Goldman: Senior class enrollment main concern

JEFF ENGELHARDT
Daily Egyptian

With the release of enrollment numbers a week away and the university only eight students shy of matching the spring 2009 mark, Chancellor Sam Goldman said he was still confident.

As the week went on, however, Goldman said the numbers started telling a different story.

Students dropped out before they had to pay full tuition, a large surge Goldman expected never happened and the university enrollment dropped another 12 percent, coming up 311 students short of spring 2009. Goldman said.

Official numbers provided by Goldman Wednesday were different from the numbers that showed a 13 percent drop and loss of 255 students the university released Monday.

Goldman said he should have known better than to predict an increase in enrollment for the spring semester, but the university must also not give up hope as it tries to reverse the declining enrollment.

"I have to believe if I don't believe who will?" said Goldman. "Will we get the interventions in place to do it." Goldman said. "Will we make it? I have no idea. But Monday was a dark Monday for me because I really expected we would go up."

Goldman said it is important to remember the 10-day headcount is only a snapshot of a single day and changes can happen as the semester progresses.

The snapshot Monday showed purchasing numbers for three of the four classes at SUCC as the freshman, sophomore and junior classes had retention rates of more than 90 percent.

It was the senior class the raised concern among administrators.

The retention rate for seniors came in at 76 percent and Goldman and Dean of Students Peter Gius said the university needs to do more to keep those students.

Services such as the Single Parent Program, Saluki Care and Veteran Services have been implemented to offer support for struggling students, but Gius said he still receives calls most days about financial trouble.

Gius said many senior students have exhausted financial aid and are trying to work multiple jobs even though their classes are more intensive. Many students are looking for assistance to buy textbooks, but he said the university can only help so many before it is strapped.

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Grocery stores to petition for end to liquor license cap

NICK JOHNSON
Daily Egyptian

The City Council must first vote to amend or remove the cap on the city's number of Class C liquor licenses — licenses for the sale of packaged liquor to be consumed off the vendor's premises — before grocery stores can sell beer or wine.

The city first adopted a cap on Class C licenses in 1993, after then City Manager Steve Hoffner sent a memorandum to the mayor and Council entitled "Liquor Related Issues." A Freedom of Information Act request showed, "Limiting the number of licenses has been suggested and urged by some current liquor license holders, and by some citizens." Hoffner wrote in the memorandum.

John Mills, current member of the City Liquor Advisory Board and city councilman from 1987-95, said another reason the cap was established was to restrict it for the university and city in the early 1990s to control local Halloween parties. "It started out with capping the bars, (and) that presented some other problems," Mills said. That's what generated the whole thing, was Halloween. It wasn't trying to hold the licenses to certain people."

The City Council votes on endorsements that raise or lower caps on liquor licenses and the Liquor Control Commission, which consists of the mayor and all City Council members, votes on whether to approve requests for licenses.

Section 2-4-9 of the Carbondale Revised Code prohibits sale of liquor in any grocery store unless the store builds a partition and "each area has a separate entrance and separate checkout facility."

9/18/1990 The city of Carbondale establishes a cap on Class C liquor licenses, setting it at eight in accordance with the number of applicable stores open for business at the time.

5/20/1997 An attorney representing six Class C liquor licensees files a request that the cap be reduced by two, from 11 to 6. The request was denied by the City Council.

1/19/2010 The City Council votes to raise the cap on Class C liquor licenses back to eight to grant Zach and Tiffany Short a license for their Blue Fish Liquor and Cigars store near Reed Station Road.

7/6/2004 Hundley House, a package liquor store, doesn't renew its license. The City Council votes to decrease the allowed number of Class C licenses from eight to seven.

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Source City of Carbondale public records.

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We put out over $300 million a year in financial aid, but that's not enough," Goldman said. "All universities have to face uncertainty about MAP goals and sticking to a budget, and working through it. Because we have to admit, several have gone and done well and we didn't. While the decline in spring enrollment was a disappointment for Goldman in his last semester, he said he has not given up hope for the future and hopes the next chancellor, Rita Cheng, focuses on developing new programs.

New programs, specifically in the medical field, could provide a bright future for the university, Goldman said. According to university records, the new nursing program at SIU Edwardsville grew from 23 students in Fall 2004 to 94 in a one-year span.

"Fourth decisions will have to be made, but this is a very good university," Goldman said. "Students tell me they love it and there is still that feeling — I see it and I would like our people to feel that, even though we have our problems.

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Liquor... Commentary

Kreger spokesman Tom McGuff said allowing the company's Carbondale brand wine would be a greater convenience to shoppers.

