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Marion VA honors vets with tears, cheers

66 Always kept that family in mind that was waiting for their young soldier or marine.

— Janice Simmons
veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom

CAMILLE GEBUR
Daily Egyptian

Saturday evening was light-hearted at the Marion Veterans Administration Medical Center as children reached for cotton candy, ran through sprinklers and enjoyed live entertainment.

But the center's Welcome Home Ceremony also brought many in the audience to tears.

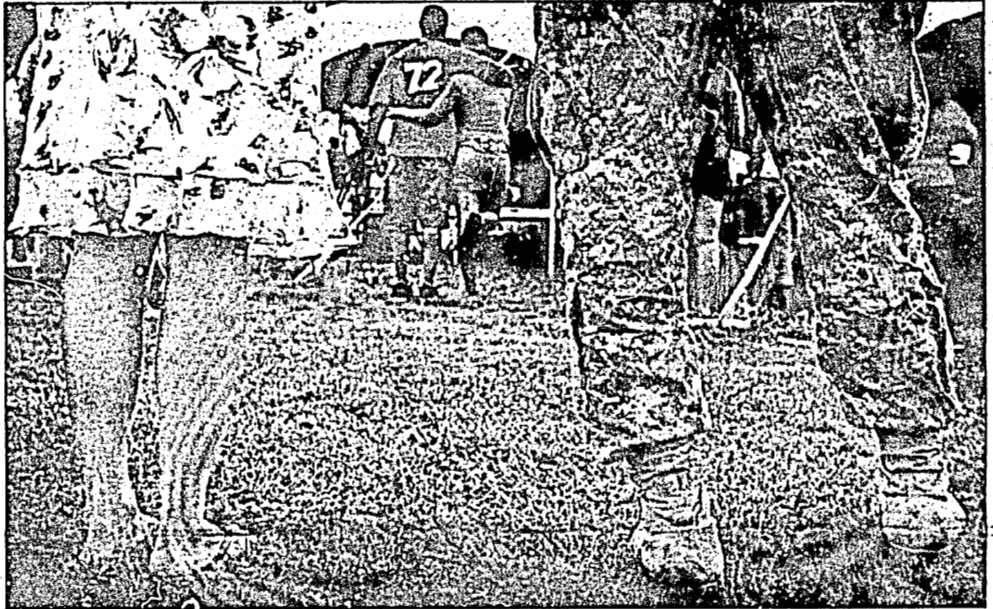
"We're here to pay tribute to our American Heroes," said Jim Rosebrough, the center's director.

The event was put together by the Welcome Home Committee, which is made up of seven veterans who had served in World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam, Operation Desert Storm or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The ceremony was held at the Marion VA Medical Center and honored returning veterans for their service in Iraq and Afghanistan. It featured live music by Southern Cross, a classic car show, food and a raffle.

One of the veterans on the committee is Janice Simmons, a nurse at the center.

Simmons is veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom and was introduced at the event by Mike Gunter, a veteran of the Vietnam War, as



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Marion VA Medical Center worker Amanda Staszak and Sgt. First Class Jack Vahle listen to welcome home ceremony speeches for veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom Saturday at

the Marion VA Medical Center. The war in Afghanistan, which Operation Enduring Freedom refers to, has become the longest war in U.S. history — June marked 104 months since it began in October 2001.

the woman who held the hands of young service men and women who were injured in combat.

"It was truly my privilege to care for these young men and women that were so badly injured," Simmons said. "I always kept that family in mind that was waiting for their young soldier or marine."

When Tiffany Haseker sang "Proud to be an American,"

many in the audience joined her in song, waving flags and wiping tears from their eyes.

Information tables were set up throughout the area to provide veterans with material about services available to them. The center provides care to 43,722 veterans annually.

"When there was nothing else, I always had the guard and military," said Jeff Knight, a sergeant

in the National Guard. "We do what we do and not everyone can do this."

He said it's hard on the younger service men and women who are trying to finish school and facing deployment.

