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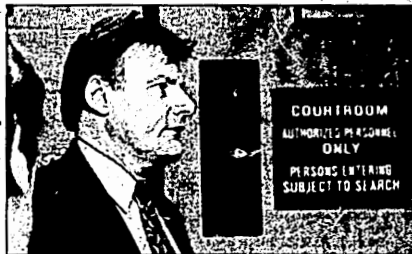
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**Student charged with first degree murder**



KERRY MALONEY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jackson County District Attorney Mike Wepsiec announced Monday at the Jackson County Jail that Donald E. Forcum was charged with three counts of first degree murder in conjunction with the death of Renee Nicole DiCicco.

*Forcum faces multiple charges in the death of SIUC grad Renee Nicole DiCicco*

DAVID OSBORNE  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

An SIUC senior was charged with three counts of first degree murder Monday in conjunction with the death of a former roommate.

Donald E. Forcum, 28, was also arraigned on one count of attempted first degree murder,

home invasion and armed violence. Forcum, whose last address in the SIUC directory is #72 England Heights Road, Carbondale — the same as the victim's — was listed by the Jackson County Sheriff under several addresses in Carbondale

and Marion. Forcum is a senior in food and nutrition, and said at the hearing he is employed as a custodian at the SIUC Student Center.

Renee N. DiCicco, 22, was killed early Saturday morning in her home. DiCicco, who graduated at SIUC last December, worked at Touch of Nature as a nature guide. According to her friends, the pair were romantically involved at one time as well as roommates.

Also injured in the attack was Brett H. Janecke, 22, of Chicago. According to the Chicago Tribune, DiCicco had invited Janecke down from Chicago, and they were supposed to spend the weekend camping and swimming.

Janecke remains hospitalized at St. Louis University Hospital in serious condition, but a hospital spokesman said Janecke was sitting up and talking to family Monday afternoon and is expected to recover. Attempts to reach Janecke's family were unsuccessful, however the family released a statement expressing gratitude to anyone "who aided in the miracle resuscitation" of their son. They specifically

thought a neighbor for the 911 call, and the Jackson County deputies for their rapid response. The family expects Janecke to be able to answer questions in another day or two as his condition improves.

Jackson County deputies responded to a neighbor's report of a disturbance at DiCicco's home and upon arrival found DiCicco "deceased by means of a violent manner." Authorities refused to elaborate further on the cause of death or the nature of the attack. Forcum was arrested in the 200 block of Elm Street in Carbondale less than seven hours after the discovery of the crime.

Forcum, if convicted of first degree murder, faces 20 to 60 years in prison. Under the Illinois Truth In Sentencing Act, he would be required to serve the full sentence. Judge David W. Watt explained this to a calm Forcum at the arraignment at the Jackson County Jail.

At the hearing, Jackson County District Attorney Mike Wepsiec approached the bench and reminded the judge that if the nature of the crime was found to be exceptionally brutal, the maximum sentence could be



Forcum

extended. Speaking to the media after the hearing, Wepsiec said if "brutal and heinous behavior" is shown during a sentencing hearing,

the maximum sentence could be extended from 60 years to 100 years. When asked why this crime might qualify, Wepsiec said that he could not discuss anything which might be considered evidence in the case, citing "Rule 3.6."

Wepsiec said the three counts of first degree murder resulted from the way Illinois law is written. There are three ways to be charged with first degree murder. One way is "with the intent to kill." The second is "doing such acts knowing that they will result in death," and the third is "doing such acts knowing that there is a substantial probability that such acts will result in death."

"To keep my options open at the trial, he was charged with all three," Wepsiec said. "This is

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**BAC denied funding**

*\$35,000 hang in the balance amid allegations of corrupt elections*

ALEXA AGUILAR  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

A dispute over the Black Affairs Council's May election that cost the organization \$35,000 will not be resolved until the fall semester, leaving the organization unsure of the programming it can provide to students.

Undergraduate Student Government President Bill Archer plans to meet with the council and USG senators informally during the summer to solve the problem, but no formal action can take place until USG reconvenes in the fall.

The conflict began when a bill allocating the funding was vetoed May 8 by then-USG President Sean Henry after it passed the USG Senate by two-thirds vote. Henry

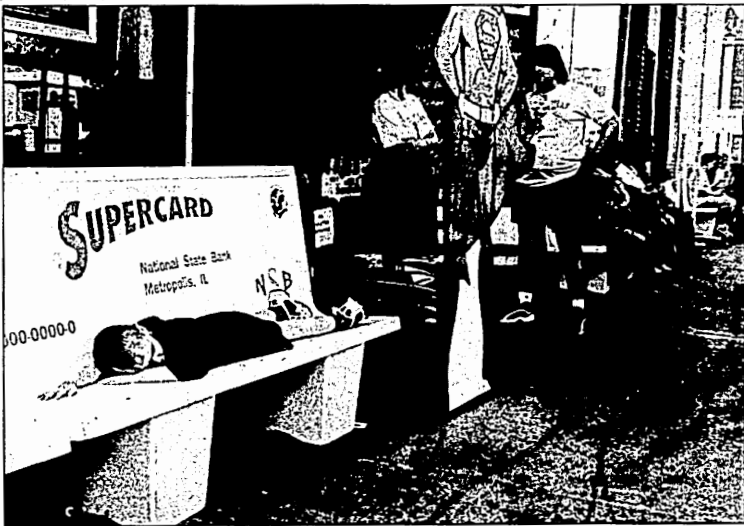
vetoed the bill, reasoning that he could not allocate that amount of money to an organization he felt was not conducting its elections openly and fairly. The alleged problems concern the council's election of its coordinator and assistant coordinator. The council's first election, which took place April 26, was postponed because of misplaced ballots.

In a May 12 memo to USG senators, Henry wrote that the elections were not advertised, that the polling place was not open the required hours, voting was not secret, and only one candidate was listed for each position. Unfair polling times and voting that is not confidential are violations of BAC's constitution.

Paulette Curkin, interim adviser to the

USG would be the authority on shady elections.

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KERRY MALONEY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

**NAPTME:** Four-year-old Ransom Germann takes a break from the excitement of the Superman celebration Saturday afternoon. Germann has traveled to Southern Illinois with his mother to attend the four-day festival for the last three years. Related story, page 7.

**University Bookstore under new direction**

*Wallace's Bookstore brings changes in physical layout and merchandise selection*

ANDREA DONALDSON  
STUDENT AFFAIRS EDITOR

Students can expect great change at the University Bookstore this fall with SIU administration's decision to turn operations over to an outside vendor.

The Board of Trustees decided at their May 11 meeting to outsource the University Bookstore to Wallace's Collegiate Bookstore. The University Bookstore went under new management June 5.

New bookstore Director Christopher C. Croson said the bookstore will undergo a transformation in the upcoming months.

As a part of a five-year contract, Wallace guarantees a \$310,000 profit each year and \$650,000 to update and renovate the facilities.

