More than 5,000 students to lose grant pending state’s decision

The future without MAP?
State legislator: MAP will be restored

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State legislators say they are in favor of restoring the Monetary Award Program, but questions on where the money would come from remains to be unanswered.

The MAP grant, which affects more than 5,000 students on the Carbondale campus, received only half of its funding for the year and, without another $200 million, has no money for grants for the spring semester. Gov. Pat Quinn has proposed several options to provide money for the program, including a $1 cigarette tax increase to be imposed gradually throughout a two-year period.

At a rally in support of the program held on campus last week, Sen. Gary Forby, D-Benton, said education is what keeps the United States in a position of power, and the MAP grant is what enables education for many people.

“We are going to have the MAP grant for you,” Forby said.

Forby said the General Assembly would pass Quinn’s proposed income tax increase to fully restore the grant program, though there has not been much support for the increase from state legislators.

Sen. Dave Luechtefeld, R-Oakville, said another option presented was a tax amnesty program, proposed by Rep. Tom Cross, R-Plainfield. According to the Chicago Tribune, the amnesty program would allow people to pay back taxes without penalty for a six-week period beginning Jan. 1, yet the plan is estimated to only raise about $104.9 million — half of the necessary funds to re-store the grant.

Luechtefeld said more options would be presented once the General Assembly gathers in Springfield later this week. The General Assembly veto session runs Wednesday until Friday and again Oct. 28 to Oct. 30.

“I would guess that there will be other recommendations when we get to the veto session,” Luechtefeld said.

“My money is going to be the issue, raising that $200 million, but hopefully something can be done (so that it will be funded),” Luechtefeld said.

Quinn said he had the opportunity to provide the rest of the money needed for MAP from his discretionary fund, which equaled $1.2 billion.

“There are some people who feel they didn’t the Governor use the money at his discretion to get that done,” Luechtefeld said. “I wouldn’t blame it all on him; obviously he didn’t have enough money to go around, or he would have put it on the MAP grant.”

In a press conference following last week’s rally, Quinn said he used the money from his discretionary fund to pay for Medicaid, adult and early childhood education, among other programs.

“The legislators know you can’t take $1 billion and convert it to $3 billion,” Quinn said. “I think we need to solve the problem rather than have people pointing fingers at anyone else.”

Quinn said the best measure would be a tax based on ability to pay, which would be the income tax increase.

“We’ll just have to wait and see what happens,” Luechtefeld said.

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Corrections

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Police Blotters

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Calendar

Full Family Fun-Alization Family School Seminar 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Saturday at Carbondale Middle School — Community arts, educational workshops, activities and performances for families — Event is for parents and children of Carbondale Elementary School students — Free, lunch included

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Students unsure of future without MAP

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There are more than 5,000 students on the Carbondale campus who could lose the Monetary Award Program grant in the spring.

Two of those students are Carina Beck and Lauren Ziller.

Beck, a senior from Scoville studying university studies, said she was concerned when she heard the MAP grant was cut.

"Not necessarily for myself, but I also have friends who depend on the MAP grant," Beck said. "I remember, right after seeing that on the news, calling several of my friends and asking them what they were going to do if there's no MAP."

Beck said she would take out more student loans and take on a smaller class load if the grant is not reinstated, but many of her friends would not be able to continue their education.

Ziller, a senior from Woodstock studying elementary education, said the financial aid office told her to wait until November to see if the grant is reinstated, and if it is not, to come back and see if she could qualify for student loans.

"I don't know if I'll be able to get that, because I've heard that they're a lot pickier about who they give that out to, now that the economy's bad," Ziller said.

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Grant failure could cost jobs

If the grant does not get restored this week, there will be one more chance in a late October veto session. If the grant is not restored in either session, officials will have to look for the money within the university system. On the Carbondale campus, Posbard said that would likely mean layoffs.

