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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

JUNE 13, 2001

Church shootings mystify local ministers

Shooter continues to elude police

BRETT NAUMAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Tom Steed knew that raccoons were not the cause of the loud noise that woke him from his sleep on June 7 at his home next to the Church of Christ.

A neighbor, who was awake at 11:57 p.m., heard the noise and was in a position to identify the source of the racket, but thought it was a mischievous raccoon knocking over trash cans. Steed, who is the leader of the Church of Christ, 1805 W. Sycamore St., said the neighborhood has a raccoon problem. They climb up his garage, crawl around in his ceilings and frequently eat his cat's food.

However, the noise cannot be blamed on the pesky nocturnal creatures, but a vandal who has made Carbondale churches a target of destruction.

The vandal riddled Steed's church with nine bullets from a large-caliber handgun. The shooter was in front of the church for five seconds and had vanished before Steed could wipe the sleep from his eyes.

Although the villain had escaped unseen, the damage remained. The church's glass door was destroyed and several bullets had buried themselves in the walls and ceiling.

Minutes later, while Carbondale Police were investigating the shooting, Jackson County Sheriff's deputies informed them that another church had been blasted south of Carbondale.

The Rock Springs Community Church on Cedar Creek Road had been hit multiple times by the shooter's shotgun. Just like Steed's church, only one of the double doors was riddled with gunfire, this time dozens of tiny pellet-sized holes.

Ten churches in Southern Illinois have now been vandalized by shootings and police are positive that four of the churches were hit with the same 9mm handgun.

The mayhem began on the night of March 24 in Carbondale when four local churches were sprayed with shotgun slugs and 9mm bullets between 9 and 9:15 p.m. Police were unable to pinpoint the gunfire and the shooter was not caught.

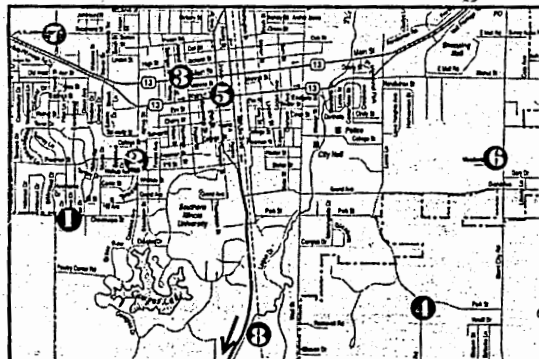
Rev. Terry Graunke, pastor of



KERRY MALONEY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Tom Steed, pastor of The Church of Christ, looks through the front door of the church which took six bullets last Wednesday. The Church of Christ is just one of the ten churches that have been shot at recently in Southern Illinois.

Carbondale Church Shootings



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| 1. March 24, 9:9 15p m
Epiphany Lutheran Church
1501 W. Chautauque | 4. March 24, 9:9 15p m
Walnut Street Baptist
218 W. Walnut | 7. June 6, 11:57p m
Church of Christ
1805 W. Sycamore |
| 2. March 24, 9:9 15p m
University Baptist Church
700 S. Oakland | 5. March 30, 12:25a m
Walnut Street Baptist
218 W. Walnut | 8. June 7, 12:18a m
Rock Springs Community
Church (Lakeland Hill)
Cedar Creek Road
south of Carbondale |
| 3. March 24, 9:9 15p m
Calvary Campus Church
111 S. Poplar | 6. April 1 night
Lakeland Baptist Church
219 S. Grant City Road | |

DESIGNED BY BRIAN RYAN

Epiphany Lutheran Church discovered damage the next morning. Deer slugs had ripped through steel doors leading to the church's educational wing where children attend Sunday school.

The slugs caused an estimated \$9,000 in damage, but, with the help of his parishioners, Graunke was able to make repairs for less than \$1,000. Graunke has no idea what kind of person would want to vandalize places of worship.

"Obviously someone out there is getting their jollies from this," Graunke said.

On March 25 Rev. Dan Boyd was also awakened by a telephone call informing him that New Life Covenant Church had been vandalized. Police told him that the 9mm bullets which destroyed his church's plate glass windows and doors were armor piercing.

Boyd said the damage caused by the attack was more than \$3,000 and he is still waiting for replacement doors. Boyd has not spoken to his parishioners about the shootings because he does not want to alarm them when the shootings seem to be occurring late in the evening.

"But it is a threatening thing," Boyd said. "What if someone is there? You never know when someone is going to be in a church."

On the night of March 30 the shooting began again. The Walnut Street Baptist Church, was hit with 9mm bullets. Witnesses near the church heard the gunfire, but again the shooter was too quick for witnesses to identify.

The next night three more churches were shot. For the first and only time the shooter traveled out of Carbondale to conduct a shooting spree. Churches in Herrin and Cobden were hit with 9mm gunfire. Lakeland Baptist Church was also hit that night in Carbondale.

And then the shooting stopped. Or so everyone thought.

Just when it seemed that the shootings might have subsided, the two-month silence of the church shooter was broken a week ago when Steed's church was damaged. Local ministers have no idea how to defend their churches from a shooter that destroys their doors and windows in a matter of seconds.

"I don't know if there is any way we could," Boyd said. "If a person wanted to

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University bids adieu to a 'gentle giant'

Interim chancellor Jackson retires after 31 years

MOLLY PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A delicate light fell across the friends and colleagues of interim Chancellor John Jackson at his retirement ceremony Tuesday. Hundreds of guests helped themselves to Jackson's favorite drink, Mountain Dew, as a spotlight shone down on a mannequin dressed in Jackson's trademark brown suit.

Across a large video screen an old

photo of Jackson appeared, dated 1969. It was the year Jackson began his career at SIUC as a professor of political science.

His face was a little younger, but he was wearing the same square frame glasses and a similar brown suit.

Rick Williams, director of the University Honors program, was the auctioneer for Jackson's timeless suit, a suit Williams laughingly said that Jackson has worn for three days a week since the 60s.

Jackson brought it from his hometown of Waldo, Ark., and he's been wearing it ever since — as a political science professor, a dean of the College of Liberal Arts and finally into the turbulent chancellor posi-

His friendship to me over the years has meant more than I can even possibly express. He's one of the finest people I have met — just a class act all around.

Glenn Poshard
vice chancellor for Administration

tion he took over two years ago. Paul Simon, director of the Public Policy Institute, was the first bidder in the fake auction, but he was not a high spender. He started at 75 cents. The crowd that gathered at the



JESSE DEURY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

John Jackson receives a kiss before his retirement ceremony at the student center Tuesday.

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do this I don't see how we could prevent it. I'm not going to put people down there because they'd be taking a chance of taking a bullet."

