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Ebonics debate defined

CONTROVERSY: SIUC professors discuss evolution and origin of 'black sound.'

LA'KEISHA R. GRAY
DAILY EGYPTIAN REWRITER

It is one of the most-sung controversial language issues of the day, but its origin, evolution and its meaning is a tune seldom heard, some SIUC professors say.

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Ebonics, a term comprised of the words "ebony" (black) and "phonics" (sound), is defined as "black sound." However, many linguists do not agree with this term.

Once the Oakland, Calif., school board voted unanimously to recognize Ebonics as a second language for its school system on Dec. 19, controversy about the issue has spread.

Nancy Dawson, an assistant professor in Black American Studies, said she believes the reason Ebonics is an ongoing debate is because people do not understand it fully.

Taking this into account, Dawson said she believes, in this society, people who use Ebonics are ostracized and are associated

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Bus routes to change

ALTERATIONS: Mass Transit Advisory Board attempts to increase ridership.

JULIE RENDLEMAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REWRITER

A few changes with the Saluki bus routes, fees and schedules are to take effect by this summer and fall in an attempt to increase ridership and to make the buses more convenient for students to ride, Mass Transit Advisory Board members say.

James Eynon, chairman for the Mass Transit Advisory Board and doctorate student in management from Carbondale, said that

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Gus Bode



Gus says: First it was the students that need the bus. Now it is the bus that needs the students.



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RESOURCES: Radio and television professor Leo Gher teaches three classes in the new media center.

College receives new media center

LEARNING PROCESS: New resource will help communication students with business skills.

TAMEKA L. HICKS
DAILY EGYPTIAN REWRITER

Thanks to the generosity of an SIUC alumnus, communications students can develop their business skills in business-related classes, the dean of the college says.

Joe Foote, dean of the College of Mass Communications and Media Arts, said that SIUC alumnus Larry G. Brown, now the president and founder of Forward Communications Inc. in Irving, Texas, donated \$100,000 to the college last fall for a new media management center to expand business skills among communications students.

There are three classes using the lab, which was opened this semester.

Brown, who was born and raised in Carbondale, said it is important for him to give something back.

He said SIUC gave him a foundation and provided him with hands on experience.

"People have to take building blocks and do something with them," he said.

"There is a lot more competition out there now. Television and entertainment is more sophisticated today."

The Larry G. Brown Media Management Laboratory is located at the

end of the west wing of the Communications Building on the second floor in a two-room suite in room 2216. One room of the media center contains

media with more data capacity.

Students are able to use systems such as Arbitron, Nielson and the World Wide Web.

Some students in the business classes

“It's not as spread out like a classroom. ...there's close quarters for everyone to work together.”

BERNADETTE WALLS
SENIOR FROM BRIMFIELD

eight computers.

All of the computers are priced between \$4,000-\$5,000 each and are Macintosh, IBM and PC compatible, said Leo Gher, a radio-television professor who teaches the three classes in the laboratory.

The room also contains reference books, software and periodicals.

Foote said that the second room is a smaller room made for conferences, seminars and classes.

"Creative people in communications have to understand the business aspects of communications," Foote said.

Gher said business classes in the new media center, which began this semester, are geared mostly towards students in the marketing and management area of communications.

"Students can use the lab to develop their marketing plans and campaigning business," he said.

Gher said the laboratory is not intended for graphics, but for the electronic

said they think the media management laboratory will business skills in the communications field.

"I like the idea of business classes being offered for communication students. The laboratory itself is a bit small, but I like it," said Bernadette Walls, a senior in programming and management from Chicago.

Tracy Sandall, a senior in radio-television from Brimfield, said the laboratory is more than just a classroom.


"It's not as spread out like a classroom," she said.

"In here, there's close quarters for everyone to work together."

Students taking business classes in the Larry G. Brown Media Management Laboratory will learn how important the communications business is to the future, Gher said.

"The business base of communications is part of the industry that is not well-known to the public, but is one of the fastest growing businesses in America."

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TODAY

- Liberal Arts seniors (except Music, Art and Design) can now make appointments in Favor 1229 beginning Jan. 28.
- SIUC Library Affairs - "Introduction to Database Searching" Seminar, Jan. 28, 10 a.m. - 11 a.m., Morris Library 103D. Contact the Undergraduate Desk at 453-2818 to register.
- SIUC Library Affairs - Tour of Humanities Division (2nd Floor), Jan. 28, 10 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., Morris Library Humanities Information Desk. Contact the Humanities Desk at 536-3391.
- Southern Baptist Student Ministries - From luncheon for international students, every Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 825 W. Mill St. Contact Loreta at 457-2898.
- Student Development - Student Life Advisor Interest Session, Jan. 28, 5 p.m., Lantz Hall. Contact Vincent at 453-5714.
- Black Graduate Student Association

- general meeting, Jan. 28, 6 to 8 p.m., Saline Room in Student Center. Contact Amy at 453-5714.
- SIUC EDU Meeting - Guest speaker Dr. Paulo da Leon, Jan. 28, 6 p.m., Brown Auditorium in Parkinson. Contact Nora at 529-5104 or see web page <http://www.siu.edu/~siuc-edu>.
- Voices of Inspiration Gospel Choir seeking new members and musicians, each Tuesday & Thursday, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Akgeld 248. Contact Brian at 549-9251.
- Suluki Volunteer Corps - Fun Food and Fitness, Jan. 28, 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Trico School in Campbell Hill. Contact Lynn at 684-3145 ext. 132 to volunteer.
- SIUC Library Affairs - "Introduction to WWW using Netscape (IBM)" Seminar, Jan. 28, 7 p.m. - 8 p.m., Morris Library 103D. Contact the Undergraduate Desk at 453-2818 to register.
- Southern Illinois Repertory Dance

- Theater - Dance Auditions (open to all levels of dancers), Jan. 28, 7 p.m., Furr Auditorium in Pulliam. Contact Jennifer at 536-8447.
- Pi Sigma Epsilon Open House, Jan. 28, 7 p.m., Video Lounge in Student Center. Contact Jill at 351-1655
- Black Think Tank Meeting, Jan. 28, 7 p.m., Kaskaskia Room in Student Center. Contact Sis. Nicole at 549-2320.
- Blocks In Communication Alliance - general meeting for students interested and majoring in communication field, every Tuesday, 7 p.m., Illinois Room in Student Center. Contact Gina at 457-2495.
- Suluki Advertising Agency 1st spring meeting, Jan. 28, 7:30 p.m., Communications 1248. Contact Brian at 536-7613.
- SIUC Cycling Club - mandatory meeting discussing the spring season, Jan. 28, 8 p.m., Rec Center Pool Observation Desk. Contact Jeremiah at 549-5627.

