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By Sigge K. Skidmore
Daily Egyptian Reporter

A recent budget proposal presented to the SIU Board of Trustees is causing concern between the University chancellor and president over whether it will cause an SIUC hiring freeze.

SIUC Chancellor John Guyon said in a letter that the University is not going to participate in the budget proposal. "I talked with the budget committee today (Monday)," Guyon said. "I will be talking with the deans tomorrow and contingency heads on Wednesday, and that topic (hiring freeze) will be under discussion."

Guyon said there are no hard figures to work with yet because the only budget proposal from SIU President Ted Sanders' budget committee has not been made. But he said the proposed budget may cause a hiring freeze because of strain it puts on the funding process of University programs. "The numbers come from a percentage of the base budget of the University, and we have not multiplied that out yet," Guyon said. But Sanders' 25% hiring freeze may be necessary because of a decline in SIUC enrollment - not because of his budget, Guyon said.

"Nothing in this set of guidelines calls for a hiring freeze," Sanders said. "But SIUC is facing an enrollment problem, and that will require some changes before the end of fiscal year 1996. Because of this decline, any number of options are possible, including a hiring freeze."

Sanders said he is not asking for a hiring freeze but cannot speak for other officials.

"Guyon may well recommend a hiring freeze, but that would be to meet the declining enrollment," Sanders said.

Part one of Sanders' proposal deals with setting aside a portion of the budget of increasing campus goals. Part two puts aside some of the budget to be used in some emergency cases during the middle of the school year. Part three deals with taking credit for SIUC students who come to SIUC from community college.

Edgar signs bill to save train routes
By Brian T. Sutton
Daily Egyptian Reporter

All aboard! Gov. Jim Edgar signed the special appropriations bill Sunday that provides $2.5 million to continue Amtrak service of four train routes, including the Chicago to Carbondale route, through June 30.

Edgar's plan calls for a 10-per cent fare increase and a loss of one daily round trip which would generate $800,000 for Amtrak. Communities that receive Amtrak service are required to maintain and operate the train stations along the route.

The bill calls for local communities to contribute a total of $400,000 for 1997. Carbondale's contribution is unknown at this time. Carbondale officials said they are concerned about the amount of the money they will have to spend on Amtrak.

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Officials: New classes will challenge students
By Donita Polly
DE Politics Editor

Summer may seem far away, but SIUC students taking general education courses in summer school this year are going to find themselves working harder to make the grade, SIUC officials say.

SIUC faculty and administrators have decided that the University's general education courses need to be revised because the classes are too easy and do not incorporate a wide enough range of cultural ideas.

Ann-Janine Morey, University Core Curriculum director and English professor, said she was getting the impression from students that the general education classes were too easy.

"We wanted to see harder courses, more writing and harder exams," said Morey. "Students should feel challenged. We could ask more of our students."

Albert Kent, Faculty Senate president, said the Core Curriculum changes are a result of three years' worth of discussions among the University's faculty. He said there are two main reasons the Faculty Senate decided to change the courses offered.

The first reason is to offer general education courses that would give every student at SIUC a stronger background on several academic topics, Kent said. He said the second reason is that there is a common perception among students that general education courses are not important and are "blow-off" courses.

"The Core Curriculum is asking for more rigor, more faculty involvement and more output by students," he said.

Another reason the University faculty decided to change the general education courses is because of the Illinois Board of Higher Education Articulation Initiative requiring universities to offer classes that deal more with human relations such as race, religion and gender.

Ann Ring, assistant director of Academic Affairs for the Illinois Board of Higher Education and chief of staff, liaison for the Articulation Initiative, said there has been an effort within the state for 25 years to change the courses offered by universities.

Ring said SIUC's new core curriculum is a direct result of efforts from Illinois faculty statewide and is co-sponsored by several college level representatives including the Board of Higher Education, the Illinois Community College Board and the Transfer Coordinator for Illinois.

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Sports

Local high school student puts SIUC basketball on the Internet.

Saluki men defeat Illinois State 74-71 Sunday night.

SIUC professor Barb Brown blasts GOP stand on motor-voter law.

