Director set to reverse waning SIUN enrollment

RHONDA SCHEMA
Daily Egyptian reporter

Nurtured between snow-covered mountains and the cold climate of Japan, Richard Carhart saw his desk in the small town of Kokomo as the responsibility of leading SIUN through its enrollment challenges.

Carhart, the new head of student enrollment, took on the job as the director of student enrollment at SIU - the Japanese extension of SIU located in Naha City in the Okinawa prefecture.

"I am extremely honored to have been chosen as a member of the SIUC community," Carhart said. "I look forward to meeting the many challenges that such a position entails."

According to his predecessor, Don Davis, Carhart will be looking for improvement in student enrollment. In 1985, enrollment figures were twice as high as those of 1999. In 1990, more than 600 students were enrolled, while in 1999, enrollment figures totaled 197. A loss of more than 400 students.

According to Carhart, innovative enrollment management strategies and a concerted effort at recruitment are necessary for the success of the campus.

"We have begun to work on recruitment and retention efforts, and we need to be more directly involved in these efforts," Carhart said.

Don said enrollment was previously at

**Enrollment on the rise in SIUC graduate programs**

KEVIN KLEINER
Daily Egyptian reporter

New programs and successful recruitment strategies have increased the number of graduate students in the College of Engineering and the College of Arts and Sciences, according to University of Illinois at Carbondale. McKillop said the overall number of graduate students is up by 23 percent from the previous year.

"Where recruitment is going smoothly, I have no worries. The faculties are doing a great job," McKillop said. "Where recruitment isn't going smoothly, we will work on it, and see if there's something more we can do."

Applications and admission numbers are down in all colleges except Engineering and MCMA, where numbers remain unchanged. The nationwide enrollment was up 5 percent in all colleges except Sciences.

A graduate student statistics report that analyzed applications, admission and enrollment statistics for 1988 and concluded that the enrollment increase was due to recruitment efforts.

Carhart, the assistant director of the College of Engineering, said the recruiting programs supported by the Engineering program were successful.

"We are seeing an increase in applications and admission numbers," Carhart said. "These programs have been successful in attracting students to SIUC."
Police Blotter

UNIVERSITY

University Police are investigating the theft of research equipment.

The incident occurred between Jan. 9 and Jan. 11, and loss is estimated at more than $200.

There are no suspects in the incident.

Kane O. Williams, 22, was arrested at 5:52 p.m. Monday and charged with the theft.

The incident occurred about four months ago, according to University Police.

Williams, who had been living on campus, was released pending a court appearance.

Williams' court date was not available Tuesday.

Correction

Readers who spot an error in a news article should contact the Daily Egyptian News Desk, 236-3153 extension 228 or 229.
**Artificial skies just the beginning**

**VIRTUAL FLIGHT:**
Aviation program receives simulator from UPS Airlines.

**KELLY E. HERRITZ**  
*Daily Egyptian Reporter*

The recent donation of a 747 flight simulator is undergoing construction in the Aviation Technology building.

After driving through an ice storm in a rented U-Haul, Larry Doheny, department chairman, transported several pieces of the simulation to the Southern Illinois Airport for completion.

The simulator was donated to the aviation program from United Parcel Service Airlines in support of a new transportation and education facility. UPS Airlines of Louisville, Ky., relinquished the simulator to the program Jan. 8.

Doheny is the development director for the College of Applied Sciences and Arts.

Staples said, "All of the work in putting together the simulation is being done by volunteer efforts of students and staff. We know when we get it together it will look brand new."

The aviation program has four Frasca 411 single-engine simulators, one multi-engine simulator and several 747 simulation boards currently in operation to aid students in hands-on operation training.

A majority of the instructors and the students of the department were donated by American Airlines.

Once completed, the 747 simulator will be approximately 25 percent larger than the existing simulators and will measure nearly nine feet in height.

Staples said the new 747 flight simulator is a perfect match for the existing simulation boards. "This is an all-systems board," Staples said. "It has all the flight information that was difficult to maintain and we eventually needed replacements. This completes the package with the 747 boards and they should go together in a normal setting and feel the operations of a plane."

