The Daily Egyptian, March 06, 2008

Daily Egyptian Staff

Follow this and additional works at: https://opensiuc.lib.siu.edu/de_March2008
Volume 93, Issue 116

This Article is brought to you for free and open access by the Daily Egyptian 2008 at OpenSIUC. It has been accepted for inclusion in March 2008 by an authorized administrator of OpenSIUC. For more information, please contact opensiuc@lib.siu.edu.
Enrollment problem grows from many roots

Allison Petty

Enrollment and graduation rates (
Progress of on-campus, on-line, and international students seeking a bachelor’s degree)

2006
2005
2004
2003
2002
2001
2000
1999
1998
1997
1996
1995
1994

2,327 69.8%
2,374 67.4%
2,355 65.4%
2,344 65.2%
2,376 66.4%
2,366 66.4%
2,355 66.0%
2,335 65.4%
2,314 65.6%
2,287 65.4%
2,277 65.6%
2,255 65.2%
2,254 65.2%

Possible ‘green’ fee proves controversial

USG votes against allowing student referendum on sustainability fee

Joe Crawford

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 fee to form a sustainability council at the university.

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 fee, USG White said the referendum felt the petition was the appropriate route, he said.

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

“We’re 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.

If the students voted in support of the referendum, the Eco-Dawgs project would be presented to the SIU Board of Trustees at their meeting in April.

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 livability 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 674 of 2,252 first-time, full-time freshmen.

See ENROLLMENT, Page 5

Joe Crawford contributed.
Joe Crawford can be reached at 536-3131 or jcrawfo@siu.edu.

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 livability 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 674 of 2,252 first-time, full-time freshmen.

See ENROLLMENT, Page 5

Joe Crawford contributed.
Joe Crawford can be reached at 536-3131 or jcrawfo@siu.edu.

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 livability 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 674 of 2,252 first-time, full-time freshmen.

See ENROLLMENT, Page 5

Joe Crawford contributed.
Joe Crawford can be reached at 536-3131 or jcrawfo@siu.edu.

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.
Japanese Woodblock Prints an informal talk by Dr. Stacy Sloboda
- 2-3 p.m. Friday at the University Museum
- Dr. Sloboda of the School of Art & Design will talk about her exhibit on Japanese Woodblock prints from the University Museum's Permanent Collection.
• Free admission, light refreshments

Spring Break Kick off Skating Party
- 1 p.m. Friday at the Elder Brothers Skating Rink, 1700 N. Grant St. in Marion
- $1 skate rental, $3.50 admission

The calendar is a free service for community groups. We cannot guarantee that all events will be listed.
Submit calendar items to the Daily Egyptian, Communications 1247, at least two days before event, or call (618) 536-3311, ext. 266.

CORRECTIONS
In the Wednesday edition of the Daily Egyptian, the photo caption with the story “Pensions outlive their southern Illinois” should have said Sabashan Port completed his homework. The Daily Egyptian regrets this error.

If you spot an error, please contact the Daily Egyptian accuracy desk at 536-3311, ext. 268.

Criminal damage occurred to a vehicle in parking lot 4-5 Monday between 2 a.m. and 10 a.m. There are no suspects at this time.

Sara Michelle Berke, 19, a student from Naperville, was issued a Carbondale City pay-by-mail citation for criminal damage to property at Wall and Grand Apartments Saturday between 4 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Elizabeth Ann Lauer, 20, a student from Amboy, was issued a Carbondale City pay-by-mail citation for criminal damage to property at Wall and Grand Apartments Saturday between 4 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Madelyn E. Blick, 20, from Naperville, was issued a Carbondale City pay-by-mail citation for criminal damage to property at Wall and Grand Apartments Saturday between 4 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The following events will be held Saturday and Sunday in Chicago:
- Free admission, light refreshments
- $1 skate rental, $3.50 admission

**ACTIVISTS LOOK TO JUMP-START IMMIGRATION DEBATE FOR 2008 ELECTION**

CHICAGO (AP) — When village officials in this suburban Chicago community considered hardline anti-illegal immigration stances, like making English the official language, residents cried in every public forum.

