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Crisis in Kosovo

A Cry for Understanding

Yugoslavian struggle strikes close to home for some SIUC students

STORY BY DANA DUERWYN
PHOTO BY JASON KNISER
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Amid pro-Albanian propaganda supporting NATO bombing in Kosovo, Keti Tuthorn turned to Serbian websites to locate information about her family that is still inside Serbian borders.

"My aunt from Serbia came here [just before] the war started," Tuthorn said.

"My uncle and cousin were left behind, and she couldn't get hold of them because all contact with Serbia was cut off."

Eventually the family obtained contact, only to

hear that her cousin was placed in a civilian shelter huddled with thousands of other people. Her uncle, on the other hand, remains at home to spite opposing forces.

"He said, 'They're going to kill me, they're going to come and kill me, so I'm not going anywhere,'" Tuthorn said. "Now, we're just hoping for the best."

After militant disputes between the Serbian government and the Albanians of Kosovo seeking independence, the North American Treaty Organization (NATO) has intervened with military force.

On Tuesday, NATO forces set off air strikes against the Serbian command after Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic refused to cease attacks on ethnic Albanians.

Tuthorn, a senior in administration of justice from Chicago, considers herself Yugoslavian although her ethnicity consists

of Serbian, Croatian and Bosnian decent.

Despite her United States citizenship, Tuthorn is an adamant supporter of the Serbian regime. Without learning the history of the area, Tuthorn believes Americans cannot understand the civil war going on within Kosovo.

"Most people see it as [the Albanians] just wanting their independence, but they don't know the history or the background or what's actually going on," she said.

"It's not like some peaceful succession that we should say, 'Well, okay, take this.'"

"[The Albanians] have been violently trying to get a piece of this land, just like 400 years

Although an American citizen, Keti Tuthorn is a strong supporter of Serbia and is against the United States' involvement in Kosovo.



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City Council pushes landlord/tenant issues back to committee

TIM CHAMBERLAIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

After nearly three hours of discussion, debate and confusion, the Carbondale City Council did not vote on three proposed landlord/tenant ordinances and instead decided to form a task force on landlord/tenant issues.

Contributing to the decision to form a task force as opposed to voting on the ordinances was an amendment to an item that was introduced for the first time Tuesday night.

Undergraduate Student Government City Affairs commissioner Connie Howard introduced an amendment to the ordinance dealing with 24-hour notice before landlord entry. Howard said she created this amendment because of concerns voiced by the property owners.

"Some landlords thought that we were trying to

protect students that break the rules," Howard said. "The only thing the amendment did was make things better for the landlords."

The changes made by the amendment gave property owners the right to show the property to prospective tenants during rental season between noon and 6 p.m. on weekdays and between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturdays, with reasonable advance notice.

Some people, like Councilman Larry Briggs, believed the introduction of the amendment by Howard confused the issue. But Briggs thought the task force, made up of property owners, SIUC students and SIUC staff, was the right choice at this point.

"This puts the two elements together," Briggs said. "We need to put us in a room, lock the door and let them hammer it out."


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Tim Schuster/Daily Egyptian

Undergraduate Student Government city affairs commissioner Connie Howard hides her face in frustration as the Carbondale City Council discussed the proposed landlord-tenant ordinances at Tuesday's council meeting. The council didn't vote on the proposed amendments but decided to form a task force instead.

Southern Illinois Forecast



TODAY
Partly cloudy
High: 78
Low: 51

Police Blotter

CARBONDALE

- Bonnie C. Winston, 20, of Schneider Hall was arrested at Schneider Hall and charged with battery at 6:37 p.m. Tuesday in relation to an incident that occurred Monday. Winston posted a cash bail and was released pending an April 15 court appearance.
- Lindsey A. Barr, 19, of Carbondale was issued a citation for operation of an uninsured motor vehicle at 11:47 p.m. Tuesday after being stopped for driving on a sidewalk on Doug, St Drive at Greek Row. She is scheduled to appear in court April 14.
- University Police are investigating the fourth reported incident of phone harassment that has occurred on campus in less than a week. After two separate incidents were reported to police last weekend, another 19-year-old SIUC woman told police she had received three harassing phone calls between 7 p.m. Saturday and 7:15 p.m. Monday. Police have not identified a suspect in this incident.
- A suspect was identified in another weekend incident, but an arrest has not been made. The woman said she received threatening phone calls between 2 and 4 a.m. Sunday. Suspects had not been identified in the other two incidents. All four incidents are unrelated, police said. University Police said those who receive harassing phone calls are advised to use GTE's nuisance line. The line monitors and traces calls for a victim.

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TODAY

- Student Recreation Center: university tennis courts lights will not be turned on and an attendant will not be on duty in the evenings, the tentative date for courts being open in the evening is Apr. 1, 453-1284.
- Environmental Studies Program guest speaker Dr. Derek Winstonley, lecture title "Typhoon in the Gulf of Mexico: Where is the Science?" 1 p.m., University Museum Auditorium, Ingrid 453-4143.
- Geology Club meeting, 5 p.m., Parkinson Room 110, Ryan 529-8136.
- College Democrats City Council candidate Carl Flowers will be speaking, 5:30 p.m., Student Center Saline Room, Marco 536-6090.
- Black Togethermess Organization April Fool's Day Spades Tournament, 6 p.m., Grinnell Lower Level, Rachel 536-5504.
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity March for Martin, 6 p.m., Grinnell, 549-1482.
- SIU Veterans Association benefits/funeral military opportunities information night, 6:30 p.m., Troy Corinth Room Student Center, Mary Ann 529-1846.
- Southern Illinois Linux Users Group meeting, 7 p.m., Life Science II 1053, Mark 529-5760.
- USAF Civil Air Patrol meeting, every Thurs., 7 p.m., Marion Airport, Aaron 942-3991.
- American marketing Association meeting with a

- speaker and elections being held, 7 p.m., Video Lounge Student Center, Lance 453-5254.
- Student Environmental Center planning Earth Day celebrations, 7 p.m., Inbarlath Center, Justin 536-7638.
- SIU Scouting Club meeting, every Thurs., 8 p.m., Student Center Illinois Room, Shelley 529-0993.
- Department of Speech Communication revisiting discourse, Apr. 1, 2, and 3, 8 p.m., Klebow Theatre Communications Building, \$5 general admission and \$3 students, Keith 453-5618.
- Hillal Foundation 2nd night of Passover Seder, Apr. 1, 6 p.m., Interfaith Center, Betsy 529-7260.

