Men join fight against abuse of women

Men’s group, clothesline project hope to stem domestic violence

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Daily Egyptian

More than 1,200 women die from domestic violence every year.

These statistics from the American Institute on Domestic Violence have started a nationwide effort to highlight that number of victims has not diminished, but there is a fight to end it.

SIU’s Progressive Masculinity Mentor organization is taking part in this movement to stop the abuse and murder of women for “Men Against Violence” week. During the next few days, the organization will collaborate with the Women’s Center to host events to educate men about the ongoing problem and encourage them not to commit these violent acts.

On Tuesday afternoon in the Faner breezeway, Derrick Williams, the organization’s founder, and other members set up a table for male students to take a pledge against domestic violence for the “These Hands Don’t Hurt” project.

Each student was given a paper hand to sign and display around the campus. The students were also given a white T-shirt that read “Stop Violence Against Women” to show their support for the cause.

“It’s usually women who fight for this cause, but this week is for men to take the approach and do the work,” Williams said.

Williams came to the university in 2004 as a doctoral student in speech communication and had a goal of forming a group of men who had strong opinions and wanted to take action against domestic violence.

Usually this issue is kept underground, Williams said, and that is the reason it is important for those men who are not afraid to talk about it to get an opportunity to speak out. It will also show their support for the victims who have suffered from these crimes and work to prevent it, he said.

Christy Hamilton, coordinator for relationship violence and sexual assault at the Wellness Center, said projects like “These Hands Don’t Hurt” and the Women’s Center’s “Clothesline” project are a way for people to become aware of the topic and come up with ways to help make society safer for women.

Over the years, the Women’s Center’s project has become the eye-opener of the week with T-shirts hung in front of Faner. Each shirt has a victim’s story of domestic violence written on it or memorials to those who have died.

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USG leader-to-be switches stance on funding reform

Vice president-elect ‘misspoke’ about finance committee changes

Allison Petty
Daily Egyptian

Undergraduate Government Vice President-elect Gus Hardy initially dropped his call to reform the finance committee after a meeting with the committee and USG President Donnamour White last Tuesday night.

The finance committee, which distributes more than $400,000 a year, has faced scrutiny after allegations of favoritism surfaced during student elections last week. As a result of these allegations, Hardy initially said his first goal was to reform the committee.

“Given all the controversy that’s surrounded the finance committee, that’s going to be the first thing on my agenda — to take the process and re-evaluate, try to make it so it’s more fair, not only have it so it’s USG that makes the decisions but a more diverse collection of students,” Hardy said Sunday.

At the time, Hardy also said he hoped to incorporate representatives of umbrella organizations such as Black Affairs Council and International Student Council, which distribute money they receive to other registered student organizations.

Three days later after stepping out of a meeting with White and the finance committee, Hardy said he previously “misspoke” and stressed that his plan to include umbrella organizations was just an idea.

“Right now, not speaking as the vice president-elect but speaking as a current finance committee member, the way the system is set up is fail-proof,” Hardy said. “A lot of the negative press and stuff that the finance committee has gotten these last few weeks is because people don’t know how it works.”

Hardy said he had not previously considered that including umbrella organizations could add bias to the funding process.

When asked about the discrepancies between his statements several hours later, Hardy said, “Right, they do kind of contradict each other.”

He said he thinks the system is fair but wants the whole senate to agree.

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How RSOs get funding from USG

Registered Student Organizations who want USG to help fund their events must fill out a funding request form and meet with the USG finance committee.

The senate views the bills as a consent agenda, meaning the organization can approve the measures without discussion. The senate can either approve or deny the funding request as presented; it cannot be amended to include more or less money.

If the event meets USG funding guidelines, the committee votes on whether to supply the money.

If the senate passes the bill, the USG president may either veto the action or sign it into effect.

If the committee votes to fund the event, the finance committee chair submits the funding request as a bill in front of the entire senate.

