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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

NOVEMBER 27, 2001

Disabled students etched in history of University

A determined vision and the best technology creates equal opportunities for all students

BEN BOTKIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC's disabled students are an integral part of the University, thanks to a vision ahead of its time combined with modern technology.

The University provides an excellent atmosphere for disabled students, said Courtney Stocking, who uses a wheelchair. Stocking has enjoyed her experience at SIUC, a school she finds to be considerate to the needs of a disabled student.

"Everyone is so willing to help. The staff is willing to accommodate any special needs," said Stocking, a sophomore in recreational therapy.

Life in a wheelchair has been the only thing Stocking has known since she was born 20 years ago. Born prematurely, she was diagnosed with cerebral palsy, a condition which prevented oxygen from getting to her muscles.

Last year, she attended Illinois State University because it was closer to her home in Arlington Heights and many of her high school friends were going there. Stocking said she decided to transfer to SIUC this year because of the emphasis the University places on services offered to disabled students.

Benefits she utilizes include personal assistants who help her with day-to-day activities, an accessible residence hall room and student note takers. But aside from the practical necessities provided, Stocking enjoys the encouragement disabled students receive at SIUC.

"I'm thankful there is a school in Illinois that makes a person with disabilities feel comfortable," she said.

Stocking is one member in a population of about 500 disabled students at SIUC, a segment of the student body that has been a priority of the University for many years.

The students have a variety of disabilities, which include hearing and visual impairments, mental health conditions and learning disabilities.

Former SIU President Delyte Morris had a goal of making the University fully accessible to disabled students during his 22 years in office from 1948 to 1970. As a result, services for the University's disabled students were a priority long before 1973, when federal law mandated

Focus On Diversity

EDITOR'S NOTE: THIS IS THE FIRST IN A FOUR-DAY SERIES THAT WILL TAKE A LOOK AT ISSUES INVOLVING THE DIVERSITY OF THE SIUC CAMPUS AND IN CARBONDALE.

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PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY ERIC MOGENSEN AND BRIAN KITE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Despite tradition of minorities on campus, University still aims to strengthen diversity

JENNIFER WIG
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A 1908 photo of Professor French's class on the steps of Algeld Hall depicts three black students among the white faces.

Southern Illinois University appears to have a long history and reputation for diversity on campus, but some University officials recognize that to continue this reputation SIUC needs to work on recruitment, retention and programs to spur campus diversity.

While student enrollment numbers depict a variety of minorities, officials on campus still seek to increase diversity. And many seem concerned about minority faculty numbers, which are not proportional to student figures.

The history of diversity at SIUC goes back a long way, and former SIU President Delyte Morris is credited with much of it, because of his policy that everyone deserves a higher education.

According to "The University that shouldn't have happened, but did" by Robert Harper, Morris pushed his beliefs of education for all during his presidency, from 1948 to 1970. There were no community colleges in Southern Illinois during this time. Morris' programs, according to Harper, focused on admitting the lower half of graduating classes, counseling and remedial programs to continue retention.

Patricia McNeil, assistant dean for the graduate school, calls Morris a "pioneer."
"Getting into these ivy walls was special under him," McNeil said.

She said today the University needs to make sure students are alerted of opportunities, and McNeil wants more programs for everyone who has been "left out of

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WEDNESDAY

Nightlife opportunities open to minorities, with a focus on how religion serves as an outlet.

THURSDAY

How SIU fares in terms of minority faculty and students compared to other schools.

FRIDAY

Minorities and the police, the self-segregation on campus by different races and a profile on Tommy Curry, a controversial KKK member.

Charges dropped against Sunset stabbing suspect

BRETT NAUMAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The former SIUC student accused of slashing another student at one of last summer's Sunset Concerts had the case against him dropped Monday because the man he allegedly stabbed was a no-show.

Zachary Stall's aggravated battery trial was scheduled to begin, but Assistant State's Attorney Mark Hamrock said the prosecution couldn't proceed because main witness Thomas

Otto was not there to testify.

Hamrock said a motion of nolle prosequi was entered, meaning Stall can be prosecuted in the future even though the charge was dismissed. Hamrock said he plans on refiling fresh charges against Stall later this week.

Stall and Otto became involved in a confrontation during the June 21 University-sponsored Sunset Concert at Turley Park. While the two men were fighting, Otto was stabbed. Stall, who is now out after posting bail, was arrested within days, and Otto spent the next week in the Intensive Care

Unit of Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

Otto's stab wound punctured his lung and damaged his liver and stomach muscles. The wound ran from his groin all the way to his chest.

Both Otto and Stall were enrolled at SIU when the stabbing incident occurred, but have since left the University. Otto now lives with his family in upstate Winfield.

The mystery as to why Otto was not in court was revealed by his former roommate, who lives in Carbondale. The roommate, who wished to remain

unnamed, said Otto never received the subpoena informing him of the trial date.

The roommate looked in a stack of letters addressed to Otto and found one from the State's Attorney's office. He admits that he is partially at fault, but asserts he informed someone from the State's Attorney's office that Otto now lives in Winfield.

When contacted by the Daily Egyptian Monday, Otto refused to comment about the missed court date.

With the new charges on the horizon, Stall will face between a two-and-

five-year prison sentence if convicted of aggravated battery. He will be eligible for probation and a fine up to \$25,000.

Hamrock said the mix-up will cause more work for the office because Stall will have the opportunity to go through all pre-trial motion hearings again, but added "it happens."

"You can't try the case without the victim," Hamrock said.

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Ten-year span of economic growth ends

NEW YORK — The U.S. economy sank into a recession in March, which ended the 10-year growth that was the longest expansion in the country's history.

The National Bureau of Economic Research, composed of economists from Harvard, ruled that the expansion ended in March and is the nation's 10th recession since the end of World War II. The previous record for economic growth was set in the 1960s, a period of eight years and 10 months from February 1961 to December 1969.

President Bush is pushing for Congress to pass an economic stimulus that he can sign before Christmas.



Elephant born at National Zoo

WASHINGTON — A 325-pound male elephant was born Sunday afternoon at the National Zoo.

The calf was only the fifth elephant to be conceived from artificial insemination.

The baby was born to the youngest of the zoo's Asian elephants, 25-year-old Shanthi.

"We are all so excited," said National Zoo Director Dr. Lucy Polman. "Very few elephant calves are born in zoos each year so this is a very special event!"

Officials said there has been no decision on what to name the baby elephant.

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Latest U.S. cloning condemned

LONDON, England — A U.S. company claimed Sunday it had cloned a human embryo for the first time, earning it condemnations from political and religious leaders around the world.

Advanced Cell Technology (ACT), a private, Massachusetts-based research company, said it had cloned embryos by removing the DNA from human egg cells. The DNA from an adult human body was then implanted into the egg cell, which was then stimulated to grow into a six-cell embryo.

The breakthrough was condemned by President George W. Bush. The U.S. Congress has moved to outlaw all human cloning, with a proposed new law being considered by the Senate. The Vatican said the scientists had tampered with human life.



As many as 50 to 200 Maoist rebels may have been killed in the attack.

The emergency decree allows the government to send in soldiers to fight the rebels, who have been fighting for a socialist state for the past five years.

According to Nepal's constitution, the emergency must be ratified by parliament within three months. If no remedy has been reached at that time, parliament can extend the emergency period for another six months.

State of emergency in Nepal

KATHMANDU, Nepal — The king of Nepal imposed a state of emergency Monday, suspending civil liberties after weekend violence by Maoist rebels.

The state of emergency was issued by King Gyanendra accepted a recommendation from his cabinet. The recommendation came after a rebel attack Sunday that killed more than 30 police and army officers in eastern Nepal.

Kunduz falls to rebels

KUNDUZ, Afghanistan — Kunduz, the Taliban's last stronghold in northern Afghanistan, is now controlled by Northern Alliance troops, according to their commanders.

Northern Alliance forces had begun moving into Kunduz on Sunday, when thousands of Taliban fighters surrendered. By Monday, Taliban forces had retreated to a town to the west. Kunduz has since been placed under the control of a security commission charged with demilitarizing the city and restoring law and order.

The Taliban defeat at Kunduz ended a two-week stand-off with Northern Alliance troops and wipes out the last major pocket of Taliban resistance in northern Afghanistan. U.S. officials said the Islamic militia now governs only a small portion of the country around its political and spiritual base at Kandahar.

Police Blotter

- UNIVERSITY**
- SIUC Police are investigating a false fire alarm that occurred at 7:05 a.m. Nov. 20 on the ninth floor of Schneider Hall. Police have no suspect and there were no injuries reported during the incident.
 - SIUC Police are investigating vandalism that occurred between 10:01 a.m. Oct. 19 and 10 a.m. Oct. 20 at Allen II Building. An unidentified suspect hurled a rock through a window.
 - SIUC Police are investigating the theft of four University-owned Cannon Video camcorders taken between 6:30 p.m. Friday and 12 p.m. Sunday from the Life Science II Building. Each camcorder is valued at \$300 and police have no suspects in their theft.

Corrections

In Wednesday's **DAILY EGYPTIAN**, the caption "Finger Lickin' Good" should have read Attacks Community Service and the Drop In Center sponsored the dinner. The **DAILY EGYPTIAN** regrets the error.

