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Truth-in-tuition rate raises 15.9 percent

Current students receive promised 7-percent hike

Jessica Yorama
Daily Egyptian

"We looked to the budgeting people to take a look at what would achieve roughly the same ends to the best of our ability as the plan we had in place," Chancellor Walter Wendler said. "This is the result." Wendler said it was important for the University to develop the plan early in the year because it's important for students to know what they're going to pay before they apply for the next school year.

Students have already begun sending applications for the next school year, and Wendler said he wishes the plan could have been completed sooner.

Students currently enrolled at the University will also receive a 7-percent increase, bringing tuition to $45.94, as Wendler promised two years ago.

But SIU is one of few Illinois universities that have published figures for the first truth-in-tuition class.

Eastern Illinois University spokesperson Vivid Woodard said the Charleston college is still grappling with four-year projects and the next five.

Western Illinois University spokesman John Maguire said the institution, which has set four-year freezes for tuition, fees and housing since 1999, will not set tuition for next year for a few more months.

Maguire said that the Western administration will look at a tentative budget for fiscal year 2004 during a meeting Sept. 12 but will not set a tuition rate until spring.

"It's very important to set rates for those of the incoming student who's filling out the applications," Maguire said. "And that's somewhat of a challenge given the state's current economic picture."

Wendler said it was difficult to predict how much and education will cost over the next four years, but he understands the importance of upfront knowledge to both students and parents.

Bonnie Kebas, a senior at ISU, said tuition was a big factor in deciding where she would spend the next four years.

Kebas said she is only applying to SIUC, and money helped dictate that decision.

"Schools around here keep raising tuition every year, and it gets more and more expensive," she said. "Most colleges have been raising tuition yearly, so 15.9 percent isn't that big of a deal, if it is the

University enrollment down 463 students

SIUC officials satisfied with enrollment despite slight decrease

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Official enrollment figures for the fall 2003 semester were released Tuesday, revealing a decrease in the number of students attending this semester. The official figures showed University enrollment to be 21,287 students, down from 21,783 in the fall semester of 2002.

The decrease in enrollment translates to a drop of 463 students enrolled at the University of Southern Illinois. The majority of the loss was suffered by the College of Education and Human Services, which lost 930 students in off-campus housing from the previous year.

SIU Chancellor Walter Wendler said the overall decrease in enrollment could be attributed to several factors. Wendler said he believes a drop in military enrollment to be a primary factor in the decrease.

The University operates the largest military base programs on a cost recovery basis, with 10,767 students this fall, down from 11,000 in the fall of 2002.

Wendler said that Southern Illinois, along with the region, is being particularly hard by the less-than-desirable economy. He suggested that instead of driving individuals back to school as it often does, the current economy is driving many individuals to further pursue a place in the workforce.

Wendler emphasized the decrease was hardly considerate and encouraged consideration on the positive aspects enrollment figures have brought. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Anne DeLucas said the figures also shed light on several positive changes.

"The on-campus news is good," DeLucas said. "Enrollment is up for freshmen, in the Law School and the Med School. We would have

$1 million housing program enabled

Nicole Sack
Daily Egyptian

Prospective developers are now able to benefit from a $1.76 million incentive package after the city of Carbondale's City Council approved the million-dollar Home Owner Program Tuesday night.

The program's goal is to develop 200 new homes in Carbondale during the next three years by creating incentives and benefits for people to build new homes in the city limits. The city's investment into this new program will be no less than $1 million.

"The program, which is in collaboration between Mayor Brad Cole, City Manager Jeff Doherty, real estate agents, developers and home buyers, determined that Carbondale is lacking development of single-family homes in the $100,000 to $140,000 price range," Cole said. "The program is available to all

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NATIONAL NEWS

Appeals court tosses out 111 death sentences

WASHINGTON (CNN) — Citing a 2002 Supreme Court ruling that only juries can impose the death penalty, a federal appeals court overturned 111 death sentences Tuesday that had been imposed by judges in Arizona, Idaho and Montana.

In an 8-3 ruling, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco, Calif., said inmates sent to death row by judges should have their sentences continued to file in juries.

Tuesday’s ruling covers only cases in states within the appeals court’s jurisdiction: 89 in Arizona, 17 in Idaho and 5 in Montana. The states in Idaho and Montana include everyone on those states’ death rows; Arizona has others who were affected by the ruling.

Those three states, along with Colorado and Nebraska, all changed their laws to specify that only juries can impose death sentences, but the issue of whether the high court’s ruling was retroactive to death sentences previously imposed by judges is the focus of the federal appeals court.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals is the largest of the 13 federal appellate courts in the United States.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

20 dead in China after storm

HONG KONG, (CNN) — A powerful storm slammed into southern China, killing at least 20 people in the city of Shenzhen.

The typhoon Xinhu的新 was described as one of several trees that had been uprooted by fierce winds from the Duanstorm system, which caused extreme damage to parts of the storm’s path.

Dujan, which was downgraded from a typhoon to a tropical depression early Wednesday, caused the worst damage to the region since 1979, Xinhu reported.

The incident took place just hours after the announcement that the main building inside the embassy’s one-block compound was hit by gunfire, which broke windows and sparked a fire.

Two American embassy workers were killed in the shooting, which comes amid tension between the countries after a former Iranian diplomat was arrested in Britain earlier this year. The diplomat was said to be involved in the 1994 bombing of a Jewish center in Argentina that killed 85 people.

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Freshmen adjust to SIU two weeks into semester

Freshmen share opinions on new life at SIUC

Jennifer Rios
Daily Egyptian

Making it to class on time, living with a person you just met and trying to find your classroom in Fisher Hall are all part of college life, SIUC students have learned to cope.

Yet, as a freshman these changes, along with other new aspects of college, may be a little overwhelming at first. Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Anthony D'Alton said there are 2,478 freshmen enrolled this year.

This number is 6 percent larger than last year's freshman enrollment, which makes them a considerable part of SIUC's student body.