Enhancements will include a new cash register system, fixtures, lighting, floor and wall coverings and an online com-

puter station. The new floor plan is known as a "flex smart" design.

"The design allows us to free more space for books when we need to," Croson said.

Physical changes will be made from the end of October through November. The process takes four to six weeks, Croson said. During that time, the store will remain open.

Croson said the bookstore also plans to make changes in its merchandise. These changes will include more clothes, a larger selection of dorm supplies, more general books and greek supplies. Wallace owns one of the largest wholesale suppliers, Croson said, and this will allow the bookstore more access to used books.

Besides the hiring of a new director, Wallace has retained all of the student workers and Civil Service Employees previously employed by the University Bookstore. The Civil Service employees will continue working for the bookstore through Dec. 5 as University employees. At the end of the six months, the employees will then make the decision to stay on as Wallace employees or leave the bookstore.

"We want everybody to stay, and we encourage everybody to stay," said Croson. "We will still try to employ as many

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## CALENDAR

Calendar item deadline is two publication days before the event. The item must include time, date, place, admission and sponsor of the event and the name and phone of the person submitting the item. Items should be delivered to Communications Building, Room 103D. All calendar items also appear on www.dailyegyptian.com. No calendar information will be taken over the phone.

## TODAY

• **Library Affairs, Finding books using ILLINET Online.** 4 to 5 p.m., Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.

## UPCOMING

• **Library Affairs Web CT 2.0 Overview** 10 to 11 a.m. June 14, Morris Library, Room 15, 453-2778.

• **Library Affairs, Power Point.** 10 to 11:15 a.m. June 14, Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.

• **Library Affairs, Introduction to Constructing Web Pages (HTML)**, 2 to 4 p.m. June 15, Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.

• **Free Sailboat Rides, sponsored by**

Southern Illinois Collegiate Sailing Club, June 17 and 18 from noon to 4 p.m. at the Crab Orchard Lake Sailing Harbor. See [www.siu.edu/~sail](http://www.siu.edu/~sail) or Shelly 529-0993.

• **Library Affairs, Introduction to Constructing Web Pages (HTML)**, 10 to 12 p.m. June 19, Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.

• **Library Affairs, Finding Full Text Articles.** 2-3 p.m. June 19, Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.

• **Library Affairs, Java Script.** 2-3:30 p.m. June 6, Morris Library, Room 103D, 453-2818.

• **Library Affairs, Finding scholarly articles.** 10 to 11 a.m. June 21, Morris Library, Room 103D, 453-2818.

• **Library Affairs, Power Point.** 12 to 1:15 p.m. June 22, Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.

• **Library Affairs, Introduction to constructing web pages (HTML)**, 10 to

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• **Library Affairs, Digital imaging for the web.** 3 to 4 p.m. June 27, Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.

• **Library Affairs, E-Mail using Eudora,** 12 to 1 p.m. June 28, Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.

• **Library Affairs, Introduction to Photoshop.** 3 to 4 p.m. June 29, Morris Library Room 103D, 453-2818.

## ALMANAC

## THIS DAY IN 1975:

• SIU Professor Richard Arnold, chairman of chemistry and biochemistry, applied for a grant of \$75,000 to test alcohol as farming fuel.

• SIU golfer Sarah McCree gains the attentions of the Association for Intercollegiate Athletics for Women and headed for a championship competition in Tuscon, Ariz. 453-2818.

• A government spokesman accused U.S. Rep. Paul Simon, D-Carbondale, of releasing classified figures on America's Nuclear weapons, including the total kilotonnage of warheads, in a weekly newsletter.

• Olivia Newton-John bows out of a scheduled SIU-E concert due to exhaustion. The hit singer and lead of "Grease" had canceled some 18 other major performances.

• The original "Gone in 60 Seconds," with Gary Bettenhausen, was showing for \$1.25 at the University Four Tui-Lite Show.

• In Champaign, Ill., a drug prevention workshop took place in hopes of finding a program to reduce drug abuse.

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## BOOKSTORE

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student employees as we can."

Students working at the bookstore are happy with the transition to Wallace employment, said Elizabeth Miller, a junior in microbiology from Richton Park. "I was a little unsure at first, but they've been great," Miller said. "They've been very accommodating."

Miller, who has worked at the bookstore for about a year, said Wallace has changed store policy to allow employees to wear shorts and to provide more employee discounts. She said she is excited about the

upcoming changes with the bookstore.

These feelings are shared by Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Larry H. Dietz, who recommended the bookstore be outsourced to Wallace. Dietz said he is happy with the contract with Wallace and believes it will help students, faculty and staff.

"The bookstore business has been so competitive and so volatile with the dot-com organizations, that a lot of Universities have been going to this," Dietz said.

Wallace operates about 80 bookstores across the country, including stores at Illinois State University, Yale University and the University of Louisville.

## FORCUM

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pretty standard practice in Illinois."

Though authorities refuse to release the specifics of the attack, the Jackson County's Circuit Clerk website reports the sixth charge against Forcum as "Armed Violence/Category 1 Weapon." According to Illinois Compiled Statutes, Chapter 720, Article 33A, a Category 1 weapon is a firearm small enough to be concealed upon the person, a semi-automatic firearm or a machine gun used in the commission of a crime.

But a local media outlet reported Monday evening that police said Forcum attacked DiCiccio and stabbed Janecke.

Wepsieck also refused to say if a motive was known, again citing Rule 3.6.

"Rule 3.6" refers to an amended rule under the Code of Professional Conduct. The rule, amended by the Illinois Supreme Court, limits the information which may be disseminated by attorneys or law enforcement personnel.

A memorial service for DiCiccio is planned for 2 p.m. Friday at Touch of Nature.

## Library Affairs

SIUC Library Affairs  
June 2000 Seminar Series

Seminars are open to all and are held in Morris Library. Registration is strongly recommended. To register, call 453-2818, send an e-mail message to [ugl@lib.siu.edu](mailto:ugl@lib.siu.edu), or stop by the Undergraduate Library Information Desk. For a description of the classes offered go to the Morris Library Home Page at <http://www.lib.siu.edu> and click on Seminar Series. Most seminars are held in the Technology Demonstration Lab, Room 103D in the Undergraduate Library; other locations in Morris Library are as noted. Enrollment limits are also listed. Items marked with an asterisk [\*] are taught in Instructional Support Services, located in the lower level of the Library.

Date	Times	Topic	Location	Enrollment
6-6 (Tuesday)	10-11 am	Instructional Applications for the Web (Asynchronous Learning)	103D	16
6-6 (Tuesday)	11-12 noon	Introduction to PhotoShop	103D	8
6-6 (Tuesday)	2-3:15 pm	PowerPoint	103D	16
6-7 (Wednesday)	10-12 noon	Introduction to Constructing Web Pages (HTML)	103D	8
6-7 (Wednesday)	2-3 pm	Instructional Applications for the Web (Asynchronous Learning)	103D	16
6-8 (Thursday)	11-12 noon	Digital Imaging for the Web	103D	8
6-8 (Thursday)	3-5 pm	Introduction to Constructing Web Pages (HTML)	103D	8
6-9 (Friday)	10-11 am	Finding Scholarly Articles	103D	16
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6-19 (Monday)	10-12 noon	Introduction to Constructing Web Pages (HTML)	103D	8
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6-21 (Wednesday)	10-11 am	Finding Scholarly Articles	103D	16
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# Longtime SIU advocate dies

*Ivan "Johnny" Elliott respectfully served the SIU community for many years*

JASON COKER  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

A close friend of SIU died recently: Ivan "Johnny" Elliott worked hard to lead a life of devotion for his family, faith, community and his country.

