

**DiCicco leaves legacy behind**

SIU grad's love for nature and vibrant personality live on

**DAPHNE RETTER\*\**

Curt Carter sat in a meeting in Clampaugh Saturday when he was told he had a phone call. He heard his wife’s voice on the line. She said, “I have some bad news.” In the moment before he went on, thought maybe one of his dogs had been hit by a car. He was not prepared for what he was about to hear.

“Renee was murdered.”

When Carter heard his wife say that one of his employees at Touch of Nature — a young woman who he considered his friend — was dead, he could not at first process his thoughts.

“When you hear those words, you don’t believe them,” said Carter, the director of the environment Ed-Venture program. “You can’t comprehend them because it seems like such a foreign concept.”

In the early hours of that morning, Renee DiCicco, a 22-year-old SIUC graduate in zoology was murdered in her Carbondale home. Brett Jancek, when she was dying, was also attacked, but after emergency surgery Saturday, he is now expected to make a full recovery.

The State’s Attorney’s Office charged SIUC student Donald Forcum with three counts of first degree murder, one count of attempted first degree murder, one count of home invasion and one count of armed violence in connection with Saturday’s events.

The news of the DiCicco’s death spread slowly through the Carbondale community as city officials released only fragments of information Saturday and Sunday.

It was not until he picked up a newspaper Sunday that John Wallace, assistant program coordinator for the environmental Ed-Venture program where DiCicco worked for the past two years, discovered her petite coworker had been killed.

Monday evening, a soft-spoken Wallace walked down the trail to the Touch of Nature beach as he talked about DiCicco.

“She’s going to be dearly missed,” he said. “She had a vibrant personality and energy about her that can’t be replaced.”

He comforted a photo in his hand of the whole Ed-Venture crew. In the picture, DiCicco’s mouth is open with laughter.

“I don’t think she could laugh quietly,” he said. “She had a laughter that would burst, you know, just had these outbursts.”

DiCicco graduated in December with a degree in zoology and a minor in environmental studies. George Feldhauer, a professor in zoology and the program director for environmental studies, remembers DiCicco for her kindness for the native and her interest in science. But it would be impossible to know DiCicco, without knowing her strong, playful personality. Feldhauer said:

“She was real personable and upbeat,” he said. “She enjoyed zoology, and she loved the outdoors.”

Carter said DiCicco could not keep her enthusiasm to herself. Whether she was camping, rock climbing or sitting outside in the grass, friends say she was

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**Friends of murder suspect speak out**

ALEXA AGUILAR\*\**

Friends of SIUC student Donald E. Forcum have a hard time recalling the quiet, polite man they knew with the Gryllus name with which he is associated.

Forcum, 28, is charged with first-degree murder and attempted murder after allegedly murdering Renee N. DiCicco and seriously wounding Brett H. Jancek just this past weekend.

Tom Janecke, father of Brett H. Janecke, said the Southern Illinoisan Monday that Forcum allegedly attacked the pair in DiCicco’s home with a knife, decapitating DiCicco and leaving Jancek with serious wounds on the neck.

Forcum, a senior in food and nutrition, worked on the custodial staff at the Student Center. His co-workers described him a level-headed, intelligent and friendly.

Frank Mass, a junior in education studies, remembers DiCicco for her soft-spoken voice at work.

“Her was not aggressive,” Mass said. “I never heard him raise his voice at work.”

Frank Ramirez, another co-worker at the Student Center, remembered talking with Forcum at the Recreation Center about his plans for the future. Forcum was scheduled to graduate at the end of the summer with a degree in food and nutrition.

“He planned to head West and start his own dude ranch,” Ramirez

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**Sanders removed from Argersinger lawsuit**

**ALEXIS McCAIN**

Former SIUC President Ted Sanders was dropped from a list of defendants named in a lawsuit against the SIU Board of Trustees, after a Circuit Court judge determined Sanders was not at odds with the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Former SIUC Chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger filed the lawsuit shortly after her 1999 termination, claiming Sanders and the board had violated the Open Meetings Act that evening. Ted Sanders was dismissed from the suit.

Also dropped from the suit was David Mote, vice president for fund raising and eventually found her.

Circuit Judge David Mote made decision because Sanders is not a public figure requirement "weeded out of the Open Meetings Act.

SIUC legal counsel Peter Roger is pleased that Sanders was dismissed from the suit.

