council, Administrative and Professional Staff Council, and the Graduate and Professional Student Council. Recktenwald said in previous years, there has been a representative from the Undergraduate Student Government, but he has not seen one yet this semester.

"It’s very disappointing that the Undergraduate Student Government does not have a regular attendee, considering that most of the tickets we look at are undergraduate students," he said.

Recktenwald said three of the five members must agree the violation is not ticket-worthy to get a ticket appealed. He said appeals may be emailed or written. The petitioner then appears before the board in one of the three annual meetings in the student center.

"We give people the opportunity to tell their story, to tell why they parked in the wrong place," he said. "We often consider the fact that people make mistakes."
It's the last semester of college. You have managed to conquer four years of all-nighters, 18-page papers and working yourself to death. But you are an overachiever and applying to grad schools to further your education, better your life and expand your horizons. So what do you get in return for all your efforts?

The Graduate Record Exam, or college senior cause of death, is just another way for the hierarchy of public institutions to refer to you as a number in their accounts receivable. Applying to college the first time was hard enough, but now, after you have proven you are worthy of a bachelor's degree, it's back to square one to prove you worthy based on how you are worthy of a graduate one.

According to fairtest.org, the GRE is incapable of predicting success with education. Rather than a test, it is simply a game to sort students. Because all standardized tests are just a bubble you are worthy of, it's a rock and a hard place, and unfair that a truly holistic approach to choosing graduate students is (for the majority of fields) only utilized by private institutions. Using the GRE to sort students is unfair, and ineffective when there are, although more time consuming, more adequate approaches available.

So to my fellow overachievers, who want the world to know what is the solution to this corrupt system? There isn't one. Actually, there is, but it takes loadsheds of money and requires university administrators to care about what kind of students they bring in rather than who they can see on the last penny out of. But the deadline is not the issue, rather it's that facing the life-accomplishment of education, being tested again is simply unfair.

Plenty of universities have adopted a truly holistic approach to choosing graduate students who have claimed to do the same, but put you through the hell of the GRE. GRE scores as requirements for graduate applications. These schools only look at undergraduate grades, essays, recommendations and conduct personal interviews. Now wouldn't that just be great: an educational institution that wants to hire you for what you scored on the test. The problem is those school tend to cost twice what a public university does and chances of an assistantship are slim to none. It's a sick and a hard place, and unfair that a truly holistic approach to choosing graduate students is for the majority of fields only utilized by private institutions. Using the GRE to sort students is unfair, and ineffective when there are, although more time consuming, more adequate approaches available.

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CALENDAR EVENTS

Thursday, February 27, 2014

Pinch Penny Pub
Pint Night

Hangar 9
90s Dance Party w/ DJ Shattered Sound @ 9 p.m.

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

Student Center
SPC Films Presents: Hunger Games: Catching Fire @ 7 p.m. $2 SIU Students w/ ID $3 General Public $2 Children
Bowling & Billiards: Cosmic Bowling @ 8 - 11 p.m.
Craft Shop: Stained Glass @ 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. $30 Students, $50 Public
Walk-up Resume Critiques @ 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Communications Building
Room 1032: The Late Tropics @ 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Second Floor: AlieNations @ 8 - 10 p.m.

Student Health Center
Wellness Workshop: Spring Break "Fit" Your Body Thursday @ 3 - 4 p.m.

Paul Simon Public Policy Institute
Pizza and Politics with Bill Kilquist @ 3 - 6 p.m.

SIU Arena
Women's Basketball vs. Missouri State @ 6:30 p.m.

Friday, February 28, 2014

Pinch Penny Pub
Blues vs Ducks @ 9 p.m.

Copper Dragon
Mardi Gras Bash w/Hairbangers' Ball

Hangar 9
Comedy Night Presented by The Carbondale Comedians @ 9 p.m. $5

Curbside
Fabulous Decline w/Jolly

Rustle Hill Winery
Movin' Mary @ 6 - 9 p.m.

