SiUC named ‘present-day Animal House’

College guide labels SIUC one of most underrated in nation

Valerie N. Donnals
Daily Egyptian

The author of Ilanon and Noble booklets is packed with college guides, booklets, each with different suggestions and profiles of colleges and universities to help the overenthused high school student decide which is right for them.

SIUC was included in one of the most recent additions to the stacks. “The Unofficial, Unbiased Guide to the 328 Most Interesting Colleges,” which was released Aug. 1, 2003. However, it was not deemed “interesting” enough to make the 328 universities profiled in the guide.

Instead, the University appeared on the list of schools that are “most underrated” and those that would be a “present-day Animal House.”

University spokesperson Sue Davis said the survey is only based on the perceptions of individuals, but the underrated ranking shows the University has been misunderstood.

“It was nice to see that there are schools who do a terrific job for undergraduates that may not get as much attention as they deserve,” she said.

She added the ranking as a “present-day Animal House” school is more fun for high schoolers but does not come into account when choosing a college.

“Other rankings, like whether (student) have a good time or not, are things that help push copy sales,” Davis said. “But students are not interested in that kind of statistics as much as the value they get for their money.”

The results came from a scientific survey that used a random sample of hundreds of high school guidance counselors across the country. The sample was obtained from Dan and Endirect Inc.

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SIUC graduation rates near bottom of Illinois ranks

Administration working on plans to remedy situation

Andy Horonzy
Daily Egyptian

If recent figures are any indication, only two of five freshman enrolled at SIUC this fall will graduate from the University within six years, one of the lowest graduation rates among Illinois public universities.

SIUC’s graduation rate, which Chancellor Walter Wender said has remained steady for decades, is currently 29 percent, according to an NCAA study that began during the 1996-97 academic year. The study detailed the graduation rates for the student population compared to student-athletes, which showed SIUC student-athletes graduate as a clip 18 percent higher than the rest of the student body.

Of the 4,745 freshmen who entered SIUC in 1996, slightly less than 40 percent received a degree over a six-year period, a number Wender said is not representative of the University’s situation.

“It’s certainly lower than what we would like, but this is also a University that caters to a lot of different areas,” Wender said. “We have a lot of non-traditional students that have to find a way to balance work and family as well as school, and that can bring down that average.”

While it currently hovers 20 percent below the 59-percent national average and trails several of its peer institutions, the University is taking anything but an apathetic approach toward the graduation of its students, Wender said.

“It is true that it’s always better somewhere between 30 percent and 40 percent,” Wender said. “But our ultimate goal is to get to 60 percent, which is admittedly a lofty goal. We’d like to see a lot more students who start here complete their degree in six years, preferably four, but we also hope to be realistic with our expectations.”

The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign topped the list of state schools with an 81-percent graduation rate, followed by Eastern Illinois University at 66 percent, recently named one of the top Midwest public universities by U.S. News & World Report, and Illinois State University at 57 percent.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Larry Davis is spearheading the effort to boost the University’s graduation rate, which is already in full swing. The University was recently the recipient of a grant from the Department of Education, which Davis said would go toward outlining a plan to increase retention.

“We’re in the process of forming a team of faculty and students to help write the plan, which we hope to continue on a yearly basis,” Davis said.

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Board accepts sheriff’s resignation

Jackson County Board to name new sheriff Tuesday

Burke Wasson
Daily Egyptian

Now it is official — longtime Jackson County Sheriff William Kilquist will be walking away from the position he has held since 1982 at midnight Oct. 1.

The Jackson County Board unanimously approved Kilquist’s resignation Tuesday in a special board meeting at the Jackson County Courthouse in Murphysboro.

Kilquist, 54, revealed last week he plans to resign from the remaining three years of his term and retire from the office for financial reasons.

He said he will be taking a new job with the Illinois Department of Corrections Oct. 1 and will continue to live in Murphysboro. He has declined to comment on what the job will be.

Kilquist said his decision to work for the state corrections department has turned out to be oddly prophetic.

“My mother always told me I’d end up in prison one day or another,” Kilquist said, “I guess she was right.”

Jackson County Board Chairman Gay Harlishe said the board would officially appoint an interim sheriff at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Jackson County Courthouse. Harlishe previously said he would probably appoint Kilquist’s recommendation for the position but would not reveal the name of the sheriff’s choice for a successor.

Kilquist said his selection for a replacement is someone within the Jackson County Sheriff’s Department.

The new Jackson County Sheriff will be selected by the board to occupy the position at the November 2004 general election. The elected sheriff in 2004 will serve the rest of Kilquist’s original term and face election again in November 2006 for a four-year term.

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NATIONAL NEWS
Poor leadership facilitated assaults at Air Force Academy

WASHINGTON (KRT) — A failure in leadership and lack of accountability allowed sexual assaults against female cadets at the U.S. Air Force Academy to continue for a decade, according to an independent panel that investigated sexual misconduct at the school where future Air Force leaders are trained.

"At every level of leadership at the academy during the most critical time in the academy's history, one that extended beyond its campus in Colorado Springs," said former Florida Republican congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, who led a five-person commission.

The panel's investigation "found an atmosphere that helped create a break in cultures which led to the pervasiveness of sexual assaults," the report said. Between 1993 and 2002 there were 142 allegations of sexual assault.