("MAP funding) can only come from further cuts," Posbard said. "The question is how much deeper can we go, and can we do it without cutting into personnel? At this point, I don't see any way that is possible."

In the meantime, Posbard said financial aid has given preliminary notice to students who may be affected and is working on alternatives such as increasing work-study, additional loans and other aid options.

But officials are holding out hope the grant will be fully restored.

"You'll see information coming out of the university if nothing gets done in that veto session," said Dave Gross, SIU spokesman. "We don't want to deal with hypotheticals right now — we want to get this MAP money restored and keep pressure on the Legislature and the governor. That's job No. 1 right now."

--- Dave Gross

SIU spokesman

A vote in Springfield on Wednesday could determine the fate of several school employees and thousands of students.

The Illinois Legislature will vote on funding for the Monetary Award Program in a veto session starting Wednesday. The grant awards up to $5,000 to Illinois residents with financial need who attend approved schools.

"This year will be critical if the Legislature and government can't agree on the revenue stream, and we have to go to inefficiencies and personnel cuts to make up for it," said SH President Glenn Posbard.

"It's difficult to see how we could ever make the money to fund these MAP grants on our own." If legislators do not pass grant funding, students will lose the award for the spring 2010 semester, or universities will have to come up with a replacement source of money.

Posbard said he is heading to Springfield later this week, where he will meet with higher education committees and lobby for the grant.

Beck said she would attend Thursday's rally in Springfield to convince legislators to reverse their decision and restore funding to the grant.

"My overall message to legislators is that by not funding the MAP grant, they really are giving up on 138,000 people in Illinois," Beck said.

Intern Provost Don Rice said his office would provide written excuses for students to miss class Thursday and attend the rally.

"We have discussed to administrators to reestablish endorsement of students going to Springfield," Rice said.

Rice said if the grant is not restored, and she is not able to secure a loan, she would be determined to find another way to stay in school.

"I don't know exactly how I would do that or pay for it, because my parents aren't helping me out with school or anything like that," Ziller said. "And they encourage you not to work while you're student-teaching, but I would (pay for school) somehow."

Ziller said she would student-teacher next semester, so she would not be able to work to make money and pay for college.

Beck said if the grant is not restored, the state would be saying students from middle- and low-income families do not deserve to receive a college education.

"They would be saying higher education is simply for the elite few that can afford to go to school, and the rest of us aren't worth it," Beck said.

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OUR WORD
Limiting free speech in public schools

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McClatchy Tribune

The United States and Cuba are taking baby steps toward each other.

Since President Barack Obama called for a "new beginning," his administration has allowed unlimited family travel and remittances, resumed migration talks, proposed direct-mail service and gave its blessing to the concert by Colombian pop star Juanes.

In the last 10 months, the State Department issued 5,500 more visas for Cubans to visit the United States than in the like period before October 2008.

When news leaked that Bill Williams, U.S. deputy assistant secretary of state for Western Hemisphere affairs, had traveled to Cuba, eyebrows were raised.

Over six days, she met with Cuban officials on direct-mail service, toured an agricultural cooperative, hunched with five dissidents, hosted a reception at the U.S. Interests Section and took in the Juanes concert.

On Sept. 29, Cuban Foreign Minister Bruno Rodriguez told the U.N. General Assembly that not much had changed between Cuba and the United States since Obama's inauguration.

"The economic, commercial and financial blockade of Cuba remains intact," said Rodriguez.

True, but it takes two to tango.

Cuba's Foreign Ministry, soon of a first-rate diplomatic corps, should review its files from the 1970s when Havana and Washington established a dialogue on a double, not monistic, agenda.

The White House, in turn, should look back to the late 1970s when President Bill Clinton's administration reconciled his foreign-policy pragmatists and crafted a flexible Cuba policy.

The Helms-Burton Act seemingly codified the embargo, but it also codified the Office of Foreign Assets Control's rule-making powers regarding Cuba.

Thus, after Pope John Paul II's visit to Cuba, Clinton restored charter flights, family travel and remittances.

