Judge stops SBC rate increase

Preliminary injunction granted against hikes in telephone prices

Katie Davis
Daily Egyptian

Companies in Illinois telephone markets breathed a sigh of relief Monday when a federal judge granted a preliminary injunction to stop a parade of companies filing against legislation passed in May to give SBC Communications, Inc. a competitive edge.

Chief District Judge Charles Kocoras said in his ruling that the Illinois Legislature did not have the authority to raise SBC prices for use of its networks, according to the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

"The legislative process can be both unpredictable and uncertain when compared to the adjudicatory procedures mandated by the state commissions in the conduct of their business," Kocoras said in his ruling.

The legislation, which Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed four hours after it passed in the General Assembly in mid-May, gave SBC, a "Baby Bell" company, authorization to increase the price for line access to about $19 per line, or by about 47 effective June 9.

According to Mike Przybylo of the AT&T Media Relations office for the Central States, that would place the wholesale rate of local access above the retail rate. AT&T, which joined MCI, Maaco USA, and many other companies in the suit, currently charges about $16 for a basic connection.

Przybylo said the companies would have placed a surcharge on their customers' bills to accommodate the loss they would have incurred for consumers on SBC lines.

"Customers have a choice, they're not stuck with SBC anymore," he said. "Competition results in lower prices and better services.

SBC requested permission from the Illinois Commerce Commission in December to raise line prices. The ICC was expected to release a report in November, when SBC brought the matter to the General Assembly May 5.

The suit was filed May 9 and signed into law four hours later.

"The ICC approved the same rate increases months before the judge's decision because of the legislation," Rep. Mike Bost, of Murphysboro, voted for the legislation.

Bost said the telecommunications rewrite, which was completed two years ago, was passed in breaking up the SBC monopoly, which controlled about 83 percent of the lines in Illinois, mainly in central and northern Illinois.

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Sunset Concerts keep rocking all summer long

The Kinsey Report ushers in this year's concert series for Thursday night's

Geoffrey Ritter
Daily Egyptian

"It serves a need that's special in the summer," Castle said. "There's not a lot of things going on. This is a chance to get together with friends and have a good time.

And, true to form, this year's date of performances promises to add a catchy soundtrack to the season's most famous social event.

This week's The Kinsey Report, a group of three brothers performing on guitar, vocals, drums and bass, has been a mainstay on the national blues scene for over 15 years and has released four albums, the latest of which, "Smoke and Soul," featuring the sunset lineup also featuring keyboardist by alternative rock band The Stereo, the acoustic Eric Hunter Band and the Acoustic Electric Band of Daybreak.

The concerts will alternate between Shylock and Turkey, with no concert on July 3.

As in past years, Castle stressed, alcohol will be allowed at both of the venues provided it is not in a glass container.

Also, lawn, umbrella and soft-drink drinking are prohibited.

And, to top it all off, Castle said it is a tradition to commemorate T-shirt celebrating the 25th year of the series, and will be "on sale" at the concert for $15.

The shirts, Castle said, are a good way to support the concerts, an event that truly does define summer in Carbondale.

"It's a great social event," he said of the series. Each week, it's a different kind of theme."
Graduating Summer 2003?

Have you applied for graduation?
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Friday, June 13 at 4:30 p.m. is the deadline to apply for summer 2003 graduation and commencement.

Applications for undergraduate and law students are available at your advisement center or at Records and Registration, Woody A103.
Applications must be completed and returned to Records and Registration, Woody A103.

Applications for graduate students are available in the Graduate School, Woody B115. Applications must be completed and returned to the Graduate School, Woody B115.

The $25.00 fee will appear on a future Bursar statement during the summer semester, 2003.

National News

Florida college students could face one more test

ORLANDO, Fla. — Florida college students already cram for final exams and pull all-nighters to finish semester-end reports. Now, they might have to sweat over a new sat test as seniors.

Inspired by statistical tests used to determine whether third-graders are proficient and high-school seniors can receive diplomas, test officials in Tallahassee and Washington are debating an exam for college students.

No one at the university has such a comprehensive college test, experts say.

Cautiously, unlike high-schoolers who take the Florida Competency Assessment Test, college students likely would not pass this test and probably would not go to college.

Two dozen books are due to students. A test access code on the test is worth $15, much like Florida offers funding decreases in grades and vice versa.

"We put pressure on high-school teachers and third-grade teachers, who don't set one pressure on university professors to shape students in the three years leading up to the test," said the Florida Executive Director of Assessment Testing.

The test included getting an oral commitment to democracy, including the 2001 Inter-American Democratic Charter. This document "declares that the people of the Americas have a right to self-determination," the report states.

Many nations of the OAS, which suspended Cuba's membership over the past five years, have said that the people of the Americas, except Cuba, have a right to democracy, he said.

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Five-day Forecast

Almanac

Thursday

High 81
Low 67
Partly cloudy.

Friday

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Partly cloudy.

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News Briefs

University

Old Main Restaurant reopens

Old Main Restaurant, located on the second floor of the Student Center, has opened for the summer semester. Hours are from 11:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

International News

Powell makes trip to Cuba

SANTIAGO, Cuba — Secretary of State Colin Powell said on Wednesday he wants the United Nations to help "create the inevitable democratic transition in Cuba" and protect a recent wave of arms as sanctions by President Fidel Castro's government.

Powell, visiting Cuba for a drain leg of his six-nation tour to debate it, said the Inter-American Organization of American States "the people of Cuba increasingly look to the OAS for help in defending their democratic principles and in the condition the U.S. has worked so hard to help our country's stepping on a democracy."

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Police Reports

University

Daniel W. Davis, 20, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after a stop sign at 12:07 p.m. Monday at the intersection of 23rd Street and West Main Street. Davis was bailed and released.

Jeffrey O. Jones, 22, Champaign, was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance after a traffic stop at 5:15 p.m. Monday at the intersection of 23rd Street and West Main Street. Jones was taken to the Champaign County Jail in Morris.

Michelle C. Hall, 21, was arrested and charged with operating an uninsured vehicle and operating a motor vehicle with an improper registration at 2:21 a.m. Tuesday, at the intersection of West Mill Street and South yeckel Street, West Main Street and was bailed and released.

Carbondale

David W. Davis, 20, was arrested at 11:02 a.m. Tuesday at a residence on Flaher Ridge Road by Murphysboro Police. Carbondale Police received a call of a home invasion that had just occurred at Pay Day Cem, 1200 W. Main St., at 1906 a.m. Tuesday. An arrest of the crime was made in the area. Davis was taken to the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro.

Calendar

Today

There are no events to report.

Corrections

Readers who wish to see contact the Daily Egyptian office at 536-3111 ext. 252.

The Daily Egyptian, the student-run newspaper of SIUC, is committed to being a trusted source of information, commentary and public discourse while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.
Illinois drivers must wear seat belts if Governor signs bill

Law expected to increase compliance

Amber Ellis
Daily Egyptian

Illinois drivers can expect to get pulled over when they aren’t wearing their seatbelts if Gov. Rod Blagojevich signs a bill that passed the state legislature Tuesday.

The bill, which passed the Illinois House 111-24 and the Senate 35-14, would give police the authority to pull over motorists who are not wearing seatbelts.

If Blagojevich signs this measure, seat belt violations will become a primary enforcement of the Illinois Highway Code.

Caroline Clodfelter, a spokewoman for the Illinois Department of Transportation, explained that this means drivers would be ticketed for any seat belt violation.

"This is a good, commonsense bill, and the Illinois Department of Transportation fully supports it, because one out of every four traffic fatalities involve an unrestrained occupant," Clodfelter said.

Seat belt usage has increased significantly since the Illinois Highway Code was enacted in 1967, Clodfelter said.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 1967, only about 5 percent of Americans wore seat belts. Today, seat belt use is estimated at about 76 percent for vehicles traveling below 45 mph.

"It’s a matter of life and death," Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul said. "This is both a public safety and a public health issue." Raoul worked on the legislation as a state senator.

