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140 SIUC students' financial aid in jeopardy

By Lori D. Clark
DE Assistant Politics Editor

One hundred and forty SIU students who were SUIC undergraduate students who collectively receive $168,675 in waivers, and the other 40 were graduate students who received $301,621 Britton said the graduate students received more in waivers because most of the students are medical students with higher tuition and fees. The tuition waiver policy allows each of the 177 Illinois public universities to waive two four-year public university tuition waivers each year. Recipients must be from the legislative districts of two illinois legislators, and one recipient must attend the University of Illinois. The second recipient must attend any other state university. Britton said students who need financial assistance should not have a problem receiving it if the waivers are eliminated unless they do not apply for financial aid. The state of Illinois has a very good need-based program of grants through the Monetary Award Program. Britton said. "Many students get those grants based on need."

However, Britton said she does not favor elimination of any student aid, including the legislative waivers. "I have a lot of students who have been eliminated because it means students will have to borrow or work more," she said.

Rep. Bill Black, R-Danville, who sponsored the bill that would eliminate the waivers, said he did so because of the expense of the waivers. "We don't pay one cent to SIU or any college," Black said. "It's a $4-million expense every year."

Because universities must cover the cost of the tuition waivers, other students pay more in the long run because the tuition of students who do not receive waivers is increased, Black said. Legislative waivers are costly.

Administration accepts offer to apply herbicide

By Lisa M. Pangburn
Daily Egyptian Reporter

SIUC administrators agreed Monday to accept an offer from a local plant nursery owner to spray an existing native plant species in Thompson Woods for the price of $1. Last week, 30 gallons of herbicide were donated to SIUC by Monsanto, an agriculture chemical company, to kill exotic plants in Thompson Woods that are choking out native plant species. The Thompson Woods Management Committee was in the process of deciding who would spray the herbicide when Jim Jung, a local resident and owner of Hillside Nursery, 1900 W. Sycamore St, offered to spray for $1. Jung is licensed to spray herbicides. James Tweedy, SIUC vice chancellor for administration, said after verifying that allowing an outside party to spray the herbicide would not violate a campus insurance policy, the University decided to accept the man's offer. "I have been working on getting approvals to that Jim can work on campus," he said. "I needed to make sure the Campus Risk Assessment could allow someone else to spray because of insurance reasons."

Another problem that the administration had to overcome was the SIUC Physical Plant unions, whose members would normally be in charge of spraying the herbicide by contract. Tweedy said. Tweedy said the unions have also agreed to let him spray and his crew spray the woods. "The unions are very supportive," he said. "Everybody is quite happy because we are all working for the same thing."

Bruce Francis, SIUC superintendent of grounds said the price of $50,000 for the rejuvenation of the woods will decrease because of the herbicide donation and the offer from Jung. Jung said he is pleased with the decision, but he said people need to remember the reason he offered to spray. "The reason I offered to spray is this is to bring the woods into ecological balance," he said. "It's been 10 years."

Jung also said it is good to know that people are interested in making the woods a better place. "It is a great place for students to go and learn," he said. "It's a living laboratory. I would even like to see SIU make Thompson Woods its campus."

Philip Robertson, an SIUC professor in plant biology and head of the Thompson Woods Management Committee, said the acceptance of Jung's proposal is what the committee needed to begin repairing the wood's ecosystem at a low cost. Robertson also said spraying of the herbicide will need to continue for the next couple springs, but it has not been decided when the spraying will begin this spring.

Sorority members to appeal ruling

Student Judicial Board finds students guilty of hazying

By Dustin Coleman
DE Special Projects Editor

An appeal process began recently for three SIUC sorority members found guilty of hazying by the University following an alleged incident in October 1995, according to the SIUC administrator. After a Student Judicial Board hearing, three members of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, were found in violation of the SIUC Student Conduct Code and were suspended from the University on charges of hazying. Harvey Welch, vice-chairman of student affairs, said. The Student Judicial Board is a committee of students appointed by the Undergraduate Student Government, Students on the board are under the guidance of Terry Huffman, coordinator of Student Judicial Affairs. Huffman could not be reached for comment.