UPCOMING

- Library Affairs digital imaging for the Web, Apr. 2, 10 to 11 a.m., Morris Library Room 19, 453-2818.
- SIUC Radio/television Department is producing a documentary on the "History of Southern Illinois Radio". Anyone with any information, stories or old tapes of commercials or air checks is requested to contact Professor Johnson at work 453-6901 or at home 985-6209.
- Spanish Table meeting, every Fri., 4 to 6 p.m., Cafe Melange, 453-5425.
- French Club meeting to allow students to practice their French, every Fri., 4 to 5 p.m., Booby's, Gilles 453-5415.
- Japanese Table informal conversation in English and Japanese, every Fri., 6 to 8 p.m., Melange Cafe, Shinsuke 453-3417.
- Seventh Day Adventist Student Association prophecy seminar, every Fri., 7 to 8:30 p.m., Troy Room Student Center, Laura 549-7169.
- InterVarsity Christian Fellowship guest speaker Ruth Bousier, Apr. 2, 7 p.m., Agriculture Building 209, Patrick 549-4284.
- Good Friday Services, Apr. 2, 7 p.m., Newman Catholic Student Center, 529-33 annual midnight choir/soloist competition musical, Apr. 2, 11:30 p.m., Juan 549-7329.
- SIU Geology Club rock, mineral, and fossil sale, Apr. 3, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Student Center Ballroom B, Ryan 529-8136.
- Humane Shelter is sponsoring a Pet Fair with live music, a pet psychic, ask a vet, and adoptable animals will be on display, Apr. 10, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., rain date Apr. 11, Turkey Park, pack a lunch.
- SPC Travel Evite, Apr. 3, 11 a.m., tickets on sale now at the Student Center Central Ticket Office for \$40 each, Fox Theatre, Nicole 536-3393.
- Catholic Charismatic Prayer meeting, every Sun., 9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Newman Catholic Student Center Library, Tom 549-4266.
- University Christian Ministries Easter Dinner Celebration, cooking at 5 p.m. and eating at 6 p.m., Interfaith Center, Hugh 549-7389.

Almanac

THIS WEEK IN 1963:

- An advertisement appeared in the DAILY EGYPTIAN for Hai Karate cologne. "I read as follows, 'Even the night of the military can't protect you if you're not careful how you use Hai Karate After Shave and cologne. One whiff and females get that 'make love not war' look in their eyes. So to maintain military discipline and keep your uniform intact, we put instructions on self-defense in every package. Just in case it comes down to hand-to-hand combat. Hai-Karate - be careful how you use it!'"
- "His name is P.C. Strange ... Her name is Fredrika ... All of tonight's secrets will be used against them tomorrow!" in the film "The Strange Affair," playing at the Fox Eastgate adult late show.
- A brush fire broke out in Thompson Woods due to unknown origin at 3:10 p.m. Tuesday, April 1 claiming one quarter of an acre. The fire started along the walk leading from the Agriculture Building to University Center and spread toward Morris Library. Strong wind carried the flames so swiftly for it to become hot enough to damage any trees.

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April 1999 Seminar Series**

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4-13 (Tuesday)	10-11 am	PowerPoint	103D	8
4-14 (Wednesday)	2-4 pm	Introduction to Constructing Web Pages (HTML)	103D	8
4-15 (Thursday)	10-11 am	WebCT*	Room 15	15
4-15 (Thursday)	10-12 noon	Intermediate Web Page Construction (HTML)	103D	8
4-16 (Friday)	10-11 am	First Search	103D	16
4-16 (Friday)	2-3 pm	PowerPoint	103D	8
4-19 (Monday)	10-11 am	New Iliet Online	103D	16
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4-22 (Thursday)	10-12 noon	Introduction to Constructing Web Pages (HTML)	103D	16
4-23 (Friday)	9-10 am	ProQuest Direct	103D	16
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4-23 (Friday)	2-4 pm	Intermediate Web Page Construction (HTML)	103D	8
4-26 (Monday)	12-1 pm	PowerPoint	103D	8
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Police say there is no link in book bag thefts

DAVE FERRARA
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Following a string of recently reported book bag thefts from the University Bookstore in the Student Center, University Police Chief Sam Jordan declined to comment on specifics Wednesday about suspects or links to other incidents because he said it would be detrimental to his investigation.

"At this time we're looking into all aspects of it," he said. "Not every book bag stolen this year would be linked to (the theft Monday at the University Bookstore). The thefts are similar in nature, but that doesn't mean they're related."

He would not comment on whether a specific suspect is being sought.

"At this point and time, I would rather not

say what we have and don't have," he said.

"I can't say that it is a student or that it's not a student or that there's more than one (suspect)," Jordan said.

On Tuesday, police released restricted details about the seventh backpack stolen from the University Bookstore in the Student Center in nearly two months and said they are unsure whether another book bag theft Monday at Morris Library is related to the bookstore theft.

"I don't know," he said. "We don't have adequate information to say that there is a link at this time."

At the library, a 27-year-old woman said her unattended bag, for which police had no loss estimate, was stolen at 5:46 p.m. Monday.

A 19-year-old SIUC student told police her bag was stolen from the bookstore between

12:12 p.m. and 12:18 p.m. Monday.

Her bag was later recovered, and police discovered a textbook and compact disc player stolen. An estimated value of the book and disc player were not available as of press time.

The bookstore manager, Jim Skiersch, has said he believes a suspect may be linked to at least three thefts at his store.

SIUC Police gave a limited description of a suspect after a thief struck the bookstore March 24.

Police describe the suspect as a black male who was last seen wearing dark pants, a red jacket, sunglasses and white shoes.

Though a security camera monitors the book bag drop, a more detailed description of the suspect could not be obtained Wednesday.

"You can have someone on videotape and not know who they are," Jordan said.

But he did say officers are investigating suspect information.

"We're working on leads and possible suspects that we're following up on," Jordan said.

Jordan advises students to carry only essential items in their bags.

"I would recommend that people not keep highly valuable items in their book bags and keep them under their control at all times," he said.

In statements similar to the latter, managers of competing textbook stores also have implored students to mark their books, arguing that textbook theft is a broad campus problem. Jordan has added that SIUC may not be alone in rash acts of textbook theft.

