Student dies in microwave electrocution

Danny Wenger

An SIUC student died Thursday morning after a microwave he was working on electrocuted him.

Ryan Harris, a 30-year-old business student from Bollingbrook, was electrocuted at about 3 a.m. in his trailer. Carbondale Police Sgt. Don Priddy said the death was accidental.

"His roommate said he'd worked on the microwave off and on over the years," Priddy said. "He just took the cover off and work on it."

Harris held a degree in electronic systems technology from the College of Applied Science and Arts. Linda Seibert, chief academic officer at the College of Business and Administration, said Harris was a student in accounting working towards either a second degree or entering the MBA program.

He was also an employee of the SIUC Physical Plant and the Nights Over Egypt restaurant.

Priddy said Harris was discovered lying on the kitchen floor — the microwave next to him — by his roommate.

"The cover was off the microwave and it was plugged in," he said. Police performed CPR and Harris was taken by ambulance to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, where he was pronounced dead.

Seibert said the business school is waiting for the Transitional Services department to inform them of the proper response for the family.

She said the university’s response to student deaths depends on the situation. Sometimes faculty members are advised to make no attempt to contact the family.

"Typically, we send at least a card," Seibert said.

Harris’ friends have created a group on Facebook in remembrance of him. The group plans to hold a candlelight memorial between 9 and 10 tonight at Nights Over Egypt, located at 218 N. Illinois Ave.

Dave Jacobs, an employee of Mid-America Service in Carbondale, said a microwave could shock a person with as much as 4,000 volts and 12 amperes. Mid-America Service is a company that works with appliance repair.

The amount of current in a microwave is more than enough to kill a person, Jacobs said. Even when unplugged, there are parts in the microwave that can hold up to 2,000 volts.

"Most microwaves have a warning label that says high voltage," he said.

When working on appliances, Jacobs said people often grab parts that shock them. The electric shock causes their muscles to contract and they can’t let go.

"Muscles are controlled with electric impulses," Jacobs said. "The electricity from whatever they're holding is stronger, so they have no control to let go."

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University assembling enrollment committee

Sean McGahan

When SIU President Glenn Poshard said enrollment was probably the number one issue the university faces, he was referring to more than just numbers at desks.

Poshard said his staff calculates that for every prospective student lost, the university loses at least $10,000 when considering tuition, housing, food and state reimbursements.

"So for the 1,500 students we've lost, that's $15 million to the university," he said. "We can't afford it. We have to turn this enrollment thing around, and it's multi-faceted. There are a lot of reasons why we are where we are right now.

On-campus fall enrollment at SIUC has dropped 6.8 percent over the past six years. On-campus enrollment from the fall 2006 semester to this spring semester dropped 6.8 percent.

Interim Chancellor John Dunn said Thursday a committee is being assembled to address these problems and develop a strategic enrollment management plan.

He said the 15 to 18-member group would set targets and goals for enrollment and determine which areas of recruitment and retention need to be adjusted.

"The end result of this will be back in to how we tell our story as a university with some implications for our branding, and our marketing and our image," he said.

Dunn said the committee should meet for the first time during the first or second week of March and should have some sort of outcome in May, but not necessarily its final product.

"One of the things it will do when it’s done is it will help to set some targets and some goals and we'll test some of those," he said. "We'll say it seems to us if we do this in this area we'll see a few more students here. Then we'll adjust from there."

Dunn said the group would be assembled from representatives from Student Affairs, Undergraduate Admissions, New Student Programs, Transition to Employment, which assists disabled students with their job search after graduation.

Yukik Kanamoni, an SIUC graduate in cinema and photography, practices the movements to the song ‘Soran-Bushi’ (For the Fisherman) on Tuesday at the Student Center. Kanamoni and about 14 other participants will perform the dance at 7 tonight in the Student Center ballrooms as part of the International Festival.

New program helps employ graduates with disabilities

Joe Crawford

Most SIUC students come to the university in hopes of someday graduating and finding a fulfilling job.