Nearly 70 percent of female cadets at the Air Force Academy experienced sexual harassment, nearly 19 percent were the victims of sexual assault and 7 percent experienced rape, according to a recent report by the Pentagon.

Department inspectors' general's office, the report said that "since at least 1993, the highest levels of the Air Force leadership have known of serious sexual misconduct problems.

Unison purchase of Hispanic Broadcasting approved by FCC

(KRT) — The Federal Communications Commission approved Unison's controversial $3.4 billion bid of Hispanic Broadcasting Co. radio chain, setting the stage for a reshaping of the Spanish-language media landscape.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS
Four die in Saudi firefight

(CNN) — Saudi authorities engaged in a shoot-out Thursday that left at least 20 Saudi military officials wounded and killing terrorists, killing three of the suspects and wounding two others. A Saudi officer was also killed.

Another Saudi official said the suspects were tied to the 9/11 suicide bombers in the Saudi capital of Riyadh, a five-hour drive from the border. Sources close to the investigation said Saudi authorities surrounded the suspects in an area of the southern Saudi city of Litan on the King Fahd Hospital.

The suspects managed to break through a line of Saudi police. While three were killed, the source said, two others made it to the hospital, where they took hostages.

However, the source said Saudi authorities were able to capture the suspects and free the hostages.

The Saudi Interior Ministry official said the suspects surrounded the suspects in an area of the southern Saudi city of Litan on the King Fahd Hospital.

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Danish capital, Sweden lose power

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (CNN) — A power blackout brought the Danish capital Copenhagen and parts of southern Sweden to a standstill.

About 4 million people were without power for almost two hours after storms hit a transmission line separating the two countries.

Power returned to parts of southern Sweden and eastern Denmark Tuesday afternoon, Swedish national grid operator Svenska Kraftnat said.

The power cut follows a massive outage in New York that left more than 50 million people in the dark in August and a smaller one in London that brought the British capital to a standstill some years ago.

Traffic along Copenhagen's main thoroughfare came to a standstill as power to traffic signals failed. Offices, shops and homes in the city of 1.9 million lost electricity around 12:45 p.m.

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The Daily Egyptian, the student-run newspaper of SIUC, is committed to being a truth-teller of information, commentary and public discourse while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.
They also provide a yearly scholarship of $200 to the
Carbondale Community High School.

The WDBX Thrift store has everything from knickknacks to clothing. The store gives vouchers for clothing and household items to the Good Samaritan House and the Women's Center, as well as a $500 yearly scholarship award for the Carbondale Community High School Scholarship Foundation.

The WDBX Community Thrift Store began its operation on Jackson Street in 1996. But when the Goodwill opened in Carbondale, it began to struggle, Powell said.

"If you can't beat them, move next door to them," Powell said.

Sandy Kirby, manager, said four pick-staff members and volunteers run the store. She said customers always make comments on how big the store is and how well it is organized. Kirby describes the donation amount as overwhelming.

Bernita Ward, store coordinator who has had 20 years of retail experience, agreed with Kirby on how successful the community's donations have been. "Donations are very plentiful. On an average weekend we receive eight to 25 donations," Ward said.

Ward said one weekend a man donated 27 boxes of goods, or what she counts as one donation. While all donations are appreciated, Ward said it is important that clothes be clean and wearable.

"For some people this is their only means of shopping," Ward said.

Ward recalled a woman who came into the store with her son and granddaughter, who were staying with her because they were forced to leave their damaged home from Hurricane Isabel.

Ward said her son and granddaughter only had the clothes on their backs and very little money. Ward told the woman to pick items out that she needed and then they would arrange the payment.

"I told them, 'I'll work with you,'" Ward said.

After the woman selected about 12 items, which included blankets and clothes, Ward charged her $10 dollars.

"I'll be honest, I know how it feels to have so little money when everything costs so much," Ward said. "We've all been there."

Kerry Weaver of Murphysboro was impressed by the organization and the color coordination of the store. Weaver enjoys the low prices of the WDBX thrift store. As she looked across the street to Goodwill, she said, "The prices are higher over there."

WDBX is attempting to reach the goal of $12,000 while in the midst of its fall fund-raiser. Since the radio station flipped the switch on its 3000-watt transmitter in August, the radio signal has been stronger, but money has been even tighter.

"The new transmitter is a wonderful thing, but we are expecting to double our electric bill," Powell said...

Before the new transmitter was installed, Powell said the monthly electric bill would range from $200 to $300. But when Powell opened the first bill, which only covered ten days of service, he was a bit shocked to see that it was for $438.

"We're expecting the full month's bill to be around $1,000, and that is hard," Powell said.

Richard Moore, a freshman at John A. Logan College, said he liked the idea of supporting a store that directly supports the community.

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Plans for health services facility still progressing

Ground breaking anticipated to take place this spring

Valerie N. Donnals
Daily Egyptian

About 40 years ago, two dormitories on Green Row were designated as a temporary home for Student Health Services.

But the extension of its originally planned five-year stay is coming to an end as staff and students begin moving down to the ground breaking of a new health facility adjacent to the Recreation Center, scheduled to begin in early spring.

"We are nearing the completion of the interior design process," said Jake Baggott, assistant director of Student Health Programs. "We are going to spend a large part of the fall semester completing the design work, and hopefully by the fall of this year, we'll see construction estimates."

