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Homeward bound
What's the best way to get home?

NICK JOHNSON
Daily Egyptian

Whether they're homesick, want to visit a significant other, need to beg their parents for money, or feel a personal touch will do them good, students who call the Chicago and St. Louis metro areas home have plenty of ways to get there.

Options exist besides driving, according to David Conrey, president of Galesville travel agency B and A Travel.

Chicago
Amtrak is the most affordable and convenient way for students to travel to the Chicagoland area, Conrey said. By AAA spokesman David Wright's estimated rate of 16 cents per mile, a drive to Chicago with a vehicle averaging 20 miles per gallon would cost $104. By contrast, round trip Amtrak tickets to Chicago's Union Station and back depend on departure time and how far in advance the tickets are bought, according to the company's site.

For example, if purchased the week of travel, a round-trip can cost as low as $44 by departing from Carbondale at 8:15 a.m. Friday and leaving Chicago at 3:16 a.m. Sunday, according to the rail company's site. Options for other departure times the week of travel can cost up to $166 round trip, according to the site.

If bought one month in advance, round trip Amtrak tickets cost between $64 and $74, depending on the departure date. Justin Cole, a senior university student major from Freeport, said he prefers to drive home, but other options such as Amtrak are good for students without vehicles.

"I'd rather drive because I'm in control," he said. "I know how long it's going to take me.""Major Joyce, a sophomore from Carbondale studying music business, said he usually drives home but has taken Amtrak four or five times.

Please see TRAVEL 2
Greyhound buses run to Chicago. They have the option of flying directly from the Williamson County Regional Airport in Marion for about $100 round-trip. Corcy said.

A drive of 230 miles from St. Louis using AAA estimations costs S34.24. A weekend ride to St. Louis on a Greyhound bus runs between S57 and $63 (non-refundable) round-trip the week of travel, and riders can save up to 50 percent if booked within 30 days of the trip, according to the site.

Transportation, a smart service that runs throughout southern Illinois also runs to the St. Louis area for about $130 to $140 round-trip, Corcy said.

"They pick you up at your door and drop you off at the door you're going to," Corcy said. "They're pretty convenient, but I won't say they're inexpensive." Students can also purchase third-party company Student Advantage's discount card, which knocks 15 percent off Greyhound fares and 20 percent off Greyhound fares purchased via walk-up or online. With regard to safety, Corcy said that air and train travel is equally safe.

"When you start looking at number of deaths from each different source, air is the most dangerous way to travel anywhere," he said.

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Pulitzer group reports dangers of climate change

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Daily Egyptian

Three journalists from the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting shared their experiences with climate control and the efforts humans have on Thursday at the Student Center.

Around 50 people showed up to the Ballroom A as journalists William Wheeler, Anna-Katrina Greguard and Jennifer Redfearn presented their contributions to "Heat of the Moments: Report from the Frontline of Climate Change," a production put together by the Pulitzer Center to show the harmful impact climate change is having around the world.

John Sawyer, director of the Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting, said the presentation comes at an especially interesting time, as the United Nations Climate Change Conference wrapped up last month in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Wheeler and Greguard discussed their work in southern Asia, which reported on the lack of drinking water in the region. Wheeler said focusing on the region, specifically Bangladesh, did not take too much thought.

"It was looking for a water story, and south Asia is one of the most susceptible regions in the world to the effects of climate change, due to the high population and the unique high hydroscape of the area," Wheeler said.

"South Asia has 35 percent of the world's population — and only 5 percent of its fresh water resources," he said.

Redfearn's research took her to the Carteret Islands, north of Papua New Guinea, which she said would be completely under water within the next 30 years. She said the population there is looking to relocate to the Bungaree Island, part of Papua New Guinea.

Greguard said the reason for reporting across the world is to shed light on the immediacy of the situation.

"We're trying to show some stories to show how climate change is affecting people now," she said. "Giving an idea of what is happening and what could happen in the future." Wheeler said it is important for journalists to focus on the climate problems around the world, but he said it was a difficult story to tell.

"So a unique story to tell as a journalist, our job is to ask the right questions, and in some cases you have to go there and do it yourself," he said.

William Petyow, director of the SUC School of Journalism — which helped sponsor the event alongside the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute and the university's Global Media Research Center — said climate change "is still very newsworthy, especially after the interest shown by major news networks during the climate conference in Copenhagen.

Wheeler said the timing of the project could not have been at a better time.

"When we started this, we knew there would be some interest because of Copenhagen," Wheeler said. "I was pleasantly surprised, just how much interest there was in the American market. We struck at the right time, and in journalism — timing is everything."

