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Cheng sole finalist for NAU presidency



SARAH GARDNER · DAILY EGYPTIAN

Chancellor Rita Cheng speaks at New Student Convocation and the Southern Social August 16, 2013, at Saluki Stadium. Cheng was named the sole finalist for President of Northern Arizona University Friday.

TYLER DIXON Daily Egyptian

Chancellor Rita Cheng announced in an email Friday morning she is the lone finalist for the Northern Arizona University

After a six-month search, the Arizona Board of Regents chose Cheng, and her selection awaits a formal vote from the

"Dr. Cheng has a distinguished record of innovative and transformational leadership while consistently demonstrating a deep commitment to academic excellence," Rick Myers, co-chairman of the Arizona Board of Regents, said.

Cheng said she was contacted by NAU in March about being its next president. She said even if the timing wasn't right, these opportunities don't come along very often.

"It's a good fit, it would be a natural next step for me," Cheng said.

LuAnn Leonard, co-chairman of the Arizona Board of Regents, said its extensive search started in February with more than 62 possible applicants.

Cheng said she is contacted weekly about potential jobs, but NAU was the only school she said she would have a conversation with. She said two reasons she considered NAU is because of its similarity to SIU and she has family in the west.

"They have had some really incredible success in many of their initiatives," Cheng said. "I wanted to be connected to a campus like that."

SIU President Randy Dunn said he was not aware of Cheng being in contact with NAU when he was hired. He said he will not get ahead of Chancellor Cheng and will not move forward until her hiring becomes

When the hiring is official, Dunn said he wants an interim chancellor in place before the academic year begins.

"I think there's a good chance we can do that," Dunn said.

Randal Thomas, chairman of the SIU Board of Trustees, declined to comment on

Outgoing NAU President John Haeger's contract expires June 2015. He said in a NAU press release he would like to resume teaching before that date.

"I said from the beginning that NAU would best be served by a visionary and dynamic leader from a peer institution," Haeger said in the release.

Cheng will address the NAU community Thursday, June 12.

"If all goes well, I will have a contract signed by the board at the end of next week or early the following," she said.

Leonard said the board will have a vote the week after Cheng's meeting on the NAU

"We're very excited and looking forward to a great new leader," Leonard said.

Northern Arizona University is located in Flagstaff and had a fall 2013 enrollment of more than 26,000 students.

Cheng said she will always appreciate her time at SIU and the university is currently on a course for future success.

"Although I won't be here, I will always think fondly of SIU," she said. "I'll always be a Saluki."

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Concerts ring in summer at SIU

MARCUS GRUWELL Daily Egyptian

The Sunset Concert Series returns Thursday for its 27th year, but with a new location on campus. The series will start at SIU Lot 89A Hillside,

just of north of the SIU Arena and alternate weekly with Turley Park.

Thursday at 7pm Eddie Shaw & the Wolfgang, a blues band from Chicago, will be the first to perform. Shaw was recently inducted into the will take place during the summer. Blues Hall of Fame.

Donald Castle, an associate director at the Student Center, said the concerts are fun and brings students together.

"It helps create a social center for students,"

Joseph Letke, a junior from Chicago studying geography, will be attending the concerts for the

"I'm pretty excited about going," Letke said. "I've never really been to them before and I heard

While summer enrollment has declined, Castle said he thinks there will a good amount of students to come out.

"On average, we usually get around 2,000 students to come out and at the end have a pretty good turnout rating," Castle said.

Emily Dunn, a senior from Springfield majoring in special education, said she came to many concerts last summer and enjoyed going to

"I think the Sunset Concerts are a fun community event that brings Carbondale together," Dunn said. "It's not just for students that attend, but for family and visitors."

Other bands that will be performing this summer will be Classical Blast, HotSauce and Scarletta. The series will highlight many different genres of music during its seven

While the Sunset Concerts have been originally held in front of Shyrock Auditorium, the concerts were moved due to recent construction, which

"It's quite a change for me, but we'll see what happens," Castle said. "I always say that...we help create the environment, but the people that show up are the ones that make it what it is,"

The four sponsors of the concert series are the Student Center, students of the Student Programing Council, the Carbondale Park District and the City of Carbondale.

