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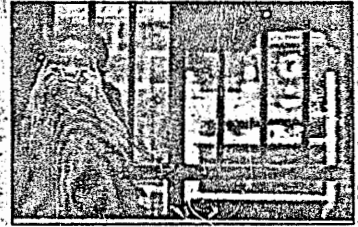
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Saluki Express Route 8 to get makeover

Officials also consider Route 1

ERIN HOLCOMB
Daily Egyptian

Bar patrons who live on U.S. 51 will finally have a safer way to get home on the weekends, beginning in August.

The changes are expected to happen to the Saluki Express mass transit system without any further increases in fees, said Lori Stetler, director of the Student Center.

Stetler said the changes were made in order to address complaints from students about bus routes. Dave Loftus, south side senator for Undergraduate Student Government, said he noticed concerns with overcrowding on Route 1 and safety concerns on Route 8, the late-night bus that runs from 9:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays around campus and the Strip.

Route 8 is the least-used route on campus, and hopefully the new route will help increase its ridership, Stetler said.

From August 2009 to February of this year, Route 8 had a total of 912 riders while Route 1 had more than 6,000, Stetler said.

She said the new Route 8 will be implemented in August and will cost about \$2,800 more a semester. She said the transit system would look at all routes at the end of this semester and figure out how to change them in order to offset that cost.

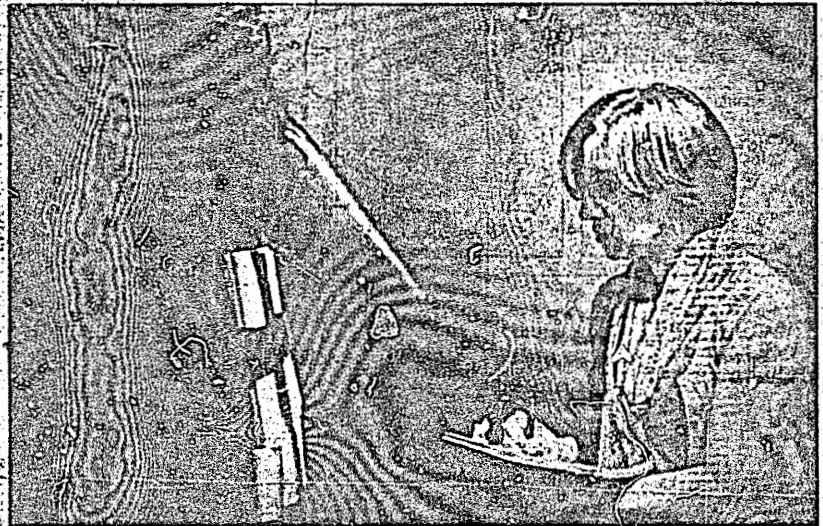
The proposed plan for Route 8 eliminates stops at the university and instead travels down U.S. 51 to Saluki Pointe. It will remain a 30-minute route, Loftus said.

He said many students from Saluki Pointe become stranded at the bars Friday and Saturday nights because the bus does not run that far south. He said he has seen many students either get in trouble for drunk driving or risk their safety by walking on U.S. 51 at night to get home.

"The real intention of this is to cut back on students walking down U.S. 51 because that's a safety concern, and this is something that students have been upset about because they don't have transportation and they have to throw a lot of money for expensive cab rides," Loftus said. "I don't want to see somebody get hit."

These students are also stuck because the Night Safety transit does not run Saturdays and will only take students as far as the university, not any farther south, he said. Night Transit runs from 7 p.m. to midnight Sunday through Friday but stops accepting calls from riders at 11:45 p.m.

Lesley Lueck, a first-year law student from Carmel, said it concerns her to see the bar parking lots clear out completely after they close at 2 a.m.



GENNA ORD | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Adrienne Foster, a graduate student in art and design from Wichita, Kan., makes notes as she studies the Trickster Crow, an installment in Matthew Schultz's exhibit showing at the University Museum until Friday. Schultz's exhibit displays artifacts from a group he called The Division, which blurred the line between fiction and history. Please see dailyegyptian.com for the full story.

Vampire writer Skypes SIUC

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

There was something different about novelist Anne Rice's presentation at Carbondale.

It wasn't that the discussion focused on vampires, monsters and the philosophy behind her "Vampire Chronicles." It was that she gave the presentation from her home in Little Paradise, Calif.

Through the use of Skype, a computer software application that allows real-time dialogue between people in different locations, Rice was able to speak to an audience of more than 30 people Wednesday at the Student Center Auditorium.

Ellen Auld, an office administrator at student development, said she had never heard of a presentation happening on campus before where the speaker was not there in person.