Public Information Officer Rick Hector of the Illinois State Police said there has not been a rash of church shootings recently anywhere in the state similar to those occurring in Southern Illinois.

Many of the local ministers are appalled that someone has been using people's places of worship as target practice.

"It shows that there is a segment of our society out there with no respect or regard for anything that is dedicated to God's work," Boyd said.

Churches that have not been shot are also

affected by the news of a church shooter. The Rev. Greg Jones of the Newman Catholic Student Center is particularly disturbed by the lack of respect for personal property the vandal has shown.

"The person who is doing this is obviously a very mentally ill and ignorant person," Jones said.

A fear effect has also been created for some local churchgoers. Steed said there was "a slight uneasiness in the worship service" on Sunday as members saw bullet holes in the front door as they entered the church.

Steed said he found the crime to be mild compared to some other more serious crimes that occur every day in our society.

"This person probably has a problem with churches and that bothers me, but it should be a discussion not settled with gunfire," Steed said.

"I do find it ironic that a church that is

JACKSON

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Student Center Ballroom to honor Jackson said to laugh and the festive mood continued all night.

And they laughed until there was silence, perhaps now finally taking in all that he and his wife Nancy have done for the University and community for the past 31 years.

Friends from all aspects of his life came together to honor him as he gets ready to relinquish his interim chancellor position.

Roger and Rita Yates were among those in the crowd. Jackson is their Sunday school teacher at the First Baptist Church in Carbondale. Their kids had played on the same street.

Keith Sanders, recently retired from his position as executive director of the Illinois Board of Higher Education, is a longtime friend. He

talked about Jackson's trademark Arkansas accent and country roots, and even played a recording of banjo music to remind Jackson of home.

Glenn Poshard, vice chancellor for Administration, said that he was always going to Jackson over the 25 years he has known him, both for political advice and for his honest and sincere answers when it came to the political issues of the moment.

"His friendship to me over the years has meant more than I can even possibly express," Poshard said. "He's one of the finest people I have met — just a class act all around."

Jackson took it all in stride, clearly enjoying himself but humbled by all the attention. His normally calm countenance was broken as Simon took the podium. Simon commended him for his unwavering dedication and commitment to SIUC.

"He is a gentle giant of this University," Simon said.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

TODAY

Brown Bag Concerts
 Jim Skinner Blues band
 June 13 at 12 p.m.
 Town Square Pavilion.

Beethoven Society:
 Grand Festival Concert
 June 13 at 7 p.m.
 Admission is \$5.00 at the door.
 Shyock Auditorium

THURSDAY

Board of Trustee meeting
 June 14 at 10:30 a.m.
 Student Center Ballroom B.

Sunset Concert
 Boom Shaka (Reggae)
 June 14 at 7 p.m.
 Shyock Auditorium

WEATHER



TODAY:

Sunny
 High: 92
 Low: 72



THURSDAY:

Sunny
 High: 90
 Low: 68



FRIDAY:

Sunny
 High: 87
 Low: 62

POLICE BLOTTER

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• David R. Barrett, 19, of Herrin, was arrested at 12:37 a.m. Friday and charged with possession of less than 30 grams of cannabis, possession of a fictitious driver's license and failure to signal when required. Barrett was released after posting \$100 cash bond.

• A Gadzook's shopping bag containing approximately \$70 worth of clothing was reported missing from the Recreation Center between 6:40 p.m. and 7 p.m. June 6. Police have no suspects.

CORRECTIONS

Tuesday's sports story entitled "Roundballers to play in Vegas Tournament" should have read that Penn will be a participant in the tournament instead of Penn State. The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

Readers who spot an error in a news article should contact the Daily Egyptian Accuracy Desk at 536-3311, extension 228 or 229.

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The DEADLINE to apply for a Student Medical Benefit Extended Care Fee refund is Friday, June 15, 2001. To apply for a refund, a student must present his/her insurance policy booklet or the schedule of benefits along with the insurance wallet I.D. card to Student Health Programs, Student Medical Benefit (Insurance) office, Keszner Hall, Room 118. All students, including those who have applied for a Cancellation Waiver and whose fees are not yet paid, must apply for the refund before the deadline. Students 17 and under need a parent's signature.

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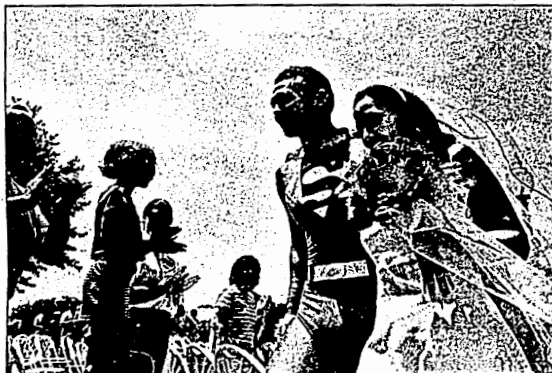
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Thousands of people come to Metropolis every year to experience the Man of Steel's "hometown", but for Scott Cranford and Marcella Encinas, it's ...

Love Superman style



Above: Superman Scott Cranford kisses his bride Marcella Encinas during their public wedding ceremony in Washington Park in the superhero's hometown of Metropolis. Cranford and Encinas, traveled from California to say "I do" during the last day of the Superman Festival. Top Right: Cranford escorts his new wife, Marcella through the park after their Metropolis wedding, Sunday afternoon.



STORY BY: WILL ALONSO

PHOTOS BY: KERRY MALONEY

Metropolis, Ill., a sleepy town on the banks of the Ohio river, normally has more in common with Smallville than the bustling Metropolis of DC comic lore. But during the annual Superman Celebration, the official home of the Man of Steel is teeming with comic fanatics, street vendors, celebrities of Superman fame and of course, Superman himself.

This year's celebration, which took place from June 7 to June 10, had the excitement of a carnival drenched in the "eccentric nature of a Star Trek convention. Costume superheroes from all corners of the DC Comics universe wandered the Superman Square, but none were as abundant as the tight-clad Supermen. But there is only one true Superman.

Scott Cranford has been the official Metropolis Superman for two years. His regular duties include signing autographs, posing for pictures with children and ribbon cutting. But this year, Superman is leaping the tallest building of them all. He's getting married.

"It's a long time coming," Cranford said. "The wedding in the park is going to be a religious ceremony for family and friends."

Cranford and his fiancée Marcella Encinas are both actors in Los Angeles,

Calif, where they met at an audition for a Crispex commercial in 1993. Encinas said she thought being married in such an untraditional fashion would be a lot of fun. Last year's festivities actually interrupted their original marriage plans.