Police

UNIVERSITY

- Seven vehicles were broken into between 8 p.m. Saturday and 9 p.m. Sunday in lot 59 near the Lesar Law School. Police reported that seven vehicles were burglarized, and several pieces of stereo equipment were stolen. Total estimated value was \$2,500. There are no suspects.
- An 18-year-old student reported that at 10:59 p.m. Friday, he was battered by an unknown man near the Sam Rinella playing fields near Brush Towers. He was treated at Carbondale Memorial Hospital for a large cut on his lip and was released. There are no suspects.
- John H. Brooks, 23, of Carbondale,

was issued citations at 9:17 p.m. Friday for speeding and illegal transportation of alcohol after being stopped at the 300 block of East Walnut Street. Brooks was taken to Jackson County Jail, posted bond and was released.

- Kirk Adams, 47, of Carbondale, was arrested Saturday in the 300 block of South Lewis Lane for allegedly driving under the influence of alcohol. Adams was released on his own recognizance.
- Victor Lewis, 37, of Carbondale, was arrested Sunday for allegedly striking a woman in the face. Lewis was charged with domestic battery and was released on bail.
- Clint Rhea, 20, of Carbondale, was arrested Sunday for false identification, underage possession of alcohol and retail theft after allegedly not paying for vodka that he purchased at the Pinch Panny Liquors, 700 E. Grand St. Rhea was released on his own recognizance.

CARBONDALE

- Jay Maustakas, 22, of Carbondale, was arrested at 4:04 a.m. Sunday at the Taco Bell driveway, 412 E. Walnut St., for driving under the influence of alcohol. Maustakas reportedly was found passed out in his car with his foot on the brake and the engine running. He was taken to Jackson County Jail and was released.

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Parties part of big game

SUPER BOWL: Celebrations of the game held at a variety of Carbondale locations.

MIKAL J. HARRIS
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Some parties offered free food while others offered a chance to get loud and a little crazy, but Super Bowl XXXI gatherings on- and off-campus had students glued to televisions Sunday evening.

In the Boomer Residence Hall lounge, Resident Assistant Carlton Johnson set the game up on two televisions and channeled the grunting and crashing of the Green Bay Packers and the New England Patriots through his personal stereo.

Although many bars and residences off campus offered Super Bowl parties, Johnson, a junior in architectural technology from East St. Louis, said he thought offering a similar party for his residents was a good way to fulfill his residence hall's social program requirement.

"I figured it would be a little safer for them to stay inside the building, and this is truly an alcohol-free environment," he said. "I thought this would be the ideal party place to come, sit down and watch the game amongst friends and other fellow residents."

Johnson ordered pizzas and served punch as about 13 to 20 people moved in and out of the lounge, played pool and card games. He said the free food was a definite advantage over bars asking for as much as \$15 to watch the Super Bowl at their establishments.

"I would personally prefer something free

over something that I'd have to pay for and spend a lot of energy, time and effort trying to get to," he said.

Johnson said the gathering was alcohol-free, but that made it a better party.

"I don't necessarily think the lack of alcohol made it less of a party atmosphere," he said. "If anything, I'd say it was a plus. We

without worrying about somebody sleeping or studying," he said.

Although he said he does not enjoy the taste of beer, Brown said beer and football go hand-in-hand in his family and with many other people.

"It's a tradition. You sit back with a couple of brews and watch the game," he said. "My father did it, and his father did it."

Brown said having alcohol at the party did not create any of the problems Johnson was cautious about.

"People weren't drinking to get drunk or anything," he said. "People were just sitting back and relaxing while sipping on their beers. It was like a holiday."

One student said he was more interested in having a good time on Super Bowl Sunday than watching the Green Bay Packers dominate the New England Patriots 35-21.

Rashad Jackson, a junior in business management from Chicago, said neither alcohol nor the Super Bowl was a factor in his decision to attend the Omega Psi Phi party.

"My friends invited me to the party," he said. "My other homies are hooking up and kicking it, and I'm going to kick it with them."

Johnson said he did not prefer to watch the game at a party at all.

"I watch the Super Bowl all the time and I love the commercials, but I'd rather watch the Super Bowl at my house," he said.

Brown said football and beer were not the only attractions at the party because the main event was the video game tournament after the Super Bowl was over.

"Nobody was really into the game towards the end," he said. "Everybody was waiting for the game to go off so they could play 'Tekken 2'"

People were just sitting back and relaxing while sipping on their beers. It was like a holiday.

ANDRE BROWN
SENIOR FROM CHICAGO

wouldn't have any of the problems that most people have associated with alcohol."

Some students decided to risk offering alcohol at a Super Bowl party not in a residence hall.

At a party at Evergreen Terrace, 1501 W. Pleasant Hill Road, Omega Psi Phi fraternity members rented a big-screen television and offered about 50 people unlimited beer and home-cooked food for \$5 to \$7.

Andre Brown, a senior in education from Chicago and Omega Psi Phi member, said for the 45 people who attended, watching the game at a party outside the residence halls was better than watching the Super Bowl in a dorm.

"You could get as loud as you wanted

Professors aid coal industry, ecology

INNOVATIONS: New coal byproducts help dispose smokestack ash and residue.

BRAD WEBER
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Two SIUC faculty members are looking at alternative uses of sulfur-containing byproducts to help Southern Illinois' struggling coal industry.

Physics Professor Vivak Malhotra and Yoginder Chugh, chairman of the University's Mining Engineering Department, are mixing up ingredients to find ways to dispose of 85 million tons of smokestack ash and byproducts nationwide.

Malhotra is working on developing products that can be made with coal residue, while Chugh is working on the problems Southern Illinois coal companies are encountering.

Products that can be made with coal residue include fence posts, light posts and brake pads.

"These products can help the Southern Illinois area by not cutting down as many trees," said Dick Shockley, director of the Illinois Clean Coal Institute in Carterville. "We would also save carbon dioxide (by not cutting down as many trees)."

Coal accounts for about half the fuel used in this country's power plants. But because of stricter environmental laws, Shockley said Illinois has been losing its market share because of the high sulfur content in the coal.

Chugh and Malhotra said they are trying to find new uses for sulfur-containing byproducts so that Southern Illinois and the rest of the coal mines in the state do not lose their market shares.

"We are doing a market study on sulfur-containing byproducts to see what direction we're heading in right now, but everything looks real good at the time," Shockley said.

Malhotra and Chugh were enlisted for the project as part of a state-funded effort by Shockley.

Both professors said they know their work needs testing, but said the work done so far has been promising.

Chugh said his first success was his development of the mine timbers made of fly-ash, which is residue left over after coal is burned in a power plant.

These timbers, used to support mine tunnels, have the strength of concrete, but weigh half as much, Chugh said.

Chugh said his project is an effective way for the Southern Illinois community to save money on transportation costs.

"All the work is in the electric generation plants. There is no transportation (of coal residue) involved if the fly-ash mine timbers are used," Chugh said. "Transportation is a killer (to the cost cutting) because it is 6 cents to every 10 miles."

Chugh said he hopes that in the next few months, he will be able to showcase the fly-ash mine timbers commercially to local businesses in the area.

"We want to go commercial and sell to mines in the Southern Illinoisan area," Chugh said.