"It's hard to get sponsorship programing in the summer because there are so many people that are doing other things and people are out,"

He said it is good SPC has sponsors like the Student Center and the Public Park District so they are successfully able to give the audience a program to enjoy.

"It's an amazing tradition here and as long as the audience comes to the events, we'll keep doing it," Castle said. "They're the ones that make it special."

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Permanent farmer's market ideas take off

MARISSA NOVEL Daily Egyptian

More than one hundred community members packed the Carbondale Civic Center July 3 to voice their ideas about a vear-round farmers market.

The attendance exceeded the city's expectations, as people were left standing until another room was opened and more chairs were brought in.

Fidel Delgado, an architect from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, began his presentation explaining the sustainability benefits of year-round farmer's markets for communities. Delgado provided examples of layout plans of his previous projects as well as other facilities which would fit Carbondale's needs.

The facilities could include canopy options, accessible parking, room for outdoor recreation and event stages. Almost all of the examples featured a location in an accessible downtown area.

Many people said they were in favor of making space for outdoor recreation to provide the market with more space for social activities, especially on Saturday mornings of the farmer's market.

D. Gorton Adams, a Carbondale

resident, said there is a farmer's market in Durango, Colo., which he and his wife, City Councilwoman Jane Adams, visited which features a commercial kitchen. Adams said the kitchen gives organizations opportunities to lease the space and cater events for large numbers of people, which eventually generates revenue for the county.

Adams said the commercial kitchen would be up to code with the health department, making it easier for farmers and producers to cook and create new products that would have been difficult otherwise.

"What you're looking for is not just a farmer's market but a community market," Adams said.

Williams, Carbondale's Economic Development Coordinator, said a permanent farmer's market could strengthen the southern Illinois region and generate more revenue for the Carbondale economy.

Williams said the facility could be used for other public events, such as car shows, antique shows, or reunions, which could attract people to the Carbondale area.

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"For the city, it would just allow a much better opportunity to bring people into the community," Williams said. "And I think there would be spillovers from that that would be beneficial to both consumers and producers"

There are currently two farmer's markets in Carbondale, but neither of them have a space specific to fill its needs.

The Carbondale Farmer's Market is on the west side of the city held at the Westtown Mall parking lot. The east location is the Carbondale Community Farmer's Market that is held in the Carbondale Community High School parking lot.

The people at the July 3 meeting said the two different locations make it hard on both farmers and consumers to attend both markets which are typically held on the same date and time.

Terry Hickey, a medicinal botanical vendor at the Carbondale Community Farmer's Market, said she has considered doing both markets, but found it to be very difficult.

"I really like the Carbondale Community Farmer's Market, I have a following there. It's just hard to do both," she said. "You need to place the people and the set up and the products. It makes it very difficult."

Hickey also said she would love to see a permanent farmer's market in the downtown area before building plans have begun.

The next farmer's market will be held at both locations Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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World &

Friendly fire kills five soldiers in Afghanistan

RAHIM FAIEZ
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Five American troops were killed in an apparent coalition airstrike in southern Afghanistan, officials said Tuesday, in one of the worst friendly fire incidents involving United States and coalition troops since the start of the nearly 14 year war.

The U.S.-led international coalition said the service members were killed in an apparent friendly fire incident, which an Afghan official said was an airstrike in southern Zabul province. A statement said all five soldiers died on Monday, but did not give further details.

"Five American troops were killed yesterday during a security operation in southern Afghanistan. Investigators are looking into the

likelihood that friendly fire was the cause. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families of these fallen," Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. John Kirby said.

If confirmed, it would be one of the most serious cases involving coalitionon-coalition friendly fire during the war.

"The casualties occurred during a security operation when their unit came into contact with enemy forces. Tragically, there is the possibility that fratricide may have been involved. The incident is under investigation," the coalition said in an earlier announcement.