Graduating is often the easy part for students with disabilities, said Kurt Poesch, director of program services for Transition to Employment.

Pesch, a post-doctoral research student from Carbondale, said Transition to Employment is a program designed to match graduates with disabilities with potential employers.

The program starts with a seminar at 9 a.m. today in the Student Health Center Auditorium.

The SIUC-based program also offers services to students from SIU-Edwardsville, John A. Logan College, Rend Lake College, Southern Illinois College and Shawnee College.

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Burt Poesch works in his office in Woody Hall on Thursday. He is the director of program services for Transition to Employment, which assists disabled students with their job search after graduation.
Fire that killed 10 people likely caused by cigarette

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A cigarette left burning near a chair likely caused the house fire that killed 10 people earlier this month, a top fire official said Thursday. The house was found nearby.

The victims, four adults and six children in an extended family, all died from smoke inhalation in the Feb. 6 fire in Bardstown. One person survived with non-life threatening injuries.

The cigarette burned for about 40 minutes, producing toxic smoke, before anyone noticed, Goodwin said. The smoke initially was not enough to kill anyone, but the fire began spreading to furniture and walls, then engulfed the house, the official said.

The Kentucky Legislature is considering legislation requiring cigarettes sold in Kentucky to be made out of fire-safe paper, which extinguishes itself when left alone.

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Williams is looking forward to the station being back on the air.

"I think it’s going to be a defensive bloodbath,“ he said. "It’s going to be a defensive game. One for the ages probably.”

Kendall Stieffel, a sophomore from Eldorado studying dental hygiene, said it is her first time traveling with the Salukis, but she is not nervous about Butler fans.

"I think it’s really important that some of us go, it’s a stadium full of Butler fans,“ she said. williams@siu.edu 536-3311 ext. 256

Steven Smith, a senior studying radio-television, removes his headphones after the All Things Considered radio broadcast Thursday evening in the WSIU studios. The station was off the air for two days because of an equipment failure.

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Butler bound: Saluki fans nationwide travel to BracketBusters

Sean McGahan DAILY EGYPTIAN

When the No. 16 Salukis greet No. 13 Butler Saturday afternoon, they won’t be strolling into a complete sea of blue and white.

Saluki fans from across the nation will be in attendance to watch SIU (22-13) face Butler (24-3) in Indianapolis at 3 p.m. as part of ESPN’s annual BracketBusters. It is the first time in BracketBusters history that both teams are nationally ranked, and Butler holds the highest ranking of any team the Salukis have played.

Megan Ornellas, a 1996 SIUC graduate, lives in Butler’s backyard, and said she will change the colors of her alma mater at the game. She said she was also sporting maroon in the crowd when the Salukis lost 57-47 to Indiana in Bloomington Dec. 17, but she is hoping to a different result this time.

Several other SIU graduates will join her, including one who is flying in from North Carolina, Ornellas said.

She said they would make their presence known to the team.

“We’re going to be very, very loud,” she said. “I think Butler’s going to be loud and we’re going to be loud. I think this is going to be a historic game in a historic atmosphere.”

Ornellas said Butler fans in Indianapolis have not given her a hard time when she lets them know where her allegiance lies.

“I think they’re all just as excited for this game as we are,” she said.

She said she has followed the team closely since graduation, and is pleased with the team’s improvement in recent years.

“I’m always happy to watch them whether they’re winning or losing, but it is a little more satisfying to see those big wins,” Ornellas said.

Joey Bell, a senior from DeKalb studying tourism, did not have to endure the lackluster teams Ornellas did in her time at SIUC, but said he is equally excited to travel to the game.

He said he and several friends would leave Carbondale at 9 a.m. Saturday to make it to Indianapolis in time for tip off. He said a friend from high school attends Butler, and it has been fun trading smack talk.

“I talked her into going so we can butt heads a little bit," Bell said. “It sweetens the pot for the game a little bit in case we win.”

