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JEFF CURRY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Hop on the bus: William Coburn, a Saluki Express bus driver and Carbondale resident, navigates the Route 1 bus through the community Friday afternoon. The Saluki Express bus system operates its bus line on 11 different routes and is a free service for SIU students with a valid ID. Bus passes also are available for students, faculty and the general public. The regular fee for riders without a pass is 50 cents. See related story, page 5

Tech fee proposal goes before BOT

TIM BARRETT
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A proposal that would increase tuition by \$2 per credit hour to fund improvements in student technology could be voted on by the SIU Board of Trustees as early as November.

The matter will be presented at the Oct. 14 board meeting in Carbondale as an informational item and could go to a vote at the Nov. 11 meeting.

The proposal is a departure from a fee proposed to students by Undergraduate Student Government in April that would have collected \$25 per semester from students. Instead, the tuition surcharge now being considered will generate about \$867,000 a year compared to about \$1 million projected from the fee version.

Interim Chancellor John Jackson said the "technicalities" of the proposal are different, but it essentially remains the same.

The proposal states funds will be used to upgrade computers in student computer labs, to improve the dial-up system, to pay for additional work hours for student lab employees and to expand lab hours.

According to the proposal, the Computing Advisory Committee estimates it will cost about \$2.6 million to upgrade computers in labs controlled by the collegiate units. Likewise, Information Technology estimates about \$1 million is needed to upgrade computers in the computer learning centers.

Although a tuition increase would not obligate the University to consult students before changes are made, Jackson said student advisory boards still will be formed. Consultatory advisory boards representing undergraduate, graduate and School of Law students will recommend where the money should be used.

In April, undergraduate and graduate students voted in favor of the technology fee ver-

sion of funding by a margin of 647-564 and 30-20, respectively.

Jackson does not think another referendum should be conducted because the new proposal will generate "roughly the same amount of money."

Undergraduate Student Government President Sean Henry agrees that the new referendum does not need to be taken.

"The main thing is that the students are willing to pay a little extra money for technology," Henry said. "The wording isn't the main part."

Jackson said funds from the tuition surcharge will be specifically used for technology improvements.

"It will always be earmarked and segregated as funds for this purpose," he said.

Jackson said the change was made to

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LSD dealer implicated in student's death

BOB JACOBINI
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The man who supplied LSD to an SIUC student who jumped to his death from Mae Smith Hall earlier this year pleaded guilty Friday to possession with intent to deliver illegal drugs.

A jury trial of Nicholas A. Gootee, 20, of Louisville, Ky., was scheduled to begin Tuesday in Jackson County Court before he pleaded guilty Friday.

There was no plea agreement, Jackson County State's Attorney Mike Wepsiec said, and no date has been set for Gootee's sentencing.

Gootee was implicated in the May 1 death of SIUC student Benjamin Ward, 19, of Chicago,

who plummeted from a 16th floor Mae Smith Hall window while under the influence of LSD.

In June, a Coroner's jury ruled the death an accident.

Gootee and another man, Neal E. Rosenthal, 23, of Arlington Heights, were arrested within days of Ward's death.

Rosenthal handled large amounts of LSD in Carbondale with the intent to deliver, police said. Gootee told police he bought LSD from someone named "Neal" living at Rosenthal's house and in turn sold LSD to Ward.

Neither Rosenthal nor Gootee were charged with Ward's death.

Rosenthal, an SIUC student at the time of

Ward's death, negotiated a plea agreement in July to serve nearly six years in prison for possession of drugs with intent to deliver.

Gootee, an SIUC student living in Mae Smith Hall when he was arrested, was found in possession of a rolling machine, blow tubes, traces of marijuana in a bag, a bong and 55 "hits" of LSD.

Possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance is a felony with a minimum prison sentence of six years and a maximum of 30 years, Wepsiec said.

Wepsiec said he had an idea of what he might recommend at Gootee's sentencing but declined to say what the recommendation would be.

Attorney considers response to rulings

Former chancellor may appeal decision to dismiss complaints against University

TIM CHAMBERLAIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Former SIUC Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger's attorney said Monday no final decisions have been made yet about how to respond to a judge's ruling in her two cases against the University, but he said the University has not heard the last of the cases.

Two cases filed in Williamson County Circuit Court by Argersinger against the University, SIU President Ted Sanders and the SIU Board of Trustees were ruled on by Judge William H. Wilson Thursday.

One case, which contended a breach of contract in Argersinger's June 5 firing, was dismissed because it should have been filed in the Illinois Court of Claims. The other suit, which alleged she was terminated in violation of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, was struck, giving Argersinger 30 days to file an amended complaint or to transfer the case to another venue.

Ronald E. Osman, Argersinger's attorney from Marion, said he is determining if he will appeal the dismissal of the breach of contract case and what venue to choose in the Open Meetings Act case.

"This is just the first step in what is probably going to be a long road," Osman said. "This is just the beginning."

A key factor in the decision to appeal the dismissal of the breach of contract case will be whether or not to file in the Illinois Court of Claims, which was suggested in Wilson's ruling. All claims against the state based upon employment contracts are in the exclusive jurisdiction of the Court of Claims, according to Wilson's ruling.

Osman said his problem with the Court of Claims is that, though the court has the power to issue an injunction, it has no power of enforcement.

Argersinger's breach of contract case requested an injunction by the court to reinstate her as chancellor, and Osman said he was "not confident" the University would follow such an injunction if it were issued by the Court of Claims.

In the Open Meetings Act case, the 30 days to refile may present Argersinger with more options, Osman said, though he would not disclose what those options might be outside of refile in a different venue.


Open Meetings Act cases may be filed in circuit court, but the action should be brought in the circuit court in which the alleged violation occurred or where the affected public body has its principle office, court records said. Judge Wilson noted the complaint alleged the infraction took place in Springfield, which is in Sangamon County.

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SEE IT ONLINE

• The court documents filed Thursday can be seen on the Daily Egyptian's website at www.dailyegyptian.com.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS FORECAST



TUESDAY:
Sunny
High: 80
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WEDNESDAY:
Partly Cloudy
High: 84
Low: 54

POLICE BLOTTER

CARBONDALE

A Carbondale man reportedly was robbed of \$8 in the 100 block of South Marion Street at 11 p.m. Sunday, Carbondale police said. The suspect, Terry Lynell Glasco of Carbondale, is an acquaintance of the victim. Both the victim and suspect live on South Marion Street. The victim told police he was walking on South Marion Street when he was approached by Glasco, who asked for money. When the victim refused, the suspect allegedly began strangling the victim, threw him to the ground and took \$8 from his pocket. Carbondale police have not located the suspect.

