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Eikenberg on the defensive

Moccia weighs options amid player allegations

Matt Hartwig  Daily Egyptian

After four eligible players left the SIU women’s basketball team and more have announced plans to leave early, coach Dana Eikenberg is under review and at the forefront of allegations of inappropriate behavior.

Since the team’s 2006-07 Missouri Valley Conference championship, Dana Olsen, Tamara Woods and Debbie Burns separately announced plans to leave the team with eligibility still remaining. Senior forward Courtney Slauson confirmed Sunday that freshman guards Ellen Young and Breanna Saline have asked for their releases after a disappointing season left the team near the bottom of the MVC standings.

Director of Athletics Mario Moccia said he has launched a full review of the program and wants to find out why leaving the team early has become a trend. Moccia confirmed that multiple players have asked for their release but said he wouldn’t get into specifics because of privacy issues.

“Whenever a student athlete leaves, we always want to find out why,” Moccia said.

Olsen, a freshman starter during the MVC championship run, received a blanket release from the team after the season was over. Olsen said she left the program because of the way she and her teammates were treated.

“John Olsen is looking into why leaving the team early has become a trend,” Moccia said.

“Everything was really personal and it really took the fun out of the game,” Olsen said. “During film sessions she would call us a piece of shit and say we were worthless and a disgrace to the program.”

Freshmen Saline and Wordsen did not return multiple messages for comment.

After coming off of a 21-11 season that included a MVC regular season championship, the Salukis fell to 10-20 and dealt with defections throughout the season. Eikenberg said she isn’t about to apologize for her intensity but is willing to take a step back and look at some of the things that went wrong during the season. “I want to win championships, that’s what I’m all about.”

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County to investigate record voter turnout

Professor expects November turnout to be higher

Barton Lorimer  Daily Egyptian

County officials will flip through their archives today to see if last month’s general primary election is the highest in Jackson County history.

The State Board of Elections reported 12,131 people from Jackson County’s older election archives to see the changed date, which is 22 more than March 2006. Obama, who won 62 percent of the county vote, is looking at some of the things that went wrong during the season.

“Every year has a decrease in the number of registered voters,” Jackson said. “This year’s primary confirmed our expectations.”

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COACH DANA EIKENBERG

expresses her frustration during a post game press conference after losing to Illinois State in the quarterfinals of the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament. Director of Athletics Mario Moccia is looking into why several players have left Eikenberg’s program during the 2007-08 season.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Student Alumni Council Meeting
- Today at the Student Center, Ballroom C

SIU Amateur Radio Club Meeting
- 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Engineering Building, Simmons Lounge, room A131
- Brief meeting immediately followed by on-air amateur radio licensing session for all classes of license
- $5 to take test, anyone interested invited to attend

The Good, the Bad and the Ugly: Secrets to a Successful Student Life
- 6:30 - 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Health Center room 111/112
- Common stresses for international students, recognizing signs of stress, dealing effectively with stress, time management skills.
- Free refreshments will be provided

Division of Continuing Education
- The Individualized Learning Program is offering extended testing hours (last available time to schedule is 5:30 p.m.) for students Friday. To schedule a test, please call 536-7551
- The calendar is a free service for community groups. We cannot guarantee that all items will run.

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- After a two-day stretch of cold, expect mostly sunny skies with a 30% chance of rain today. Highs forecasted to reach the mid-60s.

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Illinois motorcyclists get blessing as spring road season begins
SPLASH-2007 — The Rev. Mark Estop is one preacher who can’t help but get nervous up about springtime motorcycle weather.

That’s why the Spokane-Elbow Creek Baptist minister, who’s been riding bikes for 40 years, offered blessings to two-dozen motorcyclists and their dinner this weekend.

“He’s been impressed by how much people appreciate the blessing and take it serious,” said Estop. “Riding a bike is a dangerous proposition anyway, so I think they figure, whatever edge they can get is a good thing. I’ve blesses my own bike; I don’t take any chance.”

