A place of their own

GLBT Resource Center offers haven for students

In a modest office — one desk, one chair, a few books and magazines. For Malinda L., this is the most inspiring place at SIUC.

L., a freshman from Shelbyville studying English, is a transgender student who identifies as a female.

“When I first heard about it, I was really excited because this is what I was hoping would be here when I came to Carbondale,” she said.

The purpose of the center is to provide support for GLBT students and employees, coordinate awareness programs and offer books and magazines, said Paulette Curkin, director of the center.

More than 100 universities across the United States have similar centers, according to the National Consortium of Directors of LGBT Resources in Higher Education’s Web site.

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Student found dead in home

Police: No foul play suspected

Andrea Zimmermann
Daily Egyptian

An SIUC student was found dead in his mobile home Wednesday morning.

Police do not believe foul play was involved in the death of Mikal Donaldson, a senior from Chicago studying communication design, said Officer Randy Mathis.

Mathis said police responded to a call at 10:18 a.m., where they found Donaldson, 22, dead in his Malibu Village mobile home on the south end of town.

His cause of death will remain unknown until the Jackson County coroner performs an autopsy this afternoon. A worker in the coroner’s office said it is likely that no information will be available on Donaldson’s death until Friday.

Donaldson — who was known to his closest friends as “Mickey” — was quiet, but could also be seen around school.

See DONALDSON, Page 5

Women’s History Month starts today

Alicia Wade
Daily Egyptian

Programming for SIUC’s observance of Women’s History Month begins today and will include events planned throughout the campus and the city of Carbondale.

The theme of the month is “Generations of Women Moving Forward” and will feature events ranging from showings at the Big Muddy Film Festival to a discussion on lesbian writings that examine cultures that condemn homosexuality.

The month will also feature a student-directed version of “The Vagina Monologues.”

Emily Kelly-Padden, Marina Smelyansky and Andrea White direct the play, which was written by Eve Ensler. It is part of a national movement called the V-Day College Campaign, which, according to the V-Day Web site, strives to end violence against women and girls.

“The Vagina Monologues” will show at 7 p.m. March 2 and 3, and at 2 p.m. March 4 at McLeod Theatre. Tickets are $10 for the public and $5 for students with an ID.

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Women’s basketball vs. Missouri State - 7 p.m. today at SIU Arena - Tickets are $5 for adults and $3 for faculty, staff, children and seniors; SIU students admission free with valid ID

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Correction: In Wednesday’s DailyEgyptian, Kathleen Kendrick’s name was misspelled in the page 1 story “Marketing gets new minor.” The same story should have quoted Kendrick as saying, “I think we have a lot of opportunity at the university and we need to tell everyone the U of I community what it offers.”

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Ex-teacher charged with molesting students - BLOOMINGTON (AP) — The Indiana State Board of Education on Wednesday charged with molesting three students in Urbana now faces new charges that he sexually assaulted two students at a normal, suburban school.

Jan Andrew White, 26, was charged with two counts of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child Tuesday in McLean County. The charges allege that White molested two students while he taught at Colene House Elementary School in Normal from 2003 to 2005.

White has pleaded not guilty to three counts of predatory criminal sexual assault of a child, filed Feb. 1 in Champaign County. He is accused of molesting three girls in his classroom at Thomas Fair Grade School in Urbana sometime between September and December 2006. White, who was suspended without pay in Urbana the same day the initial charges were filed, remains jailed in Champaign County on $1 million bond. Bond also has been set at $1 million on the McLean County charges.
Local business community gathers for dinner, awards

Brandon Augsburg

Sometimes the business community needs a little love, too. Carbondale Main Street held its annual "Meet Us on Main Street" get-together Wednesday at Global Gourmet. Along with the customary food, drink and camaraderie, the event included an awards ceremony to recognize those who have worked to make the city a more inviting destination.

"It’s mainly to celebrate downtown and to bring recognition to the people that are working hard to keep downtown alive and well," said Roxanne Conley, executive director of Carbondale Main Street.

Conley said it is important to recognize volunteers such as Boyd for their work so that they feel good and so others will offer their time to the organization.