For 24 years, from 1967 to 1991, Elliott served as a member of the SIU Board of Trustees. At 76, Elliott succumbed to a 15-month-battle with cancer May 28 at his Carmi home.

The Rev. Dan Lewis, who officiated Elliott's May 31 funeral with his wife Jennifer, said Elliott was a very good man who meant a lot to many people.

"He was a remarkable human being," Lewis said. "If there was ever a person for whom the old saying, 'Your word is the only thing that matters in life,' was about, it was John Elliott."

Elliott's daughter, Cynthia Elliott of Hays, Kan., said her father was committed to helping the people of Southern Illinois. Joining the BOT in the days of Delyte Morris, Elliott assertively helped in the formation of three professional schools: dental, law and medicine. He was on the board of the SIU School of Medicine and the SIU Foundation, which is

the fund-raiser for SIU.

She said her father especially wanted SIU graduates to remain in the region.

"He had a commitment to train professional people, and to keep them here to serve Southern Illinois," Cynthia said. "He truly loved Southern Illinois University. He provided leadership during very tumultuous times, and [for him] very satisfying times."

Elliott served as BOT chairman from 1973 to 1977. Cynthia, a 1977 SIUC graduate in public relations, said upon graduation her father proudly signed her diploma himself, instead of letting a machine stamp his signature. She said he left his mark on everything he did.

Acting as an elder commissioner at First Presbyterian Church in Carmi, Elliott kept himself busy with church affairs. When Lewis was ordained he asked Elliott to ask him the ordination questions.

"He was my chief-safe mentor," Lewis said. "He was a faith role model for me."

Elliott experienced an active life in the service of others. He served in the European Theater of World War II in the U.S. Army, and later retired as a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserves. He graduated from the University of Illinois with honors in political science, and in 1950 he graduated with high honors from the U of I College of Law.

Afterward, Elliott was recalled into active duty and stationed at Fort Riley Army Base in Kansas. In 1952, he returned to Carmi and opened a law practice where he continued to

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**He had a commitment to train professional people, and to keep them here to serve Southern Illinois. He truly loved Southern Illinois University. He provided leadership during very tumultuous times, and [for him] very satisfying times.**

CYNTHIA ELLIOTT  
Ivan Elliott's daughter

work until his death. From 1961 to 1968 he was an assistant attorney general of Illinois.

Last year, doctors gave Elliott only three months to live, but he was a fighter who lived "on borrowed time" one year longer than he was expected to, Lewis said.

Sept. 17 would have been Elliott's 50th anniversary with his wife, Lauralynn "Parkey" Parkerson. In addition to Cynthia, Elliott is survived by two other daughters and a son-in-law, Marjorie Kay Martin of Henderson, Nev., and Rebecca Sue and Michael Griffin of Loveland, Ohio.

Elliott, an avid fisherman who went fishing throughout Southern Illinois and even journeyed to Kodiak, Alaska, enjoyed everything he did, Cynthia said. But most of all, she said, he enjoyed being there for others.

"He loved people," Cynthia said. "He loved to help people solve their problems."

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### CARBONDALE

#### Trustee residency bill becomes law

Governor George Ryan signed a bill June 9 requiring trustees of all public universities to be Illinois residents. Any trustee who relocates out of state will be forced to resign, creating a vacancy on the board.

The bill is not retroactive, meaning the new law will not effect SIU Trustee George Wilkins, who resides at a Culver, Ind. address. Wilkins is listed in the University directory under an Edwardsville address, despite recent voting records indicating he is an Indiana resident.

The law was originally introduced as a senate bill by State Sen. Evelyn M. Bowles, D-Edwardsville, who said she hoped trustees residing out of state would step down and resign after the bill was signed.

### OHIO NORTHERN UNIVERSITY

#### Student receives prize for foul living

The competition definitely was stiff. Most others would be intimidated by a rival who owned two pet rats or another who held a birthday party for a two-year-old carton of milk. However, through perseverance, John Anderson emerged as the winner. He barely emerged, however.

Anderson, a junior at Ohio Northern University, is the winner of the Messies College Apartment Contest, sponsored by Apartments.com. Visitors to the site voted on the pigsty prize, based on photographs and essays submitted by Anderson and the finalists, from University of Maryland, and Elgin Community College.

In his essay, Anderson said thoughtfully, "I still haven't figured out what is rotting on my table, but it is growing."

For his efforts, or lack thereof, Anderson received \$10,000 in prize money (which Anderson, not surprisingly, says he will use to find a nicer apartment), and \$2,000 in credit to spend on auctions.com, the sister site of Apartments.com. What does Anderson credit to his award-winning apartment? Numerous, careless house guests, he claims. "I am the only one who ever cleans up the place...so I decided to let it go until someone else cleaned up, which doesn't happen," he said. Ironically, Anderson is a biology and environmental studies major, certified by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration to handle and remove toxic waste (but not his own.)

—from DAILY EGYPTIAN News Services

# Council decision yields way to video store

KATE MCCANN  
GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Carbondale's commercial district nudged its way across a perceived boundary between businesses and residences after a video store was granted permission to build on Oakland street.

The decision kindled controversy for residents frustrated by the expansion of the business district.

Family Video Movie Club successfully garnered enough votes from the Carbondale City Council June 6 to rezone five parcels of land located at 819 W. Main street and 103,105, and 107 S. Oakland St. The land has been rezoned from residential to secondary business.

The 3-2 council vote pitted Mayor Neil Dillard and councilman Margaret Flanagan against council members Brad Cole, Larry Briggs, and Michael Neill, who voted in favor of the decision.

"I made a vow that Oakland to Poplar would be a residential area," Dillard said, referring to a promise made by the council when Main Street and Walnut Street were connected in 1991 called the East-West Couple. "That's the promise I made, and that's the reason I voted against this."

Dillard added the decision may fuel continuous confrontation between property owners and those who want more businesses to move in.

Kris Wessell, president of central Carbondale Historic District Association, has been an active voice of contention in the struggle for real estate development.

"This town promised they would retain integrity of residential flavor in the neighborhood," Wessell said. "Since then they have been chipping away at that."

Wessell called herself "tired and frustrated" with zoning exceptions

made by the planning commission and City Council.

"I think the City Council should be ashamed," Wessell said.