A 20-year-old SIUC student crashed his bike Thursday while traveling west on the pedestrian overpass near Lot 62, University police said. The student was treated and released at the SIUC health center.

The Vivarium Annex near West Chautauqua Road was burglarized between Sept. 1 and Sept. 29, and equipment inside the building was damaged. University police said there are no suspects in this incident.

Stanley Jones, 25, of Carbondale, was arrested and charged with possessing and consuming open alcohol and resisting arrest in Mae Smith Hall at 3:09 a.m. Sunday, University police said. Jones was taken to Jackson County Jail.

CALENDAR

Calendar item deadline is two publication days before the event. The item must include time, date, place, location and sponsor submitting the item. Items should be delivered to Communications Building, Room 1247. All calendar items should appear on www.dailyegyptian.com. No calendar information will be taken over the phone.

TODAY

• **Library Affairs** finding books using IliNet online, 9 to 10 a.m., Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.

• **University Career Services** career fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Student Center Ballrooms, Vickie 453-2391.

• **University Career Services** campus wide career fair, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Student Center Ballrooms, Vickie 453-2391.

• **Baptist Student Center** is offering free lunch for internationals, every Tues., 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Baptist Student Center on the corner of Mill and Forest St., July 457-2898.

• **Japanese Table** holds informal conversation in Japanese and English over lunch, every Tues., noon, Student Center Cambria Room, Janet 453-5429.

• **College Democrats** register training, 4 p.m., Activity Room C Student Center, general meeting, 5:30 p.m., Activity Room C Student Center, Mario 536-6090.

• **Pyramid Public Relations** workshop, 6 p.m., Cambria Room Student Center.

• **Voices of Inspiration Gospel** accepting new choir members, every Tues. and Thurs., 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Aligned 248, Michael 549-3115.

• **Blacks In Communication Alliance** meeting, every Tues., 7:30 p.m., Saline Room Student Center, Erica 536-6798.

UPCOMING

• **University Museum "Music in the Garden"** featuring Tom Connelly, Oct. 6, noon to 1 p.m., Museum Sculpture Garden, Lori 453-5388.

• **Christian Apologetics Club "Bible Study in Romans,"** every Wed., 7 p.m., Saline Room Student Center, Wayne 529-4043.

• **Blacks Interested in Business** meeting, every Wed., 6 p.m., MacQuinn Room Student Center, Michael 549-3115.

• **Letter-Day Saint Student Association** learn about the bible and the church, every Wed., 4 p.m., Saline Room Student Center, Willis 536-6989.

• **Association for Childhood Education International** meeting, Oct. 6, 4 p.m., Quigley 128, Beth 687-5119.

• **African College of Healthcare Executives** meeting, Oct. 6, 4:30 p.m., ASA Room 14, Dawn 549-1814.

• **PRSSA** meeting, every Wed., 5 p.m., Lawson Hall 101.

• **Sakuki Rainbow Network** previously known as Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Friends meeting, Oct. 6, 5:30 p.m., Missouri Room, 453-5151.

• **SFC Films Committee** meeting to help choose films for the student community, every Wed., 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Activity Room A Student Center, Amanda 536-3333.

• **Phi Sigma Epsilon** co-ed business fraternity meeting, every Wed., 6 p.m., Ohio Room Student Center, Eric 351-9049.

• **Animelife Japanese** animated video club, every Wed., 6 to 8 p.m., Famer 1125 Language Media Center Video Room, Bill 536-7447.

• **SIUC Model UN** meeting, Oct. 6, 6 to 8 p.m., Iniquis Room Student Center, Dave 549-1316.

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

• **Outdoor Adventure Programs** free fly fishing clinic, Oct. 6, 7 p.m., Student Res. Center Adventure Resource Center, 453-1285.

• **University Christian Ministries** presentation on Peak performance by Brian Bird, Oct. 6, 7 to 8 p.m., Interfaith Center, Hugh 549-7387.

• **SIUC Chess Club** meeting, Oct. 6, 7 to 10 p.m., Mississippi Room, Jim 453-7109.

• **Christian Apologetics Club "Cornerstone Christian Fellowship,"** every Wed., 7:30 p.m., Saline Room Student Center,

Wayne 529-4043.

• **Cycling Club** meeting, every Wed., 8 p.m., Alumni Lounge Rec. Center, Scott 549-1443.

• **Library Affairs** finding full text articles, Oct. 7, 10 to 11 a.m., Morris Library 103D, WebC Overview, 10 to 11 a.m., Morris Library 15, 453-2818.

• **SIUC Department of Zoology** seminar series presents The Evolution of Mammalian Gliding by Dr. John Scheube, Oct. 7, 4 p.m., Life Science III Auditorium, John 453-7958.

• **Geology Club** meeting, every Thurs., 5 p.m., Parkinson 110, Edie 453-3351.

• **SIUC Kendo Club** meeting, every Thurs., 6 to 9 p.m., Davies Gym, Janet 453-5429.

• **Chi Alpha Campus Ministries African-American** bible study, every Thurs., 6:30 p.m., Mississippi Room Student Center, Kudral 529-7088.

• **SIUC Veterans Association** sign up for golf scramble, Oct. 7, 7 p.m., MacQuinn Room Student Center, MaryAnn 529-1846.

• **American Marketing Association** meeting, Oct. 7, 7 p.m., Mississippi Room Student Center, Derrick 453-5254.

• **SIUC Sailing Club** meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Student Center Ohio Room contact Shelley 529-0993.

• **Library Affairs Introduction to Constructing Web Pages**, Oct. 8, 10 a.m. to noon, Morris Library 103D, 453-2818.

• **Student Development** join for free food, merchandise and a good time, Oct. 8, 1 to 4:30 p.m., Jason 453-5714.

• **Spanish Table** meeting, every Fri., 4 to 6 p.m., Cafe Melange.

• **The French Table** meeting, every Fri., 4:30 to 6:30 p.m., Bobby's.

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THIS DAY IN 1968

• The St. Louis Cardinals and Detroit Tigers were locked in competition, fighting for the 1968 World Series title. Cardinal pitching star Bob Gibson, the 1967 hero, shut out the Tigers 4-0 with a record 17 strikeouts in the first game. The Tigers evened the score in the second game before dethroning the defending champions in the Series.

• The SIU arena hosted the world famous "Holiday on Ice" show. Tickets sold for as low as \$2.50 (general public), \$1.50 for students.

• "Man... hunted... caged... forced to mate by civilized apes?" was the headline appearing in newspaper ads as Charleton Heston fought off giant primates in the cult classic "Planet of the Apes."

