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Romanian student becomes a role model

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Growing up in the southwestern region of Romania, Georgeta Hodis said she always had the desire to expand culturally and pursue a higher education. Hodis wondered what it would be like to interact with American students and adapt to a culture that was different from hers.

Hodis’ opportunity came in 2001 when her husband Flaviu Hodis decided he wanted to come to the United States to continue his education. Although it was a drastic change, Hodis said anxiety about leaving her comfort zone never crossed her mind. She was excited to start a new life in southern Illinois and see what doors of opportunity she could open.

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Georgeta Hodis said the transformation Hodis has made since her arrival to the university has been remarkable. “To see her go from a very shy person unable to speak English, to someone so outgoing and wanting to help new international students is astonishing,” Coppi said.

Hodis is a volunteer for the new student orientation program for International Students and Scholars. When each semester begins, her duties include greeting international students at the airport, bringing them to Carbondale and helping them adjust to their new surroundings.

Coppi said Hodis does a wonderful job helping students with financial questions, finding housing and becoming the right person to help them make the transition. It is very stressful for international students to leave their families and come to a new place without knowing the language, she said. Coppi said the best assistance an international student could receive is a person who can relate and share similar experiences.

Hodis said she enjoys being able to help others who were in the same situation she experienced seven years ago. Understanding how scared and reluctant students can be in a university setting is an important factor in giving them encouragement. Everyone who comes here from another country was in the same position when they arrived and it takes time to adjust, she said.

“Being able to learn a language in two months and then teach them is definitely an encouragement for new students who come here,” Ramakrishnappa said.

While Hodis works on her doctoral degree, she continues to help others in International Students and Scholars as well as her students in her speech communication classes. Hodis said she hopes other students who come here learn that making the move to a new country may be hard at first, but they will be able to get through it.

“When students come here it is important they preserve their own culture, but adapting to a new one can be used to their advantage and end up being a great experience,” she said.

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Morris walls come crashing down

Library improvements continue toward target date

David Carlson is rejoicing as Morris Library walls crumble.

Construction continues to progress after the semi-grand opening in March and is expected to be done by the end of August, said Carlson, dean of Library Affairs. The Morris Library renovation, originally estimated to cost $48 million, is three months behind schedule and $16 million over budget. Despite the setbacks, Carlson said bits and pieces of the library are coming together.

Krystal Ross, a junior from Peoria studying child and family services, said she’s ecstatic about the construction because if they had continued over a period of time, they would have been very serious. “But in terms of what we’ve been through, they were miniscule,” Carlson said.

Ross said the addition of couches and other furniture would make the library a great resource for students. Part of the problem was that the metal plates on the tower of the building were not installed correctly. “I don’t want to minimize (the leaks) because if they had continued over a period of time, they would have been very serious. But in terms of what we’ve been through, they were miniscule,” Carlson said.

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Orders for three different types of furniture have reached various stages, but some have been received by contractors and will be in place over the summer, Carlson said. Work on the “Wings of Knowledge” sculpture for the front entrance lobby began a few weeks ago. The sculpture is expected to take four to six weeks before installation.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for student affairs, and Lori Stettler, director of the Student Centre, are bidding for the student dining vendor. Which of the two received the bid will be announced Tuesday, Stettler said.

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The first is to use your rebate check to save money. A lot of students get tricked into using credit cards and ruin their credit at a young age. Other people might be behind on their bills. Using this check to get out of debt will save you a lot of money in late fees and cancellation charges. Even prepaying bills could help you slow the cycle of pawning your prized possessions and living off Ramen noodles.

If you aren’t in debt, you can save money by living more cost effectively. Since gas prices are only going up, you should consider getting a bike for transportation. A cheap bike costs about the same as it does for most people to fill their gas tanks once. While a tank of gas will last you a couple weeks at best, you can enjoy your bike and use your gas savings for as long as the weather is nice.

There are other less tiresome ways to save money too, such as buying compact fluorescent light bulbs for your home. These cost more than regular bulbs, but last much longer, saving you money every month on your electric bill.

If you want to take a risk and try to make money, you could invest. This doesn’t mean going to the nearest casino and betting it all on black. A more practical way would be to invest the money in the stock market. You could use your check to start a stock portfolio. Lots of people make money on the stock market. There are also many people out there who will invest it for you. You can learn a lot by paying attention to the stock market and maybe some day start making trades for yourself. You could also try investing in your future. Starting a savings account now might sound crazy, but there are lots of things you should start saving for. Saving for a down payment on a house would save a lot of money people regularly throw away to slumlords in sub par housing.

And then there’s retirement. Compounded annually, $300 over 40 years isn’t enough to retire off of, but it’s a start. The sooner you start saving for retirement, the sooner you’ll be sipping pita coladas in the beach.

