Radio-controlled hobby

Jared Wist, a senior from Murphysboro studying electrical engineering, drives his radio-controlled car down the road Sunday in front of his friend's house in Murphysboro. The RC car has a motor similar to a chain saw and can go up to 30 mph. Wist has built many parts of the RC car and frequently does repairs to keep it in running condition.

New grading program could help, hinder instruction

TREY BRAUNECKER Daily Egyptian

New grading software may eliminate the need for professors to personally review students' writing assignments.

Jay Patini, professor at Middlebury College in Vermont, discussed in a CNN blog the implications of the new EdX software, which uses artificial intelligence as well as professors' guidelines to review student essays and instantly provide grades. The software would allow students to improve their previous work to attempt a better grade, according to Patini's blog. Software proponents say the program would benefit teachers by removing the need to grade student essays individually, but some university professors are skeptical about how much the program will improve the grading process.

English professor Edward Brunner said he does not see how EdX could help struggling students improve their work. Part of his job is to encourage critical thinking in his students, he said, and grading written assignments helps him gauge a students' paper structure and writing development.

"I read papers seeking out the way students develop a very precise, but also personal and individual argument," he said. "I can understand that a computer program would see certain broad elements of a work of writing, but I would be skeptical of whether it could appreciate subtle details." Brunner said the software could out and it bothered him.

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TARA KULASH Daily Egyptian

Personal information about College of Applied Sciences and Arts students, including their grade point averages, was accidentally emailed to more than 150 other students.

Much of what was contained in the March 30 emails included public information such as names, birthdates, addresses, phone numbers, genders, ethnicities, Dogtags and majors, but GPAs were included as well, which violates the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act. The Family Education Rights and Privacy Act is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. Schools must have written permission from an eligible student to release any information from his or her educational record, such as GPA, according to the act.

CASA Dean Andy Wang declined to comment and referred all questions to university spokesman Rod Sievers. Sievers said an adviser accidentally sent a list of graduation-eligible CASA students as an attachment to 154 students.

One student, who requested anonymity for fear of comments affecting graduation status, said he went to university legal services to file a grievance but was told he couldn't.

"All I could do was send an email about complaints to the dean," he said.

The student said a staff member pulled him out of class one day for an in-person apology. Many other students were also pulled from class that day, he said.

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Clark elected senate president

JESSICA WETTIG MILES Daily Egyptian

Faculty Senate members unanimously elected marketing professor Terry Clark as their new president during their Tuesday meeting.

Clark ran uncontested, as did most other candidates for positions such as the budget and governance committee chairs. Miera Komarraju, senate president and associate psychology professor, said Clark is a good candidate and will serve the senate well. Komarraju said she chose not to accept re-election nomination because of personal time constraints.

Clark beat opponent Mark Dolan, photojournalism assistant professor, with a 15-12 vote. However, Dolan was elected secretary as there were no opposing candidates for the secretary position.

In other committee elections, George Boulukos associate English professor, was elected budget committee chairman and Brooke Thibeault, foreign languages and literatures lecturer, was elected governance committee chair. The faculty status and welfare committee, as well as the undergraduate education policy committees, did not have a quorum to elect new chairmen.

The committee on committees, which proposes appointments of senators to other senate committees, filled four vacancies with faculty members Thibeault; Lyle White, chair of education psychology and special education; Komarraju; and Tsuchin Chu, professor of mechanical engineering and energy processes White was elected the committee's chair.

The senate will reconvene with its elected officers May 14.

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Spring brings sinkhole season

TREY BRAUNECKER
Daily Egyptian

While spring in Illinois can bring well-known weather issues such as tornados and floods, the season can bring another difficult disaster to expect.

Sinkholes can be a dangerous natural phenomenon — one was recently discovered north of Marion, one killed a Florida man Feb. 28 and one nearly swallowed a golfer March 8 at the Annbriar Golf Club in Waterloo. They occur when holes in the earth widen over thousands of years from cracks in two- to three-feet-wide gaps. Glacial sediments and silt sitting on top of the sedimentary rock will break off and fall into the crack and form a void underground that make its way to the surface where bedrock collapses and instantly creates a hole in the ground.

Sam Panno, a senior geochemist with the Illinois State Geological Survey, said spring is the perfect time of year for sinkholes to appear because rain shifts the ground enough to cause sinking.

