**New Jersey housing fire an eye-opener for SIU**

**Authorities worried false fire alarms desensitizing housing residents**

**KELLY L. HERTELIN**

Garett Smith and his roommate John Giunta slowly woke to the sound of a fire alarm on the second floor of Neely Hall and looked out to see smoke and uncontrollable flames quickly choosing their building. The young men rushed to escape together, feeling their way through the halls and stairways. Screaming students, coughing smoke and uncontrollable flames were quickly desensitizing the building more difficult. Once outside, Smith turned to check on his roommate, only to find that Giunta had not been able to escape.

Like many students in residence halls at SIUC, waking to the sound of a false alarm was common place for many students residing in Boland Hall at SIUC University in South Orange, NJ. Several false alarms during finals week led residents to think an alarm triggered last Wednesday was simply another intoxicated student pulling a prank. Smith and Giunta, both 18-year-old freshmen, were among those students who had become desensitized to such sounds.

Giunta was one of three students who perished in the Seton Hall fire. Two students burned to death, one died from smoke inhalation and several others were hurt. After an alarm was heard, two firemen and three police officers entered the building. No one was found and the building was deemed safe.

With more than 12 fire alarm systems on campus at SIUC in 1999, the lure of false alarms turning deadly may be easily real. Fires occurring in Boomer Hall in 1997 resulted in a series of articles in the Chicago Tribune. The Tribune articles highlighted serious holes in the state capital punishment system.

"I now favor a moratorium because I have given careful thought to the issue of capital punishment," Ryan said. "I believe many Illinois residents know that capital punishment is not the answer. But I also believe that capital punishment is not effective in deterring crime."

**Ryan wants Illinois' death penalty system examined**

Newspapers like the Southern Illinois University Student Newspaper, the Daily Egyptian, have been comprehensive in their coverage of the death penalty in our state. Many students have been exposed to these stories and have formed opinions on the issue.

**Governor forces stop on state's capital punishment**

**DAVID FERRARA**

Gov. George Ryan has imposed a moratorium on the death penalty in Illinois. Albert Melone, a professor of political science, is among those who have been working on this issue for some time. Melone has been a vocal opponent of the death penalty and has worked to raise awareness about its ineffectiveness.

"It sounds like it is straight out of a movie. Someone’s put on death row, his or her life is to end at the hand of the state only to find evidence suggesting the person may not be guilty of the crime they were accused of. But it is not a movie, it is what has happened in Illinois 13 times in the past 32 years. Thirteen death-row inmates have been cleared of the death penalty since 1977, while only 12 have been executed.

**Faculty and students favor moratorium**

**DAVID FERRARA**

"There's considerable evidence that the state of Illinois has wrongfully convicted people on death row," Melone said. "It's a very serious matter to execute someone who is not guilty of a crime."

Melone said he believes the problem stems in the judicial system where many defendants do not receive a fair trial.
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Meeting for Democratic primary race tonight

The College Democrats will be holding campaigns and representatives for the Democratic Party primary race for 59th State Senate seat meet with students at 5:30

Student studies University police, bribes

A 19-year-old SIUC student was arrested on five charges after he struck and threatened a University police officer

AtNeal remembered with memorial service

A volunteer fund has been established for Robert AtNeal, who died Jan. 13 after a four-day battle with pneumonia. AtNeal was a graduate student in rehabilitation administration at St. Charles.

Newark, N.J.

Seton Hall computer seized for fire probe

Investigations seized a computer belonging to a student living in the same dormitory where a deadly fire broke out two weeks ago. The computer was seized because a fire had started in the dorm.

Newark, N.J.
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Who are the people in your neighborhood?

December 31, 1999, I spent my evening stuck in the elevator of an Oklahoma City building. It was a Wednesday night, and I was heading up to a friend's apartment on the 29th floor. Despite the New Year's Eve celebration happening outside, the elevator was empty, and the city below was quiet.

The elevator was slow, and I found myself looking around, wondering if there were other people on the same floor. As I waited, I couldn't help but think about the people who lived in my neighborhood. They were just like me, going about their daily lives, but they were also part of a larger community.

Who are the people in your neighborhood? What do they do for a living? What are their interests? How do they interact with each other? These are all questions that I've asked myself as I've explored my neighborhood.