Rent One Park - Marion
Baseball vs. Northern Illinois @ 2 p.m.

Student Center
SPC Films Presents: Hunger Games: Catching Fire @ 7 and 10 p.m. $2 SIU Students w/ ID $3 General Public $2 Children
Bowling & Billiards: School Spirit Day @ 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Communications Building
McLeod Theater: Die Fledermaus @ 7:30 p.m.
Kleinsa Theater: AlieNations @ 8 - 10 p.m.

Hangar 9
Mardi Gras Party w/ Spread and Quantum Fox @ 9 p.m. $7
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CALENDAR EVENTS

Pinch Penny Pub
Blackhawks vs. Penguins @ 7 p.m.

The Grotto Lounge
Sharon Clark Trio feat. Phil Goot and Ron Coulter @ 9 p.m.

Rustle Hill Winery
May Hay @ 6 - 9 p.m.

Von Jakob Vineyard
Rich Fefez Jazz @ 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Starview Winery
Clf Moose & Friends @ 3 - 7 p.m.

Student Center
SPC Films Presents: Hunger Games: Catching Fire @ 7 and 10 p.m. $2 SIU Students w/ ID $3 General Public $2 Children

Communications Building
McLeod Theater: Die Fledermusen @ 7:30 p.m.

SIU Arena
Women’s Basketball vs. Wichita State @ 6:05 p.m.
Men’s Basketball vs. Illinois State @ 3:05 p.m.

Rent One Park - Marion
Baseball vs. Northern Illinois @ 2 p.m.

Pinch Penny Pub
Blues vs Coyotes @ 7 p.m.

The Grotto Lounge
Home-Style Comfort Food Sunday

Rent One Park - Marion
Baseball vs. Northern Illinois @ 2 p.m.

Blue Sky Winery
Roxy Randle @ 2 - 5 p.m.

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

Student Center
SIU Social Work Day @ 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Paul Simon Public Policy Institute
Pizza and Politics with Tony Mayville @ 5 - 6 p.m.

Student Services Building
Suit 030, 160, 170: Explore Your Career Fair @ 3 – 5 p.m.

The Grotto Lounge
Prime Rib Night

Student Health Center
Wellness Workshop: How To Be A Sleep Pro @ 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Student Services Building
Lobby: CASA Networking Event @ 5 – 6 p.m.
Panthers get revenge on Dawgs

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In the eighth straight loss at the McLeod Center, the Salukis tried to clinch the sixth seed in the Missouri Valley Conference standings but the Panthers had other plans. SIU (12-18, 8-9) stole a win at home Jan. 14 but the University of Northern Iowa (15-14, 9-8) utilized its home court advantage for a 73-54 win over the Salukis.

Sophomore guard Anthony Beane continued to be the best scoring option for the Salukis. Beane finished with 17 points on 6 of 11 shooting. The SIU defense has been solid as of late but allowed three Panthers to score at least 15 points. Junior Seth Tuttle led UNI with 19 points and was 7 of 8 from the free-throw line. He added seven rebounds and seven assists, as well.

Tuttle had more assists than the entire SIU roster. Only one Saluki assist came from a starter.

A strength of the Salukis has been offensive rebounding. Freshman Bola Olaniyi had more offensive rebounds than the entire University of Evansville team Saturday. SIU only had eight Wednesday to the Panthers 14.

A strength of the Salukis has been defensive rebounding. Senior Bronson Verhines played only 22 minutes because of foul trouble but led the Salukis with six rebounds. Olaniyi found himself on the bench most of the game and didn't record a rebound, and only attempted one shot from the field.

Shot selection was a vice for SIU in the loss. They were 21 of 49 from the floor and 4 of 15 from the 3-point line.

One player on the court did not have a problem with finding his shot. UNI sophomore guard Matt Bohannon finished with 17 points and hit five 3-pointers. The Panthers only had nine bench points to the Salukis' 14.