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COLLEGE PROGRAM

City Council to meet on campus

KAREN BLATTER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

To better serve the SIUC community and reach out to students, the Carbondale City Council will meet on campus tonight rather than in council chambers.

The council will discuss general city business at the meeting, including property annexation, establishing a three-way stop and the award of the city towing contract.

Even though no formal discussion of closing South Illinois

Avenue is on the agenda, Councilman Larry "Skip" Briggs said he hopes the council will discuss it again because construction on College Street is completed.

At the last council meeting, no action was taken on closing South Illinois Avenue to vehicle traffic because of the road construction on College Street and the effects it would have on local businesses.

The council also is expected to discuss the city's towing contract. Bids recently were received by the city from Rich's Towing of Murphysboro and Express

Towing, 761 Ready Mix Road.

City staff has recommended awarding the contract to the low bidder, Rich's Towing, in the amount of \$14,950.

The contract is for services to the city including towing, jumping batteries and city vehicle storage.

Briggs said he looks forward to having the meeting on campus and hopes that students will come.

"I hope that students show up

because they make a difference," he said, "I'd love to see students, I wish they would show up and be vocal and challenge [the council]."

MEETING

The Carbondale City Council meeting will be at 7 tonight at the Student Center Ballroom B.

Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan said reaching out to the community is very important, especially meeting with students.

"Students and the city are one and the same," she said. "They are totally connected. We are user-friendly."

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS

CARBONDALE

Five chancellor candidate to visit with campus

The first of two finalists for SIUC's vice chancellor for Student Affairs will be on campus today and Wednesday to meet with the campus community.

George Antonelli, associate vice president for Student Services and Special Programs at the University of North Carolina System (Chapel Hill), will meet with students at an open forum from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. today at the Student Center Mississippi Room. He also will speak with the Administrative and Professional staff at an open forum from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the University Museum Auditorium.

On Wednesday, Antonelli will attend an open forum with civil service staff from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the University Museum Auditorium and an open forum with the faculty from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the same location.

The other candidate for the position, Sharon E. Whittaker, will appear on campus Oct. 21.

—Garry Skalki

CARBONDALE

Man accused of student murder goes on trial today

A Herrin man accused of killing SIUC student Michael Sasso will go on trial in Williamson County Court Tuesday.

Jury selection will begin at 9 a.m.

Steven Crutchfield, 30, of Herrin is charged with three counts of first-degree murder for the April 3 stabbing death of Sasso, 20, a SIUC sophomore in administration of justice.

Crutchfield allegedly broke into his estranged wife's home in Herrin, where he confronted the woman and Sasso and repeatedly stabbed Sasso.

Williamson County State's Attorney Chuck Garnati indicated in court documents he will seek the death penalty. Crutchfield's attorney said in court documents he may argue Crutchfield was insane at the time of the killing.

—Bob Jacobini

CARBONDALE

Campus-wide career fair offers many employers

University Career Services will sponsor a free campus-wide career fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballrooms. Students can meet more than 100 employers from Illinois and explore various job and internship possibilities.

Students are encouraged to dress professionally and bring resumes. Check www.siu.edu/~ucs for more information or call Vickie Oliver at 453-2391.

—Jennifer Wig

CARBONDALE

Deputy registrar training to take place today

Students interested in becoming deputy registrars can attend deputy registrar training sponsored by the SIUC College Democrats today at 4 p.m. in Student Center Activity Room C.

Deputy registrars are residents certified by Jackson County officials to register voters throughout the county.

Participants must be 18, U.S. citizens and registered to vote in Jackson County to become deputy registrars. Those not registered in the county can register at the session with a representative from the Jackson County clerk's office.

For more information, contact Marco A. Orozco at 536-6090.

—Tom Chamberlain

TEC now more a reality than a dream

Having the Board of Trustees act on this project is a really big step for us. It's nice to see some movement on the program we've been working on for so long.

JACK GREER
Chairman of the Automotive Technology Program

DAN CRAFT
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The proposed SIUC Transportation Education Center is one step closer to reality now that University officials have applied to the Illinois Board of Higher Education for \$1.8 million in planning funds for the facility.

The TEC is a \$34 million project that would combine the operations of SIUC's aviation and automotive departments at the Southern Illinois Airport.

Establishing the TEC requires the renovation of several existing buildings already used by the Aviation Flight and Management and the Aviation Technology departments, as well as the construction of four additional buildings, including a hangar for the Boeing 737 airliner donated to SIUC last year.

The planning funds, which were approved by the SIU Board of Trustees in September as part of a capital improvements funding

request, would provide money for planning functions, such as building design and administrative costs, associated with the project. The project is expected to be completed in three to five years.

"Having the Board of Trustees act on this project is really a big step for us," said Jack Greer, chairman of the Automotive Technology Program. "It's nice to see some movement on the program we've been working on for so long."

The automotive program currently operates at its own campus in Carterville. The Carterville facilities, originally designed as temporary military barracks in the 1930s, are outdated and inefficient, Greer said. The cost of reconstructing the Carterville campus, which would not benefit the aviation programs in any way, would cost nearly as much as the TEC, according to Greer.

Upon completion of the TEC, the Carterville location is expected to be demolished.

The funding requests will be

reviewed by the IBHE and given to the governor for approval. Greer said he expects to have some idea of whether the funding will be approved by the IBHE by December.

The TEC is progressing in other areas as well. A rotorcraft facility, which eventually will be incorporated into the TEC, is nearing completion at the SI Airport. Aviation Technology Chairman Larry Staples said an exact date for the opening of the facility is not yet available, although he expects to be in the new building within a few months.

Greer said he has heard nothing further concerning a local legislator's suggestion to look into alternative locations for the TEC.

Rep. Larry Woolard (D-Carterville) proposed in June that the TEC might be better located at the Williamson County Airport or other regional airports instead of the SI Airport. Woolard was unavailable to comment on whether he is still pursuing that suggestion.

Research shows leasing of UB costly to students

BYRN SCOTT
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A doctoral research study on the privatization of university bookstores detected retail prices of clothing and supplies at lease-operated bookstores are 19.43 percent higher than those of institutional bookstores.

And the report now is prompting one SIUC bookstore official to reiterate his stance that the move to privatize the University Bookstore may be financially harmful to students.

The 1995 study also found prices of used textbooks to be 4.45 percent higher and new textbooks 2.92 percent higher at lease operated bookstores.

Jeff Zeilenga, director of auxiliary services at the University of Missouri-Columbia, researched bookstore privatization because he wanted other universities to be aware of the price differences.

"I found that students had the disadvantage," he said.

Zeilenga said vendors are very keen when targeting institutions, and the private companies promise universities low prices on new and used books but do not follow through.