A student will begin at the simulation boards to learn the basic switches and maneuver skills within the 747's. A projection screen then will show a view of how the operations are working internally.

After finishing the manual boards, a student will be able to advance into the 747 simulator for further training.

David Newcorn, chairman and associate professor in Aviation Management and Flight, said the addition of flight simulators are essential to the program.

"With 747s, the simulators in addition to the ground school," he said. "The initial program is weather-dependent, and in each course there is a limited amount of time allotted to each student for flight. When there is bad weather and the students cannot go out and fly, they are able to come in here and learn how to fly in that same bad weather on the simulators."

Flight instructor David Kamp, who retired from the military, said flight students are typically one-on-one. While opening a simulator, an instructor may be able to control instruments for the student, and then take the student through the actual flight.

"In here we can change the weather and other things we typically cannot see, like air movement," he said. "We can use the instructor's eyes and sit on the side and watch the computer screen to tell the student exactly what the student is doing. We can also fill the instruments, which is obviously not possible in flight, and allow the student to figure out exactly what went wrong and correct it."

**Announcement of new police chief postponed**

**DAVID FERRARA**  
*Daily Egyptian Reporter*

The announcement of a new Carbondale Police Chief scheduled for early this month will be postponed, City Manager Jeff Doherty said Tuesday.

When the first set of applications were received Jan. 15, Doherty hoped to have a candidate in office by early to mid-February. But now that early February has arrived, Doherty said the deadline will not be extended.

Although Doherty, who advertised nationally for the position, hopes to have a candidate in position before March, he said that application also could be delayed.

"We're still in the initial screening process right now," he said. "I don't know how the screening process goes."

Applications from 22 candidates were received for the position, according to Doherty, but he could not comment on the number of minorities, sources, personal recommendations.

Doherty, a national search firm November when Dean Strum vacated the position, is in charge of personnel.

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**Trials for three separate sexual assaults begins today**

**RAPES: Four men face charges spanning from recent rape incidents.**

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*Daily Egyptian Reporter*

Four men accused of three separate rapese were arrested Monday, and have been ordered to appear in court today.

The trial of Sammis J. Hartman, an SIU student from Potosi, and Wendell J. Allen, of Sikeston, both 18, is scheduled to begin 9 a.m. Wednesday. Hartman and Allen were charged with criminal sexual assault in relation to a rape that reportedly occurred on the SIU Campus Dec. 3 after Jackson County warrants were served by local authorities.

University Police issued a sexual assault warning to Angelo Chavers, in connection with the alleged rape on Dec. 3, but as of press time, no arrest had been made. Police said they do not believe Chavers is in the area.

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**Catholicism served on papal plates**

Ah, Western religion... Youth rallies. Rock 'n' roll. Leave it to the Canadians, or more specifically the Catholics, to come up with one final pop-culture hybrid to combine all of these things together in one shameless public spectacle. (The why in St. Louis or all places) January 1999. What plausible believers could have forgotten? The pope at the Kiel Center. If the God-hating landlord community of the faithful had not committed this to memory, then the countless "پاک" glow sticks, coffee mugs and nail clippers stream all around the nation should effectively serve as casual reminders for the next few months. But Thankfully, and this is what I love about Catholicism, the organizers of this event forewarned this problem use was set to make sure that nobody would forget Ever. And what a way to wave goodbye to the minds of the faithful than to bring in fanciful fireworks shows, virtual baseball bats and 20 different Christian rock bands all resembling Jeers of Clay. So then if the doowy souvenirs of this visit don't help you spark a memory, rock 'n' roll sure will. As will Mark McGwire and millions of bright, shiny explosions in the sky. There's no room for the modest and incremental anymore — this is modern religion. Hypocrisy of the whole event is most alarming, it's quite the pinnacle of creepiness of it all. Anyone who has been raised Catholic already knows, religion means wearing the best clothes to masquerade, convincing and snickering at the touchless family behind you. It's not about faith and compassion, it's about taking the lucky to church and feeling unobserved excitement that it's the Queen Mother's 10th birthday. You learn from an early age the lady in the fur coat who smiles like Lord and Taylor is much more righteous than the lady in the mismatched shoes who smells like Venetian. This was always obvious with the test Catholic was the one who put on the best show. And now the Catholics are beginning to bite into the whole "sacred and important" hoopla. Perhaps in an attempt to get more people interested, but more probably, so that the world know that they're still the finest and fairest denomination of all. Mark McGwire is suddenly more deserving to kiss the ring of the pope than any elderly, devoted worshipper who has spent his entire life to working with the church. And Fanny Christian rock is now more revered than the ballooned sounds of a trained choir. I can't say I'm too surprised, however. Nine years of Catholic education will adequately prepare you for the newer, bigger, better... But thank God I was a cynical youth, so there will never be footage of me as an 11-year-old girl at some rally, flailing all over herself to get closer to the main stage and to get father away from the Venture-Finden children who think they're as good as me.
Ferry excited about new position

