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New USG president aims to amplify student voice

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At the close of last semester, the student body elected a new president to the Undergraduate Student Government.

Elected May 20, Adrian Tomas, a junior from Carbondale studying political science, has been preparing for his new role all summer. Miller said he hopes to serve the students of the university by collaborating with the dean of students, Illinois Board of Higher Education and other student organizations.

Miller said he was excited about being elected for the upcoming year and already has some ideas he wants to implement.

“I get to have an effect on policy, events and programming,” Miller said. “One thing we are trying to do is finance reform over the next year.”

His team has been working hard since their election victory to make the best decisions with the resources given to them and they want to help make sure the resources are distributed, he said.

Miller has been involved in politics on campus since he arrived at SIU, serving as a senator for the College of Liberal Arts for two years. Currently, Miller is working with the administration of the former USG President Brittany Greathouse.

Olivier Keys, USG vice president, said Miller has been working with the previous administration to do something no one has done in a while; make sure the student voice is heard.

“Miller will work toward taking what was already in place and making it better,” Keys said.

Miller said he has also been working with the chancellor’s office and the dean of students, Dr. Katie Sermersheim, on the student code of conduct.

Sermersheim said working closely with the USG helps her office stay informed about student issues. She said she likes to work with the student body and wants to keep the lines of communication open.

Earlier this year, Sermersheim recommended Miller to be a student representative for the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

On June 6, Miller was elected to the IBHE student advisory committee to represent Southern Illinois. He said he is trying to go above and beyond people’s expectations as student president by serving through organizations such as the IBHE student advisory committee.

Miller said the experience will be useful to him as student body president and serving on the IBHE will allow him to vote on state issues before they become campus issues.

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Retired general named SIU trustees chairman

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The newest SIU Board of Trustees member knows a thing or two about keeping a group in order.

Retired Major Gen. Randall E. Thomas is taking over the chairman position for the university’s Board of Trustees. Thomas’ experience in the U.S. Army Special Forces in Vietnam and as commander in the Illinois National Guard has convinced many people of his leadership ability. Some members of the university think Thomas will also bring a sense of order to the board, which has been known to fight publicly over the past several months.

University president Glenn Poshard said he thinks Thomas is a good fit for the job and will excel at being the new chairman.

“I think he has excellent leadership skills, obviously his background and experience,” he said. “He is very familiar with taking on challenges and planning to meet them.”

Poshard said Thomas is a personable leader and is trying to unite the Board of Trustees, and has been fair about the effort. He said Thomas has familiarized himself with the university’s goals and is willing to help make changes.

“I think he’s going to make every effort to unite the board,” he said. “He has spent a ton of time reading the background and history of the university, the mission of the university.“

Governor Pat Quinn appointed Thomas earlier this year as part of a second round of appointees after the Illinois Senate rejected his initial slate.

Thomas also has extensive experience as a civil servant, being the state’s 36th Adjutant General from 2003 to 2007, and spent 30 years as an English teacher and librarian at Hillsboro High School.

He also earned his master’s degree in strategic studies in 2000 from the U.S. Army War College.

Thomas was contacted by The Daily Egyptian about this article, but did not respond before Tuesday’s deadline. He will serve a six-year term on the board.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be July 11 at the SIU School of Medicine in Springfield.
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MILWAUKEE — As more victims of clergy sex abuse came forward, then-Milwaukee Archbishop Timothy Dolan oversaw a plan to pay some abusers to leave the priesthood after writing to Vatican officials about the potential for scandal if they did not defrock problem priests, according to documents released Monday.

Dolan’s correspondence with Vatican officials and priests accused of sexual abuse was included in about 6,000 pages of documents the Archdiocese of Milwaukee released Monday as part of a deal reached in federal bankruptcy court with clergy sex abuse victims suing it for fraud. Victims say the archdiocese transferred problem priests to new churches without warning them about the potential for scandal if they did not defrock problem priests, according to documents released Monday.

The documents have drawn attention in part because of the involvement of Dolan, who is now a cardinal and New York archbishop and the nation’s most prominent Roman Catholic official by virtue of his position as president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The records provide new details on payments made to some abusers to leave the priesthood and the transfer of nearly $57 million for cemetery care into a trust as the archdiocese prepared to file for bankruptcy.

Victims and their attorneys accuse Dolan of bankruptcy fraud, pointing to a June 2007 letter in which he told a Vatican office that moving the money into a trust would provide “an improved protection of these funds from any legal claim and liability.”

Church law requires bishops to seek Vatican approval for any property sale or asset transfer in the millions of dollars. Dolan wrote in the letter that the transfer had been approved by archdiocese’s Financial Council and College of Consultants.

A Vatican office approved the transfer within a month. Jeff Anderson, an attorney for many victims, compared that to the long lag in responses to defrock abusive priests.

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Quinn changes Illinois concealed carry legislation

CHICAGO — One week before a federal court deadline, Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn on Tuesday demanded that lawmakers approve tougher restrictions as part of a gun possession bill that would make his state the last in the country to allow the concealed carry of firearms.

Quinn cited Chicago’s gun violence in declaring that a compromise gun bill that cleared the House and Senate by wide margins was too hurried and influenced by the National Rifle Association. But fellow Democrats who lead the Legislature signaled they would try to override his changes next week.

