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Total enrollment figures down, off-campus numbers on the rise

ANDREA DONALDSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Spring enrollment numbers at SIUC have decreased this semester for the first time in three years.

SIUC's total enrollment dropped by 26 students to 21,545, less than a 1 percent decrease.

Interim Chancellor John Jackson is concerned about the decrease, but said other increases make up for it.

"It's kind of a mixed report," Jackson said. "Minus 26 of 20,000 students is not enough to be concerned about."

Jackson said he is more concerned about the 274 student drop in undergraduate enrollment on campus from last spring. However, he attributes most of this decrease to the fact that more than 900 students graduated in December. This is up more than 300 students last year.

"That's a big class to graduate in December," Jackson said.

On a positive note, SIUC's off-campus programs, primarily at military bases across the country, increased by 12 percent to 2,710, including 30 students attending SIUC's campus in Nakaajo, Japan.

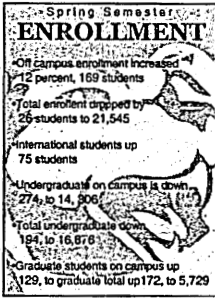
Figures also showed on-campus increases with 75 international students and 129 graduate students.

"I am pleased about the international enrollment numbers going up," Jackson said.

Enrollment increased most in the College of Liberal Arts with 71 students and there was a 65-student increase in four-year programs in the College of Applied Science.

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students for fall 2001.

"We have to continue to stress recruitment of undergraduates on campus," he said.

"We need to give credit to Liberal Arts and their recruiters," Jackson said.

However, the number of students studying law is down eight from last spring and the number of medical students has decreased by three. Jackson was also disappointed to report that the Colleges of Engineering, Science and Education numbers had dropped.

"There are very strong academic programs and majors in those colleges," he said.

Jackson said the University will be heavily recruiting undergraduate



HONDA YEAGER - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Open House: Tom Watts of Herra receives information on hospice care from Patient Care Coordinator Teresa Howard of TIP Hospice, a division of Southern Illinois Health Care. An open house took place to announce the relocation of TIP Hospice to 308 S. 13th in Herra.

MCMA facilities face digitization deadline, funding in question

JENNIFER WIG
DAILY EGYPTIAN

From crowded television studios and office space in the hallway to cinema majors working in a dungeon, the Communications Building is feeling its age.

And the analog equipment is not exactly up to date anymore, as high definition digital television is squeezed into crowded rooms full of wires and screens.

However, the "quick 'n' easy fix" comes with the usual cumbersome price tag — in this case, \$23.8 million.

But the Communications Building must undergo the necessary digital facelift because the changes needed are required by the federal government.

The College of Mass Communications and Media Arts is required by federal mandate to complete the digitalization process by May 1, 2003. To do so, they will need \$9 million for equipment and \$10 million for a building to house the new technology. In addition, they must continue managing and teaching the use of analog equipment. It will cost the school \$4.8 million to maintain the older electronics.

Digitalization is the process of converting from analog equipment to digital. The difference between analog and digital equipment is that analog equipment responds to physical change, whereas digital electronics convert sounds and images into electronic bits to be read by a laser beam.

Thus far the college has received \$4.8 million from the state through the Illinois FIRST program toward the digital equipment money. The Illinois FIRST program is a five-year \$12 billion effort designed by Gov. George Ryan as a Fund for Infrastructure, Roads, Schools and Transportation.

Officials have also applied for federal aid through various programs and are working to accumulate funds through the Friends Board, a local effort working on a letter-writing campaign.

Although SIUC's digitalization needs are on the Illinois Board of Higher Education's Resource Allocation Management Proposal, the \$3.6 million request is number 22 on the statewide list.

The money must be in place July 1 or it will be impossible to meet the 2003 deadline. According to Jyotika Ramaprasad, interim dean of MCMA, if the school misses the deadline, it could lose its license, which is owned by the Board of Trustees. If the college lost its license, students would still be able to take classes and receive their education, but without the hands-on laboratories and equipment.

Interim Chancellor John Jackson said although the University is halfway there and working diligently, he is not confident the money will arrive in time.

"The deadline is staring us in the face and we need a lot more money," he said. "It's down to money."

Ramaprasad has met with Jackson and President James Walker numerous times to brainstorm solutions. Thursday she spoke with Keith Sanders, president of the Illinois Board of Higher Education. Although Sanders is the former dean of MCMA

and is sympathetic to their plight, he could only suggest that they continue lobbying for the money.

New technology and more space are not only concerns for those housed in the Communications Building, but also problems for programs stationed elsewhere on campus.

An old house, once condemned, sits on the corner of campus behind the Recreation Center. The house conceals one aspect of the Communications facilities, yet does not have a campus phone number or campus mailing address.

It is the Southern Illinois Radio Information Service, which broadcasts news from newspapers for the visually impaired.

Lisa Morrisette-Zapp, acting director of Southern Illinois Radio Information Service,

Digital Equipment Funding Status			
Category	Amount	Source	Status
Patented One Non-Stop (patents)	1.6 equipment	\$3 million	Approved
Books	1.6 equipment	\$1.5 million	Approved
Books (Patents)	Equipment	\$1.8 million in FY00 and FY01	U.S. will be received in FY00
Public Education Foundation Program	Equipment	\$1.5 million	Will request one to two million
SAC Capital Fund 02	Building	\$2 million	2001-02
SAC Foundation			
Energy Foundation			
Local Educ (Friends Board)			
Total			\$4.8 million

Gov. Ryan stresses commitment to people of Illinois in address

MOLLY PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

In his hour-long State of the State address Wednesday, Gov. George Ryan assured quality, affordability and accessibility for all institutes of higher education in Illinois.

"Our current budget for higher education is the largest in our history," Ryan said.

Legislators broke into applause when Ryan announced that the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education gave Illinois the top overall score among all 50 states for higher education.

To ensure Illinois colleges can continue to compete in the economy of the 21st century, Ryan funded research parks across the state to encourage new research at universities. On Jan. 16, SIUC received an Illinois FIRST grant for \$500,000 to help construct a research park.

During Ryan's previous year in office, the University also received \$350,000 for investments at the Public Policy Institute, which brings in guest lecturers and works to understand and deal with statewide and national issues.

"We are in the process of preparing for endowment," said Paul Simon, director of the Public Policy Institute.

Along with funding for higher education, Ryan could proudly list other improvements that have been made throughout the state with funds from his historic Illinois FIRST program. Since the \$12 billion five-year plan was initiated in 1999, Ryan's administration has begun to repair schools and resurface the 74 percent of roads that have surpassed their 20-year design

lifespans.

