The 10-day enrollment figures released Tuesday showed a marked improvement in freshman enrollment, despite a decline in overall enrollment. Overall enrollment decreased for the ninth straight year, falling from 18,847 to 17,964. This marks one of the lowest enrollments in 40 years.

Chancellor Rita Cheng blamed the enrollment numbers on a small 2010 freshman class and expressed a need to work back up from that low point. Transfer student enrollment has also decreased, something Cheng attributes to rough economic times. “The drop was mostly economy driven,” she said. “Students are staying longer at community colleges, or not going to college because of the cost. They’re coming back, but slowly.”

Despite the drop in overall enrollment, freshman enrollment grew by more than 12 percent from 2,286 to 2,571. The freshman class is the largest it has been in 20 years. Cheng attributed this to a complete overhaul of how SIU is being marketed to new students. “We revamped our branding and marketing materials, expanded the number of students who got those materials in the mail and social media, increased our advertising, increased our presence in cities across the state and the region, expanded our open house and new student orientation and we expanded our scholarships,” Cheng said.

She went on to say that the university had faltered in previous years with new student recruitment. “We weren’t doing all the things that we needed to do,” she said. “We were late, our materials weren’t as sharp as our competitors and we weren’t sending a strong message about the quality of our faculty and our academic programs. If you don’t do that right, how is a 17-year-old going to know that SIU is a place to consider.”

State Governor candidate Dillard announces running mate

Kirk Dillard’s choice for Lt. Governor is set and it’s one of southern Illinois’ very own.

Dillard traveled around Illinois Tuesday to announce his partner, Jil Tracy, for his bid to become Gov. of Illinois. Tracy is a former Carbondale and Anna resident who also attended and graduated from SIU.

“Choosing Tracy was a way to show people that the entire state is important and not just the Chicago area,” Dillard said. “I have had the privilege and the honor of working with all of the regions in the state of Illinois,” he said. “And today, with my announcement of Jil Tracy as my choice for Lt. Gov., I am making the down payment on the promise that I will be a Gov. for all of Illinois.”

Tracy has the experience and judgment needed to get things done, Dillard said. He said their goals are to provide Illinois with the leadership it lacks, create jobs and take care of the state’s pension problem and financial situations. “The future of the state is a huge problem that needs to be addressed,” Tracy said.

“I’ve been extremely humbled to be chosen as Lt. Gov.,” she said. “As a state representative, I’ve enjoyed working for the people of western Illinois, but like all of you, I’m very concerned and I love this state.”

Tracy was born in Carbondale and raised in Anna. She also attended SIU, where she graduated with honors in political science and earned a law degree.

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Skating for new facilities

Dandy Martin, a junior from Gurnee studying computer science, performs a backside overcrook Friday during a Southern Illinois University Skate Society skateboard session at the roller rink on Wall St. "Part of the romance of skating here is you have to be creative due to the lack of creative facilities,” Martin said. The organization SIUSS raises money to one day build a skate park and promote skateboarding in Carbondale.

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Oldest Nobel Prize winner

Ronald Coase dies at 102

CHICAGO — Nobel Prize winner Ronald Coase, a pioneer in applying economic theory to the law, has died at age 102. The former University of Chicago professor was the oldest living Nobel laureate before his death Monday at a Chicago hospital.

Coase died after a short illness, said University of Chicago Law School Dean Michael Schill, who spoke to Coase's caregiver who was with him when he died.

The British-born economist won the Nobel in 1991 for expanding economic theory to include simple, but neglected concepts such as property rights and overhead costs. His work generated a new way of thinking about government regulation, without condemning all regulation as bad, Schill said.

"It’s impossible to overstate the influence of Ronald on the law," Schill said. "Ronald was one of the founding fathers of the field of law and economics."

Coase was born in suburban London in 1910. He wore leg braces as a child and was sent to a school for "physical defectives," he recalled in a biographical essay he wrote for the Nobel Prize organization. He hadn’t taken Latin, so a degree in history — his first choice — was impossible.

That became “one of those accidental factors which seem to affect his life,” Schill said. Coase’s ideas grew from roots in the real world. In the 1930s, while a student at the London School of Economics, he toured U.S. factories.