Council meetings overflowed with thousands. Neighborhoods were canvassed with fliers. Coalitions formed.

But months and many primaries later, activists fear the attention paid to illegal immigration reform has faded in Illinois and other non-border states, even in communities like Countryside — where more than 40 percent of 37,000 residents are Latino.

In response, Midwestern immigration activists are renewing a call for action in the months leading up to the election. They’ll be joined with academics from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin this weekend in Chicago to discuss how to again bring immigration reform to the forefront for the region’s voters.

“Full political candidates are avoiding the issue. They talk about getting the vote from the suburbs,” said Judith Boruchoff, a professor of anthropology at Roosevelt University, and guiding the board.

Midwestern immigration activists are renewing a call for action in the months leading up to the election. They’ll be joined with academics from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin this weekend in Chicago to discuss how to again bring immigration reform to the forefront for the region’s voters.

“Full political candidates are avoiding the issue. They talk about getting the vote from the suburbs,” said Judith Boruchoff, a professor of anthropology at Roosevelt University, and guiding the board.

Midwestern immigration activists are renewing a call for action in the months leading up to the election. They’ll be joined with academics from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin this weekend in Chicago to discuss how to again bring immigration reform to the forefront for the region’s voters.

“Full political candidates are avoiding the issue. They talk about getting the vote from the suburbs,” said Judith Boruchoff, a professor of anthropology at Roosevelt University, and guiding the board.
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 tuned 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 then made her way through some original songs penned by her husband and performed a number of other covers.

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 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.

Luke McCormick can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 254 or lmccorm2@siu.edu.

Holland brings jazz to SIUC campus
Mc Cain gets Bush and GOP endorsement

Liz Sidoti
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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 woe under an unpopular GOP president.

Bush, who defeated McCain in a cut-throat 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.

McCain is cut from the same cloth as his GOP rival, Bush said, are what the nation needs in a “tough-minded” candidate 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 on Monday night, as the war’s most resolute supporters. Neither man mentioned Iraq though.

McCain said of the president “I’m going to be as Crawford with my feet.”

“I’m very honored and humbled,” McCain said as he accepted Bush’s endorsement.

Bush praised McCain as the “gutsy standard-bearer.” Since 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 wanted to initiate aMc C ayn campaign 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 an endless war in Iraq and shameless hypocrisy on ethics reform. The Senate is America’s chance to change, not another out-of-touch Bush Republican, and Democrats welcome the opportunity to draw this contrast for voters.

Republicans claimed strength in unity at the GOP headquarters. Some leaders emerged from a meeting with Bush later to give McCain a plug of their own.

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

Washington

Liam James
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton declared Wednesday that her presidential campaign is in a healthy state despite a recent surge by Sen. Barack Obama and hinted at potential endorsements from superdelegates.

One day after winning the Wisconsin primary, in 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 “wants war,” and warned that if

the attack goes unprosecuted, “the region will be in danger, because the next victim could be Peru, it could be Brazil, Venezuela, Bolivia, any one of our countries.”

James Espo
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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 woe under an unpopular GOP president.

Bush, who defeated McCain in a cut-throat 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.

McCain is cut from the same cloth as his GOP rival, Bush said, are what the nation needs in a “tough-minded” candidate 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 on Monday night, as the war’s most resolute supporters. Neither man mentioned Iraq though.

McCain said of the president “I’m going to be as Crawford with my feet.”

“I’m very honored and humbled,” McCain said as he accepted Bush’s endorsement.

Bush praised McCain as the “gutsy standard-bearer.” Since 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 wanted to initiate aMc C ayn campaign 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 an endless war in Iraq and shameless hypocrisy on ethics reform. The Senate is America’s chance to change, not another out-of-touch Bush Republican, and Democrats welcome the opportunity to draw this contrast for voters.

Republicans claimed strength in unity at the GOP headquarters. Some leaders emerged from a meeting with Bush later to give McCain a plug of their own.

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

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton declared Wednesday that her presidential campaign is in a healthy state despite a recent surge by Sen. Barack Obama and hinted at potential endorsements from superdelegates.

