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- Tom Britton, administration spokesman



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Seventh-month labor negotiations stalemate as numbers and equity conflicts plague talks

KATE MCCANN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A frustrated faculty union disputed statements made by administrative spokesman Tom Britton Thursday afternoon at a press conference, where union concerns with the negotiating process were outlined for the public.

Faculty Association spokesman Walter Jaehnig said the administration's claim that 90 percent of the language for the next faculty contract had been agreed upon was false.

Confusion and disagreements concerning numbers account for a good part of the animosity between the dueling factions, mostly involving faculty lines and salary increases.

Salary squabbles

Responding to an offer described by union members as both ludicrous and insulting, Jaehnig said the administration's proposal of a 3-percent pay increase is an outrage.

"This offer is insulting, demeaning and antagonistic to the negotiation process," Jaehnig said.

The union is accusing the administration of squandering \$7 million that should have been set aside for faculty raises. In a sense, they are accusing the University of robbing the faculty to give to the administration.

According to Jaehnig, the pre-existing contract called for a 13 percent increase in salaries over three years, which should have garnered a \$7 million increase.

The administration disagrees.

"This is an argument of numbers I simply do not understand," Britton said. "Those numbers were generated by the Faculty Association."

Regardless of the missing \$7 million, the union has repeatedly stated that SIUC is in danger of being taught by the lowest bidder.

"We are deeply concerned by the quality of education on this campus," Jaehnig said.

"When our classes are being staffed by people who are not qualified to be in front of them, that will have a much larger public relations impact on SIUC than this press conference or these negotiations."

Faculty Lines

The other major issue that led to the break-

down in negotiations, according to the union, is a guaranteed number of faculty positions.

The union is demanding 735 guaranteed faculty positions at the SIUC campus. The number of tenured and tenured-track faculty positions given in October was 690 positions.

Britton said a guaranteed number of positions is too costly because it would force the University to create 45 new positions on campus.

The union, in turn, has accused the University of using money for faculty salaries to pay what they referred to as outrageous

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Archer defends funding allocations before USG

CHRISTIAN HALE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Questions concerning funding allocations, and in particular, money given to the Black Affairs Council, were answered by President Bill Archer at the first Undergraduate Student Government meeting Wednesday night.

In the spring, USG senate approved \$35,000 for BAC, but the bill, was vetoed by then-President Sean Henry. No meetings followed the decision and the BAC matter was left as it was.

"They are a priority-one organization," Archer said. "There are over 20 organizations that they help, bring together and communicate with. It is possible to kill off a priority one, but it is really bad."

Archer said he discussed the matter with interim Chancellor John Jackson, associate Vice Chancellor Jean Peratore, associate Vice Chancellor Larry Dietz and Paulette Curkin, the interim-advisor for USG in the spring.

A committee was formed to look into the funding problems. The committee consisted of two representatives of USG and two representa-

tives of BAC.

"I put BAC on a little probation period because of this whole thing," Archer said. "They wanted something done. I gave them \$5,000 to start off the summer so they could run their office and continue on."

After Archer placed BAC on probation, he said an investigative committee was formed. The committee is going to report to the Internal Affairs Committee once that committee is formed, but he felt he had to get things "rolling."

Lauralee Epplin, one of the USG representatives on the committee, said in a conversation

with Archer that the committee could find no reason why BAC shouldn't receive their money.

Archer said because of the funding problems experienced last year, \$43,000 was over-allocated for this year's budget. He said he could not give BAC all \$35,000.

"I talked to the BAC coordinator and told the situation to him," Archer said. "I explained to him that a lot of the fraternities and sororities that I felt were over-funded last year are under BAC."

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TODAY

• Saluki Volunteer Corps needs assistance with calling potential blood donors, registering participants, serving refreshments or donating blood for the Red Cross Blood Drive, today through Sept. 8, Vivian 457-5258.

• Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau Terry Boyd Orchards, today through Nov. 12, 675 Sadler Rd. Anna, 833-5533.

• German Club Stammtisch, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Booby's, Aune 549-1754.

• Christians Unlimited Bible Study, 7 p.m., Mississippi Room Student Center, Don 457-7501 or 529-7900.

UPCOMING

• SIU Shoto-Kahn Karate Club practice, Sept. 2 and 3, 10 a.m., Recreation Center Aerobics Studio, Lance 996-2026.

• Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau Ripple Hollow Rendezvous and Bowhunters Jamboree, Sept. 2 and 3, 1975 Fair City Rd. Jonesboro, 833-8697.

• Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau Cobden American Legion Breakfast, Sept. 2, 7 to 10 a.m., Cobden Legion Hall, \$3.50 per person.

• Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau Farmers Market, every Sat., 8 a.m., Golconda, 683-6246.

• Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau Labor Day Trail Ride, Sept. 3 through Sept. 8, reservations required 683-RIDE.

• Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau Labor Day Festival, Sept. 4, 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Horseshoe Lake Community Building in the Olive Branch, 776-5198.

• Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau Labor Day Celebration, Sept. 4, parade at 10 a.m., Ft. Massac State Park in Metropolis, 524-3862.

• Outdoor Adventure Club meeting, every Mon., 7 p.m., Mississippi Room Student Center, Christy 529-7423.

• SIU Ballroom Dance Club meeting, every Mon., 7 to 8:30 p.m., Davies Gym 2F, students \$15 and non-students \$18 per semester, 351-8855.

• Southernmost Illinois Tourism Bureau Farmers Market, every Tues., 7 a.m. to noon, Anna, 833-6311.

• Library Affairs Morris Library 101, Sept. 5, 9 to 10 a.m., Morris Library 103D, undergrad desk 453-2818.

• Library Affairs finding scholarly articles, Sept. 5, 10 to 11 a.m., Morris Library 103D, undergrad desk 453-2818.

• Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center is offering free lunch for International students, every Tues., 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center on the corner of Forrest and Mill, Judy 457-2898.

• Women's Spirituality Group meeting, Sept. 5, noon to 1 p.m., Woody Hall A 308, 453-3655.

• Department of Aviation Management and Flight registration appointments for Spring 2001, Sept. 5 or after, 453-8898.

• Library Affairs Power Point, Sept. 5, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Morris Library 103D, undergrad desk 453-2818.