"These are things that are real and they are going to last a long time," said Carbondale City Councilman Brad Cole.

U.S. Highway 51 has received funding for reconstruction along with the resurfacing of South Lewis Lane to South Wall Street.

Ryan's vision of "building a new Illinois" has trickled down into the city of Carbondale with additions to the Carbondale Community High School on Old Giant City Road, a \$20 million construction plan for Carbondale Elementary School District 95, funds for a new women's center and teen center and the ongoing construction of the Mill Street Underpass.

"This is a very exciting time in Carbondale," said Sam Goldman, professor of administration and higher education, who worked on the task force for the Carbondale Elementary School. Ryan further addressed the issue of education with his bold statement concerning the State Board of Education.

"Next month I will propose that we reform the State Board of Education to reduce the



Ryan

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drives to work everyday and cringes at the facilities.

"We're trying to help people who are blind and print-impaired," she said. "To attract volunteers to come and work in the spaces is difficult. It's barely suitable to have people working here now."

There are no grounded plugs for new equipment and the electronics suffer through humidity and freezing temperatures from the poorly-insulated building. A closet-sized bathroom serves double duty as a closet because the closet is used as a reading booth.

"They forget about us over here," Morrisette-Zapp said. "It limits us."

A new facility will alleviate SIRIS difficulties by integrating them with other communications programs and upgrading their technology.

Bob Gerig, director of broadcasting, said keeping up with technology and expanding space are only two issues that this new building will solve.

"We also need to keep in mind that this building was built in the late '60s," he said. "[New technology] is a completely

different environment today and even the basic infrastructures are not easily added. We're trying to prepare a facility to serve the next 40 or 50 years."

The site for the building has been chosen in conjunction with the Civitas land-use plans. The area will be placed on the west side of the Communications Building near the satellites with roads on either side hugging the area. This will allow a showcase entrance to the campus and to the facility, which will also be for public use.

More detailed plans are in the works as Jackson, Ramaprasad and Walker strive to produce money for the facilities.

Although Gerig is confident that the hard work will pay off, he keeps in mind that without the money, the communications programs at SIUC will no longer stand out.

"Those are major differences between this institution and others with this program," he said. "Here it's a daily, real-life situation. That's the premise of SIU, where these programs have existed."

Gerig said the aspects of MCMA are worth the effort, evidenced by the Emmy awards won by altnews and Studio A Playhouse in addition to awards given to radio-television and cinema photography

students. "Many wonderful things are happening with our students and they're working in the hallway," Gerig said.

Ramaprasad is also examining the possibility for other projects, but they are also hindered by the facilities and technology. Such projects include the possibility of an integrated newsroom, allowing MCMA students to learn different aspects of the communications field, a necessary skill in today's changing technologies.

Another plan in the works is a polling place to study the opinions and demographics of the Southern Illinois area.

Ramaprasad said with growing student enrollment in the MCMA, the facilities will also assist the college in future expansion. The college's undergraduate enrollment has grown 38 percent since it began in 1993. The teacher-to-student ratio has also increased from 1:28 to 1:34 in that time.

According to the accrediting standards for schools of journalism, the ideal teacher-student ratio should be 1:15 in laboratory sections and not exceed 1:20.

"[Space] affects the quality of the teaching," Ramaprasad said. "It does not let us do all we want to do."

RYAN

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bureaucracy, eliminate red tape, and make the agency more accountable to you and me," Ryan said.

Marlis Trover, superintendent of Vienna High School, is one of five voting members to the Education Funding Advisory Board appointed by the governor. The board recommended to Ryan an annual increase of \$135 in the foundation level of state funding for every student.

Ryan's proposal to revamp The Board of Education should make it easier for administrators to act on education issues.

"Any positive efforts that could streamline the process would be appreciated," Trover said.

Sen. David Luechtefeld, R-Olataville, said the governor's annual State of the State address, given on the House floor to members of the Illinois State House and Senate, was not unlike others as Ryan recapped his accomplishments during the past year and set a vision for the future on the table.

"One thing that really caught me was that his whole family was there, it was really heartwarming," Luechtefeld said.

Ryan, who continues to face a barrage of negative publicity for wrongdoing in the Secretary of State's office when he

was in charge, also addressed the more solemn issues of job loss that has plagued Illinois since the downturn of the economy.

"To anyone who has received a pink slip in the last few weeks, I want you to know that we have not forgotten you — and we will not forget you," Ryan said.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said the issue of job loss had been a real concern of Southern Illinois since the 1990 Clean Air Act eliminated jobs in the coal mines. Bost insists that the current administration is working to create new jobs in coal and the advancement of tourism, specifically mentioning Giant City Park.

WEATHER



TODAY: Partly Cloudy High: 43 Low: 16



FRIDAY: Sunny High: 30 Low: 31

POLICE BLOTTER

UNIVERSITY

An automobile burglary was reported to have occurred between 4:57 and 7:54 a.m. Tuesday in lot 106 on South Wall Street. A stereo/compact disc player valued at \$205 was removed, and \$164 worth of damage was caused during the burglary.

The Alpha Gamma Delta sign was reported to have been stolen between 2 and 9 a.m. Wednesday from in front of 104 Greek Row. The value is unknown, and police have no suspects.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Today American Red Cross Blood Drive 1:30 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Student Recreation Center
Campus Shawnee Greens Meeting 6 p.m. Interfaith Center
Gospel Choir Rehearsal 6 p.m. 2nd Floor - Altgeld Hall
Blacks in Communications Alliance Meeting 7 p.m. Sangamon Room.
SIUC Veterans Association Meeting and nomination of new officers 7 p.m. Saline Room - Student Center
Student Environmental Center Meeting 7 p.m. Interfaith Center

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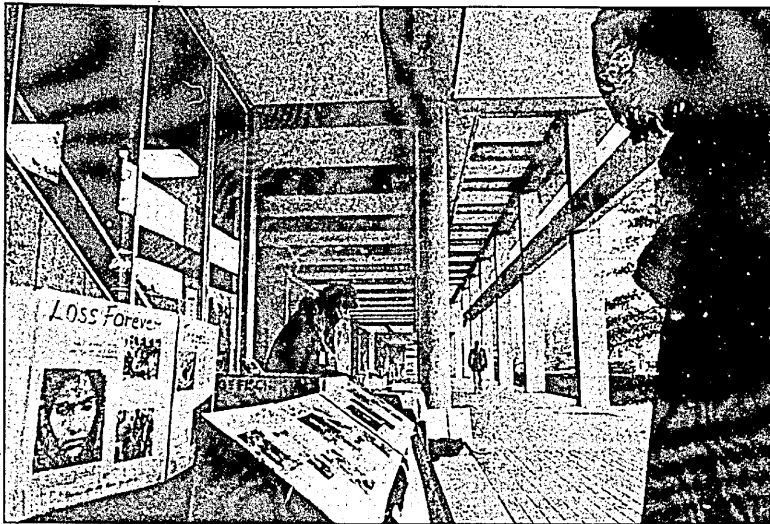
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Earthquake survivor donations:

Nicole White, a graduate student in administration of justice, stops at the India earthquake survivor display outside of Faner Hall on Wednesday. The Indian Student Association sponsored the event and will be outside Faner from 9 am to 4 pm through Friday.