One day after winning the Wisconsin primary, in 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 “wants war,” and warned that if

the attack goes unprosecuted, “the region will be in danger, because the next victim could be Peru, it could be Brazil, Venezuela, Bolivia, any one of our countries.”

James Espo
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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 woe under an unpopular GOP president.

Bush, who defeated McCain in a cut-throat 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.

McCain is cut from the same cloth as his GOP rival, Bush said, are what the nation needs in a “tough-minded” candidate 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 on Monday night, as the war’s most resolute supporters. Neither man mentioned Iraq though.

McCain said of the president “I’m going to be as Crawford with my feet.”

“I’m very honored and humbled,” McCain said as he accepted Bush’s endorsement.

Bush praised McCain as the “gutsy standard-bearer.” Since 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 wanted to initiate aMc C ayn campaign 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 an endless war in Iraq and shameless hypocrisy on ethics reform. The Senate is America’s chance to change, not another out-of-touch Bush Republican, and Democrats welcome the opportunity to draw this contrast for voters.

Republicans claimed strength in unity at the GOP headquarters. Some leaders emerged from a meeting with Bush later to give McCain a plug of their own.

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

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton declared Wednesday that her presidential campaign is in a healthy state despite a recent surge by Sen. Barack Obama and hinted at potential endorsements from superdelegates.

One day after winning the Wisconsin primary, in 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 “wants war,” and warned that if

the attack goes unprosecuted, “the region will be in danger, because the next victim could be Peru, it could be Brazil, Venezuela, Bolivia, any one of our countries.”

James Espo
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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 woe under an unpopular GOP president.

Bush, who defeated McCain in a cut-throat 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.

McCain is cut from the same cloth as his GOP rival, Bush said, are what the nation needs in a “tough-minded” candidate 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 on Monday night, as the war’s most resolute supporters. Neither man mentioned Iraq though.

McCain said of the president “I’m going to be as Crawford with my feet.”

“I’m very honored and humbled,” McCain said as he accepted Bush’s endorsement.

Bush praised McCain as the “gutsy standard-bearer.” Since 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 wanted to initiate aMc C ayn campaign 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 an endless war in Iraq and shameless hypocrisy on ethics reform. The Senate is America’s chance to change, not another out-of-touch Bush Republican, and Democrats welcome the opportunity to draw this contrast for voters.

Republicans claimed strength in unity at the GOP headquarters. Some leaders emerged from a meeting with Bush later to give McCain a plug of their own.
**ENROLLMENT CONTROVERSY**

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

Poshard said he had heard 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 Lloyd Dietz** said the Center for Academic Success, which helps students who do not meet the university's admission standards, provided some support.

Dietz said the Supplemental Instruction program, which provides peer assistance for 17 classes, does not have funding to expand, but a new program could benefit from development, because it drastically helps 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**

"We think you can look at these kinds of issues without having some sort of historical reference," Poshard said. "We need to remember 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.

More than 60 percent of the university's buildings were constructed between 1945 and 1971, according to university records. The rapid expansion left the university with the task to fill buildings, Poshard said.

"If 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 filed about 85 percent of its capacity, said coordinator Tony Wicoff, a senior at the university. The number was down from 115,000 in 1965, closed this year to account for some of the empty space.

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

Wicoff said a student in charge of decaying buildings on campus has created a petition to sell the condos property purchased by the university at its peak, which provides an advantage of the GI Bill.

The governor pledged this year to contain the budget shortfall by $1 million a year, and that was a $1 millionatted by Carl Phillips, who is chairman of the committee that will hold hearings on the grant next week.

"I think the governor is so hell-bent on the press pop and being the white knight that they did not have any diligence, and the money was squandered."

Further frustrating officials are connections between the school's new building and the grant-giving state agency to indictment businessman Antonio "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 newspapers 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.

