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Students receive reduced refunds

**Saluki Safe commences night escort**

**BUDDY SYSTEM:** Volunteers walk students on campus at night.

**CIAH ANDERSON**

After a five-year crusade to organize a universal campus safety program, University officials and volunteers hope students take advantage of the service, which debuted Monday night.

Saluki Safe, a joint effort between SIU Police, Student Affairs and the Saluki Volunteers Corps, offers on-campus walking companions during potentially dangerous times at night.

The service did not receive any calls Monday. "I think once the word gets out, more and more people will call us," said Saluki Safe Graduate Assistant Derrick Ossmann. "From the parents and students I've talked to, I think it will ease a lot of worried minds."

A motorized transit service already in place limits use to women traveling between locations on- and off campus. Saluki Safe — available to all students, faculty and staff — is composed of teams of two cyclists who will walk students and walk them between on-campus locations. Escorts are available from 7:30 p.m. to midnight Sunday through Friday. Escorts are not available to Evergreen Terrace or Southern Hills.

"I volunteered because I was always concerned about walking places at night," said Jill Zimmermann, a senior in psychology from Belleville. She is one of 15 volunteers.

One student says there are many others like her who work and study on campus late at night and will use the service. "It's really tough to get someone to walk with you if you really want," said Erin Erickson, a junior in zoology from Rockford. "And sometimes you have to walk all the way through Thompson Woods."

Jessa Paratore, associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs, and SIUC Sgt. Nelson Ferry originally proposed the service in 1992, but an estimated $50,000 per year operating budget negated support from University officials.

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**Lighted paths, call-boxes keep campus safer**

**PREVENTION:** Use of safety features necessary as crime rates rise.

J. Michael Rodriguez Daily Egyptian Editor

The Brightway Path and the emergency call boxes are some of the safety features police say students should use to prevent crime on campus, which increased from 1995 to 1996.

The Brightway Path is a lighted path that runs along Lincoln Drive and branches out to various locations. There also are 10 emergency call boxes in areas where telephones are not immediately accessible to all students.

SIUC's crime offenses increased from 1,324 in 1993 to 1,714 in 1996. The 1996 statistics increased from 1,535 in 1995.

There were 57 cases of battery, 25 cases of assault and more than 600 cases of theft reported in 1996.

**SEE CRIME, PAGE 10**

**ON CALL:** Matthew Shimmel, a junior in automotive technology from Schoonover, is a volunteer for the new Saluki Safe escort service, which began Monday.

Ferry said.

Ferry and Paratore re-organized the idea to include the use of volunteer help and existing transit facilities to cut the one-time operating cost less than $500. The money allocated came from the Campus Safety Fee Board, which receives its funds from student fees.

"The only cost we have is the equipment (orange vests, two-way radios, flashlights and Mace). The dispatch office was already here," Paratore said. The bicycles were donated by

**SEE ESCORT, PAGE 10**
If readers spot an error in a news article, they can contact the Daily Egyptian Accuracy Desk at 536-3111, extension 233 or 228.

Monday's story "Campus extends parking privilege" should have stated that vehicles with green decals are found parked in spaces that are not for green decals, a parking ticket of $15 will be issued, and the vehicle is subject to being towed. Also, a fine of $50 will be implemented for students who admit that vehicles with green decals are found parked in spaces that are not for green decals.

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Student trustees hope to mount challenge to veto

LEGISLATION: Gov. Edgar amends bill giving student trustees binding vote.

Kirk Mettrair and William Mahaffey Daily Egyptian

As Gov. Jim Edgar signed an amended version of legislation July 5 concerning the voting authority of student trustees, SIUC student trustee Pat Kelly banded together with his statewide counterparts to initiate an override.

"Throughout history and other student trustees cannot override the veto themselves, they hope that individual two from student and other concerned constituents may affect the General Assembly's vote next month. The bill would allow student trustees to have a binding vote. Currently they have an advisory vote.