"It’s an overreach of 'Argersinger' be named and I’m glad the courts recognized this," Roger said, adding that he expects the case may be resolved by this summer.

Despite Warm’s ruling, SIU HOPE members are not discouraged.

“No one ever presumed the lawsuit would be resolved locally,” said Beverly Stitt, co-coordinator of SIU HOPE. "Things will get viable, and we will win out in the long run."

A second lawsuit filed by three SIUC professors against the University and board chairman A.D. VonMETZ was dismissed last April on grounds it was speculative.

However, Stitt strongly believes the June 3 termination of Argersinger left questions unanswered due to the process used by the legal system.

"The only way to get the truth is through the courthouse, and the only way can people to tell the truth is by subpeoning them and demanding the truth," Stitt said. "That’s the only way we’ll find out what happened last June."
CALENDAR

Today
- Library Affairs, Open House, 10:30-1:30 p.m., Library Room 1030, 453-3818.
- Library Affairs, Power Point, 10 t o 11:15 a.m. Vivian Library Room 1030, 453-3818.
- Southern Illinois Pagan Alliance presents: Pages in the Park picnic & fun, June 17, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Evergreen Park, free. 509-5929.
- Free Sail loft Ride sponsored by Southern Illinois Collegiate Sailing Club, June 17, from noon to 3 p.m. at the Club, Orchard Lake sailing Harbor. Registration by phone or email. Sara 529-0592.
- Library Affairs, Introduction to Constructing Web Pages (HTML), 2 to 4 p.m. June 13, Morris Library Room 1030, 453-3818.
- Library Affairs, Introduction to Constructing Web Pages (HTML), 2 to 4 p.m. June 14, 11 a.m. Morris Library Room 1030, 453-3818.
- Blood Drive, June 19, 10 to 7 p.m. Rec Center, donators and volunteers needed. Vivian 453-3818.
- Southern Illinois Pagan Alliance, Literary Discussion Group, meets every Monday, regarding the First Mon. of the month. 7 to 9 p.m. Longbranch Coffeehouse, Marcus 529-7195.
- Library Affairs, Java Script, 2:30-3:30 p.m. June 9, Morris Library Room 1030, 453-3818.
- Blood Drive, June 20, 10 to 7 p.m. Rec Center and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Law School, donators and volunteers needed. Vivian 453-3818.
- Library Affairs, Finding Info., only 10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. June 21, south Library Room 1030, 453-3818.
- Blood Drive, June 21, 7 to 7 p.m. Rec Center and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rehn Building. Donors and volunteers needed, Vivian 453-3818.
- Art in the Garden presents "Carls and Canvasses," environmental folk music, University Museum Sculpture Garden, northwest side of Tanner Hall, June 22, 12 to 1 p.m. William 536-3818.
- Blood Drive, June 22, 7 to 7 p.m. Rec Center, donators and volunteers needed. Vivian 453-3818.
- Library Affairs, Introduction to constructing web pages (HTML), 10 to 12 p.m. Morris Library Room 1030, 453-3818.
- Library Affairs, Intermediate web page construction (HTML), 1 to 4 p.m. June 26, Morris Library Room 1030, 453-3818.
- Southern Illinois Pagan Alliance, Literary Discussion Group, meets every Monday, regarding the First Mon. of the month. 7 to 9 p.m. Longbranch Coffeehouse, Marcus 529-7195.
- Library Affairs, Digital Imaging for the Web, 3 to 5 p.m. June 27, Morris Library Room 1030, 453-3818.
- Blood Drive, June 28, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Student Center and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. School of Mass Com, donators and volunteers needed, Vivian 453-3818.
- Library Affairs, E-mail using Eudora, 12 to 1 p.m. June 28, Morris Library Room 1030, 453-3818.
- Blood Drive, June 29, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Student Center, donators and volunteers needed, Vivian 453-3818.
- Art in the Garden, every Thurs. 12 to 1 p.m. University Museum Sculpture Garden, northwest side of Tanner Hall, June 29 Akron the Dream, July 6 Banana, July 13 Shiva, July 20 Aces, July 27 Earl-Reavell, William 453-3388.
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- Blood Drive, June 11, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Life Science, donators and volunteers needed, Vivian 457-5258.

