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Enrollment problem grows from many roots

Allison Petty
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Editor's Note: This is the second in a five-part series on enrollment. Part one focused on the effect of the university's enrollment crisis, while part two explores the possible causes of the problem. The series will run in the next three consecutive Thursday editions.

Don Rice said he knows one sure way to keep student fees from rising — increase enrollment.

Rice, interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs, is one of many concerned about the university's declining enrollment. Student levels peaked at about 25,000 students in 1991, but declined to 20,983 by fall 2007.

"Our attention is riveted to this whole issue because it affects so much of what goes on, everything from the quality of education you get and the resources you have available, to our ability to pay our bills," Rice said.

The problem affects student fees, building maintenance, staff salaries and the livelihood of Carbondale businesses, and its causes are many.

Retention

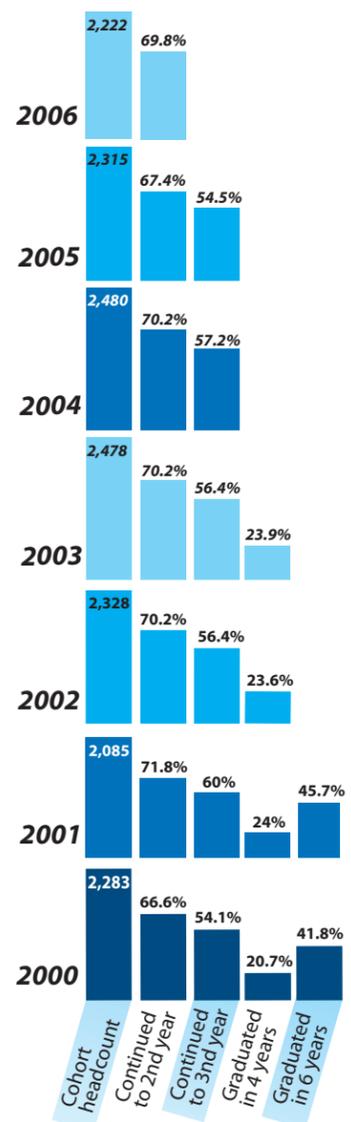
Victoria Valle, assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management, said people often talk about enrollment as if it only refers to recruitment, but student retention presents an equal concern.

"We have a retention problem here, and it really hurts us when our students leave," Valle said.

From fall 2006 to fall 2007, the university lost 671 of 2,222 first-time, full-time freshmen.

Enrollment and graduation rates

Progress of on-campus, new full-time freshmen seeking a bachelor's degree



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Possible 'green' fee proves controversial

USG votes against allowing student referendum on sustainability fee

Joe Crawford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Undergraduate Student Government voted Wednesday to keep a student referendum on a proposed "green" fee out of student government elections in April.

Representatives from the Student Environmental Center asked the organization to include a referendum on ballots for USG elections, which are scheduled for April 8 and 9. The extra question would ask students if they supported a \$10 per semester fee to fund on-campus renewable energy, energy efficiency and sustainability projects and research.

The proposed fee was to be a part of Project Eco-Dawgs, which sought to form a sustainability council at the university. Representatives for the project have said they would not seek to pass the fee if students voted against the fee in the referendum.

After nearly an hour of heated discussion and a secret ballot vote to determine if they would postpone the measure, USG voted to keep the referendum off the ballot. The measure, which would have required a two-thirds vote to pass, received only 17 of the 33 votes cast.

"I'm outraged. I'm disgusted," said Katie Thomas, a junior from Fort Collins, Colo.,

studying political science, who spoke in favor of the Eco-Dawgs project. "We didn't ask them to pass a fee. We didn't ask them to push students out of the university. We didn't ask them to raise tuition. We asked them to talk to the students about what they feel about this fee."

USG President Demetrous White said the organization could get around the student government veto by getting 10 percent of the student body to sign a petition supporting the referendum. Many senators who voted against the referendum felt the petition was the more appropriate route, he said.

And although White said he did not support the "green" fee, he said he would sign the petition.

"I'm signing it first," he said in a discussion after the meeting with Ken Suzuki, a senator who voted

for the referendum.

Suzuki said he felt that not allowing students to vote on the measure was arrogant and paternalistic. Some senators expressed concern that students would not be educated enough on the issue to vote responsibly.

"This is a relatively simple issue to explain and the students deserve this opportunity to speak," Suzuki said.

White said the organization has repeatedly voted against new fees. He said he was unclear on exactly what the fee would pay for and he thought the money should come from tuition students already pay.

Regardless of the referendum,

White said he was confident the student body would vote against the fee.

Thomas said the groups behind the proposal would circulate the petition that would be necessary to get the referendum on the ballot.

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Holland brings jazz to SIUC campus

Sony Holland treats McLeod Theater to a night of jazz on Wednesday

Luke McCormick
DAILY EGYPTIAN

From Bangkok to New York City to Carbondale, jazz vocalist Sony Holland has toured her voice around the world.

Holland hails from San Francisco, where she got her jazz start singing on the city's Fisherman's Wharf. She now tours worldwide, selling thousands of copies of her CDs. She made her most recent stop Wednesday night for a half-full McLeod Theater.

Holland took the stage clad in a leopard print dress and gold jewelry as her backing band took their positions behind her.

Holland's accompanying musicians included SIUC's New Arts Jazztet and Joe Davidian on piano. Davidian was a member of the National All-Star Grammy Jazz Big Band in 1999 and has performed with jazz greats like Tito Puente and Kevin Mahogany.

The New Arts Jazztet features school of music assistant professors Tyler Kuebler on wind instruments and Phil Brown on the bass.

The band had their first rehearsal with Holland just hours before the performance. Brown said Holland is a first class professional artist who had all her music in order and ready for the band to perform.

"Her professionalism is the reason we can put on the show we did with only one rehearsal," said Brown.

All night the crowd tapped their feet and bobbed their heads to the rhythms and applauded loudly after each song.

She began the night singing "Come Fly With Me," a tune made famous by Frank Sinatra.

She then made her way through some original songs penned by her husband and performed a number of other covers.



Jazz singer Sony Holland performs tracks from her new CD titled 'Swing, Bossas, Ballads and Blues' with jazz pianist Joe Davidian and SIUC music department faculty members Tyler Kuebler, Phil Brown and Ron Coulter Wednesday at McLeod Theater. Holland has recorded with Grammy-winning engineer Leslie Ann Jones and has performed in Tokyo, Hong Kong and Bangkok.
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She left the jazz realm once to take on Paul Simon's "50 Ways to Leave Your Lover." Holland said she had performed the song on Valentine's Day of this year as a joke for the crowd.