UNI was sent to the free-throw line 14 times and converted 11 attempts. SIU also shot the ball well and was 8 of 10 from the charity stripe.

The Salukis will try to win the final game of the season against Illinois State University Redbirds Saturday at SIU Arena. Coach Barry Hinson said earlier in the season he wanted to reach the nine win plateau and a win Saturday would get SIU to 9-9 in the MVC.

As of last night, less than 1400 tickets remained for the game. Ticket prices have been lowered, starting at $5. The men's game starts at 3:05 p.m. with the women's game tipping off at 6:05 p.m.

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38. Clothes bin
39. Dad’s sister
40. Subject for
41. Boring tool
42. Engraver
43. __; courses;
classes for
44. Pub game
45. Clothes bin
46. Determined
47. Lawn tool
48. Fishing worm,
49. Take ___;
50. Take 10
51. No-shows
52. Subject for
53. Croon
54. Dines
55. ___; slower
56. Has bills to pay
57. Supreme ___;
58. ___ and pepper
59. Without
60. Infrequent
61. Boycott
62. Night talker
63. Observed
64. Lawn tool
65. Secret agent
66. Unusual

DOWN
1. Purpose
2. Flowed back
3. Hockey great
4. God
5. Three Bears
6. Classes for
7. Seize by force
8. Seize by force
9. Treasure ___;
10. Finest
11. Up in ___; angry
12. Boys’ school in
13. __; slower
14. Brochure
15. __; slower
16. __, up, totaled
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HNIKT
MEPEXT
SOFIFS

Answer:

Wednesday’s Answers:

ENVOY
HOIST
BAZAAR
MISSFIT

Jumbles:

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

Jumbles:

Print answer here:

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Sophomore thrower Josh Freeman broke the SIU indoor shot put record held for 30 years by his throwing coach John Smith Jan. 25 at the Notre Dame Invitational. Freeman is ranked 12th nationally and second in the Missouri Valley Conference for shot put. Freeman also qualified for the Pan Am Junior Athletics Championships in Medellin, Columbia in 2013 and said confidence played a key role. “When you spend three months out of the year training for something, you kind of have to go in with that confidence,” he said.

Saluki football builds strength with local talent

TONY MCDANIEL  Daily Egyptian

SIU did not have to travel far to find players it would need to boost its 2014 offense. On signing day, SIU gained 18 freshmen for the 1St season of Saluki football. Of the 18, four will have the convenience of playing football for their local university.

SIU signed hometown wide receiver Shamarc Bursey. Last season for Carbondale Community High School, Bursey had 67 catches for 940 yards and 15 touchdowns on his way to being named to the 5A All-State Team. Bursey also tied a state record last year with 20 catches in a game against Centralia High School.

Bursey played under Nick Hill for the Terriers in 2013. Hill was hired to be the quarterback coach for SIU, giving Bursey the unique chance to play college football for his high school coach.

Hill said Bursey brings great athletic ability to SIU. “Shamarc was the best, most explosive player in southern Illinois last year,” he said. “He’s a kid that came to every single game, never, I never had to ask him to play hard for us from the first day I got to know him.”

Bursey was recruited heavily out of high school. Among the schools Bursey received interest from were Football Bowl Subdivision powerhouse the University of California and the University of Wisconsin.

Bursey said the biggest reason he chose SIU was so he could stay close to home, but playing for coach Hill will help him settle in at the Football Championship Subdivision level.

“I’ll know the offense already,” Bursey said. “[Coach Hill] said he would keep some things similar to what we did in high school.”

Another local player may end up throwing passes in Bursey’s direction. Brant Hill played quarterback for Marion High School last season, but played wide receiver for the Wildcats as well. The Salukis signed Brant as a quarterback and wide receiver.

“I played receiver my junior year,” Brant said. “I didn’t get thrown to a lot until four games into the season. I ended up with pretty good numbers for a few games. I really liked it.”