What he learned from talking to business owners shaped his first significant paper, “The Nature of the Firm,” published in 1937 when he was in his mid-20s. His second influential paper, published in 1960 and titled “The Problem of Social Cost,” made the case that parties in a dispute — such as a railroad and a farmer — can negotiate ideal agreements without government intervention as long as property rights are clear. The idea, called the Coase Theorem, still helps policymakers think about when taxes are appropriate to resolve problems such as industrial pollution.

In a 1997 interview published in the journal Reason, Coase talked about studying the effects of government regulation using real-world cases.

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SIU professor delivers keynote speech in Honduras

STEPHANIE DANNER Daily Egyptian

Because of her teaching and administrative experience, Dr. Lisa McClure, associate professor of rhetoric and composition, recently served as the keynote speaker at the VIII National Conference for Teachers of English in Honduras. The American Embassy-sponsored conference, held from Aug. 5-17 in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, is held every other year to provide university and high school teachers with ongoing training in teaching English as a second language.

Ronda Dively, associate professor of rhetoric and composition, said organizers sought McClure’s help with the conference because of her success at SIU. Dively said McClure has helped many international students succeed in the English department, while also instructing them on different teaching techniques.

“She has developed quite a reputation as an excellent innovative educator,” Dively said. “And students who have experienced her course would certainly back that up.”

Dively said she believes that McClure’s connections with students and faculty in the English department are the reason she was chosen by the embassy to have this honor of traveling and representing the university and representing the country.

“McClure said learning English is important for the people of Honduras in order for them to receive more education. This, McClure said, will then lead to better jobs. McClure’s goal included the incorporation of technology in ESL classes. “I admire the teachers in Honduras. There are some classrooms that don’t even have chairs and the teachers are doing everything possible to help their students learn, regardless of what they have or don’t have,” she said. McClure said she believes teaching and learning are always valuable and she believed she made an impact on the people attending the conference and their future students. While she taught different workshops, many integrated technology in the classroom, including two titled “Changing Learning Environments” and “Inquiry-Based Learning and Student-Centered Classrooms.”

“When opportunities are not the same because many people do not have access to the latest technologies, our students live in the same world,” McClure said. “As educators, we must keep in mind that regardless of how little or how much we have, we must do the best for all of our students in preparing them for a world that is driven by technology.”

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Two-year law school instead of three becomes possibility

CHRISTOPHER M. HICKS Daily Egyptian

As the government looks at ways to minimize college costs for students, the traditional law degree may soon receive an update.

President Barack Obama said Aug. 20 he believes law schools should consider cutting their programs from three to two years as a way to reduce college debt. The theory behind this idea is controversial among many within the legal community and profession. Some are calling into question how much experience students would receive preparing for the bar exam and whether students will be ready to practice law without the extra year.

Clinical Assistant Professor of Law, Mark Brittingham said the change could work but it may require law students to take summer courses. The type of things one learns in the field typically does not prepare them for the bar exam, he said.

“Most student debt is acquired during the undergraduate career and more, in turn, is on during law school because of workload. Most law schools have not taught the students the legal discipline of the legal profession. Because of this, I see more and more students having a harder time during the bar exam. In my opinion, accounting for a one-year gap between the undergraduate and law school, the student would be better prepared,” Brittingham said.

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Cheng also said that the school has greatly expanded the number of high-achieving students on campus, leading to a higher retention rate than in previous years. “Our honors program has tripled in three years,” she said. “That means we will have higher retention numbers because students will not have as much difficulty in their first year because their academic preparation is higher.”

The university also saw an increase in international and online enrollment at a rate of 10.7 and 36 percent, respectively. The College of Engineering and the College of Sciences and Applied Arts also experienced overall growth.

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Students now have more options in regards to on-campus dining as University Housing has extended hours in three different locations.

Starting this semester, the Trueblood Dining Hall near Brush Towers will stay open on weekdays until 11 p.m. whereas it previously only stayed open until 7 p.m.