"I was most surprised in what I found out about new and used books," he said. "These vendors get their books from big warehouses at low prices and promise those costs to institutions, when that is not the case."

SIUC officials are considering leasing the University Bookstore to a private vendor and have named Barnes and Noble, Follett's and Wallace as their top three choices. But Jim Skiersch, University Bookstore director, said SIUC students would not benefit from a private vendor, as indicated in the research.

"I have been here for more than 15 years, and I think I know more about bookstores than most people around here — especially the one on this campus," Skiersch said. "The lease operator answers to the stockholders, not the students of SIUC."

"The people in charge have never asked for my opinion, but I have given it to them."

Skiersch said that when Saluki Bookstore, 701 E. Grand Ave., opened, the University Bookstore had to compete with its prices. The University Bookstore's revenue decreased, and University officials had to look into leasing. When the Saluki Bookstore was sold to Nebraska Book Company, the University Bookstore's prices returned to normal, and its revenue increased by 25 percent this year.

Greg Tatham, director of the Student Center, recently gave a reason for SIUC's interest in leasing the bookstore.

"If [leasing the bookstore] puts us both in a more favorable financial position, while at the same time maintaining service and high qualities and standards to the campus community, then we would need to take a serious look at those

types of opportunities," Tatham said in a Sept. 21 Daily Egyptian article.

Tatham said the University Bookstore made 4 percent profit last year. He said a contractor would guarantee 8 to 12 percent of sales generated. This information, he said, proves SIUC would benefit financially from leasing the store to a private vendor.

The National Association of College Auxiliary Services will open a privatization research center by year's end as a resource to universities in debate about lease operation. The store is to be located in Charlottesville, Va., but information is to be accessible online as well.

Dave Lorenz, NACAS president, said some administrators do not know important information pertinent to privatization.

"Some administrators get excited by a large money offer that results in a large payment initially, but subsequent revenue to the institution relies on a per-

Gus Bode



Gus says:
If it's anything like the tech fee, Skiersch's opinion won't matter anyway.

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Comparison of Retail Prices at Leased Bookstores

PRODUCTS	LEASED	INSTITUTIONAL	DIFFERENCE
Used Textbooks	\$421.78	\$403.83	4.45%
New Textbooks	\$724.27	\$721.20	2.92%
Supplies/Clothing	\$199.68	\$167.20	19.43%

Source: Jeff Zeilenga

Jen Young - DAILY EGYPTIAN

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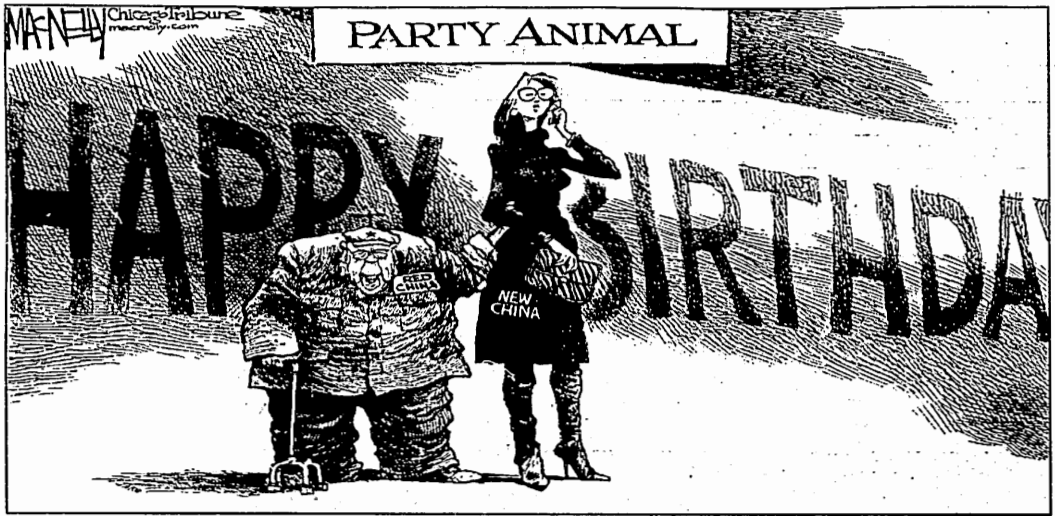
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OUR WORD

Creating one voice to represent the opinions of all

As SIU awaits the fate of its fiscal year 2001 budget priorities, Undergraduate Student Government officials recently announced plans to lead a group of students to the Illinois General Assembly to help fortify an SIU lobbying push for funds. With such good intentions, USG must be careful to not let this effort suffer a fate similar to landlord-tenant negotiations.

Willis Reynolds, USG government affairs commissioner, has a dream of placing our University's funding plight high on the Illinois Board of Education's priority list. This dream has the potential to plant a healthy seed of empathy in the minds of Illinois legislators. Show the IBHE and General Assembly how much SIU students care about their school, but don't be too blinded with enthusiasm to deliver a focused message.

SIU already pays \$90,000 annually to the professional lobbying firm Fletcher, Topol and O'Brien to push SIU's interests in Springfield. USG should make sure the message they deliver to legislators is on the same page as our professionals, otherwise our campus will appear disorganized and confused about what's most important.

As with the current state of landlord-tenant negotiations, the individual constituencies often destroy each other because each group has something a little different to say. Instead these groups should put forth one opinion with a unified push. USG cannot let their lobbying of the General Assembly become mired in a similar bout of disor-

ganization. One loud voice will be much more coherent than a bunch of jumbled opinions.

Last year, the EGYPTIAN expressed concerns about SIU instructors lobbying at the capitol for fear of their unfamiliarity with the art. In this same spirit, we caution USG to not be sidetracked from their on-campus concerns. Just as instructors have on-campus classroom duties, so do USG members. Your cause is noble, but arduous. Listen to the professionals. Be open and willing to compromise and negotiate. Voice your opinions and concerns boldly; let your presence be felt and your voice heard, but do it in unity with SIU's other representatives.

Too many of SIU's budgeting priorities have been ignored in the past. Altgeld Hall is more than a century old and is in desperate need of renovation — so much so that it has become the University's No. 1 funding priority. Let's not allow this project to suffer the same fate as so many other recently labeled "No. 1 priorities."

SIUC Chancellor John Jackson said he thought SIU recently "put its best foot forward" when the University presented its FY 2001 budget priorities to the IBHE. SIU is worthy of generous funding, but we've been consistently near the bottom of the list when it comes to general funding increases. With this in mind, we urge USG and SIU's professional lobbyists to now take that "best foot" and give swift kick to Gov. George Ryan and the Illinois General Assembly.

Remembering those who fix our machines

Have you ever taken a moment to consider how dependent our society is upon the automobile?