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World
ISRAEL ISSUES BAN BANNING PALESTINIANS
JERUSALEM - Fearful that a terrorist attack inside Israel might spark another uprising in the Middle East, the Israeli government Monday urged the West Bank and Gaza Strip. The Israeli Army banned the 2 million Palestinian residents of the territories from visiting the Israeli-annexed city of Jerusalem on Tuesday to stay away from the town. The army also suspended joint security patrols with the Palestinians in Ramallah and the West Bank town of Kafrkila for an indefinite period.

JAPANESE TURN TRENDY TO RESERVE ASTROID IN 1999
- KYOTO, Japan - (For 40 years, the public has run by generations of the Nakamura family was a quiet neighborhood tab known as Tahi, a traditional name honoring the god of Shinbun. Today it is U-Turn! Outside its painted pastel pink and white walls there are futs and skylights, a Jacuzzi and a sauna, blow-dryers and even the Japanese novelty of a diaper-changing table. For Nakamura, 44, this is a dream of the 90's, the survival of the fittest. To survive dwindling use and rising costs, the remaining pubs and bars are turning to Japanese-American and Japanese-Canadian children. There are washers and dryers and massage chairs and catchy slogans, often in English, which is considered modern and hip.

Nation
NASA SPACECRAFT TO ORBIT ASTEROID IN 1999
- WASHINGTON - A new spacecraft entered the asteroid war Monday: the International Center for Tobacco-Free Kids. The group, created with startup funds of $30 million from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the American Cancer Society, also a member of the American Heart Association, the American Medical Association, and other organizations that have long fought the tobacco industry. It should be fully operational by late fall, when it plans to aim its sights on children from smoking. If that sounds familiar, it should, since it bears a striking resemblance to the traced goals of the Food and Drug Administration. The FDA is focusing on a massive regulatory effort aimed at limiting youth access to tobacco products. FDA Commissioner David A. Kessler has called smoking "a pediatric disease" and last year issued proposed regulations that would eliminate cigarette vending machines, restrict print advertising and clamp down on retail sales to children.

- from Daily Egyptian wire services

Corrections/Clarifications
The Feb. 6 Perspectives column should have read "In short the states would receive block grants to solve their welfare problems." The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

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Editorial

Third time should be a charm for SIUC debit card

GOOD THINGS COME TO THOSE WHO WAIT. Provided this saying is true, students awaiting the debit card system on campus are in for something really good, unless outside interests once again stop the card from becoming a reality. It will be up to the University to ensure that this system does not fall by the side and the students are not left wanting once again.

Admittedly, the debit card system has not suffered the long negotiation and three student referendums that were the fate of the credit card system, but it is a shame that the debit card, with the support of the students, the Undergraduate Student Government, the University administration and local business should sit so long without being implemented. This drag on the system is solely because of the parties that are in favor of the debit card, and those that have to be on the verge of acceptance and then was dashed because of interests outside the University. We can only hope that the third time is a charm for the debit card system.

The University will begin accepting bids for the system in March and begin evaluating those proposals. Larry Juhl, vice chancellor of Student Affairs said that with quick response, it is possible for a program to be implemented by the fall 1996.

THE UNIVERSITY ENVISIONS A SYSTEM THAT allows the integration of the student identification and debit card into one card, allowing students to charge items on and off campus.

It is this last point — the ability to use the card off-campus — that has doomed the system in the past.

In June 1991, President John Guyon decided not to implement the system, saying it would take for improved technology to create a campus and city-wide system.

Two weeks before Guyon’s decision not to implement the debit card system, in September 1991, the University Relations director, Mike Tyson, announced that the system would encourage students to purchase more on campus and the city did not receive the fate of sitting in committees and task forces. It needs the technology to create a campus and city-wide system.

The chamber wanted the school to wait for new technology and was concerned with the potential loss of city sales-tax revenue. The chamber also argued that the card would encourage students to purchase more on campus and the city did not receive sales tax from those items.

The second coming of the debit card system, in September 1994, found the system already in opposition with student participation when it was discontinued.

The University cited opposition from local banks as the reason for its cancellation.