**LAWMAKERS TO INVESTIGATE MISTREATED CHURCH**

The Associated Press

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

The governor pledged this week to contain the budget shortfall by $1 million a year, and that was a $1 million

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

The dancing pair's 2007-2008 winning routine will be aired March 19 and 22 on ESPN. Madeleine Leroux can be reached at 536-5311 ext. 259 or mleroux@siu.edu.
Saving energy, losing patience, part two

COLLEEN LINDSAY
ceilind@siu.edu

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” parking space. That is so they can make a quick exit. Rather than being surrounded by their motorcycle, and then make the driver disgusted because they can’t fit their car into that small 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.

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 sinks. 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 any 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 this was earlier reported or reinstate the Wi.

Neither is committed to being a trusted source of news, information, commentary and public discourse, while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Daily Egyptian, the student-run newspaper of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, is committed to being a trusted source of news, information, commentary and public discourse, while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.

WORDS OVERHEARD

“Your stomach is a fantastic barrier against invasive bacteria because it’s a very acidic environment.”

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.
Turn off the echo chamber, Zeitgeist

**Guest Column**

**Russia’s two-headed dog**

John C. Bernia

McGILL TIBBE

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 Putin at his side, proving useful to his prime minister’s role, and not his prime minister’s role, which would help enhance Russia’s creativity. As the prophet George Carlin once said, “Don’t take any (expletive) from the Zeitgeist.”

**Voices**

ANDREW O’CONNOR andrews@pitt.edu

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 fact doesn’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 thrive while the others are eclipsed are the echo chambers. These chambers legitimate 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 true.

Case and Supper- Duper Tuesday II (or whatever they called it), the facts are that Hillary Clinton, after losing 32 consecutive states, was barely able to hold on to Texas, Rhode Island and Ohio. Texas and Ohio, which her campaign once toured 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 15% of Obama, Hillary will still be losing by the nearly the same amount of delegates that she was before Tuesday.

But this is not the story. The headlines read, “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 just don’t 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. Send your favorite. Like Ted Kauf.”

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 in 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.”

O’Connor is a junior studying political science.

**Russia’s two-headed dog**

John C. Bernia

McGILL TIBBE

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 head 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 gossipy-inspiring and entrancing 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 heroes, 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?

Well 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.

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. With that in mind, the notion that Medvedev, once installed as president, might be tempted to exercise his right to fire the prime minister?

That much was clearly that former Soviet President Yeltsin eventually concentrated too much power in the Russian presidency. Along the way, U.S. Russian tensions resurfaced and, indeed, continue to intensify.

As the prophet George Carlin once said, “Don’t take any (expletive) from the Zeitgeist.”

O’Connor is a junior studying political science.

**Guest Column**

**Russia’s two-headed dog**

John C. Bernia

McGILL TIBBE

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 head 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 gossipy-inspiring and entrancing 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 heroes, 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?

Well 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.

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. With that in mind, the notion that Medvedev, once installed as president, might be tempted to exercise his right to fire the prime minister?

That much was clearly that former Soviet President Yeltsin eventually concentrated too much power in the Russian presidency. Along the way, U.S. Russian tensions resurfaced and, indeed, continue to intensify.

As the prophet George Carlin once said, “Don’t take any (expletive) from the Zeitgeist.”

O’Connor is a junior studying political science.
Stephen White said he hated having to pay for larger shoes — until they prevented him from slipping through crisscrossing steal beams and landing on a stage 52 feet below.

When, a first-year graduate student from De Quin, studying technical directing, worked for McLeod Theater’s grid, an elevated area used to send doors and cables that hoist anything from stage lights to backdrops weighing up to 250 pounds. The job entailed working on the set designs, which design, build, builds, operates and removes 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 environment 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 designer 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 and designers during rehearsals can change the set’s original design until the final week, which means the scene shop is in a non-stop place of woodworking, welding and painting. On Monday afternoon, Whit 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 21.

“The cast rehearsing ‘The Former Woman Alive,’ a play opening April 3 at Christian H. Moe Laboratory Theater, explored Naversen’s crew as they hung blue curtains symbolizing the sky on Tuesday night. Before the curtain was hung, actors had been trying to rehearse a play about entities 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 reusable. Set designers hold on to props, as well as scenery, which can be reused in upcoming shows. Inside a loft above woodworking, welding and painting, set designer held on to props, as well as scenery, which can be reused in upcoming shows.

