He just can’t wait to be Kong

Library project delayed
Opening of three floors pushed back a month to middle of February 2008

Brandy Oxford Daily Egyptian

Students looking forward to spending next semester studying in Morris Library’s newly renovated third-, fourth- and fifth floors will have to wait until mid-February to use the new facilities.

Dean of Library Affairs David Carlson said those floors, which were slated to be open to students at the start of spring semester, would not open until the middle of February 2008.

Carlson said the floors would not be available to staff until around Nov. 29. Carlson estimated he would be moving staff into the building around mid-January, when he had originally planned to start allowing students to use the floors.

He said the postponement was related to delays in the installation of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system.

“It sounds like, ‘Oh, so what, so people won’t be cool or warm,’ but it’s actually much more important than that,” Carlson said.

In a new building, the HVAC system should be turned on and functioning for several weeks before finished materials, like ceiling tiles and books, are moved in, he said.

USG backs Poshard
USG president: resolution does not support plagiarism

Allison Petty Daily Egyptian

The Undergraduate Student Government unanimously passed a resolution Wednesday supporting SIU President Glenn Poshard in light of recent plagiarism allegations.

The resolution stated the USG stands behind Poshard as well as his service to the university, but does not condone plagiarism.

Dylan Burns, a senator representing the College of Liberal Arts, said he introduced the resolution because he thinks support for Poshard is prevalent among students and the community.

“I think the majority of the students and the majority of the faculty and the majority of the region of southern Illinois still back him, even though it seems like in the Daily Egyptian or in other news sources — it seems like from a media standpoint that there isn’t support for him,” Burns said.

The accusations, which concern Poshard’s 1984 doctoral dissertation and 1975 master’s thesis, may have been blown out of proportion, said Ken Suzuki, a student senator representing the College of Liberal Arts.

Suzuki said he voted to pass the resolution because he thought Poshard’s case was being sensationalized for political reasons.

“I do not put the complete blame of this on President Poshard himself, but I look at the media and the academy for letting this one slip and letting it last this long,” Suzuki said.

“I also highly question the motives of those out there who would like to bring this up now.”

USG President Demetrous White said he would sign the resolution.

“What students need to understand is that we are not backing plagiarism by any means and if Dr. Poshard plagiarized, he should be held accountable. But until that’s found, we stand behind him. He’s done a great job as president and we support him,” White said.

The resolution also states that if the accusations of plagiarism are found to be truthful, Poshard “should be treated as other violators are treated.”

Burns said this means the senate would not support Poshard’s resignation, though appropriate punitive actions should be taken if the allegations are found to be true. Those might include stripping Poshard of his doctorate, Burns said.

Poshard has said he would not have become president of SIU without his doctoral degree in higher education.

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It may seem the Campus Shopping Center on the 200 block of West Freeman Street is getting a bit redundant. PackLite Outdoor Gear recently opened its doors in the space Rosetta Stone Bookstore once occupied. Located a few feet away from Shawnee Trails Wilderness Outfitters, which has been in business for more than 20 years, the PackLite sells some of the same gear — backpacks and camping packs — as Shawnee Trails.

Despite the perceived similarities, the respective business owners maintain their stores are vastly different. Taffie Helleny, the owner of the Campus Shopping Center, said he has made sure the properties in his strip have not overlapped through the years.

“It’s been a policy of the Campus Shopping Center to not rent or lease spaces to competing businesses,” Helleny said.

PackLite, owned by Butch and Hway Young Dunn, is a wholesale distributor of custom made traveling packs. The Dunns, originally from Seattle, have stores in their home-town and in Portland, Ore.

After finding the new storefront in the Campus Shopping Center, the Dunns were told by Helleny they had to talk to Rick Reeve, owner of Shawnee Trails, before they could sign a lease.

“The landlord came and talked to me and told me, ‘Don’t piss him off because he’s been here for 20 years,’ so I went over and talked to him,” Dunn said.

Reeve, whose store has sold sporting goods and camping equipment since 1979, said he and the Dunns were able to reach an agreement about what kind of merchandise each store would sell.

“I was kind of worried that they’d come in and sell the same kind of stuff as their old place,” Reeve said. Instead, Reeve and Dunn hope to work together to bring business to the Campus Shopping Center. Reeve said he has already referred customers of his to PackLite if they needed alterations or repairs to their equipment.

“Usually, I would have been against competing businesses in the building,” Reeve said. “But I think we can benefit from them and they can benefit from us.”