If the bill becomes law, enforcement officers will have the authority to stop motorists to check if they are wearing seat belts. Officers would be required to give motorists a warning before issuing a ticket.

The bill, which would take effect in January 2005, was sponsored by state Sen. Carol壁 Jones and state Rep. 2023.

Jones said her bill was an extension of the Illinois Highway Code.

"This is a safety bill that we’re supporting," Jones said. "I was surprised that we didn’t have any opposition."
Looking for weapons of mass destruction

Recently, the Bush administration and others have announced it will take more time to find weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

When I heard this I was a little confused, because prior to the war in Iraq, the administration was certain weapons existed and were going to be discovered immediately.

Moreover, weapons of mass destruction were cited as one of the main reasons an invasion was critical. Basically, waiting was not an option. After all, we heard about the numerous resolutions incessantly.

What I find especially ironic is the administration saying it needs more time after Hans Blix was denied more time outright.

When German, Russian, French and others asked for additional time for inspectors to do their jobs, they were vilified and lambasted. When peace protesters asked for more time for inspectors to do their job, they were labeled as anti-Americans. Where journalism, professors and students wondered aloud why inspectors couldn't be given more time to find weapons, they were censored.

Anyone who suggested the invasion might be ill timed and unwarranted was reprimanded and rebuked. However, now we are told the military needs more time. Given that as of this date, the weapons of mass destruction are still missing.

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Having my Say appears every other Wednesday. LeNie Adolphson is a junior in communication studies. She can be reached online at ladjohnson@yahoo.com

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Don't shut doors forever

When the Varsity Theater closed last month to make way for a new multiplex in University Mall, many were appalled, and rightfully so.

The Varsity, a 63-year-old theater, is an historic landmark in the lives of not only Carbondale citizens, but also the thousands of students who have come and gone throughout the many years.

From first dates, to a relaxing evening out with friends, everyone has lived in Carbondale for any period of time can remember an important experience inside the doors of the Varsity.

Since the theater has been closed, speculation about what will be done with the building has swirled of late. The building's importance is not a secret, and for many, it's more than a theater. It's a part of Carbondale's history.

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SBC is currently required to lease lines to other companies by Illinois statute to encourage a competitive market.

Under deregulation about 10 years ago, they were to start opening lines to competition or the Illinois Commerce Commission would fine them $10,000.

They calculated their losses if they opened the lines and then paid the fines. The revenue two years ago, upped fines to allow competition—so long as the playing field is equal.

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But in the long term, it would have dramatically impacted our business by making it less feasible for us to go through SBC lines to offer local competitive service.

"Professionally, as a Southern Illinois-based company, we believe it was a fair decision. It would have been minimal for us, but for the competition, which would have been significantly affected," said GlobalEyes President Andrew Aken.

GlobalEyes also provides 1,000 direct lines, with only a few Illinois lines to other companies by Illinois GlobalEyes President Andrew Aken.

"We are happy with the decision, though no plan of action was released. We support competition as long as the playing field is equal. The ruling represented good market access charges, and rates went down because of the competition. We support our competitors' policy. The company also uses SBC lines.

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Sharonda Brown, 13, of Freemanspur, attempts to count her catches for the day as her friend Kiera Richardson, 11, untangles her fishing line Monday afternoon at Cumberland Lake. The two eventually released their fish back into the lake because they were too small.

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ILlinois approves minimum wage raise

SIU student worker wages to remain the same, upsetting many on campus
Nicole Sack
Daily Egyptian

The Illinois House has approved a plan to increase the state’s minimum wages from the current $5.15 per hour to $5.50 by Jan. 1, 2004, and then to $6.50 by January 2005. While the state of Illinois is gradually raising its minimum wage, the SIU campus will not follow suit. SIU will not raise its minimum wage because the minimum wage on the SIU campus is already $5.50, 60 cents higher than the state’s current minimum wage.

SIU student workers received a 50-cent increase in their hourly wage at the beginning of the fall 2000 semester.