If the event is in the current fiscal year, the finance committee votes to fund the event.

Student Development processes the approved funding bills, checking only that the events meet all funding guidelines and are not illegal.

Source: Vice President Donnamour White

Gus Hardy added that he would come up with several ideas for the committee, but would ultimately leave the decision to the senate.

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Middle Eastern Myth Busters
5 p.m. today at the Student Center Mississippi Room
• A fan-talked discussion on facts and myths of the Middle East and its people.
For more information, call 453-7174.

The Palestinian Non-Violence Movement
7 p.m. Thursday at the Student Center Kakkaika’s’ Missouri Room
• Come watch a screening for a film about the Palestinian Non-Violence Movement.
For more information, call 453-7174.

Mixing Workshop with Nashville Engineer/ Producer Jeff Balding
• 10 a.m.–noon, 1 p.m.–3 p.m. and 3 p.m.–5 p.m. today at Communications Building room 1114
Free to anyone, limited availability
Contact Todd Herreman at toddh@siu.edu to reserve a spot.

SPC Presents: Drive-in Movie
• 8 p.m. Friday at the Arena parking Lot 16.
• Showing: “No community groups. We cannot guarantee that all items will run.”
Submit calendar items to the Daily Egyptian newspaper, Communications 1247, at least two days before event, or call (618) 536-3331, ext. 266.

CALENDAR
NEWS BRIEFS
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Convenience is taking priority at the Student Center.

Construction to make way for a convenience store at the Student Center began last week and is expected to be completed by the time students return for fall semester, said Lori Stettler, director of the Student Center.

The first floor lounge will be split in two, Stettler said. A bank will occupy two-thirds of the area while the other third will become the new Information Station.

The old Information Station will be transformed into a convenience store.

"Students have been asking for a convenience store in the Student Center. The store will be designed to meet the grab and go needs of today’s students," Stettler said.

Some students agree with having a convenience store on campus, but question the decision to remove the lounge.

"All the setting is where food is. So if you want to study, it’s full of people eating and being loud," said Katie Bunt, a junior from LaMoille studying fashion design.

The rest and study space will not be replaced. The area that will eventually become a bank will remain open as a TV lounge until the bidding process begins, Stettler said.

The TV and furniture will be dispersed throughout the building.

Some details on the plans are unclear. The name of the convenience store and which bank will move to the Student Center are unknown.

"We are considering a naming contest (for the convenience store) where students will have the opportunity to submit names that represent the campus, the Student Center and the convenience store concept," Stettler said.

Matt Guenn, a junior from West Frankfort studying architecture, said the convenience store doesn’t seem necessary, especially for students living in residence halls, but liked the idea of a bank in the Student Center.

"That’d be pretty cool. My bank is in my hometown, so I have to travel to get to it, so that might be a little bit better for me," Guenn said. "But it depends on what bank it is."

Other students feel there are plenty of ways to access money on campus.

"There’s ATMs everywhere. It seems a little superfluous," Bunt said.

Costs for the construction are estimated at roughly $35,000, which will come from the Student Center operations and equipment account.

Past projects supported through the account include energy efficient window film on all exterior Student Center windows, ceiling tiles on the second floor and controllable air conditioning in the ballrooms, Stettler said.

In the fall, Main Street Marketplace will also be remodeled, but details on the project are still vague, Stettler said.

"We are close to entering contract negotiations with vendors and hope to release that information prior to the end of the spring semester," Stettler said.

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WORLD & NATION

Bush criticizes Democrats for delaying trade pacts, closing ranks on NAFTA

NEW ORLEANS — President Bush cranked up the heat on congressional Democrats yesterday, telling international trade dealmakers in Congress and criticized Democratic presidential candidates孙思， unfinished business.

At the end of an Air Force helicopter, Bush, along with Mexican President Felipe Calderon and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper, stood solidly behind the North American Free Trade Agreement. "The trade zone between the U.S., Canada and Mexico has not only doubled America's exports to NAFTA members but led to an estimated $11 billion in the next two years. And we're going to do it in a couple of years."

