Pulliam swimmers reminisce while staff awaits space

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As many Pulliam swimmers leave behind memories of the building’s pool, students and staff alike will get the opportunity to make some of their own.

“I was here the first day the pool was opened back when I was in kindergarten, and now I’m coming here to swim on the last free swim the pool will ever have,” said Bill Vogler, department chair of kinesiology.

Pulliam pool, which has been around since the 1960s, held its last free swim from 12 to 1 p.m. Friday, and many people came to show support for the facility as well as their anger toward its removal as they chanted “Save Pulliam pool” in unison.

The swimming area and gym areas will be repurposed to make space for the art and design, architecture and social work programs because administrators say the pool is too old to maintain anymore. The Recreation Center pool will be able to host some classes that were taught at Pulliam’s pool. Vogler said, but canoeing is one that won’t make the transition.

Many community members say they are upset about the pool’s repurposing because it was home to Pulliam swim clubs, classes and programs. The pool also had warmer water and helped swimmers with arthritis maintain comfortable conditions for their health issues.

However, some faculty, staff and students are pleased with the decision to renovate the area because it will be an upgrade to their current learning spaces and ultimately benefit their programs.

All of the programs currently reside in outdated spaces. Art and design and architecture classes are located in the blue barracks — a building with numerous maintenance problems — and the social work program is located in the basement of Quigley Hall, a space with multiple safety issues.

Chancellor Rita Cheng said demolition will begin this month and construction will start over the winter months. She said existing staff will take on the labor, such as demolition and cleanup, and any task too big for the school will be contracted out to other firms. She said the process will take about 18 months, and the space is anticipated for use as early as fall 2016.

The service maintenance fees students pay at the beginning of every school year will pay for the $7 million project, Cheng said.

She said although many people are upset about the pool’s removal, numerous students from multiple programs will benefit from the facility once it’s complete.

“There are always trade-offs,” she said. “When I make decisions, and when the staff makes recommendations, we always know that there are those who agree with it and those who don’t. But in this case, we actually have hundreds of students who will benefit from this decision.”

Kay Pick Zivkovich, interim director and assistant director for the School of Art and Design, said she understands just how appreciated the new space will be.

Zivkovich said the barracks should have been more like temporary housing for the school but instead turned into a 40-year endeavor. She said there have been constant bug and rodent problems in the barracks, and the heating and cooling units have long outlasted their primes.

“The fact that we might be operating out of a real building rather than a temporary building says something about our current situation,” she said.

Community members attend the last open swim at Pulliam pool Friday. The pool, which was used for open swim, classes, club use and physical therapy, has been closed to make room for the Schools of Art and Design, Architecture and Social Work.

Aviation program pilots veterans, service dogs for training

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Six veterans and their newly acquainted service dogs took to the skies Tuesday morning at the Southern Illinois Airport.

Students and faculty of the SIUC aviation flight program took the pairs up in the air as they learned to work together as part of the This Able Veteran’s program, which trains service dogs for more than a year and matches them to veterans who live with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or Traumatic Brain Injury.

The veterans are spending the first two weeks of August in Carbondale to get acquainted with their canine companions with the help of trainers from This Able Veteran.

Since several veterans came from outside the region and will fly as far home as Arizona and California with their dogs, the exercise helped the dogs become more comfortable while flying, said Behesha Doan, president and training director of This Able Veteran.

Doan said it is important that the service dogs and veterans acclimate each other once they are matched. She said the flights also help the dogs work through new situations, which is something they will encounter in their daily lives.

Jason Brown, a retired U.S. Army sergeant who served two tours in Iraq, and Tonka, a yellow Labrador, made an initial flight earlier this month. Brown, of Murphysboro, learned about This Able Veteran’s program from his case manager at the Marion VA Medical Center.

After being matched, the two went through several months of service training and Tonka went to live with Brown, his wife and young daughter in April.

He said the flights allowed for valuable experience, and it will be easier for him to fly somewhere if he ever needs or wants to in the future.

Brown said it’s also good to work with the service dogs through difficult situations such as the first flight a dog and its new owner take together.