• Alpha Phi Alpha Miss Ebonyess Tryouts, Sept. 5, 6:30 to 10 p.m., Agriculture Building 102, Sept. 6, 6 to 10 p.m., Ballroom D Student Center, Sept. 7, 6:30 to 10 p.m., Agriculture Building 102, Trevor 351-1375.

• Department of Philosophy meeting, Sept. 5, 4 p.m., Faner 3059, Martin 453-7454.

• Department of Plant, Soil, and General Agriculture seminar on "A Feel Bright Fellows Experience in Thailand" by Dr. Oval Myers, Jr., Sept. 5, 4 p.m., Agriculture Building 209.

• SIU Debate Team open call for debaters, Sept. 5, 4:30 p.m., Communication Building Room 2005, Todd 453-5090.

• College Democrats meeting, Sept. 5, 5 p.m., Mississippi Room Student Center, Leslie 549-8344.

• SPC Comedy meeting to discuss "Weird AF" concert, every Tues., 5 p.m., Student Activity Room B Student Center, Blair 536-3393.

• Society For Advancement of Management new member night, Sept. 5, 5:15 p.m., Lawson 121, Maria 351-7407.

• Library Affairs Morris Library 101, Sept. 6, 9 to 10 a.m., Morris Library 103D, undergrad desk 453-2818.

• Library Affairs digital imaging with Photo Shop, Sept. 6, 10 to noon, Morris Library 103D, undergrad desk 453-2818.

• University Museum Art in the Garden "Banjovi" Bluegrass, Sept. 6, noon to 1 p.m., University Museum Sculpture Garden Faner Hall, William 453-5388.

• Library Affairs Power Point, Sept. 6, 2 to 3:30 p.m., Morris Library 103D, undergrad desk 453-2818.

• Library Affairs finding scholarly medical articles, Sept. 6, 4 to 5 p.m., Morris Library 103D, undergrad desk 453-2818.

• Public Relations Student Society of America meeting, every Wed., 4:30 p.m., Cambria Room Student Center, Tim 453-1898.

• Egyptian Dive Club meeting, every Wed., 6:30 p.m., Pulliam 021, Amy 549-0840.

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High: 96
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TOMORROW:
Partly cloudy
High: 92
Low: 66



SUNDAY:
Partly sunny
High: 92
Low: 66

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THIS DAY IN 1899:

- A new computer system, named the Student Information Service, was available so that undergraduate students could register for spring classes instead of registering at Wood Hall.
- St. Louis Cardinals pitcher Joe Magrane aimed high by working towards the National League Cy Young Award.
- Hangar 9 featured the band "Jungle Dogs" along with the happy hour special of three mixed drinks for the price of one.
- Fox Eastgate Center theater was showing "Field of Dreams" and "Parenthood" for a \$2.75 show before 6 p.m.
- Hull's Radiator and Auto Center had a special for an oil and filter change for only \$7.99.

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SIUC welcomes new vice chancellor

Administration
Rickey McCurry, Vice Chancellor
for Institutional Advancement

CHRISTOPHER MARCUM
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Walking across the SIUC campus recently, Rickey McCurry spotted a man trimming hedges. He had been chatting with the man for a while when he was struck by a realization.

"A campus like this doesn't appear by itself. It takes everyone from the maintenance crew to the students to the faculty, all the way to the top to make it succeed," McCurry thought to himself.

As the new vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement, McCurry brings that all-inclusive vision to SIUC as he takes his next step in a career distinguished by integrity, commitment and achievement.

From Pennsylvania to Tennessee to SIUC, McCurry has the Midas touch when it comes to fund raising as well as what he calls "friend-raising."

At the University of Tennessee at Knoxville, McCurry was instrumental in the success of the university's 21st Century Campaign, which brought in \$235 million, \$60 million more than its goal. SIUC is currently developing its own capital campaign, with McCurry slated to play a key role.

Prior to his position at UT, McCurry worked development jobs at a number of schools in Pennsylvania, including Penn State. His successes led him to Knoxville where he served as associate vice chancellor for Development and Alumni Affairs beginning in 1993.

Identifying potential donors and bringing in revenue is crucial to the operation of any university and is the office of Institutional Advancement's primary task. However, Linda Davidson, former vice chancellor for Development and Alumni Affairs at UT, said that McCurry's expertise extends far beyond just raising money.

"Rickey was one of the best I've ever seen at sharing and promoting the image of our university. He really knows how to make insiders out of outsiders," Davidson said.

McCurry also sees his role as more than just a



MINIBOOK PARK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Rickey McCurry, the new vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement, talks with Sara Thompson, a senior in physical education from Marion, in front of Colyer Hall Wednesday morning. McCurry has tried to develop relationships and promote the image of SIUC since he took the position July 1.

fund raiser, although he realizes few people understand what Institutional Advancement does for the University.

"We are trying to develop relationships and promote the image of SIUC," McCurry said. "The more we succeed, the more valuable an SIUC degree becomes."

McCurry added that advancing SIUC's image is not just an institutional responsibility.

"Every time a student says something positive to a friend or co-worker about SIUC, that's part of Institutional Advancement. Students of today are tomorrow's alumni," McCurry said.

A bear of a man, McCurry cuts an imposing figure that friends say is easily forgotten after a few minutes of conversation with him.

"Rickey has a great sense of humor that really puts you at ease," Davidson said.

His engaging style is one of the characteristics that set him apart from other candidates for the

vice chancellor position, according to interim Chancellor John Jackson.

"He has a nice mixture of being relaxed and businesslike at the same time," Jackson said.

Apart from his professional duties, McCurry has also shown a commitment to the greater community. Last spring at UT, McCurry was awarded the Chancellor's Citation for Community Service for efforts at his church as well as the local YMCA.

McCurry moved to Carbondale this summer with his wife of 15 years, Sandra, and their three children Neal, Eric and Chelsea, along with Freckles and Bravo, the family's two cocker spaniels.

As far as his plans here at SIUC, McCurry was clear about the future and where he wants to take the University's image.

"I see SIUC as a sleeping giant," McCurry said, "and we are beginning to wake the giant up."

NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

Traffic delays expected today

Traffic may be temporarily shut down today at times for those traveling northbound on Illinois Avenue.

Several 18-wheelers towing loads of nearly 40-ton concrete beams will make their way into downtown Carbondale to continue work on the Mill Street Underpass.

Construction and road congestion is expected to be complete by the end of the day.