"The problem is unfortunately common on all campuses," he said.

Students celebrate Passover Seder

Observance set to launch April's celebration of Jewish Awareness Month.

NICOLE A. CASHAW
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Enlightening the Carbondale community about the Jewish culture and its history is the goal Elizabeth Herman plans to fulfill beginning today.

"I feel that here in Carbondale it's important to encourage diverse expressions of spirituality," she said. "The Jewish religion is an important way to encourage that."

The Second Night of Passover Seder will launch April's celebration of Jewish Awareness Month at 6 tonight at the Interfaith Center, 913 S. Illinois Ave.

"Passover Seder is a very important celebration," said Herman, an alumna of SIUC. "We have a very big dinner, which is part of a ritual. It's been going on for thousands of years."

PASSOVER

Jewish Awareness Month begins today with the Second Night of Passover Seder, beginning at 6 tonight at the Interfaith Center, 913 S. Illinois Ave.

"Jewish people all over the world celebrate it in many different ways."

According to the website www.hay-did.org/edpasovr.htm, there are three biblical understandings of Passover.

Historically, Passover is the memory of God's supernatural deliverance of the children of Israel from Egyptian captivity.

Prophetically to Christians, the Passover Seder service informs people about the first and second coming of Jesus.

Individually, it enlightens all Bible-believing Christians about their personal relationship with God and how they are to increase in spiritual maturity as they strive to serve God in their daily lives.

Herman said that during the celebration ritual of Passover Seder the Hillel foundation at SIUC uses a book made by the students, which consists of prayers, songs, photographs and different readings.

The book also includes a play about the story of Passover. "Not every book has a play, but our students decided to put in a play," said Herman, adviser and director of the Hillel Foundation at SIUC. "They were very creative, and they felt that having a play would be a creative way to get people involved in the rituals."

The Hillel Foundation for Jewish Campus Life is an organization dedicated to ensuring a positive experience for Jewish

JAM Events Calendar

Thursday, April 1, 6 p.m.
Second Night of Passover Seder
Free Kasher-for-Passover Chocolate Brownies
Reserve your place at 529-7260, Interfaith Center

Tuesday, April 6, noon
Faculty Brown Bag Lunch
"Where It Spelt in Temple:
Sociological Perspectives on the Code of Jewish Law."
Mark Schneider, Professor in SIUC's Sociology Department
Tebes Room, Student Center

Sunday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.
Maxwell Street Klezmer Band Concert
Hillel Pooze Benefit
\$3 Students, Seniors & Children under 18
\$5 general admission
Tickets on sale at the Central Ticket Office
Student Center Auditorium

Wednesday, April 21, 7 p.m.
Free movie and pizza night
Presenting "Pi"
Interfaith Center

TBA
Interfaith Earth Week Celebration

Sunday, April 25, 2 p.m.
Hiking trip to Grant City
Free cookout after the hike
Meet at Interfaith Center for rides

SOURCE: HILLEL FOUNDATION FOR JEWISH CAMPUS LIFE. BY JASON ADAMS/DAILY EGYPTIAN

college students throughout the world.

Hillel began at the University of Illinois in 1923. It has grown into the largest Jewish campus organization in the world. There are affiliates and foundations in the United States, Canada, Israel, Australia, Europe and South America.

Caryl Davidson, a sophomore in art from Lake Forest, said this event is meaningful for the Jewish community in Carbondale as well as non-Jewish people.

"I feel it's important for the Jewish students to be aware that being Jewish is something to be proud of," Davidson said. "It's important for (the community) to know what Hillel is so they can know a little bit more what being Jewish is about."

Herman said that during this time she contemplates the meaning of her life and the intangible things she possesses.

"I remember how precious my freedom is because of the story of Passover, and I remember how important freedom is to all people," she said.

SIUC Veteran's Association to sponsor seminar

KENDRA THORSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

According to Allen Owens, students can concentrate on school while attending college — tuition-free.

Owens, a member of the SIUC Veteran's Association, will attend SIUC's "Veterans Benefits/ Future Military Options Info Night," at 6:30 tonight in the Troy Room of the Student Center to celebrate the benefits of being involved with the ROTC.

Veteran's Night will play host to representatives and recruiters from the Army, Air Force, Navy, National Guard and Marines to answer questions of students interested in the benefits the military offers.

Topics covered will include the Veterans Association home loans, the G.I. Bill, Vocational Rehabilitation and hospital eligibility, along with other benefits students in the veteran's program receive.

Owens, a junior in microbiology from West Frankfort, said being a veteran of the Navy has given him more time to concentrate on his classes while Uncle Sam picks up the bill.

"With the benefits you receive, you can focus on school and not have to worry about paying for it," Owens said. "I was able to quit my job and focus on school because I was making more money this way."

Maj. Robert Ware, assistant professor of military science from Marion, plans to inform and recruit new members at the event. His main goal is to provide an overview of the ROTC program and the benefits it offers.

The Veterans Association, which has been in existence for close to 30 years, has 85 paying

BE THERE

• SIUC's "Veterans Benefits/ Future Military Options Info Night," is at 6:30 tonight in the Troy Room of the Student Center.

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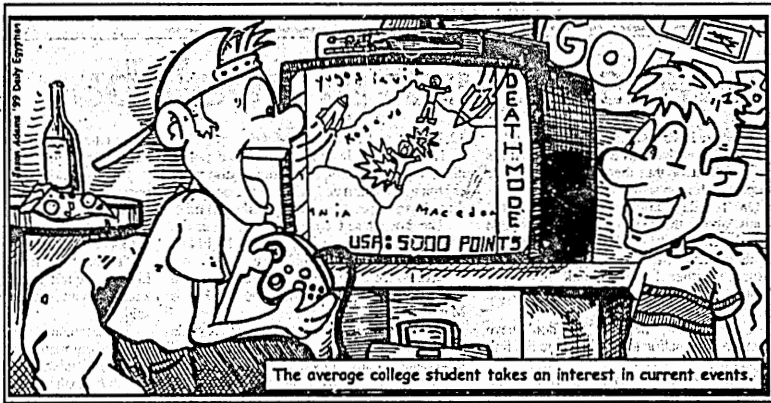
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The average college student takes an interest in current events.