According to Anne Deluca, assistant vice chancellor for student affairs, the new federal minimum wage will still be higher than the minimum wage in the state of Illinois’ when the 35-cent increase goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2004, some students believe that the wages are still unfair on campus.

Tanisha Turner, a junior in accounting and finance and a student worker at the Career Center, sees disparities between wages on campus.

"If you can make $5.15 working for University Housing, the minimum wage should be $6 everywhere on campus," Turner said.

"You have to deal with the same attitudes wherever you work on campus.

"Turner, a native of Chicago, uses her paycheck to pay for everything.

Even with SIU’s minimum wage advantage, Turner finds it difficult to make a sufficient amount of money.

"I have to rent-ceil and work extra hours to get a nice paycheck," Turner said.

Donna Williams, the Financial Aid assistant, said SIU had a total of 3,185 undergraduate student workers during the fall 2002 and spring 2003 semesters.

"During the fall and spring semesters at 2002 and 2003, the campus had over 3,000 checks each period. Williams said, "During the semester, it’s about half that.

The Illinois House and Senate approved the bill, and Gov. Rod Blagojevich has said he will sign it into law.

The measure is designed for entry-level and low-skill wage earners who need the extra money to pay for living expenses.

While $5.50 is not a living wage, it is an improvement from $5.15 an hour.

Critics of the bill claim that the minimum wage increase will cause businesses to move across the Illinois border to states that maintain the federally required $5.15-an-hour rate.

When the bill is signed into law, Illinois will become the 12th state to have a minimum wage higher than the federal minimum wage. Whether or not the new bill will be helpful or harmful to the state’s economy is hard to predict.

On the campus, it will be<button type="button">more likely have no impact as most students work during the summer when they are not in school.</button>

In the future, SIU student workers may see wages increase once the $6.50 is mandated.

New antennas kiss fuzzy reception goodbye

Bertie Holmes
Daily Egyptian

Thanks to new antennas in "Jedol," the dream of fuzzy reception is gone, and WSIU is quickly moving viewing local viewers toward digital.

After two months of hard won and signal interruptions, the installation was completed on June 3, and WSIU returned to the airwaves at full power. The new antennas can transmit both digital and analog signals and have significantly increased viewership in the state’s southern service area.

"We have to overhaul and work extra hours to get a nice paycheck," Turner said.

According to Goodsell, normal viewers and non-viewers is just one aspect that affects the condition of the equipment. Mother Nature also plays a role in wearing the antennas down.

"We’ve been replacing parts a few at a time to keep the station going and to reduce the cost of replacement. Goodsell said, "Then we could make the purchase once and be done with it for the next 20 or 30 years.

While the station received many phone calls during the upgrade process, the temporary interruption has now resulted in a much clearer signal for viewers. Even remote areas such as Vandalia and Cape Girardeau have been able to receive clear reception.

While most viewers have been pleased with the results of the upgrade, Goodsell said some local residents are less thrilled about it.

"The major reasons for opposition out there deal with equipment costs and the way that local channels were initially allocated from the satellite system," Goodsell said. "Many people simply do not want to spend thousands of dollars on a digital satellite box. But with TV viewers and people into film and gaming often the potential of digital television, WSIU has spent approximately $6.5 million on the convention process. The station received funding from Illinois Firm, Public Television Facilities Program, federal grants, SIUC and the College of Mass Communication & Media Arts and individual gifts.

Despite extensive contributions, more funds are needed to finish the process and provide local programs in a digital format.

Acting Director Candis Jabreir said that there is still much to be done over the next few months, and she hopes that viewers will take the time to come and see the changes.

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Deadline: To Apply For A Student Medical Benefit Extended Care Fee Refund Is Friday, June 13, 2003!

The DEADLINE to apply for a Student Medical Benefit Extended Care Fee Refund is Friday, June 13, 2003. To apply for a refund, a student must present his/her insurance policy booklet or the schedule of benefits along with the form, completed medical insurance claim form, the S3 card, the student’s S3 card, the student’s insurance policy booklet or the schedule of benefits and a copy of the student’s medical insurance claim form.
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Quenching your thirst just got more expensive

Campus vending machines see price increase in time for steamy summer

Linsey Maughan  
Daily Egyptian

Prices for soda from campus vending machines have increased since the Spring 2003 semester, rising from 60 to 75 cents for 12-ounce cans and from $1 to $1.25 for 20-ounce bottles.