Readers who spot an error in a news article should contact the **DAILY EGYPTIAN** Accuracy Desk at 536-3311, ext. 252.

Calendar

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Tuesdays, 5 p.m.
Activity Room D-Student Center
 - Student Programming Council Travel meeting
Tuesdays, 5 p.m.
Activity Room C-Student Center
 - Saluki Advertising Agency
Tuesdays, 6 p.m.
Communication building- room 1244
 - Blacks in Communication Alliance RSO meeting
Tuesdays, 6 p.m.
Student Center
 - Student Programming Council Comedy Committee meeting
Tuesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Activity Room A-Student Center

Only public events affiliated with SIUC are printed in the **DAILY EGYPTIAN** Calendar. The editors reserve the right not to print any submitted item. RSO and departmental events will be printed in the **DAILY EGYPTIAN** Online Calendar at www.dailyegyptian.com.

Calendar item deadline is two publication days before the event. The item must include time, date, place, admission and sponsor of the event and the name and phone of the person submitting the item. Items should be delivered to Communications Building, Room 1247, or faxed to 453-8244. No calendar information will be taken over the phone.

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ALEX HAGLUND - DAILY EGYPTIAN

A coffin sits in the University Bookstore window in the Student Center as part of AIDS Awareness week. The message illustrated by the coffin is to choose a condom or choose death by AIDS.

Are students listening?

Student Center educates on AIDS awareness

BETH COLDWELL
DAILY EGYPTIAN

As students passed the windows of the University Bookstore Monday, they slowed to leer at an eerie display that was meant to give them a better sense of reality.

The simple display is a plain silver coffin under a spray of red and white carnations. The coffin is surrounded by a black wall. Students who stop to find out whose coffin is being revealed are quickly hit with the notion that it could be reserved for anyone who contracts HIV or AIDS.

"It could be you, or your lover, or your brother, or your friend, or your mom, or your sister ...," the poster above the coffin reads.

"Are You Listening?" is the theme for this year's AIDS Awareness Week at SIUC. Nikki Hornsberry, co-coordinator of the week's activities, said she hopes the theme will hit home for

students. She said the coffin display is the part of AIDS Awareness Week that will probably reach the most students.

"It just seems like it's not getting through college students' heads," Hornsberry said.

Kathy Dillard, marketing director of the Student Center, agreed that the display should be effective.

"It's a very bold message," Dillard said. "It just makes you stop, which is what AIDS should do."

Dillard said the goal of the staff of Student Programs and Center Events (SPACE) for AIDS Awareness Week is twofold. First, she said they want to educate people on how AIDS is contracted. Second, they want to urge anyone who thinks they might have been exposed to HIV to seek testing.

To help promote awareness, the Student Center is hosting a variety of activities in addition to the posters and displays.

The SIUC Wellness Center has teamed up with SPACE to host a health and information fair Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Desiree Mills, sexuality coordinator of the Wellness Center, said its goal for AIDS

Awareness Week is to provide prevention information, promote awareness, emphasize condom use and let people know that the epidemic is still a problem. She said it is important for students to know that the Wellness Center provides HIV testing as well as pre-test and post-test counseling.

Other events will include performances by the B Boys of Blacks Assisting Blacks Against AIDS and the St. Louis Effort for AIDS, a lecture by the AIDS Foundation of Chicago and a concert by Voices of Inspiration.

Hornsberry said she thinks the most moving part of AIDS Awareness Week will be the memorial quilt display on Thursday and Friday in the Student Center. She said each of the quilt's blocks have been made by someone whose life has been touched by AIDS, mainly through the death of a relative or friend.

"The quilt has more than just people from Carbondale," Hornsberry said. "The blocks are for people around the world."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

Pedestrian overpass closed this week

Physical Plant officials are performing construction on the University Steam Plant Building this week. Because of the crane construction needed to install a new cooling tower, the south pedestrian overpass, near the Physical Plant, will be closed for safety reasons. The overpass will reopen during the weekend.

LCC and City Council meet tonight

The local Liquor Control Commission will meet at 7 tonight in City Hall, 200 S. Illinois Ave. The Commission will consider a bar liquor license (Class B2) for the Key West Lounge, 11087 W. Main St. into the adjacent area formerly known as the Mustard Seed restaurant, 100 N. Bleyer Drive.

The City Council meeting will immediately follow, engaging a public hearing for Gardner Kenny, 2431 New Era Road, about the affects of road construction on his house. The council will also discuss an ordinance for an annexation agreement with Kenny.

National security examined

ACLU relates historical perspective to present day terrorism at forum

ALEXA AGUILAR
DAILY EGYPTIAN

During World War II, Japanese-Americans were interned in concentration camps. Americans who were critical of the Cold War during the McCarthy era were harassed or deported.

In times when American national security is threatened, a crackdown on civil liberties is often the by-product.

It is this historical backdrop that the Public Policy Institute and the Southern Illinois Chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union will examine at 7:30 tonight at the University Museum Auditorium in Fanner Hall.

Mark Schneider, a sociology professor and chair of the Southern Illinois ACLU chapter, said tonight's forum, titled "National Security and Civil Liberties: A Historical Perspective," will look to the history books for lessons on how to deal with the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"In general, threats to national security lead to hasty policy making that across time we come to regret," Schneider said.

Hasty policy making is just what the ACLU is currently concerned about, especially with an anti-terrorism bill currently in front of the Illinois legislature. The union has issued releases warning Illinois citizens that stringent new laws may mean limited civil liberties.

Ed Yohnka, communications director for the Illinois ACLU and a participant in tonight's forum, said he is looking forward to speaking to the University community about the current situation.

"There have been recent examples of intrusions on some basic principles of American government," Yohnka said, citing the recent move by Attorney General John Ashcroft to relax the attorney-client conversation privilege.

The forum will feature professors from the History Department and the School of Law who will discuss the different historical responses in America during times of national crisis.

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PLEASE ATTEND

The forum will take place at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the University Museum Auditorium in Fanner Hall.

High schools may continue pledge tradition

Public high schools in Illinois may be given time to say the Pledge of Allegiance

MOLLY PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

High school students may soon be prescribed a daily dose of patriotism because of a proposal to require high schools to set aside time for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The pledge is already a daily requirement in grade schools, through the eighth grade. The bill would extend that allotted time requirement to public high schools in Illinois.

"Patriotism is something that we can teach and since Sept. 11, I think that we as United States citizens should say the pledge," said Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro.

Bost, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps following high

school, added that there is no better time to stress patriotism than high school. This is the age, Bost said, where seniors are registering for the draft and considering joining the armed forces.

The bill is sponsored by House Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, and Senate President "Pat" Phillip, R-Wood Dale.

Of the 20 states that require public schools to set aside time for the pledge, Illinois is the only one that exempts high schools.

The bill would allow schools to decide the best time to integrate the pledge into the daily routine and whether it is led by individual teachers or school-wide across the intercom system.

"I feel like we should say it, especially now," said Gretchen Beard, a

sophomore at East Richland High School in Olney.

The proposal only requires public schools to allot time to say the pledge; students who do not wish to say the pledge for religious or personal reasons are not required to.

"I think that if students want to do it, that's fine, and if they don't, then they shouldn't have to," Beard said.

The proposal does not require high schools to have an American flag in every room, although protocol for the Pledge of Allegiance is to face the flag with the right hand over the heart.

State Rep. David Luechtefeld said he would likely support the proposal because he said the schools should be doing everything they can to promote patriotism, especially in high schools

Gus Bode



Gus says: Do high school students even know the Pledge of Allegiance?

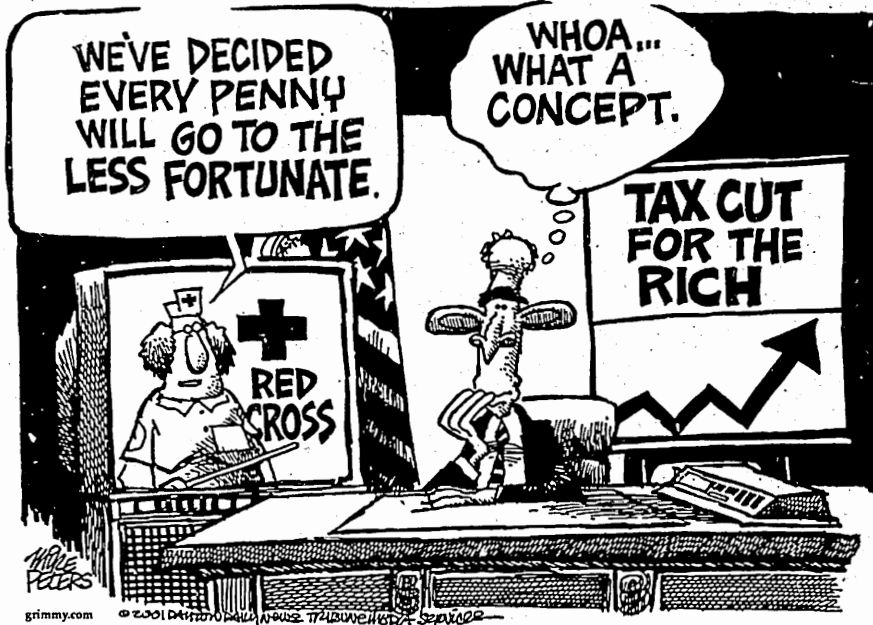
where students are preparing to be independent citizens.