Our Word

Anti-discrimination laws a necessity

Monday saw the defeat of a piece of legislation that would have protected gays and lesbians from discrimination, yet Illinois Representative Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, voted against it. Bost said he voted against the bill because he believed his vote was "right for my constituency." But what he, and all the other House members, really voted against was the freedom all Americans are supposed to enjoy.

The key word in the bill is discrimination. Bost says this wording means homosexuals would receive special rights. By definition, to discriminate against someone is to set them apart and treat them unfairly regardless of their individual merits. So passing an anti-discrimination bill isn't giving someone special rights or an unfair advantage, it's putting them on equal ground and giving them back the same rights a "normal" person would have.

It's a stark reality that homosexuals are not treated fairly in America. Why? Because heterosexuals, particularly those with strong literal interpretations of the Bible, can seem to grasp the idea of homosexuality. For those that don't know, homosexuals just don't wake up one morning and decide to be gay. Who would? It makes you different from the majority and everyone who's gone to high school knows being different from the majority is social death. Homosexuals are chastised, mocked, outcast and beaten. Can anyone say Matthew Shepard? He was brutally pummeled to death simply because he found men attractive.

A person can't choose to stop being gay, the same way African-Americans can't stop being black, and a quadriplegic just doesn't get tired of his or her paralysis and decide to become a gymnast. When considering the need for anti-discrimination legislation of any kind, it's a simple matter of separating the content of someone's character and their ability

as a human being from what they look like, where they're from, whom they're attracted to, and whatever other ridiculous reason society thinks up to categorically shut out a group of people.

Have we already forgotten the Catholics who were fed to the lions or the Jews that were gassed, tortured and incinerated because of their faith? What about all the African-Americans who were enslaved, whipped, denied access to schools, public bathrooms and even something as arbitrary as bus seats because their skin was dark in pigment? What about the elderly who are locked in homes because

“But still some of our politicians just refuse to recognize and combat the problem of discrimination with a simple “yes” when legislation that can potentially create a positive change comes along.

in today's society, advanced age connotes inability? The discrimination list goes on and on with few amendments or removals but still as a society we can't seem to stop superficially shunning each other and it always seems to be okay or a problem we all "keep in the closet" until one of the qualities we possess individually makes that list.

So we write legislative bills that are good in content but not good enough to vote for.

True, we shouldn't need these laws at all, but until we can all look at each with some substantial insight and give each other a chance to be a person before a characteristic we need them just to have the chance to be treated fairly.

But still some of our politicians just refuse to recognize and combat the problem of discrimination with a simple "yes" vote when legislation that can potentially create a positive change comes along. As an informed society we should recognize, the need politicians have to satisfy their constituency because that's where things like campaign funds come from.

But on the same note, these same bills defeating politicians shouldn't be surprised to find themselves discriminated against at the polls.

There are two types of people — the slow and the fast

We come up with all kinds of ways to classify people. We do it by race, class, politics, the color of their tongues. All right, that last one is for dogs, but you get the picture. Civilized people, though, know that most divisions between us are shallow and meaningless. There are really just two kinds of individuals in the world — the fast and the slow.

That last sentence was meant to be polite. What I originally wrote was "normal people and those who are in our way." Guess which kind I am. I'm not talking about this Type-A personality nonsense, either. These are folks who also organize their sock drawers by color, material and odor — the sort of undertaking that's beyond the patience of a fast person. I mean simple velocity of lifestyle — those who think that brakes are the most important part of a car vs. those of us who think it's the horn.

For example, at the gas station, a slow person sets the trigger on the

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Jay Larson



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nozzle and then cleans his windshield, checks his oil, rotates his tires and gives himself a valve job. By the time he's done, the fossil fuel he's pumping is made up of the remains of his friends and family. Not to mention that giving yourself a valve job in public will get you fined for indecency in seven states.

A fast person, on the other hand, squeezes the trigger until the veins

pop out in his neck, positive that he can force the gas to pump faster. All the while his eyes are on the counter, making sure that the numbers are changing fast enough.

Slow people like to tell fast people that we're going to die young. They parade out statistics about heart attacks and strokes, trying to convince us that their pace through life is not lethargic, but tranquil and look where they are now. Second, we don't have heart attacks because we're in a hurry, we have them because slow people are in our way. If you're so concerned about my blood pressure — MOVE!

One of the easiest places to tell fast people from slow people is when they're standing in line. A fast person moves ahead as soon as the person in front does. You're only standing in line for one reason — to get to the front, right? The chance to advance in line should be a cause for celebration. I personally do a little touchdown dance. This not only feels good, some-

Franchise ineptitude irks reader

White trash repulses me. They work long and hard shifts, but then they bitch about their station and life and take out their anger and frustration on those they are jealous of — people who have or are going to make something of themselves.

A perfect example of a piece of white trash trying to take out his anger on someone he sees as better than him happened to me the other day at Wal-Mart.

Being the exceptionally absent-minded person I am, I forgot to pay for a \$1.60 package of safety pins, and as I was walking out the door, I was grabbed by some redneck who demanded the "stolen merchandise." Embarrassed by my mistake, I handed over the safety pins, but this wasn't enough. The redneck, who turned out to be Wal-Mart security, asked me if I was a student, and I made the critical mistake of saying yes. Realizing I was a student, and therefore destined to hold a better job than a security guard at Wal-Mart, I saw the evil glint in his eye as delicious thoughts of revenge swam in his petty brain.

I was drug back to the manager's office where multiple white trash lectured me on theft. I told them I didn't mean to steal anything and showed them the \$200 I had in my wallet as proof that I had no reason to steal a \$1.60 pack of safety pins. This only incensed their anger, since they'll probably never see \$200 in their own wallet, and they banned me from Wal-Mart all over the United States for the rest of my life with the condition that if I entered one I could be charged with criminal trespassing.

White trash need to get over their jealousy. Do they not realize apes could be trained to take over their jobs? White trash should be thankful the upper classes, one member of which is ultimately their boss, doesn't fire the lot of them and invest on the training of apes as their replacement. Ape training would be expensive, but it would pay off, saving corporations billions of dollars in the long run, since apes don't know the meaning of money and likewise, wouldn't get paid. White trash should be thankful corporations haven't yet adopted an ape-training agenda and have permitted the uneducated to keep their measly jobs thus far.