Between each of the songs, Holland took a minute to thank the crowd and introduce her next song, sometimes telling a story behind the tune.

Holland did two workshops for the School of Music Tuesday. When she went to dinner

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— Phil Brown
bass player in SIUC's New Arts Jazztet

later that night, the power was out at the restaurant, and Holland said she felt like she was trapped in a Hitchcock film, but overall her reception and time spent in Carbondale were quite warm.

"My whole stay I've felt very welcome," said Holland.

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McCain gets Bush and GOP endorsement

Liz Sidoti

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WASHINGTON — John McCain got a White House embrace from President Bush on Wednesday,

along with the party perks that go with sewing up the Republican nomination. The endorsement has baggage, though, reminding voters of the drawn-out Iraq war and the nation's economic woes under an

unpopular GOP president.

Bush, who defeated McCain in a bitter 2000 primary campaign before winning the presidency, said the Arizona senator's "incredible courage and strength of character

and perseverance" carried him to the nomination this time.

Those characteristics, Bush said, are what the nation needs in a president: "somebody that can handle the tough decisions, somebody who won't flinch in the face of danger."

The words held special resonance as the president who ordered the Iraq invasion five years ago stood outside the White House alongside one of the war's most resolute supporters. Neither man mentioned Iraq, though Bush said McCain would be "sitting in there behind that desk making decisions on war and peace."

Even that mention was coupled with Bush's lighter statement that "I'm going to be in Crawford with my feet up."

"I'm very honored and humbled," McCain said as he accepted Bush's endorsement.

Bush's praise of McCain as the party's next standard-bearer came a day after the senator sealed the GOP nomination by gaining the required 1,191 delegates. Republicans won't officially nominate McCain until early September at the party's national convention in St. Paul, Minn.

Hoping to spoil the GOP party, Democrats wasted no time in tagging McCain's candidacy as a continuation of the Bush presidency.

"John McCain just doesn't get it," said Howard Dean, the Democratic Party chairman. "All he offers is four more years of the failed Bush economy, an endless war in Iraq and shameless hypocrisy on ethics reform. The fact is, the American people want change, not another out-of-touch Bush Republican, and Democrats welcome the opportunity to draw this contrast for voters."

Republicans claimed strength in unity. GOP House and Senate leaders emerged from a meeting with Bush later to give McCain a plug of their own.



President George Bush greets Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain at the North Portico of the White House in Washington Tuesday.

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I'm very honored and humbled.

— John McCain
Republican presidential hopeful

Chavez says troops don't signify he's seeking war

Ian James

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez portrayed himself as a man of peace Wednesday, even as he moved tanks and soldiers to the Colombian border in a growing crisis set off by Colombia's weekend attack on leftist rebels hiding in Ecuadorean territory.

Most of the 9,000 soldiers mobilized by Chavez have reached the frontier and are "ready to defend the sacred sovereignty of the homeland" if necessary against Colombia's U.S.-supported military, the defense ministry said. Ecuador said it sent 3,200 soldiers to its border with Colombia on Monday.

Chavez blamed the crisis on the U.S. "empire and its lackeys" — Colombia's conservative government — saying they pose a constant threat of war in the region, not Venezuela or Ecuador. "We are peace. We are the path to peace," the leftist leader said in a televised speech.

Chavez and his ally, Ecuadorean President Rafael Correa, have been

seeking international condemnation of Colombia for the commando raid on Ecuadorean soil that killed a key Colombian rebel leader and other guerrillas Saturday.

They scored a victory of sorts in Washington on Wednesday, where the Organization of American States approved a resolution drafted jointly by Ecuador and Colombia declaring the attack a violation of Ecuador's sovereignty. The resolution also called for OAS Secretary-General Jose Miguel Insulza to lead a delegation to both countries to help ease tensions.

The United States was the only OAS nation offering Colombia unqualified support. Many other countries worried openly about the attack inside Ecuador, which along with Venezuela has been accused by Colombian officials of providing refuge to leftist Colombian guerrillas.

Correa called Colombian President Alvaro Uribe a liar who "wanted war," and warned that if the attack goes unpunished, "the region will be in danger, because the next victim could be Peru, it could be Brazil, Venezuela, Bolivia, any one of our countries."

Clinton: it's a new race; Obama talks tough

David Espo

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton declared Wednesday that her primary victories in Ohio, Texas and Rhode Island had reordered the Democratic presidential race in her favor. A resilient Barack Obama countered with fresh pledges of support from superdelegates and said his lead remained intact.

One day after his worst showing in a month, Obama blamed negative attacks by the former first lady for his defeats and quickly made good on a promise to sharpen his criticism of her.

But there was no disputing he had missed a chance to drive her from the race. Or that in contrast to the Republicans, who have settled on Arizona Sen. John McCain as their nominee, the Democrats face the prospect of a potentially divisive campaign lasting deep into spring.

"I'm concerned about unity. That's the major reason I've stayed out of this," said Sen. Bob Casey of Pennsylvania, who is neutral. "The longer this campaign goes on, the more difficult it will be to unify and heal."

Returns from Texas caucuses

showed Obama reclaiming some of the ground in the delegate competition that he lost Tuesday night as Clinton's victories piled up. Overall, she showed a gain of 12 delegates for the contests on the ballot, according to The Associated Press count, with another dozen to be awarded. In all 370 were at stake.

In addition, Obama gained endorsements from superdelegates in Georgia, Vermont, Ohio, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Clinton picked up two superdelegates during the day but lost one, for a gain of one.

Obama's overall delegate lead stood at 1,566 to 1,462 as the rivals looked ahead to the final dozen contests on the calendar. It takes 2,025 to win the nomination.

That left weeks for public campaigning, millions more to be spent on television ads, probably one more debate and plenty of private cajoling of party leaders, the superdelegates who attend the convention but are not chosen in primaries or caucuses.

About 350 of them remain uncommitted, enough to swing the nomination in the unlikely event they decide to line up behind one candidate or the other.

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WASHINGTON

Homeland Security to require more screening for U.S.-bound private planes

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Homeland Security Department will soon require advance information on private flights to the United States to prevent a terrorist from smuggling a nuclear bomb into the country.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said Wednesday that the new regulations could eventually be expanded to include radiation scans at points in Europe and Asia for private planes flying to the U.S.

Private aircraft have not undergone the intense screening given to U.S.-bound cargo and commercial flights.

"I have spent three years talking about people putting nuclear bombs in containers and cargo ships. And we have now got to where we basically scan all those containers," Chertoff said during a question-and-answer session with reporters.

"But in thinking about what I would do if I were a terrorist ... it occurred to me that why would I put the bomb in the container, if I can rent the jet and put it in the jet?"