Searching for ChildCorps volunteers

Student volunteers are needed to participate in the Illinois ChildCorps project at John A. Logan Community College.

Three volunteers are needed; two for part-time only. Part-time participants receive a \$4,725 living allowance, travel reimbursement and an education award of \$2,363 upon completion of service. The full-time volunteer will receive \$9,000, travel reimbursement and an education award of \$4,725 upon completion of service.

To qualify, a student must have completed one year of college and be enrolled in no more than 15 credit hours each week.

The students will work with Child Care Resource and Referral staff to provide services to child care programs and families in the 15 counties of Southern Illinois.

For more information, call Nina Wargel at 1-800-232-0908.

Visiting professor to speak about friction

The Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry and the Friction Center, will kick off its fall seminar schedule Friday with a presentation on "Consequences of Simultaneous Mechanical Stimulation of Surfaces: Nanometer Scale Studies."

J. Thomas Dickinson, professor of physics and materials science at Washington State University, will speak on the subject. Dickinson has authored or co-authored more than 250 technical articles and has earned numerous grants and awards for research. Dickinson is considered an expert in his field by his peers, said seminar organizer and assistant professor of chemistry Bakul Dave.

The seminar will be at 4 p.m. in the Van Lente Auditorium (Neckers 240). Refreshments will be served at 3:30 outside Neckers 224C.

American Red Cross blood drive

Those wishing to help with American Red Cross blood drives may do so starting today through Sept. 9. Duties include calling potential donors, registering participants, serving refreshments or donating blood.

For more information, call Vivian Ugent at 457-5258.

Registration for softball tournament until Sept. 5

Registration for an intramural sports softball tournament will continue until Tuesday at the Recreation Center Information Center.

Games will be played on Sept. 23 at the lower Arena Fields. A mandatory captain's meeting will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Recreation Center Alumni Lounge.

For additional information, call 453-1273.

Polish and sauerkraut dinner at Bald Knob Cross

There will be a Polish sausage and sauerkraut dinner from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Bald Knob Cross in Alto Pass. The dinner will cost \$5 for adults, and dinner for children under 10 costs \$2.50. Anyone with crafts and flea market items are invited free of charge.

Cycle program sends participants across America

CYCLE ACROSS AMERICA

CYCLE ACROSS AMERICA TAKES PLACE ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAYS FROM 5:15 P.M. TO 6:15 P.M. ON RACQUETBALL COURT 8 IN THE RECREATION CENTER.

Bikes simulate diverse terrains

ANTONIO YOUNG
DAILY EGYPTIAN

While the disco classic, "Hot Stuff" by Donna Summer blared across a dimly lit racquetball court in the Recreation Center, Kim Gill pushed herself to her limit during a Cycle Across America session Tuesday night.

"It was a great workout. I normally don't sweat and it really challenged me," said Gill, a graduate student in interactive multi-media from Pekin.

The one-hour program includes exercises such as standing up on the bike while bending backward and leaning forward, while pulling arms behind the back and stretching.

Gill was among six other participants who performed the various exercises, which the instructor, Anna Green, called from her microphone headset. "I felt the teacher really challenged us to work harder and I learned more ways to use the bike than just sitting down and pedaling," Gill said.

Green, a graduate student in accounting, said the program differs from the typical spinning cycle training because it emphasizes weight training.

"It's a great complement to other workouts, particularly for a lot of runners," Green said. "A lot of times people feel they are in great shape and get on the bike and are like, 'Whoa! This is really hard.'"

The participants in the program perform the exercises on the Star Trac bicycles, which contain steel wheels and resistance knobs that are turned to maintain a tempo and control the wheels.

"When you start pedaling, [the wheel] will keep spinning; that's how it advances training and forces you to work at your ultimate level," Green said. "Spinning cycle programs are more about keeping the wheel going at a constant tempo."

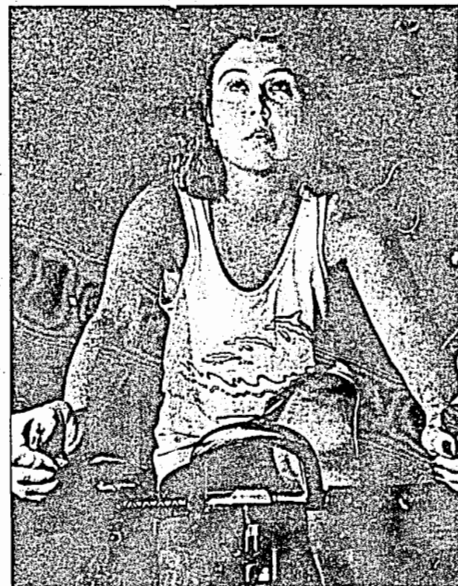
Participants gain a point each session they attend, as they attempt to finish an imaginary trail from New York to San Diego. They earn small prizes after reaching each destination along the path, and bigger ones, after completing the trail. The program trail is based on the actual hours between cities, by way of bicycle.

A sign, which read, "Roads - Where we're going, we don't need roads," a quote from "Back to the Future's" Doc, hung on the wall for encouragement.

Joe Schmit, the chairman of the Department of Biochemistry in the School of Medicine, left the cycling session with his white T-shirt drenched in sweat.

He said the high-resistance exercise, which participants close their eyes and pretend to go up a hill, was the most difficult.

"[The climbing sequence] helps add climbing power and will probably add to your endurance as you work on it," Schmit said. "This is the closest [exercise] bike I have ever been on that's like being on a real bike."



ED GULICK - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Molly Hamilton cycles toward the goal of riding across America at the Recreation Center Tuesday. Participants can complete set hours of riding to reach their goals.



Opening Friday in Theaters

"Highlander: Endgame"

Christopher Lambert stars with Lisa Barbuscia, Jim Brynes and Ian Paul Cassidy in this fourth Scotland-based film with a closely guarded plot.

"Whipped"

Amanda Peet is the center of attention as four guys with big attitudes try to win her over. Also starring Jonathan Abrahams, Zorie Barber, Judah Domke and Callie Thorne.

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Dan Hicks and His Hot Licks "Beatin' the Heat"

John Wesley Harding "The Confessions of St. Ace"

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KISS them good-bye

Kiss Farewell Tour features theatrics of '70s Glam Rock

MARLEEN TROUTT
DAILY EGYPTIAN

An alabaster face with painted black, bat-like eyes, gigantic, metal-toothed, platform boots, fire-breathing, blood-spitting and flying 50 feet over audiences while singing "God of Thunder" is how KISS front man Gene Simmons defined Glam Rock in the '70s.