Rice has done several presentations through Skype, including other colleges and even some high schools, said Rebecca Farinas, a teaching assistant in the department of philosophy.

Randall Auxier, a professor in philosophy and host of the presentation, said be-

fore the event he had never worked with Skype before, but was impressed with its potential.

"Getting someone like Anne Rice to Carbondale is a big deal," he said. "It may not be face to face, but this is the next best thing."

Auxier said one of the problems he saw with the process was the question-asking process.

"You have to get up there and face the screen and microphone, and you have to turn your back on the entire audience," he said. "It's not exactly personal."

Auld said the personal touch is lost when the speaker is not in attendance.

"Instead of seeing them in the flesh and interacting with you, you just see them appearing on a screen," she said.

Other problems can also arise from the new technology, such as disconnected calls and loss of video feed.

Three times during the presentation the video was lost — resulting in Rice's voice coming through the speakers accompanied by a gray screen.

Despite the problems, Jaime Conley-Holt, a career services specialist at SIUC,

said the presentation was "amazing."

"To have the opportunity to have something like Skype, in order to talk with her, was amazing," she said. "I was actually thinking about that as we were talking with her. This would have never happened if we didn't have this kind of technology."

Conley-Holt said she did not believe anything was lost with Rice not physically being in front of the audience.

"She was big on the screen, and her lips were matched up with the voice," she said. "That's all I need."

Auld said as technology

increases, so does the potential to bring guests from around the world to Carbondale — without the need for the guest to even leave his or her living room.

Auld said she sees no reason why SIUC would not continue to use Skype.

"With the ability to connect with people over the Internet, I don't see why we can't have more of these," she said. "As long as you can get somebody who knows how to use the technology to connect with them, why not?"

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Anne Rice, author of a host of works including "The Vampire Diaries" series, responds to questions via Skype Wednesday evening in the Student Center Auditorium. The Skype program allows individuals to video conference online from anywhere in the world.

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Those leaving in their cars and walking straight out of the bar are most likely too drunk to drive," Lucke said. "If students knew there was free transportation from the bars at closing time, most would be inclined to take the safer alternative."

On weekends it is difficult to call for a cab, she said. Even if a student does succeed in getting a cab, the rides become more expensive the

further the student has to travel from downtown, she said.

Loftus said he has received more than 100 responses from students about the new route, and all of them supported the makeover.

Route 1 is also likely to get a makeover, Sterler said. Officials will look at what stops they can cut from the route and which stop they should add to address the overcrowding concerns.

Sahukl Express is moving forward in its philosophy of serving students, even if that means Route 8 would no longer stop at the Student Center, she said.

"We've been looking at what's the best way to serve students, not the best way to make people stop at the Student Center," she said. "We're trying to look at things from a service perspective, not from a self-serving perspective."

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OOPS! Entertainment searches for chivalry

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Daily Egyptian

Simone Biles was the last student to climb on the Saluki Express East Shuttle Wednesday at Mac Smith Hall. When all seats were taken, she asked if a male would offer his seat. He refused.

As a result, a heated battle of the sexes unfolded.

Members and actors of the Our Organization Portrays Society Entertainment raided the congested Saluki Express East Shuttle Wednesday with a determined agenda to spark change within the attitudes of men and women on campus.

The organization entertains the public with skits, plays, forums and events to make people aware of situations that occur in life and open their eyes to the reality of core issues, said Biles, president of OOPS! Entertainment.

Female members of the organization initiated their guerrilla skit by requesting seats from men. Male actors of the organization were planted as mooks to aid to the concept by responding with offensive comments such as, "Women have to give it up in order to get it." Others argued that, "It's 2010 and times have changed."

OOPS! Entertainment conducted the experiment to shine light on the decrease of gentleman-like behavior in today's generation. The skit lasted the duration of the trip from Mac Smith Hall to the Student Center. This was the organization's third trial experiment.

Jonquil Curry, member of OOPS! Entertainment, engaged in heated ar-

guments with the men on the bus.

The vast majority of society no longer places emphasis on the importance of gentleman qualities, Curry said. Chivalrous acts such as giving up a seat or opening the door are now seen as a diminished norm, she said.

Both male members of OOPS! Entertainment and male students argued that men and women share equal rights and society places double standards against men.

It is only appropriate to cater to elderly women in public settings, said Kehinde Soytey, a freshman from Chicago studying physical therapy.

Eugene Blackmon, a member of the organization, said he found that men lacking gentleman qualities have yet to be exposed to respectful male figures.

Being a suitor is synonymous with being weak and a coward, Blackmon said.

Women seated on the bus were surprised by the men's reluctance to oblige to the needs of the women standing.

Darryelle Riley, a freshman from Kankakee studying nursing, sat back and absorbed the battle of the sexes. Roles of men and women are changing and women are becoming stronger individuals, she said.

"This entire issue should be made into a forum," Riley said. "This campus does not have gentlemen."

"Chivalry is gone," Curry said. "We are not trying to place any blame, but only spark change."

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JAMES DURBIN | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Simone Biles, a sophomore studying theater and the president of Our Organization Portrays Society Entertainment, argues with Danta Jones, a pre-major sophomore and member of OOPS! Entertainment, Wednesday on the Saluki Express East Shuttle. OOPS! Entertainment participates in

guerrilla theater events that rely on improvisational acting to open the eyes of the public to key issues. In this skit, female members of the organization requested male members to offer their seats when the bus filled up, then allowed bystanders to get involved, unaware that the skit was set up.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Alcohol isn't always the cause for violence

Dear Editor:
This is in response to the letter written by Mr. Desper in the Tuesday edition. I disagree with putting alcohol in grocery stores, but his reasoning for his argument is crazy.

I have been drunk before and have never had any urge to fight, physically abuse women or do drugs in front of children. In these cases where this occurs alcohol may be involved, but it is not the cause.

What alcohol does is impair judgment, not change morals. If a person thinks these actions are fine, then the alcohol may be a factor, but for the normal person with morals, alcohol would not cause someone to commit one or more of these actions.

Having said that, I work at a retail

store and also disagree with liquor sales, but for a different reason.

The store I work at is also a pharmacy, so prescriptions are often one of the items purchased. The added ease of buying alcohol would be a bad combination with this. Also, I see many homeless and jobless people asking for money to buy liquor around Carbondale.

Not all homeless people are like this, but many are. This would give these people a reason to hang around grocery stores begging rather than them being on a sidewalk somewhere. I do not know about everyone else, but the last thing I want to deal with while buying groceries is a beggar.

Bryan Jennings
Junior studying pre-pharmacy

How health care is being sold

Dear Editor:
The nearly \$1 trillion health care bill signed into law Tuesday by President Barack Obama has questioned the duties of our government and society.

Obama and Congress have taken a moral issue and packaged it into a life-changing bill. This has been sold to the American people as being a moral obligation in layman's terms as "Don't you want to help the person with nothing?"

The bill is a disguised method of redistributing wealth in our economy. One-sixth of all money transferred domestically in the United States is from some aspect of health care. The government now will be taking control of that aspect, by telling doctors how much they can make, by telling you if you really need the surgery, etc.

Obama generally calls the health care bill as doing "social justice." Social justice is equalizing every aspect in our daily lives.

I urge you to listen to Obama speak about this, and then look up the definition of social justice yourself.

Equalizing our lives can only be accomplished by taking from the rich and giving it to the poor.

Republicans do not support social justice. Where is the motivation of looking for a better job if the health benefits are the same? Why go to college if I know one of the biggest expenses in my life is already covered? How can we define this as being capitalism if this major factor concerning our choice for employment has suddenly disappeared?

Yes, health care is expensive. I won't get into the issues on why it is, but Obama ignored many proposals set up by the Republicans to lower the cost.

It instead has been packaged as a moral or social justice issue into this bill, where government will now control more of our lives. It is now mandated that you have health insurance. Where did the "no covering" religious aspect go? Why should someone be punished for being successful?

Andrew Miller
senior studying computer science

EDITORIAL CARTOON



GUEST COLUMN

Myths that feed our sizeist prejudices

DON MULLISON
Counseling Center

It is widely believed that people of large size — commonly referred to as fat — are lazy, unhealthy and unhappy. Yet, there is no scientific evidence to support these claims. In fact, many people of size live long, healthy, happy lives and they are no less industrious than others.

The diet industry perpetrates the myth that being fat is a disease, which it calls "obesity." The multi-billion dollar "cure" that it sells for this so-called disease is diet. It claims dieting will lead to weight loss and improved health.

Yet the diets recommended by the

diet industry and by many health care professionals have long-term failure rates of 90 to 95 percent. How many of you would accept other treatments with a 5 to 10 percent chance of success?

To add insult to injury, repeated dieting more often leads to long-term weight gain than to long-term weight loss. Not only do diets not work, but there is well-documented evidence to suggest the weight cycling caused by repeated dieting attempts actually significantly harms health.

In fact, this weight cycling may lead to increased blood pressure, higher cholesterol and insulin resistance. In short, people of size who have never dieted

are less at risk for these health problems than people engaging in multiple diet attempts. In reality, as the Cooper Institute has demonstrated, fat people can be fit, and thin people can be unfit. Overall health is not very related to body size.

Another myth is that fat people lack discipline and willpower. The so-called proof of this is that they do not succeed in their efforts to lose weight. However, as we have seen above, diets don't work over time, even when people stick to them.