During the ceremony, organized by Hall’s Harley-Davidson in Springfield, Estop read a tailor’s prayer from Psalms 121.

“Motorcyclist Bernie Kraeger said he returns each year for a blessing to get a little extra help from the good old bike up ahead.”

“There are a lot of obstacles out there like cars and trucks,” he said. “It’s really neat to have God on your side while you are riding.”

Teen ordered imprisoned in drug store attacks
EDWARDSVILLE (AP) — A teenager who assaulted front store security at different Alton drug stores is serving an eight-year prison sentence for one of the attacks.

Eighteen-year-old Kenneth Johnson pleaded guilty in Madison County Circuit Court to an aggravated robbery count. Prosecutors dropped a battery charge.

Johnson tried to grab a Wool-Rider warm-ware purse at a Walgreens store Christmas Eve, thensplit open her scalp with a blow from a blackjack.

In April 2006 at a CVS store across the street, Johnson shoplifted a knife and stabbed a Brightman woman in the back while she sat at a blood pressure machine.

He received an indeterminate sentence for that as a juvenile.

Johnson’s mother has said her son is bipolar.

Gas expected to cost state fleet $20 million as fuel prices soar
SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Rising fuel prices aren’t just pinching consumers.

The state of Illinois expects to spend about $20 million in the next year for gasoline, diesel and oil changes for its fleet of vehicles.

That’s about a 40 percent increase from last year.

A spokeswoman for the state’s purchasing agency says each department must figure out how to cover the extra fuel costs. They may be able to transfer money from other areas to pay for the higher gas prices.

She says the state is also trying to minimize the impact of the higher fuel prices by discouraging excessive travel among employees while promoting video conferences.

Could animal sighted in North Chicago have been a cougar?
NORTH CHICAGO (AP) — Police and residents in North Chicago are wondering this week if there’s any truth to reports of a large cat — possibly a cougar — prowling the community.

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Police issued tickets to Sidney C. McClay, a 19-year-old student of Chicago, and Randles, a 20-year-old student of Lentz Hall on Tuesday.

There are no suspects in the theft of keys for fighting at 4 a.m. Wednesday from Lentz Hall on Tuesday.

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Local businesses pitch in for flood relief

Luke McCormick
DAILY EGYPTIAN

While some devoted time and money to provide relief in the aftermath of recent floods, one person donated a mustache.

The Cellar, a local bar and grill, held a spaghetti dinner and raffle Saturday with proceeds going to flood relief for local businesses and people.

The event brought in more than $2,000, with nearly one-fourth of that coming from a pool to get Cellar owner Paul Stokes to shave off his mustache. Stokes brought out his razor at the end of the night.

The proceeds were donated to Little Egypt Network of the American Red Cross in Herrin.

“My big concern was that the money would stay here locally,” Stokes said.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich declared 19 southern Illinois counties disaster areas March 20. A statement released by the governor’s office said state and local officials worked together to deal with the effects of nearly 12 inches of rain in some areas.

Stokes said he had to close The Cellar the first night of the flooding for the first time in his six years of ownership.

Heather Lose of Carbondale had the idea to hold a fundraiser at the bar. Lose said she contacted Stokes with the idea and they decided on a spaghetti dinner and raffle.

Other local businesses, such as Quatro’s and Dimaggio’s Pizza, chipped in for the effort, donating gift certificates as raffle prizes.

“They’ve always look for a way to help when disaster hits,” Lose said.

“What we’ve been able to do is make it easy for people to help out,” Sandy Webster, director of the Little Egypt Network of the American Red Cross, said the organization had assisted 133 families since the flooding.

After the flooding, the American Red Cross had a shortage of volunteers and asked its national office for more help. Ninety-five volunteers from Oregon, California, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and New Jersey came to the area to provide aid.

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The people of southern Illinois are very determined,” Webster said. “They meet disasters head on.”

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Northern Illinois University police chief reflects on shooting

Michael Tarm

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Open house features dance, diversity

Celebration hosts prospective students

Lydia Bargielski  
Daily Egyptian

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"We hope that we can convince you today that this is the place that you want to be," said.