Chugh now is working to eliminate waste that is found in slurry ponds. The ponds contain acid, that are washed out of coal before it is burned.

Malhotra is testing brake pads he created that are made of sulfur-containing fuel byproducts such as scrubber sludge. Scrubber sludge is the material that comes from smokestacks.

Malhotra is looking for an industrial partner to make and test his brake pads in the real market.

If Malhotra's experiment on brake pads is a success, he said it could be an excellent replacement for asbestos, which has been used to make brake pads.

Malhotra said the initial results of brake pads have been favorable.

Nation

WASHINGTON

Senate Democrats propose education initiative

Senate Democrats Monday proposed a \$9 billion, six-year public education initiative aimed at improving children's reading skills, expanding their "technology literacy" and helping school systems finance repair, renovation and construction projects.

Thomas A. Daschle, D-S.D., the Senate Democratic plan has three parts: \$5 billion to pay up to 50 percent of the interest costs on state and local bond issues for school repair, renovation, modernization and construction, with the money to be distributed on the basis of school-age population, need and other factors.

Daschle said Democrats plan to propose elimination of corporate tax breaks and subsidies and cuts in other non-education programs to offset the initiative's cost and avoid any increase in the deficit. But he did not offer any details.

NEW YORK

Pepsi pulls out of Burma

PepsiCo Inc. has decided to pull all of its brands and business out of Burma, giving a major boost to a student and civic movement against U.S. economic involvement with the southeast Asian country's military government.

PepsiCo's senior vice president and general counsel, Edward V. Lahay Jr., said PepsiCo severed all ties with its Burmese bottler on Jan. 15, and expected that all production and distribution of company products there would cease by May 31.

Pepsi officials, who once argued that free trade would help loosen the military grip, said they acted in recognition of toughened U.S. policy toward Burma and in deference to the wishes of many shareholders and customers.

World

GROZNEY, RUSSIA

Chechens hope elections will lead to independence

Sensing freedom after two centuries of rule by Moscow, Chechens flocked to the polls Monday to vote in elections that they hope will confirm the end of the war that Russia waged against their separatist leaders for almost two years and that would bring independence one step closer.

Donning their best but threadbare clothes, the people of this tiny Muslim region turned their day of decision-making into a party. Enthusiasm for the presidential and parliamentary vote was so intense that polling stations stayed open for an extra two hours in the evening to cope with the long lines of eager citizens waiting to cast their ballots.

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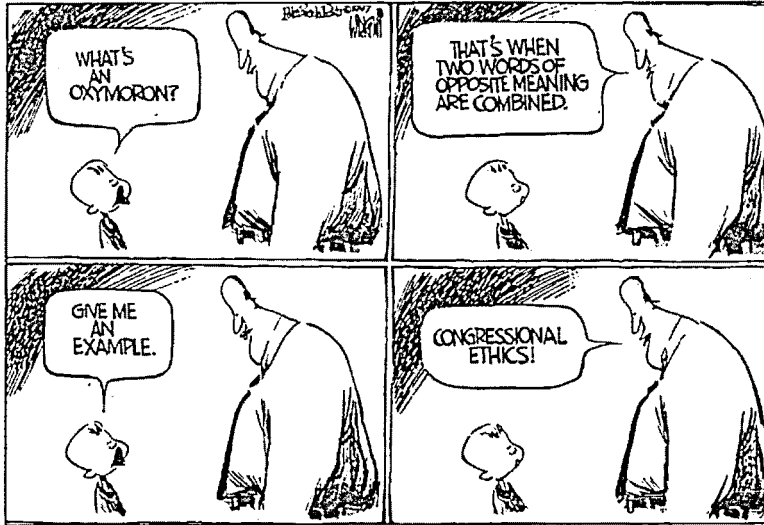
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Understanding Ebonics key to self-knowledge

There is something inherent in the very soil of mainstream America that reverberates when her incoercible African-American servants demonstrate an iota of cultural divergence — a divergence which is necessary for the successful establishment of a firm self-knowledge. Why people think that it has been proposed to teach Ebonics alludes me. It has been proposed that teachers become familiar with Ebonics as a means to bridge children into speaking standard English. Why have others tried so ardently to clear themselves of identifying the issue? I hope to bring some light to the issue by explaining the fundamentals needed to understand it.

In the early 1970s, the word "Ebonics" was coined to identify the unique way in which African Americans communicate. This unique mode of communication cannot be identified as slang any more than the dialect of the foreigner who in informal circumstances mixes his native tongue with English words.

The origin of Ebonics is a mixture of English and languages from the Niger-Congo linguistic group (see J.L. Dillard's "Black English: Its history and usage in the United States"). This language died shortly after the institutionalization of slavery in the colonies. When two languages that are from different language families converge, they must compromise features of their own language. What evolved from it was a form of English based on African syntax or word order. It maintained other peculiarities like pronunciations that almost never end in a consonant or replacing "th" sounds with "s" or "f," which is something that native Africans still demonstrate in their efforts to speak English. Other characteristics are the absence of contractions and subject-verb agreement.

The use of this language doesn't denote poor education necessarily. I use Ebonics and standard English (i.e. code switching) and scored well above most whites on the verbal section of the GRE, thus my conclusion, African Americans, educated and uneducated alike, use Ebonics in African-American environments or formal environments when they intend to speak strictly to other African Americans. It isn't variable like slang. It has maintained its basic syntax for centuries. It is not incorrect English; it is non-standard African-American English. It is, however, incorrect when one wishes to communicate in standard English and cannot do so.

The evolution of such a language only

makes sense if you consider the genesis of Africans in this land. When the first doomed and unwitting, enslaved African was brought to the shores of the 13 colonies, there was no course for English as a second language or even remedial English 101. This wasn't even a vestige of the African's worst nightmare. He would live under stress and strain learning whatever English was necessary to follow basic commands. He would have to memorize English vocabulary and superimpose it on the African sentence or grammatical structure, being the only language system he was ever taught.

“
 When two languages families converge, they must compromise features of their own language.”

The Ebonics system reflects the coercive conditions under which African Americans learned English and continuing segregation. So for centuries the language assimilated by African Americans, who were forbidden education until 1865 and higher education until 1945, has evolved from this. The uneducated among us rely more heavily upon this language system than others. This is why I have been disgusted by middle-class African Americans who are more worried about being accepted than addressing African American concerns.

One major concern is, of course, education. This is why the Oakland school system feels the need to exaggerate the definition of Ebonics as "genetic" instead of cultural in order to get the long-neglected educational assistance needed everywhere in inner-city America. This is one of America's burning issues. Many American social critics foresee racial cataclysm, and Ebonics is one issue that revealed the often hidden abyss of American intolerance and lack of empathy. The jeers of ignorant Africans, African Americans and their ethnocentric White cohorts are not entertaining, but disturbing. We should educate for self-knowledge by encouraging our teachers to understand the peculiar needs of our students, then we should educate others and put an end to the media circus.