Last season, Brant passed for 1,463 yards with 12 touchdowns. Brant was a dual-threat quarterback in high school. He was able to get out of the pocket and run for 563 yards and five touchdowns.

Hill said Brant is an Internet sensation. A video of him hitting a full court shot in basketball against Salem High School last season has more than 365,000 hits.

Brant said he is excited at the prospect of playing for SIU.

“That’s one of the main reasons I chose this university,” he said. “It’s close to home, and I don’t have to worry about driving my dad right down the road.”

The Salukis also signed two players from Carterville High School, a running back and wide receiver.

Michael Aschemann played quarterback last season for the Panthers of Eastern Illinois, sharing the player of the year honors with the Wildcats as well. Aschemann scored a total of 46 touchdowns, 33 through the air and 13+ on the ground in 2013. Aschemann totaled over 2,500 yards of offense last season for Carterville and made the All-State team his junior and senior year.

Even with all of Aschemann’s accomplishments at quarterback, he will play wide receiver for the Salukis this fall. Nick said Aschemann is mentally mature enough to handle the transition from passer to receiver.

“Hes an athlete. In Carterville they didn’t ask him to do the things you can’t do as a quarterback,” Nick said. “I don’t think it will be much of an issue for him. He’s a good kid and a hard worker. He’s a team player.”

Phillip Frangello running back at Carterville last season and will also join the Salukis for the fall season. Frangello carried the ball for 1,712 yards and 25 touchdowns en route to being named an All-State honorable mention.

Frangello wrestled and runs track making him a three-sport athlete for the Lions.

Frangello also excels in the classroom. Last season, he was named an Illinois State Scholar and was recruited to play football by Harvard University.

Coach Hill said there is no guarantee of playing time to any of the incoming freshmen. “It’s up to them when they play; they’ve got to come in here and work,” Hill said. “It’s always race as a freshman, even when I played. That redshirt year and get stronger, faster and learn the system. It just makes things easier.”

The new addititions to the team will open their first season as Salukis Sep. 6 against the Panthers of Eastern Illinois University.

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Construction workers need extra innings

Mark Anderson, the superintendent of Fager McGee Commercial Construction, said the field is ready to play on and the dugouts are complete, but if the team played Friday it would not be accessible for handicapped spectators.

"If (SIU) wanted to make it happen, they probably could," Anderson said. "It just won't be picture perfect."

Andy Pettit, Associate Athletic Director, has been overseeing the project. He said the team could play a game any time because they have all the necessities, but it will not be ready for the fans because it will take construction crews two days to clean up all equipment.

Henderson said it is the right call to move the series out of Carbondale because the stadium won't be completely safe for spectators. "We don't want to play in it until it's ready," he said.

This is the first year SIU is charging admission for tickets. Season tickets were up to $75. The tickets will be valid at Rent One Park.

Anderson said he expects to have all the spectator seating finished by Friday, but because of freezing temperatures from Wednesday to Friday, it will be a tough task.

Pettit said average temperatures during construction were four degrees below the average during winter, which prevented construction crews from completing the job on time. He said they could not pour concrete or lay blocks when the ground is frozen because it will rise, fall or crack when the ground thaws.

"When the ground is so frozen, 12 to 14 inches deep, you have to wait days and days of good sunshine just for it to thaw out to pour the concrete," Pettit said.

Pettit said the snow and ice stayed long enough for contractors to build tents, which heated the area. He said the crew was not going to rush perfection.

"Everything that's done there is done right," Pettit said. "There are no shortcuts down there, the cold weather is the only culprit there is in this thing. Everybody is working their butts off."

Nobody on the team is stressing about the games being moved. "We're excited to get on it and play games on it," Henderson said. "Our kids have handled it well and we're going to play a lot of games on it over the years, so it doesn't hurt to wait a couple more weeks."

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