RONDA YEAGER
DAILY EGYPTIAN



NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

Grant opportunities for local art programs

The Southern Arts Fund is offering grants to arts and cultural programs throughout Southern Illinois. Applications will be accepted from organizations and individuals who are proposing projects that demonstrate strong community outreach.

Application materials are available at the Carbondale Community Arts office at 1115 W. Sycamore St. Applications must be postmarked or delivered to the office by Friday, March 2.

For more information, contact Teresa Fix or Nancy Stemper at 457-5100.

Auction items on display from state treasurer's office

Jewelry, coins and collectibles from the Illinois State Treasurer's office will be on display during an auction preview from 6 to 9 tonight in Student Center Ballroom B.

The auction items come from safety deposit boxes that have had no activity for more than five years and for which the owner cannot be found. People can place sealed bids on items at the preview as well as have their antiques and heirlooms appraised.

The actual auction will take place on Feb. 17 in Chicago. To learn more about the auction, visit www.cashdash.net or contact Sharon Brown at (217) 782-1319.

Memorial for former SIUC student Friday

Memorial services for Ekatarina Popova, a former SIUC graduate student, will be 1 p.m. Friday at Meredith Funeral Home, 300 S. University Ave. A reception with a dinner and musical tribute will follow at 4 p.m. Feb. 2, at the Giant City Lodge, in Makanda.

Popova died Friday as a result of Lou Gehrig's disease.

The fight against MTBE

Health risks fuel arguments in both U.S. and state legislatures

BURKE SPEAKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

U.S. Sen. Peter Fitzgerald and Rep. Mike Bost are renewing separate plights to ban a hazardous fuel additive that contaminates drinking water, using the Environmental Protection Agency and legislation to thwart what they say is a threat to human health.

Fitzgerald, R-Ill., targeted newly-appointed Environmental Protection Agency head Christine Whitman, reiterating the potential dangers of a gasoline fuel additive commonly called MTBE. Bost, R-Murphyboro, is reviewing ways to initiate

legislation concerning its use.

MTBE, along with ethanol, is used as a compliance to the 1990 Clean Air Act, which states that heavily-populated urban areas be required to reduce emissions. The two oxygenate agents, required at a 2-percent gasoline weight, reduce the amount of vehicle emissions.

But MTBE is notoriously known to seep into drinking water and, because of its inability to break down for millions of years, spoils the water. The ethanol alternative, however, biodegrades at an accelerated rate, posing few negative affects. Fitzgerald and Bost are advocating ethanol over MTBE.

More importantly to the two is Illinois' role as the No. 1 ethanol-producing state in the nation. Ethanol is derived from corn, meaning if MTBE is eliminated, Illinois' economic gains are bolstered.

Brain Stoller, Fitzgerald's spokesman, said the

senator spoke with U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman in Washington, D.C., Monday, urging her to discuss the matter further with the EPA's Whitman. Stoller said Veneman "promised to advocate the importance of ethanol to the agricultural economy."

Stoller added that the senator plans to push the issue further as it comes into play this term. "I expect this to continue and for Sen. Fitzgerald to play an active role in this debate," Stoller said.

Separately, Bost said Wednesday he will "most likely" propose some sort of legislation concerning the usage of MTBE and ethanol, but at this time he is unsure what it will be. Bost was successful last year in placing MTBE notices on pumps.

Bost said he and Rep. Bill Mitchell, R-Forsyth,

SEE MTBE, PAGE 5

Professor's book highlights black artists

BRETT NAUMAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Fern Logan wants young black men and women to know they don't have to be rappers, dancers or athletes to be successful in the United States.

"I want them to realize they have options," said Logan, assistant professor of photography.

Logan has tried to illuminate some of the lesser-known innovators of the fine arts through a book of portraits of famous black artists, a common theme for February's Black History Month.

The book features 61 famous blacks including Bill Cosby, Arthur Ashe, Maya Angelou, Ed Bradley and Life Magazine photographer

Gordon Parks. But Logan does not want the book to focus on the famous artists; she wants sculptors like Peter Bradley, choreographers like Alvin Ailey and painters like Joseph Delaney to receive recognition.

Logan hopes her book of lesser-known black artists will educate people about the painters, photographers, authors, sculptors and fine artists available. The drive behind the book came to her in the early 1980s when she realized her own knowledge of black artists was limited.

"The only images they see of African-Americans are in crime and sports," Logan said. "You never hear about people of color in 'the fine arts.'"

Logan has worked on the 128 page book since 1982. She hopes the book will be a good

tool for students to use to research black history. Logan has tried to create a sea of information about black artists, just as Carter Woodson, founder of Black History Month, did for blacks in the early 1900s.

While Woodson was researching black history at Harvard a professor told him that the "Negro had no history." But Woodson did not let the pessimism thwart his passion.

During the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s, Woodson campaigned for a celebratory week honoring blacks in history. What was called Negro History Week was first celebrated in 1925 as Woodson sent out letters to organizers of the black community to lead the celebration. It was held during the week of Feb. 12 centered around the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick



Douglas.

Although it is 75 years after the founding of black history celebrations, Logan still feels it is important for blacks to explore their roots.

"African-Americans are starting to realize we have to write our own history," Logan said in a statement about her book. "We have to tell our own stories. We can't leave it to others to do that for us."

Free newspapers come to University Housing

CODELL RODRIGUEZ
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Trent Steinmann now has a way of getting news close to home.

Steinmann, a sophomore in mechanical engineering from Litchfield, picks up an issue of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch at Lentz Hall every morning free of charge. The free newspaper is part of a pilot program spearheaded by USA Today.

"I've picked up a Post-Dispatch everyday," Steinmann said. "I like knowing what's going on in the area."

The program, which started Monday at SIUC, began at Penn State University four years ago. To offer students more outside information, every student who lived on campus was provided with a

newspaper.

Despite being free, many of the newspapers went to the recycling bin untouched by any students. USA Today then tried a program which put the newspapers in stands making them available for whoever wanted a paper. The program has taken place in more than 200 universities nationwide.

