Police investigate threat of Murphysboro school shooting

MURPHYSBORO — Murphysboro High School officials discovered a written message Monday afternoon that warned a shooting would occur in the cafeteria during lunchtime, prompting more than 20 police officers to patrol entrances Tuesday morning to guard against attacks.

The school’s principal, Phil Trapani, said the message was found written on a wall in boys’ bathroom before school dismissed Monday at 3:35 p.m. Trapani said that Murphysboro Police searched for weapons in student lockers later that night.

"Based on their professional search we determined that we were OK," Trapani said. "I was kind of pleased. Out of 750 high school kids, we didn’t find anything." Trapani and police found the school to be safe, but set up recce detectors the next morning at the school’s main entrance to make sure student were not carrying weapons.

Trapani said school officials did not think the threat was serious, but added they are not taking it lightly. A dozen members of Trapani’s crisis team sent out fliers to students that the metal detector search was a "precautionary drill." The crisis team consists of teachers, secretaries, custodians and counselors.

Even though Trapani feels the threat is not serious, many parents called the school to have their children sent home. A rash of school shootings across the country in the past couple years have thrust the issue of school violence into the national spotlight.

Karin Waldron, a social work specialist in the School of Journalism, has two children who attend the high school. She said that when a friend called her and told her about the threat, she decided to keep her children home.

"I really didn’t want them there if there was a threat," Waldron said.

All of the students entered the school by 8 a.m. despite the metal detectors and were informed in an assembly about the threat from Murphysboro Assistant Police Chief Philip Royster.

Davy Hines, a sophomore at the high school, said the metal detectors were an inconvenience. He said a lot of students formed
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which extended 200 yards past the school's parking lot onto Harry Ray Drive.

Throughout the day, Flizz said about 100 students were called over the intercom to return to school because their parents asked them to be removed. Flizz estimated about 40 percent of the student body left school after the assembly.

Detective Curt Ehler said Murphysboro Police were at the high school, some in plainclothes, to serve as a measure of security. Ehler said further investigation into the threat will be conducted by school officials.

Toppin said that Murphysboro Police suspected the threat was somebody's idea of a prank. He said that once students entered the school they were not allowed to leave for the rest of the day, a policy that might never be implemented.

There are a lot of sick-off kids," Toppin said. "They don't like not having open lunch. If we find who did this, it will be because someone lets us know.

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it looks forward to serving in that capacity for the next four years. This will be his second term on the board. Former SIUC vice chancellor Harvey W. McDaniel and Flanagan will be attending student house parties to encourage student support.

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The major reason I lost was student apathy, Briggs said. Poor voter turnout in the election was a factor in his defeat. Four years ago students turned out four times better during the election.

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Winters seeking position at Eastern

SIUC interim Provost Margaret Winters one of five finalists at EIU

JENNIFER WU  DAILY EYGIPTIAN

SIUC interim Provost Margaret Winters is in Charleston this week interviewing for a similar position at Eastern Illinois University.

Winters, who was interim chancellor at Eastern from 1995 to 1999, was named interim provost of SIUC in February 2000 when SIUC interim Chancellor John Jackson resigned to take a job at the University of South Carolina.

Winters attended the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and received a bachelor's degree in English in 1973 and a master's degree in English in 1977.

Winters has served as the dean of students at Morehead State University, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs at Eastern Illinois University, and as a member of the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

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Prepares to get smashed!

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Rockers Godsmack come to SIU Arena

Nine tour buses and six semi-trucks of equipment will roll into the SIU Arena Thursday as Godsmack headlines with Saint, Cold and Systematic. Godsmack has been on the road sweeping across the country for over six months as part of the Wake the F*** Up Tour. The tour is one of three concerts on the band's 35-stop tour, according to Mike Henry, Godsmack's publicist.

The show will be at 7 p.m. Saturday in the University Mall.

The event is free for all ages. For more information contact Julianne Cross at 457-3286.

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Equal protection does not mean special privilege

The landmark Civil Rights Act of 1864 created laws that make it illegal to deny someone the right to vote, housing, credit or public accommodations based on race, color, religion or national origin. Over time, society has rightly even fit to discuss discrimination in the same umbrellas of protection. Last week, the Illinois House of Representatives took another step forward by passing a bill that would prohibit discrimination based on sexual orientation.