The planning commission conducted a public hearing on the rezoning request May 3 to recommend approval of the rezoning application, although the staff recommendation of the planning commission was to deny the request.

David Buck, an eight-year resident of Carbondale, opposed the decision, fearing the opening of a video store would allow for the encroachment of businesses that are not compatible with the neighborhood, such as gas stations and auto repair shops.

"I feel the City Council, maybe on purpose, is opening the door to make [route] 13 look like [highway] 51," Buck said. "I'm not too surprised [the City Council] forgot what they promised."

Despite some local area opposi-

tion, Briggs insists the decision was strong progress toward the city's economic development.

Briggs, who referred to the town as "stagnant," added, "we cannot be a sleepy little college town and be successful."

Cole said Oakland Street can still remain the border, while allowing commercial business on both sides of the street.

"I don't see a real problem with what we've done," Cole said. "[the zoning ordinance] does not effect the Walnut Street Historic District."

The Walnut Street Historic District extends from the south side of Main Street to the south property lines of the lots on the south side of Walnut street and from the alley between Forest Avenue and Springer street to Poplar street. The East-West Couple was created with the intention of connecting Main street with Walnut Street and the Walnut Street Historic District.



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Bring letters and guest columns to the DAILY EGYPTIAN newsroom, Room 1247, Communications Building.

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- The EGYPTIAN reserves the right to not publish any letter or column.

Throughout the publication of the DAILY EGYPTIAN this summer, the newspaper will take stances on issues and form opinions on news affecting SIUC students, faculty and the Carbondale Community. The stances the newspaper takes are the result of lengthy discussion and conclusions of the DAILY EGYPTIAN editorial board.

The editorial board is composed of nine students who bring diverse backgrounds and viewpoints

with them. Each member possesses a unique perspective, academic experience, history and political affiliation to the discussion. Different members of the board are chosen to write editorials. The chosen author then writes to reflect the board's collected opinions, regardless of his or her personal views toward the topic.

The board also includes DAILY EGYPTIAN faculty adviser Lance Speere and faculty representative

Mike Lawrence. Both serve to advise on issues and have no voting power.

Occasionally, the board invites a guest to speak about a particular issue, but the number of voting positions on the board remains constant throughout the semester. Because the board loses students to graduation and job changes each semester, our goal is to become more accessible to readers by presenting who we are and what we represent.

## Meet the summer 2000 DAILY EGYPTIAN editorial board

**Daphne Retter**  
Editor-in-Chief



**Age:** 21  
**Hometown:** Dallas  
**Major:** Creative Writing  
**Background:** In the last few years, I have been a waitress, a behavioral therapist for autistic children, a columnist and a reporter. My personal crusades invariably relate to women, disabilities and the First Amendment.  
**Political affiliation:** Fiscal conservative, social liberal

**Corey Cusick**  
Managing Editor



**Age:** 21  
**Hometown:** Sparta  
**Major:** Journalism  
**Minor:** Psychology  
**Background:** I tend to preserve a very quiet, laid back approach to most aspects of life. I spend most of my free time, as little as it is, either on the basketball court or enjoying the nightlife. This is my first semester not working on the sports desk in my three-plus years at the DAILY EGYPTIAN, so I'm interested to see how the change works out, although I plan to return to sports in the fall.  
**Political affiliation:** Independent

**Rhonda Sciarra**  
News Editor



**Age:** 20  
**Hometown:** Swansea  
**Major:** Journalism  
**Minor:** Psychology  
**Background:** I come from a military family, living in Holland, San Antonio and Louisville, Ky., before moving to Swansea. I am a member of the greek system, the Society of Professional Journalists and Golden Key National Honor Society. I have worked at the DAILY EGYPTIAN for six semesters both as a reporter and editor on the Student Affairs and Academic Affairs desks. I have also written features about old Chicago nightlife for an Internet e-zine titled Chicago Confidential. In my spare time, I enjoy horseback riding and spending time at the Recreation Center. I am looking forward to graduating in May.  
**Political affiliation:** Republican

**Kate McCann**  
Government Editor



**Age:** 19  
**Hometown:** Chicago  
**Major:** Journalism  
**Minor:** History  
**Background:** This is my second semester at the DAILY EGYPTIAN working on government desk. I enjoy reading, writing, basic cable and trying to understand the captivating world of the Illinois political arena, although I never met an actual Republican until I left Chicago in 1998.  
**Political affiliation:** Undecided

**Andrea Donaldson**  
Student Affairs/Entertainment Editor



**Age:** 20  
**Hometown:** Vandalia  
**Major:** Journalism  
**Minor:** Sociology  
**Background:** I grew up with my parents and four siblings in a very small town that is very set in its ways. I am a family-oriented person, and I cherish my friendships. My personal goals have always been to be independent and to achieve the goals I set. This is my third semester with the DAILY EGYPTIAN. During my time here I have worked as an Academic Affairs reporter and copy editor. I am also an ambassador and peer listener for the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, former hall council president and vice-president and former Thompson Point Executive Council member. In my free time, I enjoy the outdoors, the Recreation center and watching romantic comedies.  
**Political affiliation:** Registered voter

**Kortney Hargrave**  
Copy Desk Chief



**Age:** 21  
**Hometown:** Stonefort  
**Major:** Creative Writing  
**Minor:** Journalism  
**Background:** I'm an environmentalist and an animal lover with strong family bonds. I'm working on my first novel so I'm a people watcher and think everyone and everything is a potential character or plot scene.  
**Political affiliation:** Independent with liberal tendencies

**Christine Bolin**  
Sports Editor



**Age:** 21  
**Hometown:** Chicago  
**Major:** Journalism  
**Minor:** English  
**Background:** This is my fourth semester at the DAILY EGYPTIAN on the sports desk, and I am thrilled to be sports editor before I graduate in August. One of my favorite things is the sport of basketball — either reading about it, playing it, watching it on TV or writing about it. This is why I am so interested in sports in general. I hope to someday (soon, like in two months) pursue a career in sports writing, eventually reporting on an NBA team. I also love meeting famous basketball players, even though I have a bad habit of acting a little too goofy around them.  
**Political affiliation:** I am a sports editor ... Does this question apply to me? Just kidding... I am a registered voter.

**Ted Schurter**  
Photography Editor



**Age:** 22  
**Hometown:** Normal  
**Major:** Photojournalism  
**Minor:** Sociology  
**Background:** I grew up with seven siblings and two parents in Tremont before moving to Normal at age 16. I enjoyed reading and rock climbing before I started working at the DAILY EGYPTIAN and lost all my free time.  
**Political affiliation:** Republican

**Andy Egenes**  
Sports reporter



**Age:** 21  
**Hometown:** Liberty, a small rural town outside Quincy  
**Major:** Journalism  
**Minor:** Marketing  
**Background:** During my three years at this University, I've spent two years as a student worker in the SIU Sports Information Department before joining the DE. As most could tell by my skinny frame, my dream of becoming a major league baseball player ended directly after my high school graduation. Being around Saluki Athletics has been a good learning opportunity because I hope to pursue a career covering or working for a collegiate athletic department or professional sports franchise.  
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# Student drowns visiting Australia

Art scholarship made to honor her memory

MARLEEN TROUT  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

An art scholarship has been created to honor a 22-year-old SIUC junior who drowned while visiting friends in Australia.