SARA BEAN
POLITICAL EDITOR

The new assistant to the SIUC Chancellor in charge of recruiting students to the challenges of her new position, which was effective Jan. 19, "will be exciting and very challenging," said Susan Ferry.

Ferry was selected from a pool of more than 40 applicants, SIUC Chancellor J. Larry Lyons said. Previously, Ferry worked in the office of the vice chancellor for Academic Affairs. Argeringer said that when she was hired, SIU President Ted Sanders invited her to bring an assistant with her. But after some contemplation, she decided to choose someone with some expertise of the University and its offices.

"Everyone ranks stress, recognition on campus, I thought, would be more useful to me than bringing someone I might know personally," Argeringer said.

Ferry's new job includes duties that touch on many of the activities and interest of Chancellor Argersinger. Argeringer said the main responsibility of the position is to make sure there is follow through on the chancellor's initiatives, but Ferry also helps coordinate the vice chancellor searches.

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come to the Ailey school to train.
But becoming a dancer, being the best and following a dream are no easy tasks as both Carillo and Reed have found out since becoming members.

"When the ensemble is training in New York, they have a 10:30 a.m. class and a rehearsal period from noon to 6 p.m. The dancers are in the studio five days a week. It's hard work and an extensive program," Carillo said. "But you really want to be a dancer..."
President Mark Terry said, "The logic is at this point in time civil service employees are unionized and the faculty is not." He said, "We could be at a competitive disadvantage if we don't unionize..." Terry said despite the current haggling between University officials and the faculty union, association in contract talks, he does not expect that the University would impose unionization attempts.

"I would not anticipate any wholesale fight from the University," he said. "They realize the nature of the process..." Terry said although a decision is expected to be made sometime this month, there is no guarantee it will occur because previous labor board decisions have taken longer than anticipated. Graduate unions at other universities have provided the same types of benefits enjoyed by faculty unions, which is why Terry says SIUC graduate students need a union.

"Without a union, we would be unable to work in the legislative process and the legal process to get our share of federal working benefits," he said.

Research shows that graduate and teaching assistants are a vital part to the University. As an example, Terry cited a study in which the University decided that having a doctoral program in history was less costly than not having one.

"If you didn't have graduate students teaching it would be much more expensive in regards to teaching and class sizes," he said. "We think that's an indication that not only are we graduate students but also employees providing a service to undergraduate students."
BATTLE

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the area, and the blood drives held
on campus are vital to keeping the
supply available at a reasonable level.

Blood donors are needed not
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Ugent gives several reasons for the
national shortage, including extreme
drought in the West and an influenza
outbreak in the East.

Locally, the blood shortage is
attributed to people taking unusual-
ly long holiday vacations in December
and holiday breaks at colleges and
high schools.

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She added, "Giving blood on the spot to an accident victim could save a
life, and we need the blood drives held to be a blood donor. In Illinois, re-
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USG

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USG has encountered some trouble with generating student interest and attendance for the focus group meetings. At the last scheduled
meeting Jan. 29, only one USG
member showed up. Moore said there needs to be a better turnout from the sen-
ators as well as the students.

In an attempt to improve student interest, Moore said USG will send
letters to the Registered Student Organizations encouraging them to
attend the focus groups. USG also plans to post fliers around campus,
advancing the meetings.