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POLICE BLOTTER

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- A 26-year-old woman signed a domestic battery complaint against her husband Thursday. University police were unable to locate the husband, and the case was referred to the State's Attorney's Office.
- An unknown suspect broke a window in the Evergreen Terrace housing area Friday. A 15-year-old was transported to the hospital after cutting an arm cleaning up the broken glass.
- Reid T. Nelson, 25, of Carbondale, was arrested at 10:59 by the Arena for theft of an Sir football and basketball and illegal transportation of alcohol Sunday, Nelson was released after posting a $100 cash bond.
- Tracie D. Johnson, 26, of Carbondale, was arrested around Monday for outstanding warrants for failure to appear on battery and uninsured motor vehicle charges.
- William E. Chandler, 22, of Altoona, was arrested for an outstanding warrant for failure to appear on a suspended driver's license.
- Fahid Elshazali, 19, of Carbondale, was arrested Monday for battery. Elshazali posted a $100 cash bond and was released.
- A door in the Communications Building was found open with signs of forced entry Monday. The incident occurred over the weekend. The door was damaged and a hasp lock was broken. Nothing was reported missing. There are no suspects, and the police continue to investigate the incident.

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This Day in 1983:
- Gatsby's Bar presented a Fashion Show and dinner specials including whiskey Sour for 25 cents and 1/4 Ounce or 15 cents.

Correction:
- Readers who spot an error in a news article should contact the NewsroomAccuracy Desk at 536-3311, extension 228 or 229.
Joyce Robinson of Sesser works to untangle a blood albino corn snake that made itself comfortable in her daughter's lap at "Snakes Alive!," an environmental education program. The program was designed to inform people about both the dangers and environmental importance of snakes.

"Snakes Alive!" slithers into Southern Illinois

Reptile expert presents environmental education program at Reh Lake Visitors Center

KELLY DAVENPORT

A female bumper sticker reader: "Evil was formed." But reptile expert Scott Ballard notes it was the serpent who took the fall instead.

Sandy-colored and nondescript, Ballard, an SUIC graduate, presented the environmental education program "Snakes Alive!" at the Reh Lake Visitors Center Saturday.

Debunked in Levy's and sundials, Ballard gave日上午 a glimpse into a snake's-eye view of the world. Ballard spent his free time courting for reptile silence and uses programs like this one to spread his message.

Bewitching through a back door, Ballard noted three brightly colored lily pads. His audience quickly realized they didn't contain picnic lunches, however, when some of them began to ublate like the old "armadillo eggs" favored by practical jokers.

A couple of grasshoppers, who had stacked out a front-row seat, were the first question the snake charmer. Their adult daughter had brought as gifts a 6-foot snake they hoped he would identify. They swore it was "innocuous."

Ballard just staggered in the sun and crossed.

"Come here, falla!" he helped the serpent slither up its ladder and around its neck. It slithered them like a living necklace.

An often not aggressive, Ballard corrected them.

they're defensive. As if to prove his point, the harmless gray rat snake gently tongue-bitted the biologist's arm. The snake never shows does that. Southern Illinois is home to many-tailed garter snakes, voter moths and other species of poisonous snakes.

"Just because something is venomous doesn't mean it's bad," he insisted.

To illustrate his point, Ballard pounced a tree of potentially dangerous — yet remarkably well-behaved reptiles — in front of a rapt audience of 60.

He dabbed a tall cornfield corn from a book, tender a poisonous black and orange lizard in the crook of his arm like an infant ("His skin feels just like a basketball," Ballard said, and held up a juvenile American Alligator for folks to pet.

Ballard, himself, a reptile fan since the age of 10, used a talent for analogy to educate listeners on the pros of serpent stewardship.

"Snakes eat 20 pounds of mice and min. per year," Ballard said, "That's enough to fill a king-size silo."

Killing a snake is like dumping a pillowcase of rats and mice onto your yard. Audience members nodded knowingly down the dangers of the grain-eating, von-cheering, rabid rodents Ballard spoke of.

Most people consider every snake is "just to get dressed!" and is deadly, Ballard explained. But truthfully, only four species in the state are poisonous.

The mat of mimicking venomous snakes with body posture is amusing. The idea is to avoid contact with the external root of scales and their potential toxins, he added.

Not a single spider was seen. Anyone was seriously bitten by a harmless snake is just a poppyseed. Now consider defending yourself against bobcats, raccoons and other predators. All snakes are poisons.

"When you've been bitten by a harmless snake it's just a poppyseed. Now consider defending yourself against bobcats, raccoons and other predators. All snakes are poison."