Our Word

Open mouths

Ebonics closes gap between cultures, educational systems

EBONICS HAS BECOME A WORD THAT divides America, something that is feared and misunderstood. However, Ebonics is a way for educators to tear down barriers that separate the language and standard English. Ebonics is a tool for teaching, not a new foreign language.

Teaching English through Ebonics is the result of a failed education system and negligence on the part of parents who did not teach their children standard English. Instead of Ebonics being a curse on educators, it is a blessing — a way to close the gap between cultural and racial differences.

SOME INNER-CITY SCHOOL CHILDREN speak English in slang words not used in standard English. They learn this language from other community members and family in more social circles. When in school, these children often find difficulty in pronouncing and writing standard English.

In the case of the Oakland School District in California, educators are converting Ebonics — a language in which those inner-city school children are familiar with — to standard English with some success. The educators tried this new concept to raise standard test scores and graduation rates. The Oakland case is a symbol for the problems inner-city schools are facing.

IT IS OBVIOUS THAT TO SUCCEED IN THE professional world, people need to know how to speak and comprehend English. For students to compete in today's job market, they need proficiency in standard English. That is what the educators are trying to accomplish with Ebonics.

Many people speak a different slang or type of English when they are in informal social or family circles. For example, some people pronounce "suga" as suga as slang — this is common in both urban areas and the deep South. It is all vernacular, but when some people do not know how to comprehend and write standard English it becomes almost impossible for them to communicate.

TO CALL EBONICS A RACE ISSUE OR A dialect is incorrect. It is a modification of the English language. It is not the first time that another language has either influenced or modified English. Many English words come from different areas and cultures. English would not be what it is today without the many influences on pronunciations, spellings and meanings. To be an isolationist about Ebonics is to be ignorant of its relevant educational uses.

EDUCATORS ARE UTILIZING EBONICS AS a tool, not a foreign language. Translating Ebonics to standard English is a road to proficiency in language; not a dead-end street. For Oakland schools, Ebonics is an effort to bring together the predominantly African-American community to achieve academic success.

To ridicule and isolate people who either speak Ebonics and do not know or try to teach through it is wrong. To understand the Ebonics issue is a step to understanding today's educational and social problems.

"Our Word" represents the consensus of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board.



Kyle J. Isma'il

Guest Column

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Ebonics has true African roots



First, let me answer the question of whether Ebonics has its roots in the ancestry of its speakers.

We know that about 90 percent of enslaved Africans in the New World were taken from what we know today as the Southwest, Central and West African regions of Africa.

The upshot of this is that only what is known as the Niger Congo family of languages is immediately relevant to Ebonics.

There are many more language groups in the continent. Ebonics is the outcome of the clash between the Niger Congo languages and the various European languages, particularly English, French and Spanish.

Linguists unanimously agree that language is a strong factor in cognitive performance. Ebonics is a fact of life for many American population concentrations.

It behooves educators, therefore, to break down this barrier. After all, foreign students who are speakers of non-conventional English are sent to various language centers in the United States for rehabilitation before they are admitted into regular studies where standard English is the medium of instruction.

Professionally, it is wrong to degrade and despise, as has been done by a section of the press, the language of any people, whether of ghetto or enslaved Africans.

Language is a fundamental component of the values and lifestyles of any people. Ebonics is a legitimate and codification of a people sharing a common pattern of memory and migration, protests and politics, history and kinship.

It is a testament to the shared affinities, history and cultural creativity of African and American civilizations. For good or evil, Ebonics is a part of the life blood of jazz, rap music and, in fact, the whole gamut of hip-hop culture.

Prince Charles himself has said that the American standard English is corrupted. Ultimately, the question of whether Ebonics is a dialect or a language boils down to the conundrum of the chicken and the egg.

The task of making a particular language an official medium of instruction has been, in nation states, a political one. The language that is adopted invariably is that of who controls the army.

The only reason, therefore, that Ebonics is not a national language is geopolitical. The Linguistics Society of America has said that Ebonics is not inferior to any language, whatsoever.

In closing, let me reiterate that in Ebonics is reflected the resilience and liveliness of African culture in an erstwhile hostile Western Hemisphere Diaspora. It must not be allowed to melt into a pot of racialism, misinformation and ignorance.

PRO
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Oakland decision racist, illogical



For those who thought that I would not add my two cents to the Ebonics debate, I'm sorry to disappoint you. It would be the height of intellectual timidity on my part if I remained silent. So... let me cut to the chase: The decision of the Oakland School Board was both the quintessence of stupidity and a further indication of a systematic decline in American culture.

Language is the one factor that can either hold a culture together or tear it apart. In the United States we have a culture that is primarily based upon our ability to communicate. Ebonics not only balkanizes Americans, but it is a very cruel and condescending ploy to undermine the education of a group of people that needs quality learning the most.

Ebonics is based upon a faulty and racist notion that black students cannot learn the language of American culture and cannot compete in a post-modern world economy. This erroneous belief is that "we" have to lower educational standards to kowtow to students instead of raising the students' levels of consciousness to a point where they can empower themselves.

Furthermore, Ebonics takes the dialect of a dismet ethnic group and raises it to a level to Greek, Latin or Arabic. Not only is this false but it further balkanizes our country in an era where racial tensions are increasing to dangerous levels.

Don't get me wrong, I often speak Ebonics in a social setting, especially

when I am "kicking" it" with my friends. I would not go into a social setting speaking with profound eloquence on Prince Metemich and the Congress of Vienna — this would be utter foolishness on my part.

However, I would not go into a session of an academic conference quoting the lyrics of the Wu-Fang Clan — I would be the laughing stock of the Academy and subsequently marginalized. It's called "code switching." Every major ethnic group does this from time to time.

However, we must agree to a common language and a common culture if our nation will continue to aspire to be the beacon of hope for millions of people, ethnic groups and kindreds. Ebonics, as a language of academic accommodation, is a threat to the stability of our common American culture.

This movement toward cultural decline is not really surprising. I would encourage you to read Judge Robert H. Bork's book, "Slouching Towards Gomorrah."


In this work, Bork bewails the decline of American cultural values and attacks upon stable institutions like the family, free enterprise and education. I was reading this book at the time the Ebonics debate had taken root. Talk about timing.

Ebonics is the latest in a series of bad ideas that will further erode what is good and decent in our society, but that is the subject of another column.


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Saluki Style

STORY BY TRAVIS AKIN

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Dawgs descend on Arena

As the "Indiana Jones" theme played, the large crowd at the SIUC men's basketball game gazed up to see the Saluki Dawg descending from the cat-walk onto the SIU Arena floor.

"The Dawgs like to be the center of attention," the Brown Dawg said. "This gets you in the center of attention."

There are two dawgs: one gray and one brown. They like to be referred to as the characters and not as students in costumes. There are several students who don the costumes, but there are only two dawgs year after year.

After completing training at Touch of Nature Environmental Center, Brown Dawg repelled a distance of about 70 feet Saturday night before the SIUC men's basketball game.