The amended bill would replace student trustees popular elections with a screening commission, which would select candidates from whom the governor would choose. 

Edgar changed to the original bill will be approved by the General Assembly before the legislation can be implemented. "I support the underlying theme of this legislation and the intent to allow students the right to vote," Edgar wrote in his amendment veto message. "Nevertheless, I believe univers-
Advice for new freshmen

As a senior who might very well have to graduate on time, (and as a columnist who must meet his deadlines) I feel as though it is my duty to pass on the wisdom that I’ve accumulated in the last three years to those just beginning their college careers.

To the incoming students — welcome! Welcome to Southern Illinois University, the only major state university in Illinois with the word “Southern” in its title, except for Edwardsville and that one in Japan. (To everyone else returning to SIU: about famous Saluki alumni, explain to them that Jerry West went to school here, as did John Belushi before his untimely death. The round detective from “NYPD Blue,” Dennis Franz, graduated from our Theater Department, and I suppose there also is a handful of semifamous doctors, researchers and scientific individuals that probably sat at the same barstool you’ll eventually sit at (but remember, they were just asking the bartender for change, drunk boy.)

We chose an Egyptian dog as our mascot because there used to be three pyramids where Brush Towers now stands. If you don’t believe me, ask your student life adviser, the same individual who told you the cafeteria food would eventually grow on you.

Second, the proper pronunciation of the building Wham sounds like bomb, not bam. Do not ask where Wham is! The joke is, the freshman asks the upperclassman where “Wham” is, then the upperclassman replies, “Right here,” and the freshman man on the head with a book — WAM! Get it? Yeah, I didn’t find it that amusing either.

Third, whenever someone asks you about famous Saluki alumni, explain to them that Jerry West went to school here, as did John Belushi before his untimely death. The round detective from “NYPD Blue,” Dennis Franz, graduated from our Theater Department, and I suppose there also is a handful of semifamous doctors, researchers and scientific individuals that probably sat at the same barstool you’ll eventually sit at (but remember, they were just asking the bartender for change, drunk boy.)

Finally, no free T-shirt is worth the bellish turmoil that is perpetual credit card debt. You might think you’re responsible enough to handle a credit card, but you know what thing? You aren’t. Trust me, you have no business owning a credit card. It’s like putting a Pandora’s box of villains into your back pocket. In the beginning, you claim you’re only going to use it for emergency situations, like when you run out of gas or you’re about to starve to death. Pretty soon, you’re buying lousy arm- ments and Cheez Whiz.

My advice is this. When you’re walking to class, and some ass comes up to you and asks if you want to fill out a credit card application with the old “Hey, here’s my free soda, jerkboy!” routine, just keep on walking. Don’t even speak to them. Those people are somewhere in between june soccer fans and tow truck company owners on the “Villains of Humanity” scale. They do not deserve your precious time. Well, I believe that’s about it. There’s more, but I’m out of room. You’ll figure everything out. Just remember that tow truck service starts in about one month, and don’t forget to patronize the Bagel Man every once in a while.

Josh Robinson
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Our Word

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Trustee screening committees must be guard of student voice

GOVERNOR JIM EDGAR’S AMENDATORY veto of House Bill 923, a bill intended to give democratically elected student trustees voting privileges as members of Illinois and university Boards of Trustees, is a major cause for concern.

House Bill 923 sought to give non-voting student trustees more than just the power to smile or frown as board members weighed important decisions. Often, those decisions ultimately affect the very student trustees to the board. Bearing in mind that in any opportunity to give students a genuine say in university issues is akin to giving a mute person the power of speech — a more-than-liberating gift that would be exquisitely treasured.

EDGAR MAINTAINS THAT HE ALWAYS HAS supported the idea of giving student trustees a vote on the board. Now his one-time-supporter is cloaked in a different and sinister costume, one that threatens the sanctity of the student voice.