After experiencing college life at SIUC for the past two weeks, freshmen are starting to adjust to the college experience and form opinions on college life as a whole.

"It's definitely easy to adjust. Right now classes seem easy, but it's a new change, but it's different than living at home. It's a new change, but it's ok," said Amber Shaw, a freshman in chemistry from Sandoval who lives in Thompson Point.

"It can be loud, but there are also a lot of people to talk to," Shaw said.

Shaw graduated from a class of 22 people, a huge difference compared to SIUC's student body of 21,387 students.

"It's a big change. I know most of the people at my high school. There are so many people I don't know here," Shaw said.

Shaw thinks the weeks that college freshmen are adjusting to being away from their parents and facing responsibility helps gear her for the future along with her prospective career.

As a whole, both Downs and Shaw said they have had a good college experience.

"College will help me with my future career and to make lasting friendships," Shaw said.

Freshman Kyle Marcum takes a lunch break after his trigonometry class with his friend, senior Angela Saunders, who he met the second day of school. Marcum said the first week of college was frustrating and challenging but enjoyable. Marcum is taking 15 credit hours and is now adjusting to his new schedule.

Recording industry cracks down on file sharing

College students in the line of fire

Rachel Lindsay
Daily Egyptian

DeVoe Riley has never downloaded a song from the Internet. The photojournalism freshman said he prefers to buy a CD when he's ready to buy his music.

But not every college student agrees completely. While some students have downloaded most of the music they listen to.

The Recording Industry Association of America recently announced its intentions to take legal action against those who download music and participate in subversive file sharing. This includes college students.

"We're created very seriously," said Wes Will, a network specialist for SIUC.

"You can lose a lot of access." When a student downloads music using file-sharing programs such as Kazaa and Morpheus, they are violating copyright laws. File sharing happens when a student allows others access to download files, including mp3s, from his or her computer.

"The first sound [of lawsuits] will target the top ten artists," said a spokeswoman for the RIAA.

When a student uploads file-sharing, the penalties can be stiff.

When the industry has left the punishment up to the courts but has asked for separation for damages and injunctions against downloading for the individual. Damage costs can range from $500 to $150,000 per song.

No lawsuits have been filed yet, but many colleges, including the Illinois Institute of Technology, have been subpoenaed for information.

"(SIUC) has not been contacted that I know of, but that does not mean we won't," Will said.

In an attempt to stop copyright violations, the University has blocked all file sharing applications.

The penalties include loss of network access and an appearance in front of the judicial review board.

"It sucks for the college students because they can't download stuff anymore," said Kyle Menning, a junior majoring in electrical engineering technology.

"College students don't have any money to buy a CD for just one song." Though many songs tall under the range of illegal, there are legal alternatives to downloading off peer-to-peer applications such as Kazaa.

One such application is e-Teer.org. On this website, students can download a number of songs for free from bands who allow taping at their concerts.

"We don't care what people download as long as they're not violating some law and they're not hurting everyone else," Will said. "When you download illegally, it hurts a lot of people."

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Illinois is one of nine states that reported decrease in inmates

Quarters remain tight despite less prison inmates

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The United States adult inmate population may have risen, but Illinois remains one of the few states with a decline in prison population within its 27 adult correctional facilities.

According to a U.S. Justice Department report, the nation's prison population rose 2.6 percent, while Illinois inmate population dropped 116 people from August 2002 to August 2003.

It is one of nine states that reported a decrease.

The number of inmates may have dropped, but according to Sergio Molina, spokesperson for the Illinois Department of Corrections, the state's decrease is not a targeted result of anything done by the department.

Abby Otenhoff, spokesperson for Gov. Blagojevich, said hopefully the numbers indicate fewer people being involved in illegal activities.

"It is possible that fewer people are involved in illegal activities, but according to the department's data, this does not indicate any programs of initiatives directed towards decreasing prison populations.

"We did not predict it would decline," Molina said.

This was just nothing we predicted when we did our population project.

Adult inmate population has decreased, but prisons have not gotten any more accommodating.

Prisons continue to operate at 158 percent — that means 58 over ideal what those facilities are to hold," Molina said.

Molina said what has happened is because the inmate population has declined, but, in actuality, the population number has remained stagnant within the last three years because facilities have closed.

"He said although prisons are over-filled, DOC has still been able to maintain a safe and secure environment.

In January, things might get even safer with the re-opening of Sheridan Prison as a drug treatment center.

The center will bring forth 1,600 new, empty beds. This is one way overcrowding can decrease.

Blagojevich announced last week that Grayville and Hopkins Park, two unfinished prisons that were previously going to open as a way to accommodate more inmates, would no longer serve as a place for the incarcerated.

While this would cut down on the overcrowding, Otenhoff said it is not something the state can afford.

She said it is currently unknown as to what will be done with the incomplete prisons.

"Opening and operating a prison is not feasible, and when we are seeing incarceration rates go down it doesn't make sense," Otenhoff said.

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Shryock may merge with SIUC Arena
Recommendations combine auditorium and Arena
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Daily Egyptian

The Shryock Auditorium has been in service since 1917, but due to school synergy, it may have functional management with the 400-seat SIU Arena.

The budget and planning task force has set its sites on the auditorium as one of many areas that could use some revamping.

The task force, which began filing through cost-saving recommendations in January, wrapped up their report in June with 79 recommendations. Though this is not the only merger listed in the report that included dissolving the accounts payable and controllers, this is believed to be one of the more smooth restructuring scenarios.

Shryock Auditorium Director Bob Cerchio says mergers are nothing new to SIU.

"The University and Glenn Poshard and I sat down and put the changes out in the last two years," Cerchio said. "It was not predicated by a budget crisis but because a director was retiring.

Though Shryock Auditorium and the Arena have been planning to utilize a combined administration for the last two years, it has only begun to take shape during this budget crisis. According to Cathy Hagler, executive director of Facilities and Business, the Shryock merger was first put in place by her predecessor two years before being recommended also by the budget and planning task force.

But the SIU management promises that there will be no outright changes, though there may be some internally.