"It was just one more nice event to fit in well at the Pig Out," said Conley.

Jeff Duke laughs after receiving an award at the Carbondale Main Street awards ceremony Wednesday. He received the award for his work installing SIU’s Debit Dawg system at off-campus businesses.

Boyd worked with Conley to get businesses off campus to accept the card so students would have more options for dining and shopping, Conley said. Lenzi brought the first washers tournament to Carbondale, and said the event fit in well at the Pig Out.

"It was just one more nice event to hold at the Pig Out," she said. "It was just one more thing to do."
Michael Rubinkam
The Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, Israel — A middle school principal accused of selling crystal methamphetamine from his office after school and on weekends was arrested after police found the drug on his desk, authorities said Wednesday.

There was no indication that John Acerra sold the drug to students at Nitschmann Middle School, where he was arrested Tuesday, said Dennis Mihalopoulos, an agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration.

Police said they began investigating Acerra in early February after an informant told them the principal was using and distributing the drug. Acerra, who was in line of bust, had an unlisted phone number, and it wasn’t clear whether he had co-conspirators. No one answered the door Wednesday at his modest residence along a narrow alley in Allentown.

A letter was sent to parents informing them of the arrest, and teachers had spoken with the 950 students at the school where Acerra had been a principal since 2000, said Bethlehem schools Superintendent Joseph Lewis.

“I am stunned and troubled by these events,” Lewis said. “I offer no expression of shock or disbelief.”

According to court documents, police last Thursday watched Acerra sell 2,500 more doses to a customer in a store parking lot. They stopped the buyer, who told officers he had been to Acerra’s home 10 times over the past three months, officials said.

The informant had been arranged for an informer to buy $20 worth of meth from Acerra on Saturday in the parking lot of an Allentown drug store, according to court documents. The drug交易 agreed to deal with Acerra and the informant, who wore a listening device as he began conducting the transaction inside the principal’s office, authorities said. Acerra did not have enough meth to do the informant, and he and the informant arranged to meet later that night to complete the buy. Mihalopoulos said Wednesday.

After the informant left the building, he entered Acerra’s office and found him sitting at his desk with a bag of meth next to a glass tube with meth residue and burns marks on it, according to court documents. Also on the desk was the marked money the informant used to purchase the drug, the documents say.

Police said that under normal circumstances, they would have made a warrantless buy and tried to work their way up the drug network, but that they had to act immediately because of Acerra’s job.

**Principal accused of dealing meth**
Financial aid applications due in a month

Ryan Rendleman
Daily Egyptian

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It’s time for a war-termination strategy

To hear the leading presidential candidates of both parties tell the story, the war in Iraq is simply a test of competence. Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., has said the war in Iraq has been mismanaged for years and that Donald Rumsfeld will go down as one of the worst defense secretaries in history. Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., condemns President Bush for the “incompetence he has brought to the planning and implementation of his policy.”

Certainly, there has been plenty of incompetence in the planning and execution of our Iraq strategy. But dwelling on questions of competence misses the real issue: The policy itself was flawed from the outset. Unless political leaders of both parties acknowledge that, solutions will continue to be elusive. Saying that the policy was flawed from the outset is not hindsight. The consequences of occupying Iraq were well understood and predicted more than a decade ago, in the run-up to the first Persian Gulf War in 1991. Unfortunately, that wisdom was cast aside and now, in 2007 — nearly four years into the invasion and occupation of Iraq — those predictions unfortunately have come to pass.

It is instructive to note who was making those predictions back then.

“There was, for instance, Dick Cheney, then secretary of defense. Appearing on “This Week with David Brinkley” in April 1991, he rightly rejected a mursch to Baghdad in the effort to turn back Iraq’s conquest of Kuwait.

“One once we got to Baghdad, what would we do?” he asked. “Who would we put in power? What kind of government would we have? Would it be a Sunni government, a Shia government, or a Kurdish government? Would it be secular along the lines of the Ba’ath Party? Would it be fundamentalist Islamic? I do not think the United States wants to have U.S. military forces accept casualties and accept the responsibility of trying to govern Iraq, I think it makes no sense at all.”