Nine million dollars in funds is almost secured, and plans are underway for the big move, which is anticipated to take place about 18 months after construction begins.

A meeting of the least and architectural subcommittee will be presented to the Board of Trustees in October, Baggott said. "It's really moving along, and we're excited because it's all coming together," said Cheryl Presley, director of Student Health Programs.

As plans move across campus, the health service clinic in Student Hall will take with it all of the other health programs between Greek Row and in new home. The new building will bring together the pharmacy, Wellness Center and the immunization and insurance departments, currently located in Kemper Hall.

Emergency Services, located in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, will also move to the new building, and the Physical Therapy Clinic situated in the Wham Education Building will be moved to work with the Sports Medicine Center, which is already located in the Recreation Center.

The 57,000-square-foot addition will include a pool for physical therapy patients, who need treatment in Pulliam pool, and an optical center, which was added at the request of the school.

The Student Health Advisory Board and student constituency groups on campus were the catalyst that brought about the initiative for the new center.

"All of the credit goes to the student," Presley said. "They really got behind it, and I had to do was support it. Of course, without the funding, we wouldn't have been able to do anything.

If the students didn't want it themselves, we'd be nowhere."

A $35 increase in student health fees divided over two years totaling about a million dollars helped fund the project. With the remaining money supplied through various other sources. Though not all of the cost has been covered, Presley said they made a commitment to not ask students for more money to fund the completion of the project.

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The new building is anticipated to take place this spring as a temporary home for Student Health Services.

"[The Student Center is a great place to be already, and we've got a lot of enthusiastic staff working to make this as a better place to be," said Assistant Director of Scheduling Susan Coriasco. "We want to ramp up the activities offered to the Student Center an alternative to the Strip for students."

According to Coriasco, the Student Center has set goals for making the establishment an entertaining option to students as well as a place to bow and Billiards Billiards is again providing students with the opportunity to participate in bowling and billiards.

For children of students, Bowling and Billiards offers birthday parties, with bumper lanes available for younger children. There are also the usual craft shop workshops accommodating the ability of younger and older participants.

The Student Center does not only have events activities provided this year in hopes of attracting students to the center at night include the upcoming October events. The center will open Oct. 15, and the remaining Heritage Homecoming events.

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In addition to catching students in the middle of performing commendable acts, the Student Center has a number of entertainment programs coming up during the end of September and will continue in upcoming months.

Following the less active month of September, October promises students the opportunity to participate in homecoming events, including the upcoming Native American Heritage Month activities, which will begin Oct. 15, and the remaining Heritage Homecoming events.

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Bradley student dies after two-day drinking binge

Last week, Peoria death tied to drinking
Bethany Kojella
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Alcohol travels directly from the stomach to the bloodstream. It is carried to the brain, liver and other major parts of the body. Drinking too much at one time can cause a person to become seriously ill or even result in death.

That was the case for 22-year-old Robert Schmalz. On Sept. 14, he died from a two-day drinking binge at Bradley University. According to Peoria authorities, Schmalz, a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity, began his drinking binge Monday and either continued or started drinking again Sunday morning.

A mortician returned Schmalz to his off-campus house and put him to bed around 2 p.m. When friends checked on him that night around 7 p.m., they discovered he had stopped breathing.

He was pronounced dead at his Peoria residence at 7:38 p.m. An autopsy showed Schmalz had no medical conditions or injuries, but as of Sept. 16, the Peoria County Coroner's Office was still awaiting toxicology results.

The death of Schmalz resulted in the more or less drinking during other According to the Core Institute. Schmalz. On Sept. 14, he died binge drinking to lead to death. "When someone gets alcohol poisoning, it's like they are sleeping," Culton said. "It is not obvious that they are seri·

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Two days after Schmalz's death, Bradley University received a $5,000 award for the best alcohol and drug abuse prevention university programs in the nation. The award was for the past five years from the Inter-Association Task Force on Alcohol and Other Substance Abuse Issues.

Ken Culten, coordinator and counselor of SIUC's alcohol and other drugs program, said it is not uncommon for students to help students with drinking and drug problems. Culten said he has dealt with numerou

"We expect this facility to attract shooting sports enthusi· s:asts from throughout the county," Reitz said. "It should be a real boost to the regional econony." The state acquired the land from a subsidiary of Peabody Energy, the world's largest coal company.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich said the acquisition of this land and the continuing developments of this facility are the latest steps in efforts to attract visitors to southwestern Illinois.

"This piece of property has endless possibilities," Blagojevich said. "This project has great promise to do more than attract tourism."

According to Rep. Mike Bon, R-Murphysboro, planning for this facility has been in the works since the George Ryan administration. The shooting sports complex is expected to have more than 100 shooting ranges over a 3.5-mile course, skeet stations, sporting clays, a pistol range and 3-D archery range...
Praise for jobs well done

Many times we use this space to criticize shortcomings in the community or those of influential figures. Now, the time has come to point out the hard work and dedication of some whom may otherwise be looked over. Sept. 15 was a sad day for many in Jackson County as well as here in the DAILY EGYPTIAN, as Jackson County Sheriff William Kligun announced his retirement. Kligun was a friend of the EGYPTIAN. He was always very open and helpful to our reporters. He didn't shy away from controversial topics and always gave a straight answer.