Brown Dawg had to climb over the railing of the cat-walk to begin the descent. There were no trees, rocks or any of the familiar sights found in most repelling locations. There was nothing but open air and the hardwood floor underneath.

"It is almost like sky diving. The hardest part is getting the courage to let go of terra firma," Brown Dawg said. "The best part is when I am back on the ground again."

For the descent, three of the seven mascots trained under Rosie O'Connor, outdoor program coordinator at Touch of Nature. She said the mascots repelled at Giant City, but the descent in

SIU Arena is a little different than what they experienced at the park.

"Repelling in the Arena is a little more intimidating," she said. "The

Makanda Bluffs in Giant City are supposed to be the same height as it is here in the Arena, but it looks a lot higher in the Arena to me."

O'Connor said the Dawgs were a little apprehensive about repelling, but she said that was a good sign.

"If you guys were not nervous about this, then I would be very nervous," she said.

She said she was surprised when she was first approached about training the mascots to repel. O'Connor said she is happy to do what she can to make it safe because none of the mascots had ever repelled before.

Safety was the first concern Nancy Esling, the SIUC spirit coordinator, had when she began to look into the possibility of the mascot repelling.

"I approached Risk Management, and at first they thought it was just another stunt from 'those crazy kids,'" she said. "When I told them I wanted to do it, too, they knew it wasn't something crazy. Then they started to look into it."

Esling said the idea came to her when she saw a game at the University of Missouri and saw the Missouri Tiger repel from the ceiling.

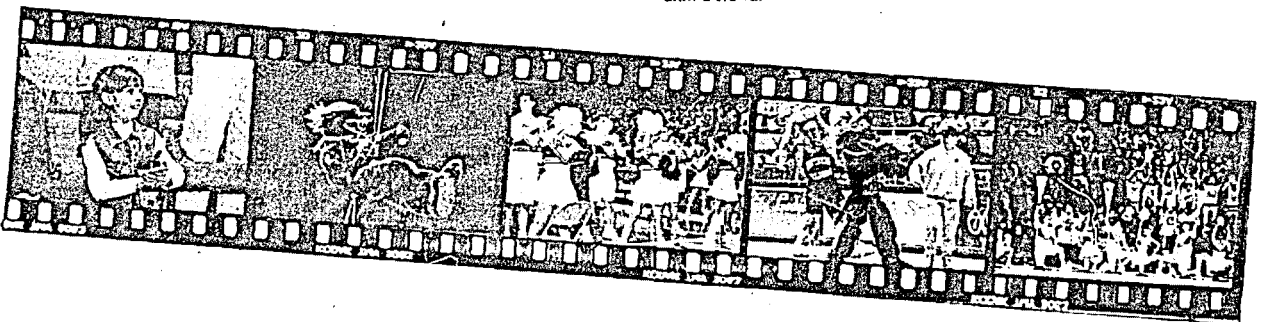
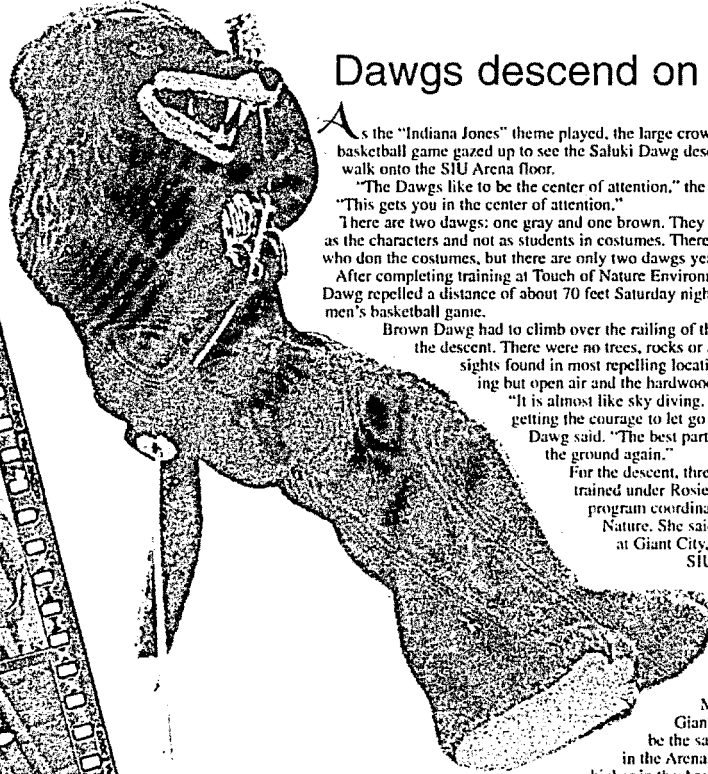
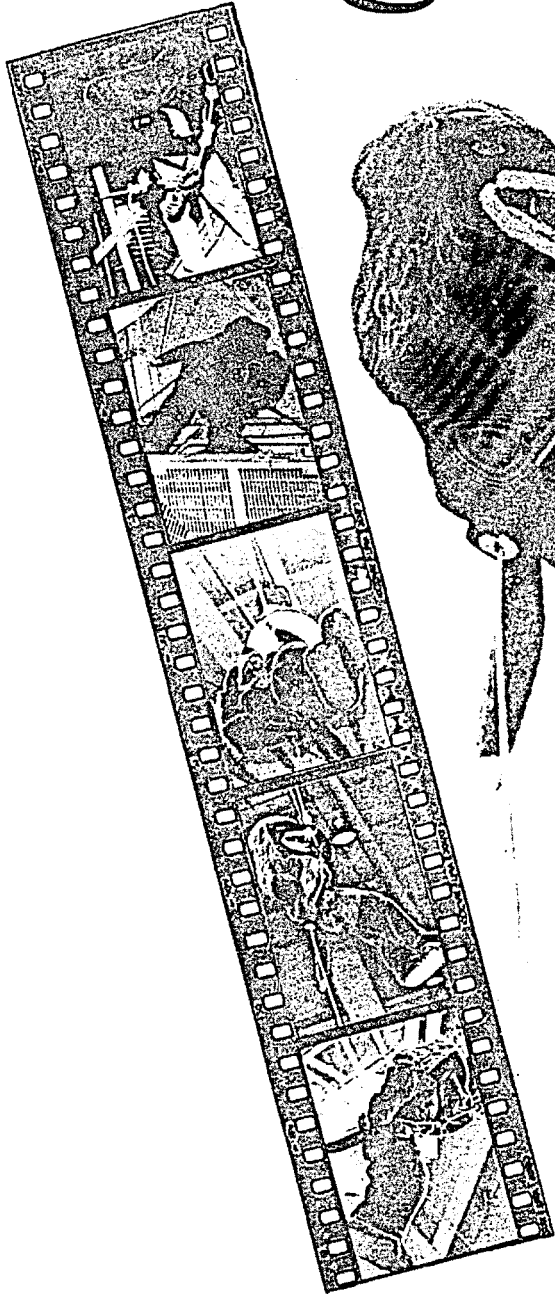
Unlike the SIUC Dawgs, the Missouri Tiger was a volunteer fireman, not a student, she said.