Or you might opt to put your money into a business or other money-making venture. You could buy some equipment to start a small business. An example is to get a lawn mower and cut people’s grass. It’s summertime and lots of people need their lawn mowed.

Another idea is to try some home repairs you have been putting off. Home repairs build equity you can cash in later, or if you rent, help you get back that security deposit. A hole in the wall is much cheaper to fix than landlords tell you.

There are plenty of ways to make money and maybe a little startup cash is what has been holding you back. The way you decide to spend your rebate checks is totally up to you. But what’s important to decide is whether you want some quick pleasure — or long-term satisfaction.

Dreibel is a graduate student studying accounting.
How to fail your finals

First and foremost, don’t study all the time until the test.

After all, anyone should be able to learn 16 weeks worth of material in a single night. You’ve had better things to do with your time this semester than keeping up with every course.

Reality: Studying for finals can’t take up for pure study habits during the rest of the semester. You can’t learn a lot of new material at the last minute. However, if you start reviewing for finals in ample time, you can refresh your memory and increase your chances of remembering material that you learned earlier in the semester.

Secondly, you’ve had enough sleep. Stay awake all night before each final. That’s what caffeine is for, after all. This is the most important time of the semester to take care of yourself. Eat healthy and don’t take in more caffeine than you are used to. Get some exercise to deal with the stress and tension and to help you sleep well.

Third, party hard on your “off” days and after each final. You deserve to celebrate each time you take a test and there’s really nothing to do on those days when you don’t have tests scheduled.

Reality: Partying requires recovery time, and you don’t have that right now. “Off” days are review for upcoming finals, to take a relaxing walk around the lake and to lower your stress level so that you are functioning at your best. Save the partying for the time that you have everything done and that you can’t pack up and get home safely.

Next, don’t bother to check the finals schedule until finals week arrives. Arrive fashionably late for each exam.

Reality: The finals schedule is complicated and it’s easy to get confused if you are in a rush when you look at it. How are you going to plan your study time if you don’t know the time for each final?

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This year marks the 20th annual Makanda Spring Fest. The year’s event runs 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Entertainment, vendors and craftsmen will be centered around the Makanda bowling alley.

The festival has become legendary since it began in 1988, said Courtney McMurphy, an employee of the Makanda Trading Company.

“We have live music, crafts and food. People come from all around the region,” McMurphy said.

Makanda Spring Fest in the fall is very similar to Vulture Fest in terms of the activities of the festival, said Dardis, owner of Rainmaker Art in Makanda.

“Vulture Fest is in the fall and has a focus on local food and music. Makanda has a focus on locally grown produce and music,” Dardis said.

The festival has been growing every year, said Audra Iltis, owner of Rainmaker Art in Makanda.

“The festival has been growing every year, and it is now the largest festival in Makanda,” Iltis said.

The festival is free to attend, and it is a great place to see local talent.

“We have a wide variety of performers, from local bands to national acts,” McMurphy said.

For the past two semiesters I have been defining fashionably late and preparing to graduate, so I thought it was time to break out and really enjoy life. I decided to go to the Makanda Spring Fest this weekend.

For me it’s all about the music. I love live music and it’s a great way to connect with people. I also love the atmosphere of the festival. It’s a really relaxed environment.

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Financial aid director leaves for new opportunities

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Billie Jo Hamilton is trading earthquakes for hurricanes.

Hamilton, SIUC’s financial aid director since May 2005, will leave the university to take a new director position at the University of South Florida in June. Hamilton came to SIUC in 2000 after working at the University of Missouri-Columbia for two years.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, said Hamilton brought integrity and professionalism to the job.

“Big Boys Q’n was operated in February 2007, before it was granted its first B2 liquor license by the board of trustees. The bar would occupy a vacant spot at the Financial Aid Office, said Hamilton has always showed concern for the staff and students, as well as the job.

“Because of the nature of the students that this institution serves, financial aid is a really big part of recruiting students and retaining students,” Hamilton said. “I think I’ve learned some things here that will serve me well where I’m going.”

Dietz said the office of enrollment management would be in charge of choosing an interim director and starting a director search. Victoria Valle, assistant vice chancellor for Enrollment Management, could not be reached for comment, but her office reported no one has been chosen as interim director yet.

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Liquor Advisory hears case for new bar

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As local bar owners prepare to renew their liquor licenses with the city, a new license for a new bar is one step closer to approval.

James Williams, president of Zweird Corporation, said Thursday he hopes to have Whiskey Tango’s bar open before students return to Carbondale at the end of June. He said the bar would occupy a vacant spot on West Jackson Street formerly occupied by Big Boys’ Q’n and Club 51.

Williams, as well as two other members of Zweird Corporation, were heard by the Liquor Advisory Board and received unanimous approval. The final approval is now in the hands of the Local Liquor Control Commission. City Clerk Janet Vaughn said she expects the request to be discussed at the commission’s May 6 meeting.