CONNECTICUT

Jury convicts former sailor of leaking details about his ship to suspected terror supporters

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP) — A former Navy sailor was convicted Wednesday of leaking details about ship movements to suspected terrorism supporters, an act that could have endangered his own crewmates. Jurors convicted Hassan Abu-Jihaad, 32, of Phoenix of providing material support to terrorists and disclosing classified national defense information on the second day of deliberations.

The American-born Muslim convert formerly known as Paul R. Hall faces up to 25 years in federal prison when he is sentenced in May. His attorney, Dan LaBelle, said an appeal was likely.

"We're disappointed with the verdict, but we respect the process. It was a close case," LaBelle said.

Reached by telephone Wednesday afternoon, a juror called the case "difficult" and said there was plenty of debate in two days of deliberations.

"It was a very, very difficult decision to make," said the juror, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the nature of the case. "It was not something that was clear cut. When we concluded, there was not a doubt in our mind."

ARIZONA

Manmade flood unleashed in Grand Canyon to boost ecosystem

PAGE, Ariz. (AP) — Twin torrents of water unleashed from a dam coursed through the Grand Canyon on Wednesday in a flood meant to mimic the natural ones that used to nourish the ecosystem by spreading sediment.

"This gives you a glimpse of what nature has been doing for millions of years, cutting through and creating this magnificent canyon," Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne said after he pulled the lever releasing the water from Glen Canyon Dam, upstream from Grand Canyon National Park.

More than 300,000 gallons of water per second were being released from Lake Powell above the dam near the Arizona-Utah border. That's enough water to fill the Empire State Building in 20 minutes, Kempthorne said.

The water gushed from the dam into the Colorado River below, creating a churning, frothy pool that glided past the salmon-colored sandstone walls of the canyon.

The dam is releasing four to five times its usual flow during the three-day flood. The water level in the canyon will only rise a few feet, but officials hope that will be enough to restore sandbars on the Colorado River downstream from the dam. Officials have flooded the canyon twice before, in 1996 and 2004.

ENROLLMENT

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According to the university's tuition and fees estimator, each of those students would have paid \$3,454.65 per semester in tuition and fees, meaning the university lost more than \$2.3 million for one semester.

SIUC President Glenn Poshard said some students did not receive strong backgrounds in math and science in high school and found it difficult to cope with college-level classes.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz said the Center for Academic Success, which helps students who do not meet the university's admission standards, provided some support.

But he said the Supplemental Instruction program, which provides peer assistance for 17 classes, does not have funding to expand. He said the program could benefit from development, because it drastically helped students cope with hard-to-understand classes.

Poshard said retention may be the most important facet of the university's enrollment concerns.

"I think if we can turn the corner on retention, we can turn the corner on enrollment," Poshard said.

History

"I don't think you can look at these kinds of issues without having some sort of historical reference," Poshard said. "The thing that we have to remember is how this university got started."

SIUC began as a small, 3,000-student teacher's college and showed no inclination to expand until Delyte Morris became president in 1948. Morris took advantage of the GI Bill and other opportunities to transform the university into a major research institution with, at its peak, about 25,000 students, Poshard said.

More than 60 percent of the university's buildings were constructed between 1951 and 1971, according to university records. The rapid expansion left the institution with a serious task to fill buildings, Poshard said.

"You can't go back on that decision now," he said. "You can't decide, 'Oh, we're going to let our undergraduate base go down to 15,000 kids,' for instance, and still be able to maintain our mission."

At the beginning of fall 2007, University Housing filled about 85 percent of its capacity, said coordinator Crystal Bouhl. Wright Hall, built in 1965, closed this year to account for some of the empty space.

"It just kind of makes good business sense to consolidate all of those vacancies into one building," she said.

Poshard said the number of decaying buildings on campus has created

additional concern. He said university administrators are mindful of the problem.

"We're not producing the new kinds of buildings and renovations of the old buildings that draw students," Poshard said.

The facilities maintenance fee, charged to all students who have come to the university since August 2007, brought in \$1.9 million its first year. The fee is proposed to increase \$48 next year to a total of \$198 per semester for full-time students.

Poshard has proposed using up to \$100 million in bonds — which would be paid back over about 20 years with money from the fee — to fix the decaying structures.

"We owe the kids better buildings, and we're going to do that," he said.

Other problems

A variety of other factors contribute to lagging enrollment, Poshard said.

Competition is tough. There were only about 127,000 Illinois high school graduates to go around in the 2005-2006 school year, according to the Illinois State Board of Education. With some of those headed to careers, community colleges or other universities, the battle to recruit more students becomes more urgent, Poshard said.

The growth of community colleges and decline in transfer students has added to the concerns, he said.

"We haven't been out there on those campuses promoting SIUC," Poshard said.

He said the recent addition of nine community college outreach centers should help increase those numbers.

Valle said administrators would discuss offering in-state tuition to some students from bordering counties in neighboring states. Institutions such as Murray State University and Southeast Missouri State University have lured students from southern Illinois by offering in-state tuition rates, Valle said.

The Faculty Senate discussed the possibility at its Feb. 19 meeting, and Peggy Stockdale, the organization's president, said the university would need to gain 400 out-of-state students to make the measure profitable.

Rice said students can rest assured that all of the university's administrators would work toward a solution, but it would not happen overnight.

"It is not just enrollment for dollars. It is trying to work with an enrollment strategy of admissions and also retention that allows us to be the best education for the students," he said.

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Community learns to salsa

Three-time ESPN World Salsa Championship winners perform

Madeleine Leroux
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Students were given the opportunity to dance with the three-time ESPN World Salsa Championship winners Zulmara Torres and Abel Peña.

The interactive performance was held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Center Ballroom D. The Recreation Center, Student Programming Council, Student Development-Multicultural Programs and Services and Carbondale Community Arts sponsored the event.

Julio Barrenzuela, founder of the SIUC Salsa Club and coordinator of the event, said it was also a recruitment opportunity for SIUC. Barrenzuela said Chancellor Fernando Treviño put his support behind the salsa performance as a way to excite and attract high school students to the university. "We want to create a little bit of interest in the university," Barrenzuela said. "We are trying to enrich our campus."

The event began with a freestyle performance from Torres and Peña. After the quick demonstration, the two became instructors for a lesson in salsa. The champion pair broke down a series of basic salsa steps and taught them to the participating audience members.

Mackenzie Wicoff, a senior at Carbondale Community High



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Julio Barrenzuela, right, founder of the SIUC Salsa Club coordinated the dancing exhibition in Ballroom D of the Student Center. Barrenzuela danced with Zulmara Torres towards the end of the evening.

School, said she has salsa danced a few times at Longbranch Coffeehouse, but she's still a beginner.