After the welcome ceremonies, students were free to attend whichever activities they chose.

New videos were launched promoting the school, its residence halls and dining facilities. Valle said the videos were specifically designed to help people who are trying to make up their minds about the campus.

Luis Garcia, a 17-year-old junior from East Aurora High School, rode a bus seven hours to attend a tour and get a sneak peek of the engineering program. He said he heard the program was one of the best in the nation and he could not decide whether to study automotive engineering or civil engineering.

"The (tour guide) explained how a turbine works and how a motor works," Garcia said. "Engineers are something I'm really attracted to."

Garcia said he has not decided if SIUC is the school for him and still has time to think about other schools. He said he wishes the university was closer to home.

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Jeff McCoy, a recruiter for the Undergraduate Admissions office, sang and danced as he hosted the diversity celebration, which included 11 groups and wrapped up the day.

Audience members laughed as the Southern Illinois Improv Group performed its own rendition of "Whose Lane Is It Anyway?"
Prepare for the worst

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It wasn’t raining when Noah built the ark. I heard this phrase some time ago, but it never meant much to me until I saw the recent flooding in the southern Illinois region. I’d never lived in a county considered a disaster area. It surprised me to read about the damage done in areas not far from my own home. Luckily, my home suffered little to no damage as a result of the rains. I also had plenty of access to a grocery store not far from my house. However, the events did make me think more about my own lack of preparedness in case of an emergency.

Growing up, I participated in the Boy Scouts of America. I even obtained the high rank of Eagle Scout. But in the seven years since I was awarded my last merit badge, I’ve somewhat neglected the Scout motto, “Be prepared.”

In a region prone to heavy rains and flooding, it is important for both students and residents to have a few things to help get through an emergency. Here is a list of a few essentials, in no particular order, of importance:

- Flood insurance

According to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, one-third of Americans thought flooding was covered in standard homeowners insurance policies. Unfortunately, most insurance policies don’t cover disasters such as an earthquake, if flooding also occurs as a result of the earthquake, it is not covered.

It isn’t quite clear why so many insurers do not offer flood insurance with the general home policy, but it would be advisable to look over whatever policy you might have and discuss with an insurance broker the possibility of adding the coverage.

- Safe water

Water is essential to survival. Even a short period without water can cause major problems such as dehydration, which in turn can lead to things like heat stroke and heat exhaustion.

During a disaster such as a flood or earthquake, tap water can become contaminated from broken water lines and floodwaters getting into the drinking supply.

The Web site http://www.ready.gov states that at least one gallon of water is needed per person for drinking and sanitation. The site recommends storing at least three days worth of water.

Along with water for consumption, it is important to avoid dangerous water utilities. The site also recommends elevating the water heater, furnace and electrical panel if you live in high-risk flood zones. Unplugging any appliances and disconnecting the power to the home in severe cases is also recommended. This would keep the flood water in homes from conducting electricity.

- Fill the tank

The ideal choice for any emergency, especially if there is advanced warning, is to evacuate and avoid the disaster all together. If the city or town is being evacuated, it’s very likely that gas will be in short supply, or at the end of very long lines.

Maintaining the gas tank of your car above the half-full mark would ensure enough gas to at least leave the immediate disaster area. Not having to fill up would allow for a quicker, more efficient departure. This one is more difficult as of late due to the rising gas prices.

The list of things to have for emergency is much longer, but these suggestions are vital, particularly during the recent floods.

It appears that more rain will fall this week, so if you haven’t stocked up yet, now would be the time.

Wenger is a senior studying journalism and Spanish.

WORDS OVERHEARD

“What the government is saying is not true.”

Tibetan monk

in Jokhang Temple, Tibet’s holiest site

interrupting a press event conducted by the Chinese government
Letters to the Editor

Farewell Animal Crackers, hello community support

Dear Editor:

Animal crackers, a locally owned business, will shut its doors today for good.

My two terriers, Repeat and Flohra, have gone through years for doggie daycare, grooming, toys and top-quality food. Their second home, though, will not be the store today.