"It's working [in grade schools] so I don't know why it wouldn't work in high school," Luechtefeld said. "I don't quite understand why a person wouldn't want to [say the pledge]."

Opponents say the required time for the pledge could outcast students who opt not to say the pledge and be an unwarranted test of patriotism among high school students. Benton High School Superintendent Kelly Stewart said she believes it is possible to balance patriotism and religious beliefs.

"I think if someone didn't want to participate we would respect that," Stewart said. "I think we can respect religious beliefs and still show patriotism at a time that we definitely need to encourage patriotism all we can. I think that patriotism knows no age limit."

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OUR WORD

Support your red-hot Salukis

The SIU men's basketball team blitzed through the Las Vegas Invitational during the past week, just falling short of a miraculous tourney victory over the University of Illinois.

The Salukis opened the tournament with a win over Saint Louis, followed by a Thanksgiving Day upset of Iowa State. SIU routed Hartford and then came within three points of defeating the No. 2 team in the country — the Fighting Illini.

However, earning a surprising second-place finish in the Vegas Invite wasn't enough for the Dawgs, who'll look to sink their teeth into some fresh competition when Illinois-Chicago and Indiana come to town on Thursday and Saturday.

The heart and desire shown by the Salukis, who continually clawed away at daunting opponents their first week of play, is enough to make any SIU fan swell with pride. Now, it's our turn to come out and support our Dawgs.

SIU will face-off against Illinois-Chicago at 7:05 on

Thursday evening and then attempt to derail the Hoosiers Saturday afternoon at 3:05.

SIU athletics have lacked one major component over the last couple of years: winning. Now, Bruce Weber's boys are looking like contenders. It takes more than a fluke to be able to go toe-to-toe with the No. 2 team in the nation.

Hopefully our enthusiasms can spill into March Madness if the Salukis can keep on their winning track.

With the addition of transfer Rolan Roberts to an already impressive roster featuring such talents as Kent Williams, Jermaine Dearman and an eagerly skillful bench, the Salukis may have only begun to turn heads.

The fervent fan base of the Salukis will surely show its face on Thursday and Saturday, with the rowdy "revered and feared" Dawg Pound steering the excitement.

We encourage everyone to show up and show some school pride. Hopefully our enthusiasm can spill into March Madness if the Salukis can keep on their winning track.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The real problem is not whether machines think but whether men do."

B. F. Skinner

COLUMNISTS

Generation Z, it's time to grow up

It's the bittersweet symphony of life, growing old. Every generation deals with it in their own neurotic, peculiar way. For us (Generation Z), it will be perhaps more difficult than any generation before.

This candy-coated, commercialized generation has had everything. Never before has a middle class had so much ... stuff.

It's never been easy facing the harsh jungle of the real world. Childhood memories are almost always cherished. Everything was much more simpler. Our minds sentimentalize everything to the point of exhaustion. There's a warming poignancy to everything from the sound of school bus brakes to the smell of pencil shavings. But, trust me, it really wasn't all that great; it just seems that way.

Dealing with the loss of innocence and youth is doubly hard for a generation who had ample wealth and enough digital doo-hickies to power up the entire country of Belize.

Big screen TVs, VCRs, DVD players, Nintendos, Segas, Game Boys, computers, stereos, Discmans, keyboards, karaoke machines,

Furbys, even a talking Master P doll! Thanks to us, corporations in Japan will flourish for decades to come!

All of those things made it possible to hide from the gruesome reality of growing up, as well as wasting away countless hours achieving nothing.

We didn't have to worry about if there was enough to eat or if our parents (or step-parents) could pay the bills. The economy flourished, (even if it was at the expense of Third World countries across the world). So, we took the Alfred E. Neuman approach and sat back basking in the capitalistic glory.

But then the day came when it was time to leave home. College. Yikes. You mean, I have to figure out what to do with the rest of my life? There must be more time.

But there's not.
Year 2000 seemed so far away. Now it's come and gone. This is the future we were all told would come. Now, what?

College sure isn't like it was portrayed on Beverly Hills 90210. Book stores rape your checking account, uppity professors attack your self-

esteem, your landlord is a creepy deviant and the campus police harass you almost as much as the "real" cops.

Your life is much too hectic to worry about less important things such as voting. At least there's enough booze and pot around to temporarily ease your pain.

Unfortunately, all the booze and pot in the world won't stop the inevitable. You're an adult, now. No reason to hide from it. Keep playing around and hiding from adulthood and you'll end up busted with a 14-year-old Mexican prostitute and enough illicit drugs to assure an intent to sell charge. And the government will find some way to link that to terrorist-like activities. Jesus, just blurt out the wrong rhetoric nowadays and you'll have everyone from the FBI to FEMA on you like Dennis Haseert on a hoogie.

But just because our modern times are more wild than George W. on a berserk weekend coke binge, that's no excuse to avoid reality.

With growing up comes civic responsibility. Yep, voting. Non-voters are the majority in America

these days and it's our generation, along with those whiny Gen-Xers who believe Election Day is just another day to lounge on the couch munching on Captain Crunch, catching the A-Team marathon on TV Land. So, it's no surprise that more elderly issues such as Social Security are more significantly addressed than other equal, yet more youth-oriented issues.

Even more distressing is the utterly apathetic atmosphere infecting college campuses across the map. SIU, once a strong base of activism, now resembles the all-too-familiar stereotypical college campus where top priorities are keg stands and video games.

Generation Z will have to come to terms with aging eventually. Hopefully, we won't sell out to the same temptations that captivated us during youth.

Trust me, Sony does not need our charity.

OUTLAW NATION appears on Tuesday. Joseph is a sophomore in journalism and cinema. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.



Outlaw Nation

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Nature of the Beast, Part 3

Yes folks, the time has come for the finale of "Nature of the Beast." Have you guessed how it's going to end? Does corporate radio continue to defraud the masses by stealing and profiting from our airwaves while we only get the mindless swirl of radio programming in exchange? The answer is a resounding "NO!" But we can only defeat corporate radio if we all activate. Here are eight things you can all do to fight the battle:

1. When a station has a "request" show, bombard the station with requests for songs the station doesn't usually play. Those so-called "request" shows are fairly planned out in advance in most cases anyway, with only a few actual "requests" making it into the show. Even those songs will naturally be tunes the station would already be playing anyway because they're the ones who told you to like those songs. You didn't honestly think that radio plays what you wanted to hear did you?

2. Support your local record store. One of the most prominent aspects of modern radio is of course the music. If you don't like the music the radio is playing, use your

cash to start voicing your opinions on the front lines. Show your support for non-corporate bands by purchasing their records at the non-corporate record store.

3. Boycott corporate radio! This one will be practically impossible for all of us, but it's certainly worth the effort. We all get tired of how horrible radio can be sometimes, so simply open yourself up to the possibility that you can tune out the corporate radio station every now and again. This message especially goes out to those of you with Arbitron ratings books; however, college students conveniently don't receive Arbitron books since we're "non-permanent" residents.

4. When you do finally stop listening to corporate radio, what are you going to listen to? Well, don't stop listening to radio altogether just because some wealthy fools made it suck. Give alternative radio sources a chance. Just to name a few: 91.9 WSIU, our local National Public Radio affiliate, 91.1 WDBX, Carbondale's community radio station, and WIDB, SIU's student run radio station on widb.net

5. Since advertising dollars are the only thing that corporate radio

seems to respect, hit these stations where it will actually hurt them. Tell the businesses who support corporate radio how horrid you think these corporate stations have become and feel free to deny them your patronage in protest.

6. Generously support the businesses that buy ads or underwrite alternative forms of radio such as WIDB, WDBX and WSIU. And when you do, be sure to tell those businesses that you heard their ads on those stations. If the businesses know that these commercials are generating more traffic for their store, they'll be more likely to continue to support non-corporate stations.

7. Rent "Pump Up the Volume." This is the single best radio movie that I've ever seen; "Pump Up the Volume" chronicles the life of an awkward teen who finds his voice in pirate radio. If these columns have interested you at all, then "Pump Up the Volume" will continue to motivate you and raise your ire against corporate radio. "Pump Up the Volume" shows that radio has a power far beyond cheesy contests, boring DJs and pop music; radio has the power to

bring people together and keep them aware of the world around them. "Airheads" also deserves an honorable mention; as goofy of a movie as this is, it paints a frighteningly accurate picture of how corporate radio works.

8. Contact the FCC and tell them how you feel. Their toll free phone number is 1-888-225-5322, and FCC Chairman Michael Powell's e-mail is mpowell@fcc.gov. For further contact information, go to www.fcc.gov. I'm sure the friendly folks at the FCC would love to hear about the groundbreaking new ways your local radio station has found to serve the "public interest."

Now I don't expect everyone to do all of these things; I haven't even done all of these things. But short of buying a radio station, this is the best we can do. If you have any questions or ideas about conquering corporate radio, feel free to e-mail me. Thanks for reading the series. SAVE RADIO!

TONGUES OF FIRE appears on Tuesday. Steve is a senior in radio-television. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.