— Jason Brown

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Investigator: No sign of struggle in Peterson case

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JOLIET, Ill. — With no splattered blood, no broken furniture to indicate a struggle and what they all took as a sound explanation for why Drew Peterson’s third wife lay dead in her bathtub, investigators quickly assumed she’d died after a fall in the bathroom — not as a result of murder.

That was the testimony Tuesday as prosecutors sought to explain to jurors that there is no physical evidence linking the former suburban cop to the murder of Kathleen Savio because the initial investigation was badly botched.

An investigator and a deputy coroner testified that nearly everyone involved initially assumed Savio’s death was an accident. In fact, Peterson was only charged after his fourth wife, Stacy Peterson, was missing three years later. Savio’s body was exhumed then and her 2004 death was reclassified from an accident to a homicide. Peterson, 58, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder.

Deputy coroner Michael VanOver testified that investigators concluded Savio’s death was an accident while her corpse was still sprawled in the dry bathtub — her hair soaked with blood. As he examined her body and turned to inquire whether she should take special measures to preserve potential evidence, other officials indicated there was no need.

“I asked ... if they thought there was something wrong here, and they stated, ‘No,’” VanOver recalled. Dressed in a pin-stripe suit, Peterson rested his hand on his cheek as he followed the testimony in the Joliet courtroom. When a photograph of Savio’s body was displayed, he showed no visible emotion.

Another witness, crime-scene investigator Robert Deel, told jurors he saw no signs of a struggle at Savio’s home. At other murder scenes, he has seen doors broken off their hinges, holes punched into walls and blood everywhere.

“When someone is fighting for their lives, it’s an intense thing,” he added dramatically.

Under questioning by prosecutors, Deel conceded he did only a cursory search inside and outside Savio’s home, and that he didn’t even bother going into some rooms. Asked about a half-full glass of orange juice in the kitchen, he said it was never tested for fingerprints, blood or anything else.

Deel appearedcowed at times as prosecutors pressed him to admit the investigation should have been more thorough. But by the end of the day, he more often appeared defiant and confident, defending his work at the scene.

“It is still your opinion that Kathleen Savio died in an accident, is that correct?” defense attorney Joel Brodsky asked during cross-examination.

“Yes.” Deel said firmly.

Typically, it is prosecutors who herald the work of investigators at murder trials. But the Peterson prosecutors are working to show the investigation was shoddy and setting the stage for the admission of circumstantial evidence and normally prohibited hearsay.

Peterson’s attorneys have defended the investigation as perfectly adequate, suggesting the reason there is no physical evidence is because there was no crime.

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She said even though the art and design department was more interested in a new building, a new location was absolutely a step in the right direction.

Mizanur Miah, director and professor of social work, said the program has been located in the basement of Quigley in his 33 years as a teacher, and that has created health and educational problems. The move to Pulliam has been one Miah said he waited for many years.

“This place is going down every day,” Miah said. “Just the other day there was a water break, and there have been inspections into the existence of asbestos in the building. So, for us, it’s an advantage, and I would like to thank Chancellor Cheng.”

Zirkovich said she still sympathizes with pool supporters despite her excitement for the space’s future use.

“I’ve sworn in the Pulliam pool and observed, and I know that there are a lot of people that are unhappy, but at the same time we have to find ways to move ahead,” she said.

Vogler said he’ll always remember the pool not just as a place where he learned to swim and grow up, but a place where many American records were set and many great swimmers showcased. He said swimmers such as Ray Padovin, Norbert Ramlpe and Ed Sheu — the man who the Recreation Center pool was named after — swam and coached at Pulliam pool.

Howard Harris, alumnum and former swim team member from Greenville, said some of his fondest memories were made at the pool when he swam there collectively from 1961 to 1967 under coach Ralph Casey.

“I don’t know how he did it, but we all loved him, and he was able to get some really impressive swimmers in the program.”

Justin Dennis, Pulliam swimmer since the ’70s and Carbondale high school teacher, said he thinks more work should have been done to research possible options other than excavating the Pulliam pool.

“I’m happy the pool area isn’t going to waste, but I can’t help but wonder if all other options were fully explored,” Dennis said. “For the most part, the administration kept silent to the letters we sent, and honestly we were kept in the dark.”