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Can I put you on hold?

On-hold telephone message gets a makeover

TRAVIS BEAN

"Hey, I'm Rachel and I'm a senior at Hinsdale Central High School. But this fall I'm going from a Red Devil to a Saluki, so let me tell you some of the things that made me choose SIU." This is the message people will hear if they call SIU's Financial Aid Office and are put on hold. But who is Rachel? She's a real person or a fictional character with a fake story?

"You know, I've always wondered who she is," Sarah Allison said.

Allison, a freshman from Carbondale studying health care management, works for the burrunt office and said she heard the message several times. In fact, nobody in the burrunt office was sure of the mysterious woman.

The woman is real and her name is Rachel Bucher, a freshman from Clarenceville studying interior design.

"It's funny because my roommate said, 'There's this girl named Rachel and she said she was from Hinsdale Central and I thought it was you,'" Bucher said. "That was me."

Chancellor Sam Goldberg said he came up with the idea of changing the on-hold telephone message from the Saluki Fight Song to a message about the university.

"I thought hearing it was as important as the message," Goldberg said. "As a matter of fact, I'm kind of happy when I'm put on hold because I can listen to the message and I think it's just great." Goldberg contacted Michael Ruiz, director of University Communications, about changing the message.

"They wanted something new so they came to us with something to change it," Ruiz said.

The new message, such as Commercial on Hold, that spectacles in creating customized on-hold telephone messages with hired professionals, but Ruiz said they decided to find an incoming freshman to record.

The SIU system has hundreds of phones with on-hold messages.

"For the last several years, we have been using the same message," said Jennifer Schuster, director of Public Information. "We decided that it needed to be updated."

Bucher said Parking Dock Productions, an advertising company that used to promote SIU to the public, approached her in late 2009 and asked if she would record the message.

She said the former on-hold message was an e-mail with a very monotone voice, so she decided to spool it out by adding personal information.

"It made it more personal, so the people who are calling aren't like, 'Oh, it's just this guy who doesn't know anything,'" Bucher said. "No, this is a real student."

Bucher said she received a script, and it only took one take. She said she learned a lot about SIU, such as students who were on the become scientists or how coal research is important to the university.

Although many people hear the message every day, Bucher said nobody, outside of her friends, has ever recognized her voice. She has heard the message several times, but she said it took some getting used to when first hearing her voice.

"It's weird, I called financial aid and they put me on hold. So I put it on speakerphone and left it on the table," she said. "My dad gets really excited when he hears it and said, 'Oh, it's you.'"

Bucher said, "Dad, I've heard it a million times."

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Between the outrageous cost at bookstores and the constant upgrades to newer editions that make selling back a book futile, the price of textbooks is out of control.

Textbooks have become the hidden cost of higher education, leaving SIUC students to wonder how they are going to pay the tab.

At 710 Bookstore or University Bookstore, a student can be expected to pay $100 for one textbook without breaking a sweat. And although there are students that like to keep their books for future use, most students resell their books, getting a fraction back of what they paid for them.

The DAILY EYPTIAN supports Sahlki Bookstore's attempt to consider what students need. Starting this semester, Sahlki Bookstore is offering more than 500 titles for rent. But Sahlki Bookstore is only one, and even it limits the titles that are rentable:

At the end and beginning of every semester, Facebook and Twitter operate like a black market — students selling old textbooks for more than what they could get back from the bookstore to students who will be taking that particular course.

Up the road, however, students at SIU-Edwardsville are able to rent their textbooks for the low fee of $11.10 per credit hour. This cost is also included in their student fees, relieving the burden of paying out of pocket.

SIUE is also seeing record-breaking numbers in enrollment, SIU has not been so fortunate. From fall 2008 to fall 2009, SIU's enrollment increased by 2.5 percent, while SIUC's enrollment dropped by 1.6 percent.

The DAILY EYPTIAN asks how SIUE, a school that is in a part of our family, can support an economical alternative to buying books for their students and SIUC cannot?

How about giving students a list of their required books when they register for classes? Andrew Miller pointed out in a letter to the editor Monday that bookstores are notified weeks in advance what books students need and what publishers charge.

The DAILY EYPTIAN asks how SIUE and book vendors to give students the opportunity to save some cash. Students are cut the money when they can't sell it back because it is no longer used.

These days it seems as if professors are scratching the backs of publishers such as McGraw-Hill by "upgrading" every year — nothing that revolutionary can be changing in the world of English grammar or basic algebra, right?

Textbooks should only be upgraded to the newest edition when new information is pertinent to a student's education.

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Saving money on textbooks might not attract new students to the university, but it does give enrolled students one more reason to stay.

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Voters say Obama’s speech a call to lawmakers

OSKAR GARCIA
The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — President Barack Obama’s intense focus on jobs in his first State of the Union speech hit close to home for the millions of Americans who are in a bad mood over their financial distress 4 years into his term.

But it was another line in Obama’s speech that highlighted their deep skepticism that the programs the president discussed will ever lead to any real change. Obama called it a “deficit of trust — deep and corrosive doubts about how Washington works that have been growing for years.”

Many Americans wonder whether lawmakers from both parties would be politically inclined to get jobs and economic plans moving, and whether the nation would be in the exact spot a year from now.

“I just hope he gets cooperation with it, because you know that if he doesn’t and this center grind and nothing gets done, next year we’re going to be in the same place that we are right now,” said Mary Bartels, a 47-year-old registered nurse who voted for John McCain in 2008 but has since warmed to Obama.

“That’s a very scary thought.”

Obama acknowledged in his speech that the change he wanted everyone to believe in “has not come fast enough,” that the economic devastation remains — in joblessness, shuttered businesses and declining home values.

Many constituents who tuned into the president’s speech ached for solutions but were wary of his words — aware in many places voters are no better off than they were.

Obama plan to create jobs was closely watched in states like Nevada and Michigan. Nevada posted the highest foreclosure rate in the nation last year, with more than 10 percent of housing units hit with at least one foreclosure filing. December unemployment was 13 percent in this state, where rapid tourism growth has collapsed in a spectacular two-year meltdown of job losses, foreclosures and bankruptcies.

Bartels has endured many levels of uncertainty. While she hoped for John McCain in 2008, she is now warming up to Obama.

“The change he’s brought has helped many people,” she said. “Even though there are still challenges, there’s a realization that things are starting to improve.”

In Washington, D.C.

Barack Obama greets members of Congress Wednesday after giving the State of the Union address to Congress on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

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Salukis tested before conference

Ryan Simonin Daily Egyptian

The SIU women's swim team hopes to end the regular season on a high note while the men's season floats on with one more meet.

The Salukis face off against Western Kentucky at 1 p.m. Saturday in Bowling Green, Ky. 

SIU assistant swimming coach Scott Olson said Western Kentucky is a good team and the meet will be a great test for SIU.

"Western Kentucky is at the same level of competition as our conference and we want to win, but at the same time we are looking at the bigger picture of what we need to do to get ready for the big dance," Olson said.

Freshman Kirsten Groome said the team has to stay focused and treat this meet like any other dual meet.

"This meet is going to be a good judge of where we are coming up on conference," Groome said. "We have been training hard but we can't go into the meet thinking we are going to win it so we just need to stay on our toes."

Groome said the meet would be a good measuring stick to show where the team is moving at this heads toward the conference meet. 

"Senior Eli Kramer said SIU meet is not only a test for the team but it is also a way to prepare for conference. SIU will host the Inmount Valley Conference women's championship Feb. 15 at the Recreation Center in Carbondale."

"We need to focus on our races and make sure we are swimming correctly and really fine tune our races for conference," Kramer said.

SIU head swimming and diving coach Rick Walker said the team's focus is really on what they can take away from this meet to be more prepared for conference.

"We can win a meet, but if we don't work on the things that we have to in order to be prepared for the conference meet, then what does that win do for us?" Walker said.

Walker said the team, win or lose, has to work on its preparation for conference.

Walker said Western Kentucky is a tough team and that is why his team competes against them at the end of the season.

"We have to look at the bigger picture because if we don't them, we aren't moving forward," Walker said.

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Many in St. Louis believe a couple of things about the city's Father Joe's Boys Club. One of them is that it is a place where young men can find a sense of belonging and support. Another is that it is a place where they can learn valuable life skills.

The program is run by Father Joe's, a local non-profit organization that helps young men from disadvantaged backgrounds.

However, Father Joe's has been under scrutiny lately for its treatment of children. A report by the St. Louis Post-Dispatch claims that the school has a history of sexual abuse.

The school has denied the allegations, saying that it takes all allegations seriously and investigates them thoroughly.

He should be suspended for the season. Conduct like this is not acceptable and should be handled appropriately. If these allegations prove to be true, he should not be allowed to play football next season, and he needs to do some thinking about the decisions he makes as well.

The team is in the middle of a tough stretch of games, and it will be interesting to see how they respond to this news.

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The SIU softball team is beginning the 2010 season in the same place they finished the 2009 season: 2nd place.

The Salukis were picked to finish second in the preseason Missouri Valley Conference rankings behind defending champion Creighton.

Head coach Kerri Blaylock said Creighton deserves the No. 1 ranking, as it returns three-time MVC Pitcher of the Year senior Tara Olmian.

"Sometimes we prefer to be the hunter instead of the hunted," Blaylock said. "Traditionally in the past we have done well when we have a chip on our shoulder, and I think that's kind of how we feel right now."

Blaylock said the team never puts a lot of stock in the preseason rankings.

Junior pitcher Dendale Glosson, the team's only returning pitcher, said she felt the same way as Blaylock.

"I like being the underdog and coming in and surprising people," Glosson said. "No. 2 perfectly fine with me."

Glosson led the team with 117 strikeouts last season, recorded a 9-7 record and gave three outs against Sonoma State College in 11th place on the Missouri State five collegiate no-hitter April 11 against Missouri State.

Senior second baseman Alicia Garza (11-2), who was named to every game this season and not look forward.

"Last year we lost a few games that really could have put us farther up the line in the rankings," Garza said. "We just want to play our game every game and not play down to the competition."

Garza was named second team all-MVC last season after leading the team with a .375 average, .452 on-base percentage and 55 RBIs.

Glosson, Garza and junior outfielder Chelsea Held were all named to the MVC preseason all-conference team. Held was second on the team last season with a .365 batting average, hit a team-high 11 doubles and tied for the team lead with five home runs.

Blaylock said she was happy with the three who were named to the preseason team, but felt there should have been more.

"It's a preseason deal and I talked to them about how I wanted to see their name in the paper in May," Blaylock said. "I also always feel like we've got a couple more who should have made it."

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Second half surge falls short

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The Saluki women's basketball team was able to overcome a 12-point deficit in the second half, but couldn't hold off the Lady Bears in the final seconds.

SIU led by one point as the game clock entered its final minute, but a missed shot by senior guard Christine Presswood gave Missouri State the ball with twenty seconds left.

Missouri State (13-4, 5-Missouri Valley Conference) scored on a second chance lay-up with three seconds left to beat the Salukis (3-15, 2-MVC) 69-68 at the SIU Arena.

Head coach Missy Tiber said the team came into the game with the level of effort needed to win, but the lack of discipline is what made this game such a heartbreaker.

"We had 23 turnovers, we gave up 18 offensive rebounds and we sent them to the free throw line 29 times," Tiber said. "In the last three minutes down the stretch we did not get a defensive rebound, and that alone probably cost us the game."

Of the team's 23 turnovers, 14 came in the first half along with early turnovers by Missouri State kept the score close throughout the first half.

SIU trailed by eight in the first half before they went on a 7-2 run in the final minute to send the teams into the locker room with a score of 24-23.

The Salukis hold the conference's top scoring defense to 22-58 shooting, but yet again, lost the battle between the blocks, getting out-rebounded 45-38 and surrendering 28 points in the paint.

The Lady Bears opened up their lead in the second half to as much as 13 points at the 15 minute mark.

However, the Salukis battled back and lead by as many as four with six minutes remaining.

Missouri State was led by the league's top scorer, sophomore guard Casey Garrison, and freshman forward Christiansen, who scored 22 and 21 points, respectively.

Senior guard April 11 against Missouri State added a game-high 11 boards.

Offensively, freshman guard Teri Oliver led the game with 24 points, while senior guard Christine Presswood added 20 points of her own.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis suffer setback to Sycamores

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Free throws turned out to be the difference for the SIU men's basketball team, as it dropped a 66-65 decision to Indiana State Thursday.

The Salukis (12-6, 4-Missouri Valley Conference) went just 13-28 from the line in the contest.

Head coach Chris Lowery said in the postgame show with Mike Reis that the team's free throw shooting was what caused it to lose.

"Going 8-17 in the second half, really that's the game right there," Lowery said.

The Salukis were able to make it a one-point game with about eight minutes left when sophomore guard Kevin Dillard made a 3-pointer to make it 45-44.

But the Sycamores (12-5, 6-MVC) responded with a 15-6 run to take a 10-point, 65-55 lead with 5:39 remaining in the game.

"We had to get down and get rebounds and make baskets, and we just panicked," Lowery said.

Dillard and senior guard Tony Freeman combined to go 8-for-9 from the free throw line in the second half.

"That's where I'm upset," Lowery said. "When you go out deciding the game, that's what you want."

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