Tongues of Fire

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LETTERS

Republicans 'intellectually dishonest'

DEAR EDITOR:

Attorney General Ashcroft and President Bush have shown to me and millions of other Americans what we expected all along: Republicans, when it comes down to it, are intellectually dishonest. They say they are for states' rights.

Why then do they oppose Oregon's assisted suicide law or California's and Arizona's law along with other state laws on medical marijuana? Why does

Bush want to cram so-called tort reform of our court system, which would impose federal rules on state cases? I have yet to see one example of a Republican supporting a state right to take a course of action that he/she disagrees with. It would seem to most observers that they use states' rights as a cover for their own policy wants. This is the party of states' rights? This is the moral and family value political party? I guess honesty must not be a family or moral value.

Jerome Mc Collom
Mishawaka, Wis.

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Ground broken for research park

Construction for Southern Ill. Research Park anticipated to begin Spring 2002

JARRET O. HERZOG
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More than 75 spectators watched as Illinois politicians joined by SIUC administrators dug their gold-painted shovels into the earth during the ground-breaking ceremony for the Southern Illinois Research Park.

The ceremony took place Monday at noon near the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center on Pleasant Hill Road. The event also featured speeches by SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler and Carbondale Mayor Neil Dillard.

Work on the park's infrastructure is expected to begin next spring. S.M. Burkey Construction Co. of Murphysboro was awarded the contract with the low bid of \$395,673. The company will be constructing a fountain and detention pond and installing sewer systems and water lines.

The \$40 million research park will take several years to complete and will consist of 12 buildings totaling 236,000 square feet of space. The park is expected to contain 75 new businesses, most of which will be high-tech and employ 800 to 1,200 people.

Raymond Lenzi, the associate chancellor for economic development and the executive director of the Southern Illinois Research Park, said he expects businesses such as DXR, a medical diagnostic and educational software company and Digital Smiths, a software and web-based company, to move into the park.

"It's a big first step in the research park project," Lenzi said.

Wendler said the contribution this park will make to research, business growth and jobs will have a



STEVE JANKE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

United States Representative Jerry Costello talks to reporters following the groundbreaking ceremonies for the Southern Illinois Research Park on Monday. Costello helped garner nearly \$500,000 in state and federal funding for the park which will be built adjacent to the Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center on Pleasant Hill Road. When completed, it will house as many as 75 new businesses in 12 different buildings.

lasting impact on both the University and on the Southern Illinois region.

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Bellefonte, said the research park is sponsored by a university that is well-known and successful. It is also located in an area of high unemployment.

"This is only phase one, this is a long-term project," Costello said. "We think this is a very sound project for Southern Illinois. There are a number of companies that the University already talked to in the private sector that have expressed an interest in possibly locating here in

the future."

Costello helped the project by allocating \$300,000 from Congress last year and an additional \$150,000, which was approved by Congress in the past few weeks.

Dillard said in a speech that the University and the city have been partners in several projects in the past, but he said this one may top them all.

"With all of the great talent that this University produces, we, the city, and the neighboring communities, counties, area want to retain as many as we possibly can," Dillard said. "It will help the area, it will

certainly help Carbondale."

State Rep. David Luechtefeld, R-Okawville, said the project will take research performed at SIUC and put it into action, allowing more students to stay in the area and be involved in taking the research to the next level.

"It's something that makes sense," Luechtefeld said. "It's just something that needed to be done and I'm glad that the people here at the University have really tried to take off with this."

State Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, worked with Luechtefeld to secure \$150,000 for

the research park from the Illinois First program.

Lenzi said funding for the infrastructure has been finalized and he hopes it will be done in the next year or year and a half and companies can begin the moving-in process.

"This has been in the planning for about three years now and so it's just great to reach this stage where we're actually breaking ground, spending money and making the improvements that are going to lead to the expansions," Lenzi said.

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Women take director's chair in film tour

WILLIAM ALONSO
DAILY EGYPTIAN

How does an Asian bisexual woman discover who she is in relation to straight white males? One film in a traveling exhibition of short films made by women, about women, seeks to discover this answer.

The films are a selection from this year's Women in the Director's Chair, an international film and video festival, entitled "How to Properly Portray an American Flag." The films will be shown at 7 tonight in the Student

Center Auditorium and are sponsored by Film Alternatives.

WIDC was founded in 1980 as an artistic and political project to provide a platform for films made exclusively by women. The festival is the largest and oldest festival for women and transgender directors. The tour is an extension of this year's 20th anniversary festival that took place in Chicago earlier this year.

Tom Desch, a senior in cinema and photography, is president of Film Alternatives, a student organization that strives to bring independent films to the Carbondale area. He said the WIDC tour helps give exposure to

media outside of the Hollywood world.

"It gives them a different perspective on film making. This gives a voice to women who aren't represented in Hollywood films," Desch said. "It is still kind of an exclusive boys club. [WIDC] works to give women more of a voice in the industry. Even if you look at the department at SIU, it is male dominated."

The six films being shown tonight are all short films presented in various formats. They span such topics as the tale of an elderly shoplifter discussing her first arrest to the experiences of black women

during the late '70s and early '80s.

One film, "Eighty Layers of Me (That You'll Have to Survive)," documents former cheerleaders turned community leaders and a group of performance artists who lead cheers concerning women's issues.

Elizabeth Koopman, a senior in cinema and photography and a member of Film Alternatives, said because of the low numbers of women directors, they receive less exposure than their male counterparts. She said organizations such as WIDC and other female-based film festivals are increasing recognition. "There are so few women in the

film industry that are actually directing films. This gives women a chance to see what other women have been doing in the film industry," Koopman said. "And since there are so few females in our department, this gives us more of an exposure to films made from the female perspective."

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REEL IN A FILM

Women in the Director's Chair starts at 7 tonight in the Student Center Auditorium. Admission is \$2.



LISA SONNENSCHEIN/DAILY EGYPTIAN

DECK THE HALLS: Steve Musselman, a graduate student in fine metals from Lake In The Hills, and Jackie Turner, a senior in zoology from Creal Springs, decorate the Student Center with wreaths and bows Monday. Musselman and Turner are employees of the Craft Shop, which is responsible each year for filling the Student Center with spirit for the holiday season.

Altgeld prepares for renovation

Second oldest building on campus gets a revamp

BRIAN PEACH
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The trees are gone and the piles of dirt grow higher each day, as one of the oldest buildings on campus, Altgeld Hall, prepares for its long-awaited renovation.

Windows have been boarded and the area around the building has been cleared in preparation for the 20,000 square-foot addition that will be connected to the original structure.

Altgeld's current 36,300 square feet of space was constructed in 1896 and cost only \$400,000 to build.

The bid for nearly \$12 million in state funds that is being put into the addition and upgrades took years to be approved and will include acoustically-sound classrooms, recording and performing studios and a weatherproof walkway connecting Altgeld Hall, which houses the School of Music, to Shryock Auditorium.

Phil Gatton, director of plant and service operations, said the building was in long need of an upgrade, and plans to start improving it began years ago.

"Needs were not being met in the building," Gatton said. "It took about 10 years to get the funding to do this."

With all the construction, the School of Music will be forced to spread across campus next semester. The Northwest Annex, Quigley Hall and the Old Baptist Foundation will house the musicians until construction is completed. Gatton said the renovations are planned to be finished by summer 2003.

SIU Band Director Thomas Bough said he's been patient during the construction because he realizes the potential it will bring and knows the building is in need of improvements.

"It's worth being flexible, because at the end we'll have this incredible state-of-the-art facility," Bough said.

Acoustically-sound rehearsal rooms, better heating and cooling and having a basement that doesn't flood are among the benefits students and professors have to look forward to when they return to Altgeld Hall.

"Some people have been waiting their whole career for this and now it's here," Bough said.

Altgeld Hall has a look that is reminiscent of the old SIU style and stands out among all the more modern-looking buildings at SIUC.

Constructed in Tudor Gothic or English-castle style, the hall has housed a library, science laboratories, a gymnasium and a bowling alley, according to Ann Hacker, deputy state historic officer at the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

Originally, Altgeld Hall was

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Thomas Bough
band director, SIU

built at the request of Gov. John Altgeld, who was a major contributor to SIU, and helped back legislation creating schools such as Northern Illinois University, which also has an Altgeld Hall.

Illinois State University, Eastern Illinois University and the University of Illinois also have castles that resemble Altgeld due to the contributions by the governor. Eastern's "Old Main" is the largest of the five at nearly four times the size of SIUC's.

According to an evaluation of historic buildings by SIUC students, Altgeld wanted a state building to unify the state schools. He had the castles constructed so that each building would resemble a portion of a castle from Germany, where the governor originated.

SIUC's Altgeld Hall is made of yellow brick and gray rock-faced limestone. Its octagonal four-story tower peaks out from the tree tops and can be seen upon entering the University campus.

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DISABLED

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that government-funded universities provide better access to disabled students.

SIUC became more accessible during a time when many colleges did not have facilities for disabled students, said Kathleen Plesko, director of the University's Disability Support Services.

When Morris came to Southern Illinois in 1948, he wanted to assist disabled World War II veterans who were making the transition to a civilian career. A wide range of disabilities were introduced to the campus as veterans limited in mobility or blinded from explosions began attending SIUC.