Cheney was not alone in such views. That sharp thinking was shared among the principal advisers in the administration of President George H.W. Bush. They opposed any policy that might lead to U.S. forces getting bogged down in urban guerrilla warfare in Baghdad or a lengthy postwar occupation of Iraq. They did not want to be sucked into a civil war.

“Once the power brokers go down as one of the most incompetent American proconsuls in any foreign land, the black race in America.

Booker T. Washington supported the idea of separate but equal. He believed it was a way for black people to achieve some level of equality in the education system. He believed that if black children were forced to go to separate schools, they would be able to achieve their full potential.

Integration is based on a premise that race is irrelevant. This ideology is senseless in the context of a racist America. The ideology that says “I don’t see color” is a lie. It is part of me, I am unapologetically black and proud of it. However, society makes any judgment about me based solely on my race.

The greatest act of terrorism — slavery — perpetrated against my ancestors disconnected me from my original name and language. The black race in America is the only people who cannot trace their roots.

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Culture comes alive

Photo column by
Dan Celvi – DAILY EGYPTIAN

Members of the Brazilian Student Council practice Capoeira, a Brazilian fighting technique at the Culture Fest on Feb. 16. Capoeira is a technique that combines fighting motions with fluid, acrobatic movements and a dancing rhythm with music to create a spectacular display of agility and body control. SIUC students from all over the world put on displays of their heritage. Whether putting on a show of Brazilian fighting techniques or a Japanese dance derived from fishing, students displayed that just living in a new land such as the United States doesn’t destroy heritage. Maybe the idea of the boiling pot as opposed to the melting pot with culture is coming to fruition. Just because someone is here and living like an American doesn’t mean all traditions from their country of origin must be forgotten.

Even more importantly, students at SIUC are getting opportunities to show off their traditions at events such as the Culture Fest. As a photographer who hopes to go overseas, learning any aspect about other people’s values and cultures helps me know what I want to do in the future.

Cigarettes should be criminalized
DEAR EDITOR:

In response to the editorial, “Smoke-free a good plan,” I would like to express my wholehearted agreement, but with one caveat. I do not think banning smoking in private businesses is enough. For the safety of everyone in and around Carbondale, I suggest we commence with the outright criminalization of the sale and possession of cigarettes and all other tobacco-related products. Here, we have the opportunity to be seen as pioneers of public health. When others suggest this same measure, we can be seen as the brave souls who made it work first. Smokers are endangering the lives of countless people with their precious cancer sticks. Who are they to decide what substances they put into their body? Who are they to decide what they are allowed to do on their private property in the exclusion of their own homes?

One could argue that this criminalization might flood our prisons with no-good nonsmokers “niche-heads” and their dealers, or that the government should never completely ban such an addicting substance because the hefty taxes levied on its sale can be used to line the city’s coffers. We must, however, keep our eyes on the prize. We must never forget that the most important thing to consider here is the protection of the public health.

Finally, I submit the words of Peter J. Daley (D-PA) referring to his recent bill attempting to ban cigarettes in cars with children: “We know that secondhand smoke is worse than firsthand smoke. The studies are all in, and we really want to protect the health of our children.” Following this train of thought, I submit that third-hand smoke is the real threat behind the cigarette epidemic. If there is one thing that homeopathy has taught us, it is this. Won’t somebody, please, think of the children?

Daniel Mueller-Miller
Junior biochemistry major

Make Black American Studies a major
DEAR EDITOR:

Greetings fellow Salukis! I read last week’s article about the black studies program and I, along with other alumni, fully support black studies becoming a major. Black studies is an extremely important part of the American experience, black studies culturally and socially enhances the lives of black and non-black students and their understanding and perspective on the black experience, and Black Studies helped shape me and countless others into the men and women that we are today. My main hope is that the departments of the College of Liberal Arts understand this significance and makes the black studies major a reality for all future Salukis. In closing, remember that black studies is as American as apple pie and that Southern Illinois University Carbondale and COGA want to continue to keep Black American Studies a part of the curriculum and make it a major! Go Dawgs!