House Bill 101 passed by the slimmest of margins, 50-49. Although the bill has been introduced several times during the last 20 years, this is the only second time the bill has enough votes to send it to the Senate for possible debate. In 1992, the bill died in a Senate committee. We hope it does not meet the same fate this time around.

Opponents of HB101 complain that this is a "gray right," pull of "special rights" legislation. There are plenty of politically loaded terms that need to be debunked. Having fair access to housing or equal opportunities for employment are not "special rights," they are the same rights that we all expect and deserve as members of a free society. HB101 does not have to have a skin-color preference over heterosexuals in hiring, but does not require employers to hire a certain number of homosexuals. It only makes it illegal for an employer to fire or not hire someone solely on the basis of that person's sexual orientation.

Business leaders are fearful that the law would make it too easy to sue for litigation. While true that passage may lead to more lawsuits, employers' bottom lines and image concerns do not trump the individual rights of people seeking a job or a place to live. Employers should be better served by documenting employee performance or by simply not discriminat­ ing against homosexuals when it comes to hiring the best qualified candidates for a position.

Religious groups have also opposed HB101, citing religious beliefs against homosexuality. This argument has a fatal flaw, namely that all people do not share the same beliefs. To allow discrimination on religious grounds ignores the core idea that, as Americans, all citizens should have the same chances to succeed, regardless of who they are or how they conduct their personal lives. People should be made aware that opposing discrimination against gays and lesbians is not the same as promoting homosexuality, which is a line often blurred within the political rhetoric around the issue.

Although HB101 is seen as a liberal issue, it has enjoyed broad support from both sides of the aisle. Besides the bill's chief sponsor, Rep. Larry McKeon, D-Chicago, Gov. George Ryan, a Republican, has also endorsed the bill, and would likely sign it into law if passed by the Senate.

Whether the bill will ever reach the Senate floor is another matter. With its razor-thin majority in the House, it is still uncertain whether President of the Senate James "Pate" Phillip will allow the bill to be debated on the open floor. We urge Phillip to not use this as a means to stall legislation to the Senate floor, debate it, and then pass it.

COLUMNISTS

Editor's note: An advertisement featuring freelance writer David Horowitz was recently submitted to 57 college newspapers denouncing calls for reparations to black Americans for slavery. The ad, titled "Ten Reasons Why Reparations for Slavery Is a Bad Idea," was subsequently placed in 14 college newspapers. The advertisement has sparked controversy nationwide.

African students must speak out to protect their interests

In light of the recent developments in America that include a conservative domination in ideology about race and civil liberties, African Americans have to become agents of change and political voice. The recent defeat of affirmative action admissions at the University of Michigan by the courts is an inflammatory rhetoric concerning reparations all over the country. This demonstrates an action that can adequately respond and protect the interests of African peoples in America. Even if these issues are not to be resolved as being necessary or beneficial to African peoples, it is of the utmost importance to the society in which they reside.

It is the responsibility of students that these issues become "the messengers of consciousness" in the African student community. We cannot allow majority peoples to frame the legislative initiative and the decisions of the legislation that directly affects their well-being of our people.

This is exactly the situation that we are witnessing at Brown University. The conversa­tion and discussions on reparations is involving a fundamental question that moves beyond the op­erations of reparations or even individual issues on the matter. It is the question of how much power do African really have? We have to make the connection.

I have talked to the Brown Daily Herald for the article but I cannot find it, but what I can find is the attempt to frame what are the ideas as to the proper understanding and framing of slavery and its impact on African peoples due to David Horowitz's article. You have Jews, homosexuals, and other groups that have suffered some form of discrimination making their experience analogous to that of slavery and how conscious and student groups should perceive "conscious views" and value it, because it contributes to the overall intellectual debate of student bodies. In an article ran yesterday in the Brown Daily Herald, two undergraduate students (Michelie Nimann and Frank Bigman) argue that not to understand the argument of Horowitz is to be just as depatriated to the traditional discussion of the "race" on campus, but their reasoning was predicated on a professor espousing that the Horowitz is a racist. Horowitz argues that African Americans should not be given any reparations because they have also benefited from the wealth of the country. Blacks earned black on average enjoy per capita incomes in the range of 20 to 50 times that of blacks living in any of the African nations where they were kidnapped.

Later in his advertisement, Horowitz says, "blacks in America are not considered standard of living of blacks anywhere in the world."