Jennifer Logan, a student in art restoration from Peoria, drowned May 14 while photographing dolphins off the coast of Australia.

Logan and long-time friend and SIUC student Stacey Miller were trying to get better photographs of the dolphins from a 2-mile path over rocky cliffs on Stradbroke Island, Australia. The two went down from the path to get a better shot. Vandals had recently destroyed signs warning against descending toward the water.

"We wouldn't have gone there if there were signs," Miller said. "There's no way."

They slipped into the water where waves smacked them against the rocks several times before they were towed far from shore.

Miller held the unconscious Logan and tried to revive her, while treading water for 45 minutes and waiting to be rescued, Miller said. After the rescue, Miller learned that Logan had drowned. Miller removed her oxygen mask and ran from her ambulance down to the beach where Logan lies lifeless on a stretcher.

"I held her in my arms and told her I loved her, and I said goodbye," Miller said.

But this would not be the last time that Miller confided in Logan. Miller said she still talks to Logan every night.

"I ask her for help to get through this," Miller said. "She's always been

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there for me through the hardest times in my life, and this is the hardest time in my life, and I still need her."

Logan was described by friends as a beautiful blonde with blue eyes that won a "best eyes" title in high school. Friends spoke of her wonderful smile and memorable laugh.

"Her laugh says it all," said friend and SIUC graduate Betsy Hunsley. "She had a great laugh and a great personality."

Hunsley described Logan as energetic, fun-loving, laid-back and ready to sacrifice anything to help a friend.

Logan loved attending SIU football games, movies, playing cards and the outdoors. She worked at 710 Bookstore for two years and was described as very hard-working.

Logan planned to have a family and her own art restoration business where she could also sell her art.

"She wanted to volunteer teaching kids without money or education how to draw and paint," Miller said.

To keep this dream alive, friends and family have created the Jennie Logan Memorial Art Scholarship Fund, which will provide undergraduate high school seniors the opportunity to study art in college.

"She was going to make a difference in this world," Miller said. "She had her mind set on that, and she was going to do it. She already made a difference in mine."

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# SIUC doctoral student dies on Florida vacation

Cordoni-Ely's colleagues and friends offer glimpse into her life and work

KELLY DAVENPORT  
 DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Family and friends mourn the death of Murphysboro native and SIUC doctoral student Tara Cordoni-Ely who died while on a family vacation June 7 in Orlando, Fla.

Cordoni-Ely was a part of SIUC's educational psychology program for the past eight years. She also taught at the Carbondale New School, 1302 E. Pleasant Hill Rd., for two years.

SIUC graduate student and friend of Cordoni-Ely, Cassandra Meyers-Tate, said she learned from the family that Cordoni-Ely died of a mitral valve prolapse — known as an enlarging heart.

According to Meyers-Tate, Cordoni-Ely knew of her heart condition since age 7 but was told it was not severe. Meyers-Tate said the 34-year-old Cordoni-Ely died poolside on the last day of her vacation while

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braiding her daughter's hair. Paramedics could do nothing to revive her, and she was pronounced dead around 11:30 a.m., she said.

Classmate Meyers-Tate said Cordoni-Ely's career goals were very important to her.

"Tara wanted to work to research more effective ways of diagnosing learning disabilities," Meyers-Tate said. "She could find ways kids could learn like no one else could. She was a very hands-on teacher."

Cordoni-Ely was known as a nature-lover, an open-minded person



**Cordoni-Ely**

**CORDONI-ELY**

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and a wonderful teacher, Meyers-Tate said.

"Tara will be remembered for the sheer magnitude of her giving," she said.

Cordoni-Ely was active in both her church community at Grace United Methodist Church, 220 N. Tower Rd., and the Cub Scouts. She married husband Kenneth Ely in 1987, and they have two children together: Brian and Nicole.

Close family members declined to comment on Cordoni-Ely's death, but New School Director Linda Rohling offered a portrait of the young woman.

"Tara was a very quiet, incredibly intelligent and knowledgeable person," Rohling said. "She knew about a lot of things. "We (teachers at the New

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Tara will be remembered for the sheer magnitude of her giving.

CASSANDRA MEYERS-TATE  
classmate of Cordoni-Ely

School) used to yell, 'Go ask Tara' [when we had questions]. But she wasn't a know-it-all and she wasn't shy."

Rohling described Cordoni-Ely's impact on her students at the New School.

"All those kids at the school, especially those in her class, knew without a doubt that they were so loved by her," Rohling said. "She was sharing, loving. She gave [the children] direction — they were her family. She gave them not only an academic education but a life education as well."

**BAC**

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council, said some of these allegations are "downright not true. Curkin said the positions were uncontested because the other petitions were ineligible. Of the four other candidates who submitted petitions, two were submitted past deadline, and the other two had forged signatures, Curkin said. Each signature on the petitions was written in the same ink and was written in what appeared to be the same handwriting. However, the ineligible candidates were on the April 26 ballot.

Mario Burton and Damira Fitzpatrick were the only eligible candidates for the rescheduled May 3 election, Curkin said. Burton was elected coordinator and Fitzpatrick assistant coordinator.

Curkin admitted perhaps she did not know enough about election procedure because she was serving as interim adviser since April. However, the polls were personally opened by her at 9 a.m. and then closed at 4 p.m., Curkin said.

The election was announced at a BAC meeting, but no advertisements were made, Curkin said.

In the memo, Henry recommended the council be investigated by USG's Internal Affairs Committee. If the problems are corrected, BAC should be funded, Henry said.

"BAC is a very important organization," wrote Henry. "If the organization is to survive, it will need the help of the USG Internal Affairs Committee."

BAC requested the \$35,000 to fund programs and events with African-American themes. It also helps support organizations like Blacks in Communication Alliance and Blacks in Engineering and Allied

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BILL ARCHER  
USG president

Technology.

Burton said the council has only enough money left from last year to run its office.

"We can't do any kind of programming for minorities without this funding," Burton said.

Curkin said BAC is very important as a provider of social opportunities for the blacks of Southern Illinois and SIUC and to "arbitrarily deny funding is very inappropriate."

Henry said he does not have a problem with the funding, but the organization needs to follow its constitution.

"They already had problems with the first election," Henry said. "They should have been able to straighten their problems out."

Archer said he plans to discuss the matter with Curkin and USG senators and perhaps resolve the matter by fall.

"I'm not looking forward to starting the year off with controversy," Archer said. "I want to start off with a clean slate."

Archer said the elections did not seem to be organized effectively, and there was a possible problem with the ballots. However, he feels a resolution may be found without a complete investigation.

"It is not USG policy to get into RSOs' business," said Archer. "However, BAC is in such turmoil, I feel they need assistance."