Knight said much has changed since he entered the military 13 years ago.

"When I came home they didn't have a celebration," Knight said.

He said he attended the event to support his fellow soldiers and appreciated the community's support.

The ceremony ended with a raffle where a variety of prizes were given away. Knight won a 32-inch color television in the drawing.

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Classical music cascades into southern Illinois

CHRIS MCGREGOR
Daily Egyptian

Classical music has invaded the region as the annual Southern Illinois Music Festival has begun.

The festival lasts from June 6 to June 26 and holds three-dozen events throughout the region. It offers a multitude of different events, themed around Romeo and Juliet, aimed at bringing classical music to the region in a relaxed environment.

The festival provides something for everyone, ranging from free events designed to help children's appreciation of classical music to full production operas.

Jered Montgomery, a 2009 SIUC alumni, performed a trum-

pet and piano recital Sunday at the First United Methodist Church, and said the event was great because it gave him a chance to play for the community that has given him so much.

"Everyone here is very supportive," he said. "The festival is world class music in a relaxed atmosphere."

He said the tight-knit community continues to support him as he pursues a music career in Chicago.

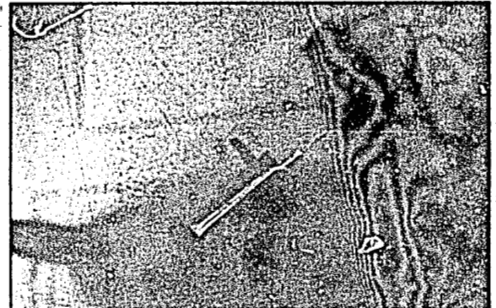
"Southern Illinois has a great hometown pride, and if they have something they will back it 100 percent," he said.

The festival gives listeners different ways to experience the music with its various venues ranging from churches to civic centers.

"This church has always valued music greatly, not just in worship but as a part of what it does to serve the community," said Bob Weiss, director of music for the First United Methodist Church.

He said the festival is a way for the church to offer its resources to the community.

Emily Plumlee, a senior from Tamaroa studying music education and coordinator of the event, said locations like these are necessary because southern Illinois lacks access to the big city orchestras and symphonies, but said that the region still deserves high quality orchestral music.



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Southern Illinois University Alumni Jered Montgomery, of Mulkeytown, performs the trumpet at First United Methodist Church Sunday in Carbondale as a part of the Southern Illinois Music Festival. The festival will present more than 40 concerts from June 6 to June 26.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Recruits bring new attitude to team

RYAN SIMONIN
Daily Egyptian

The Salukis hope to gain back their winning edge with the help of five new recruits.

The men's basketball team added two juniors from Southeastern Illinois College in Marnadou Seck and Troy Long along with junior Ernest Watson from Trinity Valley Community College and junior Mykel Cleveland from Southwestern Illinois College.

Davante Drinkard from Stephens County High School in Atlanta, Ga., represents the only new freshman to the team.

SIUC head basketball coach Chris Lowery said the new recruits are a disciplined, coachable group of players.

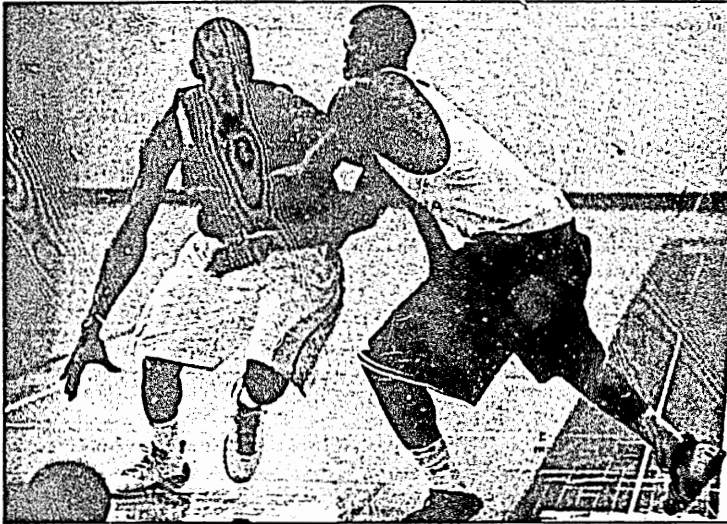
"They are all play-hard guys and they put winning first," Lowery said. "Playing hard is something we like from the discipline side of it and it is something we have to get back to in order to make us successful."