Instead of banning me from Wal-Mart, the white trash should have bowed down before me and worshiped the ground I walk on. After all, I'll be getting a degree soon, and I'll become one of the "educated elite," and who knows — maybe I'll even have white trash working for me.

Guest Column

Patrick Garner

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times it runs off a few of the people in front of me, too. The desire to be next in line is a natural instinct. Anthropologists call it the "me first, damn it" response. To stand there oblivious to the opportunity is an abomination before nature. Remember those dinosaurs?

The world is geared to the sluggish faction, though. Fast people have to walk up escalators, for example, because they are set at slow-person speed.

This is because safety watchdog groups like OSHA are afraid that sloth people will be ground to hamburger by a rotating metal staircase moving at fast-person velocity. The slowpoke world plays cruel tricks on us, like consistently manning the "express lane" at the supermarket with the newest trainee who is also dyslexic and has casts on both arms. I guess it's a slow person's world.

I can feel that heart attack coming right now.

GPSC announces tech fee referendum

DAN CRAFT
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Graduate students will have a referendum on the proposed technology fee that is similar to the one already approved for undergraduates following a positive vote at Tuesday's GPSC meeting.

The council discussed the referendum and the proposed fee in general for nearly two hours Tuesday. Guest presenters Tom Guernsey, interim provost designate and Law School dean, and SIUC Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger fielded questions from the council on various aspects of the proposal.

While GPSC had passed a resolution at its March 9 meeting to make all referendums open to all students, the referendum passed by GPSC is worded differently than the undergraduate referendum approved by Undergraduate Student Government.

After viewing the USG legislation, the council concluded that a document worded differently was needed for graduate students. While the question posed by the referendum has only minor differences, the graduate referendum asks students to vote on the makeup of the advisory board or boards that might administer the fee if implemented, as well as polling opinion on the fee itself.

GPSC had considered striking the question regarding the makeup of the board from the

resolution but decided it needed input on the question to determine whether a fee would be administered to graduate students in a different manner than to undergraduates.

"Although it presents a contradiction to the legislation we already passed, it is clear that the wording of the undergraduate referendum will not work for graduate students," English representative Josh Sunderbruch said.

Law School Representative Terry Dodds also suggested capping the fee, which is currently being proposed at \$25 per semester, at that level for a period of several years.

While the referendum contains no provisions for such a cap, GPSC President Michael Speck said he could make such a recommendation to the SIUC Board of Trustees if the fee were implemented. However, he cautioned against placing too much emphasis on an agreement with the Board of Trustees.

"We don't trust the Board of Trustees," Electrical Engineering representative Bjorn Kraabold told Guernsey and Argersinger.

There was general agreement by the council on that point.

Guernsey said he would take the input of GPSC back to the committee that is assembling the formal technology fee proposal. Guernsey chairs that committee.

"This is part of an ongoing discussion," Guernsey said. "We have people inventorying needs in every space on campus and telling us

exactly what we've got."

Speck, along with several other council members, voiced concern about placing the referendum on the ballot without first seeing a complete assessment and spending plan from University administrators.

"Personally, I think they are still gathering information, and waiting until next year might be a good idea," Speck said.

In other business, Speck and Vice President for Graduate School Affairs Ed Ford presented concerns on a number of issues taking place both on campus and across the nation that affect graduate students in particular and students and universities in general.

Of highest concern was the fact that the search for a new Graduate School Dean has been canceled. Ford said a new search is not likely to begin until a new provost is selected and that the graduate dean position is likely to remain as an interim position for a total of nearly four years. Some council members believed the graduate dean search was not being given enough emphasis among the many dean searches currently planned or underway.

Ford said two of the three associate deans in the graduate school also will be leaving by the end of the summer.

Other issues of concern included a case recently accepted by the U.S. Supreme Court that may have significant impact on how fee

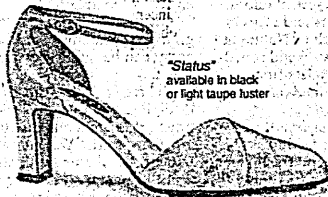
money is allocated on university campuses nationwide. GPSC is a Priority One Registered Student Organization and also allocates money to other RSOs, and any decision may change the structure of their funding or their responsibilities.

Landlord/tenant was another hot topic, as the Carbondale City Council was determining the fate of three GPSC-submitted ordinances at their simultaneous meeting. Speck encouraged the council, and especially next year's prospective executives, not to forget about the other three ordinances that the City Council has not acted upon and to push for continued improvements.

The council also accepted more nominations for officers for next year. While there were no new nominees for president, Rehabilitation representative Owen Zimpel was nominated for vice president for Administrative Affairs, and nominations for vice president for Graduate School Affairs included Zimpel, Health Education and Recreation representative Janet Hurley, and Ed Ford, who currently has the office.

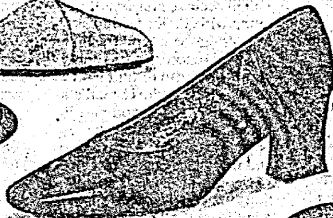
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As Jeff Lundin maneuvers through the rough terrain of the woods, sweat dribbles down his forehead and falls upon his camouflage fatigues.

Lundin, Military Science III (MS III) — a title used for third-year members of the ROTC program — moves briskly upon his feet making split-second decisions that could be a matter of life and death.

At the Army ROTC's spring training weekend Saturday at SIUC's Touch of Nature, ultimate serenity is broken by the ringing gunshots of M-16 rifles and M-60 machine guns.

During the training, MS IVs (four-year members of the ROTC program) work with

officers to prepare MS IIIs for camp and train MS Is (first-year members) and MS IIs (second-year members) for the upcoming experience.

The bi-annual training session is to prepare MS IIIs for advance camp at Fort Lewis in Washington State this summer.

Advance camp is a rigorous five-week training camp where cadets will be evaluated on various skills including drill and ceremony, a routine where soldiers keep posture while performing a military command sequence.

Soldiers also are evaluated on battle drills where soldiers practice and review battle tactics on the field.

During spring training,

cadets and officers sleep for sometimes less than five hours in cabins and engage in physical training for more than 12 hours per day. Breakfast is the only organized meal, and for the rest of the day soldiers eat pre-packaged meals during any free time.