**Committee says monitoring foreign student may help reduce terrorism.**

WASHINGTON

Monitoring foreign students may help reduce terrorist activity, a congressionally appointed committee charged with looking into ways to prevent terrorism stated in a report released last week.

The 10-member panel, established two years ago after the bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa, devoted two pages of its 44-page report to the need to keep an eye on foreign students — about 500,000 of whom study each year in the U.S.

"Of the large number of foreign students who come to this country to study, there is a risk that a small minority may exploit their student status to support terrorist activity," the report states.

"The United States lacks the nationwide ability to monitor the immigration status of these students."

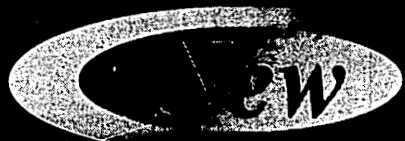
The commission recommended the use of the Coordinated

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The United States lacks the nationwide ability to monitor the immigration status of these students.

Interagency Partnership Regulating International Students, also known as CIPRIS, nationwide. The tracking system was created in 1996 and used on a trial basis until last year.

The electronic filing system — which tracks students whereabouts and can be accessed by colleges and universities nationwide — is scheduled to be up and running nationally in 2002.

Some educators faulted the commission's report for not providing new information about how keeping close tabs on foreign students would reduce the threat of terrorism.



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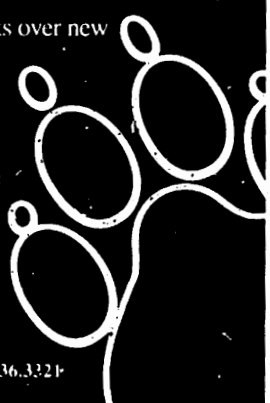
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# SUPERMAN

comes home  
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Southern Illinois town celebrates hero

STORY BY  
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KERRY MALONEY

It is not everyday that a person get to dress up as a childhood hero. And there are reasons why. Good reasons. Most of them involve men in white coats taking you away. But every year, thousands of people do it anyway.

They come to Metropolis and don the red, blue and yellow costume that flew through their childhood. They dress up as Superman.

The line between fiction and reality blurred this past weekend during the city's annual Superman celebration. From the simple blue T-shirt to the full costume, the mark of Superman was visible everywhere.

One man dressed in a full costume said, "Well, it's Superman Days in Metropolis. You don't get as much action dressed as Batman."

While crime fighting was at a minimum, there was plenty of action spread throughout the small southern Illinois town. It came in the form of game booths, weight-lifting and arm-wrestling competitions, tennis tournaments and other spectacles.

People stood in lines for hours to collect autographs from Margot Kidder and Marc McClure, who played Lois Lane and Jimmy Olsen in the Superman movies.

Scores of children participated in a "create a cape" activity sponsored by the Metropolis Planet. They transformed red plastic sheets into that famous cape and wore them proudly as they walked, ran and seemingly flew through the town. Others simply strolled through the concourse of vendors and feasted on the corn dogs and funnel cakes.

After several hours walking through the June heat, one woman said, "There are only two things that can kill Superman — one is Kryptonite, and the other is funnel cake." Kryptonite was on sale at the

Super Museum gift shop for \$5 a fragment. Funnel cakes were available for \$3 on the street.

No funnel cake-related fatalities were reported, and as any comic book reader can attest to, Superman always survives. Not only does he survive the fiendish plans of the villains who haunt his life, but he has also survived every incarnation of technological media.

From his first days as the comic book creation of Jerry Siegel and Joe Shuster, Superman has lived as a hero in comic books, a radio show, several television shows and cartoons, multiple movies and numerous video games. Through it all, he has always remained the quintessential good guy.

Steven Kirk, who flew with his wife, Vicki, from Los Angeles for the celebration, explained Superman's enduring popularity.

"No matter how much he changes, he always stays the same," Kirk said. "Even if they change his powers, his costume, whatever —

underneath it all it's just as the statue says: Truth, Justice, and the American Way."

The ever-changing media that Superman is presented in has had little effect on his fans, other than to draw more of them in.

"I'm a fan from way back—from the original series," Kirk said.

He described his wife as "more of a next-generation fan — Lois and Clark."

"We met somewhere in the middle," he added.

The connection the two found through Superman was so strong that Steven proposed to Vicki in a Superman costume. They've been married for two-and-a-half years.

Like many people at the festival, 5-year-old Alex Valentine expressed his fascination with Superman through his clothing. The trademark logo adorned his hat, his shirt and even his socks. He carried a Superman figure under his arm and explained his adoration of the man of steel.

"He's cool," he said. "He can fly, [and] he has comic books."



Two kids play under the giant Superman statue which overlooks downtown Metropolis Saturday afternoon. The four-day annual carnival offers games, contests and shows dedicated to the man of steel.



(Above): Lynne Giles, a long time Superfan from Nashville, TN, escorts her dog Allie on stage for the Super Dog Contest Saturday afternoon. Allie took fourth place during their first visit to Metropolis. Giles plans to visit annually for the festival. (Left): The Man of Steel Weightlifting Contest drew one of the largest crowds during the festival on Saturday.

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**Floro and Petrutiu claim MVC honors**

SIU women's tennis doubles team sophomore Pamela Floro and junior Simona Petrutiu claimed the Missouri Valley Conference No. 1 Doubles All-Conference honor. Both were recently named to the MVC Scholar-Athlete Team in May.

Floro and Petrutiu had an overall 25-3 record for this year. They went undefeated in league play (11-0) with only one conference loss within the past two years.

Floro and Petrutiu were recognized by the league for their singles talent and selected for the MVC's Singles All-Select Team. This is Floro's second year being selected and Petrutiu's first.

**SIU woman's basketball team inks final recruit**

SIU women's basketball team head coach Julie Beck signed the sixth and

final recruit for the 2000-01 season. Angela Tolbert, a 5-foot-9-inch guard/forward from Hamilton, Ohio, signed a National Letter of Intent to the Salukis.

At Hamilton High School, Tolbert was a four-time all-Butler County pick, first-team all-Greater Miami Conference choice the last two years of her high school career and a Division I Associated Press all-conference selection. Tolbert averaged 19 points and 10 rebounds her senior year and holds Hamilton's school record in points with 1,014.

**SIU track teams earn 14 Scholar-Athlete honors**

Fourteen athletes from the SIU men's and women's track and field teams were named to the Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete Team in June.

From the women's team, nine Salukis were selected, the largest number since 1996, and the men's team placed five, the third most in all

league schools.

The Salukis selected from the women's team were sophomore Hilla Medalia (3.95, radio/TV production), sophomore Marian Appiah-Kubi (3.77, communications and disorder science), senior Droso Lavithi (3.54, work force education), senior Erin Leahy (3.53, journalism), senior Jenny Monaco (3.46, Spanish education), freshman Rimma Turevsky (3.42, criminal justice), junior Caryn Poliquin (3.25, Radio/TV production), sophomore Krissy Mitchell (3.23, pre-medicine/biological sciences) and junior Tanya Dolgowska (3.04, computer sciences).