David Gibson, plant biology professor and Pulliam advocate, said he is no longer angry about the pool’s repurposing, but he still thinks the university is disorganizing a huge legacy.

However, not all of the swimmers are as quick to forgive.

John Snyder, former SIUC psychology professor of 39 years from Carbondale, said he used to support the school but will no longer do so.

“I used to donate to Saluki Way, but I won’t do it anymore, not after this and the way they choose to turn a deaf ear to all of us,” he said.

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IOWA CITY, Iowa — Authorities on Tuesday identified the person killed by a pickup truck that sped through a crowded Iowa livestock auction as a 70-year-old Illinois man who was attending the event.

Donald L. Breed of Freeport, Ill., was pronounced dead at the scene of Monday morning’s accident at the Kalona Sales Barn in Kalona, according to a statement from the Washington County Sheriff’s Office. Five others were injured.

The statement said that Breed was walking near the barn when a truck driven by 73-year-old James Walter Greiner of South English, Iowa, sped uncontrollably through the parking lot before traveling through downtown. The auctioner and others were running the monthly horse auction from the back of the truck.

A city official and an Iowa State Patrol spokesman said Monday that Greiner suffered a medical condition that caused him to hit the accelerator, but Chief Deputy Jared Schneider of Washington County said Tuesday those statements were premature. He said investigators did not yet have enough information to make that determination. Greiner was being interviewed Tuesday at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, he said.

Schneider said a state patrol spokesman was mistaken when he said Monday the person who died was thrown out of the back of the truck. He said Breed was not riding in the truck, and was simply attending the auction.

Schneider said authorities were still compiling information about the others who were injured in the incident and weren’t ready to release their identities or conditions. A hospital spokesman said he could not release any information.

Jonah Grier, a trooper with the Iowa State Patrol, said the red pickup truck sped through the barn’s parking lot, entered a yard and struck landscaping and a tree. He said the truck then went back onto the street for two blocks before turning onto another street and coming to a stop.

Grier and Schneider both said that it appeared Greiner was able to bring the truck to a stop on his own. Schneider said he is not sure whether Greiner was a volunteer driver or an employee for the auction house, whose owner didn’t return a phone message.

Hundreds of people attended Monday’s auction in Kalona, a town of about 2,600 about 20 miles southwest of Iowa City.
State police question prison workers about leaks

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SPRINGFIELD, Ill. Illinois State Police investigators attempted to question at least six workers at Tamms Correctional Center on Tuesday in a criminal investigation of leaks of secret information to the news media.

One of those interviewed told The Associated Press the encounter lasted a few minutes and said it “felt like they were there to intimidate me.” Gov. Pat Quinn, who wants to close the high-security Tamms lockup, said through a spokesperson he did not order the investigation. The union representing prison employees called on the Democrat to “renounce these heavy-handed tactics.”

State police spokeswoman Monique Bond confirmed Tuesday that “there is an ongoing investigation into criminal activity.” She would not say more.

These investigators were from the state police and one from the Corrections Department, said the employees, who would speak only on condition of anonymity for fear of retaliation. The employees said most of those called in — corrections counselors, mental health professionals and the prison’s health care administrator — refused to be questioned without a lawyer.

The prison agency has been concerned about confidential information leaking to the news media about the supermax Tamms. It’s a high-security lockup for inmates who were violent in general prisons and a place to isolate gang leaders and cut off communication from subordinates. It’s closing because Gov. Pat Quinn believes it’s underused and too expensive.

A Corrections spokesperson would not comment.

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— Correctional counselor

One correctional counselor called before the investigators said a police special agent displayed her badge and explained it was a criminal investigation involving a leak of private health information. The employee, who described the scene as “very dramatic,” said the special agent briefly turned over a stack of papers but what it contained wasn’t visible.

The counselor, who was also questioned several weeks ago by the Corrections investigator after a news report based on internal data, submitted a written complaint Tuesday.

“I felt like I was being harassed, that they were trying to intimidate me,” said the counselor, whose job includes preparing Tamms inmates for transfer. “It creates a hostile work environment and a distraction, and I don’t feel like I can do my job.”