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My Nommo appears on Wednesday.

Tommy is a senior in philosophy and political science. His views do not neces­sarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.
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Kerry Kennedy's beginnings in human rights work started as an investigation of the mistreatment of refugees from El Salvador by U.S. immigration officials.

Since this time, she has been involved with various human-rights issues such as child labor, disappearance, indigenous land rights, judicial independence and women's rights.

Kennedy Cuomo is chair of the Amnesty International Leadership Council, which has a chapter at SIUC.

Amnesty International is an organization devoted to opening people's eyes to human-rights issues, especially in other countries, where people lack the opportunity to speak for themselves.

Ericka McCall, a third-year law student from Belleville and a member of the SIUC chapter of Amnesty international, plans to attend the event.

"I look forward to hearing how she makes it day-to-day working for a non-profit cause," she said. "I want to know what it takes to survive when fighting for human rights."

As a member of the local Amnesty International chapter at SIUC, McCall is involved in letter-writing campaigns for political prisoners and being a voice for the persecuted.

"I'm hoping the people I invited will come out because these issues affect everyone," said McCall.

The president of SIUC's Amnesty International Chapter, Adam Stone, will be out of town on the day of Kennedy Cuomo's arrival and said he wishes he could attend.

"I'm excited she is coming," said Stone, a third-year law student from Carbondale. "The people in this town need to know that they cannot afford to ignore the issues that are going on in other countries."

Dean Thomas Guernsey said Kennedy Cuomo will be perfect for Thursday night's ninth-annual Lecar Distinguished Lecture, since she is a SIUC law school graduate and was dedicated to human rights.

"We expect a full house for this lecture," Guernsey said. "I am honored to be introducing her."
Tangpong is King Pong

SIUC student finishes first in doubles at collegiate ping-pong tournament

KELLY DAVENPORT
DAILY EYPTIAN

Chanchai Tangpong loves pingpong. It’s been that simple since he was 5 years old when he and his brothers played at home in Thailand.

Now Tangpong, an SIU doctoral student in business administration, is a national table tennis champion, placing first in doubles play in late March at the Recreational Center for two to produce home in Tangpong’s game.

He wasn’t very strong when he first went to play,” Dillard said. "But you could see the natural ability in him — in three years, he’s more than doubled his ability.

And the game Tangpong plays is not the whimsical pastime some might think it.

"The ball goes out 100 mph," Dillard said. "And you’re only nine feet away." Kathy Hollister, assistant director of Intercollegiate Recreational Sports, never knew how serious the game could be.

"Until I saw this level of competition, I had no idea it was so physical," said Hollister, who oversees national student activities at the Recreation Center. "They’re dripping with sweat when they’re done:"

It’s been that simple since Hollister says, and is often the national sport. In 1996, Tangpong helped organize SIUC’s table tennis club.

He says there are now about 10 serious competitors and several recreational players in the club.

"Just like basketball or baseball here, table tennis is the sport [many international students] have played since childhood," Hollister said.

"And the game’s technical puzzles that make it Tangpong’s lifelong game.

"It takes patience and diligence — you have to be serious about it," he said. "We have this saying: 'When we start playing, we play pingpong. But after some time we are playing table tennis.'"

Eunice Fredrickson, a senior in biological sciences, looks through a list of books at the circulation desk Tuesday. Fredrickson is one of 90 students who will be honored Wednesday by the Associated Student Government Affiliates.

"He’s the best student I’ve seen at SIUC in over 20 years," said Dillard, who’s been a table tennis fan since he and his brothers played at home in Thailand.

When Kenneth Reese was looking for a job his senior year, his father suggested he work at Morris Library. Reese is one of many students who will be honored Wednesday by the Associated Student Government Affiliates.

"They’re a vital resource for us," said Thys Ruskell, associate dean for personnel and technical services.

"As one of the more than 200 students who work at Morris Library, it’s very important to many students who contribute to the operation of the building. He works in the undergraduate division on the first floor at the reserve desk, finding books for students or helping with computer problems.

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Ward referendums not key for some voters, others undecided

C. Christian Half
Daily Egyptian

Exercising personal rights and supporting candidates appeared to be at least as important in the presidential election as the motivating reasons members of the Carbondale community voted in Tuesday's election.