In Edgar’s July 31 amendatory veto message, he proposes to give the student trustee a vote on the board, but calls for the elimination of campus-wide elections of student trustees. In place of elections, Edgar wants to establish screening committees at schools comprised of three students selected by student government, and three students selected by university presidents. Annually, these committees will provide Edgar with a list of four candidates for the student trustee position. The governor would then choose each school’s voting student trustee member. Edgar wants student trustees to be selected in the same manner as other board members in order to earn voting rights.

Tom Livingston, Edgar’s chief education adviser, says the sponsors of the original House Bill 923, Rep. Rick Winkel, R-Champaign, and Sen. Stan Weaver, R-Urbana, already have expressed Edgar’s objections to the attempts to discourage student statewide, such as SIUC Student Trustee Pat Kelly, who is opposed to the amended bill.

SIUC BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER Harris Rowe sounds another discouraging note for those enraged students by noting what he calls an “abysmally low” student turnout for student trustee elections. In last year’s student trustee election, only 1,478 SIUC students deemed the election worthy enough for voting. The observation is enough to derail Kelly’s plans to obtain enough student support to influence the upcoming General Assembly vote on the amended legislation.

Because democratically elected student trustees most likely will become a thing of the past at Illinois universities, the actions of potential SIUC screening committee members are now a prominent cause for concern.

THESE COMMITTEES SHOULD MAKE decisions with the interests of SIUC students foremost at heart. The term “screening committee” should not become an oxymoron — student trustee hopefuls should indicate a genuine interest in representing students, not in furthering their own interests while expanding their power. Although the ultimate selection of future student trustees may rest in a governor’s hand, the screening committee should act as a watchdog for the more than 20,000 other SIUC students who now are reduced to using smiles and frowns for committee member decisions instead of their own votes for change.

“Our Word” represents the consensus of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board.
Diretor: How is this victory? Have we achieved success because a temporary restraining order halted the depredation of our beloved Bell Smith Springs? Perhaps it is. Perhaps our repeated protest and constant referral to scientific evidence finally counted for something.

But the battle is not yet over. Those who pilfer our natural heritage and plunder resources will not quit. Profit motive and self-importance require them to continue. They fight in the courts. They struggle to win public opinion.

When the courts stop environmental logging, the Forest Service calls it "ecological restoration." Nothing stops these people who put our trees and streams on a financial gain unless we continue to be vigilant.

When timber interests take tax money to build roads into beautiful areas — where they sacrifice wildlife and the birds who use Bell Smith Springs to line their own pockets — all of us lose. Each of us must stand up for what is right. In the courts, through public education and with carefully documented scientific research, we must resist.

Logging at Bell Smith Springs is temporarily halted. The area remains closed. But it cannot take pictures of the young oak trees smashed to remove the pines. We cannot see the vision their "ecological restoration" caused. We have no idea how many songbird nests in nearby lands will be disrupted (sic) and predicted (sic) next year.

Nevertheless, we still say "NO!" We can stand by the roadside. We can let them arrest us for speaking the truth if we must. We can focus public attention on the travesty of logging the Shawnee National Forest. There are my trees. I do not want them cut. What will you contribute?

Ron Brown
junior, plant and soil science

Columnist’s GOP attack is baseless and unwarranted

Dear Editor: Here we go again!

In the first edition of the Daily Egyptian, columnist Ron Neff (Mon., “No tree? Blame Congress”) began the time-honored tradition on this campus of badmouthing Republican politicians. Neff resorted to using words like “fascists,” but are right to vote on the issues...

...the facts clearly show that Republicans are not ‘fascists,’ but are working hard to protect the rights of students at SIUC.

When northern politicians tried to make Amtrak service from Carbondale, it was Bost and Luechtefeld who used their positions to cut through the bureaucratic red tape to secure the needed money and ensure that the power outage would be stopped.

And when critics tried to delay legislation that would give student trustees the right to vote on the University Board, it was Bost and Luechtefeld who worked to convince skeptical legislators that college students are indeed responsible and mature enough to be entrusted with this powerful position.