The five Salukis selected from the men's team were seniors Allen Lakomlak (3.44, business), Matt McClelland (3.25, agriculture education), Aaron Shunk (3.4, geology), Charles Stelk (3.43, physiology) and sophomore Joe Zeibert (3.42, forestry).

To be considered for this honor, the student-athlete must have placed in the top six at either the indoor or outdoor track and field conference championship and have a grade point average of 3.00 or higher.

**Low-profile athletic director finds success in Illini program**

GARY REINMUTH  
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Ask 100 casual University of Illinois sports fans to describe Athletic Director Ron Guenther, and 50 of them might say: "Ron who?" The other 50 would say: "Regis, I'd like to use that lifeline now."

In eight years as the Illini's athletic director, Guenther has been content to spend much of his time behind the scenes, even when it comes to hiring a key head coach. Guenther has had little to say since basketball coach Lon Kruger resigned to become coach of the Atlanta Hawks. Even if he had spent the last week in Champaign — he was on a golf vacation in Scotland — Guenther likely would have been working in relative seclusion.

A groundhog and Guenther appear to have a lot in common: They do some of their best work undercover. "What Ron does is prioritize," Illino's marketing director Dave Johnson said. "I think a lot of ADs love the limelight, love to see their name in the paper. He'd rather work with his coaches and student athletes."

Said tennis coach Craig Tiley: "Ron is the kind of guy who likes to be in a room and get things done, and when he's ready to talk to the press, he does."

As she watched alumni, fans and reporters breathlessly speculating about Guenther's choice to succeed Kruger, Illino's women's basketball coach Theresa Grentz had to smile. "Don't even sweat it," Grentz said. "One, two weeks tops, he'll be standing in front of the cameras, shaking hands with his new coach, and it'll be an outstanding choice. Remember four years ago when he hired Lon? How there was a lot of noise? I remember Barbara Kruger saying, 'What did we do wrong?' People were upset with the choice of Lon. What do we want with him? And look what happened. We'll be fine."

Maybe more than fine, judging by Guenther's track record. Grentz, Tiley and Kruger — all hired by Guenther — have made their teams factors on the national scene with regular post season appear-

ances.

Another Guenther hire, Ron Turner, led the football team to its first bowl appearance since 1994 last season.

Also brought on board during Guenther's reign: first-year softball coach Terri Sullivan, the former Illinois-Chicago coach and daughter of Gene Sullivan; new golf coach Mike Small, fresh off the Nike Tour; and Jill Ellis, who coached Illinois' first women's soccer team before being replaced by Tricia Taliaferro.

Now 55, Guenther retains the same zest for sports he exhibited in 1966, when he was named the Illinois football team's most valuable player as an offensive guard. "I was not looking to leave Rutgers when I was hired," Grentz said. "How did he convince me? Actually, he was quite charming. He said two words I know athletic directors like to choke on: national championship. What he does is allow you to be competitive — with integrity."

Tiley said he had a great opportunity a couple of years ago to leave Illinois and take a job at Tennessee. He decided to remain in Champaign because of Guenther. "When I first got this job, I knew Ron was a visionary," Tiley said. "I thought he'd be fun to work for. I knew he was responsible for building the tennis center, and I remember at our first meeting he told me how he treats all sports the same — revenue and non-revenue." We'll often see him in the stands," Tiley said. "He knows the name of every one of our athletes. During the NCAA round of 32 we watched him pacing up and down during the matches. We feel like he's part of the team. My guess is that with most ADs you don't get that."

Johnson estimates Guenther shows up at more than 100 events during the course of the school year. He believes that hands-on approach pays off when Guenther is forced to hunt for a new coach — a process he enjoys about as much as going to the dentist. "He's a guy who's there," Johnson said. "He talks to the athletes, to the coaches, to the parents. When he goes to make a coaching change he's really in touch with every sport. With his extensive background in fund rais-

ing, he's used to dealing with people.

Guenther, who has worked in various positions that involved fund raising for Illinois, has been athletic director since 1992.

Illinois coaches praise Guenther for the numerous facilities upgrades that have enabled the school to compete more successfully for the best athletes.

Building projects that have Guenther's fingerprints include the new \$12.5 million indoor football practice facility, expected to be completed in November; a new softball stadium, currently under construction, and the 2-year-old Richard T. Ubben practice building for the men's and women's basketball teams.

Guenther also helped raise funds to upgrade the baseball stadium, build the Atkins Tennis Center and the \$2.1 million Irwin Academic Center, refurbish Huff Hall and for improvements to Memorial Stadium and Assembly Hall. Guenther did it all while keeping the budget balanced and the program free of major scandals. "I'm careful what I ask for," Tiley said, "because everything I've asked for I've got. I've never gone into a meeting with him where the first thing he says is, 'The problem is...'"

Guenther does have one problem — finding a new basketball coach. But don't expect him to talk about it until he has his man. Iowa Athletic Director Bob Bowlsby, who hired Steve Alford as his basketball coach last year, believes that's the right approach. "There is only way to look for a coach, and that's as confidentially as possible," Bowlsby said. "It has to be kept secret or you won't have the pool of talent you want and the opportunity to have the kind of discussions you want if it's all played out in public. I think Ron Guenther has done a terrific job of hiring at Illinois. He'll find a good basketball coach too. If for no other reason than he hates to lose."

"Ron is Illinois, big-time," Tiley said. "He has been offered other jobs, but he loves Illinois. I think as long as the chancellor 1/8 Michael Aiken 3/8 and the president 1/8 James Stukel 3/8 are taking care of him, he'll always be at Illinois."

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Freshman Rimma Turevsky placed third in both the long jump (19-5 1/2) and triple jump (39-11 1/2). Other third-place finishers are sophomore Marian Appiah-Kubi (56.21) in the 400-meter dash, junior Tanya Dolgowska (1:00.77) in the 400-meter hurdles and junior Caryn Poliquin (43-5 3/4) in the shot put.

Other Saluki contributors include the 4x100-meter relay team's (46.53) second-place finish, senior Jenny Monaco's (36:50.07) fourth-place finish in the 10,000-meter run and senior Droso Lavithi (14.62) placed third in the 100-meter hurdles.

**MEN'S TRACK**

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1500-meter run.

Assistant coach Cameron Wright, who is one of the five finalists to take the helm after Cornell, thinks the Salukis will have better luck next season.

“We pretty much have everyone back except the seniors. It looks like we have a good team of new recruits coming in for next year.”

**DON DeNOON**  
Women's track and field coach

Even though DeNoon expected the Salukis finish the year on a more positive note, he said he is looking forward to next season.

"We pretty much have everyone back except the seniors," DeNoon said. "It looks like we have a good team of new recruits coming in for next year."

Wright and assistant coach Kevin Robinson, are working heavily on rebuilding the Salukis with new recruits for next year's team.