Kligun had an outstanding record in Jackson County for solving murders and prosecuting suspects quickly in Jackson County.

But Kligun will probably always be remembered for the firm stance he took for his officers when addressing the county board. He always put his officers and other issues in the department before personal issues, such as his salary.

In a press conference announcing his retirement, Kligun cited financial reasons for stepping down. His opposition against the county board may have been one reason the county board didn't jump at the chance to raise Kligun's salary as an incentive to remain in the position.

In short, we hope the person that replaces Kligun will be as dedicated to his or her officers, constituents and to fighting crime as he was during his terms in which he had served since 1982.

The new sheriff could even look to the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity for inspiration.

When SIUC alumna Brandy Wyatt was diagnosed with Cushings disease in her junior year, her fraternity Alpha Tau Omega scrambled to organize a fund-raiser. Over the weekend, the "48 Hours of Volleyball" raised $5,000 for Wyatt.

It is even more then that show SIUC spirit. Alpha Gamma Delta took the time to join in the campaign, as did local businesses like Jimmy John’s, Domino’s and Faner, among many others.

It was great to see the Carbondale community and the University help an alumna in his time of need. If this doesn't show SIUC spirit, we don't know what will.

To lift the morale and spirit of the University, the barracks between Morris Library and Faner are finally being torn down. In two months, the eyesores of campus will be removed. All we can say is that it is about time.

The structures were built as temporary shelters during World War II. Somehow, temporary translated into 60 years of shabby-looking buildings on a beautiful campus.

In the 1940s, the University brought in 60 barracks for trained student housing and classroom space. The barracks were the leftovers of the Army’s from WWII. Faner now stands in place of some of the former barracks.

Hopefully, the University will put the barracks near Neeks next to those ideas of things to bulldoze. We applaud all these efforts and hope to see more in the future. It would make things easier for all of us.

Quote of the Day

"First say to yourself what you would be, and then do what you have to do."

-Epictetus

Greek philosopher

Words Overheard

"I really don't want to go back to school. I probably won't like seeing the teacher."

-Garrett Britton

Benjamin High School senior, on returning to school after a 3-day 'teachers’ strike'
LETTERS

Michael Brenner & DE

We might want to try opening your mind to the possibility that everyone who disagrees with you is "mindlessly waving a flag" or a "tool of ignorants." Maybe, just maybe, they disagree with you not because you are so incredibly inferior.

You started off your scathing accusations by calling your peers at SIU "cliche." That is usually muttered among anyone attempting to sugarcoat, shade light, or put problems instead of mentioning them as bad.

To me, the term liberal means concentrating blame of all bad things on your right-wing political opponents that is usually muttered among anyone attempting to sugarcoat, shade light, or put problems instead of mentioning them as bad.

I'd like to ask you one question: How do you think the people in these hospitals in hospitals recovering from war-related injuries and are paying out of their own pocket for their medical bills? How do you think the people in these hospitals if your government finds it in its own interests to ask our own people to do the load. And then the people in those hospitals, and being surrounded by a veritable smorgasbord of bourgeois appeal and pseudo-humanityPerson... We would be able to use the medical treatment for those who..."
Japanese students visit Carbondale to learn American traditions

Aya Shinmura and Ayumi Watanabe, both of Nakajo, Japan, use a translator to decipher questions from their host family, the Russins. The girls are here as part of a five-day cultural and educational exchange program with SIUC’s sister school in Japan, Shizuoka.

12 grade-school, junior-high students explore typical American family life

Rachel Lindsay
Daily Egyptian

The room quieted as the families stood, anxious expressions on each face. All was still for a few moments as the tension in Ballroom C at the Student Center grew almost unbearable. Then one girl whispered, “Here they come.”

An instant later, 12 Japanese students filed into the room with big smiles on their faces as the families broke out in applause. The children walked to the front of the room and stood nervously, awaiting their next instructions.

Students from Nakajo, Japan, arrived in Carbondale Saturday to begin a five-day stay with host families as part of a cultural and educational exchange program with SIUC’s sister school in Japan.

“The point of the program is friendship,” said Kathy Bury Swindell, associate director of the Japan Coordinating Office. “International friendships, building bridges, most of these students will stay in touch with each other.”

The trip, sponsored by the town of Nakajo, is designed to allow Japanese students to visit the United States to learn about American culture, according to Swindell. Sixth-grade students from Kinoto Grade School and ninth-grade students from Nakajo Junior High School competed with their peers for the limited spots. Those who scored the highest on the English proficiency test and essay were chosen to go on the trip.

The essay centered on what the students wished to learn during their trip to America. According to Ayumi Watanabe, one of the ninth-grade students chosen to go, each student was forced to keep a daily journal about their experiences in America and what they’ve learned from their host families.

Watanabe, along with sixth-grader Aya Shimura, stayed with David and Teresa Russo. The Russins’ two daughters, Abbe, 16; and Hannah, 11; hosted the class. Teresa, one of the host students, said, “It’s a lot of fun because you learn a lot about their culture,” Abbe said.

The students quickly found how different America was when they had to be shown how to use the faucet in the bathroom. In Japan, the toilet and the shower are separate, Watanabe said through her electronic translator. The translator was the only way the students were able to understand what their host family was trying to explain to them.