The Farewell Tour, which plays tonight at the SIU Arena, may be the last time students can see Simmons' freakishly long, slender tongue in the flesh. The slimy, wiggling muscle, thrust outside of black lips, is the worldwide icon for KISS.

The Farewell Tour promises the off-the-wall antics that made the band infamous. Ted Nugent, nicknamed the Motor City Madman, will also perform, along with Skid Row. Nugent is notorious for his own brand of showmanship. Naked, except loincloth, he swings on vines and shoots flaming arrows.

Scott Wilson, a freshman in political science, will not be going home to Catlin for Labor Day weekend with friends because he said the concert is too big to miss. He has not decided whether he will assume face paint or costume for the event as many KISS fans do.

"KISS and Ted Nugent have been around forever and they're both awesome," Wilson said. "I'll never have the chance to see them if I miss this show. Even if I did, I'd never be able to see them with Ted Nugent and Skid Row."

Wilson has been listening to the bands all of his life. His mother, who introduced the music to Wilson, begged him to take her to the show, but he said no.

Wilson called KISS get-up "pretty cool," but said he enjoys the music most.

"KISS are the pioneers of putting on a theatrical show not just a music show," Wilson said.

Simmons, born Chaim Witz, in Haifa, Israel, composes, sings and plays bass guitar for KISS. He began the band in 1972 with the only other enduring band mate, Paul Stanley.

In concert, KISS created characters come alive outside of the

many comic books the band is featured in. Simmons is "The Demon" or "The Bat Lizard," and recently dressed as the Star Wars character Darth Maul. Stanley is "The Star Child," Peter Criss is "The Cat" and Ace Frehley is "The Spaceman."

Besides comic books and the usual posters and T-shirts, KISS memorabilia includes everything from pinball machines to toilet paper.

SIU Arena Director Gary Drake said SIUC students are hard at work preparing the biggest light show ever executed at the Arena. KISS is bringing its own stage in a caravan of 10 semitrailers.

"It's a very extravagant show — a very large show with a lot of pyrotechnics," Drake said. The company Pyrotech will provide the fireworks.

Hundreds of SIUC students employed by the Arena sell and take tickets, help with security and serve as janitors, ushers and stagehands.

Drake says Carbondale has an excellent reputation among agents and promoters.

"The market, though small, responds very well," Drake said. "The building is staffed by a group of professionals. [The bands] know they are going to be taken care of and the stage will be ready when they pull up and that's what they want."

Drake said more locals than students are buying tickets for the event. Ticket sales are also strong outside the region in places like Paducah, Ky., and Cape Girardeau, Mo.

Although three-fourths of the 8,000 seats are filled, Gary Lewis, 33, a graduate student in English, believes KISS and Skid Row do not appeal to contemporary students.

Lewis, an ardent Ted Nugent fan who has been listening to Nugent since fifth grade, does not want to "sit through the other bands to hear Uncle Ted."

"KISS and Skid Row should've given up a long time ago," Lewis said. "They're trite, old and outdated. They are Glam Rock, but Terrifying Teddy is timeless. He was loud and proud long before the rest of them and Nugent's not tacky like them."

Simmons, who turned 51 on Aug. 25, may keep performing everyday, but this tour marks the last time SIUC students will be able to "Rock and Roll All Night," with the band.

CONCERT SCHEDULE

KISS WITH SPECIAL GUESTS TED NUGENT AND SKID ROW ARE SCHEDULED TO PLAY AT THE SIU ARENA TONIGHT AT 7. TICKETS ARE STILL ON SALE AT THE ARENA BOX OFFICE AND CAN BE CHARGED BY PHONE AT 453-9341.



"The Eclectic" spins the beats of idols

Wyclef Jean fuses southern rap with Bob Marley-style reggae on his second solo attempt

KELLY DAVENPORT
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Wyclef Jean is not a cultural icon like Bob Marley. He is not a wacky, avant-garde rhymist like Busta Rhymes. And he isn't a visionary like Lauryn Hill or a slick story-teller like Notorious B.I.G.

But Wyclef Jean is a hard-working journeyman who can create rap music with Kenny Rogers, Earth, Wind and Fire and WWF's The ROCK while still clenching his street credibility.

This man deserves some respect. Jean's second solo album "The Eclectic — 2 Sides A Book" mixes things up with '70s funk, Caribbean-flavored drum beats and southern gritty hooks.

All of it is gleefully unpolished: Jean eschews silly post-production noise in favor of thumping bass lines and raw choruses. In a rap world dominated by "Annie" samples and swiped sounds, the originality of Jean's tracks is refreshing.

The shimmering "Runaway" is a fun, Studio 54-worthy track, complete with backup vocals from Earth, Wind and Fire and a slinky horn riff reminiscent of a Delphonic tune.

It sounds like something Quentin Tarantino's Jackie Brown would groove to on her way to the next heist.

CD Review



Kenny Rogers' appearance on track three proves he's not an old country fogie, after all. Thankfully, his efforts are much more successful than Pat Boone's try at metal.

Rogers spices up Wyclef's lyrics with "Count your dubs before you touch the turntables/ 'cause if you run out of big tunes/ that means your sound is done," yodeled to the tune of his classic, "The Gambler."

However, on a 19-song album, Wyclef runs out of retro, campy acts to lend flair to his tracks. There are some misses.

"911" featuring Mary J. Blige has none of the poignancy of vintage Wyclef like "Gone Till November." Instead, it lapses into the tired, "love sucks" routine.

Also, Jean's ode to fallen West African immigrant Amadou Diallo seems off-kilter.

Wyclef, despite his devotion to the "underground" scene and his Haitian roots, appears too disconnected from street life to truthfully relate to Diallo's death.

His Bob Marley "Social Consciousness 101" training is still a little lacking.

With "Wyclef," Jean is a little kid spinning the LPs of his idols — rehashing their rhymes and bouncing to their beats — trying to assimilate their styles into his own.

He's pretty close to getting things right.

Dental clinic opens to public aid patients

Hygiene and technology students to assist in procedures

MATT BRENNAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Forty-two percent of Jackson County low-income residents went without dental care last year because of cost, according to an SIUC survey. If dental service was available at no cost, 83 percent of residents said they would have sought care, according to the same survey.