Most of us don't, that is, until the machines stop working. Then our whole lives seem to fall apart. You can't get to class, to the store, or home. You are just stuck walking or taking the bus.

Last semester, one of my friends told me a story about how her life came to a screeching halt when she started having car problems.

She had to beg for rides to work, school, her teaching observation and home until her car was fixed, which put an unnecessary strain on her life and relationships.

Like most people, I also have had car problems, which is particularly scary when you are not educated about how to change a tire or what to do when the car battery is completely drained of juice.

Some of the nicest things people have done for me were help me change a tire, jump-start my car, help me buy and install a battery, and go with me to help me check and put air in my tires.

Because I am so "automobile challenged," I am always particularly sensi-

Angels Among Us

ANNA BETH TRAYNOR



Angels Among Us appears Tuesdays. Anna is a senior in English education. Her opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

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tive to those angels who help people take care of their cars.

Over the past few weeks, I am happy to report I have seen several acts of kindness in which students on campus have helped fellow students with their car troubles. But one of the most poignant images I saw within the past few weeks occurred last Thursday evening.

As I was driving past one of the overnight lots, I happened to see a guy looking stressed and examining his car, scratching his head. Before I could drive up and see if he needed help, I noticed two young men had seen the situation and pulled over to offer their assistance. The two boys used their

jumpers cables and cars to try to restart a car at night in the chilling fall air.

The most inspiring thing about the situation is not just that the boys took time out of their schedule to help those in need, it was the attitude of the students that impressed me the most.

People can be pressured into giving help or services and act like it is going to kill them to volunteer a few moments of their precious time. To me, it takes a special gift to have a positive attitude and a genuineness to serve fellow human beings, which is the difference that gives an ordinary person their wings. In this world, I cannot survive very long or very well without the assistance of fellow human beings.

In the beginning, I said our society is almost completely dependent on the automobile. Perhaps more so than the dependence of the machine is the man or woman behind it.

In this technologically advanced society, don't forget our survival often depends on the collaboration and participation of different individuals who perform nothing short of everyday miracles in order to keep our highly technologically dependent society rolling along the highways and byways of life.

MAILBOX

Customers' opinions no longer count

DEAR EDITOR:

Student Center Director Greg Tatham's comment that petitions against the leasing of the University Bookstore to private interests will have no bearing on the decision to lease it is classic SIU administration.

What he essentially said was, "Students, faculty, staff be damned; we administrators don't care what you think; you, the main bookstore customers are insignificant; don't waste your time voicing any opinions because we will ignore them."

Watch out, Greg, what goes around comes around — perhaps the Student Center will be the next to be leased!

JOAN E. FRIEDENBERG
professor, linguistics

Another resolution to the green sticker dilemma

DEAR EDITOR:

I'm writing in response to the Sept. 29 DAILY EGYPTIAN article about the Undergraduate Student Government bill that may relieve some green parking issues.

I am a green permit holder and a resident of Thompson Point. I use Lot 59 (the one behind Greek Row) and would like to offer an alternative solution to the possible solution that was given.

Instead of allowing green permit holders to park anywhere on campus from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m., why doesn't the Parking Division make all of Lot 59 green, red and blue decal parking instead of just allotting a few back rows of Lot 59 for green decals? This is the way green storage parking lots near the Towers are set up.

This idea makes more sense, as it will make use of the red/blue only spaces that are unused most of the day and all night. It will accommodate cars with green decals that are unable to park in the few green decal rows, while making use of existing unused spaces in Lot 59. This will eliminate all of the headaches and frustrations.

Many red overnight decals do not park in Lot 59 anyway because it is farther away from everything else. There is another red overnight lot much closer to Thompson Point and Greek Row, as well.

Allowing green decals to park anywhere on campus from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. isn't a bad idea, but it isn't a solution to the real problem of not enough spaces for overnight parking for green permit holders in Lot 59.

I urge parking division and USG to take this into consideration when making a decision on what to do. There are plenty of spaces available in Lot 59 — just change the signs!

MATT JOHNSON
freelance, radio and television

OVERHEARD

A test can't measure a student's desire and motivation.

TOM MCGINNIS
Director of New Student Admissions
Reference to the accuracy and usefulness of the SAT year '99 and a large entrance exam.

On the Road to SOMEWHERE

From meditating to daydreaming, the diverse riders of the Saluki Express are each on a separate path in a place where passengers and destinations collide



Steve Conrad, a sophomore in administration of justice from St. Louis, waits for a Saluki Express bus Friday afternoon in front of the Student Center.



Young Ayn Downey, 9, and her mother, Ayn Downey, take advantage of the Saluki Express bus service Thursday afternoon by commuting to the Student Center.

IN THE CONFINES OF THE DIMLY LIT SALUKI EXPRESS, PASSENGERS STARE VACANTLY AHEAD AS THE DRIVER CLOSSES THE DOOR, SEALING OFF THE OUTSIDE WORLD FROM THE INNER SANCTUARY OF THE BUS.

The few passengers aboard Route 1 Wednesday night appear exhausted and unenthusiastic. The engine roars, muffling the lyrical harmonies of four African-American women standing near the bus stop. The quartet is awaiting another shuttle, so we leave them

behind.

The bus rolls onward. The creaks, rattles and groans of the bus are ignored by the passengers who sit in the dark, lost in thoughts or daydreams. The bus turns right off Illinois Avenue and rumbles across the railroad tracks. It shakes violently, but the passengers do not seem to mind.

"There's always people laughing, talking and joking with each other when they ride, but I keep to myself," says Tonya Black, a sophomore from Chicago. "I just like to sit here, content in my thoughts of the day."

About 100 people will board and vacate the bus throughout the one-hour loop, beginning at the Student Center. The ride is free for those with a student ID card and 50 cents for non-students. Like many others, Black rides the maroon and white shuttle for the most popular reason Route 1 is used — to get supplies from the University Mall, 1237 E. Main St., and Wal-mart Mart, 1450 E. Main St.

The bus bellows a metallic screech and rolls to a stop across from Tres Hombres Mexican Restaurant and Lounge, 119 N. Washington St. An overweight man in a camouflaged fishing hat timidly steps on, pays 50 cents, and thumps down on the closest seat. He looks around nervously, clutching a bottle of liquor ineffectively concealed in a brown paper bag.

As the man cradles his purchase like a delicate baby, Black smiles and offers her views on the public's use of the Saluki Express.

"I can't imagine how they got around before," she says. Black is friendly and good-natured, but she soon looks away and recedes into her previous thoughts. At the next stop, the man rushes off.