He predicted the Salukis would win by five points in a low-scoring affair.

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### Iraq

**Official says al-Qaida leader wounded**

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** (AP) — The leader of al-Qaida in Iraq was wounded and an aide was killed in a clash Thursday with Iraqi forces near the southern city of Basra, the Interior Ministry spokesman said.

The clash occurred near Balad, a major U.S. base about 60 miles north of the capital, Brig. Gen. Abdul-Karim Khalid said.

Khalid said al-Qaida in Iraq leader Abu Ayub al-Masri was wounded and his brother, described as Abu Abdullah al-Majmaawi, was killed.

Al-Masri took over the leadership of al-Qaida in Iraq after its charismatic leader, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, was killed in a U.S. strike last June in Otya province northeast of Baghdad.

**Putins lifts Havana as defense minister**

**MOSCOW (AP) —** President Vladimir Putin promoted his hawkish defense minister to a top government post on Thursday, a move that}
City Elections

Four takes on economic development

Andrea Zimmermann
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Editor’s Note: This is the first in a series examining issues in the upcoming election for Carbondale mayor.

From the cop of job sold at Longbranch Coffee House to the students who also raked in each year at Wal-Mart, economic development as Carbondale relies on a diverse customer base for both nude stores and big-box retailers.

Carbondale is a small town that requires big changes, according to the thousands of college students, while also catering to its traditional small businesses.

About 7.25 cents of every dollar spent at Carbondale businesses goes back to the city as its main source of revenue.

The city bought $88 million from May 2005 to April — a sum that grew more than 29 percent since 2001, said Kevin巴蒂, assistant city manager for economic development.

During the last four years, several chain restaurants such as Buffalo Wild Wings and Panera Bread Company have opened, helping to boost the city’s economy. Three out of five students in thousands of college students, while also catering to its traditional small businesses.

Each of the candidates running for mayor has different views of the city’s business future.

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Coles is referring to local laundromats such as the Upper Mount, the Carbondale Tap building and more than 10 other facilities.

Coles called the TIF district a success, but creating such a zone never always predicts the businesses will come calling.

Management professor Reed Nelson said TIF districts can be dangerous investments if not done properly because going out tax breaks for the university.

There are 10 Saluki patrol officers. Tucker said the number of officers is slightly less than before, but as a result to lower numbers across campus.

During past years, the program has had as many as 20 students, he said.

Luke Goossen, a junior from Morrison studying administrative justice, has been on the patrol for about a year. He said he joined after training with the U.S. Marines.

“I thought it’d be a great way to put my foot in the door,” he said.

Goossen said the biggest advantage on the patrol is the experience.

“The way I look at it, it’s almost like an internship,” he said.

The hands-on experience, for our age, you really can’t get anywhere else,” he said.

Goossen said the only thing he doesn’t like about the job is the long shifts.

Tucker said training begins almost immediately after a student applies for the job.

“They go through a few weeks of training,” Tucker said. “I’ve spoken to some who started within the last week or so, some of them started their training immediately, the same day.”

Saluki Patrol Corporal Luke Goossen fills out a daily activity report Wednesday night. Goossen, a junior studying administrative justice, has participated in Saluki Patrol for about a year.

Pepper Holder

• Wants to use people at the university to help create long range plans for the city’s economic development.

• Says the Strip should be revitalized and include public bathrooms.

• Wants to hold several festivals throughout the year to attract tourists and business.

Brad Cole

• Wants to continue the economic development actions that took place during his first term.

• Those include: attracting more retail stores, outlets and restaurants to the city, continuing to demolish old buildings and building on the first-ever TIF district.

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Brad Cole

Jennifer Davis

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• Designate a full-time position for business development and advocacy.

• Establish programs to recognize existing businesses, regularly assess local business needs.

• Work with employers to encourage their employees to live in Carbondale.

• Establish a program to provide small loans to area youth wishing to build their own small businesses.

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“Before people say things they need to actually walk and actually go into the stores and see what they have available.”