So, despite the baseless muddling levied by Rob Neff, the facts clearly show that Republicans are not “fascists,” but are working hard to protect the rights of students at SIUC. We are lucky to have Mike Bost and Dave Luechtefeld representing us, and the entire campus is better placed because of them.

Andy Vogt
senior, education

Logging on hold for now; trees still need protection

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Students get opportunity to see what their career choices entail.

TRACY TAYLOR
DE Campus Life Editor

By 9 each morning this summer, Jenni Cornwell was out in the sun taking with every major casting director in Los Angeles and rubbing elbows with stars. Instead of working a routine job, she was an intern at an A-list talent agency.

Cornwell, a senior in theater from Sandwich, interned with Flowers and Associates Talent Agency. "I got to see the goings-on of 'Caroline in The City,' " she said. "I met Steven Williams '10 who worked on 'Access Hollywood,' and it was a solo but it was well worth it."

"I interned with Geddes talent agency, where I met Steven Williams from the X-files," Cornwell said. "I saw her costume person had just dropped, and then on I took her costume designer's costume and crew for the whole film."

Cheryl Glass, a senior in radio television from Chicago, said her first internship was a star-studded affair.

"I worked on 'Access Hollywood,' and it was a boring, big internship, and they didn't treat interns like they were real people," she said. "There were too many interns and not enough work, so I quit and got another internship."

Cornwell also said it was better to be a solo intern than to work in a group. "It made me a better intern," she said.

"I learned so much this summer," she said. "If you take your right internship, you'll know that is where you want to be in the future."

Demetrie Jones, a senior in speech communications from Waughgan, said his internship at SIUC New Student Admissions finalized his decision to become a college counselor.

"I got my first ever standing up in front of groups of high school students of about 20 or 30 and answering their questions," he said. "It made me know what I wanted to do." 

Jones said it is an excellent idea for students to do internships because it helps their future careers.

"When an employer is trying to make a decision between two people applying for a job who have the same credentials, that internship stands out," he said. "I saw it as a privilege to have someone looking at me one on one and show me the ropes of how college recruitment and New Student Admissions works."

Darren Fontenay, a senior in cinema and photography from Chicago, views his summer internship as a privilege as well as a sacrifice. "I interned with Flowers Of The Dragon Production Company in Chicago, working on a documentary," he said. "I also did the Hollywood Studying Program (offered through SIUC) next to people and got hands-on experience. I was broke, but it was well worth it because I met a lot of people I never would have met."

Mortland also said her internship has opened doors for her in the future.

"like getting in without having to do an interview," she said. "I've already been there, so they know what I can do."
"There are millions of dollars that a vote has no impact over."

Though Livingston praised the efforts of student trustees, he said the new legislation has received some "less than eloquent" criticism.

He said e-mail messages have been distributed in Springfield from the student trustee office at SIUC, berating the activities of Edgar with respect to the loss of a popular vote.

"If I were to eloquently represent the student, I wouldn't have sent that," Livingston said. "It does not represent the students well."

"There were probably about 9,000 better ways of stating the points."

Livingston also said SIUC is the only school in opposition to the revised bill. Kelly, in coordination with the other trustees, plans to "take it to the people."

"He (Livingston) better be able to deal with it," said President Sanders and Chancellor Beggs, so at this point it's not an issue," he said. "But we will sit down with them before fall session commences, but that's not until Oct. 16." Deakin said the University has no position on the bill yet.

"We have not sat down to discuss this issue with President Sanders and Chancellor Beggs, so at this point it's not an issue," he said. "But we will sit down with them before fall session commences, but that's not until Oct. 16."

Deakin said it will be difficult to convince assembly members to go against the governor's mandate.

"Boy, it's going to take an extraordinary effort to do so," Deakin said. "It is difficult — no getting around it."