The early residence halls that housed disabled students included three buildings located between Faner Hall and Morris Library which were known as "barracks" to the disabled veterans of World War II and the Korean War.

"They called them barracks because they primarily housed disabled veterans of the two wars," Plesko said.

Disabled students also lived in Carbondale nursing homes as late as the 1960s, with buses available to transport students to and from campus. More dormitory rooms on campus became available when the University provided disabled students with modified rooms in the Northwest Annex.

Living quarters designed for disabled students are dispersed throughout the various residence halls, following a tradition of mixing disabled students with their peers.

"We have a concept and philosophy of integration of people with disabilities," Plesko said.

With this concept, several rooms made accessible for disabled students are in many of the residence halls, a design different from other universities, Plesko said.

The University of Illinois at Urbana-

"I'm thankful there is a school in Illinois that makes people with disabilities feel comfortable."

Courtney Stocking
disabled student

Campaign has one residence hall designed specifically for disabled students, something not necessary at SIUC with the integration model in place, she added.

Disability Support Services provides assistance to disabled students by making special arrangements in classrooms and helping disabled students determine what specialized computer software they need in order to have a successful academic career. Michael Whitney, assistant program director for DSS, uses computer technology to help disabled students.

Advances in the computer world have

benefited disabled students, who have a variety of special programs to choose from. JAWS, one computer program, helps visually impaired students by reading text out loud from their computer screens.

"JAWS is not a stand alone product. It's a piggyback with any program," Whitney said. "It really helps out students with being able to access information. If a student comes in and doesn't know what's out there, we tailor-make accommodations for them."

Whitney said that while some of the technology has existed for about 15 years, the programs are more user-friendly because of improvements made in computer systems overall, which allow programs such as JAWS to run more smoothly and efficiently.

Another application allows mobility impaired students to write by dictating words into a small microphone attached to a headset that is hooked up to the computer. After saying the desired words, the text appears on the computer screen.

Whitney said the programs are designed to recognize distinctive voices from individuals. Students sometimes use one program for their morning voice and another for the evening, when their voices become heavier, a change that, while small, is enough to confuse the delicate programming.

And while many people using the programs are permanently disabled, the technology is also helpful for students suffering from temporary problems such as carpal tunnel syndrome, Whitney said.

Using the technology, Whitney can transfer textbooks into audio, which visually impaired students can use.

The integration ideal also applies to computers, where computers equipped with software for disabled students are spread throughout the entire campus instead of centered in one lab geared toward disabled students.

Rob Hobson, a blind student in pre-law, said having technology integrated is a good idea when considering the University's large size.

"If you had an individual lab, I don't think it would be used as often," he said.

Hobson said getting textbooks converted to audio is sometimes frustrating because the books are not always in the bookstore early enough to be converted to audio before classes begin. Visually impaired students need their textbooks six weeks before classes begin, a time constraint that is difficult, he said.

Plesko said getting textbooks six weeks before the semester begins is necessary because transferring the books into audio is a time-consuming process. Individual pages from books are fed through a machine which reads every page as the text is transformed into usable audio.

And although computer technology greatly benefits disabled students, problems with the programs occasionally trouble disabled students, Hobson said.

In the past, he has gone to Faner Hall's computer lab, where he found the needed software inoperable.

"Sometimes it would take them an hour

Disability

Paralegic	8
Quadriplegic	23
Mobility Impaired	176
Chronic Health	54
Learning Disability	110
Attention Deficit Disorder	31
Visually Impaired	21
Hearing Impaired	14
Traumatic Brain Injury	13
Mental Health	35
Temporary	6
Other	1
Total	492

Number of students using Disability Support Services in 2000.

and a half to figure out what was wrong with the computer," Hobson said. "They're working on it, but it could be better."

And while technology has occasional glitches, Hobson said he was able to easily obtain employment on campus after asking a cafeteria manager he knew about the possibility.

"All I had to do is mention I was interested in a job," Hobson said. "They were very helpful to me."

Kevin Hostetler, the assistant food service manager of Grinnell cafeteria, knew Hobson for some time before he asked him about the possibility of employment.

Although Hostetler wanted to help Hobson, he had never employed a blind student before.

"My first gut reaction was, 'Oh my, what can I do?'" said Hostetler.

But after assessing the situation, he was able to find a position where Hobson works making sandwiches, a job which accommodates his disability.

"In looking at it, we ended up coming up with an arrangement that required little movement," Hostetler said.

And although hiring and supervising a blind employee was a new experience for Hostetler, he has learned to value Hobson's contribution to the cafeteria. Hobson sometimes even assists in training new employees, Hostetler said.

"In my opinion, it's just a matter of being able to look at the situation and what the limitations are and try to work through them," he said.

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DIVERSITY

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the loop," from women to blacks to students with disabilities.

McNeil came to SIUC in 1973 as an undergraduate student. She said SIUC was the only institution south of the Mason-Dixon Line that had a huge influx of blacks during this time, which was not a popular idea.

Even the white faculty were not thrilled about it, McNeil said.

"It just wasn't all that comfortable," she said. "But the opportunity was here for us to go to school."

She said if it were not for black families on the northeast side of Carbondale, black students would not have made it. Because of her race, McNeil could not get a job as a student secretary, although she had good typing and speech skills. She washed dishes and worked in kitchens to make it through school.

McNeil, who is still actively involved in her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta, said the multi-cultural Greek system improved relations between whites and blacks during her years as a student.

Although the groups are separate, McNeil said she has read all the organizations' constitutions and they are all very similar. The groups were required to mix, and McNeil said there were few problems with it.

"Folks tend to be comfortable with their own. And there's nothing wrong with that, as long as we take the time to appreciate others," she said.

But today she sees a change in the attitude of mixing among groups, because in the past, the world had more of a "we" attitude.

"Students today are more concerned about me, myself and I," she said. "Our campus is a small representative of the greater world, so I shouldn't be surprised."

McNeil said although SIUC does a decent job recruiting minority students, the University needs to work on retention because students are consumers and they will find out the climate and types of faculty before selecting a school. McNeil said some of SIUC's departments are progressive and concerned about recruiting minorities, such as microbiological sciences and sociology.

Beverly Stitt, director of Women's Studies, said SIUC's black president, James Walker, may give the University a diverse appearance, but finding another black person in a high position on campus is difficult.

"We have a lot of high-ranking black males," she said. "The missing piece is black women."


According to the 2001 enrollment numbers, SIUC has 2,675 black students out of 21,598, which is about 12 percent.

But Stitt wonders if despite the high student numbers, low faculty numbers prove lack of value for minorities.

Seymour Bryson, associate chancellor for Diversity, said although Morris had a large influence on SIUC's diversity, former Chancellor Joyce Guyon created Bryson's position to bring focus to this issue. The position was created in 1987, along with the University Women's Professional Advancement after two task forces recommended both.

Bryson came to SIUC as a freshman in 1954, after attending a segregated grade school and a integrated high school in Quincy. Although he said Carbondale's

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climate was similar to other communities, the campus environment was more open.

"When I first came here, legal segregation was the law of the land," he said. "I didn't feel like I was not connected with the University."

Bryson has a picture of himself with two white basketball coaches. In it, he towers over the men, but his eyes are pasted to the floor. He said today he looks people in the eye. Because blacks and minorities can now claim their rights, Bryson said there might be more tension among races.

His goal is to see that SIUC's population is reflective of the state population. Because Morris gave the University a head start, Bryson said it is not as difficult as it sounds.

Bryson said in terms of the black student population, SIUC is on par with state figures. But numbers for women and minority students and faculty are still below this goal. SIUC's total consists of 11,775 men and 9,823 women. The women's percentage is below 50 percent, but most universities have an even split between genders, Bryson said.

Bryson suggests the military programs off campus affect gender enrollment and said because more international students are male, those numbers tend to be higher.

All universities have similar concerns about diversity Bryson said, but the commitment level is different for each. SIUC considers diversity a large priority, he said.

"We're trying to enhance and improve what we already have," Bryson said. "What kind of learning environment are we creating for students?"

Bryson said diversity is important because people reach their potential in an environment they are comfortable in. But the world is not one color, age or gender, so people must learn to be comfortable with variety.

Walker Allen, director of Admissions and Records, said despite Morris' education goals, SIUC is a moderately selective university, which

invites a broader array of students based on socioeconomic background, not just ACT scores and grade point average.

"Admissions could be a factor, but the University has a long history of supporting people of different backgrounds," he said.

Margaret Winters, interim provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, has been at SIUC for 24 years, and is the only female vice chancellor. While at an award conference in Chicago a few weeks ago, she witnessed former students receiving awards. Many said they had had high school and junior college experiences and that SIUC gave them a chance.

"They said how important it was that SIUC has flexible admission requirements, that it gives people chances," Winters said.

Allowing a variety of people a chance at education is important, Allen said, because the world is not all white.

"It's a tremendous asset for this community," he said. "Our students, when they graduate, will be getting into a diverse work environment," Allen said. "It should be an advantage for them."

Allen said retention is a key to influencing diversity, but addressing those issues is not easy. As for diversity among faculty, he suggested financial reasons and availability.

"The opportunities for women and minorities in many areas that are able to pay higher salaries is a factor," Allen said.