Most of you've been bitten by harmless snakes know it's just like a pinprick. Now imagine defending yourself against bobcats, raccoons and other predators with just a pin," Ballard said.

Audience members were filled for more snakes by the end of March.

They wondered if venomous snakes were all brother's o' war mother makes kept their hands away. One boy with a buzz-cut and a mouth full of candy was curious about snake training techniques.

"Parents," Ballard corrected as he answered the curiosity, "Be spot-minded when teaching your kids.

Ballard knows firsthand about convincing and educating parents on the joys of studying snakes.

"I was bitten at 6."

Eight-year-old Ashley Royster of Sesser holds a ball python to participants in the "Snakes Alive!" environmental education program can see that snakes aren't so bad after all. Royster's family has been actively involved with snakes for about three years.

U of Maryland investigates hazing charges

The University of Maryland athletic department is currently reviewing allegations of underage drinking and hazing by various members of various sports teams.

While remaining tight-lipped about what supposedly was done, it is revealed that the justice department has begun an investigation after 15 members of the baseball team were suspended four games each for underage drinking. An anonymous email went to various university employees, including university president C.D. "Mike" Willman. Athletic director Debbie Yow made additional allegations of underage drinking and hazing by other teams. The entire email was tainted by a sexually diminished alphabet from the baseball team.

The allegations include that members of the six-time defending national champion women's lacrosse team and the field hockey team were streaked high school prospects to a College Park bar during a recruiting visit.

According to the Washington Post, the lacrosse goalie, girls' soccer's, lacrosse's and women's basketball's, are the worst of the worst. All teams are involved in the allegations of underage drinking.

The email could be disciplinary matters taken, depending on the outcome of the investigation.

Student-athlete wellness is and will continue to be a topic priority at the University of Maryland," said Yow.

—The Daily Egyptian

Correction

In Tuesday's story "SUIC doctoral student dies from Florida vacation," a comment attributed to Cassandra Meyers. That should have read, "No one was aware of how serious (Corduroy-Ely's) condition had become," in regards to the student's health history.
Selecting a spouse made easy

By Julian Wise, a writer for the Florida State university newspaper, the commentary appeared in the Florida State University Student newspaper on June 6, 2000.

Another Saturday night creeps by without a Prince or Princess Charming in sight. But before tumbling in depression from a sea of loneliness, consider your options.

Hundreds of photographs of beautiful maidens were waiting for you to browse with the right (American) person are posted on the Web. One Web site boasts: "Siberia never looked so lush!" No wonder there are so many students who have not yet fallen in love. Apparently, their partners for life are hiding out in the Ukraine.

Do you want to meet someone pickup in packet in at chub and bars? You too, could adopt the traditional international dating-correspondence scene. It's as easy as break up with a gorgeous Geancie like Andrea.

Imagine someone who's going to bed with me on a Sunday morning, and make love with a girl I've never met in my life. We can shake hands, break bread with me and the Greek islands. We'll tramp around in my ear sporting Pink Floyd fly.

Who needs personal contact after reading an excerpt from "Anna Karenina"? There's no use in waiting for Mr. Right. Waiting is hopeless because in Greece or in Siberia.

Do you get jealous? Do you like foreign women longing for your attention also?

If you are a good man seeking a beautiful, sincere woman, then we are the agency for you. The Moscow Rose Agency starts on its own page.

The agency introduces Western men to Russian women. In the West, the idea of finding a Russian woman is a common cultural stereotype. The 39 pages are several seductively posed works of fiction to西北(中国) American men. Surely their interest in getting a green card has nothing to do with it.

Do you have seven children and 250 lbs. She has brown hair and brown eyes, the agency's standard. "She's a different type models occasionally. Never married and having no children, she speaks English with a slight accent. We're seeking a man up to age 35."

The picture of Olga has her teeth alc:;ed, eyes closed, dressed in a sleeveless, slightly askew in an organic expression. A warning to those who plan on contacting Olga, she's seven alleges. This is that the journey to the Ukraine your next visit could be made.

"Send Olga a note, a standardized one-page letter and a photograph for only $2,50, the agency promises."

So the next time a Saturday night passes, make sure you're Prices: Letters and photographs $2,50. Phone number and address: American address.$2,50. Phone number and address: American address.

