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USG concludes semester, looks ahead

LUKE NOZICKA Daily Egyptian

The Undergraduate Student Government made constitutional changes, reviewed allocations and said farewells at its last meeting of the semester.

Treasurer Cameron Shulak said $12,000 will roll over to the fiscal year 2015 Student Organization Activity Fee Control Account.

“That’s actually a number well above anything I can see in the past,” he said. “That’s much more rolled over than in recent history.”

Shulak said the SOAF account is usually near zero balance by mid-late spring.

The Senate debated constitutional changes and passed the document after removing the proposed redistricting of representation and name change of Student Government Association.

Sen. Matt Schmidlin said the name change was necessary. “It is very difficult for transferring or incoming freshman to say USG because many times I’ve heard, ‘oh, what’s that?’” he said. “But then if I mention student government they say, ‘oh, SGA,’ and they know what it is right away.”

President Adrian Miller recommended the Senate postpone the constitutional amendment because there has been little discussion and debate.

“I would hate to kill (the proposal) without (the Internal Affairs Committee) being here and having more thorough conversation about it,” Miller said.

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Domino effect takes Shryock center stage

KIA SMITH Daily Egyptian

“I’ve been writing all my life,” he said. “I used to rap and do spoken word so performing was something I focused on when I first got to college. However, it was a mentor by the name of Brandon ‘Hollywood’ Williams that steered me towards me into writing plays.”

The play is called the “Domino Effect” because Sumrall said he wanted to place emphasis on how one person’s action could directly affect another’s outcome.

Sumrall said he loves to create realistic stories. “Literally sit in a dark room and think about life and everything that’s happening around me,” he said. “Fantasy are great, but I like concentrating on the real things that happen, because displaying the real tends to gain a better reaction out of people.”

The play features plenty of old and new faces, all of whom said they are excited to display their talents for the campus.

Michael Smith, a freshman from Flossmoor studying political science, worked with Sumrall before in the previous Domino Effect production and traveled with him when the play went to Illinois State.

“This has honestly been an overwhelming experience,” Smith said. “I’m learning a few things about myself with acting. My character is a horrible person, and I’m learning how to be him. This just goes to show that you can learn outside of the classroom when you’re in college.”

Aaron Adams, a senior from Bloomington studying advertising, plays one character and is also an assistant director of the play. He said having the title of assistant director means a lot to him.

“The joy of having this title is that you get to see your work manifest,” Adams said. “I would agree that being in this play is overwhelming, because the roles that we play require you to be very in touch with your emotions. However, it always comes out perfect in the end.”

Adams did not help write the play, but said he helped with script revisions and handpicked some of the characters.

“When a person comes to audition for us, we look at how well a person executes his or her dedication to the character,” he said.

LaTaiya Duncan, a sophomore from Bloomington studying biological science, said participating in the play gave her new opportunities.

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SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — It was Apple versus Samsung but Google loomed large during closing arguments at the monthlong federal trial involving claims of patent infringement exchanged by the world’s two largest smartphone makers.

A lawyer for Apple accused Samsung of “slavishly” copying key features of its iPhone and iPad products and demanded $2.2 billion in damages.

An attorney for Samsung denied the allegations and argued that its Google-developed software differs from Apple’s operating system.

In his closing argument, lawyer William Price referred to an email from Apple founder Steve Jobs indicating that he had ordered employees to wage a “holy war” against Google and its Android system, believing it was a rip-off of Apple’s operating system.

Price said that was the sole reason Apple filed the lawsuit against Samsung.

“We don’t think we owe Apple a nickel,” added John Quinn, one of four Samsung lawyers involved in the company’s closing argument.

Quinn also said Apple wants to monopolize the industry.

“They want to attack Google and Android by attacking the most successful Android maker,” he said.

Apple lawyer Harold McElhinny told jurors that Samsung’s “illegal strategy has been wildly successful” and insisted that Google had nothing to do with the case.

“Despite all the times Samsung mentioned it, you will not find a single question about Google in your jury form,” McElhinny said. “Google is not a defendant in this case.”

Google spokesman Matt Kallman declined comment on the proceedings.

The four men and four women on the jury began deliberating Tuesday but did not reach a verdict.

They will resume Wednesday.

The case marks the latest legal fight between Samsung and Apple as each tries to dominate the $330 billion annual market for smartphones.

Samsung has captured about 31 percent of the smartphone market while Apple retains a 15 percent share.

A different jury in San Jose presiding over a previous trial regarding older technology ordered Samsung to pay Apple $930 million. Samsung has appealed that ruling.

Google may not be a defendant in the current trial, but evidence introduced by Apple attorneys showed the Internet search giant has agreed to reimburse Samsung if the South Korean company is ordered to pay damages on two of the five patents at issue.

In addition, Samsung lawyers called three Google engineers to the witness stand to testify.

The trial involves five Apple patents that the company accuses Samsung of using to create nine newer smartphones and a tablet. The features in question include slide-to-lock, universal searching, quick linking, background syncing and automatic word correction.

Samsung, meanwhile, has alleged that Apple infringed two of its patents related to camera use and video transmission. Samsung is seeking $6.2 million in damages.

Jobs, who died in 2011, is a Silicon Valley legend revered for launching Apple in his family’s garage in 1976. The Cupertino headquarters of the tech giant is a 15-mile (25-kilometer) drive from the San Jose federal courthouse where the patent case is playing.

Prospective jurors were closely questioned before the trial about connections and views about Apple, which employs about 80,000 workers worldwide.

Associated Press
Tuesday at Turley

Waylon Ticer, 3, of De Soto, plays on the monkey bars Tuesday at Turley Park in Carbondale. Tiffany Ticer, Waylon’s mother, said she brought him and his sister Madison, 2, out to the park to play and have a family cookout while the weather was decent. According to the National Weather Service, no rain is expected to approach the Carbondale area for the rest of the week.
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**Staff Column**

**Living the retail life**

**SARAH NIEBRUGGE**

Daily Egyptian

If you work in retail like me and many other adult young adults trying to get enough money to make their way through school, then you know the struggles of dealing with demanding customers.

Now don’t get me wrong, I love my job. As a cashier at a chain retail shop, I get to interact with people all day. Customers have the potential to be super sweet and my co-workers are fantastic, but they can also be pretty harsh if they are mistaken about a price or cannot find what they want. Some days putting on a smile and cheerily telling shoppers to “have a nice day” can become an exhausting routine.

Especially on those days where your first customer insists the machine is wrong and a customer insists the machine is wrong and a customer insists the machine is wrong and a customer insists the machine is wrong, we are encouraged to give them what we want for great customer service. But when customers begin to be rude about it, that’s when the day starts to go downhill.

Anyone working in retail has heard the line, “That’s our price tag, so it’s free right?” followed by a little chuckle or “Oh I think I got 100 percent off in the mail!”

I understand they are trying to be funny, but letting them know once a day makes her joke lose its humor very quickly and makes your day drag on much longer.

Then you have those customers who think it is their right to treat you like an emotionless robot. I have had some pretty rough days handling situations with not-so-understanding customers. One day in particular, another worker and I had a bag filled with clothes tossed back at us from a lady who decided that she was right and we were wrong. She refused to think that an item had wrongly been placed on a rack and did not match up with the corresponding sign. Instead of letting us check out the problem or listening to our manager, she decided not to buy any of her pile and threw what was bagged up right back to us.

That’s just a normal day. Black Friday might well be a caine word for retail workers. It is the most dreaded day of the year.

Not that it is always bad. Sometimes it is nice to learn about people in your community, especially when the area is fairly small like mine. Every once in a while you have a customer come through your line who brightens your day and helps you to remember that it isn’t necessary to be rude, to get the cashiers to help you out to their best ability.

If anything is to take out of this, it is to treat retail workers with respect. We are humans with feelings just like you. If you are nice to us, we will take the time and effort to make sure your shopping trip is easy and enjoyable.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

An open letter to the SIU community

Climate change is real and it is here. Rising sea and temperatures are fueling more powerful and destructive storms. Unpredictable precipitation patterns are making it more difficult to provide food for growing populations. Ecosystems and ways of life are being threatened as the planet attempts to adapt to ever-increasing quantities of greenhouse gases. This damage is being inflicted now and reduces the chances of fossil fuel being the main fuel of the future.

This is the future facing students everywhere. Climate change is defining our problems of the future. We, the SIU community, have an opportunity to be exemplary stewards of our future and not just give in to our need to feel safe here and now.

One of the commitments that should be guiding our decisions as a university is not to turn a blind eye to the climate crisis occurring right in front of us. Fossil fuel companies are a reason this crisis continues.

We are writing this letter in an effort to bring forward some ideas of a possible action that we as students can take. As a university with an incredible opportunity to be an exemplary research institution willing and able to act on the climate crisis, it is important to prove our resilience, ingenuity and collective action is not in vain.

We would like to address a few key points of concern:

1. Remove investments including direct ownership and commingled funds that include fossil fuel from our money in verifiable, public fashion.

2. Merge the climate crisis requires fossil fuel investments to be divested. The climate crisis is defined as a ‘carbon bubble.’

3. These investments become worthless. The time to act is now. As students pursuing an education, we are investing in our future. As climate change accelerates, our hopes and dreams of a future are swept away. We choose SIU as the place to brighten our future by fostering our growth and education. Now, we call on our university to truly invest in our future and not our demise, by recognizing the very future we are striving for is threatened by climate change.

We ask students to do it. Please, we urge all students, staff, faculty, administration, alumni and community to stand with us in this important effort in divest from fossil fuels and sign up at campaigns.gofossilfree.org/petitions/southern illinois university-carbondale. We invite you to support us or work with us directly. You can learn about upcoming events and developments by liking our Facebook page, DIVEST SIUE, at facebook.com/SIUCCFossilFree. You can also contact us at suineese@gmail.com for updates and information.

Sincerely,

SIU S.E.N.S.E. Students Embracing Nature, Sustainability and Environmentalism

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Elephant: ‘Sky Swimming’

The melodies rise, paced and strong yet delicate, in a finely crafted tone. An echoing mezzo-soprano joins in. When the vocals and instrumentation drift together, the music plays out with synthesizer, which create a haunting yet beautiful movement.

This sound belongs to English pop duo Elephant’s debut album, “Sky Swimming,” released April 29. The group creates a specific atmosphere in each song, rooting the music in a pop style. Listeners can expect catchy hooks.

Indeed, several of these hooks are noteworthy. If the first song, “Assembly,” isn’t alluring enough, the album’s second song, “Skyscraper,” boasts a light and fun sound that is certain to raise some interest.

To say Elephant produces only a pop sound would be false. The band manages to produce a dream-like quality through every melody — the overall sound aspires to be like the band Beach House while treading lyrically similar to a band like Daughter.

While maybe not as rounded as either of those bands, Elephant’s effort seems, to some degree, influenced by them. And if not, they still rise to the

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Reviews: Elephant’s ‘Swim’
same musicianship through a ghostly, pop-oriented sound.

“Sky Swimming” shines in the direction more pop music should aspire to. With plenty of energy and clever melodies, “Swimming” manages to virtually reimagine the pop song format and what it means to be striking without being overdone.

The String Cheese Incident: ‘A Song in My Head’

Musicians who mingle progressive bluegrass with the boldness of a jam-band sound are few and far between. Many bands attempt, and do so poorly, or simply never get the project off the ground.

However, The String Cheese Incident is marking 20 years of success with this mixture. The band’s latest project, “A Song in My Head,” was released April 29.

The album features reworked or reimagined prominent hits from past albums, highlighting their success with string instruments. The band not only makes use of classical instrumentation like the piano and violin, but also puts heavy focus on slide guitars and lap guitars as well as the mandolin. The String Cheese Incident presents its traditional instruments the sound unique. It’s not simply average bluegrass that ends as quickly as it begins.

The band makes an honest effort in revitalizing the “jam” aspect of music by lengthening songs with dedicated and controlled performances. Every ounce of soul is summoned in each song. Although there are no new entries on the album, the compilation of new renditions will wholly satisfy listeners.

As old as they are, the songs play like new. With their age came wisdom, summoned uniquely through “A Song in My Head.”

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Donald Sterling banned for life by the NBA

Associated Press

NEW YORK — NBA Commissioner Adam Silver delivered the swift, strongest penalty he could, then called on NBA owners to force Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling to sell the team for making racist comments that hurt the league.

Almost unanimously, owners supported the commissioner Tuesday, as he handed down one of the harshest penalties in the history of U.S. sports.

“We stand together in condemning Mr. Sterling’s views. They simply have no place in the NBA,” Silver said at a news conference.

Sterling, 80, is banned for life from any association with the league or the Clippers, and fined $2.5 million — the maximum allowable under the NBA constitution. If three-fourths of the other 29 owners agree to Silver’s recommendation, Sterling will be forced to sell the team he has owned since 1981.

Messages left seeking comment at Sterling’s business office and with the Clippers on Tuesday weren’t immediately returned.

Players and others cheered Silver’s quick action, with union officials saying that if the league’s punishment hadn’t included a mandate for Sterling to sell the team, players were considering boycotting playoff games, including Tuesday’s Golden State Warriors-Clippers matchup, the team’s first home game since the scandal erupted.

“We wanted to be a part of this decision, and we wanted Adam Silver to know where we stood. And we were very clear that anything other than Sterling selling his team was not going to be enough for us,” said Roger Mason Jr., the first vice president of the players’ union.

Sterling’s comments — which were recorded by his girlfriend and released by TMZ on Saturday — harmed the league, Silver said. Sponsors were threatening to abandon the NBA, and criticism was coming from fans on social media and even the White House.

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“I don’t think it bothers me at all,” Stiviano said.

“We’re losing Caleb (Harms), who is a pretty big loss, but I think if guys work hard in the offseason, and I think they will, we can make an impact next season,” said Roger Mason Jr., the first vice president of the players’ union.

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Two dominant Salukis have jumped into SIU record books.

First year college athlete Kyle Landon, and Kenya Culmer, who is in her last season, have led the track and field jumpers this season.

Culmer imprinted her name in the SIU record books and has progressed every season during her four years as an SIU athlete.

The former shy girl flew thousands of miles from where she grew up in the Bahamas to become one of the most dominant athletes on the track and field team.

During her first year, Culmer barely spoke to any of her teammates and was even shy to compete. Jumping coach Andre Scott was the only person Culmer would talk to.

Scott said Culmer has developed into a great athlete and it has been great to watch her grow.

“If I had a daughter it would probably be her,” Scott said. “That’s what I want my daughter to be like. She is pretty much everything I would want in a student-athlete.”

Culmer has broken the SIU high jump record three times and has made every bit of her final year count. She even broke her own SIU all-time record in the indoor high jump last season after clearing 5 feet.

This year, the senior has finished in first place eight times and even pushed her career-best record to 6 feet (1.83m) during the last day of the Missouri Valley Conference Indoor Championships March 2.

Culmer qualified for the NCAA championships and finished in 16th place. Last year she collected four MVC Honors and broke several records.

“Athletes like her are hard to replace,” Scott said. “I’m not going to go out and easily find someone who can jump 6 feet and also have that attitude to go above and beyond what you ask them to do.”