Most recently, you could slip a buck into a vending machine here on campus in exchange for a 20-ounce bottle of Coca-Cola. But, to satisfy your caffeine and sugar cravings or quench your thirst now, you’re going to have to pay more, creating a surplus of your sparse cash or, worse, break another precious dollar.

Student Center Assistant Director Jeff Dupee said that since about 1992, soda was made available to SIU by Lambert Vending from Murray, Ky., through its Carbondale location. Around March 2002, Lambert Vending’s remaining one-year contract with SIU was bought out by Robertson Vending of Carterville.

According to Duke, the prices of soda were raised in response to Robertson’s price increases. Robertson raised its prices because in 2003, Marion Pepsi, its supplier, raised prices.

And Marion Pepsi raised prices to help fund its own needs—the firm, among other things.

“We had raised at least three requests from the vendor for soda price increases. These were last increased in 1995. Now, we feel that the price increase is justified,” Duke said.

Justified or not, students don’t welcome the change.

“I don’t like it at all,” said Dan Mahboubi, a junior in architecture.

Rachel Huston, a 21-year-old in elementary psychology and recreation, disagrees.

“It’s a bunch of crap, if you want to know my honest opinion,” Huston said. “We kind of think that you can go to a convenience store and get it for a cheaper price.”

Unfortunately, we thirsty students are defined.

If you’re wondering where all this extra cash you’re paying is going, well, go, 21-year-old in criminal justice, agrees.

Welfare Development Fund, most of that contributing to the Student Programming Office and scholarships.

City Council member Sheila Simons says she also has no problem with the bill.

“It seems to make sense to me,” she said. “It adds accountability.”

Simons believes that by recording these closed meetings, it will keep people in compliance with the laws that already exist. In other words, the bill will add strength to the original open meetings act by requiring the body to not have meetings that are closed.

Tom Schafe, press secretary for the governor, and Blagojevich has yet decided to sign or veto the bill.

Reuter Jacy Cavin  
Daily Egyptian

The Carbondale City Council is, for the most part, in favor of the bill. It was introduced at a closed meeting, said Guy Rod Rogovitch.

Pending bill would open doors to meetings

If signed into law, all closed-door government meetings must be recorded.
Four Cool Cats

by C. K. Held

Stickman & Jackal

by J. Stoncibus

Daily Horoscope

By Linda Bond

Today's Birthday (June 11): You may have to put your foot down and be more direct in your communication in order to achieve a goal. Don't despair. Make a plan and build a strategy to move forward.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 5 is the most challenging.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Today is a 7 - Others may not want to listen to reasons, though you've got plenty of them. You can lead horses to water, but you can't make them think. If you're not into collecting reasons why not, keep your expectations to yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Today is a 6 - Let somebody else provide the brains. You can be the brains behind the operation. Make sure the other person understands what you want, then sit back and watch it happen.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Today is a 7 - It's necessary, call in the help to get what's been promised. If they're ready for a bonus or prize, make sure you get it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Today is a 6 - You may notice people getting a little bit out of control. Remind them what they're doing and what they won't. You can afford to be flexible, and that's a welcome relief.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): Today is a 7 - You'll notice that not everything goes along with something you have in mind. This is where all that preparation you've done will prove useful. This time, you probably won't get off on your good looks alone.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Today is a 6 - Others may not want to listen to reasons. If you go for it, you'll get plenty of them. You can lead horses to water, but you can't make them think. If you're not into collecting reasons why not, keep your expectations to yourself.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Today is a 6 - You're the one who's doing the asking. Find out what they're doing and what they won't. You can afford to be flexible, and that's a welcome relief.