If approved, it would be the third ownership group at the location in the past 18 months. In February 2007, Big Boys Q’n was revamp ed into Club 51 under new ownership, which failed to take off. Big Boys Q’n operated for years primarily as a restaurant before it was granted its first B2 liquor license in November 2005, enabling it to become certified as a bar.

Williams said he hopes to offer SIUC students a wider variety of imported beers than current establishments with Whiskey Tango’s. He said a beer garden and pizza delivery service would be added as business grows.

The only concern Liquor Advisory Board Co-Chairman John Benshoff brought forth was Zweird’s plan to spend $40,000 to bring in new furniture and appliances, renovate the building and stock inventory.

“They’re going to need more than that,” Benshoff said after the meeting. “Things you think you can do for free, you need to hire help.”

Williams said he is not concerned about the budgeted amount. He said the corporation’s members and one of his former roommates would do most of the labor.

If approved by the commission, this would be the 15th active liquor license for a bar issued. Benshoff said the city has set a cap at 16.

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Sandberg returns to Wrigley

CHICAGO (AP) — For the first time in over a decade, Hall of Famer Ryne Sandberg will be back in uniform at Wrigley Field.

“I’ll be coaching third and managing from the dugout, so that will be a first for me at this stadium,” Sandberg said.

“It will be a big step down to you never know what’s going to happen in this game if you stay in it long enough. This is just another fun thing, an opportunity and great experience all wrapped up into one for myself,” Sandberg said.

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CHICAGO — The governor’s surprise witness told political fund-raiser Anton “Tony” Rezko’s corruption trial Thursday that Gov. Rod Blagojevich spoke warmly about getting him a job on the state payroll after he personally brought him a $25,000 campaign contribution.

Ali Ata, the former executive director of the Illinois Finance Authority, said the $25,000 check lay on a conference table in a back room at Rezko’s Chicago office while Blagojevich showered him with praise as a team player and a friend and asked Mr. Rezko if he had identified job opportunities and Mr. Rezko said yes, Ata said.

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Salukis end regular season

Team could finish as high as second

Megan Krامر

The Saluki softball team will conclude its regular season against a team with little to lose.

Coming off a doubleheader split with Illinois Wednesday, the Salukis look to improve their record against the Braves, who are currently tied for last place in the Missouri Valley Conference standings. Depending on the outcome of the series and others around the MVC, the team could finish as high as second or as low as sixth in the tournament seeding.

Sophomore right fielder Katie Wilson said the Salukis couldn’t overlook Bradley, especially after another 5-3 loss to the Braves this season in the Couch B Classic at Charlotte Stadium March 2.

“It’s hard not to overlook them because we’re excited about the conference tournament here and if we don’t come out ready to play, anyone can win on any day,” Wilson said.

This season has been dramatically different for the Salukis compared to a year ago when they finished the season with an overall record of 41-16 and 17-7 in the MVC, leading to an at-large bid in the NCAA Tournament.

But the Salukis haven’t found as much success this season, as they currently are 27-23 overall and 12-8 in MVC play.

For coach Keni Blaylock however, the number of losses doesn’t surprise her because of the youth on the team, especially in the pitching rotation.

Injuries have also derailed the Saluki and Blaylock said it caused the team to be unprepared at times.

“We knew coming in that we were going to be young but we sure didn’t know the injuries were going to occur, but we feel like we’re sort of about eight games slip away,” Blaylock said.

Senior center fielder Krystal Stein said the team is not changing its approach to the end of the season and feels a special sense of urgency because of her senior status.

“As a senior, anytime it gets close to the end of the season, you don’t want to take anything for granted,” Stein said. “But I think that’s the way each one of the girls looks at it too.”

Wilson said she has a new approach to the postseason since her freshman campaign a season ago.

“My mentality now is win or go home because if we don’t come ready to play that gives us a different seed for the conference tournament,” Wilson said.

“And if we don’t do well in the (MVC) Tournament we don’t know if we’ll make it to the NCAA.”

But the key, Wilson said, is for everyone, not one or two players, to help put runs on the board and victories in the books.

Stein said the Salukis would still take a game-by-game approach and look to make a run in the postseason.

“At this point in the season the cool hand, would have, should have you can’t really think about anymore,” Stein said.

After completing their weekend series with Bradley, the Salukis will return home to host the MVC Tournament at Charlotte West Stadium beginning May 8.
SIU returns home after nine-game trek

Matt Hartwig
Daily Egyptian

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Sunday’s starters haven’t been announced yet but both pitching staffs should have their hands full with each lineup.

The Bluejays’ top three hitters are a pitcher’s worst nightmare. Darian Rod, Vincente Cafaro and Steve Winkelmann are all hitting above .300. Winkelmann provides the power in the heart of the order with a team-high eight home runs and 47 RBIs.