Before moving to the Campus Shopping Center, PackLite sold various sporting goods and camping equipment. The first Carbondale store opened in 1999 on U.S. Highway 51 and enjoyed some success. The Dunns then decided to move the store to Route 13 near Reed Station Road, after Butch Dunn designed and built a new storefront. After enjoying limited success, PackLite closed its doors, and the Dunns decided to sell their merchandise primarily online.

Hway Young Dunn said the reason the business closed originally was because it had expanded too much.

“I like to keep it small,” Dunn said. “I used to have three employees, but they made a lot of mistakes, and I couldn’t work because I had to fix their mistakes.”

PackLite’s crew now consists only of the Dunns and Hway Young’s mother, an immigrant from Korea.

Since reopening the store, the Dunns said they are focusing on selling their custom made backpacks to walk-in and online customers.

“We’re just kind of liquidating the inventory from the old store,” Dunn said. “I’m not buying any new things to sell besides the packs.”

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Competing businesses find harmony

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Workers sew up 120-pound bags of coffee near Yirgacheffe, a legendary coffee growing community in south-central Ethiopia. The coffee is distributed around the world.

DA won't challenge "Jena 6" case appeal

Tom Kundratic, the Associated Press

However, the Justice Department decided not to appeal the case for the former 1st Ward alderman's conviction.

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German engineers are sifting through a bank of equipment, hoping to get a clue about the value of the 36-foot-long dragnet for fugitives that was found at a site in northwestern Germany. The dragnet is a key piece of the investigation into a string of mailbox bombings that have targeted politicians and journalists in recent years.

German police say the dragnet contains two bombs, one of which has already been defused. The second bomb was found in a suitcase left near the site.

Meanwhile, police in western Germany are investigating a suspicious package found on a train in the city of Bonn.

The package was discovered on a train that was stopped at a station in Bonn, a city with a large Muslim population.

Police have not ruled out the possibility of a terrorist attack.

In recent weeks, there have been several incidents involving suspicious packages in Germany, including a bomb found in a plastic bag in a shopping mall in Munich.

Meanwhile, the German government is considering tightening laws to criminalize membership in extremist organizations.

The move comes after a series of terrorist attacks in Europe, including the Madrid bombings in March and the London tube bombings in July.

The government has also announced plans to increase security measures at airports and borders.

Meanwhile, the United Nations has called for a global effort to combat terrorism, with a focus on preventing the spread of extremist ideas online.

Doctors and scientists are working to develop new treatments for cancer, with the goal of improving survival rates and quality of life for patients. However, many people are still diagnosed with advanced stages of the disease and treatment options are limited.

The cancer drug could potentially be used in combination with other therapies to improve outcomes for patients.

The drug has been shown to be effective in small-scale studies, but larger trials are needed to confirm its effectiveness and safety.

Scientists are also exploring the potential for the drug to be used in combination with other agents that target different aspects of the disease.

The drug's mechanism of action is not fully understood, but it may work by inhibiting cell growth or inducing cell death.

Researchers are hopeful that the drug could provide a new option for patients with advanced-stage cancer, particularly in cases where other treatments have failed.

However, more research is needed to determine the drug's optimal use and patient selection criteria.

Doctors and patients are urged to discuss the drug's potential benefits and risks with their healthcare providers before making a decision on treatment.

The drug is currently in clinical trials, and results are expected to be available in the coming months.

Scientists are optimistic about the potential of the drug, but caution is needed in interpreting early data and understanding its role in the treatment of cancer.
Otherwise they start taking on bad qualities like mold and mildew and dust and that stuff,” Carlson said. “The place sort of needs to be cleaned out and cleaned up.”

Andrew Jaworowski, a junior from Chicago studying history, said he was OK with the wait. “They’re just trying to take their time and do things right the first time rather than having to go back and go, ‘Now we have to take it all down again,’” Jaworowski said.

Carlson said he did not think this delay would affect the rest of construction. The completion of the sixth and seventh floors could be put on hold, however, if the state of Illinois does not pass a capital construction bill to pay for the end of the project.

The Illinois Senate approved the Capital Construction Plan last week but the bill still awaits approval by the Illinois House and the governor. The legislation would allow $21.8 million to be directed toward completion of the library, said Dave Gross, executive assistant for government relations at SIU. He said library administrators have estimated $16 million would be needed to complete the sixth and seventh floors and provide some equipment.