After contacting several national cheerleading organizations, Esling said she has not heard of any students actually repelling from the ceiling.

"I hope this will become another Saluki tradition," she said. "Any step we take to do something Saluki style is good."

Doing unique things to boost the crowd, like the repelling mascot, is what impressed Eric Vinson, a senior in psychology from Energy.

"I enjoyed it," Vinson said. "I think they should do more stuff like this to draw a crowd."



Bus

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the student mass transit fees will be decreased from \$25 to \$21 by next fall because of a surplus in fees.

"After the first year, there was a large surplus of money left over," Eynon said. "The initial money set aside for the buses was too high. We had too much student fee money."

Also Eynon said the board has heard complaints from students about the difficulty in interpreting the buses' schedules.

"Our main concern is increasing ridership," he said. "The ridership has not decreased, but new students are always coming to this University."

Eynon said the board should decide on the new routes within a few months so new schedules can be printed and the new routes can be implemented by this summer. Eynon said the Chancellor's office also will review the new routes.

The Mass Transit Advisory Board, which met Thursday, is comprised of representatives from the Undergraduate

Student Government, the Graduate and Professional Student Council, the School of Art and Design, the City of Carbondale and SIUC Student Affairs.

One student who rides the buses every day said she thinks the bus system is good, but it can be improved.

Ingrid Stober, an undecided graduate student from Peoria, said the board could make schedules more available to students by putting them in banks and around University Mall.

"I had a hard time finding a schedule," she said. "They could post schedules inside the covered bus stops around campus to help students and put schedules in local businesses around Carbondale."

Schedules currently are available at the information desk in the Student Center.

Eynon said students who commute around Carbondale are not the only ones who could benefit from the proposed routes. The board has considered sending the buses to the Southern Illinois Airport during weekends to help aviation students who need to get to class.

Eynon said one of the major routes during the week is to the airport.

One student in aviation management and flight said sending the buses to the airport on the weekends would help him save money.

Angelo Geramunif, a sophomore in aviation management and flight from Hoffman Estates, said some aviation students have to take cabs out to the airport on the weekends.

"The cab is always late, and it causes me and my professor undue stress," he said.

Geramunif said he rides the bus about three times a week, and it only runs every other hour.

"I get off at 5 tonight," he said. "I have to wait until 6 o'clock to leave."

Also the possibility of putting advertising on the outside of the buses also was discussed at the board meeting, but the cost of the advertising is still debatable. The board discussed putting the ads up for bid.

"We are still doing studies on whether this is going to be cost-effective," Eynon said.

Advertising on the outside of the

buses was brought up in April 1996 by GPSC to raise money for the addition of a caricature of a Saluki Dawg on the side of the buses.

Last April Demetris Koumides, a senior in design from Nicosia, Cyprus, designed the winning caricature of a Saluki Dawg. Koumides won \$300 and was told that the winning caricature appear on the passenger side of all the Saluki buses.

Koumides has returned to Cyprus and was unavailable for comment.

However, GPSC members said that they did not want the money for the caricature coming out of student fees. In order to raise the funds needed to put the caricature on the bus members said they want to use advertising on the buses.

Board members said they did not know the approximate cost of putting the caricature on the buses or how long it would take to raise the money.

Also Eynon said no determination could be made if the caricature will be put on the side of the bus because the possibility of advertising still is in question.

EXPRESS

TRANSIT IN TRANSITION • Student Mass Transit Fee will be decreased from \$25 to \$21 per semester next fall.

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with being illiterate, unintelligent and of a lower class.

She said this is an inaccurate assessment.

"Students are ostracized and associated with not being intelligent, but that is not the case," Dawson said. "It is just different."

Isma'il Abdul-Hakim, a teaching assistant in linguistics, said he prefers to use the term African-American English because Ebonics would classify the vernacular language used by African Americans as being a dialect.

Hakim said Ebonics is considered a separate language because it consists of all the aspects linguists use to categorize a language.

These aspects are meaning of speech forms (semantics), words (morphology), speech sound

(phonology), situation of word usage (pragmatics) and word order (syntax).

Because of its origin, Abdul-Hakim said Ebonics is a complex matter.

"Ebonics evolved from a mixture of people who spoke different languages from the Afro-Asiatic family, such as Swahili and Wolof," Abdul-Hakim said.

"When these languages were mixed with English from the Indo-Europeans, they were not mutually intelligible, so Africans would use word order of one language and lexicon (vocabulary) of another."

Abdul-Hakim said Ebonics varies from standard English in its accepted structure, being consonant-vowel-consonant-vowel, such as "mother" becoming "motha."

He said the difference also includes use of double negatives, and disuse of the verb "be." An example of this would be "he sick,"

instead of "he is sick."

Still, some professors believe that Ebonics involves more than mere speech.

"It goes beyond speech, grammar and the other linguistic aspects," Dawson said.

"Ebonics is a whole complex system of a cultural communication network. It is a fantastic cultural phenomenon."

Dawson said the network consists of several dynamics. Once a word goes from within the network, it is no longer Ebonics.

But when mentioning the speech aspect of Ebonics, Abdul-Hakim said it can be viewed as absolutely continuous.

"Ebonics is on a continuum," Abdul-Hakim. "Bislect would be on the first level, mesolect on the next and then acrolect."

He said anyone on the bislect level has a strong use of Ebonics. Those who use Ebonics frequently,

but are able to convert to standard English, would be categorized as mesolect, and those who speak standard English often but can convert to Ebonics are categorized as acrolect.

Abdul-Hakim said this is a solution for the students believing they are inferior or unintelligent because of social stigmas related to Ebonics.

"If they are exposed to other languages that are similar to their own, then they can see why they speak the way they do," he said.

"It will give them a sense of self-respect for their own language."

Both Abdul-Hakim and Dawson said they believe Ebonics is a strong part of the African-American community. Other SIUC professors

agree. Okladé Omosegbon, a professor in Black American Studies, said society is missing the point of what Ebonics entails.

He said society should be aware of Ebonics' existence and why it exists.

"The important thing is that Ebonics is a language or a codification of a people with a common ancestry, history, memory, migration, protests and politics," Omosegbon said.

"The term speaks well of the African culture in America. It's taken an unprofessional turn where people don't respect other people's culture because language is an important component part of a culture."

Abdul-Hakim said blacks should know the difference between Ebonics and standard English to become successful in the mainstream.

"By knowing the difference, you must know the history, and then you can ascertain whether or not you choose to use it (standard English)," Abdul-Hakim said.

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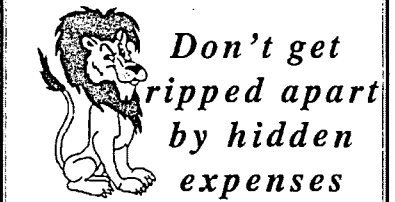
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Packers facing long road to next year's Super Bowl

CHEESY DYNASTY:
Free agency could stop a Green Bay repeat.