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The red, white and blue get some maroon

SIU student joins Olympic men’s softball team

Jeff Engelhardt

There is not much a batter can do when a 6-foot-7-inch, 225-pound softball pitcher fires in a fastball at 71 mph.

And that is why Bryant Hale is a U.S. Olympian.

Hale, a freshman at SIU studying elementary education, is a member of the men’s softball junior Olympic team. The team is composed of players ages 19 and younger.

Hale said it was a dream-come-true when he got the call telling him he made the team.

“I always played a lot of sports when I was a kid, but my parents never pushed me towards one,” Hale said. “I love softball and I have only been playing about a year so it was awesome to make the team.”

Not only did Hale play multiple sports, but he excelled at them as well. The Pinckneyville native lettered in basketball, baseball and cross country while in high school.

It did not take long for Hale to excel in softball as he showed the ability to blow batters away with his fastball less than one year into his softball career. The 18-year-old’s 71 mph fastball is equivalent to a ball thrown 100 mph in baseball.

His power pitching display was enough to impress the USA men’s softball coaches during a two-week tryout at Chula Vista, Calif., in January.

“A lot of the coaches were impressed I have only been playing a year,” Hale said. “I also have a good drop ball and changeup because changing speeds is crucial.”

Hale’s junior Olympic team is going to compete in the world championships in Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada, from June 20 to June 29. The team will face Japan, South Africa, Australia and Venezuela, among others.

Before heading north, Hale will make a stop in Salt Lake City June 11 for a week and a half of training with his team. Hale said most of the team is made up of baseball players aside from the pitchers.

“Most people that play the infield and outfield come from baseball,” Hale said. “But softball is a whole different game and it’s hard. You have to really shorten your swing because the ball gets on you so fast.”

Hale is going to try to carry his momentum from making the junior team to landing a spot on the men’s Olympic team when he heads back to Chula Vista, Calif., May 23 for tryouts.

If the saying, “Like father, like son,” holds up, Hale should have little difficulty succeeding in softball.

Hale’s father, Greg Hale, is the softball coach at Pinckneyville Community High School and a former Pinckneyville Celtic, a men’s fast pitch softball team.

Greg Hale said his son has picked up the game quickly and hopes he can help usher in the popularity of the sport.

“The sport has started to die compared to when I played in the 70s and 80s,” Greg Hale said. “It’s going to take young pitchers like him to get involved and help the sport grow again.”

Bryant Hale is doing his part on the local level by pitching for Elk Grove in the Southern Illinois Fastpitch League. He said he is hoping he can pitch as many games as possible before heading to Utah to get ready for the world championships.

The world championships could be just the beginning for Bryant Hale as he said he wants to continue the same path his father traveled.

“I feel like I am living exactly in my father’s footsteps right now,” he said. “I hope I can teach and coach softball, that would be the perfect situation for me.”

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Recruiting trail goes global

Luis C. Medina

Students who think the voyage from Chicago to Carbondale wears them should consider where Felipe Villasenor came from.

Villasenor, a senior on the SIU men’s tennis team, hails from Shang-hai, China, and is one of 24 international student-athletes who grace the fields, courts and pools of Saluki athletics.

After transferring from College of the Desert to Palm Desert, Calif., Villasenor has posted 24 victories in singles matches during his two-year career at SIU, despite sitting out most of this season with a lingering hamstring injury.

Villasenor said he has played tennis since he was 10 years old but did not want to go to school in Chile out of fear he would not be allowed to play tennis because of the focus put on academics.

He said playing for the Salukis has given him a chance to do what he loves and get a degree as well.

“One of the factors that drew Villasenor from Chile to Carbondale via California was fellow Santiago native, graduate assistant coach Tomas Gonzalez. Even though they only knew each other for what they did on the court, Villasenor said having a fellow countryman was helpful in the assimilation process.

“The good thing about having somebody here before you come here is that they can help you out a lot in the beginning because you have someone who is like you, like my older brother,” Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez came to the Salukis in January 2003 and posted 49 victories in his four-year career. He said a school like SIU has many aspects that appeal to incoming international student-athletes.

One of the aspects that drew Gonzalez to Carbondale was the honesty put forth by former head coach Missy Jeffrey. Gonzalez also said SIU was the most honest in his recruitment process.

Another transition Gonzalez has had to make was from playing on the court, to coaching on the sidelines.

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Julie Ju, a senior from Shang-hai, China, finishes her leg of the women’s 400-yard medley relay Feb. 2 against Evansville. Ju is one of 24 international students at SIU.

International athletes

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SIU student Bryant Hale, a freshman from Pinckneyville studying elementary education, will represent the United States in the men’s softball world championships on the junior Olympic team. The championships will start June 20 in Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada.