Students to save money on health insurance fees

MORE MONEY: Original $7 increase may not be necessary.

DAVE DEEDEL
DAILY EAGLE REPORTER

SIUC students will save some money in the fall because there have been no costly student health insurance claims. Terry Buck, director of Student Health Programs, says Buck said that a $7 increase for the fall 1997 student health insurance fee that was planned two years ago may not be necessary. "There is a distinct possibility we can lower the extended health care fee, which was already approved by the Board of Trustees," Buck said. "It was approved more than a year ago to go to $141, which is a $7 increase from the current fee of $134." He said the $7 fee increase originally was approved in 1995, when SIUC switched to a self-funded student health insurance plan. When Student Health Programs suggested the insurance plan to the board, it was required to submit a worst-case scenario, in which student claims depleted the reserve fund, Buck said. Buck said because there have been no costly student insurance claims the reserve that provides money for insurance claims has not been depleted. Therefore, he said, there is no need to raise the student insurance fee.

Buck told SIUC student government representatives of the plan.

Gus Bode
Gus says: If these fees keep coming down, I won't have anything to complain about.

Fund-raising:
Second-annual benefit for cerebral palsy to be at Copper Dragon.

Hair raising:
Students recall bad hair cuts, perms.

RELATIONS: Group says businesses need to welcome students.

JENNIFER CAMDEN
DEPUTY POLITICAL EDITOR

If Carbondale's business community wants to make students feel more welcome in town, the results should boost SIUC student recruitment and retention, members of a city committee say.

The Carbondale Chamber of Commerce's recruitment and retention committee met Tuesday to discuss SIUC enrollment and improving relations between SIUC students and Carbondale citizens.

The average SIUC student spends $8,000 per year in Carbondale, said Debbie Moore, the tourism bureau director, citing a recent Chamber of Commerce report.

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"I think this is needed," Dawson said. "When it comes to black theater, you don't just get a wide array of issues or perspectives. Anytime there is something new or different, I think that is a great thing."

This look at modern issues comes in through confronting current issues, as the form of three separate plays. The first titled "Herstory vs. History," written by Griggs, concretely deals with single African-American men and women. The second play, "The New South," by Darius Leander Swann, a playwright from the late 1990s, is a scenario about integration of public schools in Little Rock, Ark. The final play, also written by Griggs, is called "The Children are the Future.

"Herstory vs. History" consists of a group of young African-American women and a group of African-American men. The characters discuss what they want in their "perfect" future.

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BEAUTY BUNGLES: SIUC students share Beauty experiences

La'Keisha Gary
DAILY EGYPTEAN REPORTER

What Trish Bailey thought would be a cheap beauty perk actually turned out to be an expensive disaster.

Bailey, a senior in geography from O'Fallon, said while she was in high school she decided to take a chance and get her hair done by someone who was attending beauty school.

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Anxiety: Speech professors prepare to showcase talents in front of students.

Kevin Dezfros
DAILY EGYPTEAN REPORTER

Every day teachers have to act out their lesson plans, yet they are not exactly in the spotlight.

But at 8 p.m. Friday, the spotlight will be on four faculty members of the Speech Communications Department as they stand and deliver 10- to 15-minute pieces for SIUC students at Kincaid Theater on the second floor of the Communications Building.

The lineup includes Ron Pelletier, who teaches Perforning, Culture and Production Text and Context, performing a piece from the novel "Tom's Turn," Elyse Finocchio, who teaches Interpretation and Civil Interpretation II, and Bailey, a senior in geography from O'Fallon, said while she was in high school she decided to take a chance and get her hair done by someone who was attending beauty school.

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User friendly

SIUC should make campus more convenient for students

AS SIUC OFFICIALS ADDRESS THE SERIOUS matter of how to boost the University's enrollment, it is important that they offer potential students more than mere lip-service.

Enrollment has dropped from 18,844 on-campus students in spring 1996 to 18,398 on-campus students in spring 1997.

In a time of increasing expenses and tight funding, the University has had to ask students to bear increasing amounts of the financial burden for their education.

BECAUSE COMMUNITY COLLEGES CAN afford to offer smaller class sizes with a much more attractive price tag, it may be difficult for large state schools such as SIUC to compete as high-school students begin looking at colleges and universities.

While the University is to be commended for its advertising and recruitment efforts, $400,000 is a lot to spend on a few campus representatives and an advertising campaign.

IF SIUC IS SERIOUS ABOUT INCREASING ITS enrollment and retention rates, making the campus more student-friendly would be a good (and in many cases relatively inexpensive) place to start.

Because the cost of a college education is so high, many students work part-time or even full-time jobs to put themselves through school.

For many students, the weekend is a rare opportunity to catch up on all the studying they were too busy to do during the week. Why, then, does the library close early on Saturday night?

IF A UNIVERSITY DOES NOT EVEN OFFER its students the option of studying on the weekend instead of partying, it can hardly expect to shake its "party school" image.

Student parking is woefully inadequate. However, enormous the Arena lot may be, its location makes it virtually worthless to students whose classes meet in Fanner Hall, the Whom Building, Lawson Hall or the Communications Building.

And the list goes on.

SIUC HAS MADE CONSCIOUS EFFORTS TO help some students in some of these situations.

The Student Center is a model of convenience, with its plethora of restaurants, automatic teller machines and study areas.

And the long-awaited mass transit system provides students with free rides all over Carbondale throughout the day and into the evening.

If the University spent more of its time and money developing (and publicizing) programs like these, new high-school graduates and transfer students might be more inclined to come to SIUC—and better able to stay.

“Our Word” represents the consensus of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board.

Overheard

"Alged! I believe, is the only building on the old campus that has not been totally renovated. It has been frustrating for those of us who working in the School of Music in this building, which is not made for music studies. Temperature fluctuations make wooden pianos and sound boards go crazy. Actually, it's making them fall apart."

Robert Weiss, director of the SIUC School of Music, on repairs to Alged Hall.
**Women can drive stick shift cars, too**

Women cannot possibly know how to drive a stick shift. At least that is what I was told by numerous neon-decorated car salesmen last semester. It was not just one patronizing salesman who smirked when I asked for a five-speed. I encountered seven such men clad in cheap suits and male Radar detector.

"A cute little girl like you would lose nice in this dissect over here," one of them, Bob, had the nerve to say. "It's easy to handle, AND it's automatic." Well, pardon me for not barring my eyelashes, giggling and lolling my head.

Why is it that many people assume women know as much about cars as Geraldino knows about class? Contrary to popular opinion, not one of us can point to a car and utter a more intelligent response than, "I like the red one.

I, for one, have had my hands greasy several times the past couple of years. I once disassembled a 327 small-block Chevy engine, have seen a 5-6 spring car assembled and know that Corvairs had a bad reputation for exploding when bumped from the rear. But improvements in the 1966 model made them safer. I know how to tell a difference between a 57 Ford and a 56 Chevy, and I know that to put gasoline in a 57 Chevy, you have to lift the rear blinker assembly. I've even won a few races on the back roads of Southern Illinois, and I know how to launch a car.

I found a car I was somewhat happy with, so Bob, my father, and I went inside to talk about price. I asked Bob how much he would give me on a trade-in. Of course, Bob directed his answer to the other male in the room. My father said, "That's not too bad of an offer." But I had done my research and knew my car was worth at least $320 more than Bob's offer. By the time I had finished wrangling with Bob, he had increased the trade-in price by $500. Not too shabby, for a girl. But I knew the car was worth at least $320 more than Bob's offer. I asked Bob how much he would give me on a trade-in. Of course, Bob directed his answer to the other male in the room. My father said, "That's not too bad of an offer.

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**Eating disorders can kill**

Dear Editor,

I would like to offer an impassioned plea to all students of SIUE, but in particular the women.

When I returned to school in August to pursue another degree, I also decided the time was right to get in shape. So I started spending a fair amount of time at the Rec Center.

What I've seen in the past six months is a parade of young women obsessed in attempting to have the perfect body, and in the process, developing eating disorders. I can't make the shame of a particular young woman, probably 18 or 19. As she walked around the track, you could see the complete definition of her bones in her elbows and knees. Her face emaciated. She had lost enough to choose health over death. There is no man, no job, no grade, no friend, no date that is worth dying for.