Second female cadet leaves VMI

WASHINGTON POST

The Virginia Military Institute lost its second female cadet Sunday evening, shortly after a picnic on the parade grounds when freshmen met their parents for the first time since joining the Lexington school's grueling Rat Line. Amanda Harris, of Gettysburg, Pa., decided after talking to her parents Sunday afternoon that VMI's military education was not for her, and she had left the campus by 8:30 p.m., sources said.

Messages left at the Harris home in Gettysburg went unanswered Monday.

Deakin said the screening committee merely allows for consistency, in board member selection.

"It was felt that was a safety gap needed," Livingston said. "The Governor thought it was reasonable to expect a screening process for the student member candidates," Edgar stated in his amendatory veto message. "No gerrymandering around it."

"It's un-American."

Deakin said the bill is killed.

"The amendment veto effectively and slightly increases the size of the student representatives, headquarters of the student representatives, which was an issue to Congress. If the amendatory veto is overruled in the House and fails in the Senate, the bill is killed."

"I think the amendatory veto effectively scratches with it (the opposition)," Deakin said. "It is a differential in opposition that requires a 50 percent plus one majority in the House or Senate. If the amendatory veto is overruled in the House and fails in the Senate, the bill is killed."

"I'm not sure to deal with it (the opposition)."

"Student need to write letters, make calls and organize," Livingston said.

"Livingston said this will not make much difference because both sponsors of the original bill already have endorsed Edgar's changes."

Rep. Rick Winkel, R-Champaign, the House sponsor, and Sen. Stan Weener, R-Liberty, the Senate sponsor, have given their approval.

SIU Board of Trustees member Harris Rowe said students opposed to the change would have a better argument if it were for the elections was higher.

In the April student trustee election, 1,478 students voted. All students are eligible to vote.

"The turnout for student president and student trustee is abysmally low, but it's hard to tell what the legislature will do," Rowe said. "We'll just have to wait and see."

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WASHINGTON - The 1997 college freshman class, which includes President Clinton's daughter, posted the highest average math score in key college entrance exam in 26 years, the College Board said Tuesday.

In a profile of first-year students who will finish college in 2001, the College Board said the average SAT math score rose three points to 511, the highest since 1971.

The average SAT verbal score was 505, the same as last year.

Donald Stewart, president of the College Board, said the verbal score was 423 for African American predecessors, the College Board said.

"In fact, we should be very concerned about the low number and poor academic preparation of African American and Mexican American men, in particular," Stewart said.

"Peach trends persist, our country may continue to lack a sufficient cadre of well-educated African American and Mexican American men well into the next century," he said.

Asian American students had the highest average SAT score with 526, followed by whites.

The freshman class in 1997 is expected to get a "stare" from the MTV generation. "The message about high expectations and high standards that will result from the MTV generation."

Minority groups generally showed improved SAT scores from previous years, but African Americans and Mexican Americans lagged, "significantly" behind whites and Asian Americans, he said.

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In the verbal category, white students had the highest average SAT score with 526, followed by Asian Americans with 506. The lowest average, 434, was by African American.

The profile of this year's entering college class came from test scores and other data collected from the 1.1 million students who took the SAT before they graduated from high school this year. Those students represent 95 percent of the freshmen at four-year colleges.

Of the nearly 400,000 students who took at least one college-level Advanced Placement exam in high school, a record 32,000 can skip the first year of college, and 1,000 can bypass the second year, the College Board said.

The freshman class in 1997 is more ethnically diverse, better interested in postgraduate degrees than predecessors, the College Board said. The most people about high expectations and high standards seems to be getting through to the MTV generation."

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New history director takes position

WELCOME: Director wants to strengthen student-faculty relations.

BRIAN EBERN
Daily Egyptian, Carbondale

The new history director of Undergraduate Studies plans to begin strengthening the department by cooking lasagna.

Even though she is the new director for three days, Margi Morgan is wasting no time in implementing plans to strengthen student-faculty relations.