Mayoral candidate Pepper Holder said he would like to convene a task force of SIUC and city officials to devise a plan to revitalize downtown and make the community more cohesive.

He said recognizing that he does not have all the answers would be his first step as mayor.

“Until we establish that one community, this place will be fighting against itself and it’s a darn shame,” Holder said.

He said dealing with racism, nepotism and poverty should come first before handling the city’s economic problems.

After that, Holder said one suggestion is to build a parking garage in the City Hall parking lot to create additional spaces and encourage people to walk more.

He said public restrooms should be built on the Strip. The structures could incorporate police substations, which would help keep watch over unsavory activities in the restrooms, he said.

He said he would also like to see a permanent farmer’s market placed downtown.

To pay for these ventures, he said the increased sales tax revenue would offset the investment.

Cole said the Strip and downtown area is more vibrant than most people would recognize.

“If you didn’t see what it was before, it’s hard to see what a vast improvement it’s been,” he said.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**What about current students?**

**DEAR EDITOR:**

I would like to address a topic in the letter written by Becky Robinson, titled “Promising future for SIU.”

What is it with everyone and this Saluki Way plan? As I understand it, it is a way of making SIU more appealing in the eyes of potential students and their parents so they will be persuaded to come to SIU.

I understand the concern to increase enrollment, but what about the current students? You know, us faithful Salukis who have been here since freshman year? What about what we want and what we need? Instead of plans to build what I feel is unnecessary, like a new athletic stadium, how about we focus on our academics, how about we focus on some of these buildings? How about we ask our students what we want, what we need?

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Junior health care management

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**Nuke agreement leaves questions**

**THE VOYEUR SANJURAN**

Will the agreement at the six-party talks pave the way for the scrapping of North Korea’s nuclear programs? A big question mark hangs over the agreement.

In the six-party talks that concluded in Beijing on Tuesday, the participants, including North Korea, adopted a written document that specified the initial phase measures to be implemented by the six countries within 60 days to fulfill the contents of the joint statement signed in 2005.

As the first step toward implementing North Korea’s promise to “abandon all nuclear weapons and existing nuclear programs,” North Korea is required to “shut down and seal the nuclear facility in operation at Yongbyon.” It also will be required to accept the return of inspectors of the International Atomic Energy Agency for verification purposes.

At the Yongbyon facility, enough plutonium to make one nuclear weapon is produced every year.

If the facility is shut down, meaning that the production of plutonium there is stopped for the present, a certain “result” can be said to be achieved.

But Japan and the United States have called on North Korea to abandon all its nuclear programs, including uranium enrichment, in a “complete, verifiable and irreversible” manner.

Tuesday’s agreement is a far cry from the goal the two countries have sought. North Korea initially will be provided with emergency energy aid equivalent to 50,000 tons of fuel oil in exchange for shutting down and sealing its nuclear facilities.

Remaining energy aid equivalent to 950,000 tons of fuel oil will be provided at the next stage by the time North Korea completes the disabling of its nuclear facilities and submits complete reports on all its nuclear programs.

At the same time, North Korea and the United States will hold bilateral negotiations on lifting U.S. financial sanctions against North Korea.

Although North Korea went ahead with a nuclear test, the Kim Jong II regime was able to extract promises of energy aid and bilateral negotiations on diplomatic normalization with the United States. The country must believe it has achieved a diplomatic “victory.”

If North Korea succeeds in downsizing nuclear weapons and developing a ballistic missile with nuclear warheads, Japan, which is within the reach of Rodong missile, would face an even more serious threat.

North Korea can be expected to make the same exorbitant demands in future negotiations as it did in the six-party talks this time. In fact, Pyongyang has said in the past that it would only scrap its nuclear programs after light water nuclear plants it is given go online. The road to the scrapping of Pyongyang’s nuclear programs is an extremely rough one.

The most important thing to bear in mind is that the latest agreement does not mean that Pyongyang’s nuclear development has stopped.