If the only reason a guy is with you is because of the size of your breasts or your behind, dump him; it will be a perk, as long as you want to remember, for all of us, that in the long run, who we are will outlast what we are.

Think of your closest friends: what you most likely value in those people are their attentiveness, their smile and laugh. If you have an eating disorder, or suspect someone of having an eating disorder, take a stand. There are many people at the Wellness Center and elsewhere who will talk to individuals or do group presentations on eating disorders, appropriate weight management, and exercise, but you have to call.

We call SIU a campus community; I hope that commitment exists by not ignoring this problem when we see it.

Karl L. Larson
Senior, Spanish and English

**Gender** continued from page 4

If they are so capable, why don't they do it themselves? I can appreciate when a guy is polite and opens a door for me, but I would not expect it or even the slightest bit displease me, even the slightest bit. The pressures created by society, there is plenty of room for variance within each gender, the opposite territory or hying to confuse the enemy. It is like the question that women ask men until the end of time: 'Will a woman ask men until the end of time: 'Will a woman

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Jeremy Andersen
Senior, Spanish and English

**Two Cents**

Kendra Helmer

Kendra Helmer provides a public forum for discounted Daily Egyptian employees to vent their frustrations before they have to go postal in the newsroom.

"What I've seen in the past six months is a parade of young women obsessed in attempting to have the perfect body, and in the process, developing eating disorders. I can't make it worse. A guy cannot answer "yes" because then the girl will think he thought she was fat before. He cannot say "no" because she will be upset that she hasn't lost weight, which every girl thinks she needs to do. What women do to guys is just not fair. We know they cannot come up with a resourceful response because they lack that gene, and we are stupid for asking just to get them upset that she hasn't lost weight, which every girl thinks she needs to do. That's not too bad of an offer."

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**FAST LANE:** A proposed highway linking Carbondale and St. Louis still has the support of local Congressman.

**JEFFREY CAMPEN** (DE PARMS EDITOR)

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville, says he supports President Bill Clinton's plan for tax credits for college tuition and supports the proposed four-lane highway from Carbondale to the Metro East St. Louis area.

On Wednesday, Costello told Carbondale Rotary Club members at the Holiday Inn, 800 E. Main St., that Clinton is determined to pass the tuition tax credit plan and that he is lobbying for a highway connecting Carbondale and St. Louis.

Costello said Clinton's tax credit plan, which would give a $500 tax credit to families of students enrolled in universities or vocational schools, is supported by congressional Republicans.

He said congressional Republicans support tax credits to corporations and reduction in the capital gains tax.

"We could see a tax with tuition tax credits combined with a reduction in the capital gains tax," he said.

Costello's prediction of a tax bill compromise shocked his emphasis on the importance of bipartisanship in the 105th Congress.

"The American people want us Republicans and Democrats to work together and find places where we can agree," he said.

Costello also said the House Transportation Committee, of which he is a member, is working on an interstate highway bill this session.

"If we don't give up we can build a four-lane highway from Carbondale to the Metro East area," he said to applause from the audience.

Costello said if a feasibility study has shown a highway from Carbondale to the St. Louis area is unnecessary, he will work with the Illinois Department of Transportation and federal officials trying to find a way to build it.

Harvey Welch, as chairman of Student Affairs and a Rotarian, said a four-lane highway to the St. Louis area would have the same positive impact on the University that Carbondale's Amtrak connection does.

"Then Southern Illinois would be totally connected to the rest of the Midwest and the rest of the country," he said. "It would help us recruit students."

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**DRUMMING UP SUPPORT:** U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello, D-Belleville, spoke about tax credits for college tuition and the proposed four-lane highway from Carbondale to the Metro East St. Louis area during Wednesday's Rotary Club meeting at the Holiday Inn, 800 E. Main St.

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**Hey! Cheapskate!**

You need new music.

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Halogen lamps may cause fires

SAFETY RISK: High wattage lamps blamed for fires in dorms across the nation.

HAROLD G. DONES
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Jeanne Greenwood was putting away laundry last week when her 500-watt halogen lamp caught fire.