Winters said SIUC also needs to consider the Hispanic population. Winters said because SIUC recruits heavily from Chicago, where there is a high population of Hispanics, the University should ponder reexamining how it can recruit more diversity.

There are 586 Hispanics, or 2.7 percent enrolled at SIUC. Asian-Americans are at 340 and Native Americans are at 74.

International Students

Variety does not just include Americans of different ethnicities. Former president Morris also brought international students to SIUC.

"He wanted our community to see the world," Stitt said.

Christine Svec, associate director for International Services and Programs,

said the first international student set foot on campus in 1947, when three individuals arrived from Mexico, Iraq and Korea.

In the 1960s, a man named Robert Jacobs was assigned international education, to help acquire funding and create programs. By the 1980s, SIUC was sixth in the nation with number of international students. SIUC is still in the top 30 today, with about 1,400 international students from more than 100 countries.

These students had to pay three times the usual tuition every year, until the Board of Trustees changed that in 1998. The board lowered costs from triple to double after a decline in international enrollment.

Svec said word of mouth has been the largest recruiter for international students who attend SIUC because they know someone else who did. Now all universities recruit internationally, but Svec said SIUC has something many campuses do not — a place to study English. The CESL, or Center for English as a Second Language, program allows students to take separate English classes, aiding them in their other classes.

International numbers were up last year, but Svec said in light of the Sept. 11 attacks, she is uncertain what will happen next year. But she is optimistic that because most students first arrive in the fall, the numbers will remain constant.

Faculty

Marcia Phelps, an equal opportunity officer, has worked for the University for 16 years and pushes diversity among faculty.

The black population among faculty has not changed much during that time. In 1990, there was 5.7 percent of black faculty full and part time. In 2000, there was 5.8 percent.

Phelps said because there are so few black faculty, it does not take many to make a change. Phelps said Carbondale is too far from a metropolitan area to maintain a diverse faculty, because spouses may not find jobs in town unless they are also in higher education.

She also said the lack of professional social opportunities prevents many single people from choosing SIUC as

an employer.

Tenure track faculty made up 35 percent of the faculty in 1990 and 35.5 percent in 2000, but was as high as 43 percent during that decade. There are 63 to 66 average hires a year for tenure track faculty. In 1990, blacks made up 1.9 percent of those numbers, or five people. In 2000, 11 blacks were hired, increasing to 4.2 percent.

The creation of the University Women's Professional Advancement in 1987 has increased women's numbers on campus, Phelps said.

Nearly 54 percent of working people on campus are women, but that includes civil service employees such as secretaries. Excluding those, the numbers were 40 percent in 2000.

Most Illinois campuses are divided evenly between genders in faculty and students, but SIUC falls below that.

Phelps said hiring practices have tightened during the years, not just for women and minorities, but for everyone. When a department places an advertisement for a position, Phelps ensures that the department casts a broad net to hire people, and that they stick to the wording used in the ad.

Phelps said some departments may try to sneak people by who are not qualified, so she encourages them to publish minimum requirements with higher requirements listed as preferred. Quotas are illegal, but the Affirmative Action office sets goals, based on state numbers.

Stitt said there are conflicting views behind reasons for lack of female faculty in higher positions. She said networking among the white male professors of SIUC to the other white male professors could be one reason. Retention is a key to diversity, she said, indicating that even when SIUC hires minorities, they do not often stay.

"Something's wrong. They're not happy here," she said. "If you don't have the role models, you're not going to have the students."

Linda Gannon, coordinator for the University Professional Women's Advancement, said when the organi-

tion was created, few women filled administrative and chair positions.

"It was difficult for women to get promoted to positions like that because they never had been," Gannon said.

Although the organization has made progress, Gannon said the goal has not been reached until the women's advancement organization is not needed anymore and can be disbanded. Meanwhile, the organization recognizes a distinguished woman every year, provides financial help with research for women interested in tenure track positions and workshops for advancement.

One proud accomplishment was their former mentoring program, originally started to advise women on advancement. Now each college participates in the program which serves men and women.

Gannon said this means the organization succeeded.

She said the goal is to get to the point where gender is not taken into consideration when applying for a position. But she is skeptical of society's eventual progress in that area.

"If at some point women's work were considered the same way men's were, we wouldn't be needed anymore," Gannon said.

McNeil said no matter what, SIUC needs to continue to work on diversity.

"When institutions say they can't 'find' qualified folks, that irritates the Sam Hill out of me. If you're interested, if you value diversity, you're going to go to places where there's a huge well of people," McNeil said.

McNeil said SIUC needs to rethink the package it offers minorities and women, which is not all about the money.

"Something has to give. We can come up with all types of excuses — why we don't have women or people of color in our ivy towers," she said. "Bottom line is, if you're serious, you'll do something."

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Fiction: The Sheriff doesn't have to lay off any deputies with a reduced budget.

★ **FACT** Salaries amount to nearly 85% of the Sheriff's Department budget. In a department that is already understaffed, there is no where to cut the large amount proposed by the County Board (over \$200,000) without layoffs.

Fiction: The current County budget is in deficit.

★ **FACT** The county's budget estimates have been consistently faulty, with an average favorable variance of over \$210,000 in each of the last six years. The audited financial report, compiled after the end of the fiscal year, is the true indication of the financial health of the County, and shows consistent growth in fund balances.

Fiction: The only way to accommodate the requested budgets by officeholders is to raise taxes, and the voters will be asked to approve tax referendums.

★ **FACT** Property tax revenue has more than doubled in the past seven years, increasing from \$2,109,874 in 1993 to \$4,685,737 in 2000. The value of property in Jackson County has shown consistent growth, increasing in each of the last five years and increasing 71% to \$422,171,613 between 1990 and 2000.

Fiction: The Sheriff can come back to the County Board later in the year if he runs out of money.

★ **FACT** No office holder can adequately plan for the year without having certain funding to provide needed services. If the County Board is unwilling to discuss mid-year funding, why not make the commitment now? Why is the County Board Chairman unwilling to back up this commitment in writing?

Fiction: The Sheriff and Union are trying to scare the public.

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Sanctions don't stop drinking in dorms

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(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. - Every year, more than 5,000 freshmen move into University of Michigan residence halls, leaving behind a world of curfews and parental supervision to enter into an entirely new social structure that often minimizes the importance of rules and policies.

It is within this social structure that the University struggles to maintain a safe and healthy environment for the population of students, almost entirely under the age of 21, living in the residence halls.

Among students, the presence of alcohol within residence halls seems to be common knowledge.

"It's pretty obvious," said LSA sophomore Liz Burpee, who lives in West Quad Residence Hall. The circumstances under which drinking occurs within halls vary, she said.

"Sometimes a bunch of people will meet in their dorm before going out," she said. "Some people have progressives in their dorms," she added, referring to a type of party that involves a number of rooms, each serving a different drink.

"Residents drink in the dorms. There's no doubt about it," said Patrick Guffey, a second-year medical student with three years of experience as a resident adviser. "Students coming to college are going to do that."

Administrators also recognize that drinking occurs in residence halls, and have thus tried to develop policies that are not disciplinary, but rather educational.

"It's not that we're out to bust people. We want to be a community that thinks about the well-being of other members of the community," said Greg Merritt, the University's assistant director of residential education.

"We are here to try to engage students in community issues such as alcohol," he added.

The University's policy regarding alcohol in the residence halls involves a process that begins with the resident adviser. If RAs encounter a resident with alcohol, they are instructed to document their encounter and give a report to the hall director. The hall director then meets with the student to determine the student's responsibility in the incident and appropriate sanctions.

"I think a lot of RAs tend to be a little lax on the alcohol rules," said Engineering junior Tim Winslow, president of the Residence Hall Association.

According to University figures for the 2000-2001 school year, 6 percent of the resident hall population was accused of an alcohol violation and 3 percent were actually found responsible for a violation.

"It's just common knowledge that the drinking will take place, but if it's obvious, then students get the feeling that

more likely than not, something is going to be said about it," Burpee said.

One possible sanction for students is to perform a computer program entitled "Alcohol 101" and then to write a reflective paper on what they've learned from the program. According to Merritt, the program is interactive and intended to engage students with issues such as body weight and alcohol content in order for them to better understand the effects of alcohol.

Sanctions depend largely on the circumstance and always have a goal of self-reflection and future deterrence by the student, Merritt said.

One student, an LSA freshman living in Mary Markley Residence Hall who asked to remain anonymous, replied sarcastically when asked about what he learned after being written-up, receiving a minor in possession of alcohol citation from the police and speaking with the hall director.

"I learned I hate living in the dorms," the student said.

"Most residents I know drank again after being written-up," Guffey said, adding that he thought talking with students was more effective than simply writing them up.

"Residents consider it more of a hindrance than an actual educational tool," said Winslow, referring to some negative reactions students have had toward "Alcohol 101."

Another RA, who asked to remain anonymous, remarked on the ineffectiveness of "Alcohol 101" after seeing so many students decide not to change their behavior.

"That's what you expect when you give someone a CD to watch," he said.

Some resident advisors also expressed concern about the duality within their positions. More specifically, they said they find it hard to be both the person of authority and also the person in whom residents can confide and trust.

"I hate my RA. When I got in trouble (the RA) didn't knock on my door first, he just called security," said the freshman from Markley.