Two of the students have been suspended for one year each. One of the students has been suspended for two years. Welch said the names of the three students and specifics of the incident are being withheld. Until all appeals have been heard and the case has been exhausted, the students will be allowed to stay enrolled at SIUC, Welch said. Welch said he does not know if a civil suit has been filed at the Jackson County States Attorney's Office regarding the alleged incident.

Mike Wegsler, Jackson County states attorney, was not available for comment Monday. See HAZING, page 6

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Motorcycle safety is a question safety specialists and pilots have been asking for more than 50 years. Some airlines, however, mean that the stability of a future government will remain open to question.

Airlines turn off monitors in wake of crash

The crash near Call Ltd Dec. 21 has sent tremors through the commercial airline industry. Top airlines, officials and “human factors” academics have said it may become the event that forces airlines to deal with a question safety specialists and pilots have been asking for more than a decade.

Airline executives were given the go-ahead to restore flight operations after the crash of Air France Flight 4590 in 1974, but the question remains: Is the current system safe?

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The custody would not release the name of the man pending further investigation, Carbondale Police say. Recovery of approximately 100 pieces of stolen property is theirs. Priddy said the stolen property consisted mostly of electronic items. That’s when I realized they needed help, Priddy said while she was teaching. The student employees went to buy a can of tuna and ended up buying cat food tuna. “I knew I could help at least one person fill out an application or make a doctor’s appointment.” Sramek began volunteering as a tutor and a teacher’s aide at the EDC in 1993. She currently supervises six student workers. The EDC provides literacy training, GED preparation and job-seeking skills for adults, many of whom speak foreign languages.

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As a child, Eva Sramek watched her immigrant parents struggle to learn a new country’s customs and language. As an adult, she tutors other immigrants in English at SIUC’s Adult Education Unit in the Evaluation and Development Center to give them the basic communication skills needed to survive in America.

Sramek, a senior in elementary education from Detroit, was awarded for her efforts April 11 when she received SIUC’s Student Employee of the Year award and a $2,000 scholarship.

The Student Employee of the Year competition is sponsored by the Financial Aid Office. A committee selects a nominee on the criteria of reliability, quality, incentive, professionalism and uniqueness of service. This year, there were 26 nominees.

Terri Gilliam, supervisor of Student Employee Services, said since most of the nominees met the first four criteria, they were judged by their uniqueness. “We felt that the winner stood out because she applied her personal experience to help contribute to the community,” Gilliam said. “Plus, many of her students praised her, and we felt that spoke out about her as an individual.”

Sramek’s father was born in the former Czechoslovakia, and her mother is from Chile. Sramek said her personal experience drove her to volunteer at the EDC.

“My mom has basically a third-grade education,” she said. “I’m familiar with the problems people have if they don’t understand the language. I knew I could help at least one person fill out an application or make a doctor’s appointment.”

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At your fingertips: Joanna Drown, a sophomore in psychology from Rockford, experiments with the SIUC UniLink system Monday in the Student Center. Using UniLink-Student Information machines puts students in touch with a variety of campus-related information.

Web class set to begin Friday

By Aaron Butler

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“I think it’s an excellent opportunity, and you can’t beat the price,” he said.

“It takes a little bit of time, but it’s well worth it.” Shannon Burke, a junior in industrial technology from West Franklin, said although the workshop covered a lot of material, it was presented in such a way that a beginner could pick it up quickly.

“I found it very useful,” she said. “I’m planning to do my own home page, and I’d recommend it to anyone.”

Desmon said he covers more than just HTML in his workshop. He also explains details like framing graphics and information, adjusting the color of the page background, text and links, and locations on the Web that offer graphic chat for Web pages.

Desmon said that because of the high level of interest he has seen on campus for information about the Web, he is organizing a Registered Student Organization called Web.

"USG has already seen the proposal, and they’ve said don’t have any problems with it,” he said. “It will involve advanced technical HTML, electronic commerce and electronic communication.”

"I’m teaching people how to write their own home page and how to pick the right text editor,” he said. "They also learn to embed images into it and include hypertext links." Once their pages are created, Desmon said he teaches students to transfer them to a server using File Transfer Protocol.

Desmon led his first workshop April 11.

Several students who attended said they found the format he used helpful for beginners.

Matthew Long, a senior in finance from Danville, said the workshop helped him understand HTML and was easy enough that he would recommend it to a beginner.
State Senate needs to end legislative tuition waivers

The Illinois Senate has a chance to correct a mistake it made last year when it failed to eliminate legislative tuition waivers. For the second consecutive year, the Illinois House has vetoed to end the 91-year-old waiver system that allows state legislators to grant two full-tuition waivers to four-year public universities in Illinois. The recipients are required to live in the legislature's district, and one of the waivers must be for the University of Illinois.

The main problem with the waivers is the potential for abuse that they provide. All Illinois universities, except for Eastern Illinois University and Illinois State University, refuse to disclose the names of the waiver recipients. This, combined with the fact that there are no financial or academic requirements recipients must meet, allows legislators to dole out free tuition for political reasons.

Not surprisingly, some politicians have abused the system. When the (Champaign) News-Gazette analyzed the waivers at Eastern Illinois University and Western Illinois University, it showed that legislators had given the waivers to relatives, campaign contributors, state employees and political party workers. It also found that several waivers had been given to students who lived outside the legislators' districts.

This was uncovered by looking at waiver records of two schools. Imagine what might be found if the names of waiver recipients at SIUC, the University of Illinois, Northern Illinois University and Illinois State University were released. Such a scenario might result in more actions like last year's federal grand jury investigations of five current and former House members for alleged abuses of the waiver system. It's clear that the system not only has potential for abuse; it is abused.

These unethical practices should alone be enough motivation for the Senate to end the system, but there are additional reasons.

The cost of the waivers is placed upon the schools the recipients attend. This in turn places the cost upon the students, who then pass along this cost to the rest of the Illinois Senate should seize the opportunity to end this embarassing system, unlike last year when the provision to end the waivers was eliminated in the Senate.

We recognize that some legislators use the system to help students who genuinely deserve the assistance, but this work should be done by agencies with the sole purpose of allocating financial aid.

Illinois is one of only three states that use this archaic system of legislative scholarships. This is no surprise, however. Why would any state want to have a system that places unfunded mandates on its universities and opens up college funding to political patronage?

Letters to the Editor

Daily Egyptian objectivity questioned

On April 12, the Daily Egyptian staff chose to dedicate nearly the entire front page to the gay wedding performed in Champaign. Although I can understand reporters’ desire to present a controversial issue, I am angered by the way in which the articles are presented.

The reporters, Melissa Jakszowski and Erik Bush, devoted nearly three times as much space to supporters of the ceremony as they did to the protesters at the ceremony. This imbalance gave the supporters of the ceremony a much larger forum to present their views than that of the protesters. Regardless of what this imbalance was intentional or not, it made both of the articles appear biased up the side of the supporters of the gay wedding.

I have only a couple of introductory journalism courses, but I know that unbiased, fair and objective reporting is important. This is something to strive for, not something to make. All reporting is a political act, and sometimes it's hard to report on certain issues, but the Daily Egyptian has somehow managed to do that. The reporters, Melissa, Erik and all other reporters, need to strive for fairness and objectivity. It will be hard, but it is possible.

Steven McCoyne
Carbondale

Religion does not belong in public schools

Many of you are sick of the religious dogma lessons like these. I certainly don’t care to be referred to as shallow, childish and accused of closing “doors” for myself, even if some or all of these things are true. But when all of the excerpts about the content and method of my AP level class fact are made in the paper, Christians still care very little about religion. Christians react when they found their child sacrificing animals? How Christians still care very little about religion. How Christians react when they found their child sacrificing animals? How Christians react when they found their child being sacrificed? I think Lawrence Jahnke made the most important point in his April 15 letter to the editor. Private colleges and universities have their own standards for students. If you are a person who needs to be sacrificed by religion, go to one of these schools. If, however, religion is important to you, then please attend a state-sponsored school. Share all your ideas, but please respect the rights of those who don’t share your faith.

Steven McCoyne
Carbondale

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Four hour Internet limit is ridiculous

Here we go again. Another quick fix idea from SIUC’s Information Technology Center, and a Daily Egyptian editorial that makes no sense.

Your editors once cited the Four Hour Internet limit was ridiculous. The four hour time limit now forced on us will not solve anymore problems than it will cause. Moreover, who the heck is the DE that we should be listening to? Why is the DE even trying to do this? This is a private service.