"Scott and I were supposed to get married last year at the same time, but then he got the job as Superman," Encinas said.

The wedding, which took place Sunday, was the final event of the four-day festival that takes place, the weekend of the second full week in June.

The celebration entails everything from a dog show and weight lifting competition to a costume contest and a celebrity Q and A.

Aside from besting all others at the celebration, this year's contestants in the costume contest had another initiative for winning. Winners participated in the wedding ceremony as best man and maid of honor.

Steven Kirk of Los Angeles, Calif., and Michelle Cook of Toronto, Canada, won the opportunity to be in the wedding as Robin and Wonder Woman.

Kirk's wife Vicki also participated in the ceremony. The Kirks met the newlyweds at last year's celebration and have stayed in

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Mall hopes to fill gaps

MARK LAMBIRO
DAILY EGYPTIAN

University Mall is on the verge of a rebound with the promise of a major retailer locating in Carbondale after several store closures and soured deals.

At the June 5 Carbondale City Council meeting Leonard Richards, vice president of Landau & Heyman, updated the council on the status of ongoing negotiations between the Gap and his company that will begin to fill empty storefronts. Richards said an announcement is likely in the near future.

Tuesday a Gap official said that an opening date will also be announced along with what concepts will be in the store.

A count showed 30 empty spaces in the mall Tuesday. However, mall officials could not be reached for comment on their official occupancy count.

Councilman Brad Cole said he would like there to be more communication between the city and mall officials. "I don't want to sound pessimistic, but in my opinion this is the same thing that they said in February," Cole said.

In February Richards made a presentation to the Carbondale City Council outlining the mall's status. Richards said negotiations were continuing between Landau & Heyman and the Gap, but talks with other prospective tenants at the mall had broken down.

Sals, Inc., owner of Sals Fifth Avenue, was one of the retailers who showed interest in locating at the mall. However, Richards said it became clear at the second

meeting between Sals Inc. officials and his company that they were financially unable to develop a store in Carbondale. At the same time a deal was in the works with Kerasotes Theaters Inc. which would have brought a cineplex to the mall. Bob Gallivan, director of real estate for Kerasotes, said in April the deal was no longer feasible.

"There were plans, but we just couldn't reach an agreement on the deal," Gallivan said.

Kerasotes owns the University Place 8, Fox Eastgate and Varsity theaters in Carbondale and the Illinois Center 8 cinema in Marion.

The council passed a tax incentive a year ago which would give the Gap, Gap Kids and Old Navy a 15-year rebate on all the sales tax generated by their stores. The rebate is worth an estimated \$7.8 million. Since the incentive was passed, the Gap Kids and Old Navy deals failed to make it past the formative stages.

Store closures have also plagued the mall, including the closing of the Montgomery Ward department store in 1997. The closing of the store was not based on the performance of the store at the mall, but on the company's national performance. More than 50 other stores were closed nationwide when the company declared bankruptcy. In August of the same year Elder-Beerme closed, dealing the mall a one-two punch.

In April the mall did see one of its empty spaces filled when Hot Topic located a new store in the mall. The store's product line includes body jewelry, clothing, CDs and other novelty items.

O'Malley announces plan to run for governor

Candidate stresses importance of Southern Illinois

MOLLY PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Patrick O'Malley, a conservative Republican Senator from Palos Park, officially announced Monday he will run for governor in 2002, whether Gov. George Ryan does or not.

"I'm in this race no matter who decides to get into it," O'Malley said.

Ryan has not yet announced whether he will seek re-election. He has said that it is a decision he plans to discuss with his family.

Ray Serati, spokesman for the governor's office, said Ryan will likely announce around Labor Day or in the fall.

Ryan was in Chicago Monday morn-

ing signing the 2002 state budget when he heard of O'Malley's official announcement.

The decision did not seem to shake Ryan, although recent Chicago polls show low support for the incumbent.

"Yesterday in Chicago he said that anyone who wants to run can run," Serati said. "I think he will make his decision based on his own evaluation with his family."

O'Malley is described by his southern Senate colleagues as conservative and a good possible candidate for the position.

Although O'Malley said some people may think it is unusual that he has announced his plans before the incumbent governor, also Republican, he is not concerned.

"There is a value for new leadership that says what it means and means what it means," O'Malley said.

The northern native said he doesn't

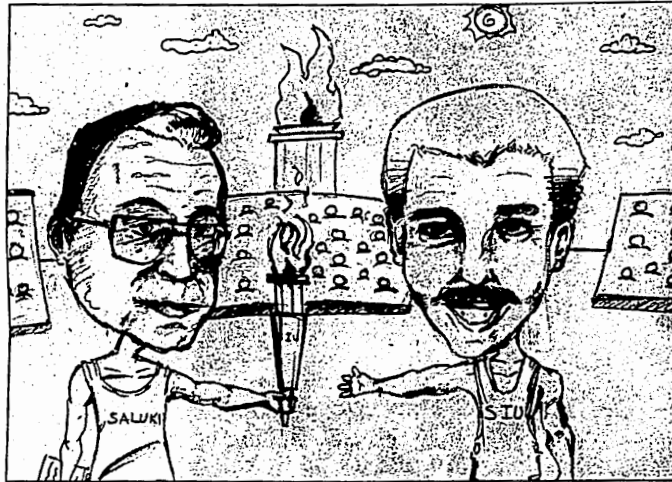
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OUR WORD

From Jackson to Wendler, the torch is passed

SIUC was immersed in controversy when the last chancellor transition occurred. This time it's merely a simple passing of the torch from one good administrator to what we hope will be another.

Enough has not been said of interim Chancellor John Jackson's effort through some of SIUC's most turbulent times. Despite years of service as a professor and low-level administrator, Jackson was deemed as an enemy to SIUC faculty after his appointment following the dismissal of former chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger. Faced with the piecing of Gov. George Ryan and the revival of SIUC's shameful Halloween tradition of rioting on the Strip, to name two instances, Jackson quietly and effectively helped SIUC weather the storm.

But no matter what expectations Jackson surpassed, some still said they wanted a nationwide search for a new chancellor, one without controversial big-

gane. So, Jackson peacefully removed himself from the race for chancellor, setting his sights on continued teaching and penning a book about political parties.

On July 1, an eager Walter Wendler will become SIUC's first permanent chancellor in nearly two years. The job will not be a simple one, but Wendler's enthusiasm and experience leads us to believe that he's capable. Before being named Jackson's successor, Wendler, while touring SIUC, contacted the Daily Egyptian and met with the previous editorial board, exhibiting a fervent interest in the University. Wendler, who will leave his post as vice chancellor for Planning and System Integration at Texas A&M University, has shown an excitement for the position and knowledge of what it takes to get things done. His belief in the need for communication within SIUC and maintaining unity between the community and the

University reveal a knowledgeable, goal-setting leader.

Wendler will be the fourth chancellor in five years for SIUC, but with a three-year contract and a seemingly concrete commitment, the spirited Texan should bring solidity back to the position.

Wendler will take over at a somewhat peaceful period, a pleasantty Jackson's accomplishments have afforded him. Whether Wendler or anyone else could have kept the University intact through the barrage of criticism and the myriad troubles Jackson has faced as chancellor is unknown. What is known is that Jackson did. To that, we owe him a debt of gratitude.

Now, the torch will be passed on to Wendler, who with the right support and understanding from students, faculty and the remainder of the community, can foster SIUC into an even brighter beacon of higher education in the 21st century.

THEIR WORD

Less not more for U. Illinois mascot controversy

(U-WIRE, Daily Illini staff editorial)

Some say one is the loneliest number that they've ever seen. The University of Illinois Board of Trustees doesn't think so. The board appointed a "committee" of one to mediate the Chief Illiniwek controversy.

The only problem: the "objective" individual the board chose for the post is one of its own, trustee Roger Plummer.

The board's attempt to present its "committee of one" as a solution to an approximate quarter century-long controversy insults the collective intelligence of our campus.

Students, faculty, staff and community members are sharply divided in conflict over the mascot. Many view Chief Illiniwek as an honored symbol, while others see it as a one-dimensional mascot.

Regardless of one's stance, a string of events last semester including a march to the home of University President James Stulcol and a 22-hour anti-Chief encampment illustrate a growing discontent with the status quo. Appointing Plummer as the objective mediator is worse than ignoring the anger of those hurt or embarrassed by the symbol. The board's action is essentially a step backward.

Plummer pledges to remain unbiased and reach a compromise when the mediation — which incidentally, has no time frame — finally comes to a close. While we would love to believe him, this promise seems less than credible when we flash back four months to the board's dialogue on the Chief. Plummer unabashedly admits to being pro-Chief.

The move is especially dubious in light of the board's recent rejection of mediation services offered by the Justice Department. Instead of allowing the state to preside as an objective party, they chose a member of their own governing board. Plummer will eventually serve as the University's public relations puppet with the other eight trustees pulling his strings.

Once again, the board's insecurities are showing.

Trustee Chairman Gerald Shea said he chose Plummer because he felt one person could be more flexible and efficient than a committee. Trustee Susan Cravenhott said Plummer was the best choice because he was "well-versed" on the subject.

The fact that Plummer serves as the board's only minority, excluding student trustees, was never mentioned.

The board commissioned Judge Louis Garipio to compile a 270-page report on the issue. By choosing a blatantly biased candidate to now mediate, the board wasted a year's worth of work, more than \$300,000 and a lot of credibility.

At least the campus can rest assured that trustee Plummer comes highly recommended — by his peers on the predominantly pro-Chief board and Roger Huddleston, founder of the Honor the Chief Society that is

Huddleston called this appointment "bold." We call it a Band-Aid solution that will only add fuel to the anti-Chief fire and hinder any productive dialogue.

LETTERS

Morris Library's effort doesn't go unnoticed

DEAR EDITOR:

I am writing in response to a couple of articles in May about access to Braille material in Morris Library. Encyclopedias in Braille are not produced any more. We researched this question with the major Braille transcription sources, and were told that access to the Internet and encyclopedias on compact disc have made Braille versions of such large research materials unnecessary and inefficient. It requires an enormous amount of space to house the 140 or more Braille volumes of an encyclopedia. And it is so time consuming to produce that volumes are out-of-date before the transcription can be completed.

The Library of Congress representative that I spoke with unilaterally dismissed our inquiry about the possibility of obtaining a Braille encyclopedia. It would take 10 years to get it finished, if you could even find a company willing to undertake such a project. The American Printing House for the Blind, an excellent source of adapted format materials, searched their database for an encyclopedia in Braille format. He said that if we had a 1968 copyrighted World Book on campus, then we had the most updated version available in Braille.

We also checked to see what it would cost to contract with a transcribing service to have an encyclopedia adapted. Though the individual representing the service was disinclined to give us a price quote, finding the request unrealistic, when pressed he estimated the cost at roughly \$24 million and would take several years to finish.

Individuals with visual impairments have unprecedented access to information through contemporary technology. Morris Library, like much of our campus, is working hard to acquire, maintain, and upgrade access for patrons with disabilities. I applaud their attempt to provide access utilizing contemporary technology and standards.

Kathleen Plesko
Student Disability Services Director

Greeks' work appreciated by charity group

DEAR EDITOR:

In early April, Ryan Rice of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity contacted the Sasaki Walkers Always Triumph team to see if they could assist us in our fund-raising efforts for the American Cancer Society Relay For Life, which was held April 27-28. Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Kappa wanted to join forces and do a service project and Ryan's aunt had told him about the SWAT team and how successful we had been in past years.

On April 28, a beautiful and warm Saturday, the members of Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Kappa met at Taco Bell at 10 a.m. and began washing vehicles. At 6 p.m., when the water was shut off and the last chamois was wrung out, these wonderful SIUC students had taken in over \$1,300. Ryan had asked me to stop by after the car wash so they could turn over the proceeds, but little did I know what they had accomplished. "Amazing," "I can't believe it," "Wonderful," "Fantastic" are just some of the words used by SWAT members to describe the efforts of Pi Kappa Alpha (Tim Jasper, President) and Sigma Kappa (Meredith Hudgens, President) for their efforts.

SWAT would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Kappa for the outstanding job they did. It seems we hear too often about problem students at SIUC; this is not one of those stories. Ryan, Tim, Meredith and their brothers and sisters went out and did a superb job in supporting the American Cancer Society Relay For Life. Who knows, it could be one of the dollars they collected that funds the research that ends the devastating disease that we know as cancer.

To Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Kappa, the SWAT team salutes you.

Carolyn Young, SWAT Captain
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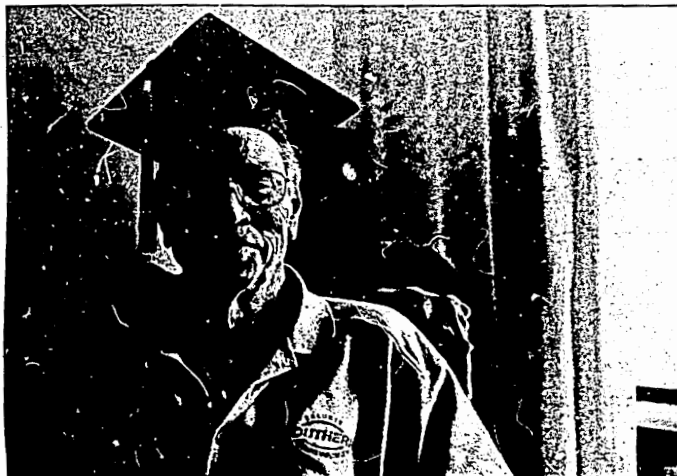
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Orvell Leon Smith, 81, received his diploma from SIU this May after 55 years of education.