Jeremy Marketh Thompson
SIUC graduate

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tudents or facility with GLBT-
related concerns had her place to
turn before this opened, Lautzen said.

Uhlan, she said, those in crisis about
their sexual orientation were returning to
Lautzen’s office in Student Development.
The university now provides those stu-
dents, faculty and staff with a place they
can be sure is safe, Lautzen said.

“Crisis is a difficult process,” she said.
“Too many people, they just need somebody to talk to.”

L., who wore as Ryan L., at the begin-
ing of her first semester at SIU, said
coming out as a transgender on campus
was a terrifying experience.

“When I came out, all I had was the
Saluki Rainbow Network, which was
great, but it doesn’t offer the same thing
the resources center does,” she said.

Years of when to go, L. said she
gave her to the Saluki Rainbow Network, a
registered student organization, for help.
She said the organization referred her to
Lautzen, who referred her to a transgender
graduate student for guidance.

“All I had was this small group of
people who had been there before,” she said.

Chloe Logley, a junior from
Carbondale studying English, said her
similar experience of making out the
GLBT community on campus was awk-
ward.

Logley, who identifies herself as a
lesbian, said she wasn’t completely comfort-
able being out and had difficulty finding
Saluki Rainbow Network meetings dur-
ing her freshmen year.

“It’s kind of weird to ask people, ‘Do
you know where the Saluki Rainbow Network
is?’” she said.

An inclusive university

The Triangle Coalition, a gay faculty
and staff group first asked for a resource
center when the group formed in 1993, but
an all-male program was made until
recently, Lautzen said.

Frankly, the former chancellor’s
homophobic remarks did more for us
than anything,” she said.

In 2004, former Chancellor wimenti
Wunder told the Southern Illinois
(university) that通往 extending health
benefits to same-sex, partnered university
employees would encourage “initial behavior.”

Logley, now a co-director of the
Saluki Rainbow Network, said Wunder’s
comments were difficult to take at the
time.

“From people that you know, it’s one
thing, but to have this
face of the university say it is okay or you had
small and insignificant,” Logley said. “It makes
you feel bad.”

Several months after Wunder’s remarks,
Chairman of the Center for
Provo John Drum
ted a committee to
address GLBT issues on
campus. The resource center was one of
12 recommendations made by the com-
mittee in a report issued in August 2005.
The center opened Jan. 17.

Drum was the interim chancellor
after Wunder’s ouster in November said
the resource center is reflective of SIU’s
history of diversity and acceptance.

This institution has always been an
inclusive university,” he said.

Drum said he respects that some stu-
dents, faculty and staff at SIU may have
different stories about the resource center.

“We all learn together, and that means
that our own value remains sometimes as challenged, but in that way we grow,”
he said.

Lautzen said the most outspoken critics of
the center has been Southern Illinois
reporter and columnist Jim Muehle.

In an opinion with the Southern, “None
of us support the center, but the center’s
not all gay. The center’s not all gay.”

Muehle wrote that it is
weird for the center to see Illinois Tax-
payers money to operate.

The center’s first-year budget is $15,000.

Regardless of what words such as
‘celebrate’ and ‘support’ mean out about the GLBT center, the GLBT center believes that gay and gay
people do not approve of or condone,”
he wrote.

March declined to com-
ment Wednesday.

Acceptance on campus

The resource center is a new center that
exists at SIU, but it is not a center for
Gay GLBT-related prob-
l problems, said Clark Clark, who
identifies herself as a gay

student.

Clark, a senior from Effingham studying
mass communications, said misconceptions about
GLBT people still exist at SIU and
prophets, in the religious communities, he said.

“We go to school, they eat, we
at the center, we try to
get to know these people,”
he said.

There are relatively few incidents of
discrimination on campus, Clark said, but
there is a lack of open discussion on
GLBT issues.

Everyone has to stick to their
own business,” he said.

Kendra Ulmer, a freshman from
Glenwood studying pre-dental biology,
said she has several gay friends and she
knows little evidence of any discrimination
on campus.