The human body simply adjusts and slows its metabolism. Rather, repeated dieting actually appears to lead to further weight gain; the weight cycling that

results is more harmful than if the person never dieted in the first place.

Like it or not, the most probable cause for our body size is heredity. Research shows weight is actually as heritable as height. In short, people of size are blamed for this largely heritable trait.

Our society's failure to accept naturally occurring weight diversity falls far behind almost all other aspects of diversity acceptance. We don't expect people of color to attempt to change their skin tone or women to change their gender to avoid bias.

It has also become rightly frowned upon to expect someone to change his or her sexual orientation via therapy. Yet

goals of weight loss are not questioned.

The real issue is oppression of people of different sizes. To paraphrase Abakou and Simmons, for those of us growing up in the United States, we have all been raised in a fat-phobic culture with the related misinformation, and where prejudice is masked as concern for the fat person's health.

As difficult as it may be for many of us to accept, oppression of people of size is one of the last "acceptable prejudices."

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Trent Catchings knows exactly how much he and his mother have been able to contribute to his college education. Zero dollars.

However, he starts losing count when figuring how much he owes in loans.

Catchings, a senior from Champaign studying radio-television, said the cost of education is spiraling out of control, and the financial crisis facing the state and the university has put the burden on the students.

Catchings said he used to receive close to \$4,000 in financial aid his first two years at SIUC, but now receives less than \$2,000 because of overly strict requirements from the Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

He has a job in the Engineering Building where he works five days a week on federal-work study just to make enough for the cost of living, he said. While he was able to live comfortably his freshman and sophomore years, he said he has cut out TV, some textbooks and as many non-necessities as possible the last two years.

"I had to pick which books I wanted to buy, what supplies I need and it kind of causes an in-

convenience, but you live with it," he said. "My tuition hasn't gone down these last four years, so I am wondering what happened to the other \$2,000 I used to get."

Both the federal and state government have proposed some financial aid for students, but Catchings said he would believe it when he sees it happen.

The federal government recently passed legislation that would increase the Pell grant maximum from \$5,350 to \$5,500 next year and \$6,000 by 2017, according to the bill. The state is offering relief for five- and six-year students by proposing legislation that would require schools to charge the student no more than the tuition rate of the year after the student's initial enrollment.

Catchings said he has read about potential reform to student aid, but nothing seems to change so it is not worth following.

"Every time I check the news, Illinois is still stuck at \$13 billion in the hole and the university is stuck at wherever they are," Catchings said. "So there is not much to follow when nothing is moving."

Catchings said his sister is preparing to go to college and is looking out of state because of Illinois' troubles. He said he tries to convince her to stay by pointing to in-state tuition prices and MAP grants as ways to save money.

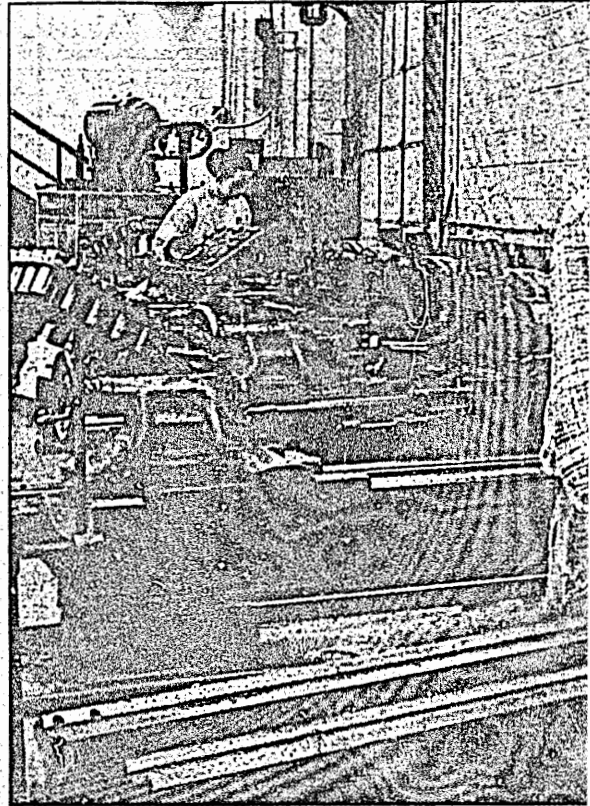
Legislators have not decided whether MAP will be funded for the fall semester.

"People always told me I could not afford college, but if you apply for financial aid and scholarships you can make it," Catchings said. "I try to convince people to go to college, but now when they tell me they can't afford it, I don't know. We might lose the MAP grant ... and we're just deep in it now."