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The fruits of persistence

81-year-old graduate molds work experience, classwork into degree

ROBIN GARDNER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Learning has been a lifetime of work for Orvell Leon Smith.

After 55 years of continuous education, Smith, 81, graduated with honors this May and received his bachelor's degree in aviation management directly from the hands of SIU President James Walker.

"Every chance I got to go to school I took. My children set the example for me," said Smith, pointing to the photographs of his five grandchildren, all college graduates. "I wanted to be able to talk to them."

President Walker first became acquainted with Smith during the time he served as president of Middle Tennessee State University. During that time, Smith was working toward the completion of his degree.

"It was a pleasant surprise when Mr. Smith visited me several weeks ago here at the Stone Center, and I learned he was a graduating senior at SIUC," Walker said.

Smith's path of lifelong learning wove through 55 years, several careers and states. In 1938, as a Marion High School senior, Smith was offered college scholarships for both track and football. His parents did not believe in education; they never even attended any of his

games. Not only that, but his father wanted him to quit high school altogether and go to work. Instead, Smith convinced his father to let him finish high school while he managed recreational areas for 26 counties.

"For God's sake, don't drop out of high school," Smith advised. "It's not enough anymore. You need to get as high a degree as you can. Your future depends on it."

In 1945, Smith continued his education in Mobile, Ala., in an aviation metallurgy training program while he worked at the Mobile Air Service Command. The 500-hour certificate qualified him to build and repair the exteriors of aircraft.

"I worked eight hours a day and then attended school for seven hours every night," Smith said.

During World War II, Smith continued to gain experience as an aviation metallurgy for the Navy. After the war, he moved back to Marion as a technical superintendent for the Sangamo Electric Company where he managed more than 250 people. Smith has been in management positions most of his life.

"Every day I spoke to everyone," Smith said. "My people would do anything for me."

During the next 30 years, Smith continued the learning process by changing careers and becoming a tech-

nical writer. In 1965, Smith was able to combine his passion for aviation with his writing expertise. He became a technical writer for the Saturn 1B vehicle, the rocket-booster engine that was used on the Apollo space missions, at Cape Canaveral, Fla.

He moved to Smyrna, Tenn., in 1969 to take a job with Firestone Tire and Rubber and to be closer to his son.

Smith began to actively pursue his bachelor's degree at Middle Tennessee State University following his retirement in 1982. Although Smith had extensive experience, he still found earning his degree a challenge.

"Technical writing and school writing are very different," Smith said.

Smith met Walker when he requested his on-the-job training be applied to an aviation degree. Walker later offered to personally hand Smith his diploma if they were still at the same school.

Smith returned to Marion after the death of his wife and son. He decided to continue his lifelong pursuit of higher education and complete the last two years of his bachelor's degree at SIUC as an aviation management student.

"Leon Smith exemplifies what can be accomplished when one sets a goal and consistently works towards meeting that goal," Walker said. "I gladly rejoice in his accomplishment. It was a personal honor for me to present him with his degree."

Summer theater schedule hobbled

Technical advancements halt McLeod productions

MARLEEN TROUTT
DAILY EGYPTIAN

For the first time in 35 years, McLeod Theater is dark this summer due to renovations, but Richard Falvo believes the show should go on.

For Falvo, the musicals at McLeod Theater are part of the fabric of Southern Illinois' summers. He has enjoyed productions here for two decades and has even performed in a few such as "South Pacific," "Brigadoon" and "Damn Yankees."

"It's worrisome," said Falvo, an SIUC professor of physiology. "If you can shut down summer theater, maybe other types of arts programs can be cut back."

The temporary closure is needed so technical advancements can be made to the aging theater. The overhaul, made possible by the state's allocation for deferred maintenance, involves a reworked infrastructure, reconstructing electricity and wiring systems and new lighting.

Patrons expected to keep the tradition alive by shifting the three summer productions to another venue, but Shirley Clay Scott, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said Summer Playhouse costs more than \$200,000 in an already tight liberal arts budget.

"That combined with the loss of the theater led us to decide to wait a year for summer theater," Scott said. "Next summer will hinge on the budget, but we're already investigating the best fundraising possibilities."

Few cosmetic changes will be made, but Scott hopes new carpeting and a fresh coat of paint can be squeezed out of the budget.

Though McLeod Theater's summer renovations carry a \$800,000 price tag, patrons may not notice a difference when it reopens this fall because most of the work will be done behind the scenes.

Besides the safety concerns raised by antiquated equipment, Mark Varns, chair of the theater department, said the makeover will ensure SIUC theater students train with state-of-the-art trade tools.

"Now it's like trying to operate an office with Apple IIe computers," Varns said. "We aren't working with candles and strings, but it's time to upgrade."

Dede Ittner, an adult literacy instructor at John A. Logan, said she understood why the repairs were necessary, but couldn't help feeling sad about the artistic loss.

"We take it too much for granted, always believing it's going to be there," said Ittner, who remembers enjoying SIUC theater in the 1950s, when actors performed in Army barracks where Faneer Hall now sits.

When Ittner didn't receive the summer playbill, she called McLeod and was surprised to learn about the hiatus.

Janice Evans, the theater's office systems specialist, continues to receive phone calls like Ittner's from people who relied on summer theater as a cultural outlet for the community, as well as visiting relatives and friends. But Evans said the improvements are important for quality education.

"We have to be able to train on modern equipment to graduate well-educated students in our program," Evans said.

The Playwright's Workshop will continue in the Christian H. Moe Laboratory Theater, adjacent to McLeod, as well as a new script camp that will culminate in performances there this summer.

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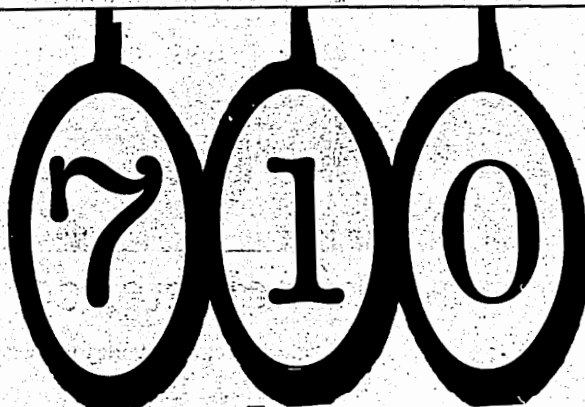
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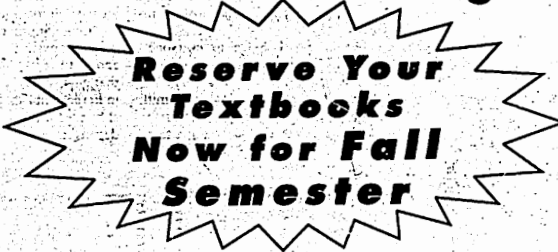
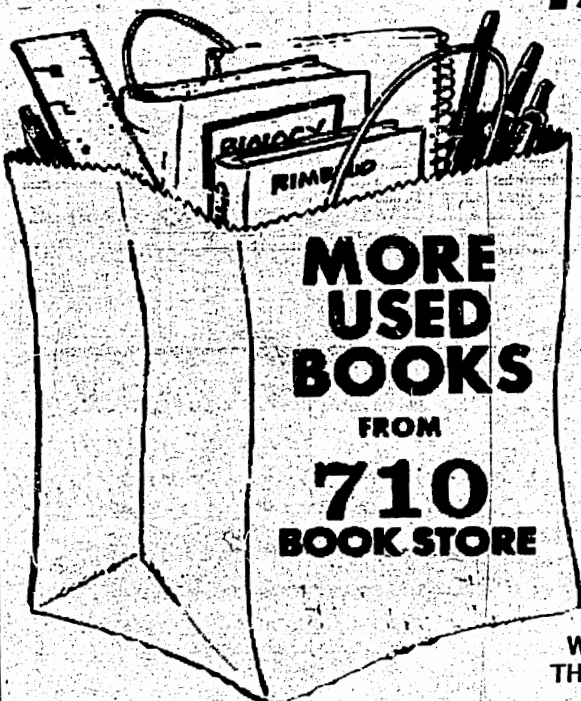
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Feng Shui is the ancient Chinese art of balancing the energy in our environment to enhance and improve life. Although it is an art grounded in the past, it is now being adapted to present-day life and anyone can learn about it through a new course being offered at the Student Recreation Center.

The craze known as Feng Shui started gaining popularity in California during the early 90's, mostly with celebrities. It's comparable to the recent yoga phenomenon, another ancient Asian art.

Instructors of Feng Shui concentrate on the

arrangement and placement of items throughout the home to allow chi (energy) to flow freely. Feng Shui is a complicated art form, but enthusiasts mainly focus on being in harmony with nature and their environment.

Maribeth Smith, a certified massage therapist, a registered nurse and a Feng Shui consultant, read an article a few years ago and taught herself the fundamentals of the art.

Although she is teaching the class on Feng Shui, Smith said she is looking at the class as a way of simply sharing her knowledge on the subject with others.

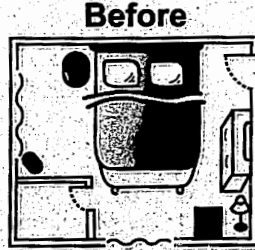
"My idea of the Feng Shui class is to give them info they can take home and use, some basic simple things," Smith said.

For example, it is good to have the sofa facing the entrance of the living area. According to Feng Shui, if the sofa is facing away from the entrance, the person on the sofa (who can't see the entrance) will constantly be wasting their energy waiting to be started by someone entering the room.

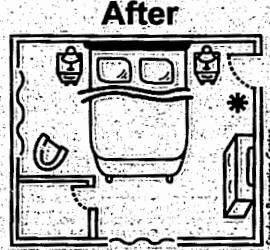
John Wylder, a graduate student in English from Springfield, is somewhat educated on the topic, and said he is not sure of the validity of it.

"It probably has some reality to it, but I'm not sure if I believe it's as powerful as some people I've talked to say it is," Wylder said. "I mean rearrange your furniture and you'll achieve enlightenment; I don't think so."

Feng Shui does not solely revolve around the arrangement of furniture, however. Mirrors are



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also used heavily in Feng Shui. Mirrors can be used to reflect the entrance of a room when an object cannot be moved to face the entrance.

Wind chimes, crystals, live plants and fish are also relied on in Feng Shui to create the feeling of positive chi. Live plants and fish are symbols of life, and if they can thrive in an environment, so can a person. On the other hand, if a person has dead plants and ill fish, it symbolizes that the home is not suitable for living.

Smith said Feng Shui has become more mainstream in the past few years and once people realize what it is, they realize they have been doing it all along.

Get Feng Shui-ed:

A class on Feng Shui will be offered at the Student Recreation Center on June 21 and 28 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. For more information, contact the Instructional Programs Staff at 453-1263.

O'MALLEY

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have a complete knowledge of Southern Illinois, but recognized that there was a "southern part of the state."

"I don't know it like you know it, but I'm going to come to know it," O'Malley said.

Along with Southern senators, he voted against the U.S. Congressional redistricting map. The new map, which Gov. George Ryan signed last month, eliminates the district currently occupied by U.S. Rep. David Phelps, D-Eldorado.

"The map put forward for the congressional reapportionment was not kind to Southern Illinois," O'Malley said. "I did not vote for it. I would not support it."

Highlighting issues important to Southern Illinois, O'Malley said he is a big advocate for bringing back the coal industry which could provide new jobs for the region and provide energy to the entire state.

Also, O'Malley said he would overturn the moratorium Gov. Ryan put on the death penalty in February 2000. A committee is currently studying the justice system after 13 victims were taken off death row because they were later found innocent.

State Sen. David Luechtefeld, R-Okawville, said O'Malley was "conservative on most issues."

Luechtefeld said he thinks Ryan's low poll numbers may have motivated O'Malley to make his official announcement.

O'Malley could also face Attorney General Jim Ryan in the Republican primary. Jim Ryan has expressed interest in the office, but only if Gov. Ryan does not run.

SUPERMAN WEDDING

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contact.

"It turned out that we live only two blocks from each other," Vicki said.

Steve tried to win the costume contest so he could support Cranford.

"I knew that their family wasn't going to be here for this part of it, so I really wanted somebody they knew would be there," Steve said.

The idea for costume winners participating in the wedding belonged to Jim Hambrick of Metropolis. Hambrick is one of the celebrations' coordinators, and arguably its biggest fan: Hambrick owns Metropolis Comic and Collectibles and is the curator of the Superman Museum. The museum houses one of the largest collections of Superman memorabilia spanning movies, television, serials and comics.