The bus rolls onward. When the shuttle pauses at the University Mall, about 20 people board and make their way to various seats. Lenore Davis takes a seat with her purchase and gazes out the window, content in her isolation.

"I usually meditate when I

TRANSIT

• More information on the Saluki Express Bus Route can be obtained by calling Jeff Duke at 536-3351.

ride the bus," says Davis, a junior in marketing from Chicago. "I have a lot on my mind, and because every minute counts, this is my only chance to relax and get my mind together."

William Cobb, Route 1's driver and a Carbondale resident, sees hundreds of people like Davis and Black nightly. Too engrossed in their own lives to notice, Cobb's job may appear easy to those riding his bus, but problems accompany the Saluki Express' routes.

"Sometimes, it's all right; sometimes, it's miserable," Cobb says of his job as he pulls to the next stop. "I've probably had 10 breakdowns since I began [about a year ago]. You have to call a mechanic, and the passengers have to wait awhile; they're



Jeffrey T. Shepard, senior in hotel restaurant and tourism administration from Seattle, is lowered from a Saluki Express bus Friday afternoon with help from bus driver and Carbondale resident William Cobb and a lift system specially designed to enhance wheel chair accessibility to buses.

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not too happy.

"It's easy if everything goes right, but if not, it's going to be a bad day."

Unaware of Cobb's previous experiences, Lisa McBride watches her 3-year-old son, Kaari, with motherly pride.

"He likes the bus rather than a car, and he gets all excited when we ride," McBride says, as Kaari peers at us from behind the seat. "I think it's a kid thing."

Having just purchased groceries, she is eager to return to her household. But for McBride, a senior in information systems technology from

Joliet, the journey home provides an escape from the daily grinds of life.

"I'll read, study or eat depending on what time it is," McBride says. "My car is in the shop, and it might be there for awhile. If there wasn't a bus route, I don't know what I'd do."

Her answer is intriguing and concurs with Black's previous statement.

I look across the seat to ask Black another question, but she is gone, replaced with another face — the same serene and vacant expression on a different person.

The bus rolls onward.

Two days later, within the walls of the Student Center, Jeff Duke is handling the Saluki Express' administrative proce-

dures. He oversees the shuttle system's 11 different buses and routes, transporting students to locations on and off campus.

Duke, assistant director of the Student Center, says the student-funded transit system supplements students with transportation to otherwise inaccessible places.

"It's some people's only mode of transportation in Carbondale," Duke says. "I've ridden them out to health services before and then catch a bus right back to the Student Center."

"I love 'em."

Riders decreased slightly from 316,783 in fiscal year 1998 to 303,549 passengers in fiscal year 1999.

Duke attributes the decline

to cutbacks in bus hours instituted because the \$25 student transit fee decreased to \$22.

Another day, another bus.

Friday afternoon's passengers aboard Route 10 are different from Wednesday's Route 1 passengers but still somewhat the same. African-Americans, Caucasians, Japanese and people of other cultures intermingle throughout the bus.

A young woman boards in a breathless huff after narrowly missing the shuttle. She does not offer an explanation for her hurry and departs at the Amtrak station.

The bus rolls onward.

Leaning over the seat with his arms crossed, a young man watches her leave and offers an explanation for his curiosity.

"I just sit back and watch everyone else," says Matt, an undecided freshman who would only offer his first name. He is on his way to class, but says he revels in his time watching passengers.

"You kind of wonder what's the story behind each of them."

At the next stop, I exit, leaving behind numerous people, each with different reasons for using the shuttle system. After stepping off, I hesitate and look back at the bus' occupants who are laughing, smiling, frowning and even sleeping. They each have different lives, purposes and destinations. The doors close, cutting me off from the curious world of the Saluki Express.

And the bus rolls onward.



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'Frontline' examines the SAT on air

TRAVIS MORSE
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The accuracy and usefulness of the SAT standard college entrance exam will be addressed on the PBS documentary series "Frontline" tonight on WSIU/WVSI-TV.

SAT SECRETS

"Secrets of the SAT" will air on "Frontline" from 9 to 10 tonight on WSIU/WVSI.

from 9 to 10 p.m. tonight.

"What the film is going to do is examine whether the SAT should be abandoned or not," said Monica Tichenor, promotions coordinator for WSIU.

"There is much debate over whether the SAT is an elitist test that leaves certain people out," Tichenor said. "The test was originally supposed to equalize the playing field, and now some fear it is doing the opposite."

Tichenor referred to the fact that on average, African-American and Latino students are performing below Caucasian and Asian students on the exam.

Erin Martin, communications manager for WGBH Boston, said minority test performance is just one of several SAT issues debated in the film.

"The film examines how and why some students are doing better than others on the test," Martin said. "We talk to several education experts, and a lot of issues are raised about standardized testing."

Another important issue discussed in the film is whether the SAT even measures a student's overall intelligence.

Tichenor said some students do not do well on these types of exams but are in the top of their class in high school.

"There are other factors that can cause a student to do poorly on the exam," Tichenor said. "That's why some schools are trying to get away from just measuring the score by also looking at class rankings and extracurricular activities."

At SIUC, the SAT and ACT are both looked at to determine whether a student is accepted. The SAT is used for west coast or east coast students.

Tom McGinnis, director of new student admissions, said the standardized test score, alone, should never be used to judge a student's intelligence.

"I think we would say no single item is a good source," McGinnis said. "We have to look at their entire high school career."

McGinnis also said one thing the SAT cannot measure is a student's determination to succeed.

"A test can't measure a student's desire and motivation," McGinnis said.

"A marginal student who scored low on the SAT could come to SIUC and excel, while a great tester may not have the drive to make it here. That's why we have to consider more than just the test."

Amy Shaw, educational outreach coordinator, said the "Frontline" special should be interesting to students and their parents as well.

"I don't think there's enough preparatory work done on why standardized testing is used," Shaw said.

"This program is another tool for insight on the situation, and I think both parents and students would find it fascinating."

FEE

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eliminate any confusion as to where funds generated by the fee could be used and to accommodate for financial aid that is limited to tuition.

Since 1994, the Illinois Board of Higher Education has mandated that any new fees used for instructional purposes be a part of tuition, according to Don Severer, the director of communications for the board.

The policy, presented to the board in a 1994 report generated to study affordability and adopted as board policy, states that a student referendum should be conducted if any changes to existing fees or increases to fees are imposed, Severer said.

Additionally, the adaptation from a fee to an increase in tuition would help improve financial aid for some students, Jackson said.

Rick Steudel, assistant director of the Financial Aid Office, said some financial aid plans, like student loans and Pell Grants, take into consideration all the costs of school including fees.

"But there exist some scholarships and tuition waivers that only look at tuition and selected fees," Steudel said.