The administration had to do an inevitable balancing act: mollifying U.S. allies on Helms-Burton, announcing new democracy grants mandated by Helms-Burton, giving Cuban airmen en route to and from Canada the right to overfly the United States; and arresting the Wasp Network of Cuban spies in south Florida.

In January 1999, the White House truly pushed the envelope by:

1. Authorizing direct flights between cities other than Miami and Havana.

2. Allowing remittances to independent organizations and individuals unaffiliated with the government or the Communist Party.

3. Expanding licensed travel to Cuba for academics, artists, scientists, journalists and increasing visas for Cubans to visit the United States.

4. Allowing the Baltimore Orioles and the Cuban national team to play ball.

5. Authorizing the licensed sale of food and agricultural products to NGOs and private individuals in Cuba.

Clinton's decision to license the sale of food and agricultural products harbored the greatest potential for change in bilateral relations since the 1970s. It gave remittances impetus to the anti-embargo movement.

Market forces had created a potentially powerful constituency for change. Amid the agricultural glut and depressed prices of the late 1990s, U.S. farming interests turned their hungry eyes on the Cuban market. In October 2000, Clinton signed the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act, which authorized the sale of agricultural commodities while baring Havana from U.S. public or private credits.

TSRA also codified the travel ban — that is, all OFAC Cuba-related travel regulations.

Clinton set a precedent that mobilized agricultural trade and soft power to pry Cuba open. His administration started down a path of limited engagement. At first, George W. Bush stayed the course but then did a U-turn in 2003 until the end of his presidency.

The White House cannot lift the embargo nor end the travel ban. The president nonethe- less retains broad authority to license trade, Cuban imports, limited investments and most travel except tourism.

Today, making Cuba policy is much less minted than it was under Clinton. Cuban-Miami has become a non-issue. More time has passed under the embargo without Cubans being any closer to freedom.

Cuba policy is bipartisan, for and against the embargo. Obama can do more than merely the Helms-Burton eye.

Sure, he’s got a lot on his plate, but even if that weren’t so, 50 years of mistrust can’t be bridged quickly.

I say so far so good, but I hope a lot more eyebrows, here and there, are raised.

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from their college days

For Joe Crabb, access to walk in the footsteps of Cherokee Indians who marched across his land more than 150 years ago should be shared with everyone.

Volunteers from the Shawnee Forest Service, the Shawnee Volunteer Corps and WSUI joined Crabb Saturday to begin clearing a three-quarter mile section of trail on his property and he experts believe is part of the original Trail of Tears.

Crabb, 81, of Grantsburg, and vice president of the Illinois Trail of Tears Association, said he and his wife Cindy have been living in Pope County for more than 45 years. He said it is a privilege to live near such a historic marker.

“We have determined the segment we are working on today is part of the original Trail of Tears,” Crabb said.

Crabb said the Trail of Tears remains one of the few historic remnants of the Cherokee, who had nothing but footprints to leave behind when they were forced off their land.

The trail begins three miles west of Golconda on Homberg Road, travels west through Pope County and crosses U.S. Route 145 and Sugar Creek onto the Crabby-Abbot farm, he said.

Crabb said the nine-mile section of trail in Pope County can be broken into small segments for walking or touring in a vehicle.

Mary McCrory, an archaeologist with the Shawnee National Forest in Murphysboro, said it is important educate people on the historical significance of the trail and the access they have to it.

“This is the actual trail (the Cherokee) used,” McCrory said. “Having something that authentic is important for people to know.”

McCrory said the National Park Service is responsible for defining and maintaining historic trail systems. It plans to identify the trail with markers, which will make it easier to find and follow.

“(It) was a terrible episode in our history and not something we want to forget,” McCrory said.

Vickie Davenport, director of WSUI’s Southern Illinois Radio Information Service, said WSUI partnered with the Shawnee Forest Service to raise awareness of the trail and the effort to restore it. The partnership was funded by a grant from the National Park Service, Davenport said.

