University faculty, staff to receive conflict training

SIUC Police: Woody Hall disturbance highlights need

**Jeff Engelhardt**

For Todd Sigler, a recent disturbance at Woody Hall highlighted holes in university communication he hopes to clarify with new training for SIUC staff.

Scott Toomsen, a freshman from Carbondale, was expelled June 24 after a disturbance at Woody Hall June 17. Two days after the disturbance, police charged Toomsen for failing to reduce speed to avoid an accident and driving under the influence when he hit the car of Kathleen Plesko, director of Disability Support Services, at a stoplight. Toomsen denies he purposely hit Plesko.

To help educate university staff on how to deal with conflict, Sigler, director of SIUC Police, said he would help teach a new training session starting July 23.

While the incident at Woody Hall did not lead to the creation of the program, Sigler said the disturbance showed what could be improved.

"We like to think the information was always out there, but maybe it was a method of delivery that wasn't working," Sigler said. "There is a large number of employees on this campus, so it's safe to assume they're not all fully educated on this." Sigler said the training would focus on teaching staff whom to contact in different conflicts. He said he is confident the pieces are in place for successful conflict resolution, but university employees need to know who to call and when to do it.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz said he agrees with Sigler and hopes both staff and students are not tentative in voicing concerns.

"What I hope folks can take away from this is that if you feel threatened or someone's behavior is out of the norm, the important thing is to call the police," Dietz said. "They don't have to arrest someone. Part of the police's role is to make sure the environment is as safe as it can be." Jean Cunningham, assistant director of the Counseling Center, said most of the center's clients come from referrals from university employees. She said the training should improve communication between the center and university staff.

"We welcome faculty staff to give us calls about students they are concerned about or causing problems," Cunningham said. "We can let them know about what they should do and can keep track of the calls we get about individuals.

Toomsen said his experience taught him that students have difficulty reaching administrators, just as administrators may have trouble communicating with each other.

Toomsen filed a grievance with the university in fall 2006 stating one of his professors discriminated against him for being a veteran and having a disability. Toomsen said he suffered severe head trauma and was diagnosed with bipolar disorder after a motor vehicle accident.

He said he received updates from Dietz and Interim Provost Don Race but each letter contained similar updates.

"I have nothing bad to say about SIU, but I was mad when nothing was getting done," Toomsen said. "I just kept getting the same answers over and over again." Dietz said he is responsible for showing the student who to go to for help when investigating complaints filed in a grievance.

Toomsen said the dispute came from his frustrations with the investigation into the professor and scheduling for future classes.

Though Toomsen is expelled, he said he hopes to return to school eventually.

"I want to go back to school, but where can I go?" Toomsen said. "I'm banned from SIU and I can't get to John A. Logan." Plesko, who was present at Woody Hall June 17, said training staff for conflict situations could only help the university.

"Any measure that increases awareness on how to deal with crisis is valid," Plesko said. "Sigler came over and talked to my staff subsequent to (June 17) and we did an emergency planning based on the information he gave us."

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EGYPTIAN

ST. LOUIS — The airplane carrying Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama made a precautionary landing in St. Louis on Monday after the crew had a problem keeping the nose up on takeoff from Chicago.

The plane, an MD-80 Midwest charter, struggled to keep the nose up, but it left for Chicago, N.C., the pilot said. Later, Midwest Airlines said the problem developed because an emergency slide located in the tail cone of the plane deployed in flight and never threatened the safety of the flight. The National Transportation Safety Board said it planned to investigate the incident.

Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Laura Brown said the plane did not declare an emergency but “requested a diversion for mechanical issues they called a flight control problem.”

After landing, Obama read the paper in the front cabin, but he turned briefly to chat with the press at one point. “I just thought we’d spice things up a little bit today,” Obama joked.

The Illinois senator and a small entourage eventually left the plane to wait out the precautionary landing at a local hotel; the North Carolina trip was postponed. But he called the Charlotte event to apologize for his absence and summarize his speech on the nation’s economic woes. He expanded on that economic message later to his traveling press corps here in Missouri, a battleground state he hopes to win in the fall.

“I’m so sorry that I’m not down there,” Obama said in the telephone call. “We had a little glitch in our plane.” He promised to visit Charlotte soon.