Gross said he hoped the entire $21.8 million would not be necessary, but he said the cost of the project has fluctuated in the past. “If we don’t get the money to complete the project from the state, it will have to come from the university. That’s why President Poshard has been in Springfield so much lately,” Gross said.

Amanda Anderson, a sophomore from Belleville studying marketing, said she avoids going to the library while it is under construction but orders books from the library’s Web site and picks them up. “I feel like, being at college, you should have pretty easy access to a library,” Anderson said. “That’s a big deal. I know it’s going to be better in the long run, but for us now, it sucks because we’re not going to have a library.”

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Go wash your hands (again)

The United States has just concluded National Clean Hands Week, brought to you by the Soap and Detergent Association. Let’s see those fingerprints. Just as we suspected: They need a good scrub.

The soapmakers and their partners, the American Society for Microbiology, would like to remind us to wash our hands before and after meals or snacks, before and after preparing food, before changing a diaper or wiping a runny nose, after using the restroom, after petting the dog, after touching a public surface or wherever or whoever you or someone around you is or is breathing. Right now, in other words. Yes, we know you washed at the end of the first paragraph, but it’s time to do it again.

A national obsession with germs is evident everywhere. There are free wet-wipes at the grocery store so you can clean the previous shopper’s sticky paws. There are free wet-wipes at Starbucks, the bowl of mints at the check-out register, the remote control in your hotel room? Scariest of all, though, are your own two hands. You know where they’ve been. Now go wash them.

This editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Sunday.

Mother Nature cannot stand alone

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"Nice car. How’s your gas mileage?"

If you’ve been around someone with a new car recently, you’ve probably heard this phrase or even said it yourself.

And with gas prices hovering near $3, it’s nice to know how many arms and legs you’re going to need to give up this year to fuel your sweet ride.

But miles per gallon ratings aren’t really meant to help you keep your pocketbook fat.

Ratings are issued by the EPA. And in case anyone needs a friendly reminder, I’ll tell you what that acronym stands for—Environmental Protection Agency.

The EPA is implementing a new system to determine the estimated mpg to expect from a car, improving accuracy and taking into account today’s new technology — namely, hybrid vehicles.

Hybrid cars take advantage of friction from a car’s brakes, making the cars more fuel-efficient. Less fuel burnt means less money in the tank and lessucky going into the air we breathe.

But people are scared to buy hybrids because they are rare and fixing them can be expensive and timely. It’s going to take more than a few brave souls to get the ball rolling on the next phase in the fight for the environment.

According to a Time article in the Oct. 1 edition, satellite images of the North Pole show the Arctic ice cap is at least 25 percent smaller than it was 30 years ago. And the more the ice melts, the faster it melts. The lack of ice in the North Pole has spurred a rush between the House and Senate sort out the inconsistencies that exist between their separate energy bills.

The Senate wants to increase fuel efficiency from 25 mpg to 35 mpg by 2020 but the House has yet to jump in the Senate’s hybrid vehicle. The House instead is stressing the need for at least 15 percent of electricity for utilities to be produced from renewable energy sources, also by 2020.

Together, both energy bills have the potential to do great things for the environment. To quote Honest Abe, “A house divided against itself cannot stand.” In the fight for our environment, we’re all on the same team.

The government has taken a few baby steps toward encouraging the purchase of hybrids, including a tax credit of up to $3,400 for qualified hybrids purchased after Dec. 31, 2005. Some state programs offer discounts to hybrid purchasers on insurance or the vehicle itself.

And when it all comes down to it, the environment losing means we lose.

These little sparks of hope show some people care. But these sparks won’t ignite until everyone cares.

Lohman is a junior studying journalism.

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Words Overheard

“We’re going to do the job no matter how long it takes.”

Peggy Stockdale
Senior vice president
on the committee’s task to recommend action for the plagiarism allegations against SIU President Glenn Poshard
What’s in a name?
Alícia Chavira-Prado

As a Latina visiting this semester, I was introduced to a new word at SIUC that combines Latin American and English. It’s called Chicano. It has something in common with the term Hispanic in this month’s celebration of a cultural heritage.

Trends both miss identify the largest minority and its history in the United States.
The Spanish Europeans (or Iberians, as they were called) conquered the native peoples of, and introduced black African slaves to, what is now Latin America. A hybrid resulted called mestizaje, which separated us from the white or cíclon Hispanic.