Using an amendatory veto, Quinn sent the measure back to legislators with significant changes—including a one-gun limit on the number of firearms a person can carry and a ban on weapons in establishments that serve alcohol. Towns also would have the right to enact their own assault weapons bans, beyond just a 10-day window that was part of the bill approved by the Legislature in May.

“There are serious flaws in this bill that jeopardize the public safety of the people of Illinois,” said Quinn, surrounded by nearly 100 anti-violence advocates, including relatives of gun victims.

Lawmakers who’ve spent months debating and negotiating the gun bill reacted angrily, accusing Quinn of posturing ahead of a re-election campaign next year in which he likely faces serious challenges even from within his own party.

Sponsors of the bill noted the concealed-carry bill passed with well more than the three-fifths majorities needed in both the House and Senate to turn back the governor’s demands.

“I think he’s playing politics. I’m just saying it like it is,” said Rep. Brandon Phelps, a Democratic lawmaker and gun rights advocate from a far southern Illinois district who sponsored the legislation.

Within hours of Quinn’s announcement, Illinois’ legislative leaders called a session for next Tuesday to deal with the changes. That day is also the deadline the 7th U.S. Circuit Appeals Court gave Illinois to pass a law as part of a December ruling that the state’s concealed carry ban was unconstitutional. All 49 other states have laws allowing public, concealed carry of firearms.

It’s unclear what happens if the deadline passes without a concealed carry law. Some gun rights advocates argue residents would be able to carry any type of weapon anywhere, but others believe local communities could enact their own ordinances.
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The Chicago Cubs dealt starting pitcher Scott Feldman to the Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday and traded former All-Star Carlos Marmol to the Los Angeles Dodgers in exchange for veteran reliever Matt Guerrier.

Feldman signed a one-year contract with the Cubs and went 7-6 with a 3.46 ERA in 15 starts this season. He is 46-50 with a 4.66 ERA in 219 major league games over nine seasons.

Feldman was scheduled to start Tuesday night at the Oakland Athletics. Instead, lefty Chris Rusin was called up from Triple-A Iowa to take his place.

Aceves was 20-25 with a 5.46 ERA over the last four seasons with Baltimore (2010-13). Strop was 5-2 with three saves, 24 holds and a 2.44 ERA last season as the primary setup man for the Orioles. He has battled a back strain this year, going 0-3 with a 7.25 ERA. Aceves will be assigned to Iowa while Strop is expected to report to the Cubs later this week.

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Taurus — Today is an 8 — Check your course, then full speed ahead. You’re extra confident and more powerful than usual. A hunch could pay off well. Study intensity and learn quickly all month. Soak up the reading.

Gemini — Today is a 7 — Think and plan over the next two days; the itinerary inspires the journey. No more procrastination—bellow through on details. New skills lead to new friends. All these deadlines mean more profit.

Cancer — Today is an 8 — Renew your connection with community, friends, groups, and shared future goals and dreams. Make the most of it—you’re extra strong, clear and disciplined this month.

Leo — Today is an 8 — This month is great for reviewing and completing projects. The coming week supercharges that. Enjoy the spotlight. There is more work available. Avoid abandoned old fears.

Virgo — Today is a 9 — Travel and romance both look good ... plan your next fun break. Household matters need attention, too. Don’t fall for a con game or waste money. Rely on your team.

Libra — Today is an 8 — The next few days are good for financial planning. Organize and review practical details, and guesstimate resources again. Stick to tested methods and career advances this month.

Scorpio — Today is a 9 — Consult with experts. Partnerships provide the missing link. Negotiate, compromise, and share the load. Consider a suggestion. Refined the plan. Travel and budding projects tempt all month.

Sagittarius — Today is a 9 — Work gets extra creative. It could get hectic. Keep it steady, with frequent breaks. This month profits if you keep to your budget. Investments of time and money pay off.

Capricorn — Today is an 8 — Plan some fun. A barrier’s dissolving or becoming unimportant. Recycling works again. Continue to repay obligations. Partnership provides the missing link.

Aquarius — Today is a 7 — These days are good for making changes at home. Make household decisions. Clean up a mess. Review and test your ideas and structures. There’s plenty of work.

Pisces — Today is an 8 — It’s easier to concentrate. Ask questions. Practice something you’re passionate about. All of a sudden, everything starts making sense. Make time for love, beauty and romance.
More than 90 boys spent four days with the Saluki basketball coaching staff last week learning fundamentals and having fun.

The Individual Day Camp, for boys in first through eighth grade, is the first summer basketball camp at SIU since 2011 and is Barry Hinson’s first camp at the university since becoming head coach last year.

The camp was Hinson’s 32nd of his coaching career.

Hinson also led two high school camps in the area this June.

He said of the three camps he puts on, he is most fond of the day camp.

“I love this camp, this is my favorite camp,” Hinson said.

“I love being around the little guys.”

Nate Mast, director of basketball operations, said he had his hand in everything during the camp, including helping with registration and running drills.

Mast, a former division one point guard for the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and last year’s head coach at Parkland College in Champaign, said he enjoyed working with the kids.

“When camp starts, it’s a blast,” Mast said. “I get a great deal of enjoyment just being out there and just being a kid like them.”

Mast, along with the entire coaching staff, helped run the camp by contributing their time and knowledge to the young players.

Hinson also had some help from former Saluki basketball player and manager, Matt Shaw. Shaw started 67 of 68 games in his final two years at SIU and averaged more than 10 points and five rebounds per game during that time.