Businesses come and go in Carbondale. I know this. But I'm still incredulously sad by Animal Crackers' closing. I'm also angry.

Not surprisingly, the big boxes moved in and the locals got shut out. While the big box places might offer cheaper prices and glitzy plastic crap, they don't offer half of what a place like Animal Crackers had to offer — a safe, community-friendly community. Allowing the big boxes to take over — that's fine for other places, but in my eyes, it's just not acceptable for Carbondale.

In my eight years in Carbondale, one of the many life lessons I've learned is how tremendously important community is: having a sense of pride and investment in all aspects of this city and this university. I've also found that local businesses respect the climate of the culture and community here. I do believe they can co-exist next to one another. They will have to. If they don't, we lose the heart of Carbondale.

So, I write this letter to encourage those of you who are committed to preserving a sense of community to shop local when possible. Be creative and flexible. We have our own community-run businesses all over town: farmlands, coffee shops, sporting goods stores, radio stations, farm-organizations, etc. These places are owned, managed and staffed by locals who will invest in our communities and social enterprises that can't be matched by the big boxes of the world.

I'll close by saying a sad farewell to Sandra at Animal Crackers. Thank you, Flohra and Repeat. I will miss you and the community you fostered among pet owners in the region! Good luck!

Stacia Creek
docent counselor, higher education administration

Response: Who is responsible for stereotyping?

Dear Editor:

Mr. Corderman letter published in the Daily Egyptian Thursday stated that my previous letter误区 targeted stereotyping. He letter stated that after 15 years of working in automotive sales, his employees never sold vehicles at a higher price to blacks.

Well, I applaud his honesty as a salesman and his company’s integrity in business. But just because he and his company were honest does not diminish the fact that blacks still pay more for vehicles than whites on average nationwide.

I would like to point out to Mr. Corderman and others that substantial my opinion: “Review of Nissan Car Loans that Blacks Pay More” on http://www.exxammatters.com, and “Study: Black Pay Higher Auto Loan Rates” by Bill Letter of USA Today.

So to Mr. Corderman, even if every black person in the United States comes to your dealership and buys from your company, the fact remains that blacks still pay higher costs for automobiles.

Am I perpetuating a stereotype, or are the media and researchers who publish these statistics? Most importantly, who will hold the automotive companies responsible that perpetrate this crime of institutional and economic racism?

Bomani Spell
doctoral candidate, higher education administration

Dear Editor:

It’s spring and that means baseball season between baseball fans (other than me) picked the 83-win Chicago Cubs and the 103-win Boston Red Sox to win it all in 2006, or the Cardinals to win it all in 2006, or the Cubs and the White Sox fans.

Everyone needs to relax, take a chill pill and realize there are only five weeks left in the semester. Let’s all cool it and end the semester on a peaceable, law-abiding note. And please, no more fights by the big man.

Thumbs Up to everyone heading out to the ballpark Tuesday in Marion to watch the baseball Salukis take on the I-57 rival Fighting Illini under the lights. If you haven’t made plans for Tuesday night, consider making the short drive over to Rent One Park. Tickets are only $3 and concessions will be open. Saluki baseball under the lights — now that’s something you don’t see very often. First pitch is at 6:05 p.m., dress accordingly as it is only the beginning of April after all.

Carole Groce
doctoral student, mathematics,

Dear Editor:

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New election date alters 'green' fee plans

BOT to hear proposal in executive session

J oe Crawford

A change in the dates of student government elections has caused a campus group to alter its plans for presenting a proposed “green” fee to the university’s Board of Trustees.

Project Eco-Dawgs, which includes a proposal for a $50 per semester student fee, won’t be formally presented to the BOT at its meeting April 10 as previously planned, said Joe Dyer, a co-coordinator for the project. Instead, members of the group will have a less formal discussion with the board in executive session before the meeting, Dyer said.

“That way we can have a conversa- tion,” he said.

Dyer said the change in plans occurred because student elections, which will include a referendum on the fee, were pushed back a week, meaning they will happen after the board meeting. The group originally planned to present the plan to the board only if the referendum showed student support for the fee.

If student government elections remained on the schedule, the BOT would have to vote on a resolution to pass the fee on the agenda for the board’s next meeting in June.

Project Eco-Dawgs is a plan drafted by students and staff to reduce the university’s contribution to global warming and make the campus more sustainable. The proposal includes a fee that would pay for on-campus renewable energy, energy efficiency and sustainability projects and research.

Student elections were first planned for April 8 and 9, but John Trenis, the election commissioner, said last week the election was moved to April 15 and 16. Trenis said the Undergraduate Student Government’s rules require elections to be held in the third week of April.

USG President Demetro White said the elections were moved up a week last year to allow a smoother transition for the leadership.

But White said the dates were changed this year because April 9 is Higher Education Lobby Day.

The university plans to send groups of students, faculty and staff to the state legislature in Springfield for more higher education funding on Lobby Day.

The move was necessary in part because two of the candidates would probably make the trip to Springfield, he said.

“I would imagine if they’re involved in it for real, they’re going to want to go to Lobby Day and speak out on behalf of students and their issues,” he said.

Dyer said Project Eco-Dawgs would be presented to the USG at its meeting Wednesday, and there will be three open forums on the proposal on campus next week.

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By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday—You start out the year as a lone, and wind up with a strong following. Your achievements attract attention from people you admire. You're not a social climber, but increased status will be the result of your insistence on perfection and your strong self-discipline.

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 an 8 — Success is great, but it doesn't last. Good friends give you the confidence to succeed again and again and again. They're the ones you really are important to.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Don't let someone else's preferences keep you from getting yours. It's not negotiable, but it's not mandatory. Don't be afraid to compete and win.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — You've been having a few difficulties communications-wise, lately. That will be less noticeable now. You're more apt to say the right thing this day.

Cancer June 22-July 22 — Today is a 7 — Stash away as much as you can for the future. Don't go on a shopping spree. What looks like a lot could shrink to less than enough if you're not careful.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — The hard part is almost over. Let competent others take care of the parts you chose not to do. You'll get more accomplished by standing back and going.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — Try not a suggestion proposed by your mate or another loved one. Some modifications will be necessary, and they'll be obvious. Expect exceptions.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Make sure the people who are doing the job do it properly. You're not being unsympathetic, you're doing them a service. You're helping them keep their word.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — Somebody at home is up late. This may not be your fault. If you can help solve the problem, though, you'll maintain tranquility. That makes it worth the effort.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Your organizational skills are growing. You're gaining a reputation for being able to sort the fact from the fiction. You'll be less surprised of others than you do to it again. You've natural talent.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Quick action leads to an increase in your profits and or paychecks. Be on the lookout for services you can perform for others, and get there fast.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — By asking questions discreetly, you'll find information you need. You could also find items you've been wanting, not mandatory. You'll find it wholesale.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — By taking questions discreetly, you'll find information you need. You could also find items you've been wanting, and get them at a lower price. See if you can get it wholesale.

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Math becomes Vegas vice in ‘21’

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The most recent James Bond (Daniel Craig) films have been long on spectacle, but short on fun. The gang at Dragonfly Communications has used the time-honored tradition of exploiting children. "I knew babies were expensive, but wow, I never knew they could cost more than a house," said Stephen Hawking. "It's a bit scary."

But, the film didn’t have to be boring. "The previews made it out to be a suspenseful film about gambling and risk, but when it came to fast-paced, exciting and pun-filled, "21" is incredibly flat. The direction doesn’t lead the audience out of the game, but instead focuses more on the winnings, luxuries and romances.

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The Salukis tried to make a late rally in the sixth inning but fell one run short as freshman Nikki Waters picked up her ninth win of the year.

"My bracket is still alive as long as North Carolina is still playing ball. I'm surprised that Kansas didn't choke," Blaylock said.