“This is the beginning of an effort for public access, and the idea here is this will be a loop people can walk and (explore),” Davenport said.

Doug Hughes, of Carterville, said he saw a chip on Channel 8 asking for volunteers to help clear the trail. Hughes and his wife Vivi joined more than 20 others in helping clear the trail.

“The thought of knowing how many people walked through here is amazing,” Hughes said. “Plus, I’m part Cherokee.”

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Joe Crabb, 81, from Grantsburg, addresses Shawnee National Forest Service volunteers Saturday. The volunteers traveled from Carbondale to Crabb’s property to clear a portion of the historic Trail of Tears, which runs through his land.

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Class of 1959 reunites, celebrates improved campus

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A half-century later, the class of 1959 shared memories of being in college—the good, the bad and the unforgettable.

Many of the men said they met their wives at SIUC while many of the women said they have maintained long-lasting friendships from their college days.

More than 80 of these alumni gathered in the Old Main Lounges of the Student Center for brunch and a guided tour of campus Friday.

Tina Shingleton, administrative clerk of the Alumni Association, said she likes to see former Salukis come back to campus.

Norwood, who served on the SIU Board of Trustees for 27 years, said his education—both at the university and at his wife’s—was just as important as the relationships he formed.

“I’ve always said that a university education teaches you to start something and to finish it,” he said.

Norwood said he noticed the growing changes on campus over the years and has no hard feelings that the football stadium he used to play in is closing to make room for a new one.

“You have to have facilities that are up to date,” he said. “Life moves on.”

The Rev. Herb Stenerl, who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in sociology, said he and his wife got lost looking for the Student Center.

“You can’t recognize it,” Stenerl said. “It’s another world.”

However frustrating it was to wander around the campus, Stenerl said he and his wife appreciated the enormous transformation the campus has gone through.

“We didn’t have the computers or the buildings like the Student Center,” Stenerl said. “It’s great.”

Snr. Roland Burris was also a 1959 graduate who attended the brunch.

“I’ve told everyone in Washington, even on the Senate, that I’m not going to miss this,” Burris said.

Compared to when he graduated, the university’s campus is like night and day, he said. He said he doesn’t forget about the university and he visits as much as possible.

Burris said he wants to encourage his fellow graduates to continue to be a part of the university that made them who they are today.

“We should keep coming down here for however many days we have left,” Burris said.

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Miss Eboness pageant empowers contestants

Christina Spaksousy | Daily Egyptian

There were no tears from Caren Oliver when she was crowned 2009 Miss Eboness Saturday in Shryock Auditorium.

The Miss Eboness pageant showcases the beauty, talent and intelligence of black women and is annually sponsored by the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

Oliver, a senior from Naperville studying business management, walked proudly across the stage after being announced winner of the 38th annual pageant.

“I feel like I just won an academy,” Oliver said.

Oliver performed a ballet-inspired interpretive dance that held a message about the survival of breast cancer. Oliver said several people in her life have been victims of cancer and hopes her message for awareness reached the audience.

“I want the crowd to feel the emotion,” Oliver said before her performance. “I want them to get chills.”

The pageant has been an Alpha Phi Alpha tradition since 1971, when a black woman was crowned homecoming queen for the first time, but did not receive the same honor commonly associated with the title, according to the fraternity’s Web site.

Miss Eboness becomes a role model for other women who do not have the confidence to step out of their boundaries, said last year’s winner Arielle Thompson, a junior from Chicago studying chemistry.

The show began with the contestants doing a practiced stroll across the stage accompanied by a recording of the women introducing themselves. Thompson said the walk is part of the traditional stroll of the Alphas.

“The walk is made to look like you’re floating,” said contestant Vernetta Wright, a junior from Champaign studying special education.

Even though Wright did not win the pageant, she said she took great pleasure in being part of the show.