“The rain changes the environment underground, and water starts moving through crevices and starts to erode the soil above, where the soil meets the bedrock, and you get the erosion that initiates a sinkhole,” Panno said.

Sam Spraying, mining and mineral resource engineering interim chair and associate professor, said sinkholes can naturally occur but can also be formed through structural issues.

“Sinkholes can be man-made accidents, like water pipes bursting and eroding a hole away, or the space between pillars in old mines collapsing in and creating a sinkhole,” Spraying said.

Panno said it was possible to locate a sinkhole before they form. However, he said it is difficult to predict where one might develop because they usually form in a matter of hours or days.

Although you can’t find them, there is a best way to avoid a sinkhole, if you live somewhere that usually has them, to avoid running excess water into another sinkhole in the area,” he said.

Draining excess water from personal property into other hidden sinkholes could activate the erosion process again and cause more sinkholes to occur, he said.

Spraying said there is no permanent answer for sinkhole prevention, but there are ways people can help cover already existing problems. The ground must be reconsolidated to fit them, he said, typically by using compacted aggregate waste such as top soil or broken stone to seal the hole.

Geology professor Eric Ferre said people often try to fill sinkholes with whatever they want and assume it will be enough to prevent another collapse.

“Sinkholes are often used as dumping sites where people put whatever they want, like a TV, refrigerator or old batteries,” he said. “We find … strange things in sinkholes every once in a while. It is like an archeological dig. The deeper you go, the older the stuff you find.”

However, Ferre said it is important that people realize sinkholes are a vulnerable spot for ground water to collect over time. Harmful chemicals are more likely to enter fresh groundwater when people dump their waste in them, he said.

“It is a serious environmental concern, probably a bigger issue right now than the subject of sinkhole collapses,” he said.

While sinkholes have occurred nationwide, Panno has said he has seen his fair share of sinkholes in southern Illinois. Much of Carterville was mined years ago, and the digging created sinkholes. The damage caused by collapsing sinkholes can be devastating for property owners, he said.

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While spring is the season for sinkholes to appear because rain shifts the ground, it is also the season for sinkhole season as many students move back and forth to their homes. Panno said it is possible to locate a sinkhole before they form. However, the rain changes the environment underground, and water starts moving through crevices and starts to erode the soil above, where the soil meets the bedrock, and you get the erosion that initiates a sinkhole.

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Michael Shelton, information technology deputy director, said he couldn’t discuss the specific incident, but the information security team has been working on a campus-wide policy for data encryption. If the university’s Board of Trustees pass the policy, he said it would require the university to encrypt data and prevent similar incidents from happening in the future.

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Email acceptance sparks mixed emotions

Jarrett Belden, a senior from Carterville studying history education, said he was thrilled and couldn’t believe he was returning to school after spending years in the workforce. He said receiving the physical letter in the mail was much better than receiving an email.

“I was shocked and excited, I guess,” he said. “I’m a nontraditional student, so going to a university was a big deal.”

However, that eager moment when a student grabs the letter and debates whether to actually open it happens less and less, partly because of technology. According to a USA Today College article, more colleges are notifying students of their acceptance by email rather than a physical letter. The transition grew from 11 percent to 37 percent in a little more than a decade, according to the article.

While some staff and students said switching to electronic mailing techniques might not hold the same sentimental value, others think the transition is positive and shows how fast technology evolves.

Undergraduate admissions director Katharine Johnson Suski said it is nice to receive the acceptance letter in the mail. Having a tangible letter to hold and show off is more meaningful than a simple email, she said. Admissions continues to send letters to make students feel valuable to the university, she said.

“It’s validation,” she said. “All the years of work and all the applications I took time to submit, somebody’s recognising what I achieved.”

Suski said she would not recommend the university move to an email-only acceptance system because the physical letter is a crucial part of the application process.

However, Rachel Whaley, associate professor of sociology, said sending acceptance letters primarily through email can be beneficial.

“It seems like a good idea because students are online often, and we can deliver the good news faster,” she said.

Paul Etcheverry, assistant professor of psychology, said students are far more comfortable with email, and the process does not bother them as much as it would have bothered students 15 to 20 years ago.

A letter seems to make students feel like their acceptance official guarantee, Etcheverry said. Looking online every day makes the process feel anticlimactic, he said.