Anders Lindall of the employees’ union, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, said it was disturbing that Quinn would call in his state police “to prevent rank-and-file employees from exercising their legal rights and take exception of his dangerous rush to close state prisons.”

“Unlike Pat Quinn, we believe citizens should know what their government is doing behind the prison walls,” Lindall said. “He should renounce these heavy-handed tactics and stop the harassment.”

The AP reported last month that Corrections ordered a “mass shakedown” for contraband on prison employees as they left work, a nearly unprecedented step. That followed closely on the heels of a forum in which prison employees publicly voiced their worries about Quinn’s prison-closure plan, which also includes the Dwight women’s facility.

It also came shortly after Lee Enterprises Newspapers in Illinois reported, based on a confidential memo, that nine displaced Tamms inmates would be put in prisons out of state. Corrections Chief Executive Jeff Smith said it was a stopgap measure to “provide temporary housing for some offenders until permanent housing is secured.”

The counselor called in by investigators Tuesday said any records about out-of-state placements wouldn’t have had health information.

Buscher signed a similar letter to the AP when a reporter for the news agency asked Corrections about emails showing prospective placement of Tamms inmates — some of whom were identified as having mental health problems.

Programs offered to keep students fit, healthy

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When students transition from high school to college, it can be a struggle to find time to exercise and maintain a healthy diet.

Studies have shown that the freshman 15 is a problem amongst first-year college students because freshmen are still used to their parents’ home-cooked meals. However, Solly Wright, director of recreational sports and services, said there are a number of opportunities the Recreation Center has to offer students to avoid putting on the extra pounds.

Wright said the Recreation Center offers several fitness classes, but the one that might be right for the student depends on what he or she wants to improve or maintain.

She said students can participate in traditional aerobics classes, cycling classes and fitness classes both in the pool and on the court. Students can also take classes in strength and conditioning beginning Aug. 20, she said.

If students are interested in skill development, the Recreation Center offers boxing and yoga classes. However, Wright said some of those courses might require additional fees.

She said students can work with personal trainers to come up with a workout schedule that fits well for both the student and the trainer. There is a preview week beginning Aug. 20 where students will have the opportunity to see which programs they might like try out and get involved in.

In addition to the different agility workouts the Recreation Center provides, Wright said students can get involved with intramural sports such as flag football, basketball, baseball, dodgeball and martial arts.

Students can participate in any of these clubs in the morning, afternoon or night with flexible hours. The Recreation Center is already included in the student fees, so students are encouraged to get involved and stay active, Wright said.

The best way for students to find time to exercise throughout the day is to look at their schedules, and see what free time is available to them, said Daniel Wilczak, a SIU alumnus.

“A workout partner has helped me stay motivated to go to the gym,” he said.

One major health changes students may notice in their diet.

Over the past 19 years, Lynn Gill, program coordinator at the Student Health Center; said she has seen different levels of preparation in students’ diets once they arrive at college.

Gill said students struggle to find a balanced diet in the dining halls. She said she noticed students attempt to skip breakfast and eat smaller meals throughout the day.

“This type of diet causes students to be less energized during the day,” Gill said.

She said more students prepare their meals in the microwave than in previous years. Microwave foods have become more convenient and accessible to students, she said.

Gill said first-year freshmen experience an average weight gain of 3.86 pounds, and the freshman 15 is considered more of a myth. She said she isn’t concerned about students’ weight gain; she is more worried about the individual’s overall health status.

David Peace, a senior from Aurora studying therapeutic recreation, said he didn’t gain the freshman 15, but it was more like the freshman 50.

He said healthy food choices were made, and there was a limited selection in the dining halls which forced him to eat unhealthy foods.

“The meal plans had a lot to do with my weight gain,” Peace said.

“Every time I would go to Lentz Hall, I would eat a lot.”

For his senior year, Peace said he would go to the Recreation Center only to play intramural sports with his brothers of Beta Theta Pi.

“Exercising at the Recreational Center and other facilities is a great way to improve someone’s overall lifestyle,” he said.