“Most people stay in their own
lives and deal with their own problems,” she
said.

In fall 2005, two freshmen were charged with a hate crime and later sus-
pended from university after they were
of a student’s residence hall
rooms and written anti-homosexual words on
his door.

It was one of about a dozen hate
crime cases handled by the university, but
the first of an anti-homosexual nature.

Andrew Keenan, who identifies herself
as bisexual student, said SIUC provides
acceptance, environment and she has
enjoyed the opportunity to take classes
from gay instructors.

“Personally it makes me feel more
different to know that it’s accepted,” said
Keenan, a sophomore from Moline
studying mortuary science.

She said that some students have been
critical of the GLBT population.
The Christian Apologists, a religious
student organization, passed our limita-
tions concerning homosexuality during
GLBT Awareness Week April in 2006,
said Joshua Stidham, a member of the
Christian Apologists Club, said the
group internally discusses limitations
about homosexuality, and what it consid-
ers an other view, but the group does not
question the university’s GLBT population.

“The leadership doesn’t necessarily
behave homosexually — I know that
but it doesn’t mean anything,”
said Stidham, a graduate student from
Anchorage studying forestry.

A complex situation

L., who experiences with University
Housing has been awkward.

Because she is highly visible, she lives
with two male roommates in Abbott Hall,
all male residence hall.

I tried to get into housing with a
girl roommate and they would not allow that,” she said.

Both health, associate director for
University Housing, said no policy exists
regarding how to assign rooms to trans-
gender students, but generally students
are grouped according to their legal sex.

In spring 2006, University Housing
began allowing same-sex and domestic
partners to live together on campus. The
policy is in line with the Illinois Human
Rights Act, which protects people from
discrimination based on race, color, reli-
gions, sex and sexual orientation.

L. said her situation is less
different because her roommate are friends of
hers. She said the situation would likely
become more complicated because she plans on taking hormone therapy, meant
to help her grow breasts.

“I think if I understand fully how
embarrassed it actually is, then I would make
an Illiniwesque sex one,” she said.

She said her instructor often
bashed when she asks to be called Malinda
instead of Ryan. In large lecture classes,
she said she sees the name Ryan but in
smaller classes she goes to Malinda.

“I think I’ve actually gotten to
wear a skirt while wearing a skirt once,” she
said.

Logley said the atmosphere at the
university is not perfect, but progress has
been made.

“I feel like we’re moving forward,
where’s a parade,” she said. “But we’ve got a
person center and that’s a huge thing now.”

We go to school, we eat, we go to
parties, we go to class, we skip class —
just like anyone else.”

Brian Clark
Jongerue, a sophomore studying mortuary

science, lowers the work table in a lab for a mortuary
science class on Tuesday afternoon at the AIA building.
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Girls and Sports
by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

By Linda Black
Today's Birthday (03-01-07). You're the brains behind the operation this year. Don't tell everybody what you're thinking. They'll judge you by your results. They don't even know how you come up with your ideas. In private, use prayer, meditation and requests for miracles.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - You're very attractive now but you don't feel very much like working. This is not necessarily bad, if you've already finished your chores.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 6 - The fun part of this project is you're gaining as you spend. Invest in a place you can live now, and turn it into money later.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - You'll have more time to study now; so don't waste it running around. Have the pizza delivered and get back to work.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - You can go shopping, but only get things that make your future more secure. In other words, buy things that will ultimately reduce your expenses.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - Don't spend a lot, but do show everybody your appreciation. It means more to them than you know, but you'll learn as you go along. Besides, it's fun.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 5 - Keep thinking about the reward you'll give yourself when this project's done. Don't wait around for somebody else's praise. Take care of your own.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 21) - Today is a 7 - A remarkable discovery disrupts your work routine. Make a change in priorities. Set aside what you were doing, for now.

Scorpio (Oct. 22-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - Provide the necessary services with a smile and a friendly manner. Others want to pay even more than you're asking for.