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Pluto (Feb. 8–March 20): Today is a 6 - It seems like everybody has a different view of the same thing. The only thing they agree on is that their own opinion is the right one. And you get to defend this muddled mess you've built.
Hudson

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"We just need to play the way we've played this year," said Hudson, trying to find the answer to a question Garnett has faced his entire career. "We've played great in the playoffs. It was a tough loss for us. I think if we could work hard and play the way we've been playing, it's going to happen for us." While getting Minnesota to the second-round is a priority, it is not the only goal that occupies Hudson's mind. When he is not on the court working on his game, he can be found in the studio pursuing his second rap music. Inspired by the late Tupac Shakur, Hudson has his own label, his own songs, and has recorded more than 100 songs in his studio. He also spends time scouting young musical talent, including girlfriends of two years and Nutley's artist Monique Moy.

"He's really good. He works so hard at it," said Moy, whose album, From My Heart To Bomb, but the is God-fearing man, he loves his family and he loves Carbondale.

Carroll High School basketball head coach Larry Baldwin, who has had 10 years to develop a tournament, knows exactly what Hudson means to children in the area. "It's a great influence on the Southern Illinois community and a tremendous inspiration. He's a small guy who is doing big things," said Baldwin, who has kids in caring in every age category for Saturday's tournament. "Kids can learn from him that he makes the right decisions and do the right things and work hard at what you do, who knows what you can accomplish."

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amazing, actually. It was a great feeling. The two were elated that all of their week's concerns for were not a reality. "It was a tough couple days," Barret said. "It was tough when Sal for five or four days. We were wait- ing for his. I'd had it in the back of my mind that I might not get picked up, but I thought if I don't get picked up, there's something seriously wrong. It kind of was work- ing out that way." Dennis and Barret feel physically fit while waiting and pondering the worst that could happen, but now that these emotions have passed, they can try to suppress their nerves while showing their skills to professional coaches.

Both are currently in Florida where they'll spend a few days working out with teams before being assigned to an affiliate. Frinella expects to be playing for the New Jersey Cardinals, a short-season Class A team.

Over Sal's head coach Dan Callahan expected to be drafted was senior pitcher Jake Alley, an Anima High School graduate. "He's a fine player," said Baldwin, who had teams interested in every age category for Saturday's tournament. "Kids can learn from him that he makes the right decisions and do the right things and work hard at what you do, who knows what you can accomplish."

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there were a few benders sunk out there like myself who just thought Sosa was just plain stupid.

You would think anyone who has been in the league that long would know how to properly Cork a ball. You may see someone such as *<br>
Fourth place finish for SIU

Highest rank for school since 1997

Pete Spiteri
Daily Egyptian

For the first time in six years, SIU has finished among the top four in the Missouri Valley Conference all-sports trophy standings.

The trophy is based on a school's average finish in each of the sponsored MVC championships. Finishes in baseball, basketball, soccer, softball, tennis and volleyball are based on regular-season completion.

Teams are awarded one point for first, two for second, three for third and four for fourth in each event. The higher a team finishes, the more points the team receives.

The Salukis have not finished in the top four since 1997. Since joining the MVC in 1979, SIU has won the trophy five times, the last being the 1984-85 season.

"We take a step in the right direction this year as a department," SIU Athletics Director Paul Kowalczyk said. "But of course we're just triailing in the top three in the MVC.

"She has some instant playing experience," Opp said of Desamours. "She's a nose guard that's extremely quick and extremely fast. She will get to the ball and score.Shell also is able to make other players around her better players because the quarterback can't look away from her."

Of the three replacements signed last month, junior college point guard Daphney Desamours looks to make the most immediate impact. Desamours, a 5-foot-5, Miwok native, played her last two seasons at Brown Mackie College in Kansas. Desamours averaged 14 points, five rebounds and 3.6 assists per game in two years at Brown Mackie, while also being named all-region both years.

"She has some instant playing experience," Opp said of Desamours. "She's a nose guard that's extremely quick and extremely fast. She will get to the ball and score. She also is able to block or guard, Opp said. "Coming off a knee injury from last season, [she] has come back from it really well and is playing extremely well right now."

"She also is a good, solid passer, has extremely good court vision and can get after some people on defense," Opp said.