The latter form of financial aid, such as the Army ROTC Scholarship and the General Assembly Scholarship, would not account for a technology fee, Steudel said.

Upgrading the System

Proposed uses for funds generated from the \$2 per credit hour tuition increase which would devote about \$867,000 a year towards student technology improvements:

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- Extension of public computer lab hours
- Increasing dial-up access for off-campus students
- Improving e-mail services

Source: October BOT meeting agenda

Jason Adams - Daily Egyptian

RULINGS

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Argersinger was terminated by the board in Carbondale June 5. However, during a May 26 meeting of the board's Executive Committee in Springfield, she was offered a severance package and asked to resign.

The decision that will have to be made by Argersinger and Osman in the next 30 days is where to file an amended complaint. Osman said the case would likely be filed in either Jackson County, because it is home of SIUC's principle offices, or Sangamon County, because it is where the alleged violation of the Open Meetings Act occurred.

In both cases, Argersinger also asked that University attorney James Bleyer, who filed the motions to dismiss, be disqualified because Attorney General Jim Ryan should argue the case on behalf of the state. The motion to disqualify was denied in both cases.

Peter Ruger, University legal counsel, said he did not want to speculate on what Osman's next move will be because it is ultimately Argersinger's decision. But Ruger said he hopes she will recognize that further legal actions against the University are "futile."

"I think the appellate court would affirm Judge Wilson's ruling [on the contract case]," Ruger said. "And I don't think it will make a difference what county they refile in, because the facts and law just aren't on their side."

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BOOKSTORE

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centage of sales for the duration of the contract, which may be less than would be earned through self-operation," Lorenz said.

"Reversing the decision can be financially difficult as well."

Lynette Seymour, part of a team that fought off a private vendor at Wichita State University, said most of the private companies allow students to buy books online.

Zelenga said speculation indicates the

Internet takes away 5 percent of university profit because there is no way of tracking it.

"Internet sales equal no university revenue," Seymour said.

Seymour said their university's decision came from a human interest point also.

"We found that bringing a vendor created a loss in the sense of community," Seymour said. "They don't know the university market as well."

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Engaging in rivalry

Volleyball team takes on cross-state rival SEMO at Davies Gymnasium.

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Only 45 miles, the Mississippi River and a plethora of cornfields separate the two — something Southeast Missouri State University head volleyball coach Cindy Gannon loves about the cross-state rivalry between SEMO and SIU.

But there are some other aspects of the rivalry of which Gannon cannot speak so fondly.

"I hate coming to Davies Gym," Gannon said. "It's a great environment, but it's just a very, very tough place to come in and play. They have great fans, and it can be intimidating at times to play there."

Nonetheless, Gannon and the Otahkians are set for their annual non-conference meeting with the rival Salukis at 7 tonight in Davies Gymnasium.

On paper, the Otahkians (11-5, 4-1), who returned all six starters from last year's 24-12 squad, would seem to have the upper hand on the struggling Salukis (3-10, 1-6), but Gannon knows better.

"When SEMO and SIU step on the court, it is always an intense match," Gannon said. "Records do not always come into play."

Gannon, who is in her 11th year at the helm for SEMO, has seen her share of tough matches against the Salukis, trailing in the series 13-5.

Gannon said she enjoys the business relationship she has built coaching against Saluki head coach Sonya Locke who is in her ninth year at SIU.

"It's just a fun rivalry for us," Gannon said. "We've been loyal to each other in the scheduling of home matches each year, so it's just a fun, but very intense match every time we meet."

The Otahkians have been led by the Southern Illinois connection of junior outside hitters Krista Haukap (4.48 kills per game and 2.95 digs per game) and Lea Beckemeyer (3.54 kpg and 3.02 dpg).

Senior setter Amy Henken is averaging 12.63 assists per game.

Haukap (Breese Mater Dei), Beckemeyer (Breese Central) and Henken (Breese Mater Dei) are

three of the five Otahkians that attended high school in Southern Illinois. The other two are senior outside hitter Jackie Derwort (Marissa) and freshman outside hitter Emily Johnson (Breese Mater Dei).

Ironically, freshman middle blocker Amber Britton of Louisville is the lone Southern Illinois native on the Saluki squad (North Clay High School).

The Otahkians come in winners of four straight matches, while the Salukis are fresh off a pair of Missouri Valley Conference losses to the University of Northern Iowa 3-0, Friday in Cedar Falls, Iowa, and a 3-2 loss to Bradley University Saturday in Peoria.

"I know they haven't had quite the amount of wins they anticipated, but I think the only thing they are lacking is experience," Gannon said of the Salukis.

Many of Locke's inexperienced squad will gain first-hand knowledge of the cross-state rivalry for the first time tonight.

"We have so many young players that I'm not sure they realize the rivalry," Locke said. "But for the returning players, they know how special it is."

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develop leaders who will step to the forefront in the closing minutes of games and not allow their teammates to accept defeat.

Skilled players, like Sherard Porette and Cornell Craig on offense, and Jason Nolda and Bart Scott on defense, should take it upon themselves to set the tone for winning football — especially when the game is on the line in the fourth quarter of close games.

Once a team pulls a game out of

the fire late, history shows it can be contagious. Players will thrive in clutch situations when they have past success to fall back on.

Winning breeds winning. Good teams pride themselves on rising to the occasion when challenged, and the Salukis need to cultivate that attitude to evolve into a legitimate playoff contender.

Despite the Salukis acquitting themselves well Saturday against a quality opponent in a tough place to play, Quarless was predictably miserable following the loss to USF.

It's nice to see Quarless does not take solace in his team playing well

when it falls short of victory. There has never been any doubt about how Quarless wants to win, but turning the program into the winner he envisions will require him to teach his players how to triumph under duress.

Youngstown State University will be at McAndrew Stadium Saturday. Surprise surprise, the game will probably be a close one.

Whether or not Quarless and the Salukis find the necessary answers when it comes to winning, time will decide whether SIU's 3-0 start was just a tease, or a real indication of brighter days ahead for SIU football.

MEN

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McClelland found himself on the wrong side of Gunn finishing second with a time of 24:45 — the same time McClelland posted at the Illinois Invitational two weeks ago. Senior Brian Bunden also finished in the top 10 with a time of 25:14, good for 10th.

Three Salukis cracked the top 20 with improved personal times including junior Chris Owen's 12th-place finish with 25:32, senior Eric Rushing's 16th with 25:46 and freshman Joey Molteni's 20th with 25:52.

"I am not disappointed," Bunden said. "I think a lot of us stepped up today. It helped to run on the home course."