Obama had two fundraisers in Atlanta scheduled for Monday evening.

Upon takeoff from Chicago, passengers had felt the plane dip briefly, causing a stomach-rolling sensation like being on a roller coaster, but the unexpected movement didn’t alarm the frequent fliers on board.

Later, the pilot said, “We detected a little bit of control-loss capability on the plane for over an hour as it was being checked out at Lambert Airport.”

During his visit with reporters, Obama shook his head “no” when asked if he was worried.

“When a pilot says something, it’s not working the way it’s supposed to, then you make sure you tighten your seat belt,” Obama said. “Everything seemed under control. The pilots knew what they were doing.”

Obama’s campaign charter hadn’t made a precautionary landing before. “This is a first,” he said.

Obama’s plane makes unscheduled stop for maintenance in St. Louis

Liz Sidoti

Wednesday, July 8, 2008

Editorial

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• Any questions call Mary Storer at 457-0354.

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Local consumers switch to smaller vehicles

Dealers say overall sales unaffected

Justin Lange  
Daily Egyptian

As fuel prices continue to rise, consumers across the country are trading in their gas-guzzlers for more fuel-efficient vehicles.

Carbondale is no exception, local dealers say. Sale of trucks and sport utility vehicles has fallen steadily while fuel-efficient vehicles have been on the rise, according to New York Times reports. Vehicles with four-cylinder engines surpassed six-cylinders for the first time in April.

Tim Hirsch, new car sales manager at Vogler Ford in Carbondale, said sale trends are different from last year but continue to remain steady.

“They’re just buying different cars,” said Hirsch. “They’re still buying cars. They’re just buying different cars.”

After 17 years as the top-selling vehicle in the U.S., Ford’s F-150 has fallen to fifth place, according to Motortopia.com. Smaller, more gas-friendly vehicles, such as the Honda Accord and Toyota Corolla have eclipsed sales of the larger vehicles.

“It’s easily the most dramatic segment shift I have witnessed in the market in my 31 years here,” said George Pipas, chief sales analyst for the Ford Motor Company.

Hirsch said the misconception is that most people believe purchasing a hybrid vehicle will ease some of the economic burden of driving.

“In our area, with the type of driving most people do, the hybrid does not help you,” Hirsch said.

Hybrids help those living in urban areas where commuters practice more stop-and-go driving. In a rural area such as southern Illinois, hybrids will not make up for the roughly $5,000 cost increase, Hirsch said.

Vic Koenig Jr. said General Motor’s sales have dropped during the past few years. However, Koenig said his Chevrolet dealership in Carbondale has seen a 37 percent increase, but has had different sale patterns.

“People are trading in SUVs and trucks for cars,” Koenig said.

He said smaller cars such as the Cobalt and the Impala are their best selling models.

Like Hirsch, Koenig said buying vehicles with alternative energy sources would not help the pockets of the average southern Illinois commuters. Using E85 ethanol costs about the same as running a vehicle with gasoline, he said.

While the price of ethanol can be 50 cents per gallon cheaper than gasoline, ethanol gets about 15 percent less fuel efficiency, Hirsch said.

Gerald and Cindy Snyder of West Frankfort said that fuel efficiency is one of the biggest factors they will consider when they purchase their new car. The couple looked at compact models Monday at Ward Chrysler in Carbondale.

“We don’t know if we’re going to buy new or used —” Gerald Snyder began.

“But we would love to get one with 30 miles or more,” his wife finished.

Hirsch said consumers could control the amount of gas they use without switching car models.

“Driving habits make a bigger difference on fuel economy than anything,” said Hirsch. He suggests commuters practice following the speed limit and not stopping at lights abruptly.
Drinking games prove deadly to college students

Amy Forriti THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WINONA, Minn. — On the morning after the house party on Johnson Street, Jenna Foellmi and several other women passed out and slept on the beds and couches. When a friend reached over to wake her, Forriti thought she was dieing of a drug overdose.

The friend’s screams woke up the other students in the house, and one of them found Forriti, a 20-year-old biochemistry major at Winona State University, dead at 12:45 a.m. one day after she had finished her last exam of the semester. According to police reports, she had been out during the day, then played beer pong, drank games in the evening, and died later that night.