"For many wine people it is part of the most useful new activity can be found in the wine and food trend," he said. It would also generate more tax revenue for the city, McGuff said.

Carbondale Grocery stores have a reputation as "a city in its own" but it's harder to buy alcohol in Carbondale than just about any other town in southern Illinois, Eastwood said.

The staff of the Neighborhood Co-op Grocery store has made a decision to maintain its current presence known to the City Council when they are also open on the agenda, according to Park, the store's customer service manager.

Carbondale — Councilman Chris Wesselman favors a case-by-case basis for liquor store applications for liquor license.

"There's more than enough liquor stores to support Carbondale's population, and adding additional licenses would drive down the cost," Wesselman said.

"You just don't need booze to get the same thing," he said.

Councilman Lance Jack said he doesn't support cups in any part of the local economy and supports discussion of the Class C liquor license cap on the council.

"We don't have cups on video stores or supermarkets. We don't have cups on pizza places. I understand that alcohol is a regulated product but I think it would serve the community, create competition, and make a lot fewer accountable," Jack said.

"We need a lot more people downtown — mainly students — and we need something to attract them downtown," Wesselman said.

Mills said SIUC has dealt with the reputation of being a "party school" for its entire existence and it shouldn't be needed to go to a cap on liquor licenses.

"It's just nonsense we still have to deal with that these days," Mills said. "We, as a school thinks (I'm a party school)"

Creating more liquor licenses and establishing more places for students to go could actually be a setback for the current enrollment crisis. Mills said.

"Everything, you can make an argument that if there were enough of the right stores, you'd have a lot less people wanting to do, whether it's here or somewhere else — students have to go somewhere to go for a social life," he said.

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Crystal Fuchne, a senior from New Baden studying athletic training, is assisted by Eric Manzano, left, and Terry Kuhnert during a session of physical therapy Tuesday at the Carbondale Center for Comprehensive Services. Fuchne was involved in a two-car accident May 24 and has been working with physical therapists Magano and Kuhnert since August.

Fuchne had no memory of June and July 2009 during that period. Crystal Fuchne: "I don't remember the month before the accident," Fuchne said. "I don't remember the accident, she said. After her accident, she was in a coma for two months. They have pictures of me from that period," Fuchne said. "I was wide awake, but I don't remember it at all."

While Fuchne has no memory of the two months after the accident, she also has no memory of what happened the month before the accident. She said what she knows about that time period is only what other people have told her.

After coming out of the coma, Fuchne had no vision, was unable to move the muscles in the lower portion of her body and was unable to speak.

"The doctors said I was a miracle," she said. "I've had roughly four brain surgeries since the accident. The doctors said they haven't seen anything like it, so they just tried different things. Surprisingly, they worked. They didn't think I would ever talk again." Through the use of physical therapy, occupational therapy and speech training, Fuchne has improved a lot since the accident, she said. "I'm able to walk around the house now," she said, adding that she only uses her wheelchair when outside her home.

Fuchne had a tracheotomy in June to help relieve problems with her breathing, but it was removed in July. Fuchne said she was able to hold her first long conversation in December.

Fuchne still has no right field of vision. She uses a computer that helps her with eye exercises and allows her to see objects that would not normally be in her field of vision. Fuchne's mother, Donna Fuchne, said her daughter's recovery has been amazing. "She has taught me so much. It makes me look at life differently," Donna Fuchne said. "She makes goals for every week and she always shows signs of improvement. It really keeps her going, I think." Donna Fuchne said she returned to work at Scott Air Force Base Tuesday for the first time since the accident.

"What we have at work is donated love, so the people in my office donated their leave to me," Donna Fuchne said. "I am so lucky to have been able to spend time with my daughter. If I would have had to be at work every day, I wouldn't have been able to focus and do a good job. People are amazing and we're very lucky to have been supported like this." SIU volleyball coach Brenda Winkler worked with Crystal Fuchne in the spring 2009 semester, as Fuchne was the volleyball team's athletic trainer. Winkler said Fuchne's heart was an inspiration to her. "I just speak to the kind of person Crystal is that she was able to improve so much as she has," Winkler said. "Every time I would see her, she would have made improvements and it just made my heart feel so good." Crystal Fuchne's improvement became apparent to Winkler during a visit in December.

"Before that, conversation with her was kind of brief," Winkler said. "She would ask me things like how the team was doing. Then I saw some of her wit come back. We have the same personality. We like to joke a lot. It was amazing to see her back to that point."

Crystal Fuchne, now attends physical therapy in Highland. A Web site has been established at http://crystalsjourney.shutterfly.com by her family, and allows Crystal's progress to be tracked. The Web site has had 250,000 hits since it launched.