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Cody Adams took the loss for the Bears. He allowed six runs, five earned, on six hits in 4 2/3 innings. Missouri State ace Tim Clubb threw nine of the strikeouts in eight innings of play and allowed only one run to improve to 4-0 on the season. Cody Adams took the loss for the Bears.

The Salukis built an eight-run lead in the sixth inning before giving up seven hits and four runs in seven innings.

Blaylock said he was nervous watching the lead slip in the north and remained confident in the club.

"I've been around baseball for a while and those games happen and it never feels good when it does," Joy said. "It wasn't pretty to watch but we got out of it and won so that's good."

The Salukis will head to Marion Tuesday to take on Illinois at 6 p.m. in Rent One Park to start a five-game week.

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Softball

Salukis complete two-game sweep

Haas extends hit streak to seven games

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Senior Lauren Haas picked up a hot bat for the SIU softball team.

Haas extended her hit streak to seven games as she helped the Salukis pick up a pair of wins over Missouri Valley Conference foe Illinois State on Sunday afternoon before rain canceled the final game of the series Sunday.

“I just feel like I’m seeing the ball really well right now and just hitting it where they’re (the defenders) not,” Haas said.

The Salukis (17-15, 5-3 MVC) earned a pair of 2-1 victories in the double header during a cold, windy Saturday behind an offensive that scored multiple runs for the first time in four games.

Coach Kerri Blaylock said getting hits at the right time behind good pitching and strong defense also helped the Salukis capitate against the Redbirds (11-14, 1-4).

“What sets the tone is pitching and defense,” Blaylock said. “Over the last five or six years we’ve won a lot of ball games 2-1 because you’ve kept the opposing team down.”

Trailing 1-0 in the bottom of the sixth in game one, Haas hit a double to score senior outfielder Kristal Stein from second to even the score.

Sophomore right-fielder Katie Wilson then hit a hard ground ball to score Haas from third and give the Salukis the eventual go-ahead run, winning the game 2-1.

Senior pitcher Danielle Glosson recorded her first win since Feb. 14 when she threw a 2-0 win over Fordham in the Bulldog Round-Robin in Starkville, Miss.

Glosson said she knew a win would come sooner or later and kept her head up with encouragement from Blaylock and her dad.

“It just brings relief to me to know my offense is working and they’re hitting the ball hard,” Glosson said.

Blaylock said even though she hasn’t picked up the win in most games, Glosson has been productive and the win Saturday can give her momentum heading into the heart of the season.

In game two, the Salukis struck early as they scored two runs in the second inning when freshman outfielder Chelsea Held hit a two run double that scored Wilson. Held later scored on an Illinois State error as she slid into second, putting the Salukis up 2-0.

Haas also hit another double in the game, giving her solo possession of eight place on SIU’s career doubles list with 28.

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Baseball

SIU struck out of luck against Bears

Salukis srike out 28 times in conference series

Jeff Engelhardt  DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Salukis couldn’t find their way to first base when they needed it most.

SIU (13-10, 3-3) dropped the rubber match 5-0 in a conference series against Missouri State on Sunday in Springfield, Mo., where it struck out 28 times during the series.

Missouri State freshman pitcher Aaron Meade retired 14 Salukis in a row in Sunday’s finale. After getting out of a minor jam in the third inning, Meade did not surrender a hit or walk until the eighth.

Coach Dan Callahan said Meade did a great job of mixing pitches and keeping the SIU offense off balance.

“He was better than we were,” Callahan said. “When you’re locked in a battle like that and have a guy on the mound looking like he isn’t going to surrender many runs, then every run means a lot.”

SIU pitcher David Kington gave up nine hits and five runs in six innings with almost all of the damage coming on two pitches.

After surrendering a hit and then hitting a batter, Kington fell behind in the count and gave up a bomb to Nolan Keane. With two outs in the sixth, Chris Player blasted the Bears second home run to give Missouri State (17-7, 4-2) the 5-0 lead.

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SIU closer George prepares to take the mound in the eighth inning during the March 2 game against Northern Illinois. George stopped a Missouri State rally Saturday to secure an 8-7 win for the Salukis.

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