Sagittarius (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - You're getting closer to solving the mystery. Keep it to yourself. Others want to know what you know, but they aren't all on your team.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - Don't talk about your wins or losses yet, you're not finished. You're in a position to spend more than you have. If you do that, be careful.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - Training a helper at first seems to cost you more than it's worth. Don't give up, this turns out to be a good long-term investment.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - There's more work coming in, and this time you're ready for it. You have a routine in place that will make the load easier to process, and more profitable.

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That scrambled word game by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Sudoku: Uncramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.
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**Tatum**

Tatum is the fifth Saluki to win the MVC Player of the Year award. The other four are Mike Glenn, Ashraf Amaya, Chris Carr and Darrin Brooks, who won it twice.

“The thing I’m most happy about is knowing that I worked as hard as those guys that got that award,” Tatum said.

The Player of the Year vote is believed to be the closest in MVC history. Tatum garnered 70 points in the voting, edging Creighton’s Nate Mullins 67 points and Saluki junior forward Randall Falker 65.

“How many big shots did he hit? I would definitely give it to him,” Falker said. “I would’ve voted for him. If you hit big shots after big shots and free throws after free throws in the game in clutch situations you should probably get it. I get Player of the Year.”

Lowery said if Falker had played more consistently at the end of the season, Falker might have been Player of the Year. In the Salukis’ final five games, Falker turned in two four-point performances and one five-point game.

Falker completed the regular season with 13.1 points per game. His 76 rebounds per game ranked third in the MVC and 15 steals per game led the conference.

“He was a big part of what we did this year in the conference,” Tatum said. “He’s going to continue to be a big part of this program until he graduates.”

Tatum and Falker were also named to the All-MVC First Team along with Blake Ahearn of Missouri State and Creighton’s Funk and Anthony Tolliver.

**BASEBALL**

Junior left fielder Dean Cademartori added a homerun and four RBIs in the game as well.

Callahan said he was happy with how Kelly responded to being moved up in the order.

“I’m very pleased with Mark Kelly,” Saluki coach Dan Callahan said. “It’s not every day you see someone get five hits in a game. In the last six games, Clemmons shot 46.7 percent from the floor and 92.3 percent from the free throw line.”

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**DEFENSE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 16**

The interaction on defense between the guards and Falker, Mullins said, is a two-way street.

“Randal always saves us, me and Tony, when the guards get past us,” Mullins said. “We help Randal defensively and he probably led the league in charges taken,” Lowery said.

“So not only does he block shots and really play strong post D, but he also takes a lot of charges and that’s stuff that doesn’t show up, as far as stats are concerned, but we keep track of it as coaches.”

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**Salukis rake in awards**

**Jamaal Tatum named MVC Player of the Year**

Jamaal Tatum had a decision to make last summer: accept an internship or stay in Carbondale and work out with his teammates. The senior guard opted to stay at SIU with the team for the summer, and the extra work has paid off with a regular season Missouri Valley Conference championship for the Salukis and the 2007 Larry Bird MVC Player of the Year for Tatum. Tatum said the team's success as a whole and his individual honors go hand-in-hand.

"(SIU) coach (Chris Lowery) always talks about how important it is to see if I could push myself, like getting up in the morning when I had the whole day off when classes hadn't even started yet," Tatum said. "I did stuff just to see how far I could push myself, like getting up in the morning when I had the whole day off when classes hadn't even started yet," Tatum said. "I would just get up in the morning, super early, just to test myself to see if I could do it, just do it for no reason, go outside when it was snowing and my mom's like, 'Don't do it, don't do it, you're going to have a heart attack.'"

**SIU dominates MVC defensive honors**

"We knew he was going to win it. He leads the league in blocks and he guards everybody's best inside guy," Lowery said. "But if you ask Bryan or Tony, they'll probably say they deserve to be defensive player of the year, too. We're just happy for him."

"I'm appreciative not to do what he did," Falker said. "I'll block a few shots if I don't have to guard the ball full court."