DAY 1

The training weekend begins Friday morning for the members of the ROTC with a pre-combat inspection. ROTC members planning to attend the training weekend bring equipment needed including bedding, personal hygiene products and weapons for the weekend to be inspected by officers at 5:30

a.m. The cadets have until 4:30 p.m. to complete school duties.

After the cadets and officers arrive at the Touch of Nature at 5:30 p.m., their weekend schedule ensues. The cadets first complete a night land navigation course.

This course consists of bettering MS IIIs leadership skills by pairing them with freshmen and sophomores and plotting points on a grid to find land marks in the dark. The cadets are allowed to use compasses and protractors to find the points marked with PVC pipe and flags.

Sarah Oury, a senior in aviation flight and aviation management from Chicago, said that through training the cadets are

taught a number of aspects being an ROTC member.

Oury, an MS IV in the program, said training and advance camp can be quite stressful to a cadet.

"There is a great amount of discipline you must have — it is physical, mental and emotional," Oury said. "You are put under a lot of stress, the other point is mental — dealing with other people criticizing your actions to make you better."

Dedication is apparent when you are a member of the ROTC, Oury said. She devotes most of her energy to the program.

"Being in the ROTC takes up



Laden with heavy gear, MSIII Richard Clayton advances through a light rain farther into the woods followed by the rest of the platoon during Sunday's exercises.



(Above) Blending into your surroundings and still remaining a functional member of your squad is an important aspect for ROTC training. (Right) Clayton takes inventory of enemy equipment retrieved after his squad killed a group of soldiers who ambushed his squad.



Daryl Matzelle plots the next objective, an enemy bunker a couple hundred meters to the North, in a bed of sand. The map will be used to determine which route the squad will take.



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a lot of time," she said. "You have to put in 100 percent and totally commit yourself."

After completing navigation, the cadets arrive back at the cabin at 11 p.m. where they experience an after-action review, in which they discuss the good and bad points of their experience.

DAY 2

At 5 a.m. Saturday, the cadets are given a wake-up call. After a personal hygiene session, the troops eat breakfast and enter the woods. At 6:40 a.m., the cadets are divided into four squads to begin Situational Training Exercise Lanes (STX lanes).

During these exercises, the cadets are given a mission to complete where they must move from point A to B, 600 to 700 meters throughout the forest, with each team switching leadership positions. After each mission, the teams are once again given an after-action review.

The exercises continue throughout the day until 4:30 p.m. when platoon STX lanes begin. The cadets are put together into a platoon size — a group made of four squads consisting of nine people.

William Heine, a senior in geography from Palatine, was enlisted in the National Guard before getting the opportunity to attend college through ROTC.

Heine was part of an operation joint endeavor in Bosnia during 1996 and 1997. Heine realizes the U.S. military is a powerful unit other countries respect.

Heine said he is not an advocate of war but supports the United State's decisions with the situation in Kosovo.

"Nobody is for war — I don't believe in it, but I do believe in my job because we train hard to prevent war," Heine said. "As for the threat of war, I'm not worried. I have faith in the soldiers I work with and the leaders that taught them."

Heine has made many sacrifices for the time he spends with his job. He devotes two weekends per month away from his new wife and several nights throughout the week.

"It is something my wife is excited about," he said. "She understands it is a big sacrifice to be a military family."

Heine said he owes much to the ROTC, and he is sure he made the right judgment after enrolling. Many of his life decisions are made because of the experiences he encountered in the ROTC.

"This is the best thing I have done — the ROTC allowed me to go to school and concentrate on schoolwork," Heine said. "I will now meet my goal to become an officer — I am sure most of the cadets here feel the same way."

DAY 3

At 5 a.m. Sunday, cadets pack unnecessary equipment, bedding and personal hygiene products in place of the days' exercises onto the vehicles. The soldiers then proceed to run platoon XTC lanes beginning at 8 a.m. and leave Touch of Nature at noon.

When the cadets return to Kesnar Hall Sunday afternoon, the ROTC members are patted down for an ammunition check and continue to clean up. The training weekend ends at approximately 4 p.m.

Lundin, a senior in advertising from Joliet, will attend advance camp this fall after his MS III training. He thinks with this training he is aptly prepared for camp and is proud of completing in this strenuous training.

"I have never been so prepared for something in my entire life," Lundin said. "We like to call this form of training 'Hooah' training. I yelled so much my voice is gone — it is highly motivational."

The ROTC has been a confidence booster for Lundin, he is now prepared to perform under pressure.

"There is definitely a sense of discipline and confidence because you get used to messing up in front of people," Lundin said. "You mess up so much you learn it is all right to mess up and learn from mistakes."

Maj. Edgar Hannaman, recruiter for the ROTC, said the members of the ROTC will gain a great amount of needed experience making them successful in careers.

"These kids are the leaders of tomorrow," Hannaman said. "They will be the leaders of your sons and daughters."

Hannaman takes his job very seriously and is working to make representatives for the United States.

"Our mission is to produce commissioned officers for the Army," he said. "Our hallmark falls under leadership which includes a myriad of things — we support responsibility and not taking the shortcut."

Hannaman said the ROTC program evokes a sense of pride for him and the participants. Hannaman has had many experiences he would never trade.

"A lot of us have been places and seen things that make us damn proud to be and American," he said. "You are an ambassador for your country."

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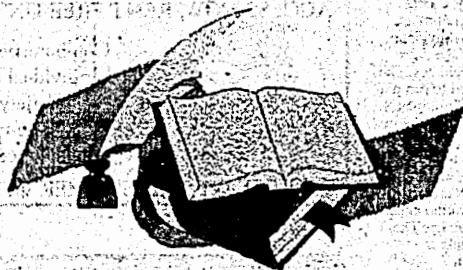
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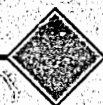
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Staff inches closer to unionization

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Professional staff members at SIUC are slowly inching closer to securing collective bargaining rights they have been pursuing since early 1998, when they began organizing.

Judi Rossiter, chair of the organizing committee, said the Professional Staff Association has filed their petition with the state, and an election on whether to unionize is expected by late spring or summer. Their next goal, however, is to determine who is eligible to be represented by the union.

"There are several categories of employees who would not be included in this particular collective bargaining unit," Rossiter said.

Employees who serve in a

managerial, supervisory, or confidential — handling personnel, payroll, etc. — are not eligible to be represented with the PSA.

Rossiter said the questions now concern those employees who fall in a gray area regarding their duties.

"Some of these people are borderline," she said.