In Washington, two U.S. defense officials said the five Americans were special operations force members, but they were not more specific. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because notification of the families of the five had not yet

been completed.

One of the worst such friendly fire incidents came in April 2002 when four Canadian soldiers were killed by an American F-16 jet fighter that dropped a bomb on a group of troops during a night firing exercise in southern Kandahar.

A senior police official in southern Zabul said the coalition soldiers were killed Monday when they called for close air support.

Provincial police chief Gen. Ghulam Sakhi Rooghlawanay said there was a joint operation by Afghan and NATO troops in the area's Arghandab district early Monday. After that operation was over, the troops came under attack from the Taliban and called in air support, he said.

"After the operation was over on the way back, the joint forces came under the attack of insurgents, and then foreign forces called for air support. Unfortunately, five NATO soldiers and one Afghan army officer were killed mistakenly by NATO air strike," Rooghlawanay said.

There was no way to independently confirm Rooghlawanay's comments. The coalition would not comment and NATO headquarters in Brussels also declined to comment.

The only U.S. troops now involved in combat operations are usually Special Operations Forces that mentor their Afghan counterparts. They often come under fire and are responsible for calling in air support when needed. Because of constraints placed by outgoing Afghan President Hamid Karzai, such air strikes are usually called "in extremis," or when troops fear they are about to be killed.

Illinois soldier among five killed in friendly fire

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Associated Press

CHICAGO — A soldier from northern Illinois who went to Afghanistan a month after his father died was among five American troops killed this week during a friendly fire incident in Afghanistan, a friend of the family said Tuesday.

Aaron Toppen, 19, was killed

Monday, family spokeswoman Jennie Swartz told The Associated Press from the family's Mokena home, about 30 miles southwest of Chicago. Swartz said representatives from the U.S. Army came to the door of Toppen's mother, Pam Toppen, in the middle of the night to deliver the news.

Aaron Toppen's sister, Amanda Gralewski, told the Chicago SunTimes her brother had joined the Army after graduating from Lincoln-Way East High School in Frankfort. He was set to leave in February for Afghanistan, but after their father died that month, he waited until March to deploy.

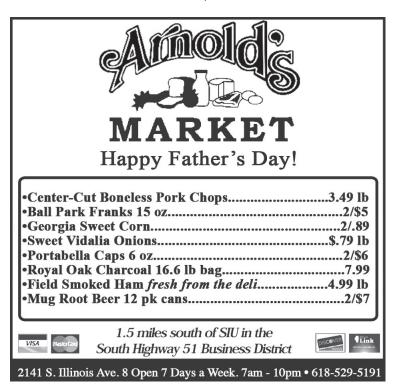
Now, she said, the family is suffering a "double hit" of grief.

Gralewski said her brother was

a "funny, caring, loving kid" who enjoyed being outdoors and spending time with his friends and family.

"He would give the shirt off his back for anyone," she said.

The five American special operations troops were killed by a U.S. airstrike called in to help them after they were ambushed by the Taliban in southern Afghanistan.







NATION

2 dead, student and shooter, at an Oregon high school

MICHAEL MUSKAL MATT PEARCE Los Angeles Times

One student has been killed and the shooter is also dead at Reynolds High School near Portland, Ore. police said Tuesday morning.

At a televised news conference, Troutdale Police Chief Scott Anderson told reporters that the violent situation, which began at 8 a.m., was contained and over.

The chief said one student was fatally shot in the campus attack. No names were given.

Students, who had been locked in place at the school, were evacuated from Reynolds High School and were being reunited with their parents in a nearby supermarket parking lot.

Police and emergency personnel responded Tuesday to reports of a shooting at the school, about 16 miles east of Portland.

"Every officer we have is out on that call," a spokeswoman for the Troutdale Police Department told the Los Angeles Times.

In addition to those officers, officials from as many as 13 surrounding communities have responded, Troutdale Mayor Doug Daust told MSNBC.