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A resolution to oppose four-year degrees at community colleges was unanimously passed by the Faculty Senate Tuesday.

Gary Apgar, chair of the faculty status and welfare committee, presented a revised resolution to the Faculty Senate that is meant to oppose the movement of community colleges toward offering any degree above an associate. The resolution was in response to Mid-Continent University beginning to offer bachelor’s degrees at John A. Logan Community College in Carterville.

The resolution states that Illinois community colleges were founded to prepare people for transfer to other colleges or universities. It also calls for a meeting between SIU President Glenn Poshard and the heads of John A. Logan.

Faculty Senate President Peggy Stockdale said the resolution would not stop universities such as Mid-Continent and SIU from offering degrees at community colleges, but instead focuses on the colleges granting bachelor’s degrees by themselves.

Interim Chancellor Sam Goldman said community colleges are becoming more aggressive with ambitious presidents who are looking to build up the colleges to university levels.

“(Community colleges) have become a major source of competition,” Goldman said. “They are providing a real headache to us, a big-time headache.”

Goldman said the Illinois Board of Higher Education should deal with the issue, but there is pending legislation to remove community colleges from the oversight of the IBHE. House Bill 5025 would have community colleges report solely to the Illinois Community College Board, which currently reports to the IBHE.

Goldman said the main problem would be getting the attention of the community colleges. Having all faculty senates in the state come together against the movement of community colleges might force them to listen, Goldman said, but the SIUC Faculty Senate opposing it alone probably wouldn’t do much good. “I don’t think they really care one bit whether we like it,” Goldman said.

Goldman said contacting Gov. Rod Blagojevich could help to have the IBHE stop the progressing movement of community colleges.

Stockdale said there is a council of Illinois university senates that might rally around this issue.

The resolution was originally presented at a meeting April 8, but the senate recommended revisions to the draft before voting.

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talled “negotiations” and “union” are three words nobody likely ever wants to hear together in a sentence.

Unfortunately for the university and its largest civil service employees union, this rhetoric is exactly what they must use to describe their 10-month deliberations that have carried on in the name of compromise.

Conversely, members of the Association of Civil Service Employees have been working that long without a contract.

It reminds the Daily Egyptian of similar headlines from 2003 when the Faculty Association and the university were up in arms about the faculty contract. After nearly a year of negotiations, the situation became that of such deep

sentiment was reached.

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Standing like statues

The San Damiano Retreat Center is located on the Ohio River about nine miles east of Golconda. I was there over the weekend with my church for a Christian retreat. The beautiful scenery and isolated location makes concentration on God easy. The above image was taken in a light-hearted manner as friends played spoons. The center is chock-full of similar statues and paintings. Most of them represent Jesus as a blue-eyed, blonde haired Westerner. Apparently, we’ve all forgotten that he was not a product of the 1960s Haight-Ashbury district, the old hippie-laden area of San Francisco.

The statues, however, are symbols of an even larger problem for Western Christianity than the misrepresentation of Jesus Christ. Too often, Christians who face no persecution or trials such as those living in most democratic, Western nations remain as sterile and lifeless as these statues. Their relationship with God is a matter of attending Sunday service and then living their own lives the rest of the week. Their hearts are far from God. The Pharisees were similar in this regard, and Jesus called them hypocrites. He wants a lifetime of whole-hearted devotion to Himself.

The church grows through leaps and bounds when faced with hardship as a result of its faith. An early Christian, Justin Martyr, said, “Though beheaded, and crucified, and thrown to wild beasts, and chains, and fire and all other kinds of torture, we do not give up our confession; but, the more such things happen, the more do others in larger numbers become faithful.” This type of persecution exists in the world today. Christians face real persecution in such places as Egypt, China, Cuba, Saudi Arabia and Iran. Western Christians, however, are shielded from this. Would there be as many people in the Western world claiming Christ if they knew their lives were at stake? Would they stand?