Catchings said he is scheduled to graduate in the fall 2010 semester and plans on paying for it the only way he can.

"I might take a loan out tomorrow," he said.

- Jeff Engelhardt, DE



Andy Walling, a senior at John A. Logan College from Cobden studying tool and die making, works on a lathe Monday. A lathe is used in metalworking to cut, sand, d

THE PROFESSOR



While the front doors of the university have stayed open, the doors inside are starting to close.

Matt Whiles, a professor in zoology at SIUC, said the university is toeing the line between operating with quality and merely operating to get by.

He said multiple faculty positions vacated in his department have not been filled, causing the remaining faculty to be stretched thin.

"It appears we are headed into the worst situation that I will have experienced here," Whiles said. "The way we're tightening our belt right now is leaving faculty lines open ... and as that workload increases, the quality of what we do could be compromised."

As a result of less faculty members, Whiles said he had to put together a 400 level course with 26 students that includes a lecture and lab session. He said other professors in the department have picked up more courses as well.

While the extra workload has stretched faculty thin, he said one of the biggest threats from the continuous cuts — especially to the science departments — is in the quality of research.

Not only do professors have less time for research, the lack of journals and conferences

available to students also hurts the university's standing as a research institution, he said.

He said at least one source of travel funds for graduate students to go to conferences has completely dried up.

"The library cuts are a huge loss. It impacts our programs at every level, from us teaching our graduate students to recruiting students," he said. "And when it comes to finding opportunities to be published, the severely limited resources really hurt."

And Whiles, who has worked at the university for 10 years, said he does not expect the cuts to stop soon.

Poshard ordered the deans of every college to set aside 4 percent of their budget as a safety precaution in case legislators pass a bill that would cut 10 percent of the fiscal year 2010 budget — which would result in a 15 percent layoff throughout the SIUC system, Poshard has said.

The fiscal year 2011 budget is expected to be even worse than 2010's as it will be cut by more than 7 percent and is expected to fall to 1999 funding levels, Poshard said.

Other than a \$15.9 million payment received Tuesday from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, SIUC has not received any money from the state since late January.

Poshard said he expects fiscal year 2010 payments to go into 2011 and is not certain when fiscal year 2011 payments will start to come in.

Whiles said he hopes students and professors do not start to look for "greener pastures."

"I think we're all being negatively affected and everyone should be concerned regardless of the program you're in," Whiles said. "I hope FY11 is the low point and we bounce back. These things cycle, and I hope it doesn't get any worse than that because I don't know what we would do."

- Jeff Engelhardt, DE

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THE PROBLEM

The university has problems — roughly 135 million of them.

With the state owing the university \$135 million in fiscal year 2010 and preparing to drop its funding of SIUC to 1999 levels, SIUC President Glenn Poshard said the worst has yet to come.

Last year the university did not receive the final fiscal year 2009 payment until September, and this year could be worse, with only 30 percent of state appropriations accounted for. With the exception of the guaranteed payment of federal stimulus and Monetary Award Program funds, SIUC has not received state appropriations since late January.

"We're facing this horrible barrel of lack of state funds and delayed payments," Poshard said. "Last year we didn't receive our last payment until September and this year is worse. It may be Christmas when we get our final payment, which I hope does not happen because we desperately need it."

As the financial situation continues to deteriorate, Poshard said the university's largest threat still looms in the General Assembly.

A bill proposing a 10 percent cut to all public state universities' budgets is being heard in committee, Poshard said. The cut would result in a \$23 million loss for SIUC in the last few months of the fiscal year, potentially creating a 15 percent layoff throughout the SIUC system.

"I think the Legislature surely understands the complete impossibility of the university's ability to operate if that were enacted," Poshard said. "But everyone is scrambling to find a cash flow for every state institution."

Despite the threats of cuts, Poshard said the university would not voluntarily shortchange itself. Administrators prepared a proposal for a \$260 million bud-



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...or deform tools. Sam Arnone, a tool and dye instructor, is one of the 11 employees the JALC Board of Trustees laid off March 16. The employees will finish out the semester.

STATE EDUCATION?

get — roughly \$25 million more than last year — for fiscal year 2011, Wednesday in Springfield.

While he said the chances of its acceptance were bleak, the university would not ask for less than what it needs. If the university does not get what it needs, the last hope to avoid significant furloughs and layoffs rests on Senate Bill 642.

The bill, which passed the Senate, is going through the House and would give state universities the authority to borrow money. The bill would allow public universities to borrow 75 percent of anticipated payments from the comptroller's office. The loan must be paid off within 12 months and the authority to borrow would expire Aug. 31.