In the United States, “Hispanic” is an unwieldy term. Adapted by the government in the 1960s to enumerate Spanish-surnamed people, it is not understood by our culture, thus denying our indigenous roots. It lumps together Latinos with non-Latinos, and incorrectly attributes to people from Spain or to Latin Americans, the minority experiences that in fact, in the U.S. are borne uniquely by Latinos. Latinos are citizens and permanent residents of the United States. And, according to 1984 or immigrants or descendants of immigrants from Latin America and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean. The most diverse group in the US, we also vary in degrees of acculturation and assimilation.

We are multicultural and bilingual, or speak Spanish only, English only, or Spanglish. We are predominantly brown but include all colors; poor but include all socio-economic levels, Catholic but increasingly affiliate with other religions; and Democrat but not a significant number of Republicans.

Most Latino history in the U.S. through an academic career is made broken in a little less than the amount of time it takes to watch “Gandhi.” That is a little far-reaching for me. To think that my entire lifetime of learning is scored by one exam that did not take very long to finish is bizarre.

At any rate, I don’t think that schools will change this aspect of their judgment very soon. So, give me a two-liter of Pepsi, a carton of ice-cream, your test prep guide and, of course, your checkbook.

Lindsay is a senior studying journalism.

Guest Column

ENTRY EXAMS ARE OVERRATED

If you are a senior with an extra $140 on your hands, I would consider canceling that party. With grad school just around the corner for some of us, the next step forward is probably to take the GRE.
The idea of an standardized test gives some the heebie-jeebies. After all, one exam lasting around two and a half hours will determine if you make the cut for grad school funds or have to scramble for a loan.
Just one exam. That one exam is supposed to tap into all the knowledge that you have gained over a lifetime.

So, does it? That is up for debate. After all, your knowledge is much different than anyone else’s. So, unless that exam is written for you, it probably won’t examine your ability. It will simply examine yours in comparison with a base-line of accepted, that is what you need-to-know information.

One of my big complaints about standardized exams is the cost. For a college student, taking an exam like the GRE, or other exams to enter master’s programs, is expensive — especially when many of us live below the poverty line. Now, many take extra exams more than once to try to get a better score.

This requires reaching into the piggy bank again to exchange the savings account for the exam.

Another problem with these exams is that people tend to take them over and over again. This may be necessary due to such a big problem on the surface. After all, if you get an unsatisfactory score, it is your chance to at least test again and try to get a better one.

If the master’s program that you are wanting to get in requires a better score than the one you received, you are likely to do so again for a better score. However, with so many taking the exam again, the results are skewed.

An average score is no longer acceptable — you must retake. Therefore, there is no longer such a thing as “this was the best I could do.” You can do better if you take it again.

Now, after taking the exam once already, you have helpful hints and understand the structure of the exam. It puts you at an advantage over the first-time test takers. This may mean that a better student that took the exam once gets placed lower than an average student that took the exam many times.

It is a problem? Does persistence count when you are going to grad school? Some would argue it does; however, that is not what the exam was scoring or what the grad program set out to analyze.

My final complaint with standardized exams is that they are the standard for any aid that you get from the school. Generally, the program looks at everything else you have done but bases a substantial amount on an exam that probably took less than three hours to complete. Therefore, your academic career is made or broken in a little less than the amount of time it takes to watch “Gandhi.” That is a little far-reaching for me. To think that my entire lifetime of learning is scored by one exam that did not take very long to finish is bizarre.

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Dear Editor: Why on earth is a failed attempt at a protest being front-page news when the tone of the article was to highlight its failed attempt? This article celebrated the “well organized” activists and how there were up in all the donor’s.

Woe, what a success. Simple math says 120 protestors equals to less than 0.6 percent of the student population, and that is assuming all 120 were “protesters.” We didn’t use our precious natural resource of paper be better used on an issue of some substance? The attendance combined from two of walkouts have failed to draw what Pinchy can draw in one night. Maybe the DEF needs to focus on something else. How about the number of patrons from Pinchy that drank too much on Saturday? I am sure that number is even higher than 0.6 percent of the student population. This article is just one more example of petty liberal media bias.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR
More than kings and queens

Chess is one of the reasons Dave Gilchrist's children have been successful in school without any after-school classes. Gilchrist said Josh and 9-year-old brother Justin have earned grade-point averages of 97 percent in grades seven and six, respectively. Eight-year-old Kusuke Nagai, who just moved to southern Illinois from San Francisco last fall, was a national champion in December 2005. He also finished first out of 43 competitors in a U.S. Chess Federation tournament at Longbranch Booksellers in Carbondale. 