The SIUC Center for Rural Health and Social Service Development conducted the survey in December 1999 to assess people's health needs throughout Jackson County. The information from the survey aided in creating a public health program at SIUC.

On Sept. 11, the dental clinic in the College of Applied Science and Arts Building will open up for public aid patients by appointment.

This includes Medicaid patients, but not Medicare. Most of the patients to receive the free service will

be children between the ages of 2 and 20, said Sandy Maurizio, assistant professor in the Dental Hygiene Department.

Current Medicaid rules prevent adults from obtaining preventative service. Adults will be eligible for service by paying a fee.

"In a controversial decision, the state cut out funding for adults, except for emergency services," said Danna Comer, a dentist who will be doing much of the work in this program.

Ten dentists from the Southern Illinois Dentist Society are volunteering their time. Both dental hygiene and dental technology students will assist new patients.

Paul Sarvela, chairman of the Department of Health Care Professions, said working along with dentists in the clinic will help his dental students.

"When they're finished with school, they'll be better prepared to face the dental issues common to the

family dentist practice," he said.

Dental technology students will also aid in the crafting of dental appliances and retainers for patients, said John Winings, director of Dental Technology and associate professor.

"We'll be making these appliances here in the department," Winings said. "Students will be getting experience they wouldn't normally get. With this experience, technology students will be better prepared."

The clinic will stay open Mondays from 5 to 9 p.m., and patients must call in advance to make an appointment. Patients will have to show a Medicaid card, and the office will bill the state for the procedure, Maurizio said. "This way there is no bill to the patient."

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Gay Texas A&M students question president

ROLAND GARCIA
THE BATTALION

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (U-WIRE) — Jubilation quickly turned to anger and frustration among gay student activists at Texas A&M University after A&M President Dr. Ray M. Bowen did an about-face and rescinded a new clause in the 2000-2001 student rules that would prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

New rules were posted Aug. 15 on the student rules website, listing sexual orien-

tation as one of the protected categories covered by anti-discrimination policy. But gay students had little time to savor their victory—within 24 hours, the sexual orientation clause was removed and the previous wording, which does not list protected groups, was reinstated.

"[Administrators] have made no attempt to explain what happened," said Jordan Davis, president of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Aggies and a junior in English. "We wanted a commitment in writing because all we have now is the slave owner's word that he won't

beat the slave, and just as slaves don't trust the master, we don't trust the University."

Davis added that, while the University has taken steps to protect gay students from harassment and discrimination, the reworded statement that Bowen removed would have created an official enforcement mechanism and compel the University to foster a non-hostile environment for gay students. Amy Hinze, a senior sociology major, said the symbolic value of the rescinded clause was important.

Sept. 1 to Sept. 7, 2000



Entertainment Guide

Friday, Sept. 1

Monkey, Puzzle will play Sidetracks at 10:30 p.m.

Open mic starts at 9:30 p.m. at Longbranch Coffeehouse.

Carter and Connelley (folk) will play at 10 p.m. at Booby's. Cover charge is \$2.

Moloko Plus with No Direction will play live punk at Hangar 9.

Blues band Stank Willy and the Redhots will play Pinch Penny Pub at 10:30 p.m.

Wear a funny hat on Mad Hatter Night and see Carboz's live DJ.

Mugsy McGuire's will have a piano

player from 6 to 10 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 2

Dr. Robert, a Beatles tribute band, will play Sidetracks at 10:30 p.m.

Leonardo will open for Doug Hoekstra (folksy/rock) starting at 8 p.m. at Backroom at the Branch.

Eighties band Bratpack will play Pinch Penny Pub at 10:30 p.m.

The Bottletones (psychobilly music) will take the floor at Hangar 9.

Carboz will host a live DJ.

Mugsy McGuire's will have a piano player from 6 to 10 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 3

Tawl: Paul and Slappin' Henry Blue (blues and classic rock) will play Booby's at 10 p.m.

Mercy, a jazz ensemble, will play Pinch Penny Pub at 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 5

Sidetracks will have a live DJ at 10:30 p.m.

Sing karaoke at Pinch Penny Pub at 9:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 6

Sidetracks will have a live DJ at 10:30 p.m.

Pinch Penny Pub will host a live DJ at 10 p.m.

It's New Band Showcase Night at Hangar 9 at 10 p.m.

Sarah McLaughlin soundalike Eva Hunter will play Carboz.

Mel Goot will play piano at Mugsy McGuire's from 6 to 10 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 7

Massive Funk will play at Sidetracks at 10:30 p.m.

At Hangar 9, see Just Add Water with the Poppies at 10 p.m.

Carboz will host a live DJ.

Sing karaoke from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Mugsy McGuire's.

For additions or corrections, call 536-3311 ext. 256

Student court favors education to fines

Behind the scenes at Judicial Affairs

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When students go out to have a good time, it is rarely considered that a handful of them will find their way down the road to Judicial Affairs.

As Coordinator of Student Development for Student Judicial Affairs, Terry Huffman stands atop the pyramid of the Judicial Affairs program at SIUC. Assisting him is Carlos Del Rio, assistant program director of Student Judicial Affairs, and the 25 student volunteers that compose the judicial board.

Unlike many other state schools, SIUC uses deterrence and rehabilitation as an educational tool instead of imposing hefty fines for student violations of the conduct code.

"There is no educational value in fining; it is a punishment," Huffman said.

Instead of fines, SIUC uses a variety of approaches to deter people from breaking the conduct code. One is to have violators write a reflective essay on the experience that brought them to the judicial affairs office, and how that experience relates to the conduct code and the University.

"It gets them to think about their behavior," Huffman said. Another approach taken is to have the student do community service as an opportunity to get involved. If the infraction is alcohol or drug-related, the student may be referred to a treatment program at the Wellness Center for counseling. But sometimes the educational aspect doesn't work.

"You can't get to some individuals, you can't touch them, you can't reach them," Huffman said.

In those cases, disciplinary actions are put into effect.

When a student gets into trouble, a fact-finding conference is set up for the student to attend and to explain whether or not they were in violation of the conduct code.

One of two things happens at that point: the charges are dismissed or referred to the judicial board, a panel of five to seven students who determine the outcome of the case.

Alternatively, an administrative hearing is scheduled, which is a formal meeting at which a member of the judicial affairs office presides and the student has an opportunity to bring in witnesses to support or deny any allegations.

