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Dead-tired USG candidates await results

Struggle for USG presidential spot runs to wee morning hours

INCUMBENT USG presidential candidate Bill Archer collapses in frustration at the small pace that votes were being counted as of Wednesday night.

No Recount Here
Stone wins trustee seat;
Fine Arts fee passes

Nathan Stone beat out Eric Walmire for the student trustee position by an unofficial vote margin of 384, propelling the supporter of increased funding for campus programs into the SIU Board of Trustees.

The unofficial count was 857 votes for Stone and 464 for Walmire. The results awaited final approval as of press time.

Despite problems with pulling places running out of ballots for student trustee and the Fine Arts fee referendum, the trustee election carried on as ballots were replenished to polling places and unofficial results were released near 10 p.m. Wednesday.

Stone said he defended Walmire because he is focused on which he thought students knew would help benefit the campus. Some were a research supporter of locking fees for athletics, fine arts, and other areas, while Walmire advocated nailing the line of fiscal responsibility.

"It just shows that students don't mind paying a little bit of extra money for the good things," Stone said. "They know you get what you pay for."

Stone said now that he will be the SUIC student representative on the board, he wants to personally go out and get students' input on issues.

Unofficial final tally

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"I want to take Graduate and Professional Student Council's opinion into the board, he plans on staying politically active within the student government," Stone said.

An election worker puts tallies as the USG election is restarted using a new counting system.

University diehards charge capital to lobby funding support

MARK LANDIS  DAILY EGYPTIAN

SPRINGFIELD—A diverse group of students, staff, administrators and faculty with personal ties to the University united in Springfield Wednesday to lobby legislators for SIU funding.

The event marked the first time the University has mounted a large organized effort to garner support from state lawmakers for funding University programs. The endeavor was modeled after similar programs at community colleges used to increase legislators' awareness of the colleges' funding needs.

Scott Kaiser, spokesman for the SUU president, told the participants the main focus of the event was to support Sen. George Ryan's proposed budget that would give SIU more than $238 million for 2002.

Stacey Small, a senior in psychology from O'Fallon, said she came to rally support for the University and in particular the Psychology Department. She said she knows from personal experience and completing her honors undergraduate research that there is a need for greater resources in the Psychology Department.

"Our department needs more funding in order to give students the opportunities to develop professionally," Small said.

About 75 people made the trek northwest on the University’s behalf. Tammi Studinger, a senior in former from Rockford, was summoned to participate in Lobby Day because of a personal experience she had as a SUIC. She is a top student at the University, but did not get an assistantship to help with her school fees. She would like to see increased funding to help students with financial needs.

A federal mandate requiring all television and radio stations in the country to reform to digital in the next two years is causing concern in College of Mass Communications and Media Arts. The college is currently raising funds to reform its radio and television stations, but it is still $2 million short.

John Holland, a senior in advertising and political science from Murphysboro, is concerned because the college needs the equipment to continue to broadcast after the deadline.

Sen. Larry Woodford, D-Murrayville, said that one of the greatest parts of his job is being able to meet with people he's never met before. He said those who made an effort to be involved in today's event showed their dedication to the University.

Woodford said the people who work, study and go to school at the University are its biggest advocates.
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Walmire said, "I dumb support and I don't think it's a fa- ruly responsible thing to segregate out that type of money to specific college or groups." Stone will vac- uate current student treasurer Ben Syfert. Although intro- duced to the "Graduate and Professional Student Council as part of an interest package included with SIUC's financial aid package. UIG supported both increases separate from one another. OPSC voted the com- bined increase package down, but wrote a resolution in support of the $5.50 Fine Arts increase.

Robert Moses

Legendary Civil Rights Organizer and Founder of the Algebra Project

Co-Author of "Mathematical Equality: Rethinking Civil Rights"

Thursday, April 19th, 2001

7:00 P.M. Student Center Auditorium

Robert Moses brings his world perspective as an educator and civil rights activist to the SIUC campus. As a founder for the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, and the driving force behind the Mississippi voting rights project, he helped transform the political structure of the nation. Now, as the founder of the Algebra Project, he is conveying assumptions about the importance of literacy and who should use a college preparatory mathematics curriculum.

Robert Moses is a former warden of Agricultural Education at the University of Illinois and a former member of the Stewardship Committee of the Illinois State Library. He is the author of "Mathematical Equality: Rethinking Civil Rights," a book that details his work in the civil rights movement.

Robert Moses' presentation will be held in the Student Center Auditorium from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 19th. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit the Algebra Project's website at www.algebra.org.

The event is supported by the SIUC Union of Student Affairs, the Multicultural Center, and the Office of Student Affairs. Attendees are encouraged to arrive early as seating is limited.

Robert Moses is recognized as a leading figure in the civil rights movement and a vocal advocate for educational equity. His work continues to inspire students and educators around the world.
Local parish nurses help to heal all aspects of church members lives

ANDREA DONALDSON

Combing spiritual and physical healing, parish nurses such as Teri have been providing a great service to the church community for the past decade.

In 1995, under the direction of the Southern Illinois Healthcare, the Southern Illinois Healthcare established the Parish Nurse Preparation Program at Southern Illinois University. In 1998, the program was approved by the American Nurses Association and the Illinois Department of Public Health.

The first parish nursing program was started by Granger Wescberg in a church in southern Illinois. As Granger’s idea grew, so did the program. In 1996, The International Parish Nurse Network was established to organize and provide parish nurse preparation courses. In 1997, The American Nurses Association recognized parish nursing as an area of practice.

The Poise Parish Nurse Association was established to do research and “provide a workable model for the future.”

The first parish nursing program, as established by Granger Wescberg, was a 500-level course for those interested in becoming a parish nurse. The course was designed to help parish nurses understand the unique needs of parishioners and to provide them with the skills necessary to meet those needs.

13 additional area nurses graduated from the program during the 1990s. Since then, the program has expanded to include parish nurses from other denominations.

The Program

The parish nurse program is a 12-credit hour program that is designed to prepare nurses to work in parish settings. The program is offered in a variety of formats, including online and in-person classes.

The program includes courses in pastoral care, spiritual health, and physical health. Graduates of the program are prepared to provide primary care to parishioners and to work in a variety of settings, such as hospitals, community health centers, and nursing homes.

The program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) and the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Education Programs (CAHEP). The program is also approved by the Illinois Department of Professional Regulation.

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Higher tuition equals higher learning

Late last week, President James Walker approved a 5 percent tuition hike for the 2002-2003 school year, an increase above the 3 percent increase already anticipated. Both Walker and Interim Chancellor John Jackson have come out in vocal support for the increase, claiming that it is time SIUC moves away from its reference point as a "cheap" school.

Some have voiced opposition to the proposed tuition increase, and a band of Trustee members who still hold the issue during the last meeting, saying that such a hike need not be needed. They also has been an outcry among students who complain that by making our school more expensive, the University won't be as accessible to prospective students. Moreover, they complain, to raise tuition to simply improve the University's image just isn't right.

Unforttunately for the administration, these perceptions exist because they were not so clear about why the tuition increase is so necessary. While Jackson and Walker focused on image and how much better we would look if we were more expensive, they should have also explained how the increased costs would benefit students.

But, despite the miscommunication, we shouldn't disregard the idea that it is time to shift our philosophy from being the cheapest product to being a competitive one. This increase is so vital because our University is a doctoral and research institution, and it needs money to survive and improve. Teachers' salaries, classroom equipment and student services all require funds to exist, and there are few who would disagree that many areas of our campus need a boost. It is worth ignoring needed improvements just to claim the dubious honor of being the thrift store of higher learning?

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COLUMINIST

If You Can't Say Something Nice ...

By John A. Logan

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Caller ID is quite possibly the most helpful device invented by humans, second only to the wheel and the flip-top beer can. Caller ID means that you don't EVER have to talk to telemarketers or telephone solicitors. If the Caller ID comes up "UNAVAILABLE", you simply don't answer the phone. My personal philosophy is that anyone who wants to keep their identity a secret until they actually talk to me is no one whom I would really like (or need) to speak to.

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Protesters say throw the switch on state executions

Family of death row inmates demand an end to the death penalty

MOLLY PARKER & GINNY SAKUMI

Sunday mornings are a pious reminder for Myra Hobley that her son, Madison, will no longer come home to file the family breakfast. But rumors swirl around the soft-spoken sophomore in her son he tells me "mom, everything is going to be okay."

Madison has been sitting on death row for 14 years. His sister and mother, along with family members of other death row inmates, appeared at the Newman Catholic Student Center Wednesday night to light their candles of ending the death penalty in Illinois. But rumors spread around the facility which included a panel discussion regarding the potential elimination of the death penalty from Illinois law.

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City mowing fines may increase for the neglectful

An increased cost in city mowing contract may be passed to neglectful landowners.

MOLLY PASKER DAILY EYEPATH

With only one offer to choose from, the city approved a contract that will cost an extra $9,000 a year to mow the lawns of citizens who neglect the care of their green at city standards.

The Carbondale City Council contracted with Hicks Lawn Service Tuesday in the amount of $97,250 for the course of two years — nearly a 19 percent increase for right-of-way and ditch mowing and a 20 percent increase for moving city-owned and private lots.

At this time, the city will chew on the increased price, since currently there is no resolution to pass on the added cost to property owners. Counsilman Rod Cole said it is something that should be considered.

"This is changing the city to mow less that private landowners," Dunn said. "The expenses should be put back on the private landowners." Cole added the increase was reasonable considering that overgrown lawns are difficult on machines and the absence of any other bidders — Hicks Lawn Service was the only company to bid for the city's contract.

Along with the added cost of the new contract, the city has a history of not being reimbursed by property owners for lawn-mowing fines. As of February, the city had accumulated nearly $17,000 in unpaid weed fines during the past 20 years.

If a yeald is not moved six days after the city posts a voucher notice, it is moved to a charge to the owner. For the two years, the city has a 20 percent increase of $9,000 a year, plus an increase in proportion to the size of the lot.

For right-of-way, the city offered those with unpaid fines a 50 percent discount if paid by March 30. Out of the 380 letters sent out by the city attorney's office, eight owners were landlords.

Leading the way with a building of unpaid fines, Henry Furniture Home Rentals owed $42,746 in weed fines, following by Norman Beetsch, who owed $13,747, both as of February.

Although Beetsch has paid some of the outstanding fines and the city's half-price deal, he said the city does not make it clear to the landlord that a lawn is violating the city standard. "It's not fair for the landlord, when the city doesn't notify me but they fine me," Beetsch said.

According to Dunn, it is the responsibility of the tenants to mow the yard, but Beetsch said he will mow his tenant's yard, which only takes him 15 minutes, for a cost of $4-$8 if they inform him of a city notice. Otherwise, he is incurred with a cost of nearly $50 — which Beetsch said is fairly reimbursed by the tenant.

The council addressed concerns of grass and weeds that often take over the sidewalk and spill into the streets.

The contract states that this is to be a satisfactory job and it is often just maintained and not cut," Cole said.

Other matters addressed by the council:

"A resolution was passed to honor Councilman Larry 'Skip' Bollinger. Tuesday was his last council meeting after losing the election April 3."

"The council adopted the FY 2012 operating budget for $39,117,905 and the Carbondale Public Library budget for $591,405."

"The council authorized a resolution for Carbondale Main Street to enter into agreement with City Manager Jeff Deharl for "Stars on Main" project. With plaques along Deharl Street, the project will highlight distinguished Southern Illinois citizens and original artwork."

"The southeast quadrant of the Town Square, which contains bricks with the names of local persons who lost their lives in battle, will be named the Town Square Veterans Memorial Plaza. The resolution passed the council unanimously."

BRENDA CORLEY DAILY EYEPATH

Children looking forward to a summer vacation may be disappointed,

Year-round schooling will be the main topic addressed by former U.S. Secretary of Education Richard Riley at 4 p.m. Sunday in the Student Union Ballroom.

"This issue has been around for the last two decades, according to Randy Dunn, development officer for the Public Policy Institute, who will discuss a way to better the Illinois education system."

Riley will discuss the importance of year-round schooling during the past decade. "Children looking forward to a summer vacation will not attend the lecture," Dunn said.

"This requires a new way of thinking for school officials, which will not only benefit students but make it more attractive to teach." Dunn said.

"Year-round schooling will be the main topic of today's lecture. To shed light on the issue for those who are unfamiliar with the concept, I will set out from the Carbondale community, but will be people familiar with year-round schooling and provide information on where year-round schooling has been existent for sometime, will also attend the lecture."

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Poetry reading helps sexual assault victims recover

Women's Center counselor hosts healing session

SARAH ROBERTS  DAILY ECONOMY

The women in this room are survivors.

Nearly 20 of them are nestled in this very warmly lit back room of the Longbranch Coffeehouse, 100 E. Jackson St., Tuesday night, each one sitting at a table covered by a common thread — sexual assault.

It is here, in this room of empathy and support, where these women learn to heal.

There is no difference between being raped and falling down a flight of cement stairs except that the wounds bleed inside," Patricia Kortkamp, a student at SIUC, says.

Kortkamp, an adolescent counselor with the Women's Center, organized this poetry reading as a way to facilitate the long and often complicated healing process stemming from sexual assault and abuse.

"It helps in terms of victim blaming. People blame themselves and they feel very alone," Livingston said. "Poetry helps dispel both those concepts."

Indeed, voices that initially trembled became stronger with each passing word. Understanding smiles, murmurs of agreement and hearty applause followed each poem, restoring the supportive atmosphere and courage necessary to speak.

According to Livingston, poetry not only allows victims to tap into a creative healing process, but it reaches other women more aware of the very threat of sexual assault.

"It allows us to share our distress with other women, and the poetry reading helps to raise awareness, because sometimes we lose touch with how vulnerable we are," Livingston said.

Livingston, who has attended past poetry readings, has seen them as a power to courage victims to talk about a topic that is often silenced.

"There’s so much silence around this," she said. "Poetry reading is another way of bringing this into the open and acknowledging the fact that this is a real part of women’s lives."

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Florida universities hope to increase number of minority MBA recipients

Melanie Yager
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

(TMS Campus) — A lack of role models gave Garry Adams pause when he consid­ered changing careers and becoming a busi­ness professor.

"I heard a lot about diversity, but I didn't have any African-American teachers in the College of Business," said Adams, who earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Southern Illinois at Carbondale and is now pursuing a PhD at Florida State University.

Florida State's College of Business as well as other graduate business programs say having minority faculty is key to attracting more minority students. Several minority graduates at FSU said having black teachers as role models was a major factor in their choice to study business.

"It's a matter of color teaching a class. Pursuing a graduate business degree suddenly seems feasible," Adams said.

"I think it's anybody who sees their mind to do this can make it through this process. It doesn't matter what race, what gender you are," Adams said. "People do tend to identify with people like themselves in front of the classroom and will seek those people out when they need help."

Two complementary programs are credited with helping Florida schools attract more minority students: the PhD Project and the McKnight Doctoral Fellowship Program.

The project helps states find prospective students. The McKnight program gives students a reason to choose Florida and has been credited since it was started with increasing the number of minority students attending Florida schools.

"We are pursuing a Ph.D at Florida State University," said Melvin Stith, a black man, as the leader of FSU's business school.

Purdue U. engineering students build success in Rube Goldberg contest

Doug Le Duc
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (TMS Campus) — If Brandon Freidreich becomes a famous inventor one of these days, he'll be able to say it all started on his fam­ily's farm near Decatur.

"I enjoyed working on the machinery and working with my hands. I also enjoyed drawing on CAD sys­tems. I pretty much knew I was going to be an engineer since seventh, eighth grade," said Freidreich, the son of two North Adams Community Schools teachers, Kim and Candy.

Brandon hadn't embarked on a career yet. He'll receive a degree in chemical engineering from Purdue University at May's graduation, with a major in mechanical engineering technology and minor in computer information technology.

For now, his biggest claim to engineering fame is in the victory of his team in the National Rube Goldberg Machine Contest, where students compete in an elaborate display of ingenuity. Teams in the contest must take at least 20 steps to accomplish a simple task, and silliness is not discouraged.

"This year, teams were challenged to build a machine that could select, clean and peel an apple. No, it's not exactly rocket science, but Purdue University's winning student chapter of the Society of Manufacturing Engineers dreamed up 40 steps for the process.

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Of the 25 fellows who received their PhDs—10 per­cent of them in business—about one-third of McKnight graduates are working at a uni­versity or college in Florida. Another 151 are currently working toward a PhD.

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U. of Oregon alum convicted of software piracy

**BILL BISHOP**
**THE REGISTER GUARD (U. OREGON)**

(TMS Campus) A University of Oregon graduate who operated a computer software counterfeiting business for two years while a student was sentenced Monday to a year in prison and ordered to pay more than $13,000 in restitution to a California-based software company.

Jeffrey Alan Stockton, 21, of Honolulu, copied software, created fake serial numbers and printed labels and instruction manuals to make his stolen software appear to be the legitimate product, Assistant U.S. Attorney Sean Hoar said.

Stockton, who received a degree in journalism from the UO in August, admitted the crime of copyright infringement, Hoar said. No other arrests are expected in the case.

Investigation determined that Stockton's counterfeit software scheme deprived Adobe Systems Inc. of at least $490,644 in retail sales.

"There may have been more," Hoar said. "It really looked like the real deal when he mailed it to his customers." In negotiations with the San Jose-based company, Stockton agreed to pay Adobe $101,178 as part of his plea agreement, according to court records. He also forfeited computer equipment used in the counterfeiting.

Cynthia Warren, manager of worldwide investigations and anti-piracy for Adobe Systems, said Stockton's operation was notable for the amount of money he took in as a part-time counterfeiter. The amount of loss to the computer was about average for such cases, she said.

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Noise patrol angers Indiana U. Students

INDIANA UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

A new program may be keeping the Indiana University campus quiet but the sound of growing students is already getting louder.

Since the inception of the quiet nights initiative last summer, which is designed to quiet loud parties in the neighborhoods surrounding the campus, Bloomington police have given students 181 tickets at $50 apiece.

During Tuesday through Thursday, Tuesday nights, police patrol the streets with the windows in their patrol cars rolled down. If they come across a loud party, they knock on the door, make the address a computer and return 15 minutes later. If the noise still exists, each resident of the house who is home is given a ticket.

This is a college campus," Felker told the Associated Press. "It should be fun. It's all right if neighbors complain, but I don't think [the policy] should just stop by for no reason.

While the tickets will generate some revenue for the city, the program hardly pays for itself. The city has allotted $44,000 for officers to take on overtime hours to patrol during the weekend shifts.

"This whole goal is to be making parties to be living in a neighborhood if you are a residential property owner rather than a student," Felker told the AP.

The judge will make a decision sometime this week.

ENI has asked permission to either transmit a live feed of the closed-circuit broadcast of McVeigh's execution or film the execution itself. As it stands now, the closed-circuit broadcast will be available only to families of the victims.

ENI said that if granted permission to broadcast the execution, it will employ the same parental controls used to prevent children from visiting the site, and that the public aspect of which is VoyeurDorm.com, a subscription-based site featuring 75 live feeds of female college student rooms under lease.

Additionally, ENI said, it will change usage of the company's site from $15 to view the Webcast, and donate all proceeds to charities established by families of the victims.

Company behind VoyeurDorm.com to court in bid to webcast McVeigh execution

Bill O'Keefe

(TMS Campus) - The Internet company that created VoyeurDorm.com, a campus voyeur site featuring a house full of college girls and Webcams, requested permission Tuesday from a federal judge to show live video of the May 16 execution of Timothy McVeigh, the man responsible for the bombings six years ago.

The Entertainment Network Inc. argues that people have a First Amendment right to attend the execution, personal and video-recording equipment is prohibited at an execution, although, presence of the media is allowed.

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COLUMBIA, S.C. (U-WIRE) - Anyhow that's a really good team. They've been in the top three of the entire season so far. But they've lost three of their last four starts. Bell too on the mound. South Carolina searches for a revenge against Virginia Saturday after two heartbreaking weekends. They lost two at Virginia Tech last weekend. The two highest winning percentages in the nation square off this weekend. The Gamecocks have a 31-5-1 record. They're currently ranked No. 2 in the College Baseball Poll. Notre Dame baseball coach Paul Maines believes a little more than talent and hard work have contributed to their success. "You have to go a long way to find two better pitchers on one team than we have at Notre Dame. They're both talented and great athletes, but they also both pitch in that Irish way very well. They make their big pitches. You can do that and win a lot of games." Gamecocks coach Ray Tanner was pleased with his team's performance. "Our offense has been a real strength, especially in conference play. We got two good games this weekend. You have to be selective and hit well. If you can do that, you're going to win games." Notre Dame is currently ranked No. 2 in the College Baseball Poll. The Fighting Irish have a 31-5-1 record. They're currently ranked No. 2 in the College Baseball Poll. The Fighting Irish have a 31-5-1 record. They're currently ranked No. 2 in the College Baseball Poll.

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Final men's golf tune-up cut short by snow

Team finishes sixth at Greg Palmer Eagle Classic

JENNIE DUG
DAILY EDITION

Golf is an unpredictable sport in which nothing can be predicted, especially the weather.

The SIU men's golf team had the third round of the Greg Palmer Eagle Classic in Marshall, Ill., their final tune-up before the Missouri Valley Conference Championships, canceled because of snow leaving the Salukis in the sixth-place spot after the first round on Wednesday.

"That's the weird thing. I'm from Wisconsin where it snows all the time but I never in my life had a match canceled because of snow," said sophomore Dusty Pfaff. "It's a little bit of snow, but it's still a little bit of snow." Junior Brad Dunker said he had heard it was supposed to snow, but it didn't.

While the third round was canceled, the Salukis and sister teams in the field were able to get the first two rounds in before the snow came. SIU ended with a score of 601, which put them just out of the top five places out of 10 teams. The top five finishes were Indiana University-Purdue University-Indianapolis (600), Eastern Kentucky University (617), Valparaiso University (619), Fort Wayne Tech University (622) and Marshall State University (631).

"I thought we played pretty bad," Dunker said. "I expected to do better in the top five, and now we were in the top 10. That's my transition much worse," Kowalczyk said.

Marty Obst during the April 5 candidate meeting, which was delayed because of a fire alarm that sounded in the Student Center and glitches in the outdated wideyne system, used to count the vote, caused problems. Obst, with a score of 154, was good enough for 10th place.

Kowalczyk said he expected to finish in the top 10, and they just didn't respond the way I wanted us to," Dunker said. "I thought we played a little bit of snow, but the second round, we were really blowing." Dunker said. "This made for golf course a lot more difficult than the second round. If you go down fast and play the course, it makes a lot and it created a little confusion." Even though the members could not play playing conditions, neither Dunker nor Pfaff would attribute it as the cause for the team's mediocrity.

"We haven't really performed this spring so I'm not going to make excuses and say it was the weather because we haven't performed well when there wasn't any wind," Dunker said.

Now the Salukis will have a little less than two weeks to prepare for their final and most important tournament of the season, the MVC Championships in Silvis, starting on April 30.

"Pushing forward to the valley," Dunker said. "Hopefully the team can come around and we'll all be up in a big bit and make a good name for ourselves."

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Rate descended from 71 percent to 37 percent in 2000, expected to improve in 2001

JOSEPH D. JOHNSON, Daily Egyptian

The 2000 graduation-rate report displays a seven-year increase in the percentage of SIU student-athletes who graduated.

In 1999, the student-athlete graduation rate peaked at 71 percent, but sharply declined to 37 percent in 2000, 1 percent lower than the 38 percent rate of the SIU student body.

"We're not satisfied with the graduation rate," Associate Athletic Director Kelly Jones said. "We want it to be much higher than that of the student body.

The report included the names of freshmen who entered SIU during the 1999-2004 academic year. This freshman class consisted of 51 student-athletes. Those student-athletes must have graduated from SIU by August 2009.

Twenty-one student-athletes out of 51 graduated. However, two student-athletes were considered non-graduates because they had more than six years to graduate.

Traditionally, the student-athlete graduation rates settled around the 50-55 percent range. The rate peaked in 1999 before falling to its lowest point in 2000.

"The biggest factor was that we started out with a small number of student-athletes," athletic academic advisor Kristina Therriault said. "At graduation it would be easier to graduate for us.

Therriault also blamed high amounts of transferring student-athletes for the massive decline.

Of the 30 student-athletes who did not graduate from the 1999-2004 class, 30 transferred to another institution, six left SIU to work, two are still enrolled at SIU, four were suspended for two terms or unknown reasons.

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Therriault said of the graduation rates. "We want to shoot for 100 percent.

In 2002 graduation rate doesn't necessarily reflect the academic success of current student-athletes. During the fall 2000 semester, 45 percent of SIU student-athletes entered a term, grade point average of 3.0 or above.

"We're not going to continue to try to improve," Therriault said of the graduation rates. "We want to shoot for 100 percent.

The view from the packing for next year looks good.

"With our Saluki softball team down 4-3 in the bottom of the sixth inning and in jeopardy of being swept in a real doubleheader against fellow second-place (29-12, 13-3) University of Evansville on Wednesday, SIU head coach Ken Blaylock was quoted for awhile and struck.

"It might have been the best coaching move she made all day.

Following the ejection, Blaylock had wanted to enter the seventh inning with the Salukis leading 7-5. The move was considered to be the catalyst to the doubleheader loss.

"I thought the kids just really focused after what happened, they really focused and we continued," said Blaylock, following her first ejection as head coach, which ironically came at her alma mater.

"It might have been the best coaching move she made all day.

Blaylock's timely exit may have proven to be the catalyst to the doubleheader loss.

"I'm looking at it like we played with a lead," Blaylock said. "I'm looking at it like we played with a lead and it was a really close game.

"It was a really close game."

And while the Salukis travel to battle Evansville, which would give SIU the tie-breaker come MVC Tournament seeding time if the two are still knotted in second.

Late-inning heroics lead to two-game split

Following head coach's ejection, softball responds with six runs in final inning for game-two triumph

CORY CUSICK, Daily Egyptian

We all had days — for Saluki baseball it was Wednesday.

That's when the team won 13-1 by Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

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