Jack Dyer, executive director of University Relations said, “The banks were opposed to the card because it took business directly away from them. That isn’t the University’s place to take business away due to the fact it receives tax dollars from the community.”

And with two failed attempts, the debit card system steps up to the plate once more. It is a system that does work and was given the blessing of USG in April 1995.

We hope there are no more curve balls headed for this system. It is a program that helps students and should not suffer from the fate of sitting in committees and task forces. It needs to be implemented now.

— Quotable Quotes —

“This isn’t only an opportunity to bring the prairie back to the Prairie State. I equate this with the importance of creating a great area like Yellowstone National Park.”

— John Turner, president of Conservation Fund, a Washington-based lobbying group, talking about the decision to turn the Jolieh Arsenal into a national all-fagr prairie.

Letters to the Editors

Lee: Law school hiring flawed

Because I served as Professor Dunham’s advisor in his grievance against the dean of the law school, I read with special interest Professor Kincaid’s view (Letter to the Editor, Feb. 5) of the outcome of that case. Professor Dunham’s grievance charged the validity of the law school’s hiring procedures. The challenge proceeded along several fundamental fronts.

The panel of outside experts appointed by the school from the community. It was the responsibility of the JRB panel to evaluate the evidence supporting Professor Dunham’s grievance. The panel found that "no one from the (hiring committee) could provide satisfactory explanations" for the committee’s failure to interview Asian and Native American candidates whose credentials were superior to those of the candidates interviewed. Because of this lack of explanation, the JRB panel took the position that the hiring committee should interview one of these superior minority candidates before filling the slot for which the vacancy was qualified.

The panel also recommended reforms of the hiring procedure. On one vote, the panel recommended the hiring committee interview one of these minority candidates before filling the slot for which the vacancy was qualified. The panel then recommended the hiring committee interview one of these minority candidates before filling the slot for which the vacancy was qualified.

Contrary to the impression of Professor Kincaid’s letter, Professor Dunham had not submitted a request to persuade the force (or hiring committee) to embrace the panel’s recommendation. As chair of the task force, Professor Kincaid should have done that. To this day, the law school hiring committee has failed to comply with this and a number of other recommendations made by the JRB panel.

Mark R. Lee
St. Louis School of Law, professor

RSOs must plan for funding

Attention Registered Student Organizations. Time for annual funding through Undergraduate Student Government is quickly approaching.

The funds that are available come from the Student Activity Fee which is collected every semester. It is to the benefit of all RSO’s to apply for money to help with your programming needs.

The purpose of these funds is to further educational opportunities through funding academic, cultural appreciation, recreation/social events, membership drives and alumni services for which no other source of funding is available.

RSO’s are strongly encouraged to cosponsor programs with other student groups, academic departments, and administrative units. Organizations must realize that funds available are limited, and USG cannot act as the sole source of funding for activities/programs.

The funding forms will be available in the USG office on the 3rd floor of the student center beginning Feb. 26, 1996. They must be returned to the USG office no later than May 31, 1996. This will give all organizations two weeks to complete the forms.

All organizations can help themselves by planning now for next year and identify sources of income. Gather printed documentation for any conference, seminars, workshops, competition or support travel requests. Planning ahead will increase the quality of RSO’s fee application and possibly increase total funds received.

All organizations should participate. USG passed a resolution limiting funding for RSO’s that do not submit an annual fee request. It will be limited in general funding next year to $300 per semester. To make allocations equitably USG needs to know all programs that RSO’s would like to implement.

Unexpected/unforeseen events which arise next year may be the deciding factor in your funding. Start planning now. Pick up your forms after Feb. 23, turn them in on time, attend your review hearing when scheduled and then put your student fees to a valuable use next year.

— Eric T. Bottom

USG Finance Committee chairman. College of Business and Administration senator.
Excuses can make life easy.

Erik Bush

Perspectives

behind the tube because the damn network decided to schedule a "Saved by the Bell!" marathon. Do you want to wrack our brains trying to figure out what in the hell to tell the instructor. Then it hits you. Since both the network and the instructor decided to schedule two conflicting events in the same time period, you are justified in thinking the instructor did not notice anything about this event. Your boyfriend/girlfriend leaves you, and you really start to feel sorry for yourself. But wait, do you need to feel bad? NO! It is not your fault. If your friend never called and bailed you out, you would not have gotten drunk, met the disease carrier and never felt your fault. It is your responsibility to try to feel better about yourself. Is anyone getting the clue here?