My god, you were born yesterday! This would force us to pay a costly set-up fee, installing software and a pay fee that could exceed $50 a month, and then not even guarantee access. That’s an additional $200 per semester. But I guess the DE didn’t think students would catch on to this.

As a small group of people, working on important term papers and research, we are being hounded on such an Internet service. If it’s just a small group of people, what difference does it make? What will happen when everyone who has been on for four hours gets kicked off? Will a memo be sent to everyone waiting, saying, “Sorry, harry, click on now?” No, the people will just wait 10 minutes and then get back on. More modern and phone lines will solve the problems. You know, spend some money. The DE explains to us, “Now people who only need to check their e-mail can go do without waiting.” Only check their e-mail? Checking e-mail is more important than doing research for a term paper? Since when do we get grades by checking our e-mail?

It’s very disappointing to see this University take steps backwards into the future of research and development. Hey, maybe I’ll take the DE’s advice, get a private service, buy a computer to do homework and then I can use SIUC for part of my lab fees that contribute to IT. Thanks, good advice.

Scott Lass
Senior, advanced technical studies

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One of the greatest leaders of all time, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., said the following quote from a Selma, Ala., jail in 1965:

"I am new in this world. I am new in this country, and I am new in this church. I am a new kind of leader. I am new in the sense that the things I say and the things I do are not necessarily the things that have been said and done before."

Sam Rinella Field, Contact: Lance.

"I am not a new kind of leader. I am an old kind of leader. I am the kind of leader that people have been waiting for all their lives."

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"I am a new kind of leader. I am a new kind of politician. I am a new kind of politician who can get things done."
The section on "Aid" begins with a discussion about the potential of being abused by those who grant them financial aid. The text mentions Black and how he does not expect the Illinois Senate to pass the bill abolishing the tuition waiver. "The Senate wouldn't consider it last year," Black said. "I'm not optimistic they will this year."

The section on "Tutor" begins by stating that the student trustee election guidelines, a committee of Undergraduate Student Government and Graduate and Professional Student Council members must be created. Members of the committee would have to review the guidelines and make recommendations to both organizations. The recommendations would then be presented to both organizations and be sent to the vice chancellor of Student Affairs.

The section on "Hazing" continues with a discussion about the Illinois Senate's approval of a bill abolishing hazing. The bill was sponsored by Sen. James Black, a Democrat from Chicago. Black said he took the bill a step further and organized a stoppage trip to Wal-Mart, 1450 S. Wabash Ave., to reinforce the lesson.

The section on "Police Blotter" begins with a story about a 19-year-old student who was hit by a light pole that was knocked down near Schneider Hall. The student told police he had climbed the pole when it fell over. However, the student was not injured, and the value of the damage is unknown. The incident is under investigation.

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The section on "Amazing Giant" begins with a story about a student who was hit by a light pole that was knocked down near Schneider Hall. The student told police he had climbed the pole when it fell over. However, the student was not injured, and the value of the damage is unknown. The incident is under investigation.

The section on "Photo Finish" begins with a story about a student who was hit by a light pole that was knocked down near Schneider Hall. The student told police he had climbed the pole when it fell over. However, the student was not injured, and the value of the damage is unknown. The incident is under investigation.

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Washington Post

WASHINGTON—It’s a question straight out of "Journalism 101: What, exactly, is news?" In the television business these days, it’s become more than an academic issue.

A panel of TV executives, having met for weeks to develop a system of rating TV programs for sexual and violent content, is struggling to define what a news program is. Participants in the rating panel agree, for instance, that "NBC Nightly News With Tom Brokaw" certainly qualifies. But the panel’s work has sparked a debate about what a news program is.

"Carbondale has shown that they are very committed," Chris Allen, spokesman for Lt. Gov. Bob Kustra, said Carbondale was recognized by Kustra as a Main Street community Thursday because of an effort by several community members to revitalize the downtown area.

Kustra named Main Street in 1993 to assist communities with populations under 20,000 with developing long-range economic plans for their downtown areas. Allen said, "Carbondale has shown that they are very committed to this program."

"We provide tips to these communities on what other communities have done to their downtowns," she said.

"To be recognized as a Main Street community is to show that the community has an ability to succeed. A Main Street community is a community of self starters," City Manager Jeff Doherty said. Carbondale Uptown Inc. spearheaded the effort for Carbondale to be included as a Main Street community.