NEWSDAY

NEW ORLEANS—Sure, the Pack was back Sunday night, but that is history now. Next question: Will the Pack be back again next January? A look at the Green Bay Packers' roster suggests they have as good a chance as anybody, but they face issues Vince Lombardi never did.

The best illustration came Monday morning, when Desmond Howard came to the Super Bowl MVP news conference and his agent, Leigh Steinberg, attracted a horde of reporters as large as the one around Coach Mike Holmgren. Yes, fans, for the second consecutive season, the MVP is an unrestricted free agent, and like the Dallas Cowboys' Larry Brown before him

Howard might seek greener pastures. "The difficult thing is trying to keep your players together, because they will have opportunities now to test the waters," Holmgren said. "With success, that in itself creates some problems for you."

Howard is among some key Packers who are unrestricted free agents, along with defensive tackle Gilbert Brown, linebacker Wayne Simmons, defensive end Sean Jones, center Frank Winters, receiver Don Beebe and kicker Chris Jacke. Brown, Simmons and Howard, in their primes, probably will be the most attractive. The Packers won't be depleted as much as the Cowboys have been in recent years, but they inevitably will be weakened.

As Steinberg said: "This (salary) cap is specifically designed to keep dynasties from happening. It's a progressive tax on the people who are the biggest achievers."

If any team can weather the storm, though, it is this one. The Packers got this far behind a solid front office led by president Bob Harlan and general manager Ron Wolf, whose personnel savvy was evident throughout Sunday's 35-21 victory over the Patriots.

Howard was signed off the scrap heap last summer for the veteran minimum of \$275,000. Quarterback Brett Favre came in a trade with the Falcons in 1992. Defensive end Reggie White signed as a free agent in '93 and turned into the team's best recruiter. Wide receiver Andre Rison signed at midseason to fill a need, and caught the game's first scoring pass. Recent mid-round draft picks Antonio Freeman and Dorsey Levens were the game's leading receiver and rusher, respectively.

"I was a beat-up old scout coming in for a last hurrah," said Wolf, 58, who came to the team five sea-

sons ago from the Jets. "This definitely was my last rodeo, but some things happened for us ... bringing in a great coach, trading for a great player (Favre), signing the best free agent ever (White)."

As NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said: "For Green Bay to be able to compete in the current (economic) environment, I think historians might say is even a greater achievement than it was in the '60s."

The Super Bowl merely confirmed what many, including the Packers players, said before the season began. Green Bay was the best team in the league, and nothing short of a championship would do. The Packers finished 16-3, ending a five-year climb to the top, and now will be expected to do it again.

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Ditka sets sights on Saints

BIG EASY: Sources close to legendary coach say he's New Orleans bound.

THE WASHINGTON POST

NEW ORLEANS—Jerry Vainisi called Mike Ditka, his longtime friend and former Chicago Bears compatriot, a little more than a week ago and told him the St. Louis Rams were interested in talking to him about their coaching vacancy. "We had a long conversation," Vainisi, a former Bears general manager, said Monday. "But he said to me, 'Don't say anything to anyone, but I'm meeting with (New Orleans Saints owner Tom) Benson tomorrow (Jan. 18) in San Antonio.'"

On Tuesday, those talks and subsequent conversations over the past week likely will culminate with the Saints naming Ditka as the 12th coach in the franchise's 30-year history, four years after he left the Bears and a city that idolized him.

"When I talked to him that night," Vainisi said, "he was really on the horns of a dilemma. It was really 50-50 whether he'd go back (to coaching). There was a part of him that wants to coach and a part of him that wants to enjoy the good life, too. I asked him, 'Do you really want to go back and do that?' He said if an organization would make the commitment to give him the things he needed, he felt like he could make the sacrifice."

Because Ditka was in discussions

with the Saints, Vainisi said, Ditka never called the Rams, who ultimately chose Dick Vermeil, the former Philadelphia Eagles coach who'd spent the past 14 years in the TV booth. Ditka has been with NBC as an NFL studio host since he was fired by the Bears, and reportedly was earning more than \$2 million a year from TV, endorsements, various business interests and

1996. Jim Mora, who coached the team since 1986, resigned after a 2-6 start, replaced by interim coach Rick Venturi.

The Saints are among the NFL's least successful franchises, and last year, they had dreadful attendance. They sold only 40,000 season tickets in the 70,000-seat Louisiana Superdome, and Benson was looking for a big name to help boost interest in his team.

Benson said last Friday that Venturi and special teams coach Bobby April would be retained on the next coach's staff. Ditka also has spoken to former Bears special teams coach Danny Abramowicz, a former Saints wide receiver, and Zaven Yarbalian, a former New York Giants secondary coach, about joining his staff.

"I'm going to climb the mountain one more time," Ditka was quoted as saying in Monday's Chicago Sun-Times. "I might fall on my butt, but it's going to be fun."

Vainisi said that once Ditka began talking about the job with Benson, "I'm sure his adrenaline started pumping and he got excited about coaching again. I don't think there's any question he'll be able to handle it."

"Look at free agency, Mike Ditka would be a hard guy to say no to if he was recruiting you to play for him. He's a charismatic guy, and he'll also challenge you. Players still respond to that. He's not going to have any problems with that. And he knows how to win. That's proven."

"I'm going to climb the mountain one more time."

MIKE DITKA
SAINTS COACHING PROSPECT

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The Saints, who have declined to comment, apparently are prepared to give Ditka total control of their football operation. They also are expected to retain General Manager Bill Kuharich, whose contract runs out in June.

Ditka has known Kuharich since Kuharich was a boy. Kuharich's father, Joe, coached Ditka when Ditka played for the Eagles. Vainisi said they were good friends and should have a fine working relationship.

Ditka, who had a 112-68 record with the Bears, including a 46-10 victory over the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XX, will take over a badly demoralized Saints team that finished 3-13 in

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In the height of the Olympic fame of the USA women's team and also the formation of the Women's National Basketball Association, I am surprised the student body of this school hasn't ridden the wave. We tend to be a school full of tradition, and the success of the women's program is a tradition for Scott. So why isn't it a tradition for the student body?

Many of the women who are out there playing hard for the love of the game and the pride of SIUC one day will be playing in the WNBA. These are women who possibly could be role models for your sons or daughters.

There are other teams in the Missouri Valley Conference that have had a lot of success and the fans to show for it. Take Southwest Missouri State University for example.

Athletic Director Mary Jo Wynn said the SMSU women's basketball program averaged 7,200 in attendance during the 1995-96 season. Wynn said the attendance started to increase during the 1984-85 season and has steadily increased since. The Bears' Final Four appearance in 1992 skyrocketed the attendance. But prior to the appearance, the crowd was at 2,000.

The average attendance at SMSU when the team was just winning games was 2,000. Here at SIUC the average attendance for 20 successful winning seasons is less than 600 people.

Recently, when the Salukis played SMSU at SIUC Arena, the Lady Bears' fan club brought two bus loads of fans from Springfield, Mo., which is six hours away.