The Clark County, Wash., Sheriff's Department is among those responding, an official told the Los Angeles Times.

Don't want this,

Televised images from the scene showed parents anxiously waiting outside the grades 9 through 12 school. It is finals week at the school, the mayor said.

Social media have been on fire over the incident with one student tweeting the school is in lockdown and a number of police cars have rolled up. A second student has tweeted she heard gunfire. A third reported a police officer racing toward the school's gymnasium.

Jacob Saldana, 16, a junior, told the Times he saw a teacher who had apparently been shot and "skimmed" in the hip, but who was not seriously wounded.

Saldana said he was walking in the school as classes were about to start when a school secretary pulled him into the front office and said there was a lockdown. He thought it was just another drill, until the secretary hurried him into a back room away from windows.

"When I got into the room and I saw one of the teachers had a wound, I knew this was not a joke, it was real," Saldana said, adding, "He was definitely bleeding ... (But) he was really strong for somebody who had a wound, he was kind of walking it off."

Eventually, a police officer came to the front doors of the school and administrators unlocked the door after the officer slipped a card under the door.

We had to be quiet, and the bathroom were unlocked, so I felt really scared and very unsafe because I knew there would be nothing we could do if someone walked in the building.

 — Savannah Bottenfield junior at Reynolds High School

They led Saldana and the others out. As Saldana ran out of the school, he said he ran past "dozens" of cop cars.

"There is literally cop cars here from every surrounding city," Saldana said. "We ran through the cops, then we got to the church across the street, and we were patted down."

Saldana added, "It is still surreal right now," as he was surrounded by hundreds of students at the church, unclear about what happened and what happens next.

Another student, Hannah Amerson, 17, a junior, said she was on her way to school "when I saw at least six or seven cop cars head up the road. I got a really bad feeling so I asked my friends if everything was OK and they said they heard gunshots."

One of those friends said he had heard about seven gunshots, she said.

"So I turned the other way and went to a friend's house," Amerson said. "While walking to my friend's house, I saw more and more and more cop cars. More than I had ever seen in our town at one time.

"Now I'm safe at home watching

the news and talking to whoever I can to make sure I know what's going on."

Savannah Bottenfield, 16, a junior, said she was in the arts building in the bathroom when a girl came in and said they were on lockdown. A teacher came in and they barricaded their door with a trash can because the bathroom door didn't have a lock.

"We had to be quiet, and the doors to the arts building and the bathroom were unlocked, so I felt really scared and very unsafe because I knew there would be nothing we could do if someone walked in the building," Bottenfield wrote in an email to the Los Angeles Times. "I sat there for over an hour and a half listening to sirens non-stop in fear because we didn't know what was going on or if our friends were safe."

Bottenfield added: "Never in a million years would I think this would happen at Reynolds. You never think something tragic and terrifying like this will happen to you until it does."

Crossdressers imprisoned in Malaysia

McClatchy-Tribune

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — Malaysia's Islamic authorities imprisoned 16 men dressed as women after a raid on a wedding just outside the capital Kuala Lumpur, activists and police confirmed Tuesday.

Seventeen men were arrested Sunday night in the town of Bahau in the state of Negeri Sembilan, 60 miles south of Kuala Lumpur, according to Pang Khee Teik, leader of gay rights advocacy group Seksualiti Merdeka.

Pang said a Sharia court Monday sentenced 16 of the group to seven days' imprisonment and fined them \$296, while the remaining accused, a minor, was allowed to go home. He will have to report to the local Islamic authorities once a month for the next year.

"If they (16 convicted by Sharia court) fail to pay the fine within seven days, they will be further imprisoned for six months," he said on his Facebook page.

A police official who requested not to be named confirmed the incident.

"Those arrested were wearing women's clothes, which is a crime under state Islamic laws," he said.

Malaysia is a predominantly Muslim country with more than 30 million people.