"I want to learn salsa," Wicoff said. "I love it."

After the lesson, Torres and Peña performed their winning salsa routine for the audience.

Todd Pierce, a medical education preparatory graduate student from Washington, D.C., said the routine was incredible.

"They blew me away," Pierce said. "I've never seen anyone move like that."

Torres said salsa takes a lot of sacrifice. She said she has been dancing since she was 5 years old, but began dancing salsa in 2003.

"What I like most is you can be creative with (salsa)," Torres said. "There's no structure."

Peña said he loves salsa because any other dance can be incorporated into the choreography.

"You can have anything you want

in salsa," Peña said.

Jenny Thompson, a graduate student from Marion studying communication disorders and sciences, came to the performance with her sister, SIUC alumna Jane Pope. Thompson said the two have been taking salsa lessons since January, but were amazed by the dancers' performance.

"That's not like anything we've learned," Pope said. "It's very fast."

Barrenzuela said the event was more than just an incredible performance; it was an opportunity to meet the best in salsa dance.

"This is a chance for (students) to mingle with the top," Barrenzuela said. "These are the ESPN ambassadors of salsa."

The dancing pair's 2007-2008 winning routine will be aired March 19 and 22 on ESPN.

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Lawmakers to investigate misdirected church grant

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — A panel of state lawmakers plans to probe a \$1 million grant mistakenly awarded by Gov. Rod Blagojevich to a Chicago school, while also investigating the circumstances in which one of the facility's administrators was given a gubernatorial pardon.

The governor pledged this week to correct the embarrassing bumble, after his office gave \$1 million earmarked for a historic fire-damaged Chicago church to an unaffiliated private school operating inside the facility.

This week, the governor promised another \$1 million grant to Pilgrim Baptist Church, which was gutted by a fire in 2006.

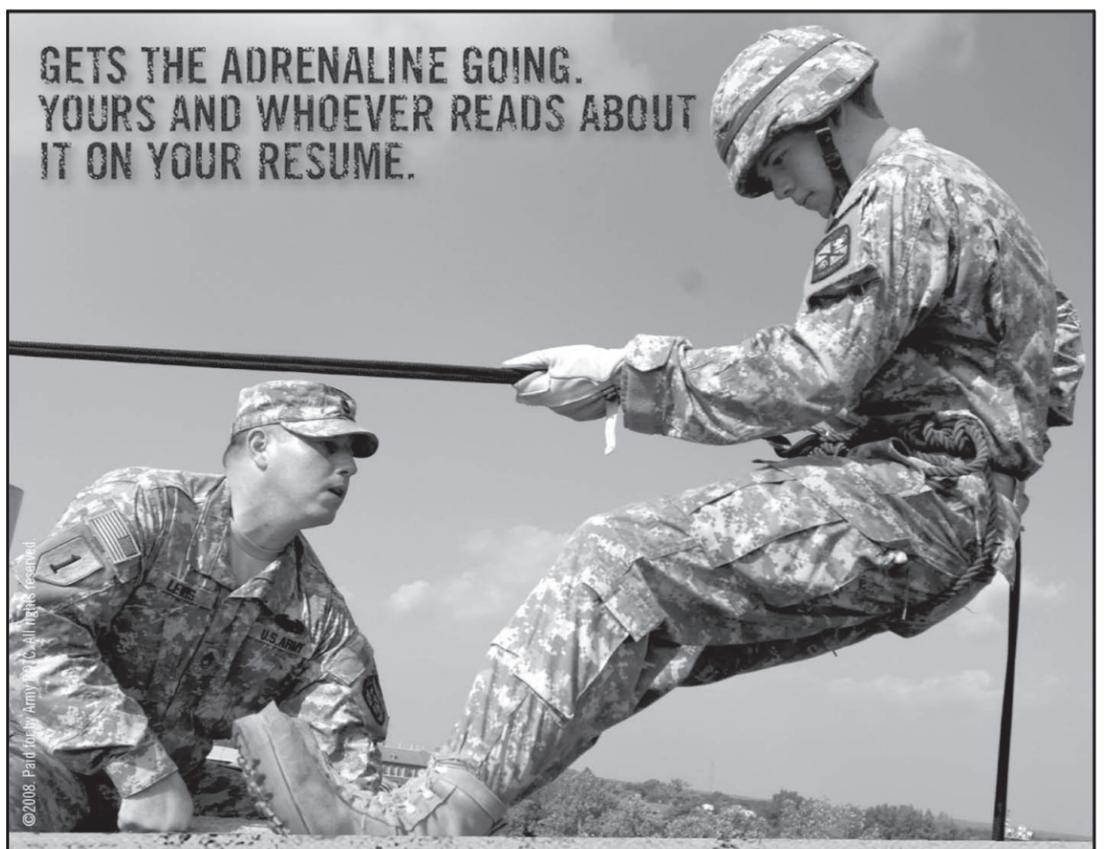
The Loop Lab School, which received the money instead, used the cash to purchase a condo in

downtown Chicago.

"This is crazy on a number of levels," said Rep. Jack Franks, who is chairman of the committee that will hold hearings on the grant next month. "I think (the governor) was so hell-bent on the press pop and being the white knight that they did no due diligence, and the money was squandered."

Further frustrating officials are connections between the school's new building and the grant-giving state agency to indicted businessman Antoin "Tony" Rezko, whose influence-peddling trial is under way.

The Chicago Tribune reported that the head of the agency that awarded the grant had worked for Rezko, though the newspaper did not specify in what capacity. The owner of the condo property purchased by Loop Lab also was a Rezko business associate, the Tribune reported.



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IN THE LIGHT

Saving energy, losing patience, part two

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So, we have covered clocks that tell the correct time only twice a day, lights that are permanently turned off and paper towel dispensers destined to give you a headache. Well, get ready for numbers four and five: saving cars and saving effort.

4. The parking lots (saving cars).

I think the university decided we needed to stop burning gasoline and take the bus or a bike to school. That must explain why the parking lots are so tiny, which is a little unfair for those of us who really do have to drive to school from a home that is over 30 minutes away.

I get to school before 8:00 a.m. and never manage to get an "ideal" spot. In fact, I have timed it. You have to get to the Faner parking lot before 8:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and before 9:00 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays to get a parking spot if you have a red sticker.

Faner and the buildings around it service a good chunk of SIUC students. So why is the nearest parking lot so difficult to get in to?

Another problem with the

parking lots is that you are either a vulture or the prey.

You morph into a vulture when you get to a parking lot after the magic hour and have to wait for someone, anyone, to give you a parking spot. The prey are those who get there earlier than you and parked in your spot.

I feel really sorry for the people who drive motorcycles. I think the reason their parking spaces are so close to the staircase at Faner is so they can make a quick exit. Rather than being tailed to their motorcycle, and then make the driver disgusted because they can't fit their SUV into that small of a space, they can drive away quickly.

Another class of people who don't need to be tailed because they just create irritation are those who park in "no parking" spots. Of course, you don't want to take their parking spot.

A final class, which I frequently fall into, are those who are parked in a legal parking spot, non-motorcycle, who simply are getting something from their car. Every time I go to my car, I have to mouth to at least three cars I am not leaving. Sometimes this doesn't work and you follow it with a firm headshake.

5. The sign in the bathroom (saving effort).

I don't really know if this deserves to be in the top five, but it is in my top five. So, I guess it counts.

In a bathroom in the Engineering Building, there is a sign that says, "Please don't throw brown paper towels in urinals or stools. Thank you."

Now, this might not be a problem for some of you, but it was posted in the ladies bathroom. So far, I have not spotted one urinal in there. Maybe I overlooked it.

The sign is posted as you enter the bathroom. So, if you are new to the building, you might just run out, afraid you've entered the wrong bathroom (they are side by side).

I don't know if the author was mass-producing those signs and did not want to have to make a separate note for each bathroom. The signs are handwritten, so maybe he did not want to have to put much thought into the production of mass signs.

These are my top five irritating "energy savers" around the campus: saving time, saving energy, saving paper, saving cars and saving effort.

Maybe they will let go of some of these savings eventually. Until then we can keep earning interest and losing patience on them.

Lindsay is a senior studying journalism

THEIR WORD

Ruling correct in protecting Web site's free speech rights

McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

It was good to see a federal judge Friday wipe away his own earlier ruling and reinstate the Wikileaks.org Web site, which publishes information from whistle-blowers. The reversal rightly preserves First Amendment rights on the Internet, which were trampled by the judge's mid-February injunction that forced Wikileaks to go dark.

The developments serve as a lesson that courts must tread carefully before curtailing free speech rights, even in an age when words can spread instantaneously on the Web. Online speech, like words in print, deserve full First Amendment protections.

Swiss bank Julius Baer sued to silence Wikileaks after it published information suggesting the bank was being used for money laundering and tax evasion. The judge's earlier injunction was overly broad and tantamount to shutting down an entire newspaper because of one offending article. And it also amounted to "prior restraint" on the media, which courts have almost always found to violate the First Amendment.

Organizations such as Wikileaks can expose injustice and hold powerful institutions accountable. Courts must not roll back or chip away at free speech protections that ensure the public good is served.

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Joel Forman
member of the American Academy of Pediatrics
stating it is OK to eat fresh snow, despite a recent report that it is high in bacteria.

THE DUKE REPORT

Turn off the echo chamber, Zeitgeist

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After any debate, primary, caucus or other media-worthy event, modern political campaigns send their best storytellers to a reporter's feeding frenzy. Here these "masters of political spin" attempt to create the most compelling media narrative about their candidate for the subsequent news cycle.

Matt Taibbi, a reporter for Rolling Stone, recently did a segment for "Real Time with Bill Maher" on these political spin rooms. Aside from showing how ridiculous these events are backstage, Taibbi correctly observed that these places are essentially "echo chambers," wherein "common knowledge" is manufactured and then readily accepted as literal truth.

Ultimately, the media is telling a story. William Randolph Hearst was the first of the modern media barons to realize that facts don't sell papers, sensationalism does. Since, ultimately, the media's goal is to make money, it constantly develops narratives that follow

common literary arcs (falls from grace, David vs. Goliath and redemption) that tell stories rather than explain them.

What allows some of the modern media to do this so well are the echo chambers. These chambers legitimize false information through heavy media coverage even if it is acknowledged in the story as inaccurate or wrong. Essentially, they echo lies enough times to make them a part of the collective conscious; they lie so much that they make it truth.

Case and point, Super-Duper Tuesday II (or whatever they called it). The facts are that Hillary Clinton, after losing 12 consecutive states, was barely able to hold on to Texas, Rhode Island and Ohio. Texas and Ohio, which her campaign once touted as their 20 point-plus lead "firewall" states, made a significant shift toward Obama. In turn, he was able to

make all these inroads despite an avalanche of Clinton-orchestrated negative press.

And when the dust settles (the Texas caucus results aren't all in yet, but I got \$20 on Obama), Hillary will still be losing by nearly the same amount of delegates that she was before Tuesday.

That is why people believe that war is peace, up is down and Barack Obama is a Muslim.

But this is not the story. The headlines are, "She's back" and, "She has the wind at her back." Her campaign, which originally said it was about delegates and not momentum, has now attempted to craft its

resurrection through a narrative of momentum they originally dismissed.

It hurts my head.

But this echo chamber reality we live in doesn't just apply to presidential campaigns. This is how we ended up as bad as we are in Iraq. Karl Rove understood

that if you said something untrue enough times, you could make it true. If you need further proof, just turn on Fox News.

Right now. Go ahead.

See, they just lied. Told ya.

This is why, as a country, we believed there were weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. This is why we thought Iraq had something to do with Sept. 11. This is why right now, in Iraq, we think that the majority of whom we are fighting is "al Qaeda" and our "surge" is working.

Through talk radio, 24 cable networks and now the blogosphere, the powers that be have created such a powerful echo chamber that we now live in an Orwellian reality. That is why people believe that war is peace, up is down and Barack Obama is a Muslim.

Zeitgeist is a term that is used to refer to the commonly perceived truths or ethos of a particular group. Echo chambers have manufactured our false zeitgeists.

As the prophet George Carlin once said, "Don't take any (expletive) from the Zeitgeist."

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GUEST COLUMN

Russia's two-headed dog

John C. Bersia
McCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

Similar to transplantology enthusiast Vladimir Demikhov's two-headed dog experiments, Russia's political system has lurched in the direction of a curiosity with Dmitry Medvedev's election as president. But is the team of Medvedev and outgoing President Vladimir Putin really a power duo, as some have suggested?

My belief is that the pair is more like one of Demikhov's dogs, with Medvedev as the tag-along part. Whether Putin is president or prime minister — the role he will take on during Medvedev's presidency — he will serve as the lead dog. Sure, the president-elect will occasionally reach in response to his own sense of direction. But he cannot displace the system's original and still-dominant head.

As gossip-inspiring and entertaining as all of this is, the disappointing reality is that it takes Russia's fledgling democracy

even further off course. Unfairness and charges of irregularities marred both the campaign and Sunday's vote. Unfortunately, such behavior has become common in today's Russia. And that is a travesty.