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Bobby Fischer may have disappeared from the chess radar, but 8-year-old Ian Gilchrist is ready to take his place.

The social뿐만이 publicity is six weeks to achieve his goal of becoming a chess master. His next major challenge will be the North-American Youth Chess Tournament Championships in Mexico during the first weekend of October. If he wins, the U.S. Chess Federation will pay Ian's expenses to represent the United States in the 2009 Pan-Am Youth Tournament.

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The world of entertainment is bursting with new, old and anticipated events. Jay-Z, Lopez Fiasco and Alicia Keys are among an interesting lineup of end-of-the-year CD releases. Beyonce is rocking a new hair color, and trends from fashion week are starting to hit the streets. But the SIUC campus is buzzing as well.

With all this and more going on this week, Fashionably Late takes its cue from fellow columnist, Andy Fruth. I’ll briefly touch on a few things that have been dancing on my nerves lately.

SIUC as a party school

Monday’s DAILY EGYPTIAN art, comparing SIU Recreation Center hours to normal state schools’ recreation center hours, showed that we have less open hours. Big deal, we may be fatter, but that probably has more to do with beer bongs and house parties. What should have been drawn up is a companion to any other university and our library hours. While I am aware and notice that Morris is being renovated, I also am aware that even before renovations started, the library closed early and opened late on the weekends. SIUC hasn’t been a party school since 2004.

The hours aren’t totally to blame, but I can see how one might want to go to the library and get an early start on some work, only to be turned away by locked doors, and maybe end up at some party even though they only planned on going out Saturday.

Fashion Matters

Also in Monday’s paper, I noticed the first place and best-in-show winners of the Emerging Young Designers Competition were nowhere to be found. Students of fashion design are well aware of the many ideals people have about fashion. It’s either boring, for women, doesn’t work hard, or even seems fun, but not a “real” major.

Well, some of that is right depending on whom you ask and some is just incorrect, no matter what. While I’m sure Ultimate Frisbee is very entertaining, fashion design is a multi-billion dollar industry that does more than entertain. Everyone who has ever worn a suit to an interview cannot only attest to this but has been touched by fashion.

Enrollment Issues

People have come from as far as Australia and Korea and as close as Chicago to major in fashion design or take a fashion class at SIUC. It’s just plain sad that even though SIUC is battling enrollment issues, no one connects more of the dots.

Fashion design and merchandising, like most of the programs in the College of Applied Sciences and Art, does a good job of attracting students, but if it weren’t for subzero temperatures and ceilings that leak directly on work tables in the labs, it could do a much better job at retaining as well as attracting more students. Even with all that said, I believed Saluki fans mostly proud.

How many places can you double-major in a nationally recognized journalism program and a small but enviable fashion design program? SIUC may be less of a party school, but it remains a place to build a foundation for dreams and goals to be realized.

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Alicia Wade

Gee, now that Hilton is going to Rwanda I bet all the wrongs of the world have been righted. HeyParis, how about you give some of your millions of inheritance to causes instead of pretending to be a crusader? Your Gucci bag alone could feed a large village.

Jakina Hill

I’m sure we will hear about a baby she took as a souvenir next week because she thought that was the newest trend.

Eugene Clark

I am urgently waiting for some proposed plan to at least some idea of what exactly Hilton plans on doing in Rwanda. Is she going to help build houses, give away some of her money or take the trip as another excuse to vacation from her stressful life of doing nothing?

Audra Ord

The only kind of attention Paris can bring is negative attention — my heart goes out the people in Rwanda she claims to be helping. They’ll probably be worse off with her presence. But at least it gets her out of our country for a while.
and really a chance for you to get out in front of people," Lowery said. "The adrenaline of hosting fans see you play, even if it’s just a scrimmage and not something you take very seriously."

Gazlo, who marketed similar events at Xavier University, said he hopes to see 9,000 screaming Saluki fans greet the team at the event. He said the Xavier events traditionally netted 4,000 to 5,000 fans.

"The fact that the event is televised nationally, Lowery said, should provide great exposure for the program and its fans. "Any chance you get to be on TV is obviously a plus," Lowery said. "It doesn’t mean anything to our players because most of them have been on TV quite a bit in their careers. It’s just a chance for our new guys to get a chance to be in front of cameras, and hopefully it’s more of a fan friendly event for our fans than it is an event for our players."

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Although the Sycamores gained just 59 yards through the air and converted two of 11 on third down, they did commit any turnovers for the first time all season.