While staff members gave positives and negatives for letters and emails, several students agreed convenience is key to the acceptance process.

In terms of efficiency, Belden said sending an email would be a good thing because it will be cheaper and save paper. However, sending the acceptance letter through email seems to take away from that feeling of nostalgia, he said.

Ashley Owca, a junior from Chicago studying psychology, said she thinks the transition would be a good idea because of emails’ accessibility. Emails can go straight to a student’s phone, she said, and they can see that they have been accepted right away rather than wait weeks to find out. By sending an acceptance letter through email, it shows that a college is on the same level as their students, and in more age appropriate and modernized, she said.

Despite the students’ emotional differences between the two systems, Monika Jalowiecka, a junior from Lake Zurich studying zoology, said it does not matter to her how the news is transmitted.

“You get it in an email, you get it in a hard copy; it’s still the same thing,” she said.

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Dear Editor,

I shared this with family and friends on Facebook, and I was encouraged to share with you as a Saluki alumnus and former cross country team member.

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Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor,

I shared this with family and friends on Facebook, and I was encouraged to share with you as a Saluki alumnus and former cross country team member.

I was 25.86 miles. Roughly two laps of a high school track from the finish line. That is how far I made it in my first Boston Marathon when we were stopped for reasons we did not know and could not comprehend.

I stopped only seconds after I had just mentally reassured myself that nothing could keep me from the finish.

I didn't see the explosion, or hear it. What I did hear was insane fan cheering eminently turn to stunned silence as we were stopped for reasons unknown to us.

Confusion. What could possibly stop the Boston marathon? I thought maybe it was protesters blocking the finish.

I actually took a photo when we first stopped, slightly annoyed but thinking as I took it that this ought to be newsworthy. Little did I know I knew the disaster ahead.

I started to notice spectators faces of joy slowly turning to faces of uncertainty, a mix of fear and terror as they seemed to know something that we didn't.

Then the rumors spread of an explosion at the finish. Very quickly there were desperate and terror as they seemed to know something that was likely was cautionary.

I took gutsy comfort knowing my family was safely in D.C. Most around me were expecting their loved ones to greet them at the finish and now did not know their fate, so I tried to comfort those I could.

Strangers one second, a community bonded in disaster the next. As minutes turned to hours, spectators in our area became supporters, comforting runners and providing aid. Runners turned to comfort each other, sharing clothing, water and phones.

Eventually we were told to wait for buses to take us away to get our things on the other side of the finish. I was too late to come home.

I was a calm fear that swept the field we were stacked up as the thousands. Ambulances, helicopters and SWAT vehicles swept past toward some unknown, unfathomable disaster.

Many of us had phones, but no service. Once I knew what happened, I was immediately concerned about my family knowing I was safe and then to friends that I knew were in the area.

Shortly later, ambulances in the scores swept back past us with lights and sirens — a not-so-subtle clue that this was a disaster of immense scale with many hurt and injured — sending a new fear through the group.

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I was immediately cleared out by police with renewed fears of a newly found suspicious package about 10 yards from where I was sitting. Now we know this likely was cautionary.

Hung up with Heather and quickly snapped a photo of a distressed TV personality as he was told of the suspicious package in our immediate area.

In all, police, spectators and even fellow runners were amazing in comforting each other at every turn. It seems irrational to me to be as emotional about this as I seem to be. Those that know me, know I don't usually get very emotional. I wasn't a hero or a victim. I was just another bystander in a terrible event, so to be so distraught seems irrational to me.

I didn't see the blast. I didn't have loved ones hurt. I was ultimately thankful a knotted calf had me on pace to my slowest marathon ever and kept me from harm's way. It is now my lucky calf.

I have since learned of one friend who has two friends who lost limbs in the event. My heart aches for them as well as the others and their families. I can only imagine what they are going through.

The most common question I have been getting, including from a couple of reporters when I arrived back to D.C. Tuesday, is whether I would run Boston again or if it is a big deal not to have finished in the grand scheme of things. It originally wasn't a big deal not to finish, and I was slightly annoyed at the question given the event's severity.

As some time has passed, not finishing has become a very big deal — more for the idea that terrorism prevented the finish.

I think I am not alone in believing most runners would re-race Boston tomorrow if we could, simply to send a message that we (America) won't be stopped or intimidated. It was important as I knew she and I have two friends who lost limbs in the event. My heart aches for them as well as the others and their families. I can only imagine what they are going through.