I pray I would.

Photo column by Ryan Rendleman — DAILY EGYPTIAN

APPARENTLY, WE’VE ALL FORGOTTEN THAT HE WAS NOT A PRODUCT OF THE 1960S HAIGHT-ASHBURY DISTRICT.
The allegations

Days before the elections, Dylan Burns, a senator representing the College of Liberal Arts, accused White of favoritism in connection with a 600 percent increase in funding for Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Though White is not a member of the fraternity, Burns said he believed White had political ties to the group.

Though current finance committee chairman Stephan Albert is a member of the fraternity, he said he learned the news during funding votes concerning the fraternity. Albert said as long as he has belonged to the committee, Alpha Phi Alpha members have never voted on funding for their own group.

Some senators accused Burns of bringing the information forward for political reasons because he and White were both candidates for student trustee. White was declared the winner Wednesday night.

According to USG records provided by White, Alpha Phi Alpha received $6,435 from USG in 2006-07. That number increased to $38,420 in 2007-08. All of the money allocated by the organization came from USG and giving it to a separate committee, which costs each student roughly $36 per semester.

“The fund events, not organiza- tions,” White said emphatically. “That’s been clear. It’s in the (funding) guidelines.”

While White does not take into account how much any group has received.

The history

The finance committee’s history is mostly one of bickering and bitterness. White, who served as the committee’s chairman in 2006-07, was the first chairman in years to serve a complete term.

“For the most part, everybody can agree. Last year, things went so much better (than previous years),” White said, knocking his hands on a table to emphasize his point. “That was the year the student and administra- tion alike.”

In February 2001, the finance committee attempted to streamline the process for registered student organizations by reducing the funding request documents from 20 pages to two. Daily Egyptian articles during the following years show USG made several attempts to reform the committee, with varying degrees of success.

In the past, Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for student affairs, suggested taking control of the money from USG and giving it to a separate committee that could allocate the funds. But White said he fought to keep the students’ money in the hands of USG.

In March 2006, nine members of Digital Dog Records planned to sell plasma to pay for a trip to an extracurricular conference after USG denied the group’s funding request. The group was one of many organizations disappointed and troubled by the process. Senators during that year said finance com- mittee meetings occasionally esca- lated to the point of physical threats and shouting.

“We do admit that we have had a past that has been shaky with regards to consistency and efficiency but we have done our very best to iron out those discrep- ancies and smoothen things out,” said Ken Suzuki, a finance commit- tee member who also served on the committee two years ago.

Albert, Suzuki and Hardy agreed that this year was productive for the most part. They said the biggest problem occurred during a midterm leadership transition from former chairman Joe Yaney to Albert.

Dietz has fiduciary responsibil- ity for the student activity fee but said he preferred to leave its alloca- tion up to the students. He said his office would watch for impropri- eties, but ultimately the decision to change the system rests with USG.

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**The Black Swan**: sink or swim?

Audra Ord

*Daily Egyptian*

**Story of the Year**

The Black Swan

Release date: April 22

Record label: Epitaph Records

http://storyofteryear.net

“The Black Swan” is less ugly duckling and more phoenix rising. The third full-length album from Story of the Year takes the band in a slightly new direction in which it blends styles from the previous albums. It combines the alt-rock ballads à la “Page Avenue” with the scream-o proclamations from “In the Wake of Determination.”

The result is a blend of music to please myriad listeners, from fans of “Page Avenue” to post-hardcore and metal lovers. The album opens with “Choose Your Fate,” an unexpected metal anthem that makes listeners wonder what happened to the group that debuted with “Page Avenue.” This opener serves to psyche listeners up for a well-balanced rock album.