Smithville, Mo., native Crystal Hidalgo, 6-foot-3, is the lone post player of the three signees. Hidalgo, a former player at the three spring signees. The 6-foot-3 Holbrook also was an all-state selection both her junior and senior seasons at Smithville High School, where she also set a state record with 670 career blocks.

"We need to get some muscle on her, but she definitely has very solid skills," Opp said. "She can shoot the three and she can also play on the low block or the high post and is a good rebounder. She will take some time for her to develop, but down the road she'll be a solid player.

The three join Still signees Juliane Maders (5-foot-9 guard), Schenck and Jesse (5-foot-9 guard), Natalia Jones (5-foot-7 guard), Jessica Jones (5-foot-7 point guard) and Gregory (6-foot-2 forward)."
Rising NBA star and former Saluki Troy Hudson autographs Minnesota Timberwolves pennants at the Lake Heights Housing Development Saturday. Hudson sponsored a basketball tournament at "The Cage," a court dedicated to him at Lake Heights, where he spent his childhood in Carbondale.

Hudson shining on court, in studio

Adam Soebbing
Daily Egyptian

The life of former SIU and Carbondale Community High School basketball star Troy Hudson has changed quite a bit in the last couple years.

Following a breakout season with the Orlando Magic in 2001-2002, Hudson underwent a change of scenery, trading in the warm sun of Florida for the brutal winter of Minnesota.

In his first full season as a starting point guard in the NBA, Hudson shined as a free agent signee for the Minnesota Timberwolves.

During the 2002-2003 season, Hudson set career highs across the board, including points per game, assists, the Saluki record-holder for points in a two-year-career (1,164) and himself as one of the NBA's fastest rising guards.

"My life has changed a lot," said Hudson, who reread his childhood in Carbondale was mired in the stadium and you see guys on the field. "I don't have to change my colors, so I can play in Carbondale immediately, and Barnett signed from a Philadelphia sports team to the NBA franchise in 1989."

"For me, the win is more important," Hudson said, looking at the CBA, it's..." "It feels good to know you're a Cardinal," Ethan Erickson, Daily Egyptian.

From where I come from, coming out of college and not being drafted and then going to the CBA, it's hard for me to be secure," Hudson said, looking financially secure next to his off-white Cadillac Escalade and tricked-out Land Rover. "I just continue to work hard as if I'm trying to make the team. I think that's the mindset I have to take.

While Hudson is enjoying his time in Minnesota, he is determined to put an immediate end to the streak that has bunted teammate Kevin Garnett and the Wolves since they first became an NBA franchise in 1989.

The Wolves have failed to make a second-round playoff appearance in their existence, including a current streak of seven consecutive first-round playoff exits.

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Frisella drafted by Cardinals; Barnett signed by Phillies

Senior Saluki pitcher Jake Alley remains unsigned

Ethan Erickson
Daily Egyptian

Sal Frisella could soon be living every Little League's dream.

The St. Louis native, who recently completed his senior campaign with the SIU baseball team, was selected by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 37th round of the Major League Baseball draft last Wednesday.

Starting as a toddler, Frisella has attended numerous Cardinal games with his father, a season ticket holder for the past 25 years and, as could be expected, is ecstatic about the selection.

"I don't have to change my colors, so I can still be a Cardinals fan and I think that's every kid's dream," Frisella said. "When you're a little kid and you're playing, you go down to Busch Stadium for the first time, you smell the stadium and you see guys on the field. You know you want to be a Cardinal."

But while Frisella was elated, teammate Toby Barnett was suffering through the opposite end of the emotional spectrum. Barnett, a first-team all-conference pick each of his two years at SIU, expected to be drafted but wasn't.

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While the St. Louis native, who recently completed his senior campaign with the SIU baseball team, was selected by the St. Louis Cardinals in the 37th round of the Major League Baseball draft last Wednesday, the scout drove from Chicago to Carbondale immediately, and Barnett signed a contract at about midnight.

"It was awesome," Barnett said. "I felt like a little 5-year-old at Christmas again. It was..."