On a normal day, SIUC Arena can't muster up one bus load of students for the game, not to mention two.

The students at SIUC get into the games free. All you have to do is show your student ID card and you get a front row seat (so do the students at SMSU). The only effort you have to make is to walk, bike or drive to SIUC Arena. Parking is free, too! I guarantee you will walk into SIUC Arena and see a basketball team that is worth the money you spent in student fees.

Dawgs flop at home vs. Bluejays

PROBLEMS: Team gives up 10-point lead in second loss to Jays in two weeks.

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As junior guard Troy Hudson goes, so goes the Saluki men's basketball team.

Hudson could not get on

track on the offensive end during the second half of SIUC's 72-65 loss to Creighton University Monday night at SIUC Arena.

SIUC shot just 41 percent from the field against Creighton, compared with their 58 percent shooting performance in a 99-61 romp over Indiana State University Saturday night.

With the loss, the Salukis dropped to 2-6 in the Missouri Valley Conference and 9-10

overall. Creighton improved to 5-3 in conference play and 10-9 overall, and picked up their fourth straight win over SIUC, which dates back to last season.

Saluki coach Rich Herrin said the Salukis have had to overcome a lack of talent this season.

"We're not a talented basketball team," Herrin said. "We've won some good basketball games, we've played hard and we played hard early (tonight). Now we're going to try to beat Drake (University)."

Hudson's play epitomized the Salukis' effort Monday night. Hudson opened the first half with a three-point field goal en route to 10 points by halftime. The Salukis opened up a 27-17 lead with five minutes remaining in the first half.

Creighton	72
SIUC	65

But things fell apart for the Salukis as Creighton closed the first half with a 16-2 run to take a 33-29 lead into halftime. Herrin said the Bluejays' run proved to be the turning point in the contest.

"We're up 27-17 and we had a good lead, but our turnovers were very, very costly," Herrin said. "They outscored us 16-2 and go up 33-29 into halftime and that's basically where we lost the basketball game."

After a solid first half, Hudson could not find the mark in the second. Hudson finished the game with 15 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists, but made just 5 of 18 field goal attempts and 3 of 13 three-point field goal attempts as the Salukis were outscored 39-36 in the second half.

Saluki guard Shane Hawkins, who scored a team-high 18 points, said the Salukis' inability to put the game away in the first half proved costly.

"We played pretty well for the first 15 minutes of the

game," Hawkins said. "We had them down and didn't go for the kill. We relaxed, and they got right back into it and took some momentum into the half."

Both teams reversed roles between the first and second halves. After a poor shooting effort in the first half, Creighton rebounded by shooting 46 percent from the field after the break.

Led by sophomore forward Rodney Buford, who scored a game-high 24 points, the Bluejays capitalized on the Salukis' foul trouble to outscore SIUC 13-4 from the free throw line for the game.

On the other hand, SIUC shot just 37 percent from the field in the second half. Combined with their 9-for-29 performance from three-point land for the game, the Salukis could never overcome Creighton's lead.

After Creighton extended their lead to 13 points with seven minutes remaining, the Salukis cut the lead to 63-58 on a three-pointer by Hudson with 2:05 remaining. But Creighton guard Edward St. Fleur sank four free throws down the stretch to seal the win.

Saluki forward James Jackson said the Salukis must sustain an effort for an entire game to be successful.

"You've got to find it in yourself to play hard all of the time," Jackson said. "We played really hard the first half and everybody was into it. But once we get down, it seems like we let the tempo of the game take our fight away, and we've got to have fight all of the time."

The Salukis wrap up a three-game home stand Saturday when last-place Drake University comes to Carbondale.

Herrin said the Salukis will now set their sights toward a solid MVC Tournament seed.

"We've got ten basketball games left, and we know how important each of them are," Herrin said. "We're going to try and win as many basketball games as we can."



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FRUSTRATION: Saluki basketball coach Rich Herrin shows his anger at the SIUC Arena during Monday night's game against the Creighton Blue Jays. The Salukis lost to the Blue Jays 72-65.

Jayhawks outswim SIUC at dual meet

DRIVEN TO WIN: Energized by the memory of their late team captain, Kansas hands Salukis a loss on the road.

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The death of a teammate Wednesday sent shock waves through the University of Kansas' swimming and diving teams, but it did not prevent the Jayhawks from prevailing over SIUC during their dual meet in Lawrence, Kan., Saturday.

Three days before SIUC's scheduled dual meet with KU, senior Seth Dunscomb collapsed during swim practice. Efforts to revive Dunscomb failed.

The Jayhawks' top butterfly competitor and co-captain was pronounced dead at 5 p.m. at Lawrence Memorial Hospital a short time later. It has been determined that Dunscomb's death was caused by an enlarged heart.

"We are saddened for Kansas and the loss that the team has experienced," SIUC men's coach Rick Walker said. "I think they are a little numb right now."

"I think the hardest time is yet come — when his death really hits them. It puts you in a situation you hope to God you never run

into."

Saturday also marked Kansas' senior appreciation day. SIUC senior Lisa Holland said it was at that moment when the emotions of Dunscomb's death especially were hard to deal with.

"When we first walked in (Robinson Natatorium) it was fine, then they had their ceremony. After that it was upsetting."

Holland took first place in the 1-meter dive competition with a score of 258.825.

Kansas canceled its scheduled meet at Iowa Friday and considered canceling Saturday's dual meet with SIUC because of Dunscomb's death.

"Whenever a life is lost, it's an emotional situation," women's coach Mark Kluepfer said.

Walker said he spoke with KU coach Gary Kempf Friday morning and offered not to score the meet, but Kempf opted to treat the meet as any other.

Walker said he thought the best way to help Kansas deal with its loss was to be as competitive as possible.

"Gary told me after the meet that in the grand scheme of things he could not think of a better team to come into that situation and compete," Walker said.

The SIUC men's teams fell to the Jayhawks by a final score of 145-106, while the women's team fell 141-104.

"To be honest with you, they definitely

had a purpose for swimming," Walker said. "Walking in there was like facing a team that had a cocoon built around them."

"They were driven to compete; that is what Seth would have wanted."

Dunscomb was captain of KU's 1995-96 team. At the Big 12 conference championships last year, Dunscomb placed fourth in the 200-meter individual medley and eighth in the 200-meter butterfly.

Dunscomb enjoyed his greatest success at Sullivan High School, where he won a state title in the 220-yard individual medley in 1993 with a record time of 1 minute, 51.81 seconds.

Walker tried to recruit Dunscomb in 1993. Instead, Dunscomb chose Kansas, a close rival of SIUC. He said the news of his death came as a shock because he personally knew Dunscomb.

"Most of the kids from SIUC and Kansas know each other and enjoy the competition," Walker said. "A lot of our swimmers swam with Seth. I recruited him...I was in his home."

Holland was recruited by Walker at the same time Dunscomb was. She said KU had to swim well to cope with Dunscomb's death.

"They really swam very well," she said. "They are a great team, and it was something they had to do."