I've never understood why people run. Life is full of problems, none of which are solved by jogging. It seems so much easier to drive, and when you're driving, you can point and laugh at the joggers. You see them everywhere, and they always have the same strained expression on their faces. It's a cross between constipation, a bounced check notice and a hangover — there's nothing pleasant about it, and it's definitely not a pleasant expression to look at.

Why do people do it? I don't know. I could come up with reasons why it's healthy. I've seen people with a healthy, I've never gained a weight since I was seventeen. I smoke two packs a day (which is why I'm not running, not only somewhat healthy), and I try to avoid physical exertion at all costs.

Of course, those are all reasons to exercise, and running is a form of exercise. But it wasn't until I was so stressed out by the free-floating anxiety of daily life that what psychology gasoline would call a minor break from reality and a brief escape. I thought it would be a good idea to get a little (very) little exercise. And running seemed to require the fewest number of accessories.

I didn't do any real goals. Okay, I would be nice to be able to climb a flight of stairs without loos- ing my breath, but there are elevators. And fresh air and sunshine are good for the soul, or something like that, but so are coffee and cigarettes, neither of which I'm going to give up. I just thought — and the time I was out of touch with reality or I'd remembered that painted expression on every jogger's face — that it might be fun.

I started jogging.

From my apartment to Denny's, it is exactly one mile. So I was going to do a two-mile run. Now that I'm getting in shape, I don't feel too bad, I could think.

Denny's for a quick, I'm too late.

Compared to all the possible daily disasters and potential failures, break- ing off for a run for a Great-Slim wouldn't seem like too bad of an ending.

So I ran to Denny's and back. I had to stop a couple of times and walk for a stretch — I kept running out of breath (because of the packs a day), but it made me. Not only

Running on two packs a day

BRYAN CARRIGAN

Bryan is a graduate student in soci- ety. His decision does not necessarily reflect that of the Editorial Board.

I did it, I make it, but once I got past the shock of actually exercising, I realized that it was not necessarily the healthiest way to run — I was running out of breath (because of the packs a day), but it made me.
Undergraduates to pay more each academic year

Currently, tuition at SIUC for in-state students is $8,080.90 per year for full-time study. The SIUC Board of Trustees approved an increase of $305 per year, bringing the total to $8,386.90 per year. This increase is effective for the academic year starting in fall 2002, and applies to both in-state and out-of-state students.

Student Council President John Jackson said the increase is necessary due to the rising cost of tuition and fees. "It's important for us to make sure that the quality of education we provide is maintained," he said.

Undergraduate Student Government President Eric Sprain added that the increase "is a fair and reasonable way to ensure that the university continues to provide quality education."
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Snakes Alive

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As told to the Associated Press, the biologist at his home. He currently cares for 50 species, whether snakes or lizards or two turtles. "It's really a zoo in them," Ballard laughed, smiling.

"But above all, Ballard wanted his listeners to go home and realize how many snakes bring to the natural environment. People need to understand that snakes are good and beneficial, we can't go around killing them."

For Bend Lake Park Ranger and Fire Prevention Bureau official's call for snake awareness is all part of the bigger picture of environmental education. "More and more people are disconnected from the natural environment. They spend more time in the television, magazines, and the natural environment, We need to help people get involved with the animals and plants we share the planet with."

NCAA may soften requirements

By April 2001, prospective student-athletes may be able to accept educational expenses from individuals or entities that make such payments directly to their schools. This is following a proposal endorsed by an NCAA governing body. The new policy would include expenses covering tuition, fees, books, room, and board. This would leave agents, professional sports teams, or college and sport camps exempt from making those payments. As told to the Associated Press, "This proposal will address a significant issue and affect a number of basketball student-athletes this past season," said David Knight, faculty athletics representative at the University of North Carolina.

Cabinet. 'I believe this is a piece of legislation that the membership can support.' In the past, student-athletes had been "required for accepting tuition assistance at prep schools." Among others, from last season, were Eric Barkley of St. John's, Johnathan Johnson of Cincinnati and Andre Williams of Oklahoma State. The cabinet took the action at its June 3-7 meeting in Indianapolis, relying on a recommendation from its Executive Committee on Agents and Amateurism. The recommendation will be forwarded to the NCAA's Board of Directors and the Management Council at its October legislative session.
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The University of Massachusetts at Lowell Campus Police Department was surprised to receive a unusual disturbance call on the morning of May 31.

The subject was not a drunken college student, but a nearly 700-pound moose.