Indiana State’s defense has allowed an average of 478.5 yards per game this season, and its two leading tacklers are sophomore linebackers Josh Jones, with 31 tackles, and redshirt freshman linebacker Dennis Middlebrooks, who has 30 tackles and one forced fumble.

Of 11 listed defensive starters, seven Sycamores are sophomores or freshmen.

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Men’s Basketball

Madness at the Arena

 Sean McGahan Daily Egyptian

Ball boys and coaches won’t be the only ones watching as the SIU men’s basketball team, suit up for its first practice of the season.

One of the ESPN networks is slated to air the Salukis first official practice — dubbed “Maroon Madness” as a take-off on the traditional Midnight Madness events to mark the first practice of the college basketball season — on Oct. 12 at the SIU Arena and will be free to fans.

The team hosted similar events in the 1990s under then-head coach Bruce Weber called “Almost Late Night,” and has recently hosted “Afternoon Madness” under head coach Chris Lowery.

Lowery said this year’s event would be more encompassing of the height Saluki basketball has reached in recent years.

“It will be different because in the past we’ve really downplayed it and haven’t had a chance to really market it the way it should be,” Lowery said.

“Now we are, and it’s going to be a true Midnight Madness.”

The event is set to air as part of a two-hour special on a yet-to-be-determined ESPN network with similar events from Georgetown University, the University of Memphis and Davidson College, said Mark Gazdik, assistant athletic director of marketing.

The program will be the first time SIU fans will get to see the 2007-08 basketball team on the court, and will include a dunk contest, three-point contest, prize giveaways for students and a post-practice autograph session, Gazdik said.

Lowery said he remembers the event fondly from his times in a maroon jersey.

“It was just a fun time — the start of practice, the start of a new season, See BASKETBALL, Page 14

Football

Sycamores not so sturdy

Indiana enters game against SIU with new head coach

Scott Mieszala Daily Egyptian

The Indiana State University football team’s interim head coach has a tall task in his first game as a head coach since 1997; facing the Salukis. The Sycamores, who will host No. 7 SIU on Saturday, started the season 0-4 and announced Tuesday that Lou West would no longer be the head coach after compiling a 1-25 record in his two-plus seasons.

Dennis Raetz was given the head coaching reins on an interim basis for a team that allows 38.5 points per game and will face a team leading the Gateway Football Conference in offense scoring.

Raetz will be the team’s third head coach of the Sycamores from 1980 to 1997, and he has been the school’s associate director of athletics for compliance and internal affairs. His career record as a head coach is 94-105-1, going 9-10 against the Salukis.

SIU head coach Jerry Kill said he is going to prepare his team accordingly after watching a tape of the teams game performance, and if Indiana State plays differently than expected, an adjustment would be made.

“If you block and tackle and do the fundamental things, that’s what football comes down to, and hopefully we’ll do that well on Saturday,” Kill said.

In five games this season, Sycamore quarterback Reilly Murphy completed 50.5 percent of his passes and tossed two touchdowns and five interceptions.

During the Sycamores last game — Sept. 22 against Eastern Illinois — redshirt freshman Charles Dowdell took over for the quarterback, completing four of seven passes for 62 yards, a touchdown and no interceptions.

Against Eastern Illinois, Indiana State allowed 609 yards of total offense, and gained 216.

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Men’s Golf

From no spot to No. 1 spot

Jordan Cox excels after year at community college

Megan Kramper Daily Egyptian

A year ago Jordan Cox was told there wasn’t a spot for him on the SIU men’s golf team.

Cox was recruited by SIU head coach Leroy Newton out of high school, but was advised by the coach to spend a year in community college if he wanted to attend SIU because all spots on the team were filled.

This season, though, the sophomore golfer has shown he has earned a roster spot.

Cox, who transferred to SIU from Springfield College this season, was named Missouri Valley Conference Golfer of the Week Sept. 19 after he finished in first place in the Jackson State University National Invitational Tournament in Tunica, Miss.

The wait seems to have paid off.

Cox was the Salukis’ top finisher in SIU’s first two tournaments. Cox finished in eighth place at the Wabasso Wind Kick Off Invitational on Sept. 4 and first place at the JSU Invitational Sept. 18.

With Cox’s help, the Salukis have earned two second place trophies and are off to their best start since the 2004-2005 season, when they placed fourth in the MVC.

Cox has made a smooth transition from playing at community college to Division I with the help of his teammates.

“It’s a really good team atmosphere,” Cox said.

Last year in Springfield, Cox earned the National Junior College Athletic Association