I recall my enthusiasm a generation ago, when it became clear that former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms were sincere and, even better, had the unintended effect of weakening communism. The excitement grew with former Russian President Boris Yeltsin's heroics, including his jumping atop a tank to stop a coup attempt, and the eventual fall of the Soviet Union. Russian democracy suddenly was in full bloom. Could lasting peace be far behind?

We all know the answer. Yeltsin eventually concentrated too much power in the Russian presidency and, nearly a decade ago, as he was preparing to step down, named Putin as his prime minister. Along the way, U.S.-Russian tensions resurfaced and, indeed, continue to intensify.

Blame substantially falls to Putin. In May, when he reprises his prime minister's role, Putin will no longer be a relatively unknown intelligence chief but the most popular and powerful figure in Russia. That much was clear when Medvedev claimed victory, with Putin at his side, and the crowd cheered for the outgoing president. Of course, Putin planted the seeds for Medvedev's win when he backed him last year amid parliamentary elections that also were clouded by concerns about non-democratic practices, including vote-rigging.

To listen to him, Medvedev appears to stand against those and other excesses. During the recent campaign, he publicly criticized the disregard for the law in Russia, advocated a free press and cited the need for independent courts. Such sentiments may sound good, but Medvedev's record contradicts them. He is better known for consistently siding with Putin whenever the latter has tightened his hold on Russia, not defending freedom.

I suspect that Medvedev's law-and-order position is intended more to ease worries among foreign investors than anything else, which would help enhance Russia's economic boom.

What about the notion that Medvedev, once installed as president, might be tempted to exercise his right to fire the prime minister?

It is a nice thought but not a realistic one. Medvedev is Putin's creature and, as one commentator aptly noted, is chemically conditioned to obey his mentor.

For that reason, I believe that the new two-headed dog of Russian politics — unlike the Demikhov versions, which survived for only for short periods of time — can look forward to a full life. As long as Medvedev proves useful to Putin and his agenda, the pairing will thrive and, sadly, accelerate Russia's fall into an undemocratic abyss.

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ABOVE: Stephen White, left, and Jeff West, graduate students in technical directing, lower lights and pieces of an old set from the grid above McLeod Theater's stage Monday. The grid is 52 feet above the stage and houses pulleys and steel cables that allow scenery and curtains to be raised and lowered.

RIGHT: Emma McCoy, a junior from Dixon studying theater and music theater, walks across center stage at McLeod Theater. The grid shown above her hoists lights used during performances.



Scenes from behind the scenes

Story by Barton Lorimor • Photos by Emily Sunblade

Stephen White said he hated having to pay for larger shoes — until they prevented him from slipping through crisscrossing steel beams and landing on a stage 52 feet below.

White, a first-year graduate student from Du Quoin studying technical directing, works from McLeod Theater's grid, an elevated area used to send down steel cables that hoist anything from stage lights to backdrops weighing up to 250 pounds. The job entails working on the set design crew, which designs, budgets, builds, operates and dismantles sets for each of the eight shows budgeted every season in McLeod Theater and the Christian H. Moe Laboratory Theater.

Ron Naversen, a professor with the Department of Theater, said the scene shop is also a laboratory opportunity for students to apply the skills they have learned in the classroom and receive first-hand training of what goes into the creation of a set before curtains go up opening night. Jeff West, a third-year graduate student from Roanoke studying technical directing, will have worked with the set designers for 24 shows by the end of the spring semester.

During that time, West has been a technical director, or designer in

charge of the set for a show. The job is a rotating position to allow more students a chance to call the shots.

"We kind of govern ourselves and work on our own," West said. "It's nice that we're always in the shop and know what's going on as best we can."

Naversen said designing a set takes nearly five weeks. Even after that, new ideas from the actors during rehearsals change the set's original design until the final week, which means the scene shop is a non-stop place of woodworking, welding and painting.

On Monday afternoon, White and West were in the grid lowering the lights and pieces of set from "Death and the King's Horseman," which closed Sunday. The two will return within a couple weeks to hang lights and backdrops for "The Full

Monty," which opens April 23.

The cast rehearsing "The Fastest Woman Alive," a play opening April 3 in Christian H. Moe Laboratory Theater, applauded Naversen's crew as they hung a blue curtain symbolizing the sky on Tuesday night. Before the curtain was hung, actors had been trying to rehearse a play about aviation in an all-black surrounding. The curtain, Naversen said, is an example of a time-consuming project that was ordered from outside sources. However, he said the curtain would be reused.

“We kind of govern ourselves and work on our own. It’s nice that we’re always in the shop and know what’s going on as best we can.”

—Jeff West
third-year graduate student from Roanoke

with light. As a lighting designer, Jacky uses a variety of colors and shadows to illuminate the actors and the stage supporting them. In "Fastest Woman Alive," Jacky will be casting a shadow of the moon and airplane gauges on the curtain to correlate the show's action.

Before anything is hung from the ceiling, Jacky said she uses a computer program called "Wysiwyg," which allows her to graphically dictate the amount of lighting for each scene. The same program is used by Naversen to draw plans for the play's set.

Naversen said he takes drafting paper everywhere. He's been at SIUC for nearly 20 years, which he means has been associated with 160 of the department's sets.

White said he received an undergraduate degree in fine arts, and planned to perform on the other side of the curtain. But like Naversen, once he started working with sets he had a change of heart.

"I switched for the tools," he said with a chuckle. "We now have a physical thing that wasn't there before."

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ABOVE: Theater graduate students unload over 130 cans of paint donated to the scene shop by the Physical Plant. The scene shop has a limited budget for each show, and donations of materials that would be thrown out help. **LEFT:** Aaron Clark, a senior from Urbana studying theater, rides the lift down after hanging a blue curtain as Stephen White, left, and Jim Kress, a sophomore from Tinley Park studying theater, hold back the curtain to prevent it from snagging.



ABOVE: Nathan Coon, a graduate student from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, studying technical directing, searches for a screw to the stage used in "Death and the King's Horseman." The entire set will be taken down and transferred to St. Louis where the show will run from March 19 to April 13. **RIGHT:** Bobbie Brown, a second-year graduate student from Carbondale in scenic design and lighting, mixes paint in the scene shop between McLeod and Christian H. Moe Laboratory theatres. Student workers, like Brown, construct, paint and design sets for performances. **LEFT:** Emma McCoy and Christine Jacky use a computer program to plot the lighting design for "The Fastest Woman Alive" in the Christian H. Moe Laboratory Theater Monday. The computer program, called Wysiwyg, allows students to see how the stage will be lit before hanging any of the lights.