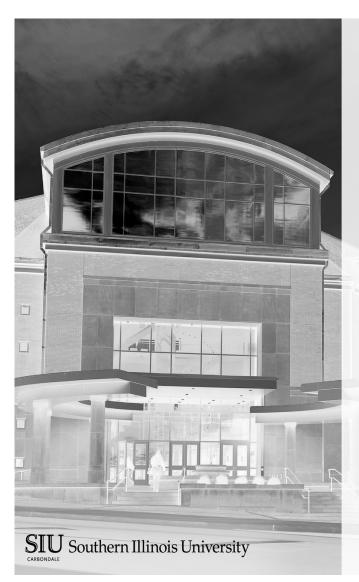
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PULSE

Driver in Morgan crash hadn't slept

DAVID PORTERAssociated Press

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP) — A truck driver accused of triggering a highway crash that injured Tracy Morgan and killed another comedian hadn't slept for more than 24 hours before the accident, authorities said Monday as Morgan recovered in a hospital.

Wal-Mart trucker Kevin Roper is expected to appear in state court Wednesday. It was unclear if Roper, of Jonesboro, Ga., had retained an attorney. He remained free after posting \$50,000 bond.

Authorities said Roper apparently failed to slow for traffic ahead early Saturday in Cranbury Township and then swerved to avoid a crash. Instead, they said, his big rig smashed into the back of Morgan's chauffeured limo bus, killing comedian James "Jimmy Mack" McNair and injuring Morgan and three other people.

The accident occurred in a chronically congested area of the New Jersey Turnpike where a five-year widening project is expected to finish this year. A turnpike authority spokesman said two of three northbound lanes had been closed about a mile ahead of the accident for road work, which likely slowed traffic.

Spokesman Tom Feeney said turnpike officials haven't seen an increase in fatal accidents in the construction area, which stretches about 35 miles.

Morgan, a former "Saturday Night Live" and "30 Rock" cast member, was in critical but stable condition Monday. His spokesman, Lewis Kay, said he faces an "arduous" recovery after surgery on his broken leg.

Morgan suffered a broken femur, a broken nose and several broken ribs and is expected to remain hospitalized for weeks, Kay said. Morgan's fiancee was with him at the hospital, he said.

Roper has been charged with death by auto and four counts of assault by auto. Under New Jersey law, a person can be charged with assault by auto if he or she causes injury after knowingly operating a vehicle after being awake for more than 24 hours.

According to the criminal complaint, Roper operated the truck "without having slept for a period in excess of 24 hours resulting in a motor vehicle accident." It doesn't specify the basis for that assertion.

The limo bus' driver, Tyrone Gale, told ABC News he was disoriented after it flipped over.

"I climbed around and heard Tracy screaming for help," Gale said. "I climbed up on the body of the limo bus ... but I couldn't reach them."

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. President Bill Simon said the Bentonville, Arkansas-based company "will take full responsibility" if authorities determine its truck caused the accident.

Wal-Mart trucks have been involved in 380 crashes in the past

two years, federal data show. The crashes have caused nine deaths and 129 injuries. Wal-Mart has 6,200 trucks and 7,200 drivers, according to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and they drove 667 million miles last year.

Roper's truck was equipped with a system designed to slow its speed and notify him of stopped traffic ahead, a company spokeswoman said. It's unknown if the system was working.

The National Transportation Safety Board is working with state police to look at any issues in the crash related to commercial trucking and limousine safety.

Federal regulations permit truck drivers to work up to 14 hours a day, with a maximum of 11 hours behind the wheel. Drivers must have at least 10 hours off between work shifts to sleep.

Wal-Mart said it believed Roper was operating within federal regulations.

"Safety is the absolute highest priority for Walmart," it said in an emailed statement.

But safety advocates said they hope the accident will help their case.

"This is part of a systemic problem of having tired people driving at night and driving large trucks," said Henry Jasny, vice president of Advocates for Highway and Auto Safety.