Neither has North Korea promised to halt nuclear tests. If North Korea succeeds in downsizing nuclear weapons and developing a ballistic missile with nuclear warheads, Japan, which is within the reach of a Rodong missile, would face an even more serious threat.

The United Nations and Japan on its own have imposed sanctions on North Korea as it carried out a nuclear test despite international warnings not to do so. As long as the process for the scrapping of nuclear programs remains vague, the continuation of such sanctions is natural.

Unless there is progress on the issue of North Korean agents’ abduction of Japanese nationals, Japan will not provide aid to North Korea. What stance will Pyongyang take at a working group meeting between Japan and North Korea that is to be held within 30 days? Japan should carefully discuss aid after seeing how Pyongyang acts in the meeting.

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**WORDS OVERHEARD**

“On a lot of teams I’ve been on, it’s more tense. Here, there’s just a mutual respect for each other.”

Jayna Sayers  
Junior guard on playing on the women’s basketball team
DERRICK K. BAKER
MCCLIFF-THURST

Perhaps the fact that I manage money well and enjoy women are the reasons for my strong reaction to cases in which men have to continue paying child support for a child after it’s determined that they didn’t father the child.

Maybe because I continue to evolve into a more compassionate adult and a de-hard advocate for men’s rights, I’ve also developed an equally evolving notion of fairness, one that’s not just about truth and parental rights.

Could it be that I’ve become so cynical and skeptical when it comes to relationships and marriages that, when it comes to kids, I doubt and disbelieve much of what comes out of a woman’s mouth?

My gamut of emotions not-withstanding, which among us hasn’t formed some opinions about an issue that is taking a more prominent role in how families are maintained or dissolved, how marriages are sustained or broken; and how children view themselves and the roles of adults in their lives – not to mention the primary issue of a child’s best interests.

Here’s the issue: If a man believes or is lead to believe by the child’s best interests.

According to a recent illuminating article in Time Magazine, “the law’s marital presumption of fatherhood has ended up enslaving a divorced dad, like the Michigan man who proved he had not sired his son but was still ordered to send child-support payments directly to the boy’s biological father, who was granted custody after the mom moved out of his place and left the kid.

Then there’s the case of 36-year-old Dylan Davis, a software engineer in Denver, who questioned the paternity of his 6-year-old twins. A negative DNA test proved he wasn’t the kids, “under Colorado law he is responsible for the urbane’’; Web site: www. adeq. org. Readers may write to him at 79 W. Sangamon St., Chicago, IL 60607, or via e-mail at D Baker1004@ilcom. com.

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Before Brad and Angelina were fighting for which lives in "Mr. and Mrs. D. Scott," they were fighting for their lives in "Mr. and Mrs. D. Scott." The star's life was a battle for the freedom of his family. Dred Scott, who was born a slave in 1799, was a free man in the "free" states. After his death, the ownership was transferred to his wife's brother, John F. A. Sanford. In 1857, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Sanford.

Dred Scott was born a slave in about 1799 in Virginia. The family that owned him, the Emerson family, was moving to Wisconsin. She then came to belong to the Emerson family. Dred Scott met and married Harriet while in Wisconsin. She then became a part of the Emerson family.

The family traveled to several places throughout the nation. After Dred died in 1858, the ownership of his family was transferred to his brother-in-law, John F. A. Sanford.

The Supreme Court ruled in favor of Sanford.

Some familiar faces will grace the stage of the Moe Theater. The production of "Mr. and Mrs. D. Scott" is a modern day performance about the Scotts' legal battles. The show is a part of the one-year program, interns travel throughout the region, performing at various schools and community centers. They also hold workshops.

Created by Ron Home in 1976, the Black Rep has grown to become the largest Black Repertory Theater of the nation. In addition to "No Man's Land," the traveling troupe also performs "I, Too, Sing America," "Foolish and the Boo Hag" and "Foltrates and More."

The stars of the production agreed that both they and the audience would learn more about the Scotts than in any textbook. "He couldn't read or write, but he was a very intelligent man," Hendriks said.

Dues said that she played the part of Dred more than any other character. "What he did was important, but we really didn't take the time to meditate on it. It just opened my eyes," she said.

Today's TV stars, tomorrow's trash

As a member of the reality TV nation, there is an issue I must address—those horrible "let's put a group together and try to sell it to the public" searches for new talent shows. At least every other year, there is a show that promises to create the next Backstreet Boys or TLC. Most of the time, we end up getting a group of people that not only lacks the chemistry of the aforementioned groups, but also lacks talent.

Let's take a small down the reality TV band lane.

"Eden's Crush, O-Town and Da Band. Who?"

Exactly. I'm sure if you polled 50 people, not even half of them would know who you were talking about. If they could tell you who they were, probably couldn't tell you the last time they heard about the group.

"Eden's Crush emerged from the reality show "PopStars" in 2001. The show was actually a prelude to the ever-popular American Idol. Both O-Town and Da Band were created on the ABC/MTV show "Making The Band."

"We view these shows as modern day talent search, audition, dance and cry for the opportunity of a lifetime. They are often bucked, humiliated and gasped by the judges who claim they are preparing the contestants for "the business."

P. Diddy made Da Band walk out of the Moe Theater.
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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8 - You're providing important leadership to the people you coach. They're going you something back that's even more important.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - You're in a position to carry out your plan and advance your agenda. Promise the folks back home you'll have more time for them next week.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - You're venturing farther away from your old safety zone than ever before. Actually, what's happening is that your safety zone is expanding. Don't worry about it.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - You're best at increasing efficiency and profits, so do that. Let other people do all the stuff you don't feel like doing. You're not as good at that stuff as they are, anyway.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - You're often the one who steps up to take care of everyone else. This time, lean back and put up your feet. Let them take care of you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - The workload is getting even more intense, demanding more of your attention. Since you're not getting paid any more to do it, though, it could also be quite irritating. Do the best you can.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - Consult an older family member who always gives good advice. You'll learn a much easier way to do a rather tricky job.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - You rarely spend a whole day in bed, but you should give it a try. Conditions are perfect for hiding away, and watching the world go by.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - Concentrate on your studies. You're a philosopher, and what you're learning now will serve you well. Satisfaction is within your grasp.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - It looks like money is coming in, perhaps more than expected. There's some kind of catch associated with it, though. Don't shop 'till the check clears.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is an 8 - Don't tell everybody what you have. That would cause jealousies. Quietly negotiate the best deal you can, and then get yourself a special treat.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March. 20) - Today is a 6 - The task is difficult, but not impossible. And, you could have an idea that suddenly makes it all sensible. Stranger things have happened.

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Saluki women turning heads

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Saluki of the Week

The Saluki of the Week is Carla Brown, as she topped the 800-point plateau. The senior forward now has 114 points in her career, 22nd all-time. Brown is also 12th in the nation in field goal percentage this season, shooting 58.1 percent.

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Player of the Week

The MVC Player of the Week went to junior guard Jen Brown of Bradley. Brown started the week averaging 6.2 points per game, but raised her game against Evansville at SIU, averaging 20.5 points over two games.

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with disabilities is increasing, Pushch said. More than 75 percent of people with disabilities are often available to employers, he said.

Pushch said he would use his experience as a chief executive officer for Employment Management initially in a macro way, he said. "Where are we going, what are we doing and how have we been addressing certain issues."

Carnen Suarez is at the enrollment helm on an interim basis until a full-time associate vice chancellor for Enrollment Management is found. Suarez said she is looking for that position and the new director of undergraduate admissions positions are ongoing.

Suarez said her focus is admissions, hiring programming, what she calls the "foundation of enrollment". She said the university has been too complacent in these areas.

"I don't think we've done a bad job or people haven't done their job, but we've been sitting on our butts, resting on our laurels, because we're a good university and people come here," she said. "It's like that, if you hold it up they come! Well, sometimes you have to go out there and invite them in, and we need to do that more."