I think I am not alone in believing most runners would re-race Boston tomorrow if we could, simply to send a message that we (America) won't be stopped or intimidated — that we are strong as a group, and we rally around each other.

Completing the race has even more value than ever before — not for the original motivators such as time or personal fulfillment, but for unity and determination against those who would cause such terror and for those not as lucky as I was.

I now run for those that can't.

Sincerely,

Shannon Kraus
1995 SIUC alumnus

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NEW YORK — Apple is opening the doors to its bank vault, saying it will distribute $100 billion in cash to its shareholders by the end of 2015.

At the same time, the company said revenue for the current quarter could fall from the year before, which would be the first decline in many years.

Apple CEO Tim Cook also suggested that the company won’t release any new products until the fall, contrary to expectations that there would be a new iPhone and iPads out this summer.

Apple Inc., on Tuesday, said it will expand its share buyback program to $60 billion — the largest buyback authorization in history. It is also raising its dividend for Apple’s shareholders by 15 percent from $2.65 to $3.05 per share. The dividend yield will be about 3 percent at current stock prices.

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Apple released its fiscal second quarter earnings after the stock market closed Tuesday. The company’s stock initially rose 5 percent to $425 in extended trading, then retreated $2.63, or 0.7 percent, to $403.50 as the CEO talked about new products arriving in the fall.

The shares are still down 40 percent from a peak of $705.07 hit on Sept. 21, when the iPhone 5 went on sale.

“The decline in Apple’s stock price over the last couple of quarters has been very frustrating for all of us, but we’ll continue to do what we do best,” CEO Tim Cook said on a conference call with analysts after the release of the results. But he reinforced that the company’s job is not to boost its stock price in the short term.

“The most important objective for Apple will always be creating innovative products,” he added.

Apple’s results beat the consensus estimate of analysts who follow the company, though it posted its first quarterly revenue decline in many years.

Net income was $9.5 billion, or $10.09 per share, down 18 percent from $11.6 billion, or $12.30 per share, in the same period a year ago.

Revenue was $43.6 billion, up 11 percent from last year’s $39.2 billion.

Analysts were expecting earnings of $9.97 per share on revenue of $42.3 billion, according to FactSet.

For the quarter that just started, Apple said it expects sales of $33.5 billion to $35.5 billion. In the same quarter last year, sales were $35 billion. Wall Street expected sales of $38 billion.

The June quarter is generally a weak one for Apple, since consumers tend to wait for the next iPhone, which the company usually releases in the fall. But a year-over-year decline is a signal that Apple is failing to capitalize on the continued growth of smartphone sales. Sales are tapering off in U.S. and other mature markets, and not many consumers in India and China can afford iPhones.

“Our fiscal 2013 results were incredibly strong and that’s making comparisons very difficult this year,” Cook said.

Apple shipped 37.4 million iPhones in the latest quarter, up 7 percent from a year ago. That confounded expectations that shipments might fall, but it was still a weak number compared to many previous quarters, when shipments doubled year over year. The average wholesale price of an iPhone also fell to $613 as Apple cut the price of its oldest model, the iPhone 4, to appeal to buyers in developing countries.

Apple started paying a dividend last summer and has been buying back a modest number of shares, enough to balance the dilution created by its employee stock option program but not to make a dent in its cash pile. The company says it’s now expanding the buybacks, which started in October and are set to run till the end of 2015, from $10 billion to $60 billion. It’s raising the quarterly dividend starting with the payment due May 16.
Classroom with a view

William Watson, a senior from Chicago studying university studies, heads toward first base Monday after making contact in his softball class at Stahr Field. "The class is fun," Watson said. "Plus, it's good to get to know new people."

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NEW YORK — When Fall Out Boy learned that Elton John was a fan of their music, they jokingly thought he might want to record with them. As it turned out, he did.

"We were nearly done with the album," lead singer Patrick Stump said in a recent interview. "I think we were mixing at that point, but he said 'yes' and we were like, 'Oh, wow. OK, yes.'"

The Chicago-based rockers halted the mixing process of their fifth album — their first in five years — and Stump flew to Atlanta to record with the veteran rocker.