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309 W. Cherry
405 W. Cherry
407 W. Cherry
501 W. Cherry

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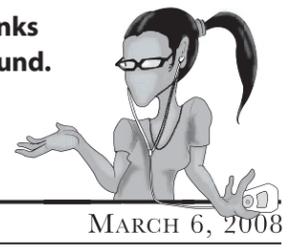
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<p>Today</p> <p>3/6 Hangar 9: The Chicago Farmer and Ernie Hendrickson PK's: Sva'ha' Mugsy's: Karaoke Tres Hombres: Ivas John Band</p>	<p>Sunday</p> <p>3/9 Hangar 9: Sports on the big screen</p>
<p>Friday</p> <p>3/7 Hangar 9: Defined Perception Cousin Andy's: The Ginn Sisters and The Passalacqua Family Band PK's: Hateful Dead, Orange Man Theory and Conniption Fitts Longbranch: Reading in women's history Key West: Moonlight Karaoke Tres Hombres: The Skinny Dips Stix: Karaoke</p>	<p>Monday</p> <p>3/10 Hangar 9: open mic</p> <p>Tuesday</p> <p>3/11 Hangar 9: Dollar Nite w/ Punk Soul Brutha</p>
<p>Saturday</p> <p>3/8 Booby's: Secondary Modern Hangar 9: County Line PK's: Dammit Boys and Nevermores Mugsy's: Metal show Longbranch: Salsa dancing Key West: Moonlight Karaoke Tres Hombres: DJ Red T</p>	<p>Wednesday</p> <p>3/12 Hangar 9: Death by karaoke w/ DJ Punk Soul Brutha</p>

Folk artists keep it simple

Audra Ord
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Although Ernie Hendrickson gained significant musical experience in several bands throughout his career, he now feels liberated going at it alone.

Hendrickson, an acoustic folk artist, released his first solo CD in late December 2007 and is now traveling and performing alone, though he sometimes still performs with bands as accompaniment.

He will bring only himself and his guitar onstage tonight at Hangar 9. Also performing solo tonight is artist Cody Diekhoff, who goes by Chicago Farmer. Diekhoff has performed with Hendrickson in their hometown of Chicago and at other venues in the region.

Diekhoff said he and Hendrickson met at Illinois State University and have since shared a common career path. They both moved to Chicago after graduating and decided to pursue solo careers.

The two performers also share their style of music, which can best be described as a hybrid of blues, bluegrass, folk and Americana.

This is not the first time in Carbondale for either artist, and both know the Hangar 9 stage.

"Every time I'm at Hangar 9 I have a great time," Diekhoff said. "People just seem like they're there for the music."

Tonight's show will be more intimate than the frequent jam-band staples at Hangar because it is a solo performance to a smaller audience, Hendrickson said.

He said the most rewarding aspect of performing live is discovering new things about his



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music.

"You discover either a different meaning to a verse or some words to a song, or you can discover some kind of emotional terrain that's entirely new because of the situation that you're in," Hendrickson said.

Santo Pullella, Hendrickson's manager, said Hendrickson's music makes an impact on audiences because he writes from personal experiences.

Hendrickson said his music is primarily autobiographical, drawn from hardship and pain he has faced in his life. He said difficult life experiences are sometimes the best catalysts for songwriting.

"Him staying true to the music he hears in his heart and the way he can convey it through his guitar is unmatched," Pullella said.

Hendrickson said most of the material on his album, "Down the Road," was inspired by personal hardship and therefore has a dark feel to it.

He said he still recognizes that audiences come to his live

performances to be uplifted, so he doesn't play songs exclusively from his album, and he strives to include more upbeat, energetic songs in his set list.

Sincerity is something Hendrickson said he tries to maintain in his music, regardless of its tone.

"I just want to be as sincere and as passionate as I can be as a performer so that people see that the door can open, where music can transport you," Hendrickson said.

Diekhoff said he and Hendrickson's performance tonight would be something different for the typical crowd at Hangar.

"Ernie and I just kind of keep it simple and tell stories, so I hope people can walk away with being entertained and just hearing a good story," Diekhoff said. "Maybe we'll even make them stop and think a little bit about life and the simpler things."

Him staying true to the music he hears in his heart and the way he can convey it through his guitar is unmatched.

— Santo Pullella
Hendrickson's manager

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Chris Andersen returned to the New Orleans Hornets following a two-year suspension after testing positive for drugs. Do you think he will be effective after spending a lengthy amount of time out of the league?

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"It's about time the Birdman makes his NBA return. If Ricky Williams can get passes back into the NFL after getting caught with the Mary J numerous times, then Andersen should also be let in. He was awesome when the Hornets were not so good and now with Chris Paul leading the way, Andersen will have a great season back."

"Its not like he has been sitting on his couch eating bon-bons; Andersen has been seeing a trainer and has got his act together to prove he can make it this time around. However, I think it sends the wrong message because if someone can get kicked out for drugs and be let back in, it makes me wonder what message it sends to youths who admire the league."

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"I think he will be good off the bench and have a positive contribution. The important thing is the Hornets don't need to rely on him like the first time around so anything he brings is just a little extra. As long as he lays off the drugs he should be fine."

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STAT OF THE DAY
Men's Basketball

In the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, the No. 1 seed has only won the championship 10 times, with only three of those coming in the last 17 years in St. Louis. The last time the Salukis won the tournament in 2006 they were the No. 2 seed. The only non-No. 2 seed to win the tournament in the past six years was No. 3 Creighton in 2005.

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Do you have questions for the Saluki Insider that you want answered?
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lead for good.

Rice, a freshman, picked up his first loss for SIU.

The Blue Raiders put the game out of reach by adding a pair of runs in the eighth inning.

The Salukis chipped away at the lead with a two-run fourth before adding another run in the fifth courtesy of sophomore first baseman Tyler Choate's RBI single.

In the fourth, sophomore right fielder Aaron Roberts singled and advanced to second on Choate's groundout. Johanns followed with an RBI single, then advanced to

second on a wild pitch and took third after a balk by freshman pitcher Bryce Brentz.

"We didn't help him (Brentz) defensively," Blue Raiders coach Steve Peterson said in a post-game radio interview. "We had a couple errors and we messed up a routine double play."

Senior shortstop Owen Mackedon reached on a throwing error by Barret and Johanns scored on the play. After a pair of walks, senior left fielder Adam Hills came to the plate with the bases loaded but flied out to end the threat.

Sophomore pitcher Chad Edwards earned his second win of the season after tossing 1.1 innings

of scoreless relief.

Senior reliever Langdon Stanley closed the game out in the ninth for his first save of the season.

Peterson said the away games have really bothered SIU.

"We were able to work out things financially and get them some money to get them here but I'm sure it's hard for them to play on the road so much," Peterson said.