But Dave Osiecki, vice president of the American Trucking Association, said no regulations can prevent a



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The 'Fault' is in the script, not the 'Stars'

KARSTEN BURGSTAHLERFor the Daily Egyptian



It was the famed comedian Bill Cosby who said, "If you can find humor in anything, even poverty, you can survive it."

That's what writer John Green did when he wrote 2012's "The Fault in Our Stars," the blockbuster book which follows two teens, both affected by cancer, who fall in love. Neither of our protagonists, Hazel or Gus, must deal with poverty. But both are outsiders, finding humor in their pain and forming a bond through their trials.

This story really isn't anything new. In fact, the one scene in Zemeckis' "Flight" where James Badge Dale's character briefly ruminates on his lung cancer with his fellow patients is more heartbreaking than anything in "Stars." The difference is "Flight" feels real. "Stars" feels manufactured.

A bit more on the plot: Hazel (the always charming Shailene Woodley) and Gus (the new on the scene Ansel Elgort) have different types of cancer.

Hazel has come close to death and now carries oxygen with her everywhere, while Gus managed to eradicate his cancer, but lost his leg in the process. The two meet at a cancer support group where, refreshingly, neither of them is sarcastic. At least not on the surface.

Hazel has given up on an afterlife, but is obsessed with a book called "An Imperial Affliction," somewhat because she's desperate to know what happens after the book ends abruptly. This is an interesting character trait dying to be explored.

But instead of giving us the character study Woodley could've shined in, the movie is more focused on reforming the meet-cute. "Stars" actively fights becoming a traditional teenybopper romance, taking some scenes in unexpected directions in an attempt to show life isn't always rosy. But it fails to go all the way. If directors and writers want to make an impression they can't just push the envelope — they have to break down barriers. Failing to address things like Hazel's spirituality beyond a brief exchange does moviegoers a disservice.

"Stars" also comes dangerously close to faltering under a star image problem. Readers can picture the characters



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however they want with the novel; once the story moves to the big screen, there seems to be more of a concern about box office returns. Hazel and Gus always seem to be made up, looking their best even when they're close to death. Gus claims no one finds him attractive because of his leg. But the

camera seems to try awfully hard to make him attractive.

This isn't the first time the screen has seen a contradiction like this. Katniss looks very well fed and fit in "The Hunger Games" even though she's supposed to be starving.

All of this could be forgiven if "The

Fault in Our Stars" actually made a point, rather than hiding behind a smokescreen of catchphrases and revelations engineered to start the waterworks. If it weren't for Woodley, "Fault" would be just another single, dim star in the solar system-sized romance genre.







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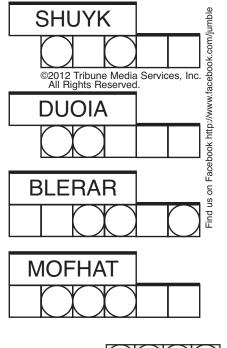
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Saluki pitchers selected in MLB draft

Coonrod headed to Bay Area

AARON GRAFF

Daily Egyptian

Junior right-handed pitcher Sam Coonrod likely won't return for his senior season, but that does not mean he will stop playing baseball.

Coonrod was picked by the San Francisco Giants in the fifth round of the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft Friday and plans on signing a contract.

He was ranked 103rd of all prospects by MLB.com and was selected 148th overall. He finished his junior season with a record of 2-6 and a 2.87 ERA.

"I'm very blessed," Coonrod said. "This all happens with God."

Coach Ken Henderson said it will be a huge loss to the program, but he knew it was coming.

"We planned and prepared for this day with our recruiting throughout the year," Henderson said. "You just don't run out and replace his ability and talent, it's not like those kind of guy's are out running around everywhere."

SIU was the only Division I university to offer Coonrod a scholarship coming out of Carrollton High School, which has an enrollment of less than 300 students.

"Around here it's tough to get recognized," Joey Coonrod, Sam Coonrod's younger brother, said. "You don't really know too many people who can give you an opportunity."

MLB.com said Joey, of Kaskaskia Community College, also had a chance of getting drafted this year. Sam said he thinks it didn't happen this year because his brother redshirted his sophomore season.