Rossiter and other staff members heard a presentation Tuesday from SIU-Edwardsville PSA members discussing the advantages they have seen in Edwardsville since the PSA unionized there in 1989.

"There are three things we have as a represented organization that were not available to us before," said LaDonna Holshouser, the SIU-E PSA president. "Professionalism, protection and pay are the three key issues

we now have a say in."

Professional staff comprise the largest group not currently represented here at SIUC, according to Rossiter and IEA organizer David Vitoff. Civil Service workers and faculty at SIUC both have union representation.

In Edwardsville, on the other hand, the professional staff has been unionized for over a decade while the faculty are currently looking to unionize.

Jim Murphy, a PSA member from SIU-E, saw no disadvantages to unionization.

"This gives us the power to bargain with the University," Murphy said. "And while there is sometimes a fear of a few union representatives deciding the fate

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Howard did not think the amendment was the reason the council did not vote on ordinances but that certain council members had changed their position on the ordinances before the introduction of the amendment.

Howard said Mayor Neil Dillard and Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan had indicated in earlier discussions that they would support the ordinances at the meeting. She was upset that during discussion, Flanagan advocated the formation of a task force as opposed to the

passage of the ordinances.

"It was obvious to me that they had changed their minds," Howard said. "They lied to me, and that kind of broke their trust with me as the City Affairs commissioner."

Flanagan said she never committed to voting yes on these ordinances to Howard but that she did think the issues brought forth were valid concerns.

"I asked her to keep an open mind to my position," Flanagan said. "We have this outpouring [of concern] from the landlords, and the landlords are my constituents, too."

Councilman John Budslick, who had brought the ordinances back up

at the March 22 City Council meeting, was frustrated with the way things turned out Tuesday night.

"I'm very disappointed at this turn of events," Budslick said. "With the way things went, we just couldn't take it to a vote."

The task force is set to be formed by the next City Council meeting Tuesday. This group is tentatively slated to give recommendations to the council at the April 20 meeting.

Howard hopes that something useful will come from this group.

"I'll wait and see on April 20," she said. "I certainly hope [the council] will follow through with their commitment to this issue."

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with the Turks. It's not going to stop anytime soon."

According to Theodore Weeks, associate professor in history, Albanians have been living in Kosovo for generations, although Serbians have had no desire to relinquish the land.

"Historically, this is an area very dear to the Serbs because there are some very important monasteries there, and there was a very famous battle fought against the Ottoman Turks in 1389, when they lost," he said.

"But in any case, they have this sort of historical, romantic attachment to the land."

Gezim Pani, a junior in electrical engineering from Albania, believes the relationship between Albanians and Serbians have a historical significance, but the cultural integrity of each group would prevent resolu-

tion.

"Serbs say that Kosovo has always been Serbian, and the Albanians say, 'No, Kosovo has always been Albanian,' but we really don't know for sure," Pani said.

"Both sides are really willing to fight for it — neither are really willing to give up."

According to Tuthorn, Kosovo is the heart of Serbia, and Serbians will not surrender the land without a fight.

"The first Serbian Orthodox church was there," Tuthorn said. "Hundreds and hundreds of churches have been destroyed and rebuilt in Kosovo, and historically and culturally that is one of the reasons why Serbia will always fight for Kosovo."

But the proportion of the area will not be able to withstand the magnitude of NATO's potential, Tuthorn said.

"Serbia, with Montenegro, is about the size of Indiana," she said. "Imagine if the entire United States

was bombing Indiana — what's going to be left of that in the end?"

With NATO fighting an obstinate reign, Tuthorn fears destruction will empower western forces to implement Western ideals, possibly causing a third world war.

"We can't keep going in and being the world's policemen without expecting any retaliation against our own country," she said. "It's like we bomb you then come to clean everything up, and we implant what we want there."

But it seems to be the American government's wishes rather than the people it stands for, according to Tuthorn.

"I think it's really sad American citizens start to care less and less about what's going on," she said.

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- Part of UAE
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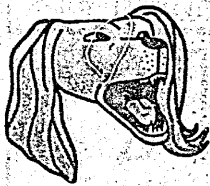
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Adam Biggs

Stremsterfer, Winters shut EIU down

Two young pitchers key to sweeping the Panthers

COREY CUSICK
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Eastern Illinois University's softball team was close, again, but for the fifth consecutive time in three weeks fell victim to the solid pitching of SIUC.

The Salukis (21-13) defeated EIU 3-0, 2-1 in a doubleheader Tuesday at Williams Field in Charleston.

The Panthers continued their hitting woes against the Saluki pitching duo of sophomore Erin Stremsterfer (10-5) and junior Carisa Winters (8-8) with a combined four hits in both games.

The Panthers (4-14) have scored only three earned runs, and only five runs total, against the Salukis in 35 innings this season.

"It's hard to beat a team five times," Saluki head coach Kay Brechtelsbauer said. "The one time we beat them 1-0 (March 11), and we had to scrape for that run, and (Tuesday) we ran into the same thing."

Stremsterfer has dominated EIU this year, picking up her third win of the season against them in game one with seven shutout innings. In 18 1/3 innings against the Panthers this season, Stremsterfer has allowed only five hits, one walk and no runs while striking out 21.

"(Erin's) been very consistent for us," Brechtelsbauer said. "She goes

out and throws the same just about every time out."

Now Brechtelsbauer wants to instill the same level of consistency in both of her pitchers.

"When Carisa's on, she does a tremendous job, and (Tuesday) she was on," Brechtelsbauer said of Winters, who allowed only two hits and one run while striking out 11 in the second game Tuesday. "Our goal is to get her to come out the same way game in and game out. If we can get that same consistency from Carisa that we get from Erin, our pitching staff will be in great shape."

The Salukis bats also came alive Tuesday, but many times they hit the ball right at the defense.

Freshman left fielder Jessica

Laughry (.295 avg.) and senior catcher Brooke Hattermann (.196) provided the offense in game one. Laughry was 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI, while Hattermann went 2-for-3 with an RBI and a run scored.

Brechtelsbauer said her team actually hit the ball better in the second game but was limited to only four hits.

Senior right fielder Jen Feldmeier (.259) and freshman catcher Andrea Harris (.194) provided the two Saluki RBIs in the ballgame, both on sacrifices.