Other SIU finishers included sophomore Joe Zeibert (26:17), who placed 28th, sophomore Travis Pressler (26:43), who finished 43rd,

men's Cross Country times and improvements

	ILLINOIS RUNNERS TIME	SALUKI INVITATIONAL TIME	TIME IMPROVEMENT**
Brian Bunden	25:34	25:14	20 seconds
Chris Owen	26:06	25:32	34 seconds
Joey Molteni	26:43	25:52	1 min. 51 seconds
Eric Rushing	26:53	25:46	1 min. 7 seconds
John Hauser	27:30	27:45	15 seconds
Travis Pressler	27:57	26:43	1 min. 14 seconds

Source: SIUCSports Information Jason Adams - Daily Egyptian

freshman Brian Sauerhage (27:18), who came in 59th and freshman Ryan Hauser (27:45), who rounded out the Saluki field with a finish of 77th.

The Salukis may have improved their times, but McClelland knows there is still some unfinished business to take care of before upcoming

meets — specifically the MVC Championship meet at the end of the month.

"We still have a long way to go," McClelland said. "Right now, we are just starting to come together as a team. If we do that, everything is going to be all right. I think it will all pull together in the end."

"I had a feeling we were going to do well, because we were running on our home course," she said. "Running on the home course makes things so much more fun. It's neat to see a bunch of people you know supporting you."

Meehan said she thinks teamwork was the key that pulled the Salukis together.

"We went out there as a team and dominated this meet," Meehan said. "Definitely the strong survived."

WOMEN

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season, as she has finished among the team's top-three runners in every meet.

Four other Salukis joined Meehan in the top 10, including Monaco's sixth place finish (18:18), senior Erin Leahy's eighth (18:27), freshman Erin Simone's ninth (18:30) and freshman Katie Henning's 10th place finish (18:32).

"The order was kind of surprising,

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• Volleyball team welcomes cross-state rival SEMO to Davies Gymnasium.

Improvement hinges on winning close games

The recurring nightmare has surfaced again for the SIU football team.

The warm sweat that dripped from the bodies of the Salukis on a sultry Florida evening Saturday is likely being replaced by a more unpleasant, cold sweat this week borne from the frustration of allowing another close game to slip away.



JAY SCHWAB

SPORTS REPORTER

After any close defeat, teams and their fans never fail to torment themselves by playing over and over in their minds what could have went differently that might have turned defeat into victory.

Sometimes a loss is led on a dumb penalty, a missed tackle, a blocked punt, or — as the Salukis discovered Saturday — a crucial fumble.

In fairness, though, there is rarely a single play in football so central to a game that it can be logically traced back to determining the outcome.

So, put aside Eric Egan's fourth-quarter fumble when analyzing the Salukis' 21-14 loss to the University of South Florida Saturday, and take a gander at the bigger picture. The Salukis have repeatedly lost close games during the past few years. That is the primary reason the Salukis have sported such pitiful records, going 3-8 during each of SIU head coach Jan Quarless' first two seasons on the job.

The difference between winning and losing close games seems minuscule, but in reality, it is a larger gap than many people realize. Good teams typically win close games, and bad teams usually lose them.

In some cases, it's not a matter of being bad, but rather unseasoned. That seems to be the scenario that best applies to the Salukis.

In Quarless' first year, SIU lost two games by one point and two games by five points. Last year, SIU was within a touchdown of winning three more of the games they lost. Toss in the loss to USF on Saturday, and that's eight football games since the 1997 season that were lost by one score or less.

From this, we come to the disturbing realization that the Salukis either don't know how to win close games, or at the very least, aren't very proficient at it.

The problem becomes magnified, because SIU does not have the personnel to show up on a given Saturday and blow other teams off the field. SIU is improved, but still lacks the overall team speed, strength and depth to become a dominant squad.

The improving Salukis are not bad enough to get bullied around by many teams, either. SIU has the offensive horses to make life tough on most defenses, and the Saluki defense has demonstrated they are capable of solid play at times.

Because the Gateway is possibly the best I-AA football league in the country, the strides SIU has made will be tested on a weekly basis by teams that will ensure winning does not come easy for the Salukis.

To be successful, SIU must learn to win the numerous tightly contested games they will be involved in. The task of winning these kind of games becomes trickier, because Quarless is attempting to build the program from the ground up, relying heavily on young players to be difference-makers for his team.

It might take a lucky bounce or fluke turnover in the final minutes to facilitate a Saluki win in a close game. Ideally, SIU will

Invitation to success

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(Upper right) Senior Jenny Monaco (left) and freshman Katie Meehan (right) share the 16th spot on the all-time list with a time of 18:09. Meehan placed third, and Monaco placed sixth at the Saluki Invitational. (Above) Members of the SIU men's cross country team take off at the starting line Saturday morning at the Saluki Invitational.

Men take third at home invitational

Six of the top eight members of the SIU men's cross country team took advantage of running on their home course Saturday at the Saluki Invitational to enhance their times from the Illinois Invitational two weeks ago.

Sixteen teams ran the 8K race, including Missouri Valley Conference rival Indiana State University, who finished first overall.

Former SIU cross country team member Joe Parks, who raced unattached (not competing for a team), was the first runner to complete the race with a time of

24:19. Jason Gunn's time of 24:22 was the second best overall, but was the best time for runners affiliated with competing teams.

PRE-NCAA

• The SIU men's cross country team will compete at the Pre-NCAA Invite in Wichita, Kan., Oct. 16 on the campus of Wichita State University.

The University of Missouri-Kansas City placed second, followed by SIU, who rounded out the top three.

"[I'm] never happy with third place, but I am happy with the way the team ran and with some of the individual performances," cross country coach Bill Cornell said.

"We were up there and feeling really good." Saluki senior Matt

Women run away with first place

The SIU women's cross country team dominated the Saluki Invitational Saturday finishing first overall in the 16-team meet.

Melissa Todd, an unattached runner (not competing for a team), won the 5K meet with a time of 17:16.

Indiana State University's Annie Cooper crossed the finish line after 17:50 and was the first runner affiliated with a team to finish.

The University of Missouri-Kansas City challenged the Salukis but settled for second fol-

NEXT UP

• The SIU women's cross country team will compete in the All Missouri Border State meet Oct. 9 on the campus of Saint Louis University.

lowed by Missouri Valley Conference foe Indiana State, Southeast Missouri State University and the University of Arkansas at Little Rock to round out the top five.

Saluki freshman Katie Meehan's 18:09 was good for third, tying senior teammate Jenny Monaco with the 16th best time in school history.

"It's awesome," Meehan said about the accomplishment. "I felt really good today, and I had a great time running."

Meehan's consistency is a huge factor in the Salukis' success this