"We have people who are also doing more activities, but it's just refreshing the Shryock name," Cerchio said.

Director Matt Shackleton has yet to see any big changes.

"The only change I've had is my bosses have different names," said Shackleton, who is familiar with the Shryock for a little over a year.

Shackleton was told when he was hired that there would be in change in management.

"It seems to be a smooth transition, even though the change, really been seen," Shackleton said.

He said he also hopes that the merging of the departments will bring some technology advances to Shryock Auditorium.

Jason King, the assistant director for facilities and athletics, said the Arena side of this merger seems to have gone just as smoothly.

"We are long overdue. Both sides see that we have a purpose here," said King, who, along with the Shryock for a little over a year.

Though the running of major events will change, the intercollegiate athletics will remain the same, but there will be more power behind them. Beginning July 1, the intercollegiate Athletics Department took full control of the Arena. King says that this will mean no changes to the average person, but the Arena that once stood alone is now under the umbrella of athletics. Despite all that change, King also said that he saw no big problems on the horizon.

"It's like when you change your e-mail program, you'd have to learn how to accomplish what you needed to accomplish. That same is true for the restructuring." Reporter Kelsey Marland

Poster search

Michael Williams, a sophomore in computer science from Chicago, looks through posters in Liberry Hall while Ronald Sandifer, a sophomore in computer science from Chicago, waits for him. Williams and Sandifer took advantage of the special being offered by the Chicago Tribune in which both received two free gifts for signing up for an eight-week subscription.

CASA considers restructuring programs

Budget Task Force recommends eliminating associate degree programs
Valerie N. Donnals

More than 300 students enroll annually in the College of Applied Science and Arts associate degree programs, but they may have to consider a change of major or a change of school if the college eliminates the programs in response to a recommendation by the Budget and Planning Task Force.

CASA currently offers four associate degree programs: dental technology, physical therapist assistant, respiratory therapy, vocal and aviation flight.

The task force, a 22-member group assembled in different ways to increase the quality of education while decreasing expenses at the University, encouraged the college to consider departmental reductions, saying it "seems appropriate and consistent with the mission of the University and direction of CASA.

Several associate degree programs have already been eliminated in the college. Over the past 10 years, CASA has changed from 20 associate programs and four bachelor's programs to four associate programs and 14 bachelor's programs. Interim Dean Paul Sarvela said those associate programs were converted to bachelor's programs because of changes in requirements in the profession.

He added that no plans are in place to change the status of the current programs, and the college was simply encouraged to review its associate courses to see if reductions could be made.

CASA lost 4.8 percent of its budget, about $400,000, as a result of the University's 8.2-percent budget reduction and a $2 billion state shortfall. Almost 33 percent of the cuts to the college came from administrative lines.

"If you're balancing a budget without knowing how you're going to cut the budget, you're just guessing." Sandifer, a sophomore in computer science from Chicago, waits for him. Williams and Sandifer took advantage of the special being offered by the Chicago Tribune in which both received two free gifts for signing up for an eight-week subscription.

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Southern Illinois receives DCFS Grant

School of Social Work receives $1.6 million for Educational Partnership

Kelsey Marland

The Educational Partnership at SIUC is making life in Southern Illinois better for both students and local communities. The $1.6-million grant that began in 1997 has helped SIUC and five other universities engage their students in both their educational knowledge, clinical experience and skills they need to enter the work force.

The partnership is in the trenches. They can give us cutting edge information on child welfare, Graduate Program Director Elaine Jaroszkowski said. The five other universities, Aurora University, Loyola University, the University of Chicago, the University of Illinois/Urbana-Champaign and the University of Illinois at Chicago, do not receive the same amounts in their grants, but SIUC covers more ground working with families with the goal other universities engage their students in 1997. has helped SIUC and five individual teams, they tailor their work to their individual offices.

"The other thing we're able to do is to go into the local field offices and work with them on enhancing their clinical skills," Selandar said.

Typically we will provide ongoing training around clinical issues and underlying conditions such as domestic violence, substance abuse, sexual abuse and disabilities.

The school has also been asked to develop a two-day training curriculum of child fatalities to look for indicators and interventions and help local agencies working with families with the goal of preventing child fatalities.

Selandar said she hopes the educational partnership can give the DCFS programs in five areas some needed help in the fight for child welfare.

Reporter Kelsey Marland

Associate vice chancellor for research named

Prudence Rice to take post in October

Andy Horrory

"A familiar face is taking on a bigger role in the Office of Research and Administration, although it is admittedly not much more than a title change."

Prudence M. Rice, acting director of the Office of Research and Administration and associate dean of the Graduate School, has been named associate vice chancellor for research and permanent director of the Research Development Office. Rice, who has been acting director of the research development office since last November, will begin her new position Oct. 1, pending ratification by the SIU Board of Trustees.

A faculty member since 1991, Rice previously headed the Anthropology Department from 1993 to 1997, at which time she joined the research office.

Although the change in her duties will be minimal, Rice said it appointments that would offer her more involvement in higher-level decisions.

"The changes are the kind of thing where the vice chancellor will be likely to ask me to participate in more meetings and more in-depth research," Rice said.

"It's really not so different, but I'm glad it's permanent."

Vice Chancellor for Research John Koropchak said Rice was chosen from a national pool of candidates in part because of the financial results she has produced during her four-year stint as acting director.

"During her tenure we have seen substantial growth," Koropchak said.

"Our external grants and contracts have risen from some $45 million in the mid-90s to nearly $70 million today."

Another factor in Rice's selection was her research experience at the University of Florida, one of the top 25 public research universities in the nation. Koropchak said that experience, coupled with her 12 years at SIUC, made her the applicant best suited to help the University reach the Southern at 190 goal of being recognized as one of the top 75 public research universities.

She brings with her a big-school mentality that I think is definitely one of her strengths," Koropchak said.

"That's part of what has helped make her one of the most highly respected researchers on our campus."

Rice's revered reputation was further enhanced in 1997, when she became the first and only woman to win the University's annual Outstanding Scholar award.

In addition to her work in research development and administration, Rice is also an internationally known expert on prehistoric Latin American pottery and Mayan civilization.

She has also authored a 239-page volume on pottery analysis considered by many to be an indispensable guide.

While Rice continues to pursue her outside interests, including serving on the boards of directors of the Consortium for Advanced Radiation Studies and the Argonne National Laboratory and the Southern Illinois College Medical Language, she leaves no doubt about where her focus lies.

"I am fully committed to the field of research because I feel that is such an intriguing and evolving part of education," Rice said.

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This group is for SIUC students who are affected by a parent's or another's alcohol or drug use.

Group meets Tuesdays 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Please call the Student Health Programs Wellness Center at 536-4441 for a confidential screening.

Substance Abuse Treatment/Support Group

This group is for SIUC students struggling with substance abuse or addiction. Students who recently completed rehabilitation or primary treatment and are seeking an after care group are encouraged to attend.

This is not a DUI Group.

Group meets Mondays 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Please call the Student Health Programs Wellness Center at 536-4441 for an initial confidential screening.

Dirty Word Bracelets

Meg and Lo are angry. Meg hates her job, Lo just got laid off. To pass the time, they made these dainty bracelets with attitudes as bad as theirs.

"Whatever you are having a bad day or just don't give a $8, they will make you smile. Sorry, you must be d or older to view."

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Our Word

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With about 25 percent of SIUC students coming from the Chicago land area, it is no surprise many of them count on Amtrak to make their way home and back.

In fact, during the last fiscal year, 2,842 people got on or off the train at the Carbondale service station.

Such high passenger numbers made the Carbondale station the fourth most used station in Illinois. Still, Carbondale is certainly not one of the most profitable Amtrak lines in the United States. In fact, it cost the state over $50 million by the time out of Congress passed a newly proposed plan.

The initiative put forth by Congress recently proposed a plan that would require financially struggling states to assume more of the burden of funding Amtrak. The President's budget proposed only $900 million for Amtrak in the fiscal year 2004 which began Oct. 1.

Although such a plan may seem like an enormous help to the company, it is only half of what Amtrak President David Gunn said is needed to keep intercity passenger rail running. And it is a far cry from the $22 billion a year that the federal government spends on highways and $12 billion a year on aviation.

We learned on Sept. 11, 2001, of the immense need to retrain our diverse transportation options. Such a move, our economy and national security thrive.

However, we all know this is not a time of bumbling economical situations for the federal government, make less state governments.

Illinois, like most other states in the nation, has had to balance a $5 billion deficit. Cutting Illinois back in the black has been no easy task for Illinois lawmakers. They have cut funds from healthcare and education to ease the deficit, and those cuts will only be sharper if states have to bear the burden of funding Amtrak too.

For us, the issue of Amtrak is not whether the government should subsidize the company, it is by which sector of the government.

However, the trouble at Amtrak is more than an issue of government monies. The company must also step up to the challenge of providing more accommodations to its passengers, which would lead riding the train more appealing than driving.

Thus, we do not believe Amtrak has made adequate attempts internally. On Sept. 1, a train left Chicago suburbs to arrive in Carbondale at 1:21 a.m. It arrived more than five hours late, at 6:36 a.m., causing many students aboard to miss their first class.

Marc Magliari, spokesman for Amtrak, said the company apologized for the delay, which he said was due to engine trouble. He promised such delays are not a norm and are not acceptable for Amtrak riders and said if passengers of that train call and complain to the company's customer service center, there may be compensation for their late-arriving train.

Guest Columnist

Studying abroad gives students new perspective

Erica Zarra

Daily Collegian (Pennsylvania State U.)

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. (UPI) — Last May, like many other Penn Staters, my plane landed on Amsterdams Schiphol, starting my time as a student studying abroad in Manchester, England.

I returned with 18 rolls of film, an obnoxious obsession with UK culture, 10 vastly superior British tabloids and a borderline-obsessive uneasiness with Damop Albin, in which front man of the Reopop stapie band Flur.

I also continued to integrate British slang such as "cheer" and "blitz" into my otherwise strictly American vocabulary. This hasn't exactly gone over well with family and friends, since what has subconsciously become habit in England now unfortunately comes off as blatant pretension. I also tend to begin stories with, "This one time in England..." This one time in England is almost always received with skeptical and rolled eyes from listeners.

In my eyes, returning from England with much more than just Union Jack flags and old copies of The Guardian. As cliched as this is, I come back a different person. Living overseas is quite possibly one of the most beneficial and satisfying experiences a person can have.

These studying overseas learn universal communication and reasoning abilities, and they gain an understanding and appreciation of different cultures and customs, not to mention invaluable life skills such as tolerance, resilience and flexibility.

Living in an international flux with students from Spain, China, Ireland and, of course, England, exposed me to many different political, ideological and ethical ideas.

Traveling across Europe, especially as an American during the war with Iraq, also forced me to grow up both personally and intellectually. I had to answer questions such as "Did you vote for George W. Bush?" and "What do you think of the war?" I also had to put up with being mocked for my American idiom like saying "good morning," and "thank you very much." My classes would break mid-day for tea, and we were encouraged to travel and gain more from the culture than from the text.

For many, traveling abroad may initially seem like a new culture with different attitudes and values is a high transition. But surviving and learning from the process is a reward in itself. Hearing Europeans diverse and often conflicting perspectives in street conversations and America's role in world influence didn't corrupt my own ideas of this country but simply allowed me to understand their better.

It's pretty impossible to stay the same when living as a foreigner.

So if you can study abroad, and if it's financially impossible or doesn't fit into your college blueprint, then at least make a date to visit overseas in the near future. You'll learn more about yourself and the world than in any college course.
**International grad students not welcome at SIU**

For years, America needed their brains and created a dream to lure them. The most educated person of the world, often from the developing world and gone in this country. Every generation took the promise for granted and strive for excellence. The best of them were willing to have the chance to make great leap across the ocean. They do not expect much just the opportunity to work hard.

They usually come for graduate studies, and stay as professionals as much as 20 percent of the graduate student population. It has been a great deal for the universities, for an assistantship, the offering of a teaching a瀚ble stipend, they get a chaperization for the regular faculty. Everybody looked satisfied.

Graduate students, a few build and look forward to. The universities managed their budgets with more students and less faculty. The final solution was to encourage their research.

Now, the attitudes seem to have changed. International and international students are not welcome anymore.

They have become too many, and American students have started questioning their being here. As a result, many are given to American students.

Most and more international do not get the financial assistance they need. It has become usual to see waives of them go from office to office, and search, and search. Some employees, already having considerable positions, get anxiety with this privilege. They do not forget the promise made to them that makes these students neglect their pride. They have left the pay-as-you-go home only to replace it with an equal amount of money.

Even if a student is admitted with an assistanship and has decided on the graduate School application form that he or she is entirely independent, on the assistanship, then to be guaranteed that student will keep. It is then just another two students found themselves involved in the life of the students. Two identical stories come from CDBA and the College of Engineering.

A chance in the aid and allowing them to do well my job. There were no complaints. When it was time to renew my contract, I was told that because of budget cuts, I could not keep the assistanship any longer. Later, I found out that the position was given to somebody else. People said that this happened because my professor didn't like me," said a laid off student.

These, our students are still looking wondering what was helpful? They cannot think of the most powerful people in the world, "Hey dude, did you see me on the website? I'm picture 39, and I have 81 hits," said a laid off student.

It said, "Please stop sending us your stories, you're definitively not cool enough for PartySU.com, sorry Charlie!"

**GUEST COLUMN**

**PartySU is ridiculous**

**Sorry Charlie!**

By Charles Madden

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This isn't an excuse for anyone. How many other similar stories are getting forgotten out the door.

I have of these stories, don't hide it: then (with the chancellor, the Daily Egyptian or the University administration). There is no reason not to be talked about because you look or speak differently.

Graduate students are not the only ones experiencing different treatment. Nowadays, most campus students with the main job will require federal work-study. Again, the explanation is "budget cut," if a student has a federal work-study, the testing department pays only part of the salaries of the students working to the Federal Government.

International students cannot get work-study and therefore cannot get these jobs.

At the same time, according to the immigration regulations, international students can work only on campus. Moreover, students cannot start working until they have a Social Security Number. New students have to wait until the end of the quarter in 15 days before they are able to apply for a visa. After these 15 days, most of the available positions are taken. Federal work-study are already taken.

The problem is obvious. International students can work only on campus because they cannot find jobs — so they cannot work. Here we have a new policy in practice. We welcome foreign to the American universities, but we only want them to spend their money here without paying for the necessities.

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While at a Rush Week workshop held Wednesday night, Kari Kinsall, a junior majoring in radio-television, explained to the members of the various SIU sororities why she decided to join a sorority. The workshop explained to the sorority members the rules for Rush Week.

Panhel Council sororities prepare for another rush week

Lindsey Maughan
Daily Egyptian

Those interested in having a bigger sister and a larger family should get ready to work to make that happen.

The Panhel Council sororities, which include the Alpha Gamma Delta, Delta Zeta, Sigma Kappa and Sigma Sigma Sigma, are preparing for rush week, which will run from Sept. 10 through 13.

Kari Kinsall, recruitment director for the Panhel Council, said the 7-percent increase to the 13.4-percent tuition increase for SIUC’s current students, was among those to rush the Alpha Gamma Delta, Delta Zeta, Sigma Kappa and Sigma Sigma Sigma.

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With U.S. soldiers dying daily and anxiety rising across America and in Europe, administration officials pressed Wednesday to sell the draft U.N. measure that would put multinational military units under U.S.-led command and require the United States to report to the United Nations about operations in Iraq on a regular basis. It also would urge Iraqis to set a timetable for elections and establishing self-rule.

"Today we have begun a new effort with respect to our diplomatic efforts, which has resulted in nothing but more rejections," Bush said during a hastily arranged news conference. "With this resolution, you are essentially promising the Security Council into the game."

Bush's decision to seek U.N. help, a dramatic shift in administration policy, was well received internationally and in Washington. But the administration's resolution faces several hurdles both at home and abroad. Domestically, the measure could run into opposition from Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who has insisted herebefore that the United States must run operations in Iraq effectively alone.

Rumsfeld met privately with Bush Wednesday; he was not present Tuesday when Bush gave Powell the green light to seek broader U.N. support.

"Rumsfeld and the vice president (Dick Cheney)... want political, military, and economic control to remain entirely and absolutely in the hands of the Americans," a senior administration official told Knight Ridder.

Seeking help from the United Nations in Iraq was a major turnaround for the Bush administration, which has resisted ceding much of a role to France and Germany but U.N. resistance to invading Iraq last winter.

Powell spent much of Wednesday phoning key Security Council members seeking support for a new U.N. resolution. He spoke with foreign ministers Dominique de Villepin of France, Igor Ivanov of Russia and Joschka Fischer of Germany.

Some political analysts believe the United States could encounter a "payback" factor at the United Nations, with countries that vigorously opposed the war placing obstacles in the resolution's path to punish the Bush administration for its stance on Iraq.

When asked what country would do that, a State Department official gave a quick response: "France.

But French officials indicated Wednesday that they do not intend to put roadblocks in the way of the administration's new resolution.

"We are in a positive mood, we have a positive reaction from a multinational force under a U.N. mandate," a U.S.-based French diplomat said. "We are willing to have a European approach to reconstruction — we want a coordinated approach with coalition (countries) and at the same time an independent approach for funding reconstruction."

The White House hopes the resolution will persuade other countries reluctant to get involved in Iraq without a U.N. mandate to send troops and dollars to Baghdad. Administration officials pointed to India, Pakistan and Turkey as countries poised to contribute to the Iraq effort if the Security Council approves the resolution.

Both Pakistan and Turkey — the two largest potential contributors of Muslim troops — are willing in principle to put their troops under a U.N. command and require the United States to support a multinational force that would provide security being sought by the Iraqis. But with security still a key stumbling block, Bush administration officials have been waiting for Pakistan and Turkey to make a commitment.

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The clock always reads 11:10; the battery remains uncharged. "I just don't touch nothing," Chico says.

Justin "J.C." Vaughn's bedroom is from now on, just as it was the day that left his father, Chico Vaughn, alone in the big brick house along the brick street with two front-center windows in the front. Just more than a year before, he shared the house with his wife and son.

Now it is occupied only by Chico.

The call
It was a warm day on Thursday, May 15, and Chico was going through his normal routines—panting the kids and cleaning up the pool while working as a security guard at the Marriott's high School in Mounds, one of Illinois' southernmost communities.

Four minutes after Chico talked to his 23-year-old son, the school's main office received a call from nephew Randy Edwards. Chico was paged to the office.

"What's wrong?" Chico asked.

"Just don't touch nothing," Edwards answered.

"No, no, no!" Chico screamed. "They killed my son.

Gym teacher Eric Ihnoff, who had just left the office, came running when he heard the screams and volunteered to drive Chico home.

The two jumped in Ihnoff's taxi 1999 Chevy Monte Carlo and rode south on Interstate 57, passing through Newberry and farmland in the Southern Illinois delta region.

The two men, fellow SIU alumni who frequently called Saluki sports broadcasts, had nothing to say to each other until Ihnoff finally broke the silence.

"Chico, what happened?" Ihnoff asked.

The two arrived at Chico's home when there was enough to start.
and gives a smile after looking around the room and talking about the photographs it moved any of the furniture since the loss of his son. Chico has friends and family and J.C.'s Congregated at his home for a barbecue the two had been planning long before the tragedy. Friends still gather at the site of the house. Chico has friends and family and J.C.'s Congregated at his home for a barbecue the two had been planning long before the tragedy. Friends still gather at the site of the house.

"It's a weekly support," Milton said. "It wasn't like he saw them and got down because J.C. wasn't there. He just enjoyed their support."

Mending wounds
"I don't change," Chico says now. "You can't change when you lose both of them in 10 months. It's a lifetime. When you get up, you don't get anybody but yourself. Only one for one person now. I can travel more."

Chico spent a week in low June in Pittsburgh visiting with Charles Jr. and Jhacce. He barbecued and visited but, most importantly, worked on his relationship with the two. He divided his mother when the two were just youngens.

Growing up, I didn't have a real strong relationship with him because he was there and I was there, and we just didn't have a real strong relationship," Charles Jr. said. "We're going to try and get on the right track and become better friends."

Charles Jr. said Chico can see Chico making an effort, and the two speak about twice a week after only speaking occasionally before the loss of J.C.'s losses.

Chico, who lives in the Los Angeles area, also saw improvements in their communication, especially after a telephone conversation in July.

Chico was busy with work and a home purchase, so he was unable to attend J.C.'s funeral. Chico became upset. She said Chico shouldn't be the one upset with her. She had made many attempts to visit him and book him while he never came to see her in California.

"When I heard they're coming, I thought they'd be the one upset with me. She had made many attempts to visit him and book him while he never came to see her in California.

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"They took him off to the side and talked to him. Chico moved arranged to go out for the football team for the first time this year, saying it would help keep his mind occupied and out of trouble. The basketball season was canceled. Williams will play football."
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and defensive end for the Cairo
Millidan co-op team.
Chico told Williams how J.C.,
who was much smaller than Williams,
played football, so he should, too.
There’s another benefit to this, at
R.J.’s daily after-school trips to Cairo
for practice gives him an opportunity
to visit Chico’s friends.
Even though he reaches R.J.
through sports, that is the least impor-
tant venue in which he impacts the
young man, according to Sheila
Muir, R.J.’s mother.
“It’s unfair for Chico, R.J. probably
wouldn’t be in school,” Mack said.
When Chico returned to school
Aug. 15 at 7:15 a.m., after a three-
month absence, a smile stretched across
his face.
As children began streaming
trough the front door, Chico play-
fully pointed one boy on the head with
his black metal detector wand. After
joking with another boy, he pushed
him along with a friendly shove.
After leading the metal detector
at the school’s main entry, Chico sat in
on a class with children with behavior-
problems. Sitting quietly in the back of
the room, Chico observed and deter-
mined which child was going to cause
the most trouble. He then began to
establish a relationship with the boy by
helping him assemble his binder.
One girl in that class later called him
“Daddy Chico.”
Emptiness fades
That small room near the front
of the house still sits unoccupied, and
the ramp built for J.C. still leads off
the front porch so soldiers can walk.
Though the room is still warm in
summer, Chico continues to move forward
with the help of family, friends and
the children he sees in line.
He no longer lives alone, as Triniti
has moved into the large brick house
with him, occupying the upstairs room
that used to belong to J.C. before he
was paralyzed.
He still plays basketball frequently
with family members who are hoping to
earn a college scholarship with the litigation
of his then girlfriend.
Chico speaks with Charles Jr.
about two a month, much more frequently
the rest of the year. The same
can be said for Gina, with whom he
speaks at least once a week, a significant
improvement from the monthly chats
they used to have.
Gina is hoping Chico will return for
Thanksgiving, and she hopes he’ll stay
at least two weeks this time. Chico
doesn’t know whether to visit Gina
or travel to Pimlico, where James
and Charles Jr. want him to attend
Thanksgiving with them.
Wherever he chooses, he knows
he’s not alone.
Reporters Ethan Erickson
and Junia Varana

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Jaued to have seen enrollment go up,
but it’s not all about recruitment. It’s
about availability, too.
Fresman enrollment was up six
percent, according to statistics. This
is not to mention a 33-percent increase
in freshmen who received a 30 or higher
on the ACT exam.
Wendler said an increase in
these statistics results from a rise in
the quality of students coming to SIUC and, as

Housing
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the progress the University has been
making toward its plan.
“Southern at 150” is focused on
stability in undergraduate and growth in gradu-
ate students.
“I think the future’s bright.
Changes have developed SIU into a
successful institution,” Wendler said.
“Looking forward and planning,
we must keep in mind what we have
achieved and what that looks like.
We know the importance of
recruitment. It’s mentioned in SIUC’s
10-year plan.”
Undergraduate Student
Government President Neal Young
said the program was successful and
has created a stir among students.
Projected occupancy for SIUC for
the year is 74.5 percent of the city’s popula-
tion lives in housing that is rented-
occupied.
“I do understand that the importance of
a single-family home is in this town, but we
must keep in mind what we have
currently and what looks like,”
Young said.
Young voiced serious concern about
the living conditions that students
experience in Carbondale.
“I think this program is a good idea
and will spur economic growth that is
scarcely needed, especially in Southern
Illinois,” Young said.
“Everyone is in mind that this is
something that we’ve got to be able to
start running around and apply three prin-
ciples toward rentals and especially for
students that live in those rentals.”
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Government investigating sharp rise in gas prices

WASHINGTON (KRT) — The federal government is investigating the recent 12-cent-per-gallon spike in gasoline prices to an all-time high, Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham announced Wednesday.

Last week, gasoline prices hit an average of $1.75 per gallon over the one-week surge, raising concerns that the oil industry might be taking advantage of the Northeast power blackout, the war in Iraq and other factors.

"The nature of this (price) fluctuation screams of artificially large ... and in need of greater explanation," Abraham told the House Energy Committee. He said his department's self-directed consumer hotline (800- 244-3300) had been flooded with complaints about rising gasoline prices.

Market factors could be at play for the spike, Abraham said, citing temporary shortages of six oil refineries during last month's electric blackout in the Midwest and Northeast. In addition, a gasoline surge — a fuel shortness — during late-summer vacation driving pushed up the demand for gas.

Energy Secretary Kylar McLennan said some increase in gasoline prices was predictable but not too big and fast. The Energy Department and the Federal Trade Commission will work together to investigate why gas prices rose so quickly. "The question is, and what we'll look into and work with our colleagues at the FTC about, is whether anybody took advantage of the situation in terms of market manipulation," McLennan said.

"We'll hopefully get some additional insight into whether or not this was really a market mostly or if other factors were involved," Abraham said.

Their comments came during a hearing into what caused the electric blackout Aug. 14 that plunged millions into the dark in New York, Ohio, Michigan and other areas and other officials who hadachment their second-by-second investigation into what happened.

The governors of Michigan and Ohio urged lawmakers to pass legislation quickly to require upgrades of the nation's electrical transmission grids, the privately owned networks on which power is distributed. Some parts of the grid date from the 1950s and can't handle today's power demands.

"Congress must respond swiftly to institute measures to stabilize and protect our electrical transmission systems," said Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who blamed bureaucratic inertia, inadequate maintenance of the power lines and deregulation of the utility industry for the power failure.

Granholm joined Democrats in the House of Representatives in calling on Congress to pass standards legislation mandating that utility companies upgrade the grid.

The Republican-backed price hike would include emergency measures unrelated to electricity reliability, such as the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling and authorizing a 3,600-mile natural-gas pipeline from Alaska to the continental United States, but Congress's on-and-off environmental proposals threaten to delay or block any energy measure aimed at improving the electrical grid.

At Berkeley, students form one of first South Asian fraternities

Dana Hull
Knight Riders Newspaper

SAN JOSE, Calif. (KRT) — Three fraternity brothers at the University of California-Berkeley wear Greek letters with a significantly different meaning.

Sundee Channa, an engineering major, said his fraternity chapter's design, no mean place to share a house and say they won't serve alcohol at any of their gatherings.

Members of Alpha Epsilon Zeta, a new fraternity on campus, are a far cry from the stereotypical image of the American fraternity.

A group known as "the 12 current members are all business or computer science majors. Founding members, like "Marketing VP," is how they treat the fraternity, which was recognized by UC Berkeley, one of the first in the nation.

Their demeanor is pointedly professional across the country. Their appearance is sharply dressed, and their friendships are among the few Indo-American fraternities and sororities, said Mohit Jain, 19, a sophomore who went to Mission San Jose High School in Fremont.

It's not clear how many other South Asian fraternity chapters exist in the United States, said Jain, who said that for many is still the prevailing image of ethnic-specific Greek organizations, but, "we are really an all---Asian student organization founded at Cal in the fall of 1989," now has 35 chapters at universities across the country.

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Mancou's Morning Madhouse
Freshmen add spark to SIU women's cross country

New recruits add stability, improve depth on roster

Todd Merchant
Daily Egyptian

Nin Beiler has an interesting tale to tell about the changes the SIU women's cross country team has gone through during the past two and a half years.

The only member remaining on the squad from 2001, Beiler has had three different freshmen in her top five this season. Having spent time with the Salukis, Beiler has brought only three freshmen to the program last year.

"You want to do better, practice harder, that will help you do better in the next meet because you're constantly competing and having to prove yourself to coaches," Beiler said.

Sar~ Rinker
Knight Ridder Newspapers

"We've actually never thought about it," Beiler said. "We've had four girls, so one girl drops and we have five, and then two girls drop and we have three."

"I'm really looking forward to this season," Beiler said, "not only to have people so train with but also to have such great teammates. It's going to be a lot of fun and we're just going to have to be here."
TIGHT ENDS

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on the field last season outside of special teams, they were able to learn the specifics of blocking behind McAllister and Rashid.

"You pick up a lot of a technique behind two of your own specialists to give the Salukis hope for the future of the position," Turner said.

"I think Micah will probably concuss on this with me, but we definitely have a little bit more speed than them," Kupec said before erupting into laughter with Turner.

Physically, Turner and Kupec are two of the same. Turner appears to be a man among boys, coming in at 6-foot-4 and 259 pounds. Kupec, a converted wide receiver, checks in at 6-foot-3 and 232 pounds.