"Sanctions are based on the seriousness of the current charges and the previous disciplinary history [of the student]," Huffman said.

The proverbial slate isn't clean after the school year is over. Whatever disciplinary record a student left off with at the end of the year, the student picks up at the beginning of the next year. Each year, 15 to 30 students are suspended for social misconduct.

A parental notification letter may be sent home if a student is under 21 and has repeated incidents of alcohol and drug violations or becomes a threat to others. Parental notification is required under House Resolution 6 of the 1998 revisions of the Higher Education Act.

One of the biggest problems in the residence halls is false fire alarms. The judicial affairs program has taken a zero-tolerance stance. Several students were suspended last year for pulling false fire alarms.

"It totally disrupts the community," Huffman said.

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Wrestlers call presidential candidates to the mat

CARY ROUSSEAU
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WASHINGTON (TMS) — If viewers are lucky they just might get to watch presidential candidates George W. Bush and Al Gore arm-wrestle on national television this fall. That is if the candidates answer the World Wrestling Federation's "Smackdown Challenge" that WWF stars Mick Foley, Chyna, Lita and Kurt Angle announced Tuesday. The candidates would be given five minutes during a live WWF broadcast to present their views on issues important to youth ages 18 to 34.

"This is a serious invitation," WWF star Mick Foley said at a press conference. "We hope they take it seriously."

Even though people may have different opinions about the WWF, it is hard to argue that a lot of people watch it, said Ali Fischer, president of the United States Student Association.

"We've issued this call more than

enough times," Fischer said. "I hope the candidates will go to a lot of different forums for youth."

WWF also joins more than 60 youth organizations including Youth Vote 2000 in asking the candidates to dedicate one of three official debates sponsored by the Commission on Presidential Debates to youth issues.

"Politicians need to do their part and stop ignoring youth," said Julia Cohen, executive director of Youth Vote 2000. "There is a cycle of mutual neglect between the youth and politicians that must be broken."

The hope is that youth will moderate and attend the debate, Cohen said.

The dedication of one-third of presidential debating time to youth issues is not a waste, says Russ Freyman of Neglection 2000, a year-long study on the mutual neglect between young people and candidates.

"They have to be concerned and receptive because this will be a close election," he said. "The youth vote

could swing the election."

Freyman has the numbers to prove interest in a youth debate. A Neglection 2000 poll cites 77 percent of registered voters support making youth issues the focus of a presidential debate.

"The macro level issues are the same," Cohen said. "But it's not about K through 12, it's about higher education. It's 'will I graduate and have a job with health insurance?'"

The WWF has been visible throughout the 2000 presidential campaign with appearances at both conventions.

WWF, MTV, Youth Vote 2000 and Project Vote Smarts are sponsoring the "Smackdown Your Vote" campaign as a nonpartisan voter registration initiative that has already registered 40,000 people.

Even one of the WWF's most prolific stars admits to being put off by politics and wants to make a change. "Politics intimidated me for a long time," Chyna said. "I wish I had made myself aware before."

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administration salaries.

Fair Share

Britton said fair share, an agreement that would require all faculty members to join the union and pay dues, was another source of conflict in the discussions. Jaehning said it had not been on the negotiating table since May.

"Fair-share was not a stalemate issue," Jaehning said. The administration argues fair share is wrong because it would force the faculty to join an organization and pay around \$50 every month. The union counters that fair share would ease the financial and workload burdens of current union members and make dues cheaper for all faculty.

But Jaehning said Thursday fair share was not a deciding issue and accused the University of using fair share to intimidate the faculty.

"Fair share is simply a way to alienate faculty on this campus," Jaehning said. "It is not part of the negotiating process."

Jaehning is confident the union will receive a fair-share agreement eventually, but maintains it was not an issue for the negotiating table.

Parity and Equity

Salary based on merit and gender equity and its interpretation is yet another issue that contributed to the impasse in the negotiation process.

Where Jaehning insists that the union has always preached both

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The only people who have brought up gender issues is the University's team.

For them to now raise gender equity as a concern is surprising.

TOM BRITTON
union spokesman

parity and equity, the administration said gender equity was not an issue in the union's platform.

"The only people who have brought up gender issues is the University's team," Britton said. "For them to now raise gender equity as a concern is surprising."

Jaehning said the plan proposed by the union, which would offer 5-percent, across-the-board raises to all faculty and a little more than 2-percent equity package, is sensible because the majority of the faculty is underpaid to begin with.

Uncertain future

For his part, Britton contends the talks were proceeding as well as could be expected.

"We are trying to understand each other's interests," he said, "and we've had a lot of success."

Still an agreement could not be reached. The mediators should arrive within the next couple of weeks. Until then, neither side can negotiate the next faculty contract.

"We will explore all our options and follow the letter of the law," Jaehning said. "I can't tell you what's going to happen."

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Archer said that was the reason he cut their funding \$10,000, to the total of \$25,000.

As it stands now, only \$6,249 remains from the \$50,000 general funding account because more money was spent by USG than it had

available. However, Archer explained that \$4,000 from his office budget will be placed in the general fund to reimburse expenditures for this year's Sportsfest.

Although the \$4,000 has yet to be given, the estimated total of the general fund, after its addition, will be \$10,429.

"I just don't want anybody to say I didn't show them the budget or they didn't know what was going on," Archer said. "I want to start this year off with a clean slate with good relations with everybody."