Most of the lyrical content is what can be expected from any alt-rock-metal band: apathy, anarchy and unrequited love. However, “We’re not Gonna Make It” is an exception to this rule. The song goes beyond the superficial surface of “she doesn’t love me” rock tunes, addressing the deeper issue of interracial dating. “With a whisper she mumbles through, I guess they just won’t accept me...” Dan Marsala sings.

“The Black Swan” ends on an exclamation point, closing with “Welcome to our new War,” a metal anthem in which vocalist Marsala proclaims, “Welcome to our new war, where the rich sell their lies to the poor. We’re dying but we don’t know what for.”

Though the album does feature a few standout, driving tracks in “Choose Your Fate,” “Tell Me (P.A.C.)” and “Welcome to our new War,” the rest of the album falls flat for relying on recycled riffs and repetitive choruses. Listeners can expect a few rock-out moments while playing through the album, but for the most part, “The Black Swan” serves as a great background soundtrack to a hyped-up study session. It’s a great listen, but it definitely won’t distract you from your research paper or chemistry notes.

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Man Man
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Release date: April 8
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Somewhere between a late night cabaret and an insane asylum exists Man Man. “Rabbit Habits,” the group’s third full-length album, is a refreshingly weird vision of rock ‘n’ roll as seen through a fun house mirror, filled with bizarre characters, eldritch arrangements and a unique mingling of musical styles.

Sprawling the eccentric character of the group is lead singer Honus Honus, who does not sing so much as growl like some kind of monster out of a dark-humored bedtime story, and just as indelible is his carnivalesque and oddly mellifluous backing.

Each track is layered with a uniquely diverse collection of instruments, incorporating a patchwork of xylophones, synthesizers, pianos, electronic keyboards, varying guitars, percussion, bass, as well as a mixed bag of horns and strings. At first, it’s easy to find oneself trying to identify each of the individual instruments in hopes of better understanding the strange arrangements but as the album progresses the sounds seem to become less and less recognizable until each track rips out of the speakers in a creative fervor like some kind of discombobulating musical blitkrieg.

It feels like rock ‘n’ roll is being broken down and rebuilt, all in less than an hour.

Stylistically, “Rabbit Habits” is a testament to creativity that, in its own idiosyncratic way, reaches both to the past and future while spiralingheedlong through some strange extra-dimensional rift.

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Today’s Birthday — Learn how to get the most from your investments this year. It’s easier to understand all the small print. Move things around in a special way, to achieve an even higher place on the pinnacle of success.

To get the advantage, check the day’s rating. 10 is the easiest day of the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — A friend who’s sometimes flaky has a good suggestion now. Follow it to find another outlet for your talents. But don’t give up your day job yet.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Shake off a grumpy mood by reviewing your assets. Think of something you have, rather than what you must do without. You will discover places in a better position than you thought.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — Working with others can be a real hassle sometimes. Power struggles are overcome by standing out territories. Make that top priority or you won’t get anything done.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — There’s quite a bit of confusion, but your choices are sound. Wait until the dust clears and unexpectly, things work out.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — There’s quite a bit of confusion, and unexpected changes. It’s not safe to act, even on a sure thing. You could get a lucky break.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — Tempers are liable to flare, about practical matters. You’re resisting the restraints you’ve put there for your own good. Relax. It will end well.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — You’re getting bored with the routine. Want to try something new. It’s not easy to accomplish this, but it should turn out pretty well. Come up with something fun.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — To finally accomplish that you’ve wanted for a while. That’s always a delicious feeling. Enjoy it to the max.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — Use the experience you’ve recently gained to revise your thinking. Finding out what doesn’t work helps you narrow down your choices.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — For the next few years you’ll learn new advantages. You’ll be luckier than usual and find it easier to focus. Add these to your other talents and you’re unbeatable.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — To try not to worry about things you can’t change. Get together with friends instead, for a favorite activity. Doing something physical is a healthy distraction.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Lessons you learned the hard way help you make a better choice. Meanwhile, continue to do what you have to do to bring in the money.