The team gathered Sunday for the first time since the end of the spring semester and Cleveland said SIUC already felt like home.

"I just want to come in and help the team get better and play harder," Cleveland said. "I am ready for the season and I just want to get out onto the court and play with these guys."

Seck said he is fitting in great with the team and the chemistry is already noticeable.

"I know the last three years haven't been really good but I see really good



Jr. transfer Marnadou Seck drives past redshirt freshman guard Diamond Taylor during a pick-up game Monday at Davies Gym. Seck averaged 15.5 points at Southeastern Illinois College last season.

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guy here and I think we can do something," Seck said. "I am not here to go 15-15, I am here to go to the MVC Championships."

Lowery said if the team can play better together on defense, positive things will happen on the offensive side of the ball. He said the key to having a strong team starts with the defense.

"We have taken pride on being

one of the top-five defensive teams in the country for the past seven straight seasons and now all of a sudden we are not even 150 in the country defensively," Lowery said. "Our offense is up there, but when it came down to doing game-winning plays we couldn't do them and we have to get back to that."

Lowery said the recruits are team players and realize the importance of that aspect of the game.

"Putting the team first has been the hardest thing to convince the team of in the past two years," Lowery said. "If they put the team first, everything that they want as individuals they will get, but they have to put the team first."

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"It is nice to bring professional musicians down to the area, to educate and give southern Illinois good entertainment," she said.

Plumlee said the festival is a strong learning experience for students because it allows them to play alongside internationally recognized musicians.

"We have a lot of graduate students and even a few undergrads that play in the orchestra," she said. "They get to sit alongside people who have been doing this for a living for thirty or forty years in some instances."

The Southern Illinois Music Festival offers a more relaxed environment to experience orchestral music, which is often perceived as stuffy, she said. She said the artistic director and conductor Edward Benyas strives to incorporate the region into the festival.

"The show is a professional quality show with a more laid back feel to try to hopefully influence others who may not have the opportunity to see orchestral music," she said.

The festival is scheduled to run throughout June, concluding with a Romeo and Juliet opera at 7:30 p.m. June 26 in Lebanon.

For more information on the festival check out SIFest.com.

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Graduating August 2010?

Friday, June 18 at 4:30 p.m.

is the deadline for undergraduate and law students to apply for August 2010 graduation. Graduation application form is available in Woody Hall A 117 or online

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

LEGO Mania call for LEGOS

DEAR EDITOR:

The Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale is sponsoring its first LEGO Mania camp this week. In order to make this happen we need your help. Do you have any LEGOS stashed in a closet or basement? Have you been wondering if your children will ever play with them again?

Well, you could donate them to the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale so we can build a castle, a monster truck, the city of Carbondale, or

the St. Louis Arch. We are looking for any size, shape or quantity.

If you are interested in donating those LEGOS please contact Tina Carpenter at the Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale at 618-457-8877 ext. 3 or by email at tcarpenter@bgc-cd Dale. We will help you make this the best LEGO camp ever.

Tina Carpenter
program director for Boys
and Girls Club of Carbondale

June is Men's Health Month

DEAR EDITOR:

Think about the men in your life: your dad, husband, brother, son, grandfather, uncle, friend or neighbor. Now think about if there was a way for them to stay healthier longer, wouldn't you want that for them? That is the idea behind men's health month. Men are the least likely to be proactive about their health, and they generally do not go to the doctor unless they are in pain. Men's health month was established to bring more awareness to the men in our lives. Many families will be celebrating Fathers Day on June 20. Talk to the men in your life and ask them when they last had a check up. It could save their life!