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HATE MUSIC IS PART OF WHITE SUPREMACIST CIRCLES

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MILWAUKEE — When they aren’t ranting in Internet forums, many of the nation’s white supremacists seek a louder outlet for their extreme views: thunderous, thrashing heavy metal or punk music with lyrics that call for a race war.

Wade Michael Page, the gunman who killed six people at a Sikh temple in Wisconsin before being killed by police, was deeply involved in the “hate rock” scene — a shadowy world of hundreds of performers in the U.S. and Europe, most of them playing metal or hardcore punk. Some also play country, folk and other genres.

Largely unknown to most Americans, this musical subculture is an integral part of neo-Nazi circles, offering a way for like-minded followers to connect with each other and socialize, receive new material and raise money for their cause.

“It really was a good political weapon for the agenda,” said Jason Stevens, who once fronted a white-power band called Intimation One in Portland, Ore.

Page once played guitar and bass with an Intimation One, as well as in bands called Definite Hate and End Apathy.

Stevens, who turns his back on white supremacy in 2004 and now owns a small business, said he was shocked to hear that a friend he remembered as “mellow and quiet” had committed such a heinous crime.

The last two talked on the phone in 2010, and Stevens said Page was “his usual laid-back self.” At the time, Stevens said, he had a job at a Colorado metalworking shop.

Stevens said money raised by the band’s tours and record sales was often funneled to legal defense funds for white supremacists charged with federal crimes, including Randy Weaver, whose 1992 standoff with federal agents in Ruby Ridge, Idaho, left a U.S. marshal and two Weaver family members dead.

“The music is more than just heavy metal music,” he said. “It’s a way for them to express their hatred and spread their message.”

The band had a growing influence in the early 1990s. In more recent years, the Internet enabled much broader distribution of the music, with many of its record labels run by a single person with a post-office box.

Not all the music is abusive. Current performers featured on the Resistance Records website include Saga, a Swedish singer who sings about “freedom” and “the way my race ends” in aifting voice that recalls Sarah McLachlan. Some white supremacists also play folk, which they have rebranded as “folk music,” using the German word for “people.”

Still, aggressive punk and metal are hate rock’s main outlets. That was what Page played while fronting End Apathy. Heidi Bittel of the Southern Poverty Law Center tried to decipher Page’s lyrics, but found them mostly unintelligible beyond choruses of “Slit Their Throats.”

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Obscure sports abound at the Olympics

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These quirky sports are just another part of the fun of the Olympic games, and so I present to you the top 5 most obscure Olympic sports.

1. Equestrian Dressage: This sport has been an Olympic event since 1910 and has been going strong ever since. It requires a horse and rider to go through a series of places and hops in a predetermined routine. The sport is defined as the “highest expression of horse training” by the International Equestrian Foundation, and it gained recent popularity in America when news spread that Mitt Romney owns a dressage horse.

2. Race Walking: Race walking came in a close second for the most obscure summer Olympic sport. If you have never heard of it before, whatever popped into your head upon reading those two words is probably very similar to the actual event. Competitors race over long distances whilst following two distinct rules: One’s back toe cannot leave the ground until the heel of the front foot has touched, and one’s supporting leg must straighten from the point of contact with the ground and remain straightened until their body passes directly over it. The result is a herd of competitors that look like they are in a race to the bathroom.

3. Trampoline: When you joyously jumped on your backyard trampoline as a young child, you probably never would have guessed it would one day be an Olympic sport. But since 2000, that’s exactly what it is. The Olympic version is a bit more intense than the backyard variety, as athletes bounce ridiculously high while routinely flipping three or four times repetitively.

4. Synchronized Swimming: Synchronized swimming is a sport based off of water ballets, which were popular throughout 19th and 20th centuries. It depends on tightly choreographed dance routines and constant smiles from its participants to ensure a high score, and it has been a part of the Olympic games since 1984.

5. Table Tennis, more commonly known as “ping pong:” Table tennis is a game that has enjoyed popularity in game rooms and empty basements for several decades. While only introduced to the Olympics in the 1988 Games held in Seoul, South Korea, proposals to include table tennis in the worldwide event began as early as 1936. In ‘88, the home country claimed both the gold and silver medals in dominating fashion. Four years later, China began a dominating run that has included top finishes in almost every Olympics since.

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