"I thought we would score more runs the way we were hitting the ball, but we could never just break it open," Brechtelsbauer said. "Fortunately, Carisa was on her game and held them to the one run."

COMING HOME

The SIUC softball team returns home this weekend to open Missouri Valley Conference play against Creighton University Saturday and Drake University Sunday. Both games are doubleheaders starting at noon at IAW Fields.

Staying put

Despite having a small office to operate, women's throw coach still puts his team on the map

SHANDEL RICHARDSON
SPORTS EDITOR

We've all heard those awful "your house is so small" jokes before.

You know — your house is so small you can turn on the kitchen stove while lying in the bed.

The jokes are obviously distorted, but they fit truly in terms of the office of SIUC women's throw coach Kevin Robinson. The office, if we can even call it that, in Lingle Hall measures no bigger than a bedroom closet.

"All we did was screw in this little makeshift wall," said Robinson, who is in his first year of guiding the javelin throwers, shot putters, hammer throwers and pole vaulters.

To make matters more complicated, he shares the "office" with women's cross country coach Leann Reed.

"Me and Kevin have our little cubby hole here together," Reed says.

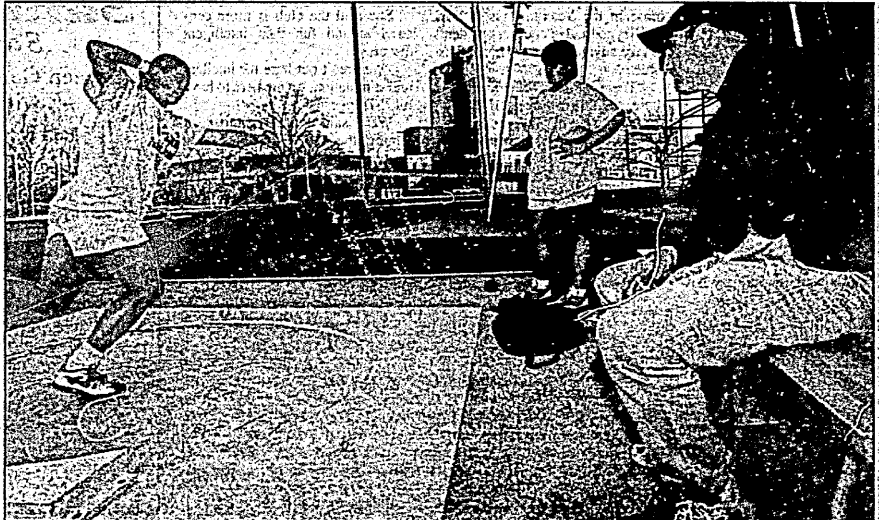
With the job Robinson has done in developing two of his athletes this season — sophomores shot putter Tawnjai Ames and hammer thrower Caryn Poliquin — someone better talk about increasing his office space.

"I'd call [the office] a cubicle," Poliquin said. "It's a small area for two people, and Kevin isn't exactly a small guy."

Robinson is a former four-time NCAA qualifier and two-time All-American at the University of Memphis, where he set every throwing record except the discus.

The athletic talent, and his degree in exercise science, now is used to mold two of SIUC's most-talented throwing gems.

"It's made a big difference," said Poliquin, who set the SIUC hammer



DEVIN MILLER/Daily Egyptian

SIUC women's throw coach Kevin Robinson (left) and sophomore shot putter Tawnjai Ames (center) watch Caryn Poliquin run through her shot putting techniques during practice Tuesday afternoon.

throw record (162-10) this season. "I can have someone I can look to during competition, and he can say 'Just go after it' and give me some technique advice."

Which wasn't the case last season. Former throw coach Brian Miller concentrated mainly on his professional throwing career. He got so wrapped up in prepping himself, he quit near the end of the 1997 indoor season.

Poliquin had to train with the men's team for the remainder of the season.

"The kids kind of got left by themselves," women's head track and field coach Don DeNoon said. "Caryn really had a hard time finding direction."

DeNoon then met Robinson at the Sea Rays Invitational in Knoxville, Tenn., last spring and the rest, as they say, is history.

"He really has them working really hard," DeNoon said. "He is a disciplinarian, and he expects them to perform."

Robinson said part of his disciplinarian ways is to emphasize that throwers are athletes. They aren't just the fat kids in high school who couldn't do anything else.

"I don't let them play around," Robinson said. "I take this very seriously, and I expect them to do the same."

They do. Practice starts at exactly 2 p.m. Not 2:07 or 2:11.

"He doesn't even look at his watch anymore because he knows that we're going to be there on time," said Ames, whose 46-2 1/2 shot put earlier this year is third-best in SIUC history. "We joke around with it and call it 'The Fear of Kevin.'"

"The Fear of Kevin" also has helped Ames improve in the classroom. Ames, a Proposition-48 athlete as a freshman, suffers from dyslexia.

Ames said the learning disability causes her problems in spelling and math, but the fear of disappointing Kevin has helped her attain a 3.0 GPA, and she recently completed the University's ACHIEVE program.

"I've done better in school because of him," Ames said. "If I'm working this hard in practice, then I should be working this hard in the classroom."

With Robinson, things are finally starting to go as planned for Poliquin and Ames. Both had stellar prep careers that could have landed them anywhere but SIUC.

Ames, an all-state standout at Lerner High School, had Purdue University calling. Poliquin (Gurnee Warren High School) received three phone calls a week from the University of Mississippi and had a free ticket to "Wally's World" at

Miami University in Ohio.

"Southern was really lucky to get both of us," Ames said. "I think Don [DeNoon] knows that."

He does. DeNoon already compares Ames and Poliquin to another dynamic duo of Saluki throwers — Rhonda McCausland and Connie Price-Smith in 1985. McCausland still holds the school mark for shot put, and Price-Smith has been one of the premier throwers in the world.

"[Poliquin and Ames] are the best recruits I've had here in years," DeNoon said.

As for Robinson, the only comparisons he draws are those of the underpaid in the world. With the track and field programs being on the low end of pay scale at the University, he is paid the same as a graduate assistant — \$626 a month.

"We're probably talking in the long run, two dollars an hour," DeNoon said.

Robinson said it can be tough to make ends meet, but the opportunity provides great experience.

What would really make him happy is his own "cubicle."

"Wouldn't that be nice," he says. "I can even build my own."

He's already built two winners in the Saluki track and field program.