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For more information on men's cancer or anything cancer related please call 1-800-227-2345 or go www.cancer.org and search "men's health."

Caleb M. Nehring
Senior Health Initiatives representative

Thanks to the Jackson County Board of Health

DEAR EDITOR:

2010 marks Jackson County Health Department's 60th year of service to this community.

It also marks the 60th anniversary for the Jackson County Board of Health. The Board of Health is the eight-member governing body of the health department. The County Board appoints all Board of Health members. They meet monthly to provide oversight to the health department by approving the annual

budget, adopting strategic and community plans, approving personnel policies and hiring the administrator.

Board of Health members also represent the community and advocate for public health services for the residents of this county. The Jackson County Board of Health is made up of John Erbes, President; Dr. Paul Bennett, Vice President; Dr. Dan Massie, Secretary; and Nancy Muzzarelli, Dr. Allen Cissel, Irma Villadiego, Dr. Sherry Jones and Yolonda Simon.

They carry on a long tradition with more than 60 combined years of service and ensure a strong and vital health department. They deserve our gratitude and recognition for this service. If you know one of these board members, please thank them for their contributions and commitment to improving the public's health.

Miriam Link-Mullison
public health administrator
Jackson County Health Department

Interagency Passes available at Shawnee Forest Offices

DEAR EDITOR:

Is your family planning a trip to a national park, national forest or other federal land in the United States this year? If so, you may want to purchase an Interagency Pass before leaving home. The Interagency Passes provide free or reduced-fee access to all Forest Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation and US Fish and Wildlife Service sites charging entrance or standard amenity fees.

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For more information, contact the Shawnee National Forest Headquarters at (618) 253-7114.

Pat York
Shawnee National Forest
recreation program manager

GUEST COLUMN

Sexually transmitted diseases are out of control

BOB MONTAÑEZ
retired educator of 33 years from Texas

Because it is in the public's interest — especially for our youth — this column pertains to an uncomfortable but serious health issue.

Sexually transmitted diseases are becoming a major public health problem and are getting out of control. They affect, unfortunately and without discrimination, many Americans.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) estimates there are approximately 19 million new cases of STDs each year in the United States. Almost half of them are among young people ages 15 to 24. This fact is very alarming and very disquieting.

Before the 1960s, syphilis and gonorrhea were the only known STDs. Today, there are over 50 STDs. Many STDs do not have any symptoms, so many of those infected

do not know it and continue to pass infections to others. Though several STDs may be cured and controlled, others affect persons for the rest of their lives and may eventually cause death.

Economically speaking, STDs costs are estimated at \$15.9 billion annually. In addition, STDs have a high human cost in terms of pain, suffering and grief. Unlike other diseases, STDs often cause stigma and feelings of shame. It is important to note that STDs not only affect and change the lives of those who become infected, but also the lives of their families and friends. Furthermore, the harm inflicted on infants and children can never be defined in dollars.

Making things worse and costlier, most STDs have also been associated with the increased risk of HIV transmission. Please be aware that the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the United States is real. It isn't just hap-

pening in faraway places. In 2007, Texas ranked fourth in the nation with 72,828 (72,434 adults and 394 children) cumulative HIV cases.

AIDS is not just a homosexual disease — it is in mainstream America. Even though there are treatments to help people with HIV live longer, AIDS is still a significant and lingering health threat. Before we can stop it effectively, we need to first recognize the magnitude of the disease. Some startling facts from the CDC are:

- Every 9.5 minutes (on average), someone in the United States is infected with HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

- More and more women have become infected with HIV since it was first reported in the early 1980s. Today, about one in four Americans living with HIV are women.

- More than 1 million people in the United States are living with HIV and AIDS. Of those 1 million,

one out of five do not know they are infected.

- Despite new therapies, people with HIV still develop AIDS. More than 14,000 people with AIDS die each year in the United States.