Another difficulty was the differences in food. According to Teresa, even rice, a staple of the Japanese diet, looks different in America. Watanabe and Shimura both said they didn’t really like most of the American food, though hamburgers and pizza escaped their dislike.

The Russians took Watanabe and Shimura to Grant City State Park. The differences in trees and animals surprised them. Abbe said the girls got excited over seeing a squirrel, telling her how different the forest looked.

The Japanese students also accompanied the host children to school. Abbe said Watanabe took notes on the lectures right along with the other students. Watanabe said she liked the school. Hannah said Shimura was the only foreign student at her school.

Though the students were required to take an English proficiency exam to come to America, some of the host families said they still found communication difficult.

“It’s been fun,” Hannah said. “The hardest thing about it is communication. It’s kind of hard to get them to know what you’re saying because I haven’t had very much practice talking with people who don’t speak very good English. Some of the verbs are different and stuff.”

The Japanese girls agreed. They used the electronic translator to figure out everything that was said to them and to give a reply as well.

“It’s difficult at best,” David said. “Communication is a very big trouble.”

David pointed out that the students, who are able to write English fairly well, learn to speak English from a teacher who probably has an Eastern accent. He said even if the student knows a word, the Western accents make that word unrecognizable.

“Many people think if you speak slow and simple, it’s easier,” David said. “No. It’s not a matter of slow and simple, it’s a matter of vocabulary.”

The Russians weren’t the only family who found communication difficult. Ben Pace, 15, bought an English-Japanese dictionary just to help with communication.

“The first thing he said to me was, I don’t speak very good English,” Ponce said.

Despite the difficulty in verbal communication, Ponce said he and his host, Sugasawa, 15, who also had a dictionary, were having a lot of fun and learning about each other’s cultures.

“I want to learn American traditions,” Sugasawa said.

The Russins, whose daughter hosted a student last year, took Sugasawa shopping and rented a video game to play. Sugasawa said he liked how cheap everything was in America.

“I like being a part of [the students’] experience in America,” Ponce said.

Later, the Ponces planned to build a bonfire and eat s’mores with some of Ponce’s friends. Sugasawa will also get the chance to work on the Homecoming float for Ponce’s class.

“We’re just doing what we normally do,” Ponce said. “Kind of a look into the American home style.”

Small-town life isn’t the only experience of America the Japanese students will receive. Friday the students went sightseeing in Chicago, visiting the “American” places such as the Hard Rock Cafe and the Museum of Science and Industry.

Sugasawa said his favorite part of the trip was the library and the museums they visited. Watanabe and Shimura said they enjoyed their best cruise on Lake Michigan.

Sugasawa said the cities in America were much bigger than those in Japan and that there were a lot more stores.

“America is great,” he said.

According to Bury Swindell, the friendships made during the student stays with their host families can last for the rest of their lives.

She pointed out that some students from the first exchange program, put on by International Programs and Services 14 years ago, are still in contact with each other.

The students will leave for St. Louis Thursday, where they will visit the St. Louis Gateway Arch and the Marriott Gallery before heading home.

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designed to boost freshman retention

"Hopefully, this will serve as a launching pad for some of the other programs that are already underway."

The University has already taken several steps to curb its retention dilemma, Bussel said, with the most prominent example being the Center for Basic Skills, the Saluki Advantage Program and the existing University 101, designed to help undecided freshmen

"It's a very good place to get an education," Gallegy said. "They have especially managed improvements in the recruitment of faculty and students over the years."

SUIC was the only Illinois university listed in the "premier day Animal House" category, and it was joined by the University of Chicago for "most undersized."

Chancellor Walter Bussel agreed with the understated rating, saying the main challenge for the University is to spend the word on its quality academic programs offered. Having worked to contend the University's party-school image since he has been here, he was not as chagrined with the other conclusions.

"I think it's completely ill-founded and wrong," Waddell said. "My sense is that there are 50 major research universities that have significantly more party activity than SUIC."

Molly Sheehan, a sophomore in photography from Cahokia, said she didn't choose SUIC for its location. Though she did not consider a "party girl" in high school, her choice still gained a lot of flack from the party fraternity brought in by the school. She said she though she did not know other campuses well enough to compare to SUIC, she did not see much difference between it and her hometown.

"I don't think the first responders should be that it is a party school," Sheehan said. "Many people see it as that and feel need to work hard everyday."

"Academics are understated here."

Also, I've found that the town is very supportive of the college, and I think that's something we've got to carry past the typical four years."

Other Illinois schools to make the lists include the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana for "overrated," among others; and, Northwestern University for the most "innovative and unconventional," among others.

Sheehan's third cousin, University Edwardsville was included in the list for having the "most beautiful rural suburban campus."

The book was written by Trent Anderon, the vice president for Enrollment and Student Affairs, and Sissy Behk, who has been analyzing college trends for 15 years as Kaplan Inc. This was their third branched book.

"I think it's going to open a lot of discussion here in the admissions office," Bussel said. "We're definitely going to use it as a source of information, and we're going to take a look at what it says about the new standards."

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One of the major goals at SUIC is to keep high-tech telecoms.

"Trying to find unique courses in that they help students design skills in computer science, engineering, and studying great authors," Bussel said. "It also helps them become better prepared for the campus and make the pitfalls that new students can often fall into."