"We think it's a great educational tool," said Lin Courtois, account manager for USA Today in St. Louis. "It's a way of bringing the world to them."

In addition to USA Today and the St. Louis Post Dispatch, students at SIUC will also be able to choose from the Southern Illinoisian and the Chicago Sun-Times.

The program came to SIUC when the members of the Resident Hall Association noticed

other schools had the newspapers available to them. Shortly after, USA Today called and offered the program.

The University received a four-week trial run of the newspapers, which are available outside the cafeterias of Lentz, Grinnell and Trueblood halls and in the lobbies of Mac, Smith, Neely and Schneider halls.

Before and after the trials, surveys are distributed to find students' opinions on the program. Steve Kirk, associate director of Housing residence life, said while the students may like the idea now, he is not sure how they will feel when they find out there would be about a \$10 charge per student each semester.

"If things were free and just fell out of the sky, we would all just say, yeah, we'll try it," Kirk said.

The charge would only go to students who live

in University Housing and may decrease if readership is low.

However, LaChandra Washington, president of the RHA, said the program would be beneficial to the newspapers and the students who read them.

"I think it will definitely increase readership," LaChandra said. "And we'll find a way to put it into the budget."

LaChandra mentioned possibly finding sponsorship for the program or substituting other items for the newspapers.

While the RHA is waiting until the surveys are completed to make any final decisions about the newspapers, students like Steinmann are ready to pick up a few more newspapers everyday.

"It's a good way to keep it up to date," Steinmann said.

OUR WORD

BIG OIL
vs.
small town

What's At Stake May Not Be Worth The Risk.

A war is being fought in Creal Springs. Instead of guns, it is a battle fought with letters, phone calls and unwavering perseverance. And at the heart of the struggle is a rural community, contentedly living far from the encroachment of urbanization.

Concerned residents have marched into combat against three major oil companies to stop a pipeline conversion and construction of a petroleum tank farm in the midst of their sleepy landscape.

The pipeline, which lays under this rolling terrain, currently carries natural gas from Louisiana to central Illinois. Now, the Centennial pipeline project wants the 51-year-old pipe to carry petroleum products, a conversion that could be disastrous if not carefully monitored.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is conducting an environmental assessment of the pipeline. But an assessment is not thorough enough.

An Environmental Impact Statement would require an extensive examination of every factor involved in the project, such as economics, possible alternatives to bring petroleum to the area and the pipeline's accident history.

Even though Centennial says a mere assessment would be sufficient, the facts compel an impact statement.

The pipeline, and two that run parallel to

it, has suffered 20 incidents since 1985 and caused more than \$200 million in damage.

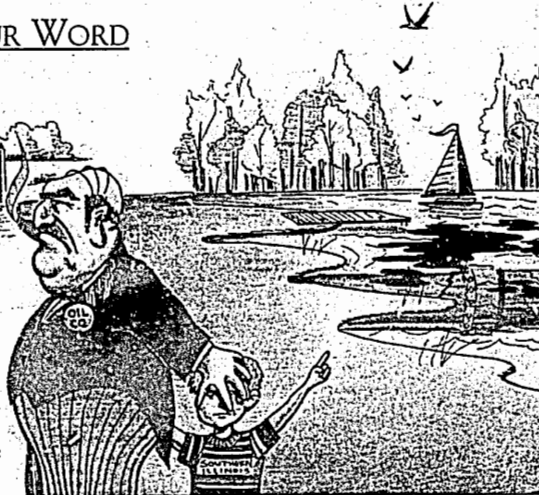
The pipeline runs near the New Madrid and Wabash Valley fault lines. Though the oil companies' officials said the pipeline is built to withstand earthquake activity, seismologists say an earthquake that registers 6.5 on the Richter scale can destroy a pipeline.

Leaking petroleum increases risk for asthma, various forms of leukemia, skin lesions and other health problems.

Residents of Creal Springs say their fire department is ill-equipped for a fire that could result from leaking petroleum, like the 1999 Bellingham, Wash., incident when 229,000 gallons of gasoline ignited into a fireball, killing three young boys.

Southern Illinois is home to many endangered species, including the bald eagle, Indiana bat and orange-footed pearly mussel.

Centennial claims that the pipeline conversion and subsequent tank farm construction will boost local economy by creating jobs. The permanent jobs will go to outside skilled workers. The construction jobs for local residents will only be temporary.



LETTERS

Electoral College conceived with devious intent

DEAR EDITOR,

I was deeply disturbed and surprisingly humbled after reading the "Don't Ditch the Electoral College" article by U.S. Sen. Peter Fitzgerald, R-Ill. The general conclusion that I received from the column was a message of content and satisfaction with a system that is clouded by an array of controversy and uncertainty that has just recently plagued the entire country; and more specifically, the state of Florida. It is without question that the Electoral College is a part of this country's establishment and has been running smoothly for quite some time, but the recent political events have forced me to ask the question—do Americans, including Fitzgerald, want to go through a process similar to the one we just experienced? My general assumption would declare certainly not.

When evaluating the Electoral College process it is essential that we have an understanding of its full purpose and intent; therefore, I believe that we need to be aware of some of the factors that contributed to its establishment. While the founding fathers were drafting the U.S. Constitution in 1787, James Wilson of Pennsylvania, advocated a direct election of the president. At first, many gave great consideration to the idea, but James Madison of Virginia put up a fierce opposition to the notion. Madison felt that a direct election would severely hurt the South, which would have been outnumbered in a direct election. Following the North and South established the Electoral College by allowing the South to count slaves in the accumulation of their Electoral College votes, who were denied the privileges of citizenship. Immediately, Virginia became the ultimate winner with more than a quarter of the electors needed to elect the president. Pennsylvania, however, received fewer electoral votes even though it had precisely the same free population.

It is clear that the system was established through a deceptive nature, which in turn created a beneficial means for the South to easily capture the presidency. It has been more than 200 years since the founding of this institution, yet it is still evident that we rely on the same system that caters to the white, southern male for the top job in the world. We the people are the government of this nation and it's time that our representatives allow us the right to speak collectively. Not through a system based on injustice and established through a mechanism of personal gain. It is time for change and contemplation! Hopefully, Fitzgerald will take these findings into consideration; before he objects to his colleague's pursuit of justice.

Myron M. Jackson
Co-President of the John A. Logan
Political Science Club

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COLUMNIST

This spud's for you: The choices are endless

Have you ever noticed how even the simplest decisions in life have little pieces of irony thrown into them? Take, for example, fast food. Two french fry choices diverged on a menu. And sorry I could not sample both, and have one lunch. Long I stood, and stared at one as long as I could, then chose the other, just as fair.