Following the walk, contestants showcased a variety of talents including poetry, song and dance. Each contestant had to answer an impromptu question dealing with love, politics and the pageant.

Oliver was asked if she thought President Barack Obama should have won the Nobel Peace Prize. She replied that while Obama had only been in office a short time, he earned the award by working to bring soldiers home from Iraq, reform health care and improve education.

Jamie Hogan, one of five pageant judges, said the contestants receive points for personality, talent, poise and knowledge. He said the judges rate the contestants privately and then tally the scores in.

Sondra Johnson, a senior from Chicago studying psychology and a former Miss Eboness contestant, said it is important for women to be proud of their talents.

“It changed my life, and I really hope it changes theirs too,” Johnson said.

Dennis Stout, president of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, gave a short speech while the votes were tallied. He said the entire theme of the pageant this year was, “Remember the Times.”

“In order to move forward, you need to know where you come from,” Stout said.

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Thinking about Afghanistan

Residuals of a past torn short by Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the U.S. commander in Afghanistan, publicly called for more troops:

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Both sides in Afghanistan are struggling to escape the legacy of the Soviet war there. But the emerging Afghan political process may have already found a way to reduce the violence of the past through the process of running elections.

The Afghan government has decided to hold national elections in 2014, which could be a turning point in the war. The elections are seen as a key to reducing the level of violence and bringing stability to the country.

Résumé

While the elections may not immediately end the war, they could provide a more peaceful future for Afghanistan. The Afghan government is working to ensure that the elections are fair and free, and that they are held under conditions that are safe for the people who will be voting.

In the meantime, the international community is working to support the Afghan government in its efforts to reduce violence and bring stability to the country.

The United States is providing military and financial support to the Afghan government, as well as working to build the capacity of the Afghan security forces. The United States is also providing humanitarian assistance to the Afghan people.

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SIU swept twice in weekend matches

Lose six sets to Wichita State and Missouri State

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It was a bad day of déjà vu for the SIU volleyball team. The Salukis dropped both of its road matches on the weekend to Missouri State and Wichita State — both in straight sets.

Service errors doomed the Salukis; they committed 19 of them between Friday's and Saturday's matches.

"We played pretty well offensively and defensively, what really hurt us was passing," said head coach Brenda Winkler. "We just didn't have consistent passing and allowed more service errors than we should have.

SIU (13-3, 3-4 MVC) opened play Friday at Missouri State, the defending Missouri Valley Conference champions.

Missouri State (14-4, 7-0 MVC) defeated the Salukis in straight sets (25-23, 29-25, 25-13). The Bears hit .298 compared to SIU's .135.

"When you play a tough team like Missouri State everyone has to be meshing," said senior middle blocker Chandra Roberson. "We only had a couple of people who were really playing well and it's tough to beat a team like that when that is the case.

That first game was competitive, with the Salukis hitting .212 to the Bears .260. In the second set, Missouri State hit .425 and SIU hit .143. In the first set, SIU hit 0 percent.

The Salukis committed nine service errors in the match, and in the final game they had as many errors as — as they did kills.

In the first set, we set, ran great offense," Winkler said. "But our inconsistent passing led to problems in the final two sets of the night.

On Saturday, SIU fell to Wichita State in straight sets (25-20, 25-20, 25-16). It was the first time this season SIU had lost back-to-back matches. It also marked its second straight three-game defeat.

Wichita State (14-6, 3-2 MVC) out-hit SIU .755 to .119. Junior outside hitter Jennifer Berwanger picked up four kills in the loss and senior middle blocker Marina Medcalf hit .333.

The trend from the night before continued into SXU's 10 service errors.

SIU hit 0 percent in the third game for the second time on the weekend.

Despite the loss, Roberson said the team played better against Wichita State than it did against Missouri State.

"Even though we lost, we went out there and played with a lot of intensity," Roberson said. "We played with a hot team, and we were right there with them on most sets. If we play like we did against Wichita State against most other teams, we will win.