John is featured on the title track of "Save Rock and Roll," released last week. Band members say the title of the album is "tongue-in-cheek," but they're also serious about their choice of words.

"It hits on ... Why are we the only ones that are saying this?" said frontman and bassist Pete Wentz. "But at the same time, it's kind of a joke, but if it means something to you, then it's not really that much of a joke."

Stump said John's inclusion on the title track really drives home their point.

"He actually spoke up for the album's title. He came in and was like, 'Love the album title. Love where this is going. This is great.'" Stump said. "And that was really special for us to have him support us like that."
Junior infielders Taylor Orsburn and Kelsea Ashton led the Salukioffense with two hits each.

Blaylock said defense and pitching was key to the Salukis’ win.

“When we play really well, one of the main parts is the pitching and the defense,” she said. “When we are steady on the mound and we make good decisions, we are really good.”

Bradley said it is crucial for the team to get hot down the stretch despite the Salukis’ up-and-down season.

“We haven’t really gotten our way a lot of the time,” Bradley said. “We’ve dealt with a lot of struggles this season, and to be able to finish strong in the end will be big.”

SIU will head to Cape Girardeau, Mo., Thursday for a non-conference matchup against Southeast Missouri State before the team plays a weekend series against Bradley on Saturday and Sunday.

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Answer:

JUMBLE
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SOLUTION TO TUESDAY’S PUZZLE

Answer:

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Tuesday’s Answers:

Libra — Today is a 7 —
It pays to recycle. An auction may bring the best price. You win free space and even cash. Take time for leisure and mindless wandering.

Scorpio — Today is an 8 —
Discover another source of revenue. You can’t be two places at the same time. Be cautious. You're under a lot of pressure.

Sagittarius — Today is a 7 —
Intuition gets you through. Call for advice. You are in need of a new perspective.

Capricorn — Today is a 9 —
Contractions provide insight. The action is behind the scenes. There’s a potential for success. Be careful when making decisions. Use your intuition.

Aquarius — Today is an 8 —
Shop carefully and discover a treasure. You can’t be two places at the same time. Be cautious. You're under a lot of pressure.

Pisces — Today is a 9 —
Intuition gets you through. Call for advice. You are in need of a new perspective.
Cavero excels after suffering from injury

LAURA ROBERTS | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Sophomore tennis player Jorge Cavero returns a serve Tuesday at Sports Blast. Cavero recently defeated Drake tennis player Alan Salibis 3-6, 6-3, 10-7 during the Saluki’s final home match of the season. The SIU men’s tennis team will travel Friday to Wichita, Kan. to play against Creighton University in the Missouri Valley Conference Championships.

Nelson said he was shocked at his freshman year’s progression.

“After high school, I took all of 2010 to travel around South America to play in futures tournaments,” Cavero said. “It’s the first step in going professional, and unfortunately it didn’t go well. There, I met this coach from Peru who took care of all the players who wanted to study in the United States. He put me in contact with a coach, and from there I met SIU tennis coach Dann Nelson.”

The coach’s recommendation to Nelson turned out to be a good one. Cavero won 15 of 19 singles matches during his freshman year, including a seven-match winning streak. His play was strong enough to finish at No. 2 entering the ITA Regional Tournament.

“Sophomore Szymon Opieczonek have kept on winning,” Nelson said. “We eventually moved him up to No. 3, and then our No. 2 had an injury so we moved him up there and he still kept on winning.”

This fall, he defeated the nation’s No. 77 player in Oklahoma State’s sophomore Manuel Bains during the first round of the ITA Regional Tournament.

After the tournament and season, Cavero said he spent winter break back home. He said his career was put into jeopardy, when he was asked to move more bags for a family vacation.

“I was with my grandparents at home, and I was taking down their luggage from upstairs,” he said. “I was taking the luggage in my right hand and I don’t know why I put it in front of my right leg, but it got stuck while I was going down the stairs. I didn’t have time to grab onto anything, and just broke it.”

The “it” referred to Cavero’s both ulna and radius bones in his left wrist. He said his doctors originally said he could play through the injury with some rehab, but it became clear to him that the injury was worse than anticipated.

“I went back home for the summer and played and did horrible,” he said. “The weird thing was that it was a sharp pain before and after the impact of me hitting the ball. Time went on and nothing got better. I had some X-rays again, and that’s when I knew the surgery was necessary.”