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USG stipend causes internal conflict

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Daily Egyptian

The recent wage increases for executive officers in Undergraduate Student Government has left its members pointing fingers at each other.

Senators approved an amendment at their Jan. 26 meeting that will increase all of its executive officers' pay in the summer and fall.

This summer, the president will be paid $4,000 a semester instead of $1,400; the vice president $3,000 instead of $1,600; and in the fall the chief of staff $3,200 instead of $1,600; and the executive assistant $1,500 instead of $800.

The increases were originally expected to take effect this semester, but USG President Priliciono Fabian said he decided to put a hold on that increase until summer after receiving many complaints from students.

For the rest of this semester, the president will be paid $2,800; the vice president $2,600; the chief of staff $2,100; and the executive assistant $1,300, Fabian said.

Fabian said he and other executives were surprised when Dave Loftus, chairman of the Internal Affairs Committee, spoke out against the amendment at the Jan. 26 meeting.

Loftus presented the idea for a wage increase last semester and supported it, said John Kwala, executive assistant.

"He brought up the idea to us about presenting it to increase the stipend wages," Kwala said.

"We were all sitting there dumb-founded because the person who brought this to us was the person who proposed this to us is completely changing his mind," Loftus said.

Loftus did not propose the idea for an amendment to increase wages but was instead presented with the idea from the executive staff. The executives could argue he was in consideration of an amendment, but he never told them he supported it, he said.

"This was political spin," Loftus said.

"They said they made an argument that I was in favor of an amendment that I had never seen," Fabian said. Loftus did see the proposed numbers for the wages in October because the executive officers wanted his opinion before the amendment was drafted.

It's possible that Loftus was using some sort of "poison pill" tactic, Kwala said. The tactic is used when politicians support something that they know will be controversial and later disagree with it in an attempt to make them look good, Kwala said.

Loftus said he wants students to know that their fees will not increase because of the amendment. The office has offset those increases by reducing costs internally, he said.

The money for the wages comes out the student activity fees, which the senate has full control of dispensing.

Loftus said he drafted a letter that he considered submitting to the Daily Egyptian. He said he distributed one copy to a student and only discussed the letter with other students to get their reactions on whether it should be printed.

The letter reached the executive officers.

The letter states, "Priliciono Fabian increased his position's salary to $12,000 per year and left you paying the bills.

The executives said they want students to understand that even though they proposed the amendment to the senate, they do not have the power to pass it, especially the president. Only the senate can, and did, pass the amendment.

Loftus said he chose not to submit the letter because he was passionate when he wrote it. He was also writing the letter for the conclusion of the amendment.

"I wrote what I felt I wrote my concert," he said.

Kwala said he welcomes the students to take a look at the amendment, but that students should be this involved in their university all the time. Students should look past what they believe are fake news and think about the good things the student government has done on campus, he said.

Last semester, the senators and officers probably wouldn't be getting the "MAP grant back and canceling one of their events that put $12,000 back into funding for Registered Student Organizations," Kwala said.

"There's a lot that you have to do and I want to make sure that the students here are aware of that," Fabian said. "They do have a voice through us, we do speak for them and we want to make sure that future officers just focus on USG and don't worry about finding other jobs."

Students are encouraged to come to the next meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Health Center Auditorium.

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Source: USG Amendment SA 10-07 & Priliciono Fabian Pablo Tobon | DAILY EGYPTIAN
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Faculty Senate prepares for tough semester

The Faculty Senate heads into the spring semester with the same concern everyone else has around campus — the budget.

Faculty Senate President Philip Howie said the budget would be the chief concern as the senate reconvenes for the first time this semester at 1 p.m. Tuesday in the Kasabick Missouri Room of the Student Center.

"We have a cash flow problem — we don't get the money when we need it," said Howie. "We have a cash flow problem — we don't get the money when we need it."

Advisory committee chairperson and Accounting major Patrick Quinn said the financial crisis is facing the unknown problem.

"We always have to work with financial aid," Lamb said, "especially in this financial crisis. We always have to work with financial aid.

"The senate has been discussing with local legislators to find a way to borrow money in the same manner John A. Logan College does," Howie said. Howie said the act in awaiting legislation, and the chances of it passing rest on Gov. Pat Quinn's shoulders.

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Howie said the proposal is especially important for students so they would not have to face the high prices that come with purchasing articles.

The senate will also begin planning for elections in April, with nominations beginning in March.

Howie said he will not decide if he'll run for re-election.