Not Just Another Priddy Face

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Day after day, I stand in that line, mulling my lunch choices over in my mind as my turn to order grows near. I choose the precise components of a perfect meal. I am completely confident of my decision, too. This is the exact food I want to suppress my appetite until six o'clock. No more calls please, we have a winner. Number four. Root beer. The seasoned fries. I answer the cashier's questions with the readiness and cool confidence of a totally together woman who knows what she wants.

But every day, it is the same. No matter how authoritative or certain I sound as I answer that last question, they get me in the end. I walk to the table with my tray and as I look down into my food, my nemesis is always there staring right back up at me. There, amidst the wax paper and pre-measured portion of seasoned fries, sits exactly one waffle fry, centered inso-

lently in my food, mocking me. Every day this happens. In fact, I have never eaten there and it not happened. I don't know. At first I chalked it up to sloppy food preparation. But it was too coincidental. I mean, exactly one fry, every day? Then for a while, I thought it was some sort of psychological advertisement game orchestrated by the head honchos of the corporation. You know, as one of those I should have had what he's having kind of guilt trips that makes you walk back to the counter for a second order, ashamed to admit, Yeah. It's me again. I'm sorry. You were right. I did want the waffle fries after all. Thank you for showing me the error of my ways. For that, I will give you another two dollars for the fries I didn't choose but really wanted.

They just better be glad I'm not more sensitive. What if I were allergic to french fries when they are shaped like little windows? They'd be gone.

But now, it's escalated to something a little more tense. I think the waffle fry actually con-

sciously jumps into my fry basket each day. It is a test of will. Well, I'm not giving in. That waffle fry can sit on my tray all the way to the trash can. It squandered its existence on someone not even remotely interested. And even if it did sound good that day, too freakin' bad. It had its chance, and I didn't order it. Now it's just being a sore loser.

But I think the point is that these games, no matter how trivial, bother me the rest of my day. Maybe I should have had the waffle fries. Maybe this is fate showing up in my lunch every day until I pay attention. Maybe that way when I finally do surrender. I will realize something powerful and fulfilling that would never have occurred to me without the taste of that fry in my mouth at that very moment in time. Of course, on the other hand, maybe I'll choke on it.

Yes, Robert Frost, you were right. At the end of my meal, I still have my integrity. Two french fry choices diverged on a menu. I took the road less traveled. And that has made the difference.

NOT JUST ANOTHER PRIDDY FACE appears Thursdays. Grace is a senior in architectural studies. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

GPSC questions research park board make-up

CHRISTIAN HALE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Fearing lack of representation on the SIUC research park Board of Directors, the Graduate and Professional Student Council voted to send a representative to the Feb. 8 SIUC Board of Trustees meeting to voice growing concerns.

The proposed 42-acre research park, which will be constructed at the Dunn-Richmond Center off of Pleasant Hill Road, was staffed with a Board of Directors at the December board meeting.

The eight members of the research park board consisted mainly of business and entrepreneurial individuals, without members of the SIUC research community.

At the next Board of Trustees meeting, the approval of the park's operating papers, including bylaws of operation governing the board of directors, is motivating GPSC to seek some specific element within those papers which states there will be representation by research faculty.

"They can present an argument as to how much representation should exist," said GPSC President Bill Peters. "Right now, we just want any kind of representation. It's a research park."

Interim Chancellor John Jackson said despite possible implementation of the operating papers, there would be little to no difficulty expanding the research park's board of directors to include research faculty.

Jackson said some progress has occurred to accommodate concerns about the lack of research representation.

"We're considering a set of rules and bylaws in the next BOT meeting," Jackson said. "Included in that will be the expansion of the [park's] currently existing board of directors."

Jackson said the inclusion of John Koropchak, interim associate vice chancellor for research, as a member of the board of directors, as well as other possible slots, will hopefully address concerns about needing more Southern Illinois-oriented, as opposed to Carbondale-oriented, businesses involved.

Koropchak, also dean of the Graduate School, said while he has not seen anything in writing, his inclusion has been discussed at December's board meeting, as well as the first meeting of the research park's board of directors.

"There was some suggestion at other campuses that this kind of position is not on the board,"

Koropchak said. "However, what was not indicated was that in most of those other places, this board would report to a vice chancellor of Research. In this board's case, it reports directly to the BOT."

The creation and addition of an advisory group is another item that could alleviate concerns of lacking representation, Koropchak said. He said he has been asked to recommend names of candidates for this particular group.

"We want to have a whole different faculty advisory group that would be from the research community," Jackson said.

While there is some concern that after the operating papers are implemented there would be some difficulty expanding the board of directors or implementing the advisory board, Jackson said that the current proposals prove "that's not the case."

MTBE

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would discuss their options after consulting their agricultural and EPA advisers within the next couple weeks. He added that while at this time he has no idea what sort of legislation he would propose, some effort would "probably be going through."

Bost noted that, though Jackson County has managed to avoid any serious spill and ground water contamination, prevention is the key.

"We're trying the best we can to get the oil compa-

nies to use ethanol instead of MTBE," Bost said. "It just doesn't make sense to use a product to improve the air quality when it destroys the ground water."

The two's success, while uncertain, would put Illinois into a growing list of states eliminating MTBE. Three states ban the additive, and nine other cities are currently phasing it out.

The argument concerning its safety is not a clean-cut issue. While MTBE opponents argue that it is a cancer-causing agent, proponents rightfully note there is no concrete EPA evidence that supports this.

But the issue of drinking water contamination is almost non-debatable. A leak from an underground

storage tank, lawn mower or even a car wreck floods it through the soil into ground water, amounting in a huge threat to the water supply. The turpentine-taste from a contaminated source renders the water undrinkable.

"MTBE doesn't go away," said Monte Shaw, an official from the Renewable Fuels Association, a trade group for ethanol production. "It spreads rapidly and it's detectable at incredibly small amounts. Ethanol biodegrades quickly, though, so if there is a spill the ethanol is gone long before anything else."

Also, ethanol also has twice the oxygen content,

meaning less is needed to comply with EPA standards. And while the market is prone to fluctuation, ethanol is historically cheaper than MTBE. As of last week, ethanol was going for \$1.12 per gallon and MTBE cost \$1.40.

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Students hit fraternity-forming roadblock

SARAH ROBERTS
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Aaron Logan is looking for a few good men and just one faculty adviser.

The junior in biological science from Gibson City has attempted to establish a new fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon, since transferring from Millikin University last August. Having completed two of the three required steps in the Registered Student Organization process, he only needs a full-time faculty adviser in order to have the fraternity recognized as a legitimate RSO.