In addition to targeting freshmen, Bussel said another key factor in reducing graduation rates is a school's ability to remain active in 3% or less of transfer students. Of the 1,580 transfer students enrolled at Illinois State this fall, Bussel said 900 took part in a non-credit course that focused on advising to a new university.

"There are many different issues that students need to be able to articulate in order to make the transition," she said. "We're not a well-engineered transfer students as we are for new students, but being able to focus on studies is what makes that a more detailed."

"Academics are understated here."

One detail administrators at SUIC are looking into is the possibility of increasing the University's admission standards. The current criteria for prospective students is an ACT score of 21 or above or an ACT core of 18 or above combined with a class rank in the upper third of their high school graduating class.

Dietz said his office is currently discussing the idea but didn't speculate on what the new standards might be if enacted. Whether or not the University makes the switch to stifler admission standards, Dietz said his and his office is up to the task of generating new students. "If there was just one thing that we could do that would solve the whole problem, it wouldn't be an issue," Dietz said. "But it's much more complex than that."

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Today she serves as vice chair of Jobs for America's Graduates. In 2002 she was named by President Bush as chair of the President's Commission on White House Fellowships. She is also involved with the Dwight D. Eisenhower and Richard M. Nixon presidential libraries and the Nixon Center, an independent foreign policy think tank.

A former assistant managing editor of the Saturday Evening Post, Eisenhower wrote one self-titled biography of her mother, Pat Nixon: The Untold Story. She married David Eisenhower, the grandson of President Eisenhower, in which year she has three children.
SIU soccer team plays first home game Saturday

Two-year national winning team hopes return with 13 new players

Jennifer Rios
Daily Egyptian

For the past two years the SIU soccer club has made it to the national championships, and this year it hopes to repeat this task despite one small setback— they have no coach.

The club is operated entirely by the players, but they hope to find a coach soon. They are currently in charge of organizing practices and setting up game schedules along with all other team duties.

"A coach would take the burden off the players so they can concentrate more on playing," John Hatch, a graduate student in biology and co-captain, said.

The SIU club soccer team will play its first home game at the SIU Arena under a field Saturday against Western Illinois University followed by a game against Purdue on Sunday.

The team held the record of 13-5-2 for last year’s season, which Western had an overall record of 1-11-0 for last season, and Purdue’s record was 5-5-2. The members hope to repeat last year’s successful season this year.

"We beat Purdue twice last year and Western once," said Lee Harms, a junior in management information systems. "We have a good chance of winning against them this year, too.

Harms, a third-year SIU soccer player, said he believes the team will return because the players have already started off the season on a good note.

"The team consists of approximately 35 members, and 15 are new to the team. Returning players have confidence in the rookies’ soccer ability.

"We have about five really good freshmen playing this year which will help us now," Ben Angel, a senior in education, said. "These players will also help the team for future years because they will have several years of experience on the team.

Angel, co-captain and co-president of the team, also said rookie Matt Ashley has the potential to be one of the best players on the team.

"He is a first-year law student from San Diego and the leading goal scorer so far," said Angel.

Hatch said he appreciates the time and effort the players have already shown this season.

"All players should be praised for giving 10 hours a week to practice and devoting their weekends to games," Hatch said.

The players have developed bonds over the past few weeks, allowing them to perform at what they hope to be outstanding levels, and that translates to great team chemistry on and off the field, said Harms.

Angel encourages students to attend the game Saturday to support the team throughout the season.

"We are as good as most actual school teams," Angel said. "We are very competitive."
Yale strikes end with contract

Cynthia Billhartz
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS (KRT) — A man walks into a bar, goes to the ladies' restroom and comes out miffed.

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"Right now we have 100 clients the St. Louis area," said David Turner, president of Johnny Advertising. "We hope to have 300 different kinds of coming years."

One reason, said Gamble, Edge Shaving cream, Pepto-Bismol, Pert shampoo and beer and liquor retailers are indoor billboard company's biggest advertisers. So heeding the warning of Ace Mortgage, that cater to clients with shaky credit histories.

"It's the best contract we've got," said a faculty member at St. Louis University who was unimpressed by the outcome.

The long-term contract will also unions during the labor dispute.

The new contracts, which are, the negotiations, and it was he who made pensions a central issue in the negotiations. the negotiations, and it was he who made pensions a central issue in the negotiations.

Almost 1,000 of the unions' workers are expected to retire before 2030, which made pensions a central issue in the negotiations. the negotiations, and it was he who made pensions a central issue in the negotiations.

A pay rise was also a central issue, with Yale's unions often pointing to a City Hall press conference.

"Yale and its unions are acting as an example Yale should follow," notables figures as Democratic Pres. Bill Clinton,.

The long-term contract will also serve as some guarantee for Yale that labor strikes, which have plagued the university frequently over the last 35 years and twice within the last year, will not recur in the immediate future.
Ron Hutcherson and William Douglas
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Northwestern falls in U.S. News & World Report's rankings of America's Best Colleges

But Northwestern's drop, from No. 15 in 2002 to No. 20 this year, is not a crisis for the university. Northwestern has consistently been one of the top 20 colleges in the nation, according to U.S. News & World Report, and the school's national reputation remains strong.

U.S. President George W. Bush speaks at the 50th Session of the General Assembly at the United Nations in New York Sept. 23, 2003. Leaders from around the globe are attending the gathering where the 191 member nations of the world body are struggling to heal deep rifts caused by the war in Iraq.