SIU will host Drake (13-7, 3-4) and Creighton (6-11, 3-4) Friday and Saturday at Davies Gym. SIU's Friday opponent, Drake, has already surpassed its win total from 2008.

"We're really excited about next weekend," said junior right side Alicia Johnson. "We came back and played a lot better on Saturday. We are going to carry that momentum over into next weekend and play extra well. We're happy to play at home again."

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"Some of my better Cup experiences — we won, and that's the name of the game, whether we go 0-5 or 5-0. "Wood was our man, we won, that's the No. 1 thing. We came here to win as a team, and we did it," Wood and Strieker became the first partners in the Presidents Cup to win all four of their matches, with Strieker making all the puts and Wood providing the defining moment Saturday evening with a 25-foot birdie and a 3-iron off the pin on the 18th that turned a certain loss into an inspiring victory in foursomes.

U.S. Captain Fred Cougle was the first to greet Woods with a hug. When Cougle was appointed captain, he called it "the best thing I've ever been asked for a big favor. Make the team so Cougles wouldn't have to waste a captain's pick on the world's No. 3 player.

What he didn't tell Woods were the expectations Cougles had for him at Harding Park.

"I need him — this is going to sound stupid — to go 5-0," Cougles said. It was the first time Woods and Yang have played together since the South Korean became the first player to rally in the final round at a major to beat Woods. This wasn't quite the same.

"He got me there, and I figured I could get him there," Woods said. "It certainly was not exactly the same atmosphere, but then it was still an important point."
Salukis rally past Redbirds

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SIU and Illinois State traded touchdowns and field goals Saturday, but the Salukis rallied late to change the momentum of the game.

Cornerback Korey Lindsey beat Illinois State wide receiver Eyad Salem on a pass that could have given the Redbirds a 29-26 lead early in the fourth quarter. The interception led the No. 6 Salukis (4-3, 3-0 MVFC) to a 43-23 victory Saturday at McAndrew Stadium.

I just kind of glanced over and had seen that the quarterback put a lot of air under it, so I just tried to go over and make a play," Lindsey said. "We were needing a stop for the defense. Illinois State had the momentum at the time, so we were just trying to swing things back on our side.

Saline, the reigning conference offensive player of the week, seemed ready to give the Redbirds (2-4, 1-2 MVFC) their first lead of the game, but Redbird quarterback and Marion native Matt Brown's pass soared high, and Lindsey beat Saline's jump-off to get the ball. SIU's running back Deji Karim sealed the victory for the Salukis on the running down with a 21-yard touchdown run, adding to his already-historic game.

The redshirt senior finished the game with 273 rushing yards and three touchdowns. Karim broke the school's record for longest run from scrimmage for the second straight week with a 93-yard touchdown run in the first quarter, breaking his 92-yard run last week against Western Illinois.

Karim's 273 yards also placed him third all-time for rushing yards in a game — 46 yards behind Andre Hererra's record of 319 yards against Northern Illinois in 1976. "I say this every week, but it's those guys on the line that have been key to my success this season," Karim said. "I can't forget my fullback either. They open up the holes for me to run through."

Despite Karim's big game, the Redbirds stayed within striking distance for the first three quarters. But the momentum changed after the Lindsey interception, as SIU outscored Illinois State 17-0 after the pick to clinch its eighth-straight Homecoming victory.

"For a while there, we were just trading field goals, and we just knew what we had to do," Dieker said. "We knew that, overall, we were a better team and that we could definitely pound the ball at these guys. Deji did a great job running the ball, and when they loaded a lot of guys into the box to stop the run, we opened up with the passing."

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**Football**

**Defense spoils Brown's homecoming**

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In just his second career start, Illinois State quarterback Matt Brown completed 28 of 44 passes for 321 yards and two touchdowns in his own homecoming.

But it was the Marion native's two interceptions and fumble in the fourth quarter that helped SIU win its Homecoming game 43-23.