Limegrover said Turner, who he thinks has the body of an NFL tight end, and Kupec, who can bench-press more than 350 pounds, bring plenty of athleticism to the position and should allow the Salukis to keep up with the Juggernaut-type defenses usual. Turner:

"I think he really came along and allowed us to do a lot of the same things we did last year," Limegrover said. "Now it's going to take a little bit longer for them to get into rhythm, but they're both real good players, and hopefully we won't be losing the loss of Ryan and Bila.

Despite not yet being at the level of McAllister, it is possible Turner and Kupec could put together second-string-type seasons.

On an offense that features numerous explosive players such as Muhammad Abdulqadid, Tom Koutsos, Joel Koutson, Courtney Abbott and Brent Little, it is easy to notice how short he is compared to the behemoths on the field.

She seems to like him more than any other player.

Dear Ma,

I rely like you a hole bunch. You are three touch downs in the Quisy game.

You run so fast you probly can run a chimp. Do you like to talkle beef? I do wan I'm a fast ball player. Michael richly likes you. I do. Can you run like us with you? Can I want you for rival? You are like a superherbo. Do you get ou much? Is your dad a soldier?

Your friend,

Kuder

So there you go. It's not exactly "win one for the Gipper," but by Division 1-AA standards, it's pretty good.

Aimed with Koder's inspirational letter, SEMO could have its hands full for the first time in three years and receive a pounding from big brother in its own back yard. Oh, their hearts, as well as their minds, can also feel the sting of a new era and the pain of a new era, causing a catastrophic loss.

Either way, all three players have letters they may remember the same, if not more, than Saturday's SEMO game.

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random costs and compromise the quality of your program," Richard said. "The goal is to avoid hurting us on a competitive standpoint or having to cut back on areas such as team travel.

One of the solutions that Richard said has been brought up is possibly raising student fees, but EIU has not done it in over 10 years that have already skyrocketed.

"Student fees and money from the NCA is our best way of raising revenue, but I'm not sure it's really fair to students to ask them to make up the difference," Richard said.

While EIU pays with taxes to raise an extra $1 million for their academic program, Wendler said it is possible the Salukis may take some time before SIUC's sports teams can afford to fully examine the matter.

"It's not something we want to rush into because we'd hate to do something that won't be beneficial to the University," Wendler said.

And the welfare of the University is exactly what Kowalczewski discussed about the discomfort and heat endured hand down by the budget report. He said one of the ways his department has been able to decrease their deficit has been through ticket sales, but another budget cut could have an adverse effect on fan turnout.

But no matter what changes may eventually be made to the academic program, Kowalczewski said he and his staff will abide by the decision of Wendler and rest of the University staff.

"We're just one part of team, SIU and we're all in this together," Kowalczewski said.

Reporter Andy Hovemyer can be reached at hovemyer@dailyEgyptian.com

Men's tennis clinic scheduled Saturday

The SIU men's tennis team will sponsor a men's tennis clinic and singles challenge fundraiser at 9 a.m. Saturday.

Participants in the 10-year fundraiser will have the chance to win stroke and shots that will help fine tune their tennis game. The clinic will be taught by Saluki head coach Misty Jeffrey, along with other players on her team.

Along with being taught the different strokes of the game participants will also get a chance to by returning serves being hit at them by the top servers on the team. The clinic will take place with community participants participating in the fundraiser having a chance to challenge any Saluki team member in a singles match. Fizers will be given to the participants that score the most points against the Saluki squad.

The tennis clinic is available to all ability levels from beginner to advanced. The clinic will last from 9:30 a.m. to noon and a $50 donation is required per participant.

To register, please contact head coach Misty Jeffrey at (618) 535-7265 or by email at Jeffrey@saluki.siu.edu.

Men's tennis clinic scheduled Saturday

Baseball team tries this Sunday

The SIU baseball team will have a final tryout at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Martin Field. Those who wish to tryout need to bring their own gloves, spikes and any other equipment they may need.

Those trying out who are under the age of 18 must call baseball assistant Ed Thompson at 433-5161 for liability purposes.

For more information call the baseball office at 433-5570 or 433-2802.
Tight ends inject new blood into team

Kupec, Turner have big pair of shoes to fill this season

Jens Deju Daily Egyptian

There was a strange sight at McAndrew Stadium on Thursday night.

As the Salukis were finishing off a 50-point beat down of Division II Quincy, someone was noticeably absent from the Salukis’ sideline.

Where was Ryan McAllister?

After completing his fifth year as a Saluki in 2002, McAllister finally ran out of eligibility.

He played in 48 games during his time as a Saluki and had at least one reception in 28 of them. For his career, the 6-foot-3, 255-pound McAllister reeled in 41 catches for 487 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

Now he is gone, and the Salukis are left with some big shoes to fill.

“Ryan’s been one of my favorite players to be able to watch since I’ve been here because of his intensity,” SIU offensive coordinator Matt Limegrover said.

He just played the game so hard and had such a passion for it.

But if McAllister’s shoes were not big enough to fill, SIU also has to replace those of Jael Rashid.

Together they gave SIU a talented one-two punch at the position for the Salukis last season.

In the game against Quincy, the Salukis unveiled what they hope is an even deadlier combination for it.

For their first extensive action at the tight end position, both reeled in 15-yard receptions with Turner going for a touchdown in the third quarter.

While the young duo rarely got

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SIU considers self-supported AthleticDepartment

Recommendation part of recent budget task force report

Andy Horony Daily Egyptian

In an era of ultra spending where student-athlete scholarship costs, postseason competition fees and interstate travel expenses nationwide are spiraling out of control, another problem could soon be facing the SIU athletic program -- how to pay its employees.

At least that is the recommendation put forward by a recent recommendation issued by the University’s 19-member budget task force suggesting that athletes become self-supported, becoming a reality.

Though not as well known as McAllister, Rashid, a former defensive lineman, was a solid second-string tight end for the Salukis last season.

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