One of the efforts of Carbondale Uptown was to establish a Downtown Special Service Area. The Special Service Area requires an increase in property taxes for those who reside in the downtown area to fund revitalization projects.

The funds raised by the group, combined with property tax money, will allow Carbondale Uptown to hire a down-town project manager. The manager would oversee the revitalization projects.

However, Jim Myers, owner of Carbondale Herald, 215 E. Main, and the Printing Plant, 606 S. Illinois Ave., said he is organizing a signature petition to stop the Special Service Area.

Myers said he needs signatures from 51 percent of the landowners in the downtown area by May 4 to stop the Special Service Area. He said he is against the property tax increase to pay for revitalization projects, not the program itself.

If Myers’ petition drive is successful and stops the Special Service Area, Carbondale Uptown would have to find another way to fund the program, Allen said. "Losing the SSA would not take the Main Street recognition away," she said. "Carbondale would have to find another way to fund the program, and we would assist them in that area."
Officials: Taiwan, China may have chance for peace

BEIJING—Just a month ago, China was firing missiles off Taiwan’s ports, Taiwanese troops were on alert, and American aircraft carriers were speeding toward the region.

Today, the waters between China and the island of Taiwan are calmer. China’s guns are quiet. Taiwan has announced it will call off two sets of military exercises, and the United States has withdrawn its warships.

Both China and Taiwan have turned down the volume in their war of words over whether self-governing Taiwan should bow to Beijing, which claims the island is a wayward Chinese province destined for reunification by one means or another. But a current of tension still runs between China and Taiwan. “This is a lull,” said David Shambaugh, editor of the prestigious China Quarterly at the University of London.

There are two months between Lee’s March 23 victory in Taiwan’s first fully democratic presidential election and his May 20 inauguration. Lee’s inaugural address is expected to be the next major opportunity for a significant warming of relations across the Taiwan Strait.

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fell in the same time frame as the one in Hawaii, it's unlikely that a person could do both of them," McQuarrie said. "It's much more doable for someone who is, for example, a student who can lift to take 10 days off, and doesn't have a couple thousand dollar to spend.

McQuarrie added that the distances of the two triathlons are the same. "It's very big as hard (as the Hawaii triathlon)," he said. "People think we're going to Florida or so forth. From what I've been told it's not going to be easy.

"The conditions were not very favorable last year, so it was a pretty tough day," he said.

With its 7-man swim, 112-mile bike, and 26.2-mile run, the ironman race is perhaps the most test of athletic ability.

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...a competitive level for six years, leads the team with a 77.4 stroke average, and is ranked 20th in the Missouri Valley Conference. He has recorded 12 top 10 finishes, and his lowest score was a 71 at the Sports Technologies Invitational Nov. 12-14.

Eaker played golf throughout his four years at the Atlas High School in Oklahoma, and competed in 13 tournaments during the school year and 10 during the fall semester playing college golf. In those 23 minutes, he averaged 7.5 points and 4.8 rebounds per appearance.

For being 6-9 and 230 lbs., Eaker said learning the proper method of swinging the golf club is emphasized at Haney's program. "What they teach you down there is when you swing the club, you have to be in certain positions through the shot of the swing, he said.

"They put in those positions, and that enhances your choices of the shots you can play," Eaker said participating in tournaments is the most difficult aspect of playing golf.

"When you're playing competition, there is so much different than playing on a Saturday afternoon by yourself because people are watching, he said. "You get nervous, and you don't do the same things you do when you're by yourself.

Eaker said his skills have evolved on the greens from experience and continuous competition play.

"I've matured a lot, especially in the fall semester playing college golf," he said. "You're jumping a level from high school to college, better competition, better courses and you learn how to score better and play better.

Eaker said golf requires an individual to focus and concentrate, and once a person develops their physical game, it all boils down to the mental game.

The short game is one of the tougher parts of golf, and Eaker said the most important thing is thinking about the shot and blocking everything else out of your mind.

"When you get over a shot you just have to hit the brain down and think about that shot," he said.

"You have to know exactly what you want it to do, and you've got to have total confidence that you can execute the shot. If you don't, your chances of playing as great do.