"I see this team getting a lot stronger," Wright said. "I think our squad next year is going to be very competitive at the conference championships and at every meet we compete in."

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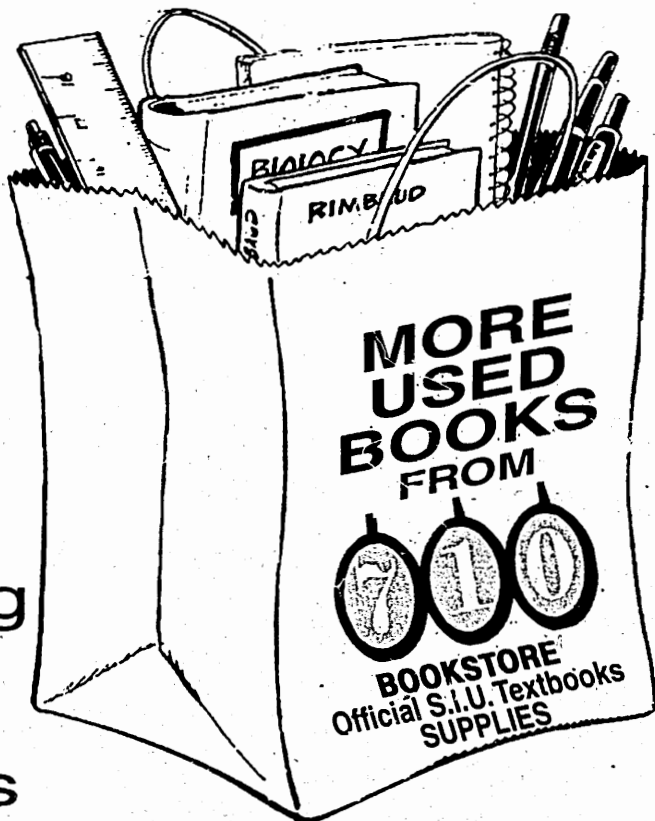
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# While you were gone...

## SIUC baseball ends mediocre season

*Salukis knocked out in second game of MVC tourney*

ANDY EGGENS  
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Unable to put together the pieces to a whole season, the SIUC baseball team's season came to an end when they lost both games in the Missouri Valley Conference tournament.

The Salukis (26-30, 15-17) won 10 of their last 13 contests of the season, earning them a sixth and final seed into the post-season tournament. SIUC lost 6-4 to top-seeded Wichita State University May 17, and the University of Evansville ended SIUC's season the following day with a 4-2 victory.

Wichita State eventually won the MVC tournament.

The Salukis appeared to show signs of revival after putting together a late regular season run and squeaked into the tournament for the first time since 1997.

SIUC baseball coach Dan Callahan was happy the team came together in the midst of conference action.

"That's hard to do in this conference," Callahan said. "I don't care who you're playing."

The Salukis ended their fourth consecutive year finishing below the 500 level, leaving the coaching staff bewildered on who should be named the team's most valuable player.

"Overall, this season was mediocre. I just wish we could find a way to put two halves of a season together," Callahan said.

At the start of the 1999 season, the Salukis started the year with a 20-4 record before tail spinning to a 25-29 finish, losing 25 of the last 30 games. This season, SIUC started the year well with a quality showing against respected Division I programs at Pepsi/Johnny Quik Classic in Fresno, Calif.

It is easy to pinpoint where the season went south. The Salukis spent much of the year trying to put together a run, but surrendered 22 of 31 games in the heart of the season.

Sophomore pitcher Jason Westemeir thought the strong finish at the end of the year will give them some fuel to locate some talent for next year's squad.

"We had our ups and downs throughout the year, but I think we came together late in the year," said Westemeir.

The Salukis will lose some pop throughout the line-up after losing second baseman senior Joe Meeks, who ended the year with a club-high .354 batting average, and senior slugger Kyle



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Senior infielder Joe Meeks is one of the six seniors who wrapped up the 2000 baseball season at the Missouri Valley Conference Championships, where the Salukis lost both games against Wichita State and the University of Evansville. SIUC ended the season with a record of 26-30 overall, 15-17 in the conference.

Kohlberg.

Callahan plans to spend the summer on the recruiting trail and has already landed a distinct prep.

Billy Clayton, a graduate of Glenwood

High School in Chatham, has signed a letter of intent to play with the Salukis next season. But Clayton will have more options to pursue as he was drafted by the Florida Marlins in the 10th round of this

year Major League Baseball draft last week. He has until the first day of classes to make a decision on his future. Fall semester begins Aug. 21.

## Men's and women's track finish with MVC Championship

*Salukis wrap up season placing sixth at conference.*

CHRISTINE BOLIN  
SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUC men's track and field team placed sixth out of seven teams at the 2000 Missouri Valley Conference Track and Field Championships in Wichita, Kan. May 17 through May 20.

Hosted by Wichita State University, the University of Northern Iowa captured the MVC crown by scoring 172 points for first place overall.

Indiana State University (133) came in second place, followed by Illinois State University (102), then Drake University (86) and Wichita State (71).

The only team the Salukis (63) defeated was Southwest Missouri State University (24).

Head coach Bill Cornell, who will retire Aug. 31, said he wished his Salukis would have performed better in his last meet as head coach.

"This was not a very good way to go out,"

Cornell said. "I am not very happy with this at all. We really could not get much worse than sixth."

Competing in his last collegiate meet in his career, senior Aaron Shunk (6-11 3/4) placed first in the high jump. Junior Brock Lovelace was the only other Saluki who placed first overall in their individual events. His throw of 198-5 in the javelin now ranks as the seventh furthest throw in SIUC history.

Seniors Brad Bowers and Erik Olson closed their careers at SIUC by placing second in their respective events. Bowers posted a personal-best leap of 24-9 1/4 in the long jump, while Olson threw 193-1 in the javelin behind Lovelace.

Senior Charles Stelk (53.28) placed third in the 400-meter hurdles, junior Joe Hill (6-8) placed fourth in the high jump, senior Allen Lakomiak (6365) came in fourth in the decathlon, and sophomore Joe Zeibert (3:54.60) took the fourth spot in the

*With a fifth place finish, Coach DeNoon looks forward to next year*

CHRISTINE BOLIN  
SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUC women's track and field team placed fifth at the 2000 Missouri Valley Conference Championships May 17 through May 20 in Wichita, Kan.

Illinois State University (170) took home the crown and placed first, followed by Southwest Missouri State University (105) in second. Host Wichita State University (88) took the third spot and Indiana State University (86) came in fourth.

The three teams SIUC (71) defeated were Drake University (56), the University of Northern Iowa (53) and Bradley University (22).

Head coach Don DeNoon said he expected the Redbirds to dominate the meet.

"Illinois State got started right from the very first event and continued to compete extremely well," DeNoon said. "A lot of their efforts pushed our kids down a little bit."

Junior Desiree Cocks was SIUC's top performer with her second-place finish in the long jump. Her leap of 19-7 was a personal-best.