"There are people running up to me all the time asking me to do it again," he said, laughing. "My laugh will be the only answer I give right now."

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The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The primary election that was expected to launch a political battle in President Barack Obama's home state instead left Democrats and Republicans squabbling amongst themselves Wednesday over governor's races that were virtually tied.

Gov. Pat Quinn claimed victory in the Democratic primary over Comptroller Dan Hynes, despite a margin of just 0.1 percent. Though Obama called Quinn to offer his congratulations, Hynes has refused to concede.

"It's time to end the fighting," Quinn said as he thanked voters at a Chicago train station. "I don't believe we are benefiting in Illinois, certainly in the Democratic party, by having fighting." On the Republican side, Sen. Bill Brady led by just a few hundred votes over Sen. Kirk Dillard. Dillard said a victory by Brady, a conservative candidate with little support in the Chicago area, would hurt the GOP's chances of reclaiming the governor's office.

"If it's the nominee, he'll have a much, much more difficult time than me beating Pat Quinn," Dillard said Wednesday at a Republican "unity" breakfast. Illinois Republicans hope to capture the governor's post as well as Obama's former Senate seat by exploiting Democratic turmoil and scandal, including the arrest and ouster of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich. GOP victories in an increasingly Democratic state would be another blow to Obama, already stung from the Republican victory in a Massachusetts special election for Edward Kennedy's former Senate seat.

The Senate primary produced no surprises. State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias, an Obama friend and former banker, captured the Democratic nomination. Five-term U.S. Rep. Mark Kirk was the Republican pick. For governor, it was a different story.

One or both of the races could wind up going to a recount, Illinois law doesn't require recounts in close races, so the candidates would have to decide whether to request one and cover the costs.

Confusion the winner in Illinois governor primaries
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*Wednesday's answer*

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2. Cross surfaces
3. Whistle
4. 1889
5. Starter
6. Like undercoordinaled
7. Start of a quote
8. 33
9. 20 WP meter
10. 21 Where charges for error
11. Quiz, part 2
12. Gehry's mark
13. 29 Pronoun action
14. 30 Pugh's house
15. 31 Prophets
16. 32 Metaphor
17. 38 Author of the quote
18. 39 Guy's quote
19. 40 Captain
20. 42 Photographer Adams
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22. 45 Get the capital
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24. 47 Become Vincent's theme
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27. 50 Dole, pal
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58. 66 "Lookout word"
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6. 6 A type of corn
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8. 8 High, in a life
9. 9 Get rich.
10. 10 Is a Spanner
11. 11 Hello group
12. 12 The Dick
13. 13 Make small talk
14. 14 Like a bookmark
15. 15 High, as a life

*Vegetable Word Game*

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2. Cabbage
3. Carrot
4. Broccoli
5. Bean
6. Radish
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*Horoscopes*

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clements

Today's Birthday — Make the new year meaningful and show some initiative. You will see things a little differently than you think. Avoid any relationship drama and try to let things work for you. You need a happy ending to the year. Be sensitive to the needs of others.

Tuesday's Birthday — Let your positive energy attract new friends. You may want to consider making new connections, even if you seem stressed by it. You need to give yourself a break and let go of any heavy responsibilities.

*Jumble*

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*That Scrambled Word Game*

*By Mike Aiqto and Jeff Knseul*

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer as suggested by the above cartoon.
Teague, Booker propel Salukis to close victory

RAY MCGILLIS
Daily Egyptian

Just one game removed from its second-lowest offensive output on the year, the SIU men’s basketball team found success beneath the basket.

The Salukis (13-9, 5-7 Missouri Valley Conference) weathered an early storm put on by Missouri State’s Junior guard Adam Leonard, who went 5-6 from beyond the arc and scored 20 of his 29 points in the first half alone, to pick up the close 73-67 come-from-behind win.

Saluki head coach Chris Lowery said the Salukis were able to walk away with the victory because their willingness to push the ball into the post.

“We went inside today to close them out,” Lowery said. “Bad shots were never an issue today. When we didn’t push the ball in transition we made sure our bigs got touches.”

The Salukis (13-9, 5-7 MVC) were the second-half of getting low; Martin said. “And he got 16 points in the painted area in the first half alone.”

Sophomore forward Anthony Booker came off the bench and helped lead the second-half charge for the Saluki after going scoreless in the opening 20 minutes.

Booker finished the game with 10 points and four rebounds.

Teague said scoring opportunities were created when he and Booker set on the floor at the same time.

“Booker (is) also a threat down low so I know if me and him are in the game, if they double me I’m going to look for him immediately because I know he’s going to score every time,” Teague said.