Eaker said although he is leading the team in scoring, he does not consider himself a team leader, but as a partner for the other players to rely on.

"I'm just a freshman, trying to do the best that I can," he said. "I'm just trying to bring the other guys up to step it up a little bit."

"The purpose of the triathlon team is to give everybody a format for an organization to help them do what they want to do," Burton said.
Salukis to attempt to heat cool bats

By Michael DeFord
DE Assistant Sports Editor

Judging by the nets hanging from the ceiling of Davies Gymnasium, the pitching machine, and the array of bats, it's easy to assume that the focus of the SICU softball team's practice Monday afternoon was on hitting.

Saluki softball coach Kay Brechtelsbauer is hoping the extra effort toward hitting during practice will pay off in today's doubleheader against Division II SIUE.

"What happens is if they don't get hit, they want to adjust their swing right away. There is no need to adjust their swings," Brechtelsbauer said.

Saluki golfer gave up hoops to take chance on the links

By William C. Phillips III Daily Egyptian Reporter

Even though freshman Todd Eaker comes from a strong family golf background, he never thought when he picked up a golf club at the age of 8 he would one day be competing at a NCAA Division I school.

"When I was 15, I was playing basketball and golf, and I decided to drop basketball and devote all my time to golf," Eaker said. "I wanted to play a sport in college, and golf presented me the best chance to do that."

Eaker, who has been playing golf since see EAKER, page 15

University of Wisconsin and Indiana State this upcoming weekend.

Southern is currently 21-19 overall and 11-9 in the Missouri Valley Conference, which puts the club in fourth place in the Valley.

The Dawgs dropped from third place to fourth with their loss at WSU, and now trail third-place Bradley (10-8) by a half game and second-place Southwest Missouri (13-6) by two and a half games. Wichita State leads the Valley with a 12-3 conference record.

SIUC's men's soccer club defeated the University of Tennessee-Martin Sunday, 2-1.

The two SIUC goals were scored by Brian Gleason and Tom Monteith, with goalie Jon Schaefer contributing 15 saves.

The team traveled to Wichita, Kan., April 26-28 to participate in a tournament containing NCAA Division II and III schools.

The team played its way to the quarterfinals last year, and hopes to improve upon that this year.

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### Triathlon Team

Triathlon team provides opportunity to triple fun

By Jared Driskill
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Participating in a triathlon requires the combination of three sporting events rolled into one, and for some SIUC students, competing in a triathlon has become a serious form of competition, while others compete for fun.

As the 1996 SIUC triathlon team's season begins, the team will compete in the SEC Doc Spackman Triathlon. It will take place April 27, and several local triathletes will participate in the event.

According to SIUC triathlon team president Brian Gename, the goal of his team is to have fun while competing.

"For a lot of members on the team, "My main thing is, even though I set my standards high, I still want to keep it all fun," Gename said. "I'm looking out and doing something that's a challenge," Gename said. "My main thing is, even though I set my standards high, I still want to keep it all fun. That's the goal of the team, and there's a lot of people on the team who are out there to have fun."

Gename added that a standard week of training for him consists of 20-30 hours, and said the season will consist of 12-15 triathlons.

In 1995, Gename, a junior in Dietetics, won his age group six times in area triathlons.

"Oct. 21 of last year, he added to his list of accomplishments as he competed in the Florida Ironman, I must be the only person in area triathlons as well," Gename said.

According to team member Keith McQuarrie, the Florida Ironman is the same as the Hawaii Ironman Triathlon Championship, which is a highly publicized event.

"Because it the Florida Ironman" see TRIATHLON, page 15

Dawgs sign another big man to pack

By Chad Anderson
DE Sports Editor

In the middle of college basketball's signing period, the Salukis added former O'Fallon prep-star Chris Thnall to its roster for the 1997/98 season.

Thnall will transfer from Florida International University to SIUC this fall, but will have to complete a full academic year before he can join the team due to NCAA transfer rules.

A player who transfers from the same level, or a higher level program must sit out a year, but these transferring from a lower level, such as Division II, III, or a junior college, are allowed to join their new team immediately.

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The SIUC baseball team travels to Cape Girardeau, Mo. today to make up a game which was originally scheduled for Feb. 28.

The Salukis lost three of four at Wichita State last weekend, and are looking to rebound before hosting St. Louis