"My roommate and I were taking our laundry basket out of the closet when we heard this crackling sound, and in the other room the connector in the halogen lamp was on fire," Greenwood, a senior in marketing from Kewanee who lives in an apartment in Murphy Hall, said.

Greenwood said that the fire was easily blown out. "But if I could have been home, I could have left my halogen lamp on, and my friends and I could have caught a fire," Hamm said.

Fahrenheit and could start fires if lighted in connectors, the lamps as part of the attention to the dangers. The Commission warned consumers of could catch fire, "Hamm said.

The lamps can start fires in numerous fires at several different college campuses, including four in recent years.

"We are aware that there have been a few problems on other campuses and we're just monitoring it," said Kirk. "We're not saying that they're a problem, but we're monitoring it," Kirk said. "We're not saying that they're a problem, but we're monitoring it," Kirk said.

Kirk said that the lamps are a concern for the users of halogen lamps.

"The lamps are highly efficient in usage, though using coffee pots or popcorn poppers," Kirk said.

The lamps are not as dangerous for people who are allergic to coffee or popcorn poppers, Kirk said.

The lamps can be dangerous if the bulb is not properly protected. In some cases, the lamps areollaileing the potential for fire.

"The lamps get real hot," Murphy said. "I've seen bulbs burning for 20-30 minutes." Murphy said.

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Megan Moore by phone at 536-3381 or by e-mail at megan76@siu.edu
**Journal article supports pot usage as medicine**

**MARIJUANA: Doctor suggests classification of the drug should be changed.**

**LOUISIANA TIMES**

Attacking the federal government’s efforts to crack down on California and Arizona doctors who recommend marijuana to sick patients, Associate Professor of Medicine at Creighton University in Omaha, said Thursday that the policy was “foolish,” “hypocritical,” and “stupid.”

The 800-word screed in Thursday’s New England Journal of Medicine is the third in a series of articles the journal.Drawable is reprinted in response to the government’s efforts to regulate marijuana. In contrast, the American Medical Association has sought a classification for marijuana that patients smoke because the practice goes against federal law.

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WASHINGTON—Justice Department investigators reported sloppiness at the FBI’s vaunted crime laboratory here has turned up a host of problems: Lab officials say they were pressured to get to the bottom of the scientific findings and their conclusions were sometimes changed. The allegations emerged in dozens of interviews that the lab workers have given to officials of the Justice Department as they are completing an examination of a wide range of problems at the FBI.

Government officials are aware of many of the FBI laboratory’s apparent lapses in judgment, and the Unabomber investigation, may suffer if federal court rulings here that key pieces of evidence have been put in jeopardy by poor lab work.

J. Smith, an FBI lab technician, said he was pressured by his superiors to get to the bottom of his findings. "It’s kind of scary, and that’s why I wear brainless now." Although some studies said they had not had any experiences at all, according to Bailey’s and Price’s, said she believes the reason is because some hair stylists make mistakes in their judgment decisions.

"Time management is one mistake (some) hair stylists make," she said. "People try to make a lot of money and schedule too many people in.

The best way to find a good beautician: Jones said, is to do research and ask around to find out what kind of experience you have in doing the style of a client. She saidword-of-mouth is the kind of advertisement to be insisted most because no one would recommend someone who messed up his or her hair.

And although some people who had bad hair experiences still have the feelings towards their beauticians, Smith said he is still willing to try his friends and relatives to show him. "I ended up wearing a hat for about a month, but I still liked her," he said. "I still kit my girlfriends cut my hair. Now they’ve gotten better.

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JALALABAD, Afghanistan — On the outskirts of this city, a man named Ali checks on his fruit stand. He is one of the few remaining vendors who still sell fresh fruit in the city, where most shops are closed due to the ongoing conflict.

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SAN DIEGO—A civic dispute already at the boiling point has gone volcanic with the addition that San Diego could lose the 1998 Super Bowl to the Rose Bowl or the L.A. Coliseum—because of a planned $78 million expansion of San Diego Jack Murphy Stadium.

As they try to rally public support in San Diego behind the plan, boosters are warning that the big city to the north is ready to pounce if San Diego falters.