"We need to get input from the
students. We don't want to make
any decisions about any ideas with-
out talking to the students," Moore said.

There will be a whole new group of freshmen coming in this fall, and USG will have its
process to be as painless as possible
for them. "Every problem we have seen has been a result of a lack of com-
munication," she said. "We would like to see the lines of communication
open up so that students will feel comfortable to approach faculty
with questions they might have."
An SIUC engineering researcher from the College of Engineering is leading the development of a technology that could enable bridges, buildings and airplanes to detect stress on the structures.

Mohammad Sayeh, an associate professor in the department of electrical engineering, is conducting research in smart structure neuroengineering that can lead to safer bridges, buildings and airplanes. Even though research like Sayeh’s in laser optics, associative memory and smart structures is global, the research is only being done in a handful of universities across the country.

“Neutral nets are being done all over the world,” Sayeh said. “This is good for SIU — good attention and visibility.”

Research in associative memory will allow people to recognize an image or pattern from examples in its absence. It enables a computer to actually learn like a human brain, but artificial intelligence relies on complex programming. This is different from artificial intelligence, which relies on a computer’s memory to process inputs.

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These cables could be placed in a concrete foundation for a bridge or a wing support in an aircraft. The device that analyses the stresses in fiberoptic cables uses a neuroengineer technology that uses a computer system to interpret from simple research and train the faculty and the students.

Sayeh’s work with multimode and fiberoptics is global, which demands the speckle pattern in his neural network.

“When you look at a television, you see a flicker due to light,” Sayeh said. “Neural nets allow a computer to distinguish between different lights. It makes a computer see images.”

The device which only uses one fiber, can determine where the stress is and how much stress it is. The device which is used in laser optics, associative memory and monochromatic visibility, is only being done in a handful of universities across the country.

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"I need medicine. I need you now, Mommy," she cried.

Natalie Duncan1 stumbles around helplessly, a sookie in one hand, a bundle of jammies in the other. But she can't find the medicine, and Amy is inconsolable. "I need medicine, Mommy," she bleats at 10-second intervals, while Natalie becomes increasingly incandescent.

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A loss of patience with impeachment

JOE JETER
WASHINGTON POST

DUPAGE COUNTY — The congressional district that includes just west of Chicago is about as Republican as they come. Some 40 percent of DuPage County residents have cast GOP ballots in primary elections. But the voters who elected to the DuPage County Board are mostly Democrats and the electorate has faithfully returned Henry J. Hyde to Congress for nearly a quarter of a century. But there are limits even here.

Poll results published this weekend by the Chicago Tribune strongly suggest they even in this staunchly conservative congressional district, opposition to Hyde and the Republicans has begun to harden as congressional elections approach. The 3rd District of Illinois, which includes Hinsdale, Naperville and Woodridge, has more than twice as many Republicans as Democrats. But in the latest poll, 51 percent of likely voters said they would support Democratic U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski, a Democrat who has represented the 3rd District for more than a decade. And 39 percent said they would vote for Republican incumbent Hyde, who has held the seat since 1993.

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R & R: Men’s basketball team plays next game Sunday in Normal.

Junior guard Rickey Collem makes a well-earned break after posting the

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NBA trainers could be MVPs of league

**Newday**

PURCHASE, N.Y. — In the land of the not-quite-fit, the fitness coach is king. Or, at least, one of the potential heroes. In this time of not-enough-time to prepare for the NBA season, 39-year-old Greg Brittenham has been showered into a key role, with the

New York Knicks.

Brittenham is the man in charge of conditioning—and conditioning—players’ readiness—will be the watchword of the league’s frenetically packed schedule that commences Friday.

Fifty games in 90 days, on the heels of a 15-day training camp, is just not normal.

The trick is what everybody into peakshape without whipping—what may sound like torture to outsiders “exciting” to Brittenham. "This is when I feel I can contribute the most. It’s boring when you’re not active.”

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"chance not only to win the league but to get in postseason play.”

Stallings knows first-hand of the league’s vast improvement. The Redbirds (12-10, 4-7) represented the MVC in the NCAA’s last two seasons but are struggling this year to reach .500 in conference play.