- Serious health threats from STDs and HIV cross racial and ethnic lines. It is important for people to understand that race, by itself, is not a risk factor for infection.

- Poverty, homelessness, lack of access to health care, incarceration rates, drug use and higher rates of sexually transmitted diseases can all increase rates of HIV.

STDs and HIV infections are preventable. It is crucial that everyone learn the facts, talk about STDs/HIV/AIDS with partners and loved ones, reduce risk behaviors and get tested to learn their status.

It's not always easy, but we must do a better job of educating our youth about sex. We have to be honestly clear about how and why these

diseases are contracted; and, we must continuously communicate the seriousness of the problem. Schools, churches, health and community organizations need to provide more education on preventive measures that include more than just abstinence. Teaching only abstinence will never be effective enough.

For information on testing and protective measures, contact your regional STD/HIV program. Also, information may be obtained from the CDC National Prevention Information Network organization database, or call 1-800-458-5231 and a health information specialist will help you locate an organization in the community. The Internet also provides many sources with information.

Lastly, let's acknowledge that the problem will only get worse if we just judge and stigmatize or if we just remain silent and do nothing. Your actions today will determine the quality of your life tomorrow.

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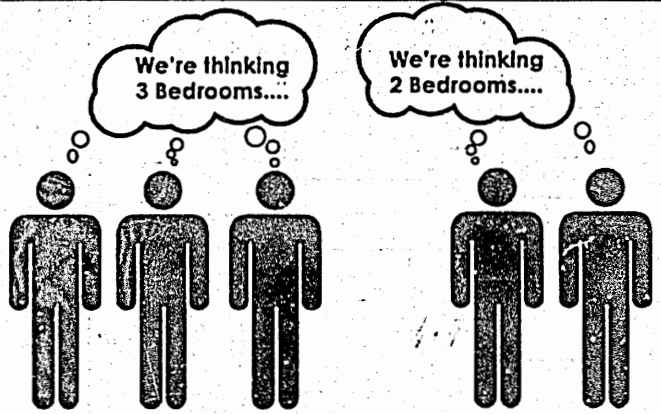
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HAWKS

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This championship is finally giving the Blackhawks some shine in Chicago, where they are considered the Cinderella of local sports teams. The Bears haven't won a championship since 1986, Bulls since 1998, White Sox

since 2005 and I will not even discuss the Cubs. Now, the Blackhawks have a reason to be respected by winning their fourth championship.

Toews and Kane, 21, have many years left on their skates while Niemi, could probably take full-time possession of the net for the next eight to 10 years.

The young team is going to stay intact, which means the possibility for more championships is endless. Blackhawks fans can finally wear their red tomahawk jerseys with pride.

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GEORGE

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"My first reaction was, 'Shut up,'" George said. "It was hard to believe my dream had finally come true."

George was one of three Salukis — along with Ryan Bradley and Nathan Forer — to be chosen in the three-day 2010 MLB Draft. It was the first time three Salukis were selected in the same draft since 1996.

Janet George, Bryan's mother, said she is proud of her son's accomplishments.

"I'm thrilled," Janet George said. "He has wanted this as long as I can remember. I'm happy it has come true."

He was selected with the 414th pick in the 13th round.

As a relief pitcher for the Salukis, George had an impressive four-year career. In his first season at SIUC, he was the No. 1 freshman closer in the nation — going 11-for-11 in save opportunities — an Missouri Valley Conference All-Conference player and a Freshman All-American.

can. He holds the SIUC record for most saves in a career with 30.

George said he appreciates everything the coaches have done for him. Without head coach Dan Callahan as well as assistants Ken Henderson and Tim Dixon, he said he couldn't have accomplished his dream.

"They understood I was a small-town kid and they never let me get overwhelmed," George said. "This was huge to my success. They helped me achieve my dream by being there for me way beyond baseball. They helped me with life."