Some say that it is no longer cool to rationalize the disease carrier and never feel my fault. For those who find merit in this, the better off they are, since both the network and the instructor decided to schedule two conflicting events in the same time period. But wait, do you need to feel bad? NO! It is not your fault. It is not your fault. Your friend never called and bailed you out, you would not have gotten drunk, met the disease carrier and never felt your fault. It is your responsibility to try to feel better about yourself. Is anyone getting the clue here?

Erik Bush is an underdressed senior at SIUC.

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some of the budget for replacing and improving campus space, and for book value of the equipment.
Alumnus and benefactor John Guyon III would allocate additional money to professional and curriculum development each year.
William Karrow, Graduate and Professional Student Council presi­dent, met with Guyon Monday to say those changes in the building process could cause problems for students attending the University. "It's a slippery slope, and no one seems to have noticed," Karrow said. "At a meeting with Chancellor John Guyon, he [Guyon] said that to cover past one or two years on the proposal, the University will have to come up with between $50 million and $40 million to counter the budget cuts." Guyon added saying that the proposed budget would cost the University an additional $50 to $40 million for one year.
"We talked about the budget and that," Guyon said. "He thinks there is no reason to do it in a one-year period, but a five- to six­year period is what we're looking at with these funds." Karrow said those changes in University structure will cause dra­matic changes in the University's make-up, including a possible hiring freeze on faculty. "If the budget process this proposal there will have to be a hiring freeze, and once that happens it will not be able to feed the money needed to implement these changes," Karrow said. Karrow, when asked with Guyon, then said a hiring freeze being worked on right now through the budget.
Karrow added the biggest problem with Sanders' proposal in the lack of information regarding changes to the University officials.
"Currently, the University is try­ing to increase enrollment when they are trying to decrease everything else. "All those that have to change have to be, the budget has to be cut and no one knows where this money is going to come from."
Karrow said this proposal puts a hiring freeze on students, undergraduates will find it harder to graduate, "He said because there will not be as many teachers after a hiring freeze, the semester schedules will have to change to meet the smaller faculty members, and stud­ents will find fewer courses being offered.
Scott Pfeiffer, Undergraduate Student Government chief of staff, said, "He was at the meeting on Thursday with Guyon, but in his opinion every­thing was done correctly."
"We (student government) don't have a huge amount of time to work on this," Pfeiffer said. "We were told that within the next two to three weeks we should go to our constituents with this proposal and these changes and get reactions."
Karrow said he will continue to try to get answers to his questions regarding the budget.
"They don't know where the answers are," Karrow said. "I will continue to bring this issue up to people."
The SIU Board of Trustees is scheduled to vote on the proposal Monday night at the Carbonale cam­pus.
Core
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for Illinois Colleges and Universities. Money said SIU Faculty Sen­ats and boards looked over the general education courses to determine if the University would have to make changes to its cur­riculum.
Money said the courses offered at SIUC had been reviewed by the University in 10 years, and the Faculty Senate decided to look at the courses.
Money said the committee did its best to retain quality courses from the former core, but that some changes needed to be made.
"It wasn't always needed," Money said, "but it was needed."
By the time we got into it, an overdraft was needed," Money said. "It was a very long time revising and to encourage departments to update their courses."
Part of that overall means bringing more out-of-state viewpoints into classes and material to the curriculum.
She said the new courses will give students a chance to talk about their culture and the things they have in common. She said the courses are "shorter and more concise but are about offering new perspectives and learning tolerance of other people."
The new core courses will give students additional knowledge so you don't get otherwise," she said. "We're not dumming down education when we require faculty to have more reading and writing in their courses."
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Director: Core Curriculum prepares students for real world

By Melissa Jakubowski
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Surrounded by notes from her earth science class, Tiffany Ross sits alone at a table in the library and stares off blankly into space. She looks down at her notebook and mumbles: “I don’t see when I’m ever going to use this stuff again. I felt the same way about high school algebra. I am never going to use this again.”