Confederate flag's history should not reflect present

Dear Editor,

What should we be doing is getting together as a community and developing a plan for a new flag. This is a free country, and we all have the right to express our opinions. If we want to remove the Confederate flag, then we should do so as a united community.

I believe that the Confederate flag should be removed from all official displays in our community. It is a symbol of a past that we should not glorify.

Respectfully,

[Your Name]

Preserve the few natural areas left in Illinois

Dear Editor,

During the past 180 years, man has plowed the Illinois prairies, drained marshes, cut the forests, and replaced them with highways, factories and farmland. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources and the state's extension service have advanced the pace of human activity and change in the landscape; what have once been open grasslands and wild plants and animals still as they previously existed, codified through the ages. One by one, these remnants, too, are being brushed and converted.

One hundred eighty years ago, virgin prairies and forests covered Illinois. Practically none remain in virgin condition. In the 1970s the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Inventory identified small fragments of lost landscapes as 'natural and nearly natural conditions.' These designated natural areas comprise seven one-hundredths of 1 percent of Illinois. Even these last vestiges of our natural heritage are not safe from attack.

In Southern Illinois, most of the natural areas are in the Shawnee National Forest. In recent years, irresponsible hunting practices and illegal all-terrain vehicle users have severely degraded some areas. They have used federal roads as an effect to do away with all protection for natural areas. And now they have the State of Illinois to use for motorcycles and motorized access to these areas.

However, the situation is not too far reached and too valuable to sacrifice to destructive recreational activities. We must provide them with roads, routes, and routes to these areas. There are plenty of places to spend leisure time without the need to use our natural areas.

I urge all state, county, and local officials to join the movement to protect our natural heritage. Let us work together to preserve these natural areas without rethinking them. Public officials should focus on protecting these public treasures.

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Moratorium continues

not have enough money for quality representation. Also, public defenders are overworked with cases that they are not able to focus on so much.

"Apparently there are innocent people being convicted," said Malone. "Clearly they do not have a fair trial. This is a problem of attrition, and I think Gov. Gov. Rahn understands this."

Illinois state Democratic President Marko Oronzo said he is pleased with Rahn’s decision to halt executions in the state because he thinks it has not lowered the crime rate and is not effective.

"It’s great that daily something is going to be done in Illinois; it gives me a sigh of relief," said Rahn, a scholar in political science and economics from Schiller Park. "The system is a travesty. It’s saying something about the system when so many people are put to death and 13 people have been found not guilty."

Jim Cammarch, a lawyer in history from Orlando, Fla., wrote several times to the governor on capital punishment in the past and thinks Rahn’s decision is a good way for people to be better informed about the death penalty.

"People are unaware and misinformed of the facts of capital punishment," said Rahn. "I think it should put it on pause so we can see how it works."

Morne Riehl, professor of administration of justice, has been researching the death penalty since the 1970s.

He said a whole, capital punishment does not have a definite value, and the system provides chance for innocent people to be killed.

"Because of this reason, Rahn’s decision to look into the moratorium is really important," he added.

"It is a human system, and given that it is a human system, there are bound to be mistakes," Riehl said.

"The death penalty is irreversible. Once you make a mistake, that person is dead."

Fire

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Thompson Point will receive the systems arc working properly. They will be installed in town. The number of extension cords they will use is unknown. The Deputy Director of the Physical Plant said the change to digital will be secret. It will also change the way people are informed about the new digital equipment, said Hodgson. Hodgson added that college will continue to broadcast through campus television for about three years before completely switching to digital television.

Said Hodgson, "Our mandate is to give you guys an education that is superior."
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And therein lie the thoughts of four SIUC students who made the trip to the St. Louis Rams Super Bowl celebration parade Monday night in downtown St. Louis.

"We talked about it last night when it was 16-0 and said "We're going," said Mike Knyksak, a freshman in biological science from Millstadt. "I had a chemistry class today at 1 o'clock, and I was like 'No I can't go.'"

Knyksak was persuaded and accompanied Dan Uchtmann from Sparta, Luke Mayer of Belleville and Clint Huffman of Tennyson, Ind.

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But the students would not have missed the event for anything.

Huffman said although he was not a Rams fan, he came to be a part of a potentially historical event. "I don't know why I'm here," he said. "I'm always looking for something to experience."