The animal ended up on school property after swimming upstream against the current of the Merrimack, which borders one side of the campus.

According to eyewitnesses, the moose came ashore in the midst of UMass Lowell's administration area at around 8 a.m.

The police were notified shortly thereafter.

Chief James Rowe of the University Police, a 38-year veteran of the police force who has worked the Lowell campus for 17 years said, "This isn't the strangest call I've taken, but it's up there."

His secretary, who was caught somewhat off-guard, notified Rowe of the incident.

"She called me up and said, 'Chief, there's a moose looking into your windows.' I turned around and saw enough there to be a very accurate description," Rowe laughed.

While some of the department's 17,000 calls last year were for animal disturbances, Rowe said, "I've never seen a wildlife case." He added, "But if you could call someone to help with this, it's not so bad."

For much of the incident, police agencies, the Lowell and Dracut Police Departments, the Merrimack River Keeper, the Department of Environmental Protection Agency arrived to supervise the capture of the moose.

"We bought them some time everyone did a good job with the tranquilizers and handled the moose," Rowe said. According to Rowe, two darts fired into the animal's "rump." The only damage was to an office door, which the animal stepped over, and has fully recovered, Rowe said.

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The next year, he will try again next year after graduation. If something does happen for me, it will be wonderful, but if nothing happens I will be reporting back in August for classes and in September for pre-season workouts." Come next year, something is going to change, I am going to be the same old Josh Cross there was before any of this happened."

Piggie goes to market, Duke pays

DURHAM, N.C. — Duke is up to its elbows in Myron Piggie, and like a seal that has wandered through an oil slick, Duke has been soiled.

Barring an unexpected twist, the NCAA soon will drop hammer on a basketball program that has been remarkable for winning, and for the way it has won. When the hammer drops, Duke will be a little more like everyone else. It was a matter of time, so much so about 1990 NCAA hoops already has happened to Duke. In the last 21/2 years, two players transferred out (Mike Chippewa to Michigan State, Chris Byerly to Utah), one was suspended for academic cheating (Bobby Price) and three left early for the NBA (Shawn Brail, William Avery and Corey Maggette).

Now this, Piggie paid Maggette $2,000 to play on a summer team in 1997, months before Maggette signed with Duke.

Maggette, now with the Orlando Magic, denied it in a quote to the Orlando Sentinel in April. Presumably, he also denied it before a federal grand jury months ago, in the early stages of the maximum charges against Piggie.

But that testimony is sealed. Not even the NCAA can look.

In other words, the NCAA itself hasn't heard a decal from Maggette, and apparently never will. Same with Duke, which apparently has tried to talk with Maggette, but has received no response.

And so the NCAA probably has all the information it needs to indict the Blue Devils, who admitted accepting money, but not the newspaper, Magazine denied getting cash. But Piggie says otherwise, and other players and their coaches, teammates, have admitted accepting, money.

Duke's rebuttal: The NCAA can take the word of a convicted drug dealer, as Piggie is, who admitted paying players in a plea bargain to have evidence of charges dropped, as Maggette did, or the NCAA can take the word of a Duke student.

Congress bets on top coaches to stop gambling

WASHINGTON — In an effort to outlaw gambling on college sports, Congress is calling in some athletic star power.

Lou Holtz, football coach at the University of South Carolina, Toby Smith, basketball coach at the University of Georgia and basketball legend Dean Smith, the former coach at the University of North Carolina, will testify Tuesday before the House Judiciary Committee, which is hearing regulations and legal betting on college sports.

The legislation specifically targets Nevada, the only state where betting on college athletics is allowed and where sports gambling is a $2.3 billion industry. The legislation was introduced last year by the National Gambling Impact Study Commission, which would make it a federal crime to bet on high school and Olympic sports.

The bill, sponsored by Rep. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., with nine other members, says it would protect college and amateur athletes and discourage gambling-related scandals, such as point shaving.

Sen. John N. Chafee, R-R.I., is sponsoring a similar measure in the Senate. The big-name coaches’ celebrity power could help jump-start the bill through Congress. "Prominent folks like this are going to make the chance of getting this legislation passed much greater," Graham said. "This is a serious issue."

The Nevada-centered gambling industry says that betting on college sports is an important piece of their business. Outlawing it would only drive bets to make illegal bets on their sports, said Frank J. Gehmert, president of the American Gaming Association. He called illegal gambling on college athletes “a useless problem.”