His efforts to secure an adviser have been unsuccessful, however, and Logan has grown increasingly frustrated with what he perceives as excessive paperwork and red tape.

"I thought it would be difficult, but I didn't think it would be this hard," Logan said. "On a scale of difficulty from one to 10, I would give it an eight."

But establishing an RSO

is relatively easy, according to Katie Sermersheim, assistant director for Student Development. A group needs 15 signatures, a constitution and a full-time faculty or staff adviser to be considered for RSO status.

Undergraduate organizations are forwarded to Undergraduate Student Government for approval while graduate organizations are sent to the Graduate and Professional Student Council.

According to Sermersheim, once an organization completes the appropriate paperwork, it can expect a high success rate in being recognized.

"In the four years I've been here, Undergraduate Student Government has never voted down an organization," Sermersheim said.

Sermersheim said that finding a faculty adviser is generally not the most arduous task of the registration process. Campus faculty are surveyed each year to determine whether they would be

willing to serve as advisers or supervisors for RSOs. Participation is typically high and dependent upon research and teaching loads.

"It's a great way to utilize faculty if they happen to share the interests of a particular organization, as well as putting them in touch with other student interests," Sermersheim said.

Logan contends that a major part of his difficulty in finding a faculty adviser stems from the fact that he is striving for a new greek fraternity, which carries with it an abundance of negative stereotypes.

"I had a chemistry professor whom I asked to be our adviser and he said that students were only interested in starting fraternities in order to have another house to drink at," Logan said.

Logan is somewhat heartened by the positive news he has heard about other greek organizations on campus and stresses the need to shake off skeptical attitudes surrounding his fraternity.

"The whole greek system has been bad-mouthed," Logan said. "But our [fraternity's] main goal is to serve the community as much as possible."

Logan and the five other students in support of the fraternity now find their efforts at a standstill until an adviser can be located.

"I've been trying to get other people behind me right now because we can't do anything until we have an adviser," Logan said.

More than 450 RSOs exist on campus, and the Student Development office receives between 10 and 20 new applications each semester. Sermersheim encourages students to take advantage of an opportunity to pique campus interest in a variety of issues.

"I really believe in the value that exists in people finding peers with similar likes and interests," Sermersheim said. "It's a great and memorable experience for an undergraduate career."

International enrollment up for Spring semester

Increase attributed to personal touches from IPS

EMILY OSTENDORF
DAILY EGYPTIAN

International student enrollment figures have increased by 75 percent for the spring 2001 semester. The increase brings the total number of international students on SIUC's campus to 1,365.

The presence of international students has added diversity to the University's educational setting for more than 50 years, says interim Chancellor John Jackson.

"It helps us to be a more cosmopolitan place," Jackson said.

Jackson attributed the increase to the personal attention that Jared Dorn, director of International Programs and Services, and Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, give to international students. Jackson also said the increase is due in part to a reduction in international tuition costs.

Phil Lindberg, assistant director of International Students and Scholars, noted that his offices are already responding to this increase.

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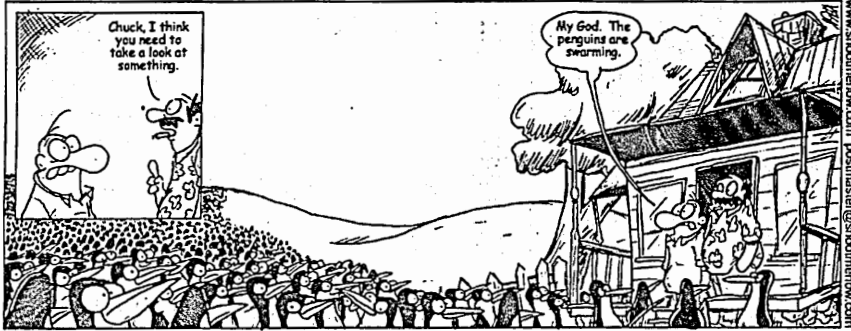
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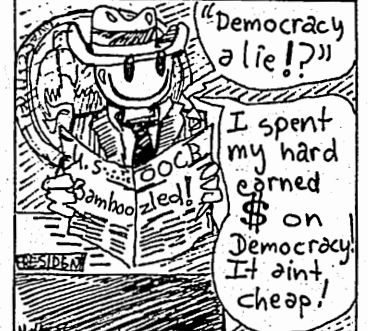
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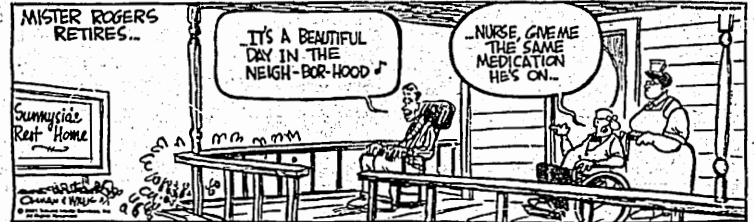
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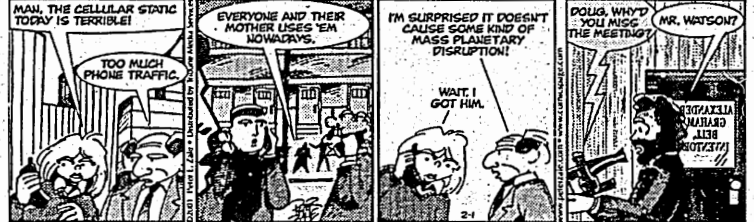
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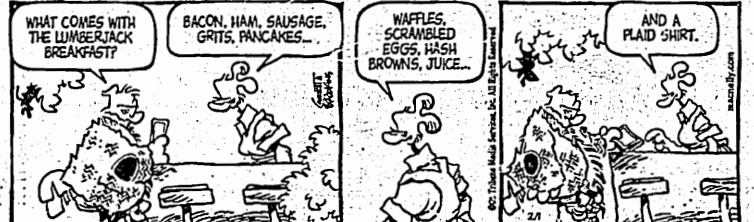
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Creighton crushes Salukis in Omaha

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

After SIU jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the early moments of Wednesday night's contest, Creighton University rolled off a humiliating 34-2 run and never looked back.

Poor defense and an ugly offensive display contributed to the Salukis' first half falter, as the Bluejays ran SIU out of the Omaha Civic Auditorium in Omaha, Neb., quicker than Saluki head coach Bruce Weber could yank his starters off the court.

Creighton took a 48-15 lead into halftime and eventually won the Missouri Valley Conference contest 78-63 after they lost their focus a bit in the second half. The two teams will meet again next Saturday at the SIU Arena, which will be televised on ESPN.