To create a greater sense of community among history undergraduates, a two-fold plan mixing her love for faculty and her passion for student participation has been created.

Monthly lasagna dinners and a History Department potluck will take place to build better relationships between students and faculty. Morgan said. She will host the 15-20-person lasagna dinner at her home, where undergraduates and department faculty can mingle.

"By bringing faculty and students together for a special communal event, I hope to gain valuable student feedback about the department as a whole," Morgan said.

"A lot of students continually meet with faculty and instructors in isolated offices. We should get the undergraduates and faculty together in a friendly social environment," said Morgan.

In addition to advising undergraduates about classes and career choices, Morgan teaches a British history course.

"She always has been willing to do more than her share," Welisch said.

Morgan said the picnic and dinners will provide an environment for faculty and history majors to interact in an informal environment.

Students will be encouraged to provide feedback to attending faculty.

"I'm going to feed students in return for feedback," Morgan said.

Robert Jensen, acting dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said education relies on people relating to people.

"History is one of 18 departments in the College of Liberal Arts.

"So many times when people interact, they find that we really need to find that a university can make a difference," Jensen said.

"Faculty members who take the time to get involved with their students have the greatest impact."

"Things they enhance student and faculty relationships are going to enhance the whole effect of our (COLA's) mission."

DEDICATED EDUCATOR: Margi Morgan, a associate professor of history, sorts through her collection of books in her office Monday. Morgan is the new history director of Undergraduate Studies.

Morgan said she also is working to improve ties with field professionals to provide students with valuable work experience that today's job market requires.

"I'm going to tell them to think about what they can do to enhance their careers," Morgan said. "They have to think about internships." Morgan said creating a sense of community is not necessarily what the department ultimately strives for, but sometimes undergraduates tend to feel lost in large colleges and departments.

"Sometimes students in our program face problems that are unique to larger colleges," said Morgan. "Anything that creates contact between faculty and student is beneficial."
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Football team getting lineup straight

FINAL CHANGES: 'Coach Q' analyzes his squad to determine who will get the start Sept. 6.

TRAVIS ASSN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The three-times-a-day practices may be over for the SIUC football Salukis, but head coach Jan Quarless said Tuesday that the team still lacks the physical toughness the players should have.

"I think this football team has to learn to play with injuries," Quarless said at his weekly press conference. "I think they can go further than they think they can go. They are going to have to play hurt."

Quarless said that to create a tough football team, players must know the difference between being hurt and having an injury. Players must play hurt in order for a team to be successful, he said.

"I think our medical profession creates that," he said. "It's tendinitis or it's something else."

Quarless said another challenge in creating a strong football team is the lack of depth on the Saluki roster. There are only a few spots Quarless sees that have intense competition, including the tailback situation in which Karlton Carpenter and Coe Bonner are battling for the same starting position.

"When you've got guys behind you pushing you, you can't let up," he said. "That situation is magnified in both those two players (Bonner and Carpenter). There is no question if you can get that kind of depth, it makes you a better football coach."

Quarless said the tailback situation has been the exception and not the rule for his squad. He said the major problem is that in most positions, there are only freshmen or walk-ons competing for the spots, and players are not motivated to earn their places on the team.

"That's human nature, unfortunately," he said. "You look over your shoulder and see there is nothing there pushing you. It is a bad Catch-22."

Quarless said the team's scrimmage Thursday will determine who gets the starting spots and will decide whether Bonner or Carpenter will start.

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Oilers make fresh start with McNair

MANY CHANGES:
Team facing new home, new system, new QB.

EAST SIDE SUN

When Tennessee Oilers quarterback Steve McNair spent his first two NFL seasons being groomed for the future, he suffered through frustration.

"There were a lot of times when I laid in bed wondering, 'What should I do?' I was getting paid all this money, and I'm not earning it," McNair said. "That's not the way I grew up. The way I was brought up, the way I was raised."

At age 24, the 6-foot-2, 225-pound quarterback with the rifle arm has been handed the starting job, and he's the future of the franchise that moved from Houston this year.