Hambrick has been collecting

Superman related items for 42 years. His most prized Superman artifact is an old brown and gray costume worn by George Reeves from the '50s television series that is worth more than \$150,000.

"The first thing I got was the Superman lunch box," Hambrick said. "My mother got it for me for my birthday. That started it."

The celebration began in 1972 when Metropolis was declared the official home of Superman. After the initial celebration it was put on hiatus due to economic problems. The movie "Superman," starring Christopher Reeves, sparked a renewed interest in the character in 1979. The celebration has been drawing fans ever since.

James Seetal, off Long Island, N.Y., came to the festival after three years of anticipation to celebrate his 21st birthday.

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Superman fan, Long Island, N.Y.

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Mike Mayberry, who has lived in Metropolis for about seven months since moving from Huntington Beach Calif., summed up the celebration.

"It is like a geek fest," said Mayberry, who works at Metropolis Comic and Collectibles. "It's getting together with people with the same kind of interest that you don't normally hear about. It's really cool."

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NATHAN SHAW
THE DAILY UNIVERS (BRIGHAM YOUNG U.)

PROVO, Utah (U-WIRE) - Laura LeSueur wants to buy Olympic Event tickets and will now have the opportunity through online ticket sales.

LeSueur, 24, a BYU alumna from Martinez, Calif., teaches fourth grade at East Midvale Elementary in the Jordan School District. Her father promised her that she would go to an Olympic event nearly a year ago.

Unfortunately she learned about the original ticket sales last year a little too late when they ended in December 2000. "I didn't hear about it in time and I didn't do it in time," LeSueur said.

LeSueur wants to attend a figure skating event, but unfortunately those were some of the first ones to sell out. Salt Lake Organizing Committee has been planning since the beginning to sell some of the Event tickets online.

"That was always the plan, we had the initial ticket phase sale that went on from October to December," Mark Walker from SLOC media relations said.

Those that purchased tickets during the first phase were sent confirmation letters in February. Since the first phase was the ticket request phase some of the orders may not have been completely filled.

Buyers could call in at that time to discuss their

options about their tickets and ask for a refund or inquire about more tickets.

"After that phase ended, it was a matter of tightening everything up and getting ready for taking us online, because tickets are now on sale and will remain on sale through games time," Walker said.

Walker said that expectations for the online sales are to be able to sell more tickets. They still had a little over 209,000 tickets to sell.

"Tuesday's totals were at \$980,000 in ticket sales for Monday -- Tuesday totaling 11,052 tickets," Walker said.

At the time of ticket purchasing the actual seat assignment is unknown, but the price determines the general location. Seats will be assigned later when the tickets are issued.

"With tickets moving that quickly it would appear that they will be gone soon."

"No Olympics has ever sold out," Walker said. "The prime events, like ice hockey, figure skating and things like that are sold out."

Some of the events that are now sold out include freestyle moguls for women qualifications and finals, snowboarding for women's half-pipe qualifications and finals, men's single luge runs finals, short track ladies speed skating 1500 meters, four man bobsled, short track men's 1600 meters, figure skating, dance original and short track men's 1000 meters.

New Michigan hoops coaches have already 'meshed'

BENJAMIN SINGER
MICHIGAN DAILY (U. MICHIGAN)

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (U-WIRE) - The off-season has been one of renewal for Michigan basketball. Michigan cleaned house by bringing in a brand new coaching staff to revive the Wolverines.

The ties between the coaches and are already being built.

"We've already meshed together," assistant coach Charles Ramsey said. "Anyone who didn't know better would think we've been working together for years."

Head coach Tommy Amaker and assistant coach Billy Schmidt did in fact work together at Seton Hall. Amaker also brought in Chuck Swenson from Penn State and Ramsey from California.

The coaches have all met individually with the players, as part of what Ramsey called an "ongoing process" of communicating with the team.

Some players and coaches already knew each other from past years for various reasons.

Ramsey, who tried to recruit Leon Jones, LaVell Blanchard, Bernard Robinson and Dommanic Ingerson to California, will be coaching them despite not getting them to sign with his school originally.

"It is kind of ironic," he said.

Blanchard named finalist - Forward - LaVell Blanchard made the cut as one of 16 finalists for the 2001 USA Basketball World Championship for Young Men Team. The final 12-man roster, which will be named in late July, will compete in the FIBA World Championship for Young Men in Saitama, Japan from August 3-12.

Billy Schmidt went with Blanchard to Colorado for the three-day tryouts last week.

The Big Ten had the most finalists for the team with six: Illinois' Frank Williams and Brian Cook, Indiana's Jared Jeffries, Iowa's Reggie Evans and Michigan State's Marcus Taylor joined Blanchard.

Blanchard was quoted on usabasketball.com on how he felt after being named: "I was honored. Just a lot of relief and happiness."

Recruits arriving: Dommanic Ingerson and Chuck Bailey will be arriving on campus later this month to begin their college careers. The two will take part in the Summer Bridge program, offered to minorities as a means of getting adjusted to university life.

Should JaQuan Hart achieve the necessary test scores to become academically eligible, he too will likely join the program.

Captains: Several weeks ago, the team voted on captains and selected three seniors -- center Chris Young, guard Leon Jones and forward Rotolu Adebiji.

Young started all 28 of Michigan's games last year and averaged 8.6 points per game. With the loss of Josh Asselin, Young figures to be Michigan's primary threat in the low post.

Jones saw 14.6 minutes a game and Adebiji had limited action, entering late off the bench in eight games last season.

U of I chancellor retracts statement limiting recruit contact

ANGIE LEVENTIS
DAILY ILLINI (U. ILLINOIS)

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (U-WIRE) - Anti-Chief lobbyists say the lawsuit is about free speech. The University of Illinois says athletic recruiting protocol is the main concern.

For the last three months both sides clashed in a legal dispute encircling three areas of controversy: the Chief Illiniwek debate, National Collegiate Athletic Association recruitment rules and First Amendment rights. In early March the American Civil Liberties Union filed suit against: Chancellor Michael Aiken on behalf of anti-Chief lobbyists, accusing him of limiting free speech on campus; the result was the April 5 temporary restraining order on the University.

In what seemed to be the legal battle's final stage, Aiken recently rescinded his March 2 requirement that students and staff receive University authorization prior to contact with prospective athletes.

Aiken permanently retracted the decree in an e-mail to all faculty and students June 6, yet simultaneously declared continued unwavering commitment to NCAA rules.

In March, Aiken restricted contact with high school and junior college students in response to faculty and staff members who threatened to use the Chief controversy as a means to dissuade potential athletes from attending the University.