Despite a plethora of discussion and press coverage on the ward referendums, some voters were undecided about the ward referendums, unsure about their differences or even whether it was important to vote. However, Evan O’Donnell, a sophomore in television and political science from Evansville, Ind., said the presence of the ward referendums on the ballot were good for this election. O’Donnell, who lives in University Housing, said he thought the referendums brought more students out to vote by getting them interested in a particular subject within the process.

“Personally, I’m undecided on them,” O’Donnell said.

“It wasn’t that there wasn’t enough information about either referendum, but I think they just wanted to work. I don’t need any change,” said another referendums vote.

While some students may have become involved because of the referendums, other Carbondale residents voted in this election for other reasons.

“I have a right to vote,” said James Anderson, adding this was the primary reason he voted in the council elections.

Anderson, a resident of the northeast area of Carbondale, said the ward of students, of course, would make a big factor in his voting in the city elections. He said it was important to get out and get his vote in.

Christine Nisnberg, a senior in psychology from Freeport, Ill., said she voted in this election to support a candidate who, in her opinion, did not limit the campaign effort to attempting to capture the student vote.

“There is so much more about Carbondale than students,” Nisnberg said. “The candidate I’m voting for, I think, represents the smaller people, the people who are overlooked a lot.”

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Congress must act to lower student loans, report says

Liz Guardo
Daily Egyptian

Students may be falling deeper into debt according to a report released by the Tax Public Interest Research Groups Higher Education Project.

The report, “Big Loans, Bigger Problems,” said students do not realize how much debt they are getting into in college because they do not factor in the extra costs that come with loans.

“[Students] do not take into account the cost of loans,” said a junior at Carbondale University.

For example, most students at SIU take out loans under the Federal Direct Stafford Loan program. This program has a 3 percent origination fee, which can add a few hundred dollars to a loan. Then, when repaying the loan, interest also becomes a factor. Under the Stafford Loan program, interest can climb to 8.25 percent, adding even more to the original loan, although it varies from year to year and person to person.

“Students frequently experience ‘sticker shock’ in graduation when they find out their debt is much larger than they planned or expected,” the report states.

Jack Steudt, assistant commissioner of Financial Aid, is in accordance with the report.

“Students do underestimate what they owe in loans. I get students in my office who think they owe around $20,000. No way is that even close,” said Steudt.

The report says that students who are unfamiliar with the tax public interest research groups higher education project.

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RealNetworks' new service off key

HOPE TO CONVERT NAPSTER'S 50 MILLION USERS INTO PAYING CUSTOMERS — three of the world's largest record companies have lined up to start an online music-subscription service by fall.

But experts and music fans say it'll be a rough sell.

The music industry, citing copyright infringement, squelched Napster's free online swapping service. But people may be willing to start paying because they see seven more years of opting instead of making an online, free, no-change.

What's more, the music labels will ask people to pay for songs they aren't allowed to keep.

MusicNet, announced Monday by RealNetworks Inc. and America Online Inc., AOL Time Warner Inc., Bertelsmann AG and EMI Group PLC — whose acts include Christina Aguilera, Eric Clapton and Santana — will let up to 22,000 songs onto their PCs for the same as Napster.

But RealNetworks software will prevent subscribers from saving songs on portable sonic players or burning them onto compact discs they can play elsewhere.

And if a consumer cancels his subscription, the song file stops working.

Tunes downloaded from Napster and other peer-to-peer music services are in the MP3 format. That means they can be freely copied, and they don't expire.

RealNetworks chairman and chief executive Rob Glaser said the subscription service will stop users who break the system from getting the service for 30 days.

"I don't think anybody's going to pay for songs they can't keep," said John Sypher, a Napster user and sophomore at Bellesa College in Winter Park, "If you want that, you'll listen to the radio or watch MTV."

That isn't what RealNetworks wants to hear.

The company spent a year on getting the service right, Glaser said in a conference call.

Under terms of the deal, the record labels and RealNetworks will each own a minority stake in MusicNet.

"This is a misconception because most of the jobs immigrants take are low paying," Cortes said.

"It's our society is starting to become more aware of minorities," Rodriguez said. "Now we can't be ignored. Our voices have to be heard."

DISTANCE LEARNING, NEVER CLOSER: A panel of librarians from John & Logan College, SIUC and Marion discuss the practice of distance learning Tuesday afternoon in the Student Center Auditorium. The event was part of Morris Library's 2001 spring seminar.

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for Library Affairs, said the increase will be positive for Hispanics because of the possible economic recession of the United States.

"Every time there's a recession, people who have lived here a while will point to immigrants, saying they are taking the jobs," Cortes said.

Cortes said this is a misconception because most of the jobs immigrants take are low paying professions that most people would not want.

"While Cortes and Davies see some negative aspects of the population growth, Rodriguez said the change will be positive for Hispanics and will help the greater community in the future.

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Head football coach Jerry Kill discusses the progress of the Saluki’s during the first week of practice Tuesday afternoon at a press conference in the arena. Kill relies heavily on the use of videotape to improve the team’s skills.

Kill has an eye for detail

Spring football enters second week of practice

Corey Cusick

Jerry Kill understands as a coach; he is also a teacher. And he understands as a teacher, that sometimes students learn better by being shown what to do than told what to do. And better show them, the first-year Saluki football head coach is utilizing the techniques of filming — everything.

“We’ve got three VCR’s, I’d like to have four,” said Kill during his second press conference of the spring football season, which has entered the second week of action. Kill videotapes everything that occurs in practice. Then, he comes in and watches it all. After that, he discusses what needs to be worked on with his fellow coaching staff. Then, he watches it all again.

“I try not to miss anything,” Kill said; Kill’s approach to teaching his players Layer, a COREY CUSICK Daily Egyptian

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The threads of a cross-river rivalry

SIU hosts play to SEMO at Abe Martin Field for 3 p.m. contest today

JAVIER BERNINA
DAILY EAGLE

If there is a rivalry between SIU baseball and its cross-Mississippi rival Southeast Missouri State University, then it’s news to SIU.

You won’t see loads of Bear/Packer-like emotion in the eyes of the Salukis (12-16, 6-6) when they welcome the Indians (19-9) today for a 3 p.m. contest at Abe Martin Field.

Senior third baseman Luke Nelson, SIU’s most dangerous man with a bat, does not see the team’s two annual meetings as anything special.

“I look at it as another game,” said Nelson, who has a .355 batting average with a .435 on-base percentage. “I don’t see the team’s two annual meetings as anything special.

But in the mind of Indian Todd Tennington, a junior from nearby Wolf Lake, his team does take a rival-like approach with SIU. Tennington (4-1) is SEMO’s staff ace, and has a 1.23 ERA.

“Mostly because SIU is such a big school,” Tennington said, “we do prepare quite a bit for it because SIU is pretty good and we’re kind of a small school and we have pride. We really get geared up to beat the Salukis.”

And for Tennington, some of the attitude may stem from the fact that SIU didn’t recruit him very aggressively.

“I wasn’t in their recruiting field, I guess,” Tennington said. “I went up to SIU and (SIU head coach Dan Callahan) didn’t feel that he had anything for me up there.”

But Tennington won’t get a chance to vent any ill-thoughts he has for the Salukis today. SIU freshman Josh Jorder (0-0, 1.42 ERA) is the probable starter to face either Greg Wawoczik (3-1, 3.42 ERA) or Max Frazier (3-0, 3.02 ERA).

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The two losses, if nothing else, figure to give Nelson and others some added incentive to ambush the Indians.

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“You want to handle beat them.”

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Since these games are non-conference, each team is going to have its objectives, and they’re going to take the field accordingly.

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SALUKI SPORTS NOTES

SIU women’s tennis wins in Evansville

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Tenney was pleased with the way his team handled the pressure of making the decision to hire a new head coach.

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Evansville just to “get a little bit away from home.”

“Of the best experiences I’ve had in my entire life, said Blaylock, the ’88 Midwestern Collegiate Conference Player of the Year, “It’s one of those things where it was the right thing for me at the time. All the memories I have about that.”

Blaylock still has a great deal of contact in the Evansville area, including the Purple Aces, his alma mater.

“I didn’t even know if some of the kids on SIU even know I went there,” she said.

Both SIU and Evansville are rated as two of the top-10 teams in the Midwest region, as fellow MVC foe Illinois State University joins the duo in this distinction.

While the split is pleasing, Blaylock wants to make sure that her team has bigger and better goals to obtain this season — one of which is beating her second favorite team today.

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**Title IX Complaint**

**New softball facility should appease Civil Rights office**

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