Brown was looking to approach the contest as if it was just another conference game.

"I knew it was like a homecoming, basically, for me," Brown said. "I tried not to think too much into that. I just tried to play as hard as I could and battle."

SIU held a slim 26-23 lead in the fourth quarter when Illinois State decided to try a little trickery.

The Redbirds went for a flea-flicker, and Brown saw a wide-open Eyad Salem down the center of the field. But Brown lost too much air under the ball, and SIU junior cornerback Korey Lindsey was able to pick off the pass.

Lindsey said he wasn't sure he was going to get to the ball until it was in his hands.

"I glanced over and out of the corner of my eye, I saw he had a step on our guy," Lindsey said. "I was just trying to make a play for the team."

Lindsey's interception, the 11th of his career, moved him into fifth place in SIU history.

Illinois State coach Brock Spack said the momentum turned after Lindsey's pick.

"It seemed that way on the sidelines," Spack said. "We kind of lost our stinger a little bit after the interception."

Brown was in a groove early in the contest. In the second quarter, he found freshman wide receiver Tytone Walker for an 81-yard touchdown pass, the longest of his career, to cut the SIU lead 16-10.

A series of penalties allowed Illinois State to begin another scoring drive late in the second quarter, culminating in a 14-yard touchdown pass from Brown to senior receiver Salem to make it 23-20 SIU lead at the half.

Salem was Brown's favorite target on the day, as he caught 14 passes for 114 yards and a touchdown.

Brown dove Illinois State down to the field to begin the third quarter, ending in a 33-yard field goal for senior kicker Ed Konch, but SIU scored 20 unanswered points to pick up the victory.

Trailing SIU 33-23, the Redbirds drove down to the Salukis' 15-yard line when linebacker Ryan Patton sacked Brown and forced a fumble that was recovered by defensive end Chance Corda.

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**Men's Swimming**

SIU dominates the Redhawks

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The Salukis swam to victory and dived team cruised past the University of Missouri (Columbia) Saturday as it won 10 out of 13 events.

The dual meet against the Red

Hawks at the Dr. Edward J. Shea Na
tatorium in Carbondale improved the Salukis' record to 2-0.

SIU swimming and diving head coach Rick Walker said he was im
pressed with the team's focus.

"When I came in here today dur

ing warm-ups, I knew we were going to swim our best," Walker said. "We were determined to get the job done."

The Salukis came out strong in the first five events, starting with the 400-yard medley relay. The Salukis had two teams in the event and took the two top places. Sophomore Matt Parsons finished first in the 1000-

yard freestyle with a time of 9 min

utes, 42.82 seconds, which was best in the land. "My event is usually one of the first, and I try to get the team off to a good start," Parsons said. "We've been

training harder than we ever have be

fore, and it shows — even when we're tired."

Sophomore swimmer César Pérez won the 200-yard individual medley and the 200-yard backstroke to add 18 points to the Salukis' lead. Pérez finished with a time of 1:55.24 in the event and swam a time of 1:53.57 in the 200-yard backstroke.

Junior Anthony Boucher also took first for SIU, winning the 50-

yard freestyle with a time of 22.01.

Sophomore Matt Knue took first place in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:43.80. He also placed first in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 4:44.07.

Senior Jameson Koper took first place in the 200-yard breaststroke with a time of 2:12.11. Steve Wood and team captain Chris Gaffney came close behind Koper, finishing in second and third with times of 2:12.26 and 2:13.44.

Gaffney said the Salukis did well, and he said was not surprised because they have trained hard.

"I really thought the team effort was excellent and the energy was there right from the get-go," Gaffney said. Assistant coach Scott Olson said the team wanted to do more than just win the meet.

"The one thing that impressed

me the most was the team was ready to step up on the blocks, and they were ready to go. Nobody was sluggish," Olson said. "I could tell they wanted to win the meet, but they wanted to also make good time."