Mullins was eighth in the MVC with 1.3 steals per game, with Young tied for ninth averaging 1.27. Young has recorded 38 steals this season, moving him into sixth all-time at SIU with 164 steals. Lowery is fifth with 169, and Mullins has recorded 38 steals this season, tied for ninth averaging 1.27. Young has recorded 38 steals this season, moving him into sixth all-time at SIU with 164 steals. Lowery is fifth with 169, and Mullins has recorded 38 steals this season, tied for ninth averaging 1.27. Young has recorded 38 steals this season, moving him into sixth all-time at SIU with 164 steals. Lowery is fifth with 169, and Mullins has recorded 38 steals this season, tied for ninth averaging 1.27. Young has recorded 38 steals this season, moving him into sixth all-time at SIU with 164 steals. Lowery is fifth with 169, and Mullins has recorded 38 steals this season, tied for ninth averaging 1.27. Young has recorded 38 steals this season, moving him into sixth all-time at SIU with 164 steals. Lowery is fifth with 169, and Mullins has recorded 38 steals this season, tied for ninth averaging 1.27. Young has recorded 38 steals this season, moving him into sixth all-time at SIU with 164 steals. Lowery is fifth with 169, and Mullins has recorded 38 steals this season, tied for ninth averaging 1.27. Young has recorded 38 steals this season, moving him into sixth all-time at SIU with 164 steals. Lowery is fifth with 169, and Mullins has recorded 38 steals this season, tied for ninth averaging 1.27. Young has recorded 38 steals this season, moving him into sixth all-time at SIU with 164 steals. Lowery is fifth with 169, and Mullins has recorded 38 steals this season, tied for ninth averaging 1.27. Young has recorded 38 steals this season, moving him into sixth all-time at SIU with 164 steals. Lowery is fifth with 169, and Mullins has recorded 38 steals this season, tied for ninth averaging 1.27. Young has recorded 38 steals this season, moving him into sixth all-time at SIU with 164 steals. Lowery is fifth with 169, and Mullins has recorded 38 steals this season, tied for ninth averaging 1.27. Young has recorded 38 steals this season, moving him into sixth all-time at SIU with 164 steals. Lowery is fifth with 169, and Mullins has recorded 38 steals this season, tied for ninth averaging 1.27. Young has recorded 38 steals this season, moving him into sixth all-time at SIU with 164 steals. Lowery is fifth with 169, and Mullins has recorded 38 steals this season, tied for ninth averaging 1.27. Young has recorded 38 steals this season, moving him into sixth all-time at SIU with 164 steals. Lowery is fifth with 169, and Mullins has recorded 38 steals this season, tied for ninth averaging 1.27. Young has recorded 38 steals this season, moving him into sixth all-time at SIU with 164 steals. Lowery is fifth with 169, and Mullins has recorded 38 steals this season, tied for ninth averaging 1.27. Young has recorded 38 steals this season, moving him into sixth all-time at SIU with 164 steals. Lowery is fifth with 169, and Mullins has recorded 38 steals this season, tied for ninth averaging 1.27. Young has recorded 38 steals this season, moving him into sixth all-time at SIU with 164 steals. Lowery is fifth with 169, and Mullins has recorded 38 steals this season, tied for ninth averaging 1.27. Young has recorded 38 steals this season, moving him into sixth all-time at SIU with 164 steals. Lowery is fifth with 169, and Mullins has recorded 38 Optical Flow Text: **Joining the elite:**

Salukis win sixth after offensive surge

**Batmen return**

The SIU baseball team’s offense has been stuck in neutral this season until Wednesday’s game at Tennessee-Martin. In the first mid-week matchup of the 2007 season, the Salukis offense torched the Skyhawks’ pitching staff for 12 runs on 17 hits — both season highs — as SIU defeated Tennessee-Martin 12-5 at Skyhawk Field. Sophomore catcher Mark Kelly led the Salukis’ (7-3) offensive onslaught with three RBIs. He finished 5-for-6 with a double, four singles and a run scored.

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**Mark Kelly avoids a tag by sliding into first base Feb. 23 in the Salukis’ win over Central Michigan.** The Salukis had a 12-5 win over Tennessee-Martin on Wednesday.