"He definitely has the talent in the future to get drafted," Sam said. "He is a better athlete than I ever was."

Sam said his hometown has never had an athlete play professionally, and there was a lot of hype going into the draft. He said after he was picked, it got even bigger.

"It's a pretty small town," Joey said.
"Everybody knew about it, everybody was watching. When we're here, we'll go somewhere and everybody is always stopping and talking to him."

Sam won his last collegiate start at the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament against University of Evansville junior left-handed pitcher Kyle Freeland. Freeland was drafted eighth overall by the Colorado Rockies.

"(Freeland) deserved it," Sam said. "He's better than me at this point. Right now, he's the better pitcher. I'm going to do everything I can to become the best that I can be"

Sam said most of his Saluki teammates texted him as soon as they heard the news.

"I haven't been able to look at all the messages," Sam said. "I've gotten so many, I couldn't tell you how many I've gotten."

Henderson said almost every big league club came in to talk to Sam during the year and when a younger player is ready to move on, he will help them with whatever they need.

"Even though he was a junior, he was ready to go out," Henderson said. "He's physically ready to go out. He's mentally ready to go out. Maturity wise, he's ready. It's time. As much as I'd love to have him back, it's time he goes to the next level and I supported that from day one."

Senior gets Royal treatment

AARON GRAFF

Daily Egyptian

Senior right-handed pitcher Todd Eaton became the second Saluki and 11th Missouri Valley Conference pitcher selected in the 2014 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.

Eaton was selected 1,023rd overall by the Kansas City Royals in the 34th round.

"It's awesome," Eaton said. "It's a childhood dream obviously. This is the first time it's happened and it's pretty cool. It feels pretty good."

Eaton was a starter his freshman year before moving to the bullpen. There, he finished tied for second with Al Levine in Saluki history with 19 saves before being named a starting pitcher once again his senior year.

"The whole deal with starter to closer and back to starter had to do with arm action and mechanics," coach Ken Henderson said. "I think he would have gotten drafted, I don't think anything would have changed if we left him in the closer's role."

Eaton finished his senior season with a record of 3-3 and a 4.10 ERA. He was named the MVC Pitcher of the Week after throwing 10 complete innings against Illinois State University April 26.

Henderson said Eaton would have been selected in last year's draft if he didn't intend on staying for his senior year. Henderson said the draft is too hard to determine ahead of time, but he knew Eaton had the skills to play professionally.

"Obviously, anybody who gets drafted

is extremely talented," Henderson said. "I think to be drafted in the 34th round is an unbelievable honor, but part of that is the fact that he was a senior and had no bargaining power."

Eaton's father, Mike Eaton, and mother, Jane Eaton, said they noticed professional talent from Todd when he first played in college.

"He came from a very small school," Mike said. "We were wondering if he could even play at the Division I level and once he got there and had a little bit of success, we felt he had a chance because he was playing with people who moved on."

Mike and Todd were on a golf course when he got the call for his turn to move on.

"We were playing a tournament and I was in the foursome ahead of him," Mike said. "I see him waving and he was on the phone so I knew he got a call. It was very exciting, I drove back to confirm it with him, it was a very neat thing."

Todd said he has no idea what he would do if he didn't get drafted, but he wasn't only happy for himself.

He said he likes that 12 MVC pitchers and 11 MVC hitters were drafted because he will be able to play against familiar faces.

"I'm sure we'll have a decent conversation before or after the games," Eaton said. "It's pretty cool playing against people you're familiar with."

Todd's family is from the St. Louis area, but said they are going to have to be Royals fans from now on.

"We just want to thank SIU and the coaching staff for giving Todd the opportunity," Jane said. "We're very thankful for that."

Former UCLA star O'Bannon takes stand in antitrust lawsuit against NCAA

LEE ROMNEY DAVID WHARTON Los Angeles Times

OAKLAND, Calif. — As a much-anticipated federal trial began here Monday, the walls that have long separated college athletes from the riches of a multibillion-dollar sports enterprise began to show some cracks.