This was the sixth "home" game to be moved from Abe Martin Field in Carbondale due to the winter weather.

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ALOHA
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Haas also has three doubles and two home runs. Sophomore Alicia Garza rounds out the top of the standings with 17 RBIs batted in.

Freshman pitcher Nikki Waters leads the pitching staff into the tournament with a 5-2 record and 1.96 ERA in 53 innings pitched.

Senior centerfielder Krystal Stein said pitching has been key for the Salukis but offensively they need to do

their part to give relief to the pitchers.

"We have so much confidence in our pitchers but we know we have to have our defense going and score runs every game," Stein said.

The Salukis will face off against Idaho State at 2 p.m HST Friday and the Netherlands' national team at 4:00 p.m. HST. They will round out play against No. 24 Washington at 10 a.m. HST Saturday.

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COOPWOOD
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"I would get stitches in my head and get right back to practice if I had to," Coopwood said. "If I'm not out there playing as hard as I can then I'm not doing my part, and the team won't be ready for the game because of it."

It was that type of hard work and tenacity that attracted Coopwood to SIU initially.

Coopwood started his collegiate career at Upper Iowa University where he said he could have notched big minutes, but the blue-collar work ethic of SIU was more important to him.

Coach Chris Lowery said his hard work and attitude is irreplaceable and will be missed when he leaves.

"He plays hard every single day and that's why he was put on scholarship," Lowery said. "I'm a very loyal person and if you bring something to our table that shows you are willing to go above and beyond, then obviously you want to be a part of this family."

The intensity Coopwood brings to the floor is what has made him one of the favorites of the Dawg Pound. Any time he gets ready to check in to

the game, the Dawg Pound lets out a big "Coop" chant to welcome him to the floor.

Coopwood said the Dawg Pound has always been a big part of what the Salukis do and he is happy to have been a favorite of the section.

Now that the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament looms ahead for the Salukis, Coopwood said he knows he only has a few games left to leave a mark on the program.

While the main goals are to win the conference tournament and make the NCCA Tournament, Coopwood said he wants to leave something for the younger players to build off of.

"When the last day comes, I just want everyone to know I gave it everything I had," he said. "You deal with the downs and get back up with hard work. My days are numbered, so it's my job to make sure the young guys know that."

When his final day as a Saluki comes, Coopwood said he hopes to get a job where he can utilize his engineering degree or follow his other passion of snipping and trimming in the barbershop.

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I would get stitches in my head and get right back to practice if I had to.

— Dion Coopwood senior guard

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Coopwood brings heart to the hardwood



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Senior guard Dion Coopwood watches from the sidelines during Saturday's game against Illinois State. The Salukis lost to the Redbirds 57-49.

Senior embodies the Saluki spirit

Jeff Engelhardt
DAILY EGYPTIAN

When the bright lights are off and the SIU Arena is empty, it is Dion Coopwood's time to shine.

Coopwood, a senior guard, has played a unique role for the Salukis during his two-season career, usually only playing a few minutes per game, if any at all. But when practice starts for the team, Coopwood said he becomes the "go-to man."

This is when the 5-foot-7-inch, 170-pound guard transforms from No. 12 on the Salukis to a variety of the conference's top guards, from Illinois State's Osiris Eldridge to Drake's Josh Young to Bradley's Daniel Ruffin.

It's Coopwood's simulation of the opposing players that Bryan Mullins said gets the team ready for game day.

"To be honest, you get sick of him guarding you," the junior guard said, cracking a smile. "He never stops in practice and always comes as hard as he can, every minute, no matter what the situation."

Often Coopwood will play from the opening seconds of practice to the final free throws without taking a break, and he said that's the way he wants it to be. He said playing for a team is all about embracing a specific role.

For Coopwood, that role is to be a tenacious, high-energy defender who never quits under any circumstances.

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BASEBALL

SIU bullpen falters in late loss

Middle Tennessee rallies en route to 7-3 win

Matt Hartwig
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU baseball team was able to come back from a 3-0 deficit Wednesday, but its bullpen put the game out of reach.

Critical two-run seventh and eighth innings were enough to give Middle Tennessee State a 7-3 win against the Salukis (3-5) at Reese Smith Field.

The Blue Raiders (7-1-1) broke open a 3-3 tie in the seventh against SIU pitchers Nick Rice and Adam Curynski.

With a runner on second, junior outfielder Nathan Hines singled to right. Senior third baseman Zach Barrett walked and junior reliever Daniel Wells came in to face sophomore right fielder Blake McDade.

McDade knocked in a run with a sacrifice fly to give them a 4-3 lead.

After senior reliever Ian Reinhart came in to relieve Wells, a costly throwing error by sophomore third baseman Lou Johanns allowed Hines to score and give Middle Tennessee State the

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SOFTBALL

Salukis say aloha to tough competition

Team set to face No. 14 Hawaii and No. 24 Washington

Megan Kramer
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU softball team's game against then-No. 5 Northwestern Sunday was just a prelude to the double dose of nationally ranked competition it faces this week-end.

The team will open up play today in the Malihini Kipa Aloha Tournament to face two Top-25 teams as ranked by ESPN.com/USA Today.

The Salukis (10-7) will play against Eastern Kentucky in their first game of the day at 2 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time and receive a tougher test later in the evening when they square off against host No. 14 Hawaii at 7 p.m. HST. The other ranked team in the field is No. 24 Washington.

Coming off a weekend at home where the Salukis went 1-3, coach Kerri Blaylock said she is focused on taking each game at a time.

"We just talked about trying to right the ship," Blaylock said. "We realize things in Hawaii will be tough."

Along with two Top-25 teams, the Salukis will also face the Netherlands' national team as it prepares for the Olympics this



BRANDON CHAPPLE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Freshman utility player Chelsea Held sprints to first base after laying down a bunt during the Salukis' 2-0 loss to Kansas Saturday. The team is set to begin the Malihini Kipa Aloha Tournament today.

summer.

Blaylock said she is looking forward to playing a team that isn't in the collegiate ranks for a different level of competition.

The Salukis suffered a dent in their lineup during the weekend at home in the Coach B Classic as both senior outfielder Tiffanie Dismore and junior outfielder Chelsea Petty suffered injuries

that will keep them on the bench for four to six weeks a piece.

Blaylock said she is incorporating a variety of different players in Dismore and Petty's positions, which could include utility players freshman Chelsea Held and junior Katie Schmidt.

Schmidt has made her presence known to opponents. In 15 games played this season, she has

recorded a .412 batting average, eight RBIs and four stolen bases.

Sophomore right fielder Katie Wilson leads the Salukis' offense with a .386 batting average and five stolen bases in 16 games played while senior Lauren Haas closely follows with a .359 average.

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