The Lakeside and Eastside express dining areas are now open five days a week, from four to 11 p.m., compared to last semester when the areas were open from 11 a.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

Crystal Bouhl, the assistant director of marketing, said the later hours with Trueblood were introduced as a pilot program this year, and that if the expanded hours are successful that Housing will look into expanding the hours for Lents Dining Hall as well.

“These changes are all in an effort to provide the best program possible for the best value possible,” Bouhl said.

Multiple student employees at the dining halls said they were not authorized to talk about the hour changes.

Sarah Smith-Whitehead, a freshman from Shokie studying pre-music, said she thinks the change will be beneficial.

“It’s convenient because sometimes I have class later and want to take a nap afterwards, and when I wake up the dining hall is still open when I am hungry,” Smith-Whitehead said.

Greg Zimay, a sophomore from Cary studying chemistry, said he also appreciated that Trueblood is open later but doesn’t quite understand why Lents Dining Hall wouldn’t also open later.

“I feel like people in Thompson Point got a little cheated out,” Zimay said.

Zimay said students who wanted to eat late night in Thompson Point would have to make an undesirable walk in the dark across campus to Trueblood.

“It is more difficult for them,” Zimay said.

Ashley Porter, a freshman from Oak Park studying pre-medicine, said she thinks the problem is the dining halls don’t have extended hours on the weekend.

“To me, it would make more sense to have more hours on weekends when students have more time,” she said.

Bouhl said housing works with the Residence Hall Association, a group comprised of students living in the residence halls, to help make decisions in changes every year with the dining program.

She said the express areas, which are more geared towards convenient, grab and go food, provide less nutritional value than the dining halls do, which is why housing decided to encourage dining hall eating with cutting the hours of the express areas and adding more to Trueblood. Bouhl said with both dining and express areas open late, students could choose which one they prefer.

“While the express areas are convenient, we encourage our students to eat in our dining halls because they offer many more nutritional choices and are a better value,” Bouhl said.

As far as students who want to spend their meal points in the express areas, Bouhl said they would need to compromise.

“Students who wish to use their dining plan as points in the express areas will need to do so early in the week,” Bouhl said.

Smith-Whitehead said she didn’t feel like there was an issue with cashing out her meal points early like Bouhl suggested.

“I haven’t had any issues with it so far,” Smith-Whitehead said.

Zimay disagreed with Smith-Whitehead and said going to the express area is often a pain.

“It’s much busier now than it was last year, so I don’t even see the point of going there anymore,” Zimay said.

Roxine Pabilloro, a senior from Oswego studying information systems technology, said he didn’t mind the express areas closing on Thursdays and Fridays or cutting their hours but for the reason that he just didn’t like what express dining had to offer.

“Grinnell (Eastside express) is kind of just junk food,” Pabilloro said. “I like to eat a lot but watch my diet so Grinnell was never my first choice as far as eating goes.”

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Saving the orange tree

BY HENRY I. MILLER
LOS ANGELES TIMES

Americans might soon need to get used to apple or grape juice as their breakfast drink of choice — unless, that is, they're willing to pay exorbitant prices for orange juice.

Or maybe scientists, plant breeders and farmers will manage to save the day, using two critical but often-disparaged technologies: plant breeding and genetic engineering in the longer term.

The pestilence that is devastating Florida citrus is a disease called citrus greening. It is caused by a bacterium, Candidatus Liberibacter asiaticus, which is spread by small insects called psyllids. The bacteria infect the tree's phloem, thereby blocking the flow of nutrients, causing yellow mottling on the leaves and asymmetrical, bitter fruit that never ripens.

Infected trees die within about five years, during which time they serve as a reservoir for psyllids to spread the disease further.

There is no known cure, but it can be slowed by frequent spraying with large amounts of chemical pesticides.

Greening has seriously compromised citrus production in a number of countries in Asia, Africa, the Indian subcontinent and the Arabian peninsula and was discovered in July 2004 in Brazil. In 2005, the disease was found in south Florida and has since spread to states in all countries that grow commercial citrus in the state. It has also been found in California but is not yet widespread there.

Several strategies that use genetic engineering techniques are being pursued to produce orange trees resistant to C. Liberibacter. (Because resistance hasn't been found to occur naturally in citrus varieties anywhere in the world, conventional cross-breeding techniques are not an option.)