“The Bears were never an issue today. When we didn’t push the ball in transition we made sure our bigs got touches.”

Teague did a good job of getting low,” Martin said. “And he shot 4-7 from the free-throw line, that’s pretty good.

The Salukis’ next game will be at 5 p.m. Saturday at the Savitz as the men travel to play Northern Iowa.
Dawgs come back to beat Bears
Teague scores career-high 16 points in win

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The SIU men’s basketball team picked up a much-needed victory Wednesday, taking down Missouri State 70-67.

Junior forward Carlton Fay knocked down a 3-pointer with 6:11 remaining to give SIU a 60-59 lead and the Salukis (13-9, 5-7 Missouri Valley Conference) held on tight the rest of the way to snap a two-game skid.

Saluki head coach Chris Lowery said the key to the victory was getting the ball to the post, where freshman center Gona Teague scored 16 points and sophomore forward Anthony Booker added 10, all in the second half.

“Our effort was definitely there in the second half,” Lowery said. “Bad shots weren’t an issue today.”

The Bears (15-8, 5-7 MVC) managed a one-to-six point lead through the first eight minutes of the second half, but the Salukis would respond. Down 45-39 with 14:39 remaining, the Salukis went on an 8-0 run capped off by 3-pointers from junior guard Justin Bocot and Fay to take a 47-45 lead with 12:34 left in the game.

Missouri State would come right back, however, and go on a 7-0 run of its own to take a 52-47 lead with 9:10 left.

But the Salukis would keep the Bears close until Fay knocked down the 3-pointer to give them the final-game-ahead basket.

Lowery said the team took a big step forward against Missouri State, and he has seen a big improvement since the beginning of the season.

“We’re better now than when we were six in a row,” Lowery said. “Now we’re guarding better and giving ourselves a chance.”

Down 20-18 with 6:58 left in the first half, Missouri State went on a 7-0 run to take a 25-20 lead with 5:14 left in the half.

The Bears would maintain the lead throughout the half, going up by as many as seven points before junior guard Justin Bocot was able to hit a 3-pointer near the end of the half to bring the score to 37-33.

The Salukis had trouble guarding Missouri State junior guard Adam Leonard in the first half, Leonard scored 20 points on 7-8 shooting including 5-6 from three.

Missouri State head coach Cuonzo Martin said Leonard was well defended, scoring 29 points, and defensively in holding Saluki senior guard Tony Freeman to just six points.

“I thought he did a really good job just being in the flow of the game, being a competitor, being aggressive, making big shots and just taking what the defense gave him,” Martin said.

Following the win, head coach Dale Lennon introduced the Salukis’ will be joining the team as a walk-on.

Lennon said the recruiting class is filled with offensive linemen, linebackers and the secondary.

“We wanted to make a strong emphasis in those positions, and with the recruiting class I felt we met those needs,” Lennon said.

The Salukis lost two key linebackers to graduation, Brandon Jordan and Chauncey Mixon, and have four new linebackers coming in.

Included in the recruiting class was Carbondale Community High School running back Kendrell Edwards, who will be joining the team as a walk-on.

Lennon said the recruiting of local talent is always an important aspect of the team’s plan.

“If you look at our current football team, we’ve got a good local presence with a set of players from the area,” Lennon said. “That’s something I’ll continue to build upon.”

Lennon said Edwards rushed for 444 yards in one game during his senior season, an amount many players don’t reach in their entire careers.

While Lennon said he is a big believer of redshirting players to help them develop, one player who could make an immediate impact is running back LeSevern McKinney from Nazareth Academy in Broadview.

“He’s good,” Lennon said. “I want him coming into pre-fall camp with the attitude that ‘I can play and I can play now.’ That’s something I’m looking forward to seeing.”

McKinney was ranked as the 41st top prospect in Illinois and as a three-star prospect by Rivals.com. As a senior, the 5-foot-9-inch, 166-pound back ran for 990 yards and 17 touchdowns as a senior, being named the 2009 Missouri Class 6A Offensive Player of the Year.

The Salukis also brought in a couple relatives of current and former members of the team. Offensive tackle Corey Boomer, from Lindbergh High School in St. Louis, is a cousin to current Saluki, Boomer. Meanwhile, Tom Rodgers, a safety from Webb City High School in Webb City, Mo., will replace his brother, safety Marty Rodgers, who finished his playing career with the Salukis last season.

“The is a lot like his brother,” Lennon said. “He’s a player and we’re excited to have him with us.”

Lennon said the Salukis would continue to recruit for next season, and they are still looking for a nose tackle.

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