Jumble

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

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HARTTO

NURTAT

Anagrams (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday’s Jumbles: BASIN CHESS MARIN

Answer: ONE might say that the movie stars turned the demolition derby into a “SMASH” hit.
She said she felt comfortable on the mound and will try to let the losses roll off her back. "I guess the only thing you can try to do is forget it," McNamara said.

The Salukis will travel to Springfield, Mo., Saturday to take on the Missouri State Bears in an MVC series beginning with a doubleheader at noon and 2 p.m. They will close the weekend with a single game at noon Sunday.

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"I know he is appreciative of what we’ve done for him and what we’ve done for the university," Shaw said. "Being around his first group for four years is special."

While Lowery said he is appreciative of everything the seniors have done on the court, he is also thankful for the memories off of it. He said Falker’s antics were especially memorable, whether it was raiding his refrigerator constantly or rating so much on his official visit that his mother had to keep apologizing.

Lowery said his children would miss Falker the most as he would often be at Lowery’s house as often as them — to the point where there are pictures of Falker with the family on their walls.

Though SIU said goodbye to four seniors, it also honored players who will be back next season. The team voted Bryan Mullins as the most valuable player and he also won the Seymour L. Bryson scholarship.

Falker’s move to post up or Matt to set a ball screen for me," Mullins said. "But that’s what the summer is for. I will get adjusted to the new guys coming in and I’m excited for that too.”

Mullins isn’t the only Saluki excited for next season. Assistant coach Brad Korn and associate head coach Rodney Watson said players such as Tony Boyle and Christian Cornelius have their fate and the team’s future in their hands.

The banquet ended with a high-light package of the season. Lowery said he would miss the highlights the seniors performed but is also excited for their futures.

"I think the relationships I have with the players," Lowery said. "They came up with me and grew as men and I know they’re ready to move on.”

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HICK YES! Offensive lineman are the safest bets in this crapshoot known as the NFL Draft. Glenn Dorsey is a good player by his own right but they need blockers for whoever the quarterback is going to throw to in 2006 before anything else.

No and no. The Miami Dolphins should have gone with Glenn Dorsey, even if they do run a 3-4 defense. A Dorsey-Jason Taylor duo would have been intense. And an offensive lineman is not worth $57 million, but not many athletes are worth that much.

I think Darren McFadden could end up being the best player in this draft, but Long was the best pick. He’s a safe pick who has the potential to be an All-Pro for 10 or more years. Signing him avoids any chance of a holdout, which is a good thing.

The Salukis hope wood bats will get their offense in gear against a Mississippi River rival.

The Tigers (20-17) defeated Missouri State in its previous meeting but lost six runs, the SIU baseball team will take on Missouri at 6:30 p.m. today at T.R. Hughes Ballpark in O’Fallon, Mo.

Wood bat game offers a change of pace from using aluminum bats.

It’s more of a nostalgic thing than anything else because I don’t recall a ton of scouts being there last time,” Callahan said. “In past games when we’ve played Mizzou and (Saint Louis), we’ve done the same thing and I think the guys look forward to it.”

The Tigers (20-17) defeated Missouri 7-0 in the previous meeting between the teams in 2006, but the Tigers still hold the all-time series advantage 14-13.

Callahan is going to tinker with the rotation for today’s game by moving in junior reliever Adam Curynski for a spot start.

The move comes in the wake of junior Andrew Dunn picking up the start in Sunday’s 8-3 loss to the Shockers.

The other option could have been junior David Kington, but he was roughed up in the loss — Kington gave up three runs in two-thirds of an inning.

Curynski registered an out in the game but did so using one pitch. He carries a 2-1 record with a 4.5 ERA in 11 appearances this season.

“We thought we’d try something different, but that’s not because this is some kind of theme game or something,” Callahan said. “We just think going in with his changeup and slider that it could be a pretty good matchup.”