"I really don't think RAs should be put in the position to enforce serious rules," Guffey said, adding that RAs do need to enforce rules, but shouldn't intercede with serious violations.

"You have to write-up somebody one minute, then expect them to come to you another minute," he said. "You want them to come to you when it's important."

Guffey stressed the importance of not alienating residents because communicating with them is the one way to avoid a major tragedy.

While Guffey acknowledges the prevalence of alcohol within the residence halls, he also adds that the problem is under control.

"If our primary responsibility as a community is to keep people safe, we're doing an excellent job," he said.

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Retailers, toy makers re-examine marketing

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TOWSON, Md. (U-WIRE) - Since the events of Sept. 11, parents have been faced with the difficult task of explaining terrorism to their children. As the holiday season quickly approaches, even the toy industry has been forced to reconsider the products being designed for kids.

Many toy and department stores have evaluated their products to decide if items are still fit to sell to the public.

While most retailers have not pulled merchandise from the shelves, some have deemed certain products inappropriate.

Amy Sanns, head of media relations for Target Stores, said Target did not have to pull any toys from its shelves, but the company did take time to review what was on the sales floor.

"We reviewed all the toys on our shelves, including Halloween toys, and decided our products are fine," Sanns said. "Target is a family oriented store and wouldn't put offensive things on the shelves anyway."

Lisa Class, manager of KayBee Toys in Harford Mall, said KayBee went through a similar process, and while most of the toys remained on the shelves, the store did pull the video game "Air Force Delta" for Play Station 2.

"It was pulled for offensive material," Class said.

Margie Dietz, a lab technician at Franklin Square Hospital, said, if her 9-year-old son Kevin wanted to get something that promoted violence, she would think twice before buying it for him.

"If he wanted something violent I wouldn't buy it for him because I wouldn't want to be reminded of Sept. 11," Dietz said.

Susan Nuemeister, a kindergarten teacher at Essex elementary school, said marketing toys differently wouldn't impact her because her kids, 8-year-old Danielle and 7-year-old Stephanie, aren't really into violent toys.

Sophomore psychology major Ryan Schurtz said he thinks the toy stores would only take toys off the shelves so that the parents wouldn't worry that their kids were being influenced by them.

"I think they do it for the parents and so kids do it ask questions about the toys," Schurtz said.

Some parents and students feel that children aren't old enough to understand the link between violent toys and the recent tragedies.

"I don't think Kevin is old enough to put it together," Dietz said, "but as a parent I would make the connection if the toy was violent."

In addition to evaluating toys, junior health major Jen Bernadzikowski said that numerous movies played on broadcast and cable television have had questionable content removed.

"I've noticed movies on regular TV took out words that referred to terrorism," she said.

Bernadzikowski added that it probably wouldn't make a difference if certain toys were not taken off the shelves.

"I don't think it would make a difference because kids already have the toys," she said.

Companies such as Fisher Price have come out with new toys that represent heroes from Sept. 11. Fisher Price created a toy called "Rescue Workers" featuring firefighters and police officers.

Susan Nuemeister, a kindergarten teacher at Essex Elementary School, said she links the concept to a great one for kids.

"I think it's interesting that they have come out with this toy now, and that real firefighters and police officers promoted it," she said.

Another concern for those in the retail industry has been the economy. Malls and toy stores are slow in sales at the moment, but managers expect business to pick up as the holiday season gets closer.

But Class doesn't expect any problems over the holiday shopping season and KayBee isn't doing anything differently to promote their toys.

"Black Friday [the day after Thanksgiving] is our busiest day and we expect to do a lot of business," Class said. "Right now it's slow, but I think customers are just waiting for the sales to begin."

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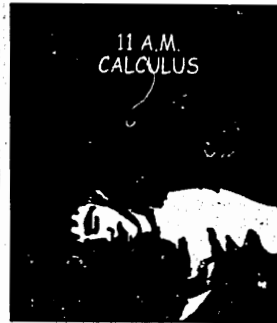
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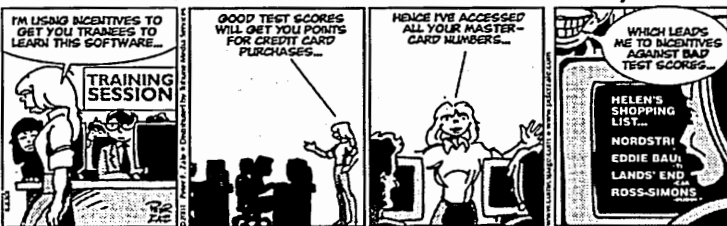
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Hurricanes on top; Miami in driver's seat

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PHILADELPHIA (KRT) — It took only 36 hours, about the time it takes to digest that humongous holiday dinner.

In that period, Nebraska and Oklahoma saw their hopes of competing for the national championship go the way of the traditional turkey, the turkey on the day after Thanksgiving, that is.

Beginning what became the defining weekend of the 2001 college football season, Colorado amassed 62 points in a 26-point win over Nebraska, ranked No. 1 in the Bowl Championship Series standings.

On Saturday, Oklahoma (No. 3 last week) was shocked, 16-13, by 27-point underdog Oklahoma State and saw its chance for a second straight national title short-circuited.

When the smoke cleared, Miami and Florida found themselves in prime position to fly 3,000 miles to the Rose Bowl for the right to battle for Sunshine State bragging rights, not to mention the national championship.

The Hurricanes, who destroyed Washington, 65-7, and the Gators, who were idle, should be ranked 1-2 in Monday's BCS standings. Their road to Pasadena, Calif., and a Jan. 3 showdown is still fraught with peril.

Miami (10-0) has to play Saturday at Virginia Tech, where the weather could be frightful and where the 'Canes have not won in their last three tries. Florida (9-1) hosts No. 5 Tennessee the same day, with the winner advancing to the Southeastern Conference championship game the following week.

Of course, the teams ranked Nos. 3 through 5 in Monday's BCS standings will be waiting for their opportunity to sneak into one of the top two spots. Oregon and Texas will vault from last week's fifth and sixth spots. Tennessee, Illinois and Maryland also are ready to move up.

Texas will take on Colorado on Saturday in the Big Twelve title game, a contest that loomed as a Nebraska-Oklahoma rematch about 72 hours ago. Oregon will next take on Oregon State, its most bitter rival.

The wild-and-crazy weekend also served to throw the planned pairings for the other three BCS bowls — Fiesta, Orange and Sugar — into disarray.

'Canes cautious. Fans of the Hurricanes were ready to have their heroes fitted for championship rings after the team extended its two-week aggregate score to 124-7 over Syracuse and Washington, a pair of ranked teams.

Miami players were not buying into the giddiness. None of them has ever beaten Virginia Tech at Blacksburg.

"We can't fall into a false sense of security," offensive tackle Joaquin Gonzalez said. "If you have an immature team, they can let you down."

"It's up to us," quarterback Ken Dorsey said. "We have to play a great team. They will have the elements in their favor. It will be cold. It will be a tough game."

The Hokies (8-2) will have had two weeks to prepare for Miami. They will attempt to control the football with the rushing of freshman Kevin Jones, the Cardinal O'Hara High grad who gained 181 yards on 37 carries in a 31-17 win over Virginia on Nov. 17. Both totals were Tech freshman records.

No-go for Wildcats. The Villanova Wildcats, one of the four champions of the Atlantic Ten Conference, received the news they had expected Sunday — and it was not good.

The NCAA Division I-AA football committee selected the 16-team field for the playoffs, and the Wildcats were not part of it. The committee took three teams from the A-10 — Hofstra, William and Mary and Maine, all of whom tied with the Wildcats at 7-2 in the conference — but not Villanova (8-3 overall).

Salukis hang with the Big 12 — for a half

Fourth-string QB leads Baylor to convincing win in season finale

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While the final score wasn't much of a surprise, the fact that the SIU football team was able to hang right in there with a Big 12 opponent for two quarters surely was one.

The Salukis' 56-12 drubbing at the hands of Baylor University Saturday in Waco, Texas, in their season finale may seem to offer no signs of hope for SIU's future. But there is hope in that the severely banged up Salukis trailed by only eight at halftime against the far superior Bears squad.

"I'd say playing against a big program the way we did [in the first half] and then the second half, the size and strength of a Division I program, I guess overwhelmed us," said SIU quarterback Madei Williams. "It certainly has its effects. In the first half it was all right, but they started to wear us down."

The wearing down of the Salukis was evident as the Bears put up 42 second half points on an SIU defense that had more than held its own early.

Baylor redshirt freshman quar-

terback Aaron Karas was making his first career start for the Bears and finished the day 22-for-31 for 331 yards and three touchdowns on his way to becoming the first Baylor quarterback to throw for over 300 yards in a game since 1991.

Overall, the Bears outgained the Salukis in total offense 507 yards to 314 even though SIU held the ball for three more minutes than Baylor.

Williams returned to the starting lineup after missing last week's game due to injury and completed a season high 12-for-19 passes for 144 yards, which included touchdown passes to fellow seniors Kevin Gleason of 35 yards and Mark Shasteen of 22 yards.

Williams said the team was able to notice some weaknesses in the Baylor defense, which led to the move to more of a passing offense from the Salukis' trademark running attack.

"We saw some holes in the defense when we were watching film and we tried to add a few wrinkles and it was working," Williams said.