He had the surgery in Peru during summer 2012, and he returned with a near four-inch scar on his left forearm. The next couple of months required rehab on his wrist all over again, but senior captain Brandon Florez said that was when Cavero’s game vastly improved.

“What he lost in natural movement on the court he’s made up for in his serves and his volleys,” Florez said. “He improved the points of his game that needed improvement, and what made him so dominant (his freshman year) is coming back better and better every match.”

Cavero finished this year’s regular season 10-4 in singles, which earned him fourth in the MVC for players in the No. 2 spot. He and doubles partner sophomore Symon Optonsicks have won 10 of their 15 doubles matches finished this year.

Nelson said he is glad to see his No. 2 play well again.

“We lost him for almost a calendar year,” Nelson said. “Just to have him back in the lineup and playing is great. For him to be back and playing as well as he has been is a good testament to his work ethic and how much he wants it.”

Cavero will look to continue his post-season success Friday against Creighton University. Florez said his teammate observes the game on a higher level than most players.

“I feel Jorge is constantly thinking, planning three shots ahead and as he (was) playing with the injury he knew he had to play smarter,” Florez said. “Now that he is healthy, it has improved his game even more. He is going to be a great tennis player, and one of the smartest that I have ever encountered.”
Salukis capitalize on costly error

JACK ROBINSON
Daily Egyptian

With loaded bases and SIU junior first baseman Ryan Casillas up to bat, South Eastern Missouri State freshman pitcher Tylor Thomas threw a wild pitch and gave the Salukis their seventh-straight non-conference win this season.

The SIU baseball team faced SEMO at Abe Martin Field on Tuesday. Coach Ken Henderson started junior pitcher Brad Drust against freshman SEMO pitcher Alex Winkelman in his sixth start of the season. Drust struck out one batter and allowed one earned run in five innings in a no-decision start.

SIU's hitting was led by senior pitcher Jake Welch who had three hits and two stolen bases in five at-bats to post a .314 seasonal batting average. Junior first baseman Ryan Casillas followed Welch and led the team with two RBIs and two hits to post a .314 seasonal batting average. Drust struck out one batter and allowed one earned run in five innings in a no-decision start.

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Henderson said Welch has been a crucial asset to the team this year.

"He's a guy that makes us go," he said. "He's the guy that sets the tone on offense. He can wreak some havoc out there and makes things happen, and he did that today."

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Grand slam lifts SIU past Purple Aces

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The SIU softball team used a first-inning grand slam to beat Evansville 4-3 Tuesday and bring its conference record to 9-10 and avoid a season sweep by the Purple Aces.

The Salukis (21-24, 9-10 Missouri Valley Conference) lit up Evansville ace pitcher Sarah Patterson in the top of the first inning.

Saluki senior outfielder Morgan Barchan led the inning with a single to right field. Junior infielder Jazmy Spivey followed Barchan's single with a one-out walk, and junior catcher Allie VadeBoncouer walked to load the bases for senior outfielder Michelle Bradley. Bradley stepped to the plate and belted a high-flying ball to left field that snuck over the fence for a grand slam, her seventh home run of the season.

Bradley's grand slam was the team's record-setting sixth of the season.

"When the catcher came out and talked to their pitcher, I was thinking, 'She's going to try and throw a strike here,'" she said. "I just wanted to hit it where it was pitched."

After the offense's early cushion, senior pitcher Britney Lang settled in the circle and gave up no runs in the games first five innings.

With one out in the top of the sixth inning, Purple Ace senior infielder Kendall Kautz drove a ball to center field for a home run to score the Aces' first run.

Evansville rallied in the seventh inning to make the game close, but to no avail.

Purple Aces' sophomore outfielder Kayla Fortunato approached the plate with two outs and produced an RBI triple to bring the team within two runs at 4-2.

Coach Kerri Blaylock then went to the bullpen and brought in sophomore pitcher Katie Berthelsen to relieve Lang. Kautz then came to the plate and hit a dribbler to Berthelsen and beat the pitcher's throw to first for an RBI single.

With the go-ahead run at the plate, Berthelsen forced a grounder back to her to end the game.

Lang (11-13) picked up the Saluki win. She pitched 6.2 innings, gave up nine hits, three runs and recorded eight strikeouts. Berthelsen picked up her third save of the season.

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