The approaches range from incorporating a gene from spinach or pigs into orange plants to using viruses — bacteriophages — that prey on bacteria (but are completely harmless to other organisms).

Some of these strategies have been used with stunning success in other crops to enhance resistance to various pests and diseases and to introduce other characteristics.

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More to the point, neither farmers nor consumers are unfamiliar with foods that have been genetically modified in some way.

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Black Blacks gets ‘Tough’ on new E.P.

**Artist turns 9/11 stories into song**

There is a sound on the horizon as well as the foreground, a sound that drives and stirs nostalgia into the wakefulness by day as well as within the dream under black night. This is the sound the Black Blacks create in their latest music.

The band, which formed in southern Illinois more than a year ago, is fronted by Clay Bonifecius, the only remaining member since the band’s formation. The band’s punk rock sound enrapures the ear with infectious rhythm of exploding pace, exploiting influences such as The Ramones and The Misfits, as well as The Rivedales and The Lillingtons.

Fellow musician Bob Zulu asked to join the group upon seeing the band during a 2012 performance. Bonifecius and Zulu have known one another around the music scene since their individual moves to Carbondale in 2000. With Bonifecius on lead vocals and Zulu performing backup, both incorporate their individual styles with the guitar, occasionally swaying from rhythm to lead and vice versa, with Zulu sporadically taking up bass.

Other band members include Jen Funkburg, who plays bass for the band, as well as guitar for local band The Crypts, where he performs with past Black Blacks member Taylor Spray.

Bonifecius said the group wanted to find a name that would match their dark sound.

“There are just like a million rock bands called ‘Black-something-or-other,’ so I thought, to be ‘black to the core,’ we would be Black-Black,” Bonifecius said. “That’s also why most of the content in the songs are what we scripted as Black in our theme. There’s this idea of the planet in moving forward.”

The group has just released a new E.P. entitled Smells like Mean Spirit, conveying popular tracks such as “Take Your Lumps” and “Tough Guy.” The E.P. recording session was finished within a matter of hours, during which all members were able to lay down their entire instruments.

“It was real easy,” Zulu said. “We told the guy recording us that we wanted to do 16 songs. He laughed and said ‘Are you guys serious?’ We replied ‘in a different environment to do something different.’”

The band intends on releasing their full-length album soon, with a tentative release date by the end of the year, they hope to release it onto vinyl and cassette.

Tracks from the E.P. can be found online on TheBlackBlacks.bandcamp.com, where the E.P. can be purchased for $2.50. Listeners can also purchase it at Carbondale’s Plaza Records for $5.

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**VERENA DOBNIK**

**Associated Press**

NEW YORK — A dozen years after 9/11, an American musician has turned memories of grief into survivor songs — some of them surprisingly joyous.

Composer and pianist Jake Heggie said Sunday that his new album titled “here/after (songs of lost voices)” is meant “to create a sense of hope and newness that can come from the grief. Otherwise, the people who did it win.”

The album, which was cordially recorded alongside their E.P. Alt. 15, possesses two bonus tracks for listeners. There are six songs in total on the E.P., two of which are unique and made specifically for the record, as well as two covers.

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Runners participate in the “Color Me For Hope Fun Run” Monday in Marion. Mindy Hammond, executive director of the Hands of Hope Clinic organized the event. “This race raises money for Hands For Home Clinic which serves the needs of working low-income families without insurance in Johnson, Williamson, and Franklin Counties,” Hammond said.

‘True Blood’ will end in 2014

LOS ANGELES — HBO is finally putting a wooden stake in heart of its vampire show. “True Blood” is set to end in 2014 at the conclusion of its seventh season.

The network made the announcement Tuesday with a statement from HBO President of Programming Michael Lombardo, who said, “Together with its legions of fans, it will be hard to say goodbye to the residents of Bon Temps, but I look forward to what promises to be a fantastic final chapter of this incredible show.”

Though the adventures of Sookie Stackhouse and the various vampires, werewolves, witches and other creatures that populated her backwoods Louisiana home are still popular (the recently concluded sixth season average 10.6 million viewers per episode), there seems to be a sense among its creators that it's time to move on.