Naversen said recycling props prevents he said the curtain would be reused. Set designers held on to props, as well as scenery, which can be reused in upcoming shows.

“We clean out every few years,” he said. “There’s one in every box that’s going to come out.”

“We clean out every few years,” he said. “There’s one in every box that’s going to come out.”

Naversen said he takes drafting paper everywhere. He’s been a SIUC for nearly 20 years, which he said has been associated with 500 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.

“We switched for the tools,” he said with a chuckle. “We now have a physical thing that wasn’t there before.”

Barton Lorimor can be reached at barton.lorimor@siude.com.
The Best Rentals in Town
Available Fall 2008

One Bedroom

607 1/2 N. Alllyn
507 S. Ash #1, 2, 3
509 S. Ash #4, 5
504 S. Beveridge
514 S. Beveridge
608 1/2 W. Cherry
(available June 2008)
403 W. Elm #1-4
718 S. Forest #7
605 W. Freeman #3
(available, June 08)
507 S. Hays #2
408 1/2 E. Hester
410 E. Hester
410 1/2 E. Hester
208 W. Hospital #2
703 S. Illinois #101
703 S. Illinois #102
703 S. Illinois #201
612 1/2 S. Logan
507 W. Main #2
507 1/2 W. Main B
400 W. Oak #3
410 W. Oak #3, 4
202 N. Poplar #2
202 N. Poplar #3
507 S. Poplar #2
501 N. Springer #1, 2, 4
414 W. Sycamore #2
404 1/2 S. University
406 S. University #3, 4
606 1/2 S. University
334 W. Walnut #7
703 W. Walnut #2

Two Bedroom

607 N. Alllyn
609 N. Alllyn
408 S. Ash
504 S. Ash #1, 2, 3
514 S. Ash #1, 2, 3
407 S. Beveridge
512 S. Beveridge #1-7
514 S. Beveridge #1-5, 7
508 N. Carico
510 N. Carico
306 W. Cherry
311 W. Cherry #2
404 W. Cherry Court *
405 W. Cherry Court
406 W. Cherry Court
407 W. Cherry Court
408 W. Cherry Court
408 W. Chestnut
310 W. College #1-4
401 W. College #7
501 W. College #4, 6
503 W. College #4, 6
507 W. College #6
509 W. College #6
710 W. College #6
305 E. Crestview
506 S. Dixon
303 W. Elm
115 S. Forest
736 S. Forest

Three Bedroom

718 S. Forest #3
500 W. Freeman #1, 3, 6
109 Glenview
520 S. Graham
505 S. Hayes
507 S. Hays #2
408 1/2 E. Hester
408 E. Hester
410 E. Hester
703 W. High #E
208 W. Hospital #1
705 N. James
507 1/2 W. Main #B
207 S. Maple
906 W. McDaniel
300 W. Mill #2/4
411 E. Mill
400 W. Oak #1, 3
402 W. Oak #E, W
408 W. Oak
501 W. Oak
300 N. Oakland
305 N. Oakland
511 N. Oakland
514 N. Oakland
600 N. Oakland
602 N. Oakland
1305 E. Park
507 S. Poplar #1, 4, 5, 6, 7
301 N. Springer #1, 2, 4
913 W. Sycamore
919 W. Sycamore
404 S. University #5
404 1/2 S. University
408 S. University
402 1/2 W. Walnut
504 W. Walnut
820 W. Walnut #2
1004 W. Walkup
406 W. Willow
804 W. Willow

Four Bedroom

608 W. Cherry
(available June)
608 W. Cherry
608 W. Cherry
300 E. College
100 W. College #1-4
312 W. College #3
400 W. College #1-2, 3, 5
401 W. College #2-4
407 W. College #1-2, 5
409 W. College #1-4
507 W. College #2
509 W. College #1, 3
810 W. College
809 W. College
807 W. College
305 E. Crestview
506 S. Dixon
104 S. Forest
120 S. Forest
511 S. Forest
603 S. Forest
503 S. Hays
505 S. Hays
507 S. Hays #1
509 S. Hays
402 E. Hester
208 W. Hospital #2