University spokesman Bill Murphy said clashing interpretations stemmed from the ambiguous NCAA rules. The NCAA charges universities to sanction "institutional control" over recruiting practices, and universities can be penalized if they violate recruiting policies. However, Murphy said the NCAA does not specifically address "anti-recruiting."

While the eight faculty members and students who filed suit hail Aiken's recent rejection as a victory, some said they fear the original decree permanently chilled free speech surrounding the Chief Illiniwek controversy.

"I think it's important for a university to have the freedom to discuss public issues," said Stephen Kaufman, professor of cell and structural biology and plaintiff. "It's very serious when the chancellor of a public university suppresses the First Amendment rights of students and staff."

Kaufman also questioned the timing of the recent mass e-mail.

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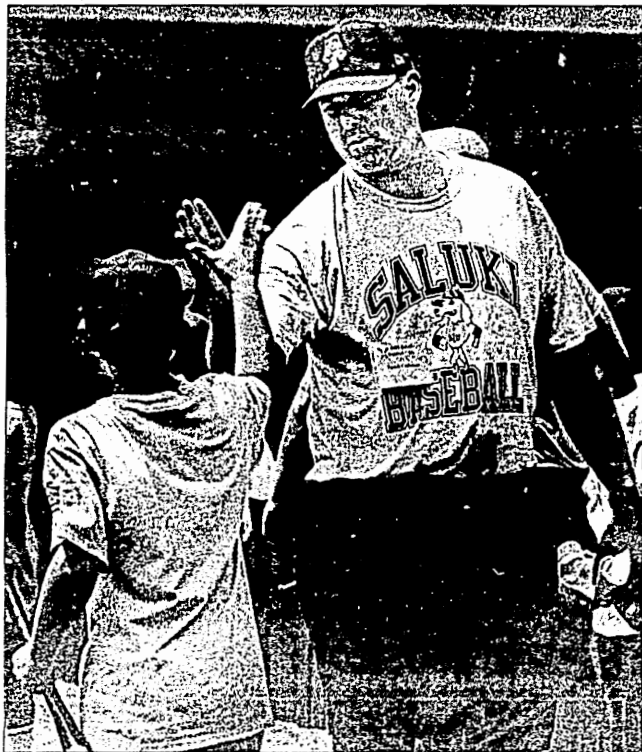
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The boys of summer

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(Left) SIU head baseball coach, Dan Callahan congratulates a camper Tuesday afternoon during SIU's week-long baseball camp.

(Below) A group of campers takes a break from the heat Tuesday afternoon at the Saluki's week-long camp.



SIU lands former Syracuse quarterback

Kill signs Madei Williams in fifth year of eligibility

ANDY EGENES
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Madei Williams just got his second chance. Williams, a former Syracuse University quarterback, signed with the Salukis for the upcoming season. Williams, a 6-foot-2, 225-pound senior, has one final year of eligibility remaining and decided to play his final season of collegiate football at SIU while attending graduate school in the fall to pursue a master's degree in business.

His first two years at Syracuse were spent on the sidelines as a backup to Donovan McNabb, who went on to be an NFL first-round draft pick and now plays for the Philadelphia Eagles. McNabb combined for nearly 6,000 passing yards in the 1997 and 1998 seasons, while Williams was redshirted in '97 and saw limited action in '98.

After McNabb's departure, Williams' stock soared in '99 when he started six games and threw for 742 yards for the Orangemen, including a win at the University of Michigan.

"We feel the most important thing that Madei brings to us is maturity," said SIU head football coach Jerry Kill. "I think that's the most important thing, but of course, he brings some athleticism."

NFL scouts have clocked Williams at 4.52 in the 50-yard dash, which should provide a major boost to SIU's ground attack.

But a hand injury early in the 2000 season sidelined him for all but three games, which paved the way toward his decision to transfer.

Williams will be one of four quarterbacks joining the squad in Kill's first season, and will undoubtedly be first in line to take snaps. Williams will finish up at Syracuse this month and plans to arrive in Carbondale July 7.

Currently, Williams is working a full-time job in Syracuse and spending about three hours at the gym during the evening. He could not be reached for comment.

Kill originally learned of Williams' situation when he was on a public speaking tour with other college and NFL coaches. Kill's contacts in the profession notified him, and the SIU football staff wasted little time getting Williams on board.



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Madei Williams will play his final season of college ball at SIU this fall. Williams is one of the four quarterbacks head coach Jerry Kill has added to the Saluki lineup.

"[Syracuse] was wanting to give him a place where he could showcase his abilities and we needed another quarterback so it worked out well for us," Kill said.

"He's played in front of 100,000 and had the heat under him. I think it's a good move for him, and it's a good move for us. It allows for some competition for [backup SIU quarterback] Kevin Kobe, and it allows the two freshmen [quarterbacks] to not put so much pressure on themselves."

Walk-on Gray jumps over the competition

Women's track and field finishes fourth at MVC Championships

JENS DEJU
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A foot and a half. That is how much sophomore Latrice Gray broke the old SIU high jump record by at the Missouri Valley Conference Outdoor Track and Field Championships May 19 in Terre Haute, Ind.

Gray's jump of 5 feet, 10 3/4 inches was enough to not only give her the MVC crown in the event, but also put her into the field for the NCAA Championships in Eugene, Or.

"It was kind of expected, but yet unexpected," said SIU women's head coach Don DeNoon. "You never want to assume something like that. She was a walk-on to the team, and to get that out of a walk-on is great."

Gray went into the NCAA's ranked 18th and finished tied for 14th with a jump of 5-8.

"It was a good learning experience, especially since I'm just a sophomore," Gray said. "But I would've liked to have done a lot better."

The Salukis displayed a strong showing at the tournament, ending with six individual titles, the most of any school, en route to a fourth place team finish.

Freshman Noa Beitler took first place in the 800 and 1500- meters, while sophomore Jamie Waters won the shot put and the discus events, and senior Caryn Poliquin won the hammer throw. Beitler's time in the 1500 beat her previous best by seven seconds.

Overall, the women finished with 81 points which placed them behind champion Southwest Missouri State University (156), Indiana State University (145) and Illinois State University (101). Rounding out the scores were the University of Northern Iowa (75), Wichita State University (66), Drake University (18) and Bradley University (8).

"We went in and we did about as well as we could do," DeNoon said. "I expected that we would get fourth at the meet so we did as well as I expected us to do."

The Salukis, who have been bitten by the injury bug all season, were only able to take 18 people to the Championships.

"It was a rocky road. We really just had a lot of injuries," DeNoon said. "Hopefully we got them all out of the way for the next couple of years, and it'll be smooth sailing from here on."