Series creator Alan Ball stepped down from his show runner duties at the end of the fifth season and author Charlaine Harris, whose novels were the basis for the show, published her 13th and final Sookie Stackhouse novel in May.

One final book, called “After Dead: What Came Next in the World of Sookie Stackhouse,” will be published in October and serve as a kind of epilogue to Stackhouse’s literary adventures.

As for the HBO incarnation of the character, she’s got 10 more episodes, under the guidance of new show runner Brian Buckner, to wrap up her adventures.

The final season of the show will debut sometime next summer.

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HBO President of Programming
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Obama heads to Russia summit looking for support of Syria strike

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — President Barack Obama heads this week to a global summit in Russia, hoping to rally international support for his bid to launch a military strike against Syria. 

But the leaders of Russia, France, China and other potential allies have expressed reservations about launching a military strike. And Obama himself has signaled that his decision to go to the summit was driven by the timing of the situation in the Middle East, not a sense of urgency about its pivotal importance. 

Obama, who was in California for a weekend trip with his family before flying to Moscow on Thursday, said he decided to go to the summit because it is a complicated situation and the U.S. will be there.

On Thursday, Obama will meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin, the summit host. And he will also hold meetings with leaders from China, India, Spain, Italy, Britain and France, among others.

The meeting is expected to focus on a range of issues, including the situation in Syria, the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, the situation in the South China Sea, the role of the United States and China in the global economy, and the nuclear arms treaty.

Obama will also discuss the issue of human rights, which has been a priority for his administration. The U.S. has imposed sanctions on Russia in response to its annexation of Crimea, and the two nations have been involved in a feud over the situation in Ukraine.

However, there are concerns that the meeting may not yield significant progress in resolving the conflict in Syria. The U.S. has been working with its partners to develop a strategy for ending the war, but the situation remains complex and uncertain.

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Women's basketball coach demands Saluki pride

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Coming off a sub-par season can be hard for players and coaches alike. But sometimes it can create an opportunity to better the team in the offseason.

That's exactly what coach Cindy Stein and the women's basketball team hope to accomplish.

One of Stein's first moves after being hired as head coach for the women's basketball team was demanding that each of the players learn the Saluki fight song. She hopes this tactic will instill school pride in her players.

"It's all about school pride," Stein said. "I mean we wear Southern Illinois Salukis on our chest every game, every practice. We are representatives of our university and we should know it."

Stein said she wants the players to sing the fight song after every home game, and hopes the pride will encourage fans to rally along with the team to help increase the team's fan base.

She expects attendance at the beginning of the season to be low, but hopes it will grow as the season progresses.

Stein is not only focusing on team pride and school spirit, but on leadership. When a player does something right, such as helping a teammate during conditioning, they earn leadership points.

Points can be earned in multiple ways. Stein has started a competition among the players with the point system.

Each player is evaluated after practices and workouts, and the player with the most points gets to wear a superman shirt during practice.

Junior guard Carisha Macklin said the players enjoy the competition and think Stein's tactics of making the players gain pride will bring them closer as a team.

"Everybody is looking forward to trying to wear it," she said.

The players and coaches are behind each other in every way, and becoming a unit quickly under a new system.

"I think it's exciting that she really believes in this school and is behind us on that," senior forward Jodyn Courrier said.

The team's goals for the season are simple. They want to get better, and they want to win as many games as they can. Stein plans to make the team better by working on basketball fundamentals.

“You take care of the ball, you make free throws, you make layups, and you play defense,” Stein said.

The players agree that Stein has a sense of humor, but said that she is still primarily focused on driving the players to the best of their ability.

"She's awesome, she's definitely going to challenge you in every way possible, mentally, physically and emotionally," Macklin said.

"She's very strict and very disciplined, but she also has a sense of humor." Stein said.

The new season for Saluki women's basketball begins Nov. 15, in a home game against the University of Central Arkansas.

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Running back McCall dismissed from football team

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Head Coach Dale Lennon announced Tuesday that junior running back Mika’il McCall has been dismissed from the team for disciplinary reasons. “Due to team disciplinary policies, Mika’il has been dismissed from the team,” Lennon said in a Saluki Athletics Press Release. “The focus of our team remains on our game preparation for Eastern Illinois.”