This is a competitive area," warned Mayor Susan Golding during a televised galley with former mayor Roger Hedgecock, a leading expansion opponent. "I know there have been conversations already with Los Angeles.

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SIUC runners head to Indy

RELAY MOTIVATED:
Saluki relay runners hope to qualify for national meet.

DONNA COLTER
DAILY EGYPTIAN READER

The SIUC women's track and field team will compete at the Indiana Invitational tonight and Saturday, and coach Don DeNoon has high expectations for one Saluki relay team.

DeNoon said the Salukis distance medley, which is a relay comprised of a 1,500, 400, 800 and 1,600 meter combination, could make it back this weekend in Bloomington, Ind. "Our distance runners are running really well right now, and that is somewhat of a surprise," he said. "Our distance medley relay team has a chance to provisionally qualify for the NCAA meet (March 7-8) this weekend, but each member will have to run their lifetime bests."

The relay is comprised of the Missouri Valley Conference's top 400-meter runner in junior Mona Bajwa and junior Kelly Fenner, who is the third fastest miler in the conference. Junior Raine Larson, who runs the 1,500, could qualify as well. "Our distance medley, said the relay team realization expectations DeNoon has set for it. "Don (DeNoon) has high expectations of this race and we can get the NCAA's if we come together on the right day," she said. "We are all real confident and are looking to do our best."

DeNoon said he expects Big Ten member Indiana University and conference foe Indiana State University to be the biggest competition in the 13-team meet. But he knows the Salukis will come out on top.

"I hope to win this meet because we are extremely healthy," he said. "We get better every week, and we are going full blast."

The men's track and field squad will also compete in the Invitational, and coach Bill Cornell said he is trying to prepare his squad for the K vk championship meet, which will be Feb. 21-22 at the SIUC Recreation Center.

"We are looking for improvement," he said. "We did outstanding last weekend (the Butler Invitational), and the team is bubbling with enthusiasm."

The Salukis have faced some adversity already this season, but Cornell said he is pleased with how they have progressed.

"Despite some injuries, I am quite happy with the progress of this team. I hope to see some of the differences with this team is that they have a good attitude, which is something that has been missing the past couple of years."

Cornell is also expecting his tough competition to be Indiana and Indiana State, but said he is looking for individual performances and not a team performance as a whole. "I would rather have our men in individual events to help lower their times or better their field performance," he said. "But I hope to see us finish in the top three."

The meet start time is scheduled for 1 p.m. today and 10 a.m. Saturday.

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New York - former heavyweight boxing champion Riddick Bowe entered a training program — he has joined the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve.

Bowe, of Fort Washington, Md., is to report Feb. 10 to the recruit depot in Parris Island, S.C. to begin 12 weeks of boot camp that will culminate in "The Crucible," a final week in which sleep-deprived recruits take on combat-simulated challenges for 54 hours.

Seven months ago, Bowe weighed in for a bout against Andrew Golota at a pillow 252 pounds, by far a personal record. He won that fight, and another bizarre confrontation with Golota in December, only because the Pole was disqualified for repeated low blows. Bowe, who lost 17 pounds for the second bout, trailed each fight before he was given the victory.

Bowe said his enlistment was not prompted by the recent fights with Golota and isn't a training regimen for upcoming bouts.

"It's something I always wanted to do," Bowe said at a news conference. "I figured I should do it now before I get too old."

After a scheduled three-month boot camp and other military training requirements, Bowe said he will return boxing in August and fight "somebody I can whoop" by year's end.

"Bowe, 34, said his enlistment is not a doorway out of the gym. "We're looking for people who want to transform themselves mentally, morally and physically."

Bowe is a native of Staten Island and grew up in the South Bronx. In June, 1984, he won the New York Golden Gloves, and in 1985, he won the New York State Golden Gloves. He is a graduate of John Adams High School in Brooklyn, New York.