Southwest Missouri State University is tops in the league with a RPI rank of 125, followed by Creighton University (39) and SIUC (66). In all, seven Valley teams are ranked in the top 100.

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Missouri’s Steve Alford and Bradley’s Mark Alford head an impressive roll call of Valley coaches.

Their success at their respective programs have not gone unnoticed; either. Stallings turned down the job at the University of Tennessee last year, Molinari did the same to North Carolina State University, and Alford has had offers from the University of Michigan, Clemson University, and Ohio State University.

"I think it says a lot about our schools and our programs when a Molinari will say no to NC State and Stallings to Tennessee,” Elgin said. "They’ve been able to recruit kind of talent need~ to com­

complete at the highest level. Such is the case like SIUC recruit Kent Williams. He could

have gone to just about any school in the country, and he chose to stay home.” That says a lot of the improvement of the league.”

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"She’s always there to hype me up or say little things on the side to get me pumped,” Hill said. His wants to keep adding to her achievements, but she realizes she can do no more than what she’s always done — giving it everything the job.

"I keep at a competitive level, but kind of keep it fun,” Hill said. "It all depends on what type of day I’m having.”

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Felicia Hill was not heavily recruited out of high school, now schools wish they would have taken a second look.

ROB ALLEN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Felicia Hill wanted to come to SIUC. Then again, she wasn’t exactly to most highly-recruited high-jumper in Illinois coming out of high school.

“SIU was my top choice, and I really didn’t have a lot of other schools,” Hill said. “It’s not that I didn’t want to be recruited. It’s just that I didn’t want to be a glorified high school athlete who gets recruited to a college just because she’s good at what she does. I wanted to be true to the sport, and I wanted to be the best I could be.”

Saturday, Hill fulfilled half of her goal success is a product of self-made success. The junior from Chicago is far from finished, though.

“Hopefully, I can qualify for the nationals in the triple jump, too,” she said. “I’ve been doing really well all season, and I want to see if I can do it for a long time. Now I’ve just got to go for it.”

Hill has the school-record of 5-10 in the triple jump, needing another one-fourth inch to tie the current champion of MVC championship competition.

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Without a doubt, Hill’s attributes her competitive spirit to her best friend, fellow senior jumper Danielle Jordan. The pair went to rival high schools in Chicago and got to know each other through competition.

“She’s a lot like me, so I can relate to her. I’ve been looking forward to (qualifying) for a long time. Now I’ve just got to go for it,” Hill said. “I’d like to jump 5-10 or 5-11, with a good 41 or 42 in the triple jump before the meet is over.”

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A product of Chicago, Felicia Hill has earned the respect of her peers and competitors as one of the MVC’s elite. This season Hill is on the verge of becoming a double national qualifier for the women’s track and field team.

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SHANDEL RICHARDSON
SPORTS EDITOR

No automatic bid or no 20 plus win season basically meant no NCAA or NIT for Missouri Valley Conference teams.

With the conference’s recent success, NCAA and NIT berths are within reach for MVC. This season, the Valley is rated seventh out of 31 men’s college basketball conferences across the country by the RPI rankings.

The high RPI rank — based on schedule strength and records versus non-conference opponents — gives the Valley the added leverage normally given to larger conferences when at-large selections are made for the NCAA and NIT tournaments.

The league completed its non-conference schedule with winning records against the Big 12 (4-3) Conference USA (3-2), Midwestern Collegiate Conference (10-2) and Sun Belt Conference (3-1).

"You get it twice, and you might have a chance of getting in the NIT," SIU coach Kevin Stallings said. "Especially with our schedule ratings, we’ll be pretty high." The winner of the MVC Tournament, which is Feb. 26 - March 1, starts an automatic berth into the NCAA’s, but competing in a conference ranked higher than the Big 12, ACC, SEC and Big Ten Conference could equal at least one at-large bid and strong interest from the NIT.

"There’s a good chance the MVC will break its record of four teams reaching postseason. In 1995, the University of Tulsa reached the Sweet 16 of the NCAA tournament, and SIU nearly upset Syracuse University in the first round.