Two other Salukis were selected in the draft along with George. In the 30th round, left hander situational pitcher Bradley was selected by the San Francisco Giants. The New York Yankees selected Forer, the No. 1 pitcher in the Saluki rotation for half of the 2010 season, in the 46th round. In 2010, he had a 3.28 earned run average, allowing only 11 earned runs in 46 innings.

The draft marked the ninth consecutive year at least one Saluki

has been chosen. Forer marked the 23rd player coached by Callahan to advance to the next level via draft.

Callahan said all three of his former players have the ability to play well and if they continue to progress at the rate they did under him, they will have success. In regards to George, Callahan said if he can add one more attribute to his game, he would be in good shape.

"George is blessed with a 96 to 97 mph fastball," Callahan said. "If he can learn a second pitch, he has the best chance of making it. It's indicative of the round he was drafted in."

Callahan said his staff is proud of the players and enjoyed coaching them in life and baseball.

"We take pride in being able to develop these kids into good ball players," Callahan said. "We make each other look good. We are a feather in each others cap."

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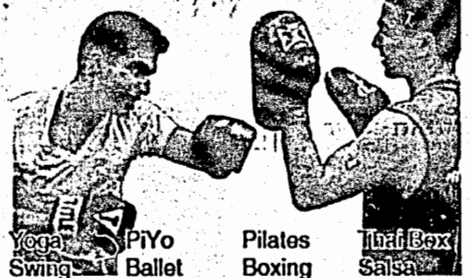
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Blackhawks back on top



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Congratulations to the Chicago Blackhawks for winning the 2010 NHL Stanley Cup by defeating the pesky Philadelphia Flyers in six games.

The Blackhawks finally brought the cup back to Chicago — the trophy that had been on a milk carton since 1961.

Before the 2008-2009 season when the Blackhawks made it to the Western Conference finals, there had been nothing for the fans to cheer for. The team hadn't survived the first round of the playoffs since the 1995-96 season.

I remember watching Chris Chelios and Jeremy Roenick dominate the ice in the early 1990s. They didn't win a championship, but they went to the finals in 1992 and conference finals in 1995. They were fun and exciting to watch and made it cool to be a Blackhawks fan.

By 1996, most of the talented players had left, making the roster look like an expansion team. And, when the talent left town, the fans left with them.

Thirteen seasons later, the Blackhawks are exciting to watch again. They skate well, pass great and hit harder than the other team. They played with the blue-collar



EVAN DAVIS | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Chicago Blackhawks right wing, Patrick Kane, raises the Stanley Cup trophy above his head while atop a double-decker bus Friday morning in Chicago. The city hosted a ticker-tape

parade downtown for the team in appreciation for their winning season. The celebration had an estimated 2 million fans in attendance.

approach that wins championships and appeals to Chicago sports fans.

That passionate approach Chelios and Roenick played with nearly 20 years ago is now being introduced to a new generation of fans through Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane.

Toews, the team captain at age 22, played valiantly in the playoffs, and won Most Valuable Player. He scored seven goals and 22 assists as he set a franchise record for consecutive games with a point in the playoffs.

Right wing Kane netted 10 goals in the playoffs, including the game-winning shot to defeat the Flyers for the championship. He also helped the team with 18 assists.

Goalie Antti Niemi split time with veteran Cristobal Huet during

the regular season, but once playoffs started, Niemi took control of his position and was the best player between the pipes throughout the playoffs.

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BASEBALL

George heads Saluki draft class

BRANDON LACHANCE
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Instead of watching the Major League Baseball draft to see if he would be playing at the next level, Bryant George was at home watching "Tom

and Jerry." George said it was too stressful to watch the draft after being passed up last year.

"I had high hopes in the beginning," George said. "I was disappointed last year when the draft passed me up, so this year, I didn't think too much about it

because I didn't want to fall in the trap of sitting and waiting, expecting too much."

It turned out George did not expect enough as he became an Los Angeles Angel while watching a cat and mouse show the selection happen during the

online draft coverage. George received a text message from Los Angeles Angel's scout Joel Murrie congratulating him on becoming an Angel.

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