The Salukis passing game was revitalized against the Bears. The two-man quarterback combo of Williams and junior Kevin Kobe combined for 199 yards, while the running game seemed non-existent, as the Salukis finished with

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Madei Williams
quarterback, SIU, completed 12-for-19 passes against Baylor

only 115 yards on the day.

Junior running back Tommy Koutsos, who finished the season with 1,222 rushing yards, was contained to only 62 yards on 19 carries, marking just the fourth time this season he failed to top the century mark.

The loss means the Salukis finished the inaugural year of the Jerry Kill era with a dismal 1-10 record, their worst mark since 1994.

Baylor didn't fare much better, finishing the season 3-8 and going winless in the Big 12 for the third straight year.

However, on Saturday, Baylor seemed to be anything but the conference whipping boy.

The Bears started the game on a roll by scoring on both their second and third possessions of the game, including a 70-yard touchdown pass from Karas to Marques Roberts to give Baylor a 14-0 lead.

The Salukis then shut down the Bears for the rest of the half before Baylor erupted for 42 points in the second half, including 14 from the defense.

Baylor senior safety Samir Al-Amin had never returned an interception for a touchdown, but returned two against SIU, one off Williams for 45 yards early in the third quarter and another off Kobe midway through the fourth.

The Salukis' lone score of the second half came on the Shasteen touchdown late in the third, but SIU failed to convert on the two point conversion, leaving them stuck at 12 points.

Although the Salukis suffered through what most would call a devastating season, there is still faith in Carbondale that things are slowly turning for the better.

"I would say being the fact [of a] new coaching staff and a new era, it was a learning experience. We wished to win, but [the coaches] wanted us to test some things to see what worked and what didn't work," Williams said. "There was some success here and there, but overall I still think it's a bright future for this program."

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Salukis stand tall in loss to Illini

Saluki roster starting to click

JAY SCHWAB
DAILY EGYPTIAN

LAS VEGAS - Just five games into the season and things are falling into place rather nicely for the SIU men's basketball team.

The Salukis have already notched impressive wins over Iowa State and Saint Louis, and their only defeat - an inspired three point loss to No. 2 ranked Illinois on Saturday - will help SIU's post-season chances more than it'll hurt.

The best news for SIU head coach Bruce Weber, though, is that most everyone being counted on to produce this season demonstrated in the Las Vegas Invitational that they're more than capable of doing just that.

After showing signs of rust in his first few games of the year, SIU center Rolan Roberts was dominant for much of the Invitational.

He scored 24 points and kept SIU in contention early in a 66-57 come-from-behind win over Iowa State, abused Hartford with several dunks in a blowout Saluki win Friday and performed solidly against the Illini's vaunted big men in Saturday's championship game.

Roberts and SIU guard Kent Williams were both named to the all-tournament team for their efforts.

But it's not only the emergence of Roberts that is encouraging. An unsung hero against Illinois was senior Tyrese Buie, who offered a huge boost off the bench by making four of his five shots off the bench despite not feeling well.

"My body was aching but they're the No. 2 team in the nation and you don't get to play them everyday," Buie said. "You've got to fight through it."

Freshmen guards Darren Brooks and Stetson Hairston also continued to show tremendous promise in Las Vegas, and sophomore forward Brad Korn finally snapped out of his shooting slump. Korn drained back-to-back three pointers versus Hartford, and he also delivered a critical three to put SIU ahead 66-63 against the Illini.

Fouls aplenty: SIU's victory

over Iowa State came largely due to the foul trouble the Cyclones experienced.

Three Iowa State players, including two starters, were disqualified from the game due to fouls, and two other Cyclones racked up four fouls.

Part of the reason behind SIU's ability to induce foul trouble is a byproduct of how aggressive the Salukis played in Las Vegas, but SIU's impressive inside personnel is also paying off.

All three of SIU's inside players - Roberts, Jermaine Dearman and Sylvester Willis - are capable of scoring inside, and the Salukis are doing a nice job of feeding the post.

That enabled the Salukis to continue to create foul trouble in the Illinois game, as Illini center Robert Archibald fouled out and star players Frank Williams and Brian Cook also had to sit for stretches due to fouls.

"Our kids believe in what we're doing and they're getting the ball to the right people," Weber said. "We don't have a lot of assists, but we get the ball inside, get to the free throw line. We didn't win many stats [against Illinois] but we stayed in the game, so I guess we're playing hard more than anything."

On point: SIU has done a nice job taking care of the ball this season, highlighted by the Iowa State game.

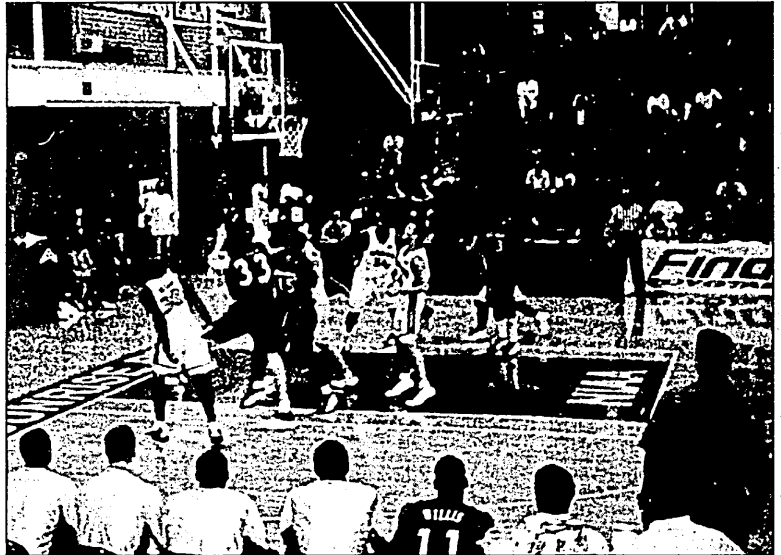
The Salukis committed just eight turnovers in the entire contest - 10 fewer than the Cyclones - in erasing an 11-point half-time deficit.

The Salukis' lack of turnover problems comes despite only playing one true point guard. Marcus Belcher is SIU's only natural point guard who receives regular playing time, as junior college transfer David McGlowen has played sparingly so far this year.

That has been made possible by the improved ball-handling of Kent Williams as well as the versatility of Darren Brooks.

Both prefer to play shooting guard, but have handled the ball well enough to be able to play together when Belcher rests and give SIU more offensive firepower.

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SIU guard Kent Williams attempts a shot in the Salukis' 75-72 loss to Illinois Saturday in Las Vegas. Williams led SIU with 23 points in the hotly-contested championship game of the Las Vegas Invitational.

After beating Iowa State and Hartford, SIU plays No. 2 ranked team in country to standstill before falling 75-72

JAY SCHWAB
DAILY EGYPTIAN

LAS VEGAS - It may have seemed too good to be true while it was unfolding, and in the end, it turned out that it was.

Nonetheless, the SIU men's basketball team's 75-72 loss to Illinois in Saturday night's title game of the Las Vegas Invitational provides the Salukis with instant credibility as a team to be reckoned with.

Playing the No. 2 ranked team in the country in a rare crack at their bitter in-state rival, the Salukis performed exceptionally well, taking a lead deep into the game before a stagnant stretch in the final minutes cost SIU what would have been among the best victories in school history.

"We got their burthole tight for a while, but then they made plays when it counted," SIU head coach Bruce Weber said. "They're an experienced team, and we just couldn't buy some buckets down the stretch."

Although SIU overcame almost all odds in going toe-to-toe with a national

championship contender for the entire game, the Salukis were stung afterward by allowing a victory that would have immediately vaulted SIU into the national spotlight to fall by the wayside.

"We do feel good that we hung with them, but we also feel like we had the game won and it kind of got taken away from us," SIU guard Kent Williams said.

SIU (4-1) played its way into the championship game by upsetting defending Big 12 champ Iowa State on Thanksgiving Day 66-57 and then creaming Hartford 78-46 on Friday. The Salukis defeated Saint Louis earlier in the week in the first round of the tournament.

It was clear from the outset Saturday that the SIU-Illinois matchup wasn't just another game. A crowd of several hundred U of I supporters and about 90 SIU backers crammed the intimate Valley High School gymnasium, competing with one another to generate the most noise and each giving the officials a careful whenever the opportunity arose.

After a highly intense first half that ended with SIU down by six, the game reached a fever pitch in the second half when it became clear than an SIU upset

was realistic. The Salukis played fierce defense and utilized an early second half spurt to overtake the Illini 49-47 on a sideline jumper from Kent Williams.

The game teetered back and forth for much of the second half as SIU's confidence continued to mount, and the Salukis claimed a 69-64 lead after freshman Stetson Hairston hit a pair of free throws with 5:49 remaining.

The Salukis had a chance to add to that lead when Illinois center Robert Archibald fouled out of the game and put Sylvester Willis in the line, but Willis missed the front end of a one-and-one and the Illini clawed back.

A backbreaker came with the score tied 68-68 and three minutes remaining, when Illinois' Sean Harrington launched a three-pointer that brushed off the front of the rim, took an Illini bounce, and dropped through. The Illini led the rest of the way.

"That was huge for them," Weber said. "We needed to get them where it was an eight point lead or a nine point



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