McNair said he is ready for the challenge. "I told myself that once I became the starter, I wasn't going to let it go," he said. "I worked hard to get in this position, and I'll be damned if I'm going to let it slip away from me.

The third pick in the 1995 draft, McNair got one of those huge rookie contracts that are so in vogue these days. Including all the escalator clauses that he or the Oilers may or may not get, the figures add up to $28.7 million for seven years.

After starting the first two years of his career, the third pick in the 1995 draft was being counseled on doing the job when the Oilers opened the regular season Sunday against the Oakland Raiders.

McNair was given the job in the season finale against the Baltimore Ravens last December after the second-string quarterback against a Ravens defense that allowed the most yardage in the playoffs the previous week.

The Oilers lost all four games, produced just 41 points and the first-string offense didn't score a touchdown until the final exhibition game — against the second-string Dallas Cowboys defense.

The coaches were always telling me, 'If you want it to come sooner than you think.' After hearing it so many times, I decided I just had to suffer through the situation."Multic. Perp. Women,

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lettennan from Tulsa, Okla., said the added competition will help the team have the discipline to do well off the field as well. He said the golf schedule can make it difficult to get class work done.

"We miss about two months out of every semester," he said. "It is hard to catch up, and it is easy to fall behind."

Pickett has spent the summer working on his skills, and he is ready for the season, which begins with the Union Planters Invitational Sept. 7 in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

"I feel I am more consistent," Pickett said. "My strength is in my short game. You can play a poor golf game and at least save par with putting."

While some of the returning players already may have a spot on the team, the only thing golfers like Anderson can do is score well. Anderson said he enjoys the challenge and may have what it takes to get on the team.

"I shot even par at an even par all summer," Anderson said. "I usually play better on tougher courses. The challenge makes me play better."

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pounds and Thanasis tipping the scales at 238 pounds.

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Herrin had contacts in Greece.

BASKETBALL
First recommended to the Salukis by a community college friend who Watson worked very hard to bring to take a look at them, they really wanted to come and play college basketball in America" Watson said. "We Herrin's squad a slightly different of sending recruiters on a 17-hour trip.

Aside from the long distance, the Nurnberger, Brazil’s Marcelo De Silva and Yugoslavia’s Mirko Pavlovic, Herrin’s last foreign recruit, Zimbabwe’s Johnny Dzida, played for the Salukis two years ago.

The Topouzis’ also give Herrin some much-needed height, as both brothers will join transfer Chris Thumel as the team’s tallest players at 6 feet 9 inches tall.

The Topouzis’ also add to a large number of young Salukis for Herrin. Will five freshmen, three sophomores and five seniors to round out his squad. But perhaps the biggest benefit will be the depth Herrin will now have. With as few as 10 players available for a stretch of games during the middle of last season, the Salukis were fatigued late in several that they eventually lost because of the lack of depth. Herrin said the young players and ‘true’ numbers should have a positive effect from the beginning this year.

"He gives us a big basketball team, but a young one, since we have only two seniors," Herrin said.

"The biggest thing is we now have a little bit of balance that we didn’t have last year and that cost us a few ball games."

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SIUC TENNIS

Men's team meets Thursday

Saluki men's tennis coach Bud Fisher will conduct an informational meeting for aspiring players interested in trying out for the 1997-98 squad at 3 p.m. Thursday in Lingle Hall 122H next to SIU Arena. For more information, contact Fisher at 455-7247.

Women's tennis recognized academically by ITA

The SIUC women's tennis team has been recognized for its academic achievements by being selected a Scholar Athlete All-American by the ITA. Berksoy led the team with 3.66 GPA in mechanical engineering and a 3.9 record at No. 3 singles. Berksoy was one of 81 female student-athletes to earn the award, including five from the Missouri Valley Conference.

Individuals qualifying for the award must maintain at least a 3.2 GPA. The athletes must be eligible for competition and must have competed in one or more matches in a season.