The occasion was the opening of an antitrust lawsuit filed on behalf of current and former men's basketball and football players. It seeks an injunction against the NCAA which would effectively allow athletes to profit from the use of their names, images and likenesses in television broadcasts, rebroadcasts, video games and more.

Lead plaintiff Ed O'Bannon, a star UCLA basketball player in the 1990s, took the stand first, stating he spent 40 to 45 hours a week on basketball during the season, choosing a major that would fit with his schedule and taking his senior finals in a hotel ballroom during the Final Four.

"I was an athlete masquerading as

a student," said O'Bannon, now a 41-year old automobile sales and marketing employee in Las Vegas. "I was there strictly to play basketball ... and I did basically the minimum to make sure that I kept my eligibility academically so I could continue to play."

The issues raised — whether studentathletes should receive a greater piece of the collegiate athletics pie than the scholarships they are granted — goes far beyond this trial.

Before O'Bannon began his testimony, a lawyer for the NCAA announced it had reached a settlement to pay \$20 million in damages in a related case brought by former college quarterback Sam Keller. Keller sought compensation for Division I football and basketball players whose likenesses have appeared in NCAA-licensed video games.

It follows a May 31 settlement by Electronic Arts and Collegiate Licensing Co., which agreed to a \$40-million payout to thousands of football and basketball players.

Northwestern University football players are pressing to form a union to seek larger scholarships and better

medical care as university employees. And another case headed for the courtroom here aims to end the NCAA's cap on athletic scholarships, contending they do not cover the full cost of attending school.

The payments in the video game litigation will go to every player whose likeness appeared in EA Sports video game products — now phased out — over the last decade or so. The Keller case alleged the companies had colluded with the NCAA to deny players their rights under state laws to their names, images and likenesses.

The antitrust issues raised in the O'Bannon case — that the NCAA has engaged in a price-fixing conspiracy and group boycott, distorting the market — are not directly affected by the settlements. And NCAA officials denied its decision to pay represents a change in the rules that forbid athletes from receiving so-called "extra benefits."

"In no event do we consider this settlement pay for athletic performance," Chief Legal Officer Donald Remy said in a statement.

But the underlying premise of the

108-year-old NCAA — stating players are students first, compensated through their scholarships and overall collegiate experience — is nevertheless at stake.

"The really big issue is whether the court finds these NCAA (amateurism) rules to be illegal," said Matt Mitten, director of the National Sports Law Institute at Marquette University. "That could bring a very substantial change."

O'Bannon testified that a friend's son showed him an Electronic Arts video game in 2008 that included his likeness — a UCLA player with his jersey number, 31, who shot with his left hand, was bald and had the same complexion as O'Bannon. The lawsuit followed.

A star Artesia (Calif.) High School player, O'Bannon estimated that he had been recruited by 50 schools. When he committed to UCLA as a 17-year-old, he testified, he signed documents without reading them — including a waiver that allegedly gave the NCAA the right to use his likeness — because if he hadn't he wouldn't have been able to play.

In his cross-examination of O'Bannon, Glenn Pomerantz,

the NCAA's chief outside counsel, stressed the amateur nature of student athletics by focusing on the overall college experience of mentorship and community and the direct benefits of a scholarship: tuition, free books, room and board _ including access to a buffet "training table."

O'Bannon chose to stay with the Bruins in 1995 — though he could have gone to the NBA by then — and helped the team win the NCAA championship. He was named the game's most valuable player.

"Is it fair to say that season changed your life?" Pomerantz asked.

"Yeah, I think it is," O'Bannon answered.

Asked if he knew whether proceeds from broadcast contracts were used to pay for student-athlete scholarships, O'Bannon said he did not.

Remy, in a statement, reiterated the NCAA's belief that "the current system of college athletics _ bolstered by continual improvements _ provides the greatest opportunities to the most student-athletes by not paying those who play only Division I men's basketball and football."