The Salukis (10-10, 4-5) played a little better in the second half, as Weber re-entered his starters, outscoring Creighton 48-30. But it was too little too late, other than a pride factor. Creighton is now 10-0 at home this season.

Halftime wasn't a pretty picture for Weber and the gang, as he kept his team in the lockerroom until 45 seconds prior to the start of the second half. Weber said the immaturity of a couple players in practice earlier in the week showed Wednesday night.

"It was dead quiet," said Weber of the halftime mood on his postgame radio show. "It was embarrassing, I talked about the immaturity of some guys that really ruined it for other people."

Even mild-mannered senior Abel Schrader ripped into the guilty party at halftime for the continuous problem of individualism, rather than team play.

"[At halftime] Abel said this is my senior year, this is it. All coach Weber is talking about is your immaturity when he should be talking about the team and how we can win this game," Weber said. "Again, you're fighting individuals."

Weber cited a time in the game when sophomore center Jermaine Dearman pouted about coming out of the game as an example.

"Jermaine came out of the game and [Sylvester Willis] came in for him, and that's his roommate, he should be giving him high fives saying 'go get him Sly.' Instead he walks to the bench mad because he's coming out," Weber said.

That embarrassing first half featured a 6-of-26 Saluki shooting effort. The only hot thing SIU hit all night was the showers following the game. The Bluejays, on the other hand, connected on 18-of-33 from the field, including 7-of-13 from downtown and outbounded SIU 24-12 in the opening 20 minutes.

Frustrated, Weber opted to play his bench after Creighton (15-6, 7-4) amassed the astronomical lead. Even seldom played freshman center Josh Warren, who had only seen nine minutes of action all season, was on the court before the half.

"[Wednesday] I had a feeling ahead of time, even in my mind I felt I was going to play Josh Warren in the first half because I knew those other guys weren't going to do anything," Weber said.

Sophomore guard Kent Williams continued to struggle against Creighton, as he was kept scoreless in the opening half.

Last season, he only hit 5-of-25 field goal attempts in two contests, including an 0-for-13 tilt from three-point range. Williams hit a couple buckets in the second half, but it didn't help a 2-for-11 clip look any better. Williams converted five free throws to finish with 10 points.

Junior guard Marcus Belcher led SIU with 13 points.

The Salukis must now regroup for another MVC road game at the University of Evansville Saturday in Evansville, Ind. The Purple Aces fell to Drake University Wednesday night by 25 points and SIU will have to try and forget the first 20 minutes of the Creighton game and show they can play as a team again on Saturday.

"We knew we were better than what we were playing, and that's the worst part of it," Belcher said. "If we were really that bad of a team, then it wouldn't have been so bad, but we know we're much better than that."

Road trip extends Illinois' challenge in Big Ten

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CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (U-WIRE)- The time seems ripe for Illinois to finally play well on the road.

Less than a week after a four-point scare in Michigan, a win Wednesday against Penn State would bury old road memories and springboard the No. 6 Illini (16-4, 6-1 Big Ten) into a two-game home stint that culminates Feb. 6 against second-place Michigan State.

"It's time to get back down to the dirty work and get it done," Illini senior Sergio McClain said. "We've got a big challenge ahead of us again, and we've got to be ready."

Penn State (12-5, 2-4) will be looking for retribution from a 32-point loss on Jan. 20 in Champaign. Payback has been on the minds of the Nittany Lions since that 92-60 Illini blowout, Illinois head coach Bill Self said.

"I was walking off the court and (a PSU player) was talking to one of

(the Illinois) players," Self recalled. "I remember him saying, 'You got us here, but remember, you gotta come back to our place.' Those guys will be ready to play."

Despite a 2-1 Big Ten road record, Illinois has struggled away from home in all three contests.

At this point, Illinois can hardly spare a costly road loss Wednesday, especially with Iowa and Michigan State (both 5-2) nipping at its heels. "We have to be ready. The whole Big Ten is going to be rooting against us," McClain said. "It's us against the world right now."

It's an "us-against-them" mentality that will live on these road-weary Illini, then so be it. The Illini are looking for some kind of spark.

"We just have to bear down and do our thing," junior Cory Bradford said. "I think we've been a half-step slow on everything, and I think that's really been affecting us. We do it in practice, now we just have to translate it to the game."

Illinois can't afford the same kind of slow starts that have become its road trademarks.

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into town and stole the title from the Salukis.

"Since I was redshirted last year, I felt semi-responsible," said Wotruba, a native of Verdale, Wash. "I think if I'd been in the meet we probably would have won with my points so I want a little redemption for myself."

Wotruba, Tidwell and Parkins have all done an excellent job of leading this team, which is currently ranked fourth in the latest collegewimming.com mid-major poll, and they also have done a great job of bringing along all the younger people as the team has seven freshmen this season.

"They just showed us the ropes, as soon as we got here they took us around, showed us where our classes were, and that's outside the pool," said freshman Chris Smith. "In the pool, they showed us how to train hard and train fast. That's something that most of the freshmen have never done before."

In addition to teaching the newcomers the ropes in the pool and around campus, this class has also taught them how to be good people.

"They hold the team together," said sophomore Bleu Betrencourt. "They're like role models for me and I think a lot of other swimmers on the team."

Walker said the seniors have all been through the system and while he wishes he wasn't losing them, he will take pride when they equal the success they had in the pool out in the real world.

"There have been a long line of great swimmers that have come through the doors of this pool, and the three guys that we're losing this year have matched the standard that each and every one of the athletes have set before them," Walker said.

The last order of business for these swimmers before they can leave SIU is getting their crown back from Southwest Missouri State. And if last weekend's 137-106 victory against the Bears is a sign of things to come, they will be leaving Carbondale as champions.

"I think we control our destiny as far as the conference championship goes," Parkins said. "If we step up and compete at the level we're capable of, I don't think anyone will stand a chance."

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head coach, SIU men's swimming and diving

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ing [former Saluki swimmer] Herman Louw down at Indian River Community College," said Orr, a native of Tarpon Springs, Fla.

Orr said she isn't exactly sure what made her decide to come to SIU, but she wouldn't trade her time here for anything.

"It's been great, it's one of the best experiences I've had, even though it's been short," Orr said.

Orr isn't the only person to follow someone to SIU, as Gerardi and Smith also had friends lead them here. Smith credits former Saluki Kathleen Flannery with aiming her toward SIU.

"She is from Virginia Beach where I was living when I graduated and she talked to [former SIU women's head coach] Mark Kluempfer and got me a recruiting trip," said Smith, a native of Virginia Beach, Va. "I kind of applied here as a joke because my parents are from Illinois and I was just like, 'Oh, ha-ha, yeah mom, I'll go to an Illinois school,' but I really fell in love with the team and the campus when they got me here, so I decided to come."