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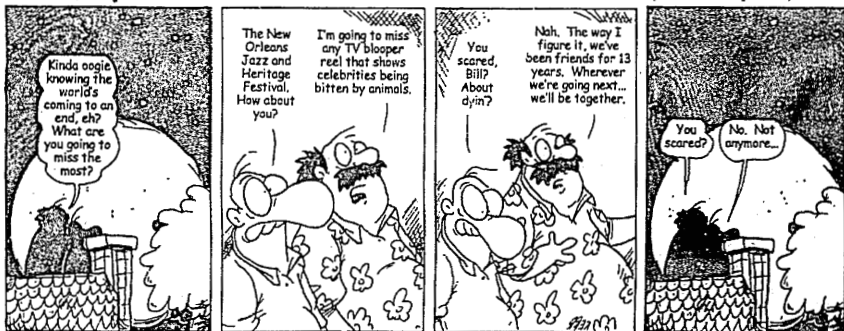
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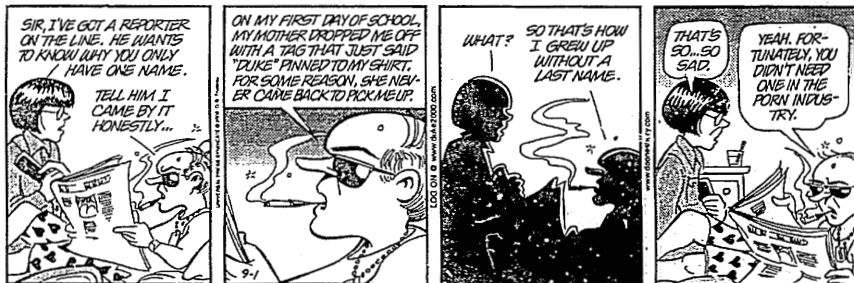
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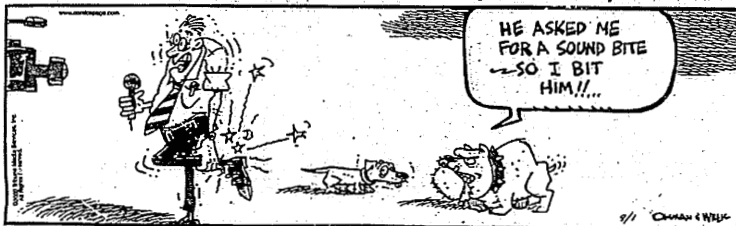
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ACROSS

- 1 Broadway
- 5 Concerning
- 8 Embarrass
- 14 "The Veinist" author Wiesler
- 15 Hook's end
- 16 Yoof of the Yankees
- 17 Brightened up
- 19 Flamboyant be
- 20 Former capital of Japan
- 21 Puffy dessert
- 23 Park center?
- 25 University in Deland, FL
- 29 Substantial chunk
- 32 Tab's measurement
- 34 Historic time
- 35 High-bar exercise
- 37 German river
- 38 Touch lightly
- 39 Pnevades
- 40 Wailon of "My Favorite Whisker"
- 41 Peachy keen!

DOWN

- 1 What?
- 2 On vacation
- 3 Jesse Jay
- 4 Soda savior
- 5 Justice Fortas
- 6 L. P. Chase
- 7 Small musical canon
- 8 Stupidy
- 9 Degradation
- 10 Poague (wh?)
- 11 BowWae shape
- 12 Theater sign
- 13 Very unusual
- 15 Standing by
- 16 Muse of P...y
- 18 Star...sista
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- 26 Loudly
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Transferring new hopes

SIU men's golf recruits plan on making an immediate effect

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Brian Kolmer, Brad Dunker, Mike Smith and Jason Furlow started their first practice with the SIU men's golf team last week with something in common. All were new to the team, and except for the freshman Furlow, they all transferred from junior colleges.

By the final cut a week later, all four men would be vying for the top positions on the team.

"They're all capable of playing some really good golf," men's golf coach Leroy Newton said. "It doesn't surprise me one bit that they're playing as well as they are because I recruited them for that very reason."

Despite the added pressure on the rest of the bunch, they seem pleased that the talent pool has gotten thicker.

"We're feeding off each other right now," team captain Brandon Bullard said.

Kolmer, who was also recruited by Arizona State University and the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, opted to transfer to SIUC from Rend Lake Community College.

"Everyone is real positive right now, and our goal is to win the Missouri Valley [Conference Championship], and until we do that we're not going to be satisfied," Kolmer said.

With Kolmer's attitude, it's no surprise that he's put up some of the top scores in practice the last few weeks.

"He brings leadership," Newton said. "He brings experience, golf ability, plus he's a good scrambler and he never quits. He doesn't want to be beaten, so that's going to rub off on the other kids because everybody is going to want to play with him."

Bullard, who transferred from Rend Lake only a year ago, is excited about being reunited with Kolmer as a teammate.

"This is my fourth year of college golf, and I can honestly say that he has the best iron game that I've ever seen," Bullard said, just before Kolmer shot his ball within 12 inches of the eighth hole on his second stroke during a practice round.

The other two transfers, Dunker from John A. Logan Community College and Smith from Danville Area Community College, have also made immediate impacts.

"They're all capable of playing No. 1," Newton said. "We're just letting the kids play, and we're going to add up the scores and see where they end up."

Furlow, who was named National Senior High School Golfer of the Year after placing fourth in the National High School Open Golf Championships, also earned All-American honors this past summer.



Brian Kolmer practices at Hickory Ridge Golf Course Thursday afternoon. Kolmer transferred from Rend Lake Community College and joined the SIU men's golf team.

"He's in my top five right now, but I think he'll be in the running for the top spot by springtime," Newton said.

Furlow said he is still working to get comfortable with his new surroundings, but isn't counting out the possibility of working his way to the top spot.

"My game is not where it should be right now," Furlow said. "I think once I get adjusted to the school and get a little more time practicing, then I think it's realistic that I could be at the top."

Bullard, entering his last season at SIUC, thinks that the new recruits bring untapped potential.

"Once we get down to business and start working hard at this, we're going to have probably one of the best teams in the nation," Bullard said.

Young players tested in season opener

CHAMPAIGN (U-WIRE) — Steve Fitts may be in his rookie season as Illinois placekicker, but heading into Saturday's contest against Middle Tennessee State, he'll be the most veteran leg on either team's roster.

Granted Fitts, a junior, has handled punting duties for the last two seasons, but it's the first weekend in

his college career that he'll also be in charge of kicking field goals.

Fitts is one of many first-time special teams starters in the game as Illinois debuts Fitts kicking field goals, freshman J.J. Tubbs holding and junior Neil Adams kicking off.

Middle Tennessee State plans to have freshmen kicking, punting and

kicking off.

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Salukis flop in opener

Eight turnovers lead to 42-20 loss to Murray State

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MURRAY, KY. — Defense was the question mark going in, but as the SIU football team trudged off the field Thursday night, its offense was what everyone was questioning.

What was supposed to be a potent and promising offense quickly transformed into an appalling and disastrous display at Stewart Stadium.

A total of eight Saluki turnovers, six interceptions and four fumbles — two of which were lost — pretty much spoiled any season-opening victory plans for Saluki head coach Jan Quarless after his team was pummeled by Murray State University 42-20 Thursday night in Murray, Ky.