See Our Show Apartment!
(Begins Feb. 1st)
407 W. College #1
Monday thru Friday
2:00pm to 6:00pm
Saturday
11:00am to 2:30 pm

Brand New Townhomes
2 Bedrooms available at
600’S, Washington

*Available now

529-1082 • 206 W. College Suite 11 • Carbondale

www.carbondalerentals.com
www.carbondalerentals.com
www.carbondalerentals.com

www.carbondalerentals.com
www.carbondalerentals.com

www.carbondalerentals.com
www.carbondalerentals.com
www.carbondalerentals.com

www.carbondalerentals.com
www.carbondalerentals.com
www.carbondalerentals.com

Girls and Sports
by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

The Duplex
by Glenn McCoy

THE Daily Crossword edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Across
1 Char voice; gossip
2 Toronto team, tensely
3 Singer Tucker
4 Two-tone treat
5 "Iawn" writer
6 Walt Disney's middle name
7 "SportsCenter" star
8 Decrease
9 Fixed charge
10 Sensible step
11 Argumentation
12 AFL
13 Baasch
14 Actress Merkel
15 Silkied weapons
16 Metric units
17 Businessman, briefly
18 Fenced
19 "Jaws" writer
20 "SportsCenter" middle name
21 Actress Merkel
22 Baked
23 Usurp
24 Molecule maker
25 Online loan sources
26 Metric
27 Exhaled
28 Pantries and tool sheds
29 Online loan source
30 Sword part
31 Prayer closers
32 In charge of this game
33 Actress O'Shea
34 Morales of "Bad Boys"
35 One way to work out
36 Steps over a fence
37 Actress Day
38 Part of 3 of quip
39 Picture on a PC
40 Threefold
41 January in Oaxaca
42 Metric
43 subdivision
44 Mountain in Thessaly
45 Two-putters
46 Corres
47 Sister
48 Shoshone
49 Long looker
50 Some G.I.s
51 Grips
52 Molecule maker
53 Character of "Moby Dick"
54 Baseball
55 Like the Kalahari
56 Model of "A Great Big World"

Down
1 1-off-the-cuff remark
2 Toronto team, tensely
3 Singer Tucker
4 Two-tone treat
5 "Iawn" writer
6 Walt Disney's middle name
7 "SportsCenter" star
8 Decrease
9 Fixed charge
10 Sensible step
11 Argumentation
12 AFL
13 Baasch
14 Actress Merkel
15 Silkied weapons
16 Metric units
17 Businessman, briefly
18 Fenced
19 "Jaws" writer
20 "SportsCenter" middle name
21 Actress Merkel
22 Baked
23 Usurp
24 Molecule maker
25 Online loan sources
26 Metric
27 Exhaled
28 Pantries and tool sheds
29 Online loan source
30 Sword part
31 Prayer closers
32 In charge of this game
33 Actress O'Shea
34 Morales of "Bad Boys"
35 One way to work out
36 Steps over a fence
37 Actress Day
38 Part of 3 of quip
39 Picture on a PC
40 Threefold
41 January in Oaxaca
42 Metric
43 subdivision
44 Mountain in Thessaly
45 Two-putters
46 Corres
47 Sister
48 Shoshone
49 Long looker
50 Some G.I.s
51 Grips
52 Molecule maker
53 Character of "Moby Dick"
54 Baseball
55 Like the Kalahari
56 Model of "A Great Big World"

Sudoku

Sudoku Brought to you by: DCI Biologics

Earn up to $170/mo.
donating plasma regularly

(816) 529-3541 • 301 W. Main St.
www.dciplasma.com, carbondale@dciplasma.com

Sudoku by The Mepham Group

Level: 3

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudokuplus.org.uk.