His thoughts were echoed by the group's actions as soon as head coach Dick Vermeil began the parade led by the famous Budweiser Clydesdale horses and the eight car police escort.

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Bears cannot swim after all, but Salukis can

Men's and women's swimming and diving teams swim past SMSU

Corey McCain
Daily Egyptian Reporter

In what appeared to be a preview of a possible Missouri Valley Conference tournament championship match-up, both the SIU men's and women's swimming and diving teams almost effortlessly diffused confidence rival Southwest Missouri State University.

The men's team (7-2) ceased to a 140-101 victory behind strong performances by our swimmers.

Coming into the meet, senior Henann Loue was undefeated in the 200 freestyle. Saturday would prove to be no different as he coasted to a first-place finish with a time of 1:38.84.

"I feel very confident coming in the 200 freestyle, and I am going to try to go to the NCAA championships with it," said Loue.

SIU Gustavo Leal, Craig Quarterman and Jason Cortigian finished second, third and fourth, respectively, behind Loue. And there was no stopping Matt Muma in the 200 backstroke. Muma finished four seconds ahead of teammate Mauro Martinez.

Muna finished a full second behind teammate Clayton Johnson in the 50 breaststroke. Pulling out of the 50 fly, Muna posted a time of 20.97.

Coxswain anchored the Saluki swim with two first-place finishes. Preliminary time of 24.15 was five seconds faster than teammate Joe Tulbib, who placed second in the 200 IM.

In the women's meet, the Salukis swept the 400 free, and I am going to try to go coach Rick Walker could not help but smile.

"You really have a second half to work with," Walker said. "It's the University, whether it's former club or the program to catch up with rival Southwest Missouri State.

"It was a great team performance and we feel very confident," Loue said.

"We are unstoppable."
Salukis avoid monotony and settle for second

Cornieh Bolin’
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Though the SIU men’s track and field team lost by 60 points last weekend to Wallace State Community College at the 2000 McDonald’s/Saluki Invitational, senior distance runner Joe Parks thinks the loss could have been prevented. “It is not that big of a deal we lost to a junior college,” Parks said. “We could have really made the team, it just took a lot longer if we ran more of our distance runners in the mile, 5,000 (meter run) and the 10,000 (meter run).”

SIU finished second of the seven teams at the invitational. Instead of placing distance runners such as Parks, junior Chris Owen and senior Matt McClelland in the same race, SIU coach Bill Cornell decided it was best for the Salukis if some of the distance runners swapped events.

“If we ran the distance runners in the same events over and over, they would go stale, so we switched,” Cornell said. Instead of Parks running in the 5,000-meter run like he did last weekend at the Illinois Open, this week, he ran in the mile, and scored the Salukis a first-place finish with a time of 4:21.19.

And rather than running in the mile like he frequently does, McClelland (8:24.97) finished the 3,000-meter run, with a victory by defeating his closest competition, Jackson State University’s David Bepo, by 13.55 seconds.

“She showed she is in tremendous condition,” Cornell said. “He put on the pressure and hung with his competition. No one was going to beat him.”

The distance runners, however, were not the only Salukis to score big points for SIU. Freshmen weight thrower Rob Frist (69-5/1) and senior distance runner Joe Parks think the loss could have been prevented. “It was a convincing win, and exciting track meet,” DeNoon said. “On the fifth lap [in the mile], I knew I had to pick it up,” said Cutrano, a senior. “I picked up the pace, felt a surge and went around everybody.”

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After a disappointing performance after winter break, DeNoon’s team seemingly ready for the MVC hunt

Christine Bolin
Daily Egyptian Reporter

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“I think the MVC season starts early, so we need to make sure we work together to improve our performance,” Bolin said.

DeNoon would like to see the Salukas come through again in their next meet, the Mid-America Invitational. The Missouri Valley Conference Championships meet is their way, and DeNoon thinks the Salukas are on the right path to conference titles.

“Our capabilities for conference are so strong, I don’t see any of our conference teams stronger than ours,” DeNoon said. “We need to make sure we [maintain our performance] and keep it up until the end.”

In addition to competing in the weight throw, Poliquin (45-9/1) and Waters (22-2/3) placed third and fourth, respectively, in the shot put.

“Overall, [the meet] was a very good meet for us,” Cornell said. “It gave a chance for some of our distance runners to really shine.”