Suarez said the key is keeping up with technology that the college generation responds to while keeping the personal touch that surveys have shown attractive to students.

"We believe that the key will be the personal touch, coupled with affordability," she said.

Dunn said the enrollment committee would determine an appropriate balance between need-based and merit-based financial aid for students.

Dunn said the university has made progress in affordability by committing an additional $1 million in need-based scholarships. He said a proposed increase of the Pell Grant would also make a difference.

President Eckstetter is expected to propose the largest Pell Grant increase in three decades in the 2008 budget, the Associated Press reported. The grants are federal aid for low-income students to pay for education.

Dunn said 35 percent of SIUC students are Pell Grant eligible.

Brantley Aning, an undecided senior from Highland Park, said he chose to come to SIUC last year because of affordability and diversity.

Also said SIUC was his last choice and he didn't get in to other schools he preferred.

Aning said SIUC officials need to do a better job attracting students, because they did not gain his interest initially.

"They should do a better job at marketing high schools and do a better job here first, making it more suitable and making it more of an attraction like (University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign) and Indiana (University) are, because it's not really a first priority on a lot of kids’ school choices," he said.

N Violetta, a sophomore from Hawthorn Woods studying radio-television, said he would not fully endorse the university.

"If my friends asked me 'Should I come to SIUC?' I'd say wait a few more years, then come, but not now," he said. "There's construction everywhere, and with the library being in the situation it is, nobody wants to come here and do research because it's impossible."

Jane Floyd-Hendey, director of Disability Support Services at SIU, said her office has never offered services to students after they graduated. She said the Edwardsville campus has depended on the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services to help employ graduates with disabilities.

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**Butler**

"That's the biggest difference as far as anything," Lowery said. "We can't put too much importance on it and come down and crash emotionally because we don't play well, then carry that over to our last two conference games."

The Bulldogs had been winning streaks of 11 games and nine games this season, their latest game a 79-65 win over Florida Gulf Coast.

Butler junior guard Mārek Green was the Bulldogs' top scorer in the contest, sinking 24 points and going to the free throw line 16 times, sinking 14.

Butler's leading scorer this season is junior A.J. Graves, who is averaging 17.6 points per game.

"I can only imagine that they are going to go in there with the same mindset we always do," Tatum said. "We're going to stick the same mindset we always do, "Most likely I wasn't very smart." Falke said. "I'm a good basketball team and we respect every-thing they've done."

Lowery said the Bluejays took Butler out of the game with double teams and Falke still gave a full effort.

**Creighton**

Creighton is seventh in the MVC, scoring 64.9 points per game, while its defense ranks sixth, allowing 68.8 points per game.

Eikens said Creighton has a pace of freshmen in the low pair who are very successful.

"I can only imagine that they are going to expect an inside game with us," Eikens said. "Just because we beat a team by double digits doesn't declare a win for us."
Salukis ready to slam conference door

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Women’s Basketball

Salukis take 8-game win streak to Butler

Bulldog busters

The Salukis have won eight games in a row, and the common theme in each game is that they simply got the job done.

The Saluki women’s basketball team is nationally ranked.

After Illinois State loss, Saluki alone in first

The SIU women’s basketball team is ready to embark on its final road trip of the season with a target on its back and Top 25 votes in its favor.

The Salukis (15-9, 11-2) are now in sole possession of first place in the Missouri Valley Conference and will travel to Drake (9-14, 3-9) for a 7:05 p.m. game Friday. SIU will then finish the road trip in Omaha, Neb., with a game against Creighton (9-14, 6-6) at 3:05 p.m. Sunday.

In the first match-up of the weekend, the Salukis will face a Drake team on a three-game home winning streak. The Salukis will travel outside the Valley to play No. 13 Butler (24-3, 11-2) at Qwest Center, where the Bluejays are 6-4 this season.

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