Junior starting pitcher Ian Berger will take the mound for Missouri with a 3-3 record and a 3.2 ERA.

Berger should look familiar to most of the Saluki lineup because he pitched for Illinois State in 2006.

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Senior outfielder Jacob Friday is the Tigers’ top hitter with a .364 average. Friday also has a team-high 13 home runs.
**Golf**

SIU finishes second at MVC Tournament

The Salukis shot a two-day total of 874 to finish second at the Missouri Valley Conference Golf Tournament, which was the best showing since finishing third in 2006. At one point, SIU was within four strokes of eventual champion Wichita State but was never able to overtake the Shockers. Wichita State won its seventh title in the last 12 seasons with a total score of 850. Illinois State, Drake and Evansville rounded out the top five.

Newton said he was proud of how his team performed in the tournament, especially against a team with a winning tradition. "The kids did a great job and they played their hearts out," Newton said. "They all contributed and that's why we finished in second place." Wichita State also had the top two individual finishers in sophomore Connor McHenry, who shot a 5-under-par, and Ryan Garza, who finished in second with a three-round total of 212.

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**Banquet brings an end to seniors’ careers**

**Jeff Engelhardt**

Randal Falker stood underneath a light pole on a cold, snowy night his freshman year, contemplating whether he should leave the basketball team.

Coach Chris Lowery was not ready to say goodbye to Falker and asked him to come back inside, but Falker continued to think.

"This is a special team here at Southern Illinois," Lowery said. "This is a family that is hard to get in to and very hard to get out of."

The banquet recognized departing seniors and honored players from every class for their contributions to the team. Seniors Matt Shaw, Dion Coopwood and Tymone Green were all honored with Falker one last time before they leave the Salukis.

Lowery said this was a special class for him since Shaw and Falker were freshmen when Lowery first took over the team. He said Coopwood and Green were just as memorable when they joined.

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**Softball**

Salukis drop final two home games

Five-game losing streak matches longest of season

Megan Kramper

A step out of the Missouri Valley Conference proved costly for the SIU softball team Tuesday. The Salukis dropped both games to Tennessee-Martin in their final regular home series of the season with a 2-1 loss in game one and a 4-3 loss in game two. The Skyhawks (23-23) avenged a 14-1 loss at the Middle Tennessee Classic Feb. 23.

Coach Kerri Blaylock said she was disappointed with the way her team played, specifically the offense. In game one, Tennessee-Martin scored two quick runs on a single and triple to give it an early 2-0 lead. SIU (24-21, 10-7 MVC) quickly responded as junior third baseman Katie Wagner hit a two out double.

Senior first baseman Lauren Haas kept the inning going with a walk and sophomore right fielder Katie Wilson singled to score Wagner from third, but it would be the only run the Salukis would push across as they dropped the game 2-1.

Wagner said the Skyhawks came focused while the Salukis did not.

"They were attacking the ball, which is something we really weren’t able to do," Wagner said.

Junior guard Bryan Mullins, left, shakes hands with Saluki basketball fan John Steele after the year-end banquet Tuesday night. Mullins was named MVP by his teammates and received the Seymour Bryson Scholarship.

Freshman pitcher Nikki Waters was taken out of the game in the fourth inning as junior pitcher Katie McNamara picked up three innings of relief for the Salukis.

Waters earned the loss in game one as she gave up eight hits and two runs while tossing one strikeout.

The Salukis struggled in game two as freshman pitcher Danielle Glosson gave up four runs in four innings of work.

SIU would make a late seventh inning rally, scoring two runs but it wouldn’t be enough as the Salukis dropped their fifth straight game.

"It was too little too late," Blaylock said of the late scoring surge. "We’re got to be thinking that in the third, fourth or fifth inning."

The Salukis also had three errors in the game, two of them coming in the top of the sixth inning.

McNamara would come in as relief again in game two, tossing 3.1 scoreless innings, putting her total for the day at 6.1.