Culmer said SIU has become a place that she can call home.

“It’s crazy to know how nervous I was when I first got here and how bad I wanted to go home after I spent days crying,” she said. “Now I don’t even want to go back to the Bahamas. I will eventually, but just not anytime soon.”

Culmer is not alone in bringing dominance to the jumpers’ team; freshman Kyle Landon has made his name known in his first season as a Saluki.

The two swept the MVC Indoor Championships together, which was the first indoor Saluki high jump sweep since 2002.

“You don’t have to go somewhere big to do anything great,” Landon said. “SIU is a big enough college for me and I like it here.”

He said his first year has been moderately comfortable, but his workouts have been completely different than he expected.

Since high school, Landon has had a huge support system throughout southern Illinois. He played basketball, ran cross-country and participated in three jumps at Chester High School, where he collected seven state championships.

The freshman has made a huge impact on the SIU jumpers’ team and has continuously pushed himself to reach the top.

As a first year college athlete, Landon walked away with nine victories out of the 11 meets he competed in.

“By the time I leave here I want to qualify for the Olympics and I want to be a 7-7 7/8 feet, 7 inch) jumper,” he said.

The freshman posted the best mark at SIU in nine years after clearing 6 feet (1.83m) at the Saluki Open. A week later, Landon secured his spot in the SIU indoor record books after leaping 7 feet. Before the Kansas Relays, Landon said his goal was to be 7 feet in the high jump. This past weekend he cleared 7 feet (2.13m) to mark his personal best record.

Scott said Landon is an athlete who always does what he is asked and is willing to do whatever it takes to get better. He is also Scott’s first SIU male jumper to maintain a 4.0 grade point average.

“It’s hard to find kids like him now who have the work ethic and is generally good,” Scott said. “ Academically he is a solid kid. He’s probably better academically than he is athletically so he is going to go a long way in life with the qualities that he has.”

Jumpers create a dominant dynamic duo

Freshman jumper Kyle Landon practices the high jump Monday at the Lew Hartzog Track and Field Complex. Landon took second place with a jump of 2.17 meters during the weekend at Arkansas State Universities Red Wolf Open in Jonesboro, Ark.
NBA commissioner Adam Silver recently placed a ban for life on Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling from the NBA for racist statements he made on a taped phone call. Silver will also urge the owners to vote to take the Clippers away from Sterling. Do you think this a fair ruling?

Silver made the right decision. I anticipated the fine, but did not expect the lifetime ban for Sterling. When looking at the big picture, $2.5 million is not that much money. It could and should have been more. The NBA is a minority driven league and does not have any room for owners like Sterling. With a commissioner like Silver, the NBA has a bright future as do the Clippers without Sterling at the helm. - Tyler Dixon

It’s not fair at all. The higher class a person is socially, the more careful he should be. He made terrible comments in private without any intention of others hearing them. He owns the Clippers. It’d be like Silver taking away his car or house. It just isn’t right. It’s great to see players protesting and people encouraging him to leave, but that’s a choice he has to make. He didn’t break any laws. - Aaron Graff

I think the ruling is more than fair. There is no room in this world for racism or bigotry. Sterling has no place in sports anywhere if this is what he thinks of his employees, who are mostly made up of minorities. I applaud Adam Silver for the way he handled this issue, which has been the first scandal of his stint as commissioner. This sends a message to not just the owners, but also the players and coaches of the NBA, that racism will absolutely not be tolerated - Tony McDaniel

Just as a celebrity, Sterling has to watch what he says. The NBA had no other choice but to let him go. Let alone, new commissioner Adam Silver had something to prove. Sterling is an 80-year-old man with more than 30 years of ownership experience. He’s old enough to know his words would cause harsh repercussions and is smart enough to know that he has to watch what he says, no matter where he is or who he’s with. - Symone Woolridge