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NBA

Chicago's Parish retires

Drift by the Golden State Warriors.

Famers' Larry Bird and Kevin McHale.

After four seasons with 14,716 rebounds and 2,361 assists, went to Boston and became a perennial All-Star on one of the best frontlines in NBA history.

He post-registered career averages of 14.5 points and 9.1 rebounds per game. Last season, he appeared in just 43 games with Chicago, averaging 5.7 points and 2.1 boards.

The 7-foot-1 Louisiana native was the 10th overall pick in the 1976 NBA Draft by the Golden State Warriors. After four seasons with the Warriors, he went to Boston as the All-Star on one of the best frontlines in NBA history, joining future Hall of Famers Larry Bird and Kevin McHale.

Parish finished 55th on the all-time NBA list with 23,352 points and sixth with 14,766 rebounds and 2,361 blocked shots. He played in 184 playoff games, scoring 2,230 points, grabbing 1,765 boards and blocking 369 shots.

Golfers vie for spots on team

TRIAL RUN

DARWIN EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Derek Anderson steps onto the practice green and casually takes a few puts while he watches the other 25 golfers hoping to make it to the 1997-98 SIUC men's golf team.

Satisfied with the results, Anderson sits down and awaits his turn to tee-off.

"I think I have a little bit more mental toughness because I am older than some of the other guys," Anderson said.

"Anderson's fate will not be known until the end of the week, when SIUC head coach Lenny Newton will decide on the final eight-man roster. The golfers will be practicing every day this week, and the one with the best scores will be chosen.

The practice will determine the best golfer, Newton said. "I look for players who have good attitudes and can get good grades."

Newton said the returning players on the team have spent the summer improving their game, and they are looking forward to the upcoming season.

"We hope to finish somewhere in the middle of the year instead of dead last," Newton said.

Last season, the Salukis' average score was 77.7, which put them in an "average place" out of nine teams at the Missouri Valley Conference.

As a returning player in his senior year, John Raski III from Herrin said the addition of new players to the team will only help the team in the long run.

Basketball squad fills out with twin Greeks

DOUBLE DAWGS: Coach says addition of Topouzis twins gives Salukis a young, big team.

Ron Korin, Assistant Editor

Saluki men's basketball coach Rich Herrin has been successful in recruiting area players in his 12 years at SIUC, but his coaching staff spent overseas for Herrin's biggest recruiting catch this season.

Herrin announced Monday the signing of 6-foot-9 twin freshmen forwards Nikos Topouzis and Thanasis Topouzis from Kontokosta, Greece, to wrap up SIUC's recruiting efforts for the 1997-98 season.

The signing of the Topouzis' brings Herrin's squad to 16 members for the upcoming season and fills Herrin's 13 available scholarships.

Herrin said the twins' addition will be a boost to the program's athletic and academic reputation.

"The biggest fact that impressed me is that they are very efficient," Herrin said. "They will have an advantage because they will be 20 years old in September, which is older than most freshmen who come in are. If they can perform on the floor as well as they do in the classroom, they will fit in nicely.

Nikos said the hopes of playing in America made the trip to SIUC an easy choice.

"America is the place to be to play basketball," Nikos said. "All of the good players play here.

"We're good students. We're here to work at SIU, to play basketball and to study. We care about the school, and I want to give my best to the team and then for myself."

Thanasis said the opportunity to balance academics and athletics in America was a logical choice.

"You can't study and play basketball together in Greece," Thanasis said. "You have to do one or the other.

Thanasis said he and his brother have been given an opportunity that their father never had.

"Our father was a very good soccer player, and his dream also was to go to the United States," he said. "He never made it, but he encouraged us from the time we were kids to call to keep playing basketball and one day go to the United States.

The Topouzis have also built to go with their height, with Nikos weighing in at 236 pounds and Thanasis at 225.

Football:

Coach Quarters searches for this year's starting lineup.

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