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Ross, a sophomore in science, doesn’t transfer. “We need to make class more logical and interesting to students,” she said. “We want to include voices of groups that are sometimes overlooked by tradition to get a fresh view.”

Updating the University’s curriculum to incorporate more human issues, such as gender and race, will distinguish the classes from high school curriculum, Wendy Howard, a senior in advanced technical studies from Keilspur, said. “The classes will be more interesting when they are now,” she said. “In my experience, the current classes don’t teach anything different from high school classes. High school classes present facts and background.

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TAs may face language testing

By Dustin Coleman
DE Special Projects Editor

Every week at noon, Sergio Picozzi goes to the same room in Neckers Hall to teach Physics 203 to a class of more than 25 students. On this day, the native Italian teaching assistants, strolls back and forth from one end of a chalkboard to the other, explaining a long formula he had just written down.

“Am I losing you?” he asks the class. No one budge. No one raises a hand. Everyone keeps on looking attentively at him and the board. Then he proceeds. “I am writing everything in English as a second language. All the teaching assistants at SIUC who speak English as a second language.

Though Picozzi would not comment on the issue, speaking English as a second language may mean he and other international teaching assistants at SIUC may be subject to a more complex language test before they are allowed to teach, following a sweeping change in University Core Curriculum.

For many years, the argument over language examinations for international students wishing to gain teaching assistantships has taken two sides.

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SIUC grad assistants’ training standardized

By Dustin Coleman
DE Special Projects Editor

SIUC departments will now be required to ensure graduate teaching assistants go through a uniform training program in an effort to improve the quality of general education instruction, the director of Core Curriculum says.

Am Morey, SIUC Core Curriculum director, said as part of the new general education content program, the University is creating an across-the-board training program to ensure consistency among teaching assistants.

“We never had a policy that asked departments to do TA (teaching assistant) training,” he said. “Most departments were interested in improving on their own. This is an important step in improving the quality at this University.”

It is Illinois law that public schools and colleges train teaching assistants in the areas of sexual harassment, multi-cultural awareness, research integrity and information literacy.

Morey said some departments offer on-demand teaching assistant training. But she also noted the need for standard training at all.

As a part of the new Core Curriculum, the University Core Curriculum Executive Council and University Core Curriculum, recommended teaching assistants, whose departments do not

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"College courses should present world perspectives. They should teach you about the world around you," Howard said. Many students come from small rural towns and are not exposed to different lifestyles, Howard said. She said including diverse perspectives will help students understand and accept them.

"I came from an all-white, Christian area," she said. "I went into culture shock when I came to college. If they make classes that deal with all these different cultures, students will be more understanding and accepting." Taylor Nichols, an undecided freshman from Champaign, said he thinks the new curriculum will offer more to students in a shorter amount of time.

According to the old GE curriculum, five lab science credits were needed to fulfill the 46-hour requirement. The core curriculum program drops one lab science credit, resulting in a shorter 41-hour requirement.

"The change is a better idea," Nichols said. "I only have to take 41 hours compared to 46. But for less credit hours, there is a wider range of options than before." With an undecided major, Nichols said he welcomed the large selection of classes that will be offered by different colleges under the new system.

"The old class load wasn't very exciting," he said. "Only a couple of colleges offered classes. Now you can sample new classes from administration of justice to zoology." Although an updated curriculum was needed, Neil Camp, a freshman from Argenta, said he was worried about class structure changing. He said he thinks GE classes should remain simple because they really have no relevance to his major in the first place.

"I just fight my way through GE classes," he said. "No one really cares about GE classes because they have nothing to do with their major." Camp, a SIUC freshman, said he thought the new curriculum would offer more to students in a shorter amount of time.

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**Language**

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It is state law for all Illinois public schools and universities to give some kind of language proficiency examinations.

This law was part of Illinois Senate Bill 1516, which was mandated in 1992. But it is up to the individual schools to choose how to conduct the tests.

Some counseling assistants who speak English as a second language believe the test is unfair and has the ability to prevent them from gaining assistantships based on their language skills sometimes on discrimination. As recently as last July, the argument gained the attention of the public eye.

As part of the new Core Curriculum at a July 26 Graduate and Professional Student Council meeting, Ann Morrey, director of Core Curriculum, presented a resolution suggesting the University review the current procedures and policies regarding the language examination.

Morrey said she had received notice from the Faculty Senate that there are still many complaints from students who had trouble deciphering the test. She suggested a review of the test and policies.

She suggested the University language exam policies. "This is just part of an effort to make each student's academic experience better," she said. "This will benefit both undergraduate and graduate students."

In the July 26 meeting, GPSC backed the resolution. Mark Terry, GSU vice-president for academic affairs, said the council supported the resolution because it felt there should be a fair and objective test.

If there are still problems with the current exam after a review, revisions will be necessary, Terry said.

"There needs to be a mechanism to properly examine language proficiency or deficiency," he said. "We backed it because we wanted to see an increase in training so there would be an increase in quality. But we also wanted to make sure that there is no chance of discrimination. We believe that an evaluation of the test would allow both to happen."

M. Harry Daniels, associate dean of the Graduate School, said no formal procedure for reviewing or revising the exam has been finalized, but University officials will continue to develop a plan.

"After a review we will be able to determine who are changes are needed," he said. "If so, then changes will be made."

Paul LecBlanc, graduate council representative for GPSC, was involved in the creation of the Graduate Orientation Task Force. The group is currently working on a guide for graduate students which will inform them on the rules and policies of the language exam.

LeBlanc said this will give international students the opportunity to review their rights if they feel they have been treated unfairly. LeBlanc said the biggest problem with the exam is most people who are affected by it do not understand all the procedures.

"The problem is that many international students are not aware that they have rights even if they fail the oral examination," he said. "There is an appeal process, but if they are not aware of it, may not find out about it.

LeBlanc said students fail their department test, but pass the graduate school test, they have the right to appeal the department's decision.

According to officials at the University of Illinois Department of Curriculum and Instruction, international students of U of I applying for assistantships must go through an oral and written standardized test.

If they pass, they have to go through three days of orientation before they are integrated into domestic population training. Monts Perheba, a recent graduate assistant in sociology and former GPSC member, said though the current exam works in most cases, it still has the potential to be abused. Perheba said he fears that a review of the examination may lead to harder policies, which may lead to an abuse of the exam.

"In many cases, students can use the language barrier as a way to get rid of a teaching assistant who is from another country," he said.

"Discrimination can play a large factor in this situation."

Currently, all graduate students wishing to gain assistantships must take an oral test with the help of their department.

Daniels said he feels the test is a conversation that lets the department "get to know the person" and determine whether the student is capable of speaking English proficiently.

### Smell the coffee and wake up

The Washington Post

A study on biological clocks gives new meaning to the phrase, "Wake up and smell the coffee," although it suggests the correct order should be, "Smell the coffee and wake up."

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This year's team works every bit as hard as those previous teams, and I think people really need to watch and interact with the team day after day to fully understand what is going on.

Many fans are simply frustrated they can't brag about their team's dominance over the rest of the conference like in recent years, and are expressing their frustration through channels like at coach's ability to manage his team.

I said before this season began that our team wasn't going to rest on past conference, repeat as MVC Tournament Champions or make a fourth consecutive appearance to the NCAA Tournament, but this team will not be a loser.

And with the effort and determination I have seen from players like senior forward James Watts, senior guard Johnny Daddie and the rest of the team, there is not a person qualified to label this team as a loser.

True fans are loyal to their team, and don't question the play or coaching until there is a definable problem.

Considering that Herrin has guided his teams to the MVC Tournament every year possible, a rebuilding process does not warrant questioning on whether or not someone can coach.

Daddie, who is from Harare, Zimbabwe, and probably appreciates his chance to play at SIUC more than most, came off the bench in a 68-63 loss Feb. 11 against Creighton, and gave the Salukis a defensive effort former UCLA coach John Wooden would have been proud of.

Daddie's words after the Creighton game best summed up this year's Salukis.

"I know in the last 100 days that all we needed was a spark defensively, and things would have turned around. So I just waited for my chance and hung in there, and I got a chance today and did the best I could."