Although all the seniors had their different ways of getting here, there is one thing they all share, and that is the fact they've won the MVC crown every year they've been at SIU. And with little surprise, they are the favorites to win it again this year.

SIU women's head coach Jeff Goetz said this senior class has set the bar for the rest of the team both academically and athletically, and it will be a challenge to duplicate their success next year.

"I'm going to miss them. I'm excited for them to graduate and I'm very sad for them to graduate at the same time," Goetz said.

Junior Mary Tralov said it's going to be a whole different team next year with the absence of this class.

"It's going to be really weird because when I think of SIU swimming, I think of these guys," Tralov said. "They're the ones who set an example for me when I was younger. It'll be very different."

While all of the seniors have enjoyed their time here, they know it's time to get on with their lives.

"These four years were the best of my life and I know that I will be very sad when it's all over," said Michaelidou, a native of Nicosia, Cyprus. "It's time to move on and do something else, but I will be sad when it's over."

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'Return to normalcy' for women's basketball

Salukis lose 73-66 to Bradley University

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With one minute and 16 seconds left in the game, the Salukis were down just three points, but a win wasn't meant to be.

The SIU women's basketball team's rebounding struggles continued, and their opponent's 9-of-12 free throw performance during the final minute, are what did them in a 73-66 loss to Bradley University at SIU Arena Wednesday night.

Riding on the game is what could have been the Salukis first back-to-back win this season. Also, the Salukis had not lost to the Braves since Dec. 31, 1997. But the lack of consistency that has plagued the Salukis all season, once again, reared its head.

"They just out-hustled us," said senior Terica Hathaway. "Of course the rebounding, going after loose balls ... they just seemed like they wanted it more and we've got to be able to focus up. We've got to be able to, at the end, put the basket in, rebound and do all those little things, and that's what we're missing right now."

SIU head coach Lori Opp said, "You all saw the last three or four minutes of the ballgame,

most of it was spent down on their end of the floor because we didn't block out and we didn't stay after loose balls ... it's the same thing we saw yesterday in practice versus our practice squad, and you know we try to tell 'em.

"It doesn't hurt you in practice, you don't feel like there's a penalty because you're not loosing, but you're setting yourself up for a loss because you're practicing bad habits."

The Salukis were out rebounded 32-27 by a predominantly shorter Braves team. At half-time, the Braves had only grabbed two offensive boards, but finished the night with 12. Bradley head coach Paula Buscher points to that statistic as the key to the win.

"I challenged them a little bit," Buscher said, "and I really thought they stepped up. That's kind of been our bread-and-butter. We need second-shot opportunities. We don't have that great size that other teams have, or the depth, so we need to take advantage of any second-chance baskets that we can get."

Hathaway led the Salukis with 16 points followed by junior Holly Teague's 14 points and sophomore Molly McDowell's 10 points.

Bradley was led by Jennifer Jolley, a senior, with 21 points, while sophomore Sara Bailey scored 16 and senior Mari Davis had 15.

WHO'S NEXT

• THE SIU WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM PLAYS THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA IN CEDAR FALLS, IOWA, FOR A 12:35 P.M. GAME SUNDAY.

Closing time for Saluki seniors



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Senior members of the Saluki swim team. From left, standing: David Parkins, Joe Tidwell, Melanie Williams, Dena Gerardi, Luke Wotruba. Seated: Beth Ann Erickson, Nikoleta Michaelidou. Front: Eulalie Frye, Daniela Muniz. The senior members of the team will have their final meet Feb. 16-18, 2001.

Men's swimming and diving seniors look to regain their place atop the MVC

Women's swimming and diving seniors go for fourth straight MVC crown

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 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Imagine wanting something so bad, you would drive 45 minutes away four days a week just to train for a couple of hours and then drive the 45 minutes back home.

That is what Pittsfield native David Parkins did so that he could accomplish his goal of swimming at the college level.

"I'm from a small town of about 4,000 and there's no indoor pool there, so the nearest swimming program was in a town called Quincy," Parkins said. "What kept me going was the fact that I wanted to swim at the college level and it kept me going through it."

The hard work paid off as Parkins and his fellow seniors on the SIU swimming and diving team who will be going for their third Missouri Valley Conference championship in the past four years.

The two other seniors, Joe Tidwell and Luke Wotruba, also have their stories dealing with getting to Carbondale and championships missed.

Tidwell transferred from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas where problems with the program and a shoulder injury led to his leaving the school.

"I decided to leave school and I didn't have anywhere to go for a couple of months and got a call from [SIU men's coach] Rick Walker and decided to come here," said Tidwell, a native of Liberty Lake, Wash.

Tidwell was in Carbondale to see the Salukis last MVC victory in 1999, but he was not able to swim and as a result will be going for his first championship at the upcoming MVC championships on Feb. 16-18 at the Recreation Center.

Wotruba was redshirted last year and therefore could not assist his team when Southwest Missouri State University came

Beth Ann Erickson remembers when she was a child and how she hated swim practice so much that she used to try to bribe her parents to get out of it.

"They joke about it because I would cry," said Erickson, a senior on the SIU women's swimming and diving team from St. Charles. "When it came time to be practice time I'd be like, 'I'll clean the house, I'll do this, I'll wash your car, I would do anything to get out of practice.'"

Now, Erickson along with her seven fellow seniors, are partaking in the final practices of their careers as the Salukis are in the final stages before the biggest meet of the season, the Missouri Valley Conference Championship Feb. 16-18 in Carbondale.

Lee Frye, Dena Gerardi, Nikoleta Michaelidou, Daniela Muniz, Jocelyne Orr, Meredith Smith and Melanie Williams are the other seniors on the upper-class dominated Saluki squad.

Like Erickson, most of the other seniors started swimming because their parents placed them in swimming lessons as young children and their talents were recognized by either their parents or the swimming coaches.

"[My former coach] was like, 'This girl needs to be put on a swim team,' so my parents just pushed me toward it then," said Williams, a native of Newburgh, Ind.

Not all the seniors started because of their parents' backing, however, as Frye and Orr followed older siblings into the pool.

"My older brothers, they started swimming and I was bored at home with them going to practice so I started going too," said Frye, a native of Bozeman, Mont.

Orr followed her sister toward swimming and ironically, it was through someone else yet again that she came to Carbondale.

"I heard about SIU because they were look-



Saluki guard, Holly Teague, runs offense through two Bradley University Braves, Wednesday night at the SIU Arena. Holding eighth place in conference, the Salukis continue to fight for a conference tournament position.