"We don't anticipate any new revenue streams from the state and that creates a critical situation for us," Poshard said. "The only thing that might save us is the borrowing authority. We don't want it to replace state payments, but we need some insurance."

With or without the borrowing authority, the university may not be able to avoid layoffs and furloughs in fiscal year 2011, Poshard said.

He said if the time comes to make cuts, the university would honor all the contractual obligations of its employees and keep the decision-making in the hands of the deans.

"You can't cut everything evenly, so we need to let each college make decisions as to what is the absolute most important areas in their programs," Poshard said. "We're not going to reach down into campuses and say who stays and who leaves."

Jeff Engelhardt, DE

THE REBELLION

They shut down freeways in California, stormed administrative offices in Wisconsin and buried education in a causet in Washington. In Carbondale, they slept.

Students and faculty members of higher education institutions made their voice heard March 4 in a protest against cuts in education all across the nation — but not in Carbondale.

Brian Stone, a doctoral student in English, said he is on a mission to wake up the students at SIUC and give them a megaphone to voice their displeasure over the lack of state funding.

"The events in California — those people in Berkeley — they inspired me to bring people together to protest," Stone said. "Everyone walked out over there. Here in Illinois, there is little to no activity, and we are trying to generate that."

Stone's organization — Students Against University Cuts — is scheduled to hold its first protest at 11 a.m. Monday outside Morris Library. A teach-in is also scheduled during the protest to inform students of all the potential cuts to the university and why it is important to prevent them, he said.

The SIUC Democrats and SIUC Socialists are two of the groups already associated with Stone's organization, and he said all are welcome. While members differ in ideologies, he said everyone wants what is best for the university.

"There are different perspectives in our group. There are some people that want to cut administrators' salaries and others that want to increase the income tax," he said. "It shouldn't be a matter of ideology though because this is an issue that is going to affect generations of students, so we all need to work together."

Stone said the effects of the cuts could already be seen at SIUC. In the English department, he



said five professors have either left or retired in the last three years and only one was replaced. As a result, the specialization of rhetoric and composition has dwindled because the professor was never replaced.

He said the effects then trickle down to graduate assistants, who the university can no longer afford because of delayed state payments. And when the graduate assistants graduate, they do not have many opportunities for professorships because universities are releasing employees, not hiring.

Both of those cost-saving measures end up hurting the students the most though, he said. There will be overcrowded classrooms and more financial burden on individual students if layoffs and furloughs continue.

To illustrate the affect layoffs and furloughs can have on students, Stone said he hopes professors will participate in Monday's protest.

"Imagine if a professor walked out on their class of 100 students in the middle of a lesson," Stone said. "That will be the sad reality of the university if changes aren't made."

Jeff Engelhardt, DE

THE FUTURE

Samuel Arnone said there's a big difference between the jobs he's had during the past 30 years and the job he'll have to find after May 31.

"I've always looked for jobs to improve myself, but now this one is to keep myself afloat," said Arnone, a tool and dye instructor at John A. Logan College and one of 11 JALC employees to be laid off by the college's Board of Trustees last week.

The state of Illinois owes JALC \$6.8 million, and the Board of Trustees described the layoffs as a last-ditch effort to deal with the budget crunch.

Arnone and the four other laid-off faculty members will teach the rest of the spring semester at JALC, he said, but after that, finding another job in education in Illinois will be difficult.

Aides to Gov. Pat Quinn have said his proposed state budget plan would cost more than 13,000 jobs in the education field, according to a March 10 Chicago Tribune report.

"Illinois is, best I can tell, not an option," Arnone said.

And that's a problem for Arnone, a thick-bearded, broad-handed industry man who built his own house in 1994 in an unincorporated area northeast of Johnson City.

"I'm pretty well-rooted here," he said.

So although he likes teaching best, Arnone said he plans to look for a job in the manufacturing field. Before JALC, Arnone worked for munitions manufacturer General Dynamics in Marion for 16 years, he said.

If Arnone does find a job, he hopes it will give him health insurance; when he loses his benefits from JALC May 31, he faces a \$1,800-per-month health insurance bill, he said.

"I'm sure I qualify for a certain amount of unemployment, but that's not the end-all solution, and I'm sure it's not even enough to carry my mortgage payment," Arnone said.

In addition to his mortgage payment, Arnone owns four cars and pays insurance and mainte-



nance costs on each of them. He's also sending two daughters to college, with a 16-year-old son coming through the ranks as well.

"We'll certainly have to sit down and re-evaluate all of our options," Arnone said.

He and construction management instructor Tim Gibson were cut from JALC's applied sciences department, one that Arnone said isn't exactly booming.

State funding issues have forced high schools to cut back on mechanical skills classes, which are often less popular and more expensive than others, Arnone said.