Solution to Wednesday's puzzle:

1 2 3 4 5 6
2 4 7 6 5
3 8 7 6 5
4 9 7 6 5
5 1 3 4 2

© 2008 The Mepham Group, Distributed by Tribune Media Services. All rights reserved.
3/8/08

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday — You'll become more confident this year as you check items off your lists. Go from dreamer to master accomplisher. Don't argue, you're being pushed in that direction.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7. — A friend's comment inspires you to consider alternatives. What works may include some things you have rejected before. Re-evaluate and reconsider.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7. — Gather a few close advisors together to knock some ideas around. The combination of your diverse talents could produce a strike of genius.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 5. — You do best when you're pushed to come up with new ideas. It's kind of stressful at first, but you'll do it well under this pressure. —

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7. — Take yourself out for a special treat, to celebrate a recent win. If you can't think of one, make one up. You're in charge of this game.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6. — You and your partner need to work out your shopping lists. There'll be enough for all you need if you plan this out together.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8. — A lot of your communication now is the non-verbal kind. You can let them know what you like, and don't like, without saying a word.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7. — Your social circles become top priority again, in a good way. Use your imagination, and discover hidden paths to success. You're surrounded by them.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8. — You don't have to express yourself in words to get your meaning across. Use another way that you and your loved one understand.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 6 — It's perfectly OK to hole out in the security of your own home and do something you really enjoy. Hobbies save our mental health.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8. — Pay off old debts and make sure you have something put away for the future. Don't expect anyone to do it for you. You'll be more satisfied anyway, if you do it for yourself.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7. — Money is not your greatest motivator, by any means. It's nice to have, however. No need to turn it down, if you come about it honestly.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8. — You're confident now, and very creative. Begin a project you've been thinking about. There'll be a few problems, but you'll emerge triumphant.

JUMBLE
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurack

HICK
TOAQ

MAZECE

COMEEB

www.jumble.com

Answer: A

News Delivered To You...
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 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 an accompanist.

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 be best described as a hybrid of blues, bluegrass, folk and Americana.

“This is not the first time in my life that 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 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 Pulella, 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,” Pulella 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.”

Audra Ord can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 275 or amarie06@siu.edu.
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?

"It's about time the Birdman makes his NBA return," McCoy Wilkins said, who can get passes back into the NHL after getting caught with the fiery 12 numbers times, then Andersen should actually be let in. It was awesome when the Hornets were not so good and now with Chris Paul leading the way, Andersen will have a great season back.

"It's not like he has been sitting on his couch eating bon-bons; Andersen has been doing a lot of work and that's why he was put on suspension after testing positive. He is the key for the Hornets because if someone can get passes back and be let in, it makes me wonder what message it sends to youths who admire the league."

MATT HARTWIG
mhartwig@siu.edu

The Salukis chipped away at the 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 inning 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 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 of errors and we messed up a routine double play."

Senior shortstop Owen Makedon reached on a balk by freshman pitcher Dan Sjostrom, scored when Adam Hills came to the plate with the bases loaded but flew out to end the threat.

Sophomore pitcher Chad Edwards earned his second win of the season after toossing 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 Ahe Martin Field in Carbondale due to the winter weather.

MATT HARTWIG can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 262 or at hartwig@siu.edu.
Coopwood brings heart to the hardwood

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

See BULLPEN, Page 15

SIU bullpen falters in late loss
Middle Tennessee rallies en route to 7-3 win

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 a 3-3 tie in the seventh against SIU pitchers Nick Rice and Adam Curzylo.

With a runner on second, junior outfielder Nathan Hines singled to right. Senior third baseman Zach Barret 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 Johans allowed Hines to score and give Middle Tennessee State the lead.

In the eighth, the Blue Raiders scored four unanswered runs after Costly throw by Saluki left fielder Blake McAdoo.

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.

Salukis say aloha to tough competition

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

Megan Kramer

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 weekend.

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 Blacklock said she is focused on taking each game at a time.

“We just talked about trying to right the ship,” Blacklock 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 summer.

Blacklock 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.

Blacklock 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.

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.

Senior embodies the Saluki spirit

Jeff Engelhardt

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.

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 Ouis Elistgic 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.

“Definitely, you get sick of him guarding year long. It’s a very unique thing you want to have,” Mullins said.

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.

See COOPWOOD, Page 15