Nearly 60 percent said they are opposed to the funding request. Critics said Bush's unwillingness to share power in Iraq could doom the effort to forge more foreign assistance.

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Guest Commentary

The life of a Saluki cross country runner

Deep thoughts from...

By Eli Baker
Junior, SIU men's cross country

"Once at the track, the meet and stretches, then off for the usual four-mile morning run. It will be a nice 25 minutes to reflect on yesterday and to think about the day that lies ahead.

We finish this, and we have to cool down. We have to fill the rest of the seven miles, so we cool down for 20 minutes and then head back to the track to stretch again.

After all of the stretching and cooling down, we get into tubs of ice water that is about 55 degrees, we go down to our waist and stay for 10 minutes. This helps all of our bodies relax and makes us ready for the next day. Then we can do it all over again.

There is a wonderful picture of Kyle Moore and me in the ice bath last Friday's Daily Egyptian.

With the afternoon practice over, we have about 30 minutes to go to the cafeteria and eat our dinner before it closes at 7 p.m. The rest of the evening is up to us, but I do the usual homework and watch TV then head to bed at 10:30 so that I can do the process all over again tomorrow.

Cross country is a sport that I am sure some of you have read about or have been involved in. We are just a bunch of skinny guys that can run fast for a long time, and I want to be the one to tell all of you that SIU has something very special in its cross country team this year.

To start off, we have Coach Matt McClellan, who has built this team from nothing, and you guys that run their hearts out everyday.

We have lone senior Derron Giat; junior Ty LaChiana and myself; sophomores Joe Byrnes, Kyle Moore and Brandon Lukes; and freshmen Diamand Grant, Hunter Sheldon and Tom Gentry.

Although running is an individual sport while being a team sport, we are focusing on the team aspect. We run together and work off one another while pulling each other along during the race. So far we have had two meets, we won one of them and took second in the other, only losing to the University of Alabama.

We do have a home meet coming up Oct. 11 (cross-country coming). At 9 a.m., and I want to invite all of you to come and watch.

It takes place at the Saluki Cross Country Course, which is south of campus next to the basketball field and west of the Arena parking lot.

Despite a bye week, the SIU football team rounded up in the Sports Network/CSTV 1-AA poll.

Commentary

Salukis to enjoy two weeks off

Saturday felt like a Kurt Vonnegut Jr. novel. It was a dangerous day without a thing to do in the Dole. It was one of those days where the most unaided person was morphed into some bipedal head ease crying about his or her weight.

There were no games on television that actually aroused anyone.

To complicate matters, the undefeated Saluki football team was about from play, chilling with a bye weekend. This paid the SIU fans that bled maroon and white and/or those suffering from withdrawal.

The Bears were also off on a bye, and no one really cares. Where are you guys now that you made ESPN? So honestly, the only good football games this weekend were Tennessee vs. Florida and LSU vs. Texas on Georgia.

For the Salukis, though, this was a nice reminder of what it is like to be an average student.

"It was nice to just be in a relaxed atmosphere and watch football," senior linebacker Eric Egan said. "It was great to kick and see what it is like to be a normal college student for a day."

Egan's day wasn't as easy as the normal SIU student. Well, those without trust funds.

Egan and his girlfriend traveled to Nashville, Tenn., to see the Dave Matthews concert with his brother Alex and his girlfriend.

"We are going to be in Nashville all day Saturday," Egan said. "It was great to kick and see what it is like to be a normal college student for a day."

Egan said he wasn't supposed to go, but the other couple that arranged to go opted out. That is why it is so nice to have an identical twin brother like he does in Alex, not that a twin could even forget you.

Not every SIU player settled his woes in a deprived lucky haven like Nashville. Albert Mondrad chilled at home with his family. By family, I don't mean his real pop. Mondrad recently became the father of a baby boy named Amari.

On his weekend off, Mondrad showed his softer side by relaxing with his son and watching "Michigan get drummed."

Welcome to my world

By Zack Crebrow

But while the Salukis got the weekend off, their ranking in the polls still jumped to No. 13.

That, my friends, is the football equivalent of George W. Bush being re-elected — being re-elected while doing nothing.

This weekend's game against St. Joseph's is also a weekend off. Brush, caddy! No, just realistic. I will go out on a limb and predict a lopsided victory over their Division II counterpart at the moment carries a staggering 1-2 record. And there are lessons that rival the 98 students that comprise the St. Joseph's student body.

Why don't we just play Carbondale or Marion high schools for games? I hear Benton, Ill., is looking for a team to play.

SIU head coach Jerry Kill will say that this game needs to be taken just like any other. One can easily deride his understanding. He doesn't need to pick anyone off, which is my job. And I am sure St. Joseph's has an amazing liberal arts program and a beautiful campus.

But the SIU running squads get more competition in practice.

And where is David Carney now when all the second-stringers will be playing more than the starters?

That scares me, though — not Carney playing, but the fact that SIU basically has two weeks off before playing Indiana State, a team that the Salukis haven't beat since 1994.

Or is the St. Joseph's game would be a game similar to Quincy when the team can tune up for the Gateway season without having to wear down steam.

Just don't have your feet this time, Tommey.
All eight Gateway Conference teams represented in latest polls

Jens Deju

In this week's top 25 polls, the Gateway Conference is well represented.