While there were many question marks entering the opener for the Salukis, there now seems like even more.

Although the Saluki defense surrendered 42 points, it didn't have much time for rest as interceptions and fumbles kept the offense on the sidelines

for a good portion of the game. The offensive line didn't provide senior quarterback Sherard Poteete, who threw five interceptions, much time to maneuver in the pocket. But Poteete said he didn't pick up the outside rush like he should have.

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JAN QUARLESS
Head coach, SIU football

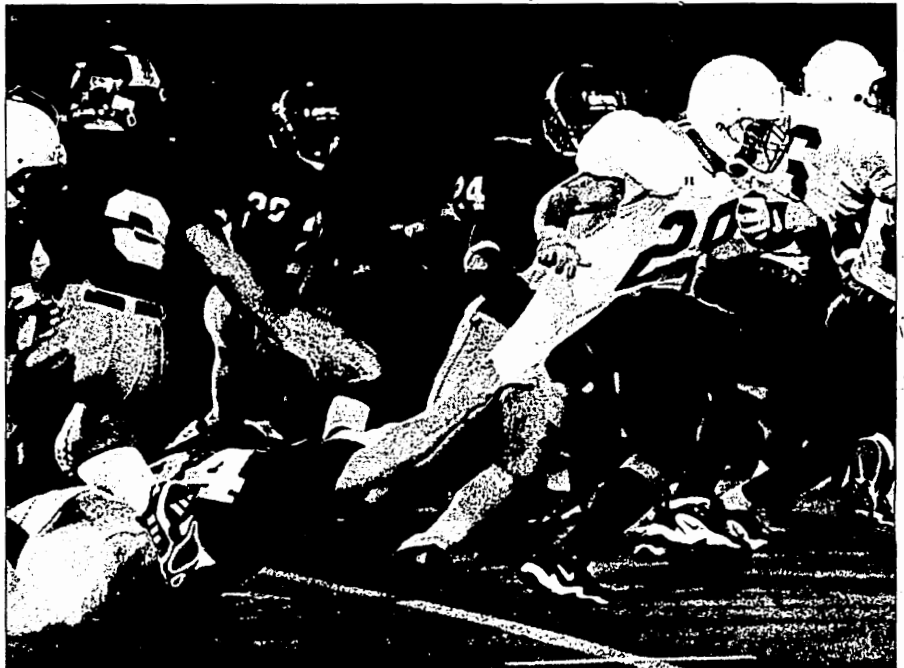
“I did a poor job of picking up my own men,” Poteete said.

The Saluki defense scored the first touchdown of the game as junior strong safety Rod Graddy returned an errant Murray State pass 37 yards for a touchdown, giving SIU a 7-0 lead.

But after that, it got ugly. As SIU was driving midway through the first quarter, Poteete was picked off by Murray State linebacker David Kilkenny for a 79-yard touchdown scamper.

The Salukis showed signs of life, aided by four Murray State offside penalties, to score on a 13-yard run by sophomore running back Tom Koutsos to push their lead to 14-7.

But on the ensuing set of downs, Racers freshman quarterback Stewart Childress hooked up with wideout Michael



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JerMarsh Robinson (29) gets grabbed from behind by a Murray State defender during a kick-off return in the first half during the Salukis' 2000 season premier.

Slater for a 51-yard touchdown pass to tie the game at 14.

On the Salukis next set of downs, sophomore Scott Everhart's punt was blocked, yielding another Racer touchdown two plays later.

Poteete hooked up with junior wide receiver Mark Shasteen later in the second quarter on a 53-yard bomb, but after that it was all Murray State.

Murray scored two more times before the end of the half

to push their halftime lead to 35-20.

In the second half the Salukis turnover troubles really set in. Five second-half turnovers ended any hope of a Saluki comeback, sending Quarless and the crew home disgusted.

“This is just real bad football. That's just my fault,” Quarless said. “I didn't prepare them well enough. I take responsibility for the offense. The defense played fairly well in instances. It just wasn't the offense's night.”

Volleyball ready to spike the competition

SIU hosts Saluki/Best Inns Invitational

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After a month of practice and only being able to scrimmage against themselves, SIU volleyball team members are anxious to finally get their season underway and show their skills against somebody other than their teammates.

Starting Friday, they will finally get that chance.

SIU will host the Saluki/Best Inns Invitational, which takes place Friday and Saturday and features matches against Murray State University, Long Island University and the University of Louisiana-Monroe.

This will be the team's first chance to prove that this is not the same team that finished 5-21 last season.

This team will not be relying on just a couple of players to carry them this year, as they

have done in the past; they plan to make it a team effort.

And that is just what head coach Sonya Locke wants: a team full of quality players instead of just one star trying to carry everyone else. Some of the things Locke and the team have been working include defense, passing and serving.

“Sometimes we try to bypass the little things that are going to keep us in the hunt for where we're trying to progress to, and we just kind of let down in some areas that are really important,” Locke said. “But game situations are totally different, and they're going to be fine. They're just ready to play instead of just practicing.”

Players like sophomores Kristie Kemner,

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SONYA LOCKE
Head coach, SIU volleyball

they're closer as a team than they have been in previous years. As a result, their confidence is also higher than it has been in the past.

Qjana Nelson, Tara Cains and Britten Follett; juniors Jenny Noel, Megan Baumstark and Lisa Vodin; and seniors Molly Meeker and Zazza Green look impressive so far in practice and will be counted on to take this team to the next level.

While the team has definitely improved since last year, they still are not where they want to be.

“We know that we need to work on some things, and we're getting it done in practice, and we're improving,” Cains said.

The players have been practicing since Aug. 9 and say they're closer as a team than they have been in previous years. As a result, their confidence is also higher than it has been in the past.

“I think we can win it,” Cains said. “As long as we stay positive, keep our confidences up and do what we know how to do, we can take our own tournament.”

Locke hopes fans will come out to enjoy this great sport and to give the players the support that they have earned.

“I think that volleyball has an element of excitement that no other sport has. People have a tendency to not come to volleyball because they don't know the sport,” Locke said. “You don't really have to know a lot about volleyball to enjoy it, it's just an exciting atmosphere.”

The first game of the tournament for the Salukis starts at 7 Friday night when they will face off against the University of Louisiana-Monroe. They will continue playing at noon Saturday against Long Island University and again at 7 p.m. against Murray State University.