If students don't get the opportunity to do applied sciences work in high school, they are less likely to go into those programs at community colleges like JALC, he said.

"Industry in southern Illinois has declined. My program was looked at from viability standpoint," Arnone said.

Arnone said he doesn't remember a time when the education system was this bad:

Industrial companies won't set up factories or shops in southern Illinois if there's not an educated workforce available, Arnone said.

"My concern is that when we look at education; we try to downsize lower enrollment programs or more expensive programs, (while) not looking at the big picture that we have to have these opportunities for students," he said.

Nick Johnson, DE

TRACK & FIELD

Concussion creates second chance, 'Harrisburg Hammer'

TIMOTHY HEHN
Daily Egyptian

Cleveland is not the only U.S. city with a "King James."

Sophomore James "J.C." Lambert is on his way to becoming one of the best male throwers SIU has ever seen.

"Juice," as he is known to most of the team, is often among the first to arrive at practice, and among the last to leave.

He's a product of a hardworking father who emphasized training and sports, Lambert said.

"My father got me into lifting when I was around 11 or 12 and pushed me to join all kinds of sports," Lambert said. "He kept me going no matter how bad I felt and has definitely been my biggest influence."

Lambert went on to excel in football, wrestling and track and field at Harrisburg High School.

Despite finishing fifth in the state and

breaking the school record in the discus (169-0), the All-Conference left guard and defensive end had aspirations to play football at the collegiate level but was sidelined by a concussion for part of the season.

"I had a couple colleges looking at me, but then I got a concussion that kept me out of a few games," Lambert said. "After that, as far as I knew, colleges stopped looking at me."

But SIU throws coach John Smith began to recruit him after he saw Lambert compete at a state meet held at SIU.

"I had seen (Lambert) throwing the discus and it was all messy, but I liked his size and the way he moved around," Smith said. "I offered him a walk-on spot on the team, but he declined to try his luck at football."

Lambert had been in talks with McKendree University to play football, but when that didn't work out, Smith said he

obliged Lambert's request to take up the offer of throwing at SIU.

Lambert went on to finish fifth at the Junior Nationals with the Salukis, gaining Jr. All-American status.

This year, Lambert said his biggest competition comes from fellow sophomore and University of Illinois transfer Matt Eader, who attended conference foe Frankfort Community High School.

"He was my main competition," Eader said. "... It's like high school again."

Lambert was recently named an All-American in the 2010 NCAA Indoor Track & Field Championships in the weight throw with a 14th-place toss of 65-09.50.

Aside from winning MVC honors and achieving All-American status, Lambert said he would like to break the outdoor school record in the shot put.

The record holder is none other than Smith himself.



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SOFTBALL

Salukis split series with Skyhawks

STILE T. SMITH
Daily Egyptian

The SIU (19-11) softball team could not get the bats going in game one but got hot in the second game to split a doubleheader with the University of Tennessee-Martin Wednesday.

The Skyhawks went off for 11 hits and four runs to win 4-2 in the first game against SIU's junior pitcher Danielle Glosston to win 4-2, but the Salukis bounced back in game two, scoring nine runs on 11 hits and three home runs to win 9-3.

Head coach Kerri Blaylock said the team did a great job recovering.

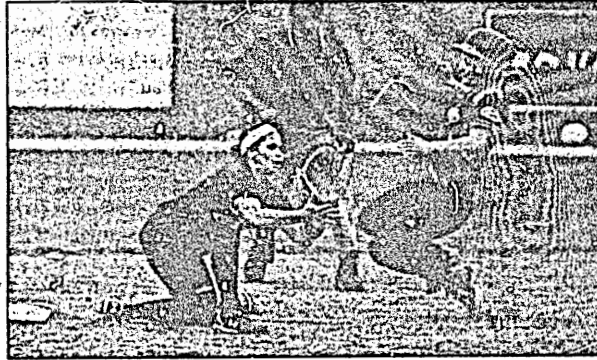
"The kids attacked early and kept coming and didn't get down," Blaylock said. "I'm proud of them."

With its win in the first game, Tennessee-Martin extended its streak to 11 overall and four against SIU since 2008.

The Skyhawks' (21-4) three-run third inning was highlighted by a two-run double by sophomore shortstop Jenny Bain.

After scoring two runs in the fifth, the Salukis found themselves trailing 4-2 in the bottom of the seventh with two runners on and just one out. However, the next two batters could not get on base, and the Salukis lost.

But the Southern bats came out swing-



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Senior second baseman Alicia Garza receives a throw from junior catcher Cristina Trapani during the first game against the University of Tennessee-Martin Wednesday at Charlotte West Stadium. The Salukis split the doubleheader with the Skyhawks.

ing in the second game. After going scoreless in the first two innings, SIU went on to score nine runs in the next four innings to pick up the win.