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**SIU SWIMMING**
Saluki swim team takes on Irish, Aces in Indiana

A weekend in Indiana marks the final competitive stop for the SIU women's swimming and diving teams before the National Independent Championships on Feb. 27. The women go up against Notre Dame at 5 p.m. today in Terre Haute, then head to South Bend Saturday to take on the University of Evansville in a 1 p.m. show. Meanwhile, Saluki men's swimming coach Rick Walker's crew will take on Southwest Missouri State University Saturday at the Recreation Center. The meet also starts at 5 p.m.

The women Salukis fell to the Irish last year, but women's swimming coach Mark Kluemper thinks his team can pull out a win this time around.

"Last year's meet was a real nail-biter because it came down to the last relay," he said. "This year they are deeper, so we will focus more on individual races. We need to have some good performances to end the dual meet season, and I feel the women are capable of winning."

Evansville placed third in the Missouri Valley Conference Championships in early December.

"Evansville will be a good test for us," Kluemper said.

**NHL**

Deion Sanders returns to baseball

Deion Sanders, who set out the 1996 baseball season to concentrate on football for the Dallas Cowboys, is a two-sport professional athlete once again.

Sanders signed a contract Thursday to return to the major leagues with the Cincinnati Reds, for whom he played in parts of the 1994 and 1995 seasons. The Reds announced that Sanders signed a one-year contract with a mutual option year. Financial terms were not disclosed.

The contract reportedly binds Sanders to the Reds until they are eliminated from the pennant race. The agreement means Sanders will miss the Cowboys training camp and might be unavailable for some of their early regular-season games.

**GUARD DAWGS:**

Saluki guard Lance Brown (foreground), a sophomore from West Frankfort, drives past fellow Saluki guard Shane Hawkins, a junior from Pinckneyville, during practice at the SIU Arena.

**Batting Big Dawgs:**

Fur will fly when the Salukis face in-state Drake Bulldogs Saturday night.

RAE KEITH
DAILY Egyptian Reporter

The Saluki men's basketball team is catching Drake University at just the right time.

Drake fell to the University of Evansville 59-54 Thursday night, dropping the Bulldogs to a Missouri Valley Conference-worst 9-8 record.

To make matters worse, the Bulldogs, who are also 1-15 overall, are minus their leading rebounder and third-leading scorer Kevin Bennett, who was lost for the season when he tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his knee during practice Monday.

Bennett, a fourth-year junior forward, averaged 10.9 points and 6.4 rebounds per game before the injury.

Yet despite the absence of Bennett, SIUC coach Rich Herrin said the 2-6 (0-10) Salukis cannot afford to underestimate the Bulldogs.

"(Assistant coach Rodney) Watson said Drake is the best 1-14 team he's watched," Herrin said. "They do some things right. We're going to have to be ready to come back and play."

While Drake has lost Bennett, the Salukis are no stranger to injury themselves. Herrin said losing forward Chris Wright to a back injury in December has been hard on the team.

"Losing Bennett probably hurts them somewhat, but losing Wright really hurts us, and we haven't had him for 10 games," Herrin said. "I think we'll be all right."

While Drake enters Saturday's game with the Salukis at SIU Arena at 7:05 p.m. struggling and shorthanded, SIUC is coming off of a win and won two straight.

The Salukis came out on fire offensively against Indiana State University Saturday night, and rode that momentum into a victory over Sycamores 99-61 in one of their best performances of the season.

The win also marked one of SIUC's most
career steals to go along with 19 points, five rebounds and six steals. However, the Salukis, who dropped to 9-8 on the season and 5-5 in the MVC, shot a dismal 32 percent from the field.

The Salukies move to 9-9 overall and 4-6 in conference action.

Coach Cindy Scott said it was a terrible loss for the Salukis, whose inside game played out like a bad dream.

"It was a nightmare," she said. "There is no excuse for our performance.

"We couldn't finish our shots. We were getting the ball inside, but it wasn't going in the hole."

McClendon's six steals Thursday night tied Southwest Missouri State's Tina Robbins' 316 career steals mark.

Scott was once again very satisfied with the play of McClendon.

"It was a great performance for Kasia once again," she said. "She is a great competitor, and she is going to break the steals record, which she is very deserving of."

SIUC trailed the Sycamores throughout the entire contest. Without the play of starting guard Meredith Jackson, who was out for four to six weeks with a stress fracture in her

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