"Even through I'm an senior, and it's all over, I think it's important the fact that I'm here, because it is a privilege for me to be here, so I've got to give it my all- try in practice, and whatever until it is all over."

"It's not over 'til it's over, and I just kept my head in the game, and hoped that, maybe, I'd get another chance and play hard."

"We've just got to keep stepping it up defensively, I know things may look like they're out, but we've still got a chance to do something and upset some people."

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Sam Phillips, an SIUC alumnus living in Indiana, wrote to Erickson how glad he was to find his former college team on the Web.

"It is very difficult to find Saluki sports in the Indiana papers," his message said. "Your section is a wonderful reminder of a fabulous period of my life."

A message from Robert Reed, a 1995 graduate of SIUC, said the page was "awesome."

"Please keep it up for all of us alumni that still try to follow the team," he said. "I still recommend it to everyone."

Erickson said although getting information to keep his site updated is difficult, the creativity he is allowed as the sole maintainer makes it work.

"It's pretty nice to have your own page," he said. "If this were an official SIU page, I couldn't say the referees sucked."

Erickson said he has remained a Saluki fan despite moving with his mother all over Southern Illinois and Missouri during his childhood.

"My dad has always been here," he said. "Whenever I'd come to see him on the weekends we would go see Saluki basketball."

Erickson said the idea came to him in June, 1995, as he spent his vacation checking out other sports sites on the Web.

"When I saw that there were lots of other pages out there, I thought it would be cool to have a site for the Salukis," he said.

He said that when he began the page he did not know HTML, the computer language used on the Web, so he had to learn through tutorials he found on the Internet.

"The page started out with stats and I was a big fan of Harvey Hands," he said. "It was pretty bland before I got Dan Phillips of the Saluki Pep Band to put up music on the page."

Getting the updated, accurate information necessary to maintain an up-to-date site is the hardest part of his job, Erickson said.

"Nobody wants to cooperate," he said. "If I come to a coaching department, said they were starting their own Web site, but that was in July and all they had was a team roster and a picture of the athletic director."

New Erickson gets much of his information from other sites on the web, where scores and commentary are posted nearly as they happen, he said.

The Unofficial Saluki Basketball Homepage is known around the World Wide Web at http://www.midwest.net/scriven/edmain.html.
High school student shoots Saluki hoops to cyberspace fans

By Aaron Butler Daily Egyptian Reporter

In the third grade, Ethan Erickson was already a huge fan of Saluki basketball. At one sold-out game he and his father attended, Ethan climbed under the bleachers and collected 70 plastic cups with the SIU logo, dropped by fans, and took them home.

As a junior at Carbondale Community High School, Erickson maintains the "Unofficial Saluki Basketball Homepage," on the World Wide Web. Where SIUC fans visit their favorite team any time, Erickson said he doesn’t know how many people access page — a constant kept track of visitors at one time, but got rid of it.

"I already know how the whole page loaded, so I didn’t like it much," he said. "Before the season started, (when he has the counter) I was getting about 30 people a day, but it’s probably now.

By irregular E-mail response to Erickson’s page has been encouraging, and he saves some of the messages, he said.

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Stop kicking Herrin and Dawgs while they are down

With SIUC men’s basketball being arguably the biggest sport in the Southern Illinois area, it is only natural that a down season would bring an abundance of negative attention.

A recent letter to the editor published in the Feb. 8 DE caught my attention, and made me realize how many people have opinions on the preseason expectations were for this year's team.

Jonas Hartzler, a senior mathematics major and author of the letter, made valid points concerning the ineffectiveness of the SIUC offense, but his attacks of Rich Herrin's coaching ability lack substance.

Herrin realizes what his team lacks, and where his successes are. If he did not realize those things, he would have no business coaching on the college level, and would not be in the position he is in.

As Hartzler said, "After attending a few of the Saluki men's basketball games, I would like to express my dissatisfaction in the coach's ability to lead this team. I feel that Herrin is a lackluster offender with very poor rebounding skills. I blame this on the coaching and not the talent."

Watching a few games from the stands does not qualify as an understanding of Saluki basketball.

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