In the USA Today/ESPN poll, Northwestern (8), Youngstown State (20), Northern Illinois (23) and Indiana State (3) all received votes. In the Sports Network poll, Northern Illinois, Youngstown State and SIU are the other Gateway teams receiving votes.

As the conference teams will be in action this weekend, with Western Illinois having an off-week, preparation for an Oct. 4 showdown with Western Kentucky.

Western Illinois' defense continues to shut down opposition

As potent as the Western Illinois offense has been this season, it is the defense that has been putting four turnovers.

Through four games, the No. 2 Leathernecks (3-1) are allowing 229 yards a game. Opposing teams have been able to average just 1.5 yards a carry, and teams have averaged just 33 rushing yards a game. Indeed, the Leathernecks are allowing just 3.8 yards a carry.

They are also holding opponents out of the end zone, surrendering just five touchdowns through 16 quarters.

As the Western Illinois offense looks to avenge just 15 yards a carry against the Hilltoppers, the Western Illinois defense hopes to continue their streak of just 13 points a game.

No. 3 Hilltoppers put winning streak on line against Auburnd

Defending national champion Western Kentucky has made winning habit.

The Hilltoppers 13-game winning streak is the longest in Gateway history, topping the old mark of 11 set by Eastern Illinois in 1986. Western Kentucky's 10 straight wins to end last season marked the first season-winning streak of nine or more games in the Gateway since 1996 (Northern Iowa).

Now that streak will be on the line with the Hilltoppers' toughest test of the season, a road game at Division I-AA Appalachian State.

Auburn, who was ranked in the preseason top 25, has struggled to a 2-2 mark but is coming off a 45-7 victory over Vanderbilt two weeks ago.

If the Hilltoppers win, the Tigers will become the second Division I-AA team to lose to a Gateway member this season. Western Illinois defeated Eastern Kentucky in the second game of the season.

Indiana State offense limping along

Through their first four games of the season, the Indiana State offense has been simply ailing.

The Sycamores (2-2) are the lowest scoring Gateway team averaging fewer than 200 yards (296) and have scored just four touchdowns on the season while averaging just 10 points a game.

In comparison, seven players in the conference have scored four or more touchdowns by themselves, including SIU running back Muhammad Alhajdhuji who has five.

In the Gateway standings, Indiana State is dead last in scoring offense, total offense, red zone offense and turnover margin. The Sycamores are second to last in rushing offense, pass efficiency and fourth-down conversions.

In Indiana State's defense, its two losses have come to the hands of Division I-AA teams Ball State and Indiana. Excluding those two games, the Sycamores are allowing 33.3 yards a carry and 15 points a contest.

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"I think as a team we've really grown in the past year," she said. "Yes, we had a lot of new players last year, but I think in their freshman year they handled it really well and they're doing a lot better."

"We have a good chance to winsome a lot of matches at the individual conference. I think we'll be pretty strong."
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I f anyone knows how unpredictable sports can be, it’s Tana Trapani. Entering her fourth year with the SIU women’s tennis team, the Murphysboro native has experienced the highest highs and the lowest lows during her tenure with the Salukis.

Trapani amassed an impressive 28-4 record during the 2000-2001 season and was named the Missouri Valley Conference Freshman of the Year. But she sustained a hip injury the next fall that sidelined her for a year.

She returned this past spring still hampered by the injury and went 3-0 singles.

As the team prepares to begin its fall season this weekend at the Escanaba, International, no one is more eager to step onto the court than Trapani.

“I think all of us, after practicing for so many weeks, we just want to go out there and compete,” she said.

With a fully stocked roster and some experience under their belts, the Salukis are hopeful this weekend’s tournament will be the start of one of the best seasons in recent memory.

When Trapani went down with her injury two seasons ago, she was just one of several Salukis sitting on the sidelines. SIU ended the 2002 spring season with only three healthy athletes and did not even compete at the conference meet.

Head coach Judy Auld brought in several recruits to bolster the lineup, and after some early struggles, the Salukis showed some glimpses into what could be a bright future.

“So many people coming in new, I think some of the competition really kind of shook them up at the very beginning because we play a very competitive schedule,” Auld said.

“They settled down quick and really formed a good nucleus as a team; and around late March and April, when the matches were really important, conference matches, I thought they really started geling as a team.”

SIU will once again face a tough schedule this spring when it faces teams such as Louisville, Cincinnati and Syracuse. The Salukis will use their five fall tournaments as a sort of preseason tune-up to prepare them for the daunting spring slate.

Another benefit of the fall competition is it helps the fragile SIU squad regain the physical conditioning it will need to avoid injuries come spring.

“We’re still fighting the injury bug,” Auld said. “I hope we can kinda have the black cloud leave us; it’s about time for it to leave.”

Facing a 10-9 defeat in the decisive fifth game, the Salukis emerged from a tense moreover and ready to put away the Cobras. They ended up winning the five-game match 25-30, 30-26, 32-30, 30-20 and 15-11.

“The whole game I never thought we were down. I knew we were going to win,” said Harman, who finished with a match-high 19 kills to go along with 13 digs.

Four game-five kills by Harman helped put SEMO away, and her block with the Saluki leading 14-10 sealed the deal. The match was a confidence-booster for the young Salukis, who had had problems earlier in the season. The Salukis showed some glimpses into what could be a bright future.

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