"We didn't allow that first loss to affect the second game, so I was really glad that we showed up and hit the ball well," sophomore

left fielder Mallory Duran said.

Of the nine SIU runs, five came from home runs by senior outfielder Katie Wilson, junior first baseman Corinna Gonzalez and junior shortstop Natdee Weisinger.

Blaylock said the team needs to continue to show the ability to put runs on the board.

“We just need to realize that we can put up big numbers on the board.”

— Kerri Blaylock
head coach

"We just need to realize that we can put up big numbers on the board," Blaylock said. "We were leading the league (in home runs) already. We're hitting a lot of home runs."

Wilson's home run was her team-leading sixth of the season, two ahead of Weisinger and senior second baseman Alicia Garza.

The Salukis will have two days off before beginning a three-game series against rival Creighton. The series will start with a doubleheader at noon Saturday, with the second game scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. at Charlotte West Stadium. The final game will be at noon Sunday.

Wilson said she would be looking forward to a matchup with the team's biggest rival.

"We don't like Creighton," Wilson said. "We really want to beat them."

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BASEBALL

Two-out, eighth-inning magic propels Salukis past Panthers

RAY MCGILLIS
Daily Egyptian

Down to their final four outs, it looked as if the Salukis would head into Missouri Valley Conference play with a loss to Eastern Illinois University.

But with the help of a little two-out magic, the SIU baseball team (9-12) rallied for three runs in the bottom of the eighth — capped with a pinch-hit, game-winning RBI single by freshman infielder Brock Harding.

Southern led, on in the top half of the ninth to win 9-8 Wednesday at Abe Martin Field, marking the team's fourth win in its last five tries.

Head coach Dan Callahan said he had a feeling the team's offense would eventually come through with a big inning — he just didn't plan on it coming so late.

"Maybe it was too presumptuous, but I just kept thinking somebody was going to come through big," Callahan said. "We've been swinging the bats well, even in the clutch of late."

Every Saluki that made a plate appearance reached base safely at least once, while six starters finished the day with two or more hits.

Sophomore third baseman Zach Borenstein supplied the offense for EIU, launching two three-run homers in back-to-back innings.

However, SIU had two long balls of its own. Junior second baseman Blake Pinnon went deep in the first inning for a two-run shot and junior center fielder Chris Murphy followed with a solo shot in the second.

With the addition of two Wednesday, Pinnon leads the team in RBIs with 26.

Although he said sophomore first baseman Chris Serritella are battling for the team's RBI title, Pinnon said he benefits from hitting in

front of the first baseman.

"I've been getting a lot of first-pitch fastballs hitting in front of Chris," Pinnon said. "I just have to stay aggressive early in the count ... I'm going to get my pitches because teams don't want (Serritella) to hit with people on."

Senior left-hander Jimmy Cornell — the team's only returning starter — gave up seven runs after two scoreless frames to start the game and was pulled after 3.2 innings of work.

The Saluki bullpen picked up the slack and held the Panthers to one run in the final five innings with a combination of five pitchers.

Senior right-hander Kellen Candau (1-0) allowed an earned run off two hits in the eighth inning. The sidearm pitcher picked up the win in his first appearance of the season.

Following the team's eighth-inning rally, Callahan brought in senior closer Bryant George for the final three outs.

George gave up a single into right field to the first batter he faced, but the next hitter bunted into a double play. With an easy comebacker off the bat of the next EIU hitter, George — the school's all-time leader in career saves — picked up his first save of the year.

It feels good to finally get the first one of the year after 21 games, George said.

"A lot of people ask me about the record and all that, but it doesn't really mean anything," George said. "It's a new season and we got to go out and do it. It feels good to get that off my back after struggling."

The team has one day of rest before beginning conference play at 3 p.m. Friday against Creighton at Abe Martin Field.

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BASEBALL

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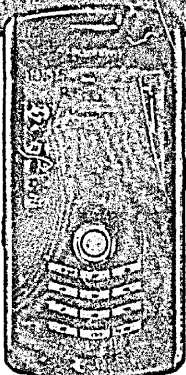
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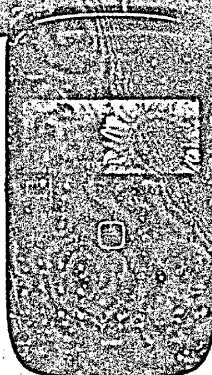
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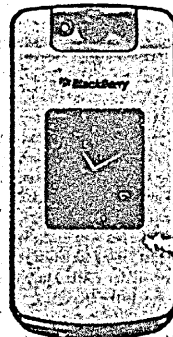
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