McCall is the brother of former Saluki All-American track star Jermey McCall. McCall, who transferred to SIU from Iowa after the 2011 season played in 12 games for the Salukis and started five. McCall appeared in two games for Iowa during the 2011 season before breaking an ankle. He returned late in the season, but was later suspended for unspecified reasons.

Last season, McCall played in all 11 games making four starts. He was second on the team with 489 rushing yards, tied for eighth in the Missouri Valley Football Conference with 11 games making four starts. He was later suspended for unspecified reasons. He returned late in the season, but did not receive any playing time due to a hamstring injury.

Junior running back Mika’il McCall, center, drives through a tackle Saturday during the Salukis’ 42-34 loss to the University of Illinois at Memorial Stadium in Urbana. Head coach Dale Lennon announced Tuesday that McCall has been released from the team due to disciplinary reasons. McCall had seven carries, 24 yards and a touchdown Saturday against Illinois.

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On Saturday against Illinois, McCall got to start and rushed for 24 yards on seven carries and a touchdown. McCall also fumbled in the second quarter of Saturday’s game, which later led to an Illini touchdown.

Lennon said the Salukis have sufficient depth at the running back position. Junior running back Mika’il McCall was a key component in 24 runs while McCall got to start and rushed for 24 yards on seven carries and a touchdown. McCall also fumbled in the second quarter of Saturday’s game, but did not receive any playing time due to a hamstring injury.

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Volleyball team loses heartbreaker in home opener

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The Salukis lost a thrilling five set match against Middle Tennessee State in front of a large crowd Tuesday at Davies Gym. SIU and MTSU competed for over two hours in a match that looked as if it would only last three sets, but the Salukis fought back and pushed the Blue Raiders to their breaking point.

The Salukis entered the match on a two-match losing streak; they lost to IPFW and Duquesne on Saturday. Middle Tennessee was also coming off a loss to the 24th ranked team in the country, North Carolina. The Blue Raiders took the first two sets of the game by a score of 25-22. MTSU had a combined 31 kills on their 50 points in the first two sets and were led by sophomore Chelsea Ross with 17 kills.

Head Coach Justin Ingram said his team showed grit and toughness after Friday’s five set win against Connecticut. The team found that grit again in last night’s third set. SIU trailed 13-10 in the third, and then scored 15 of the next 18 points to take the set in commanding fashion, 25-16. “(I’m) pretty pleased about the kind of fight we showed,” Ingram said.

Sophomore Taylor Pippen finished the game with 16 kills, and was a key component in several blocks. Pippen is one of only four players that returned from last year’s squad. She said the older players on the team need to lead the newcomers. “The veterans on the team definitely need to step up,” Pippen said. “We have so many new faces on the team.”

After taking the fourth set 25-23, the Salukis set up a fifth and final set against MTSU, who Coach Ingram said had characteristics of a former heavyweight champion. “Playing Middle Tennessee is like playing Mike Tyson,” Ingram said. “You have to be able to sustain some of those punches.” With 11 newcomers on the team, it’s easy to use youth as an excuse but Ingram said his team can’t use that as a crutch anymore. “We can only use that we’re young so often, and that was this weekend,” he said.

After the many ups and downs of the match, it ended rather abruptly on a controversial net call. Middle Tennessee State took the final set 16-14.

Senior Jessica Whitehead led the Salukis with 18 kills in the loss while freshman Meg Viggars ended the match with 10. Viggars added 12 digs as well.

Coach Ingram said his team knows what they are capable of. “The team’s a good team, the team’s believing that we’re a good team,” he said.

Pippen said the third set showed what their team can be for the rest of the season. “Third game, everything was just flowing,” she said. “It showed us the team we can be, and the team we’re going to be.”

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Senior outside hitter Jessica Whitehead goes for the kill Tuesday at Davies Gym. The Salukis lost to the Middle Tennessee University Blue Raiders 3-2. SIU will continue play this weekend at the K-State Invitational in Manhattan, Kan.