The House bill is a follow-up to a 1992 law that prohibits gambling on both professional and amateur sports. However, under a grandfather clause, sports gambling already was allowed in Nevada, Delaware, Oregon and Montana.

Today Nevada is the only state that still permits bets on college games. About a third of the $2.3 billion wagered annually on sports there comes from gambling on college sports, according to the American Gaming Association.

The National Collegiate Athletic Association backs the House bill, which is supported with a $3 million proposal submitted to Congress by the NCAA, the American Football Coaches Association and the American Basketball Coaches Association. The proposal would ban gambling on the NCAA tournament, which could prevent betting on anything a game ends.

In 1997, another point-shaving scandal was uncovered involving the TCU basketball team at Arizona State University. A year earlier, 13 members of the Boston College football team were suspended for betting on college football, including their own games.

According to the National Gambling Impact Study, wagers on college sports put student-athletes in vulnerable positions and lead them into future gambling problems. A University of Michigan poll found that more than 45 percent of male college-football players and basketball players admitted to betting on sporting events. More than 50 percent either provided inside information for bookies, bet on at least one of their own games, or took money to perform poorly in a game.

Sometimes, however, these scams are discovered through books.在床上的，Bill Thompson, a professor of political administration at the University of Nevada, said "They're very willing to call the FBI or the NCAA and start an investigation," said Thompson, who specializes in gambling issues. We eliminate a law enforcement tool we use against the Las Vegas establishment."
Josh Cross, right, didn’t want to wait to finish out his college career before declaring himself eligible for the NBA draft. If Cross isn’t drafted, and as long as he doesn’t hire an agent, he will be allowed to come back to the Salukis for the 2000-01 season.

Saluki men’s basketball forvard Josh Cross declares himself eligible for the 2000 NBA draft

Christine Bolin
Sports editor

Josh Cross wants the world to know who he is — at least the world of the National Basketball Association.

On May 15, Cross, a forward on the SIU men’s basketball team, surprised Saluki basketball fans and even some of his fellow teammates when he announced his decision to enter himself in the 2000 NBA Draft, which takes place June 28 at the Target Center in Minneapolis.

Cross was one of 35 college and high school players from the United States who applied for early entry in the draft.

Even though his decision seemed to come out of nowhere, Cross said this was something he had to do, not only for his family but for himself. Cross has been marked for more than a year and has a four-month-old son, Josh Cross II.

“I just want to get myself out there, let myself be known,” Cross said. “I couldn’t see waiting and then I wouldn’t be able to do it. I think that would have hurt me more, and now I have a chance to pursue this early.”

“Now that I have a family, I must step up and find a way to provide for them, and basketball seems to be the most obvious step to take.”

The 6-foot-4-inch Carbondale native finished his junior year with the Salukis averaging just 6.6 points and 4.8 rebounds per game. However, he spent the first month of the 1999-2000 season nursing a foot injury and still managed to be named captain of the “All-Missouri Valley” team, as well as receive the “Sixth Man Award” in the Missouri Valley Conference.

The Salukis finished the season with a 20-13 record, including a two-game run in the National Invitational Tournament. Cross has one year of eligibility remaining and head coach Bruce Weber, who did not exactly agree with Cross’ decision, said he understood and expected to get drafted. He doesn’t think Josh is going to get drafted, he said, and Cross decided to stick with it.

“I don’t think Josh expects to get drafted. He keeps saying, ‘Don’t worry, I’ll be back.’ I just have to take his word and hopefully things will work out.”

Cross will be allowed to come back to the Salukis for the 2000-01 season, unless he enters the draft. Cross will be allowed to talk to Cross and try to convince him not to do it. If Cross gets drafted, that’s fine, Weber said. Cross is expected to get drafted, he said, but if he doesn’t, that won’t be great for us.”

The 2000-01 Salukis will need all the experience and leadership possible with the departure of four players — Ricky Collins, Lance Brown, Derrick Tilson and Chris Thorne — due to either graduation or expired eligibility. The only two seniors left are Schrader and Cross — that is if Cross doesn’t hire an agent.

One of the stars returning, Saluki’s sophomore, Brad Korn, who played with Cross at SIU basketball camp, said he doesn’t see a downside for his fellow teammate.

“If he gets drafted, that’s great for him — but if he doesn’t, that’s not great for us,” Korn said. Cross will know his plans for the