Forriti’s death was tragic, but typical of the problem.

An Associated Press analysis of federal records found that 157 college-age people, 18 to 23, drank themselves to death from 1999 through 2005, the most recent year for which figures are available. For the three years from 1999 to 2001, the total went up from 18 in 1999 to a peak of 23 in 2000 to 22 in 2001. The number dipped as low as 14 in 2001.

There have always been problems with young people and alcohol, but it just seems like they’re more intense now than they used to be,” said Connie Gong, vice president for student affairs at Winona State University, in 1999 after she heard 24 deceased in less than two hours.

The McCarr family started a non-profit organization called Be Responsible About Drinking 21 shots on a 21st birthday — has been making headlines lately. Not only is it illegal, but it is often lethal. Of the college-age deaths that can be attributed to excessive drinking, according to federal figures, 11 of 18 freshmen deaths occurring during the first month after college.

The AP analysis found that women are more likely to go out with their friends and binge-drink than men. This was a pledge China made seven years ago, and since then they are preparing to hold two new subway lines and a satellite trucks to move freely around the city of 17 million.

China’s work is hardly complete. It has made clear in dueling economic speeches last month after his opposition-party leadership. In nearly every case, farmsites, including eight college-age students, died while celebrating their 21st birthdays.

This was a pledge China made seven years ago and raised the risks for months with Chinese security officials — and the International Olympic Committee President Jose Antonio Clavijo, who went out at midnight when he turned 21, the last exam of the semester.

If you’ve done nothing unless you do it first, which he called a “visious circle.”

Still, Bush has come a long way since his first G-8 summit when he held that evidence was not conclusive that such activity contributed to the warming of the Earth’s climate.
Jenn Lofton  
**Daily Egyptian**

In the wake of Thursday’s U.S. Supreme Court decision to strike down a Washington, D.C., ban on handguns, some state officials and gun shop owners have said the outcome was a necessary one.

Kent Williamson thinks it is another step toward increased gun-related violence.

Williamson, community affairs director of Illinois Council Against Handgun Violence, said some cities in Illinois have chosen to stand firm on their plans to keep handguns out of their neighborhoods.

“It could be harmful if anyone who wants a gun gets one because guns can be purchased lawfully, but sold illegally to criminals,” Williamson said.

Paul Stacy, owner of Pro Pawn and Gun in Marion, said cities in Illinois that have the highest crime rates are the ones that have gun control laws. These statistics show that criminals cannot be stopped, he said.

The court's decision will benefit the community more than harm it, he said.

“I think it’s a freedom and everyone should be able to own a gun,” Stacy said.

Stacy said no matter how much lawmakers try to prevent handgun violence, it is never going to disappear.

The Second Amendment, which was ratified in 1791, states, “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.” Five justices agreed in the District of Columbia v. Heller ruling that the right to own handguns is included in the amendment.

The Illinois council has never wanted to completely ban the use of handguns, Williamson said. She said the council’s goal is to have sensible laws that would keep guns safe for consumers and keep people educated.

US Rep. Jerry Costello, D-IL, has been an avid supporter of Second Amendment rights since he joined Congress 30 years ago, said Costello’s chief of staff David Gilles.

Gilles said Costello believes if a law is in the body of the constitution each individual has his or her own rights to uphold that law.

**Gun related deaths**

**Illinois statistics**

- 1999 to 2005: There were 8,010 firearm deaths.
- In 2005: 3,039 people died from firearm injuries.

**2005-2006: 5,334 children and youth died from gun violence.**

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**National statistics**

- 2005: 30,694 Americans were killed by firearms.
- Since 1999, the number of firearm deaths has increased by more than 6 percent.

**The display case at Pro Pawn and Gun houses a variety of handguns. The recent ruling by the Supreme Court has led to nationwide debate about gun violence.**

Bob Ramsey, a member of the Williamson County Gun Club, said he and his fellow members were pleased when they heard about the Supreme Court’s decision.

“Now the good guy can protect himself if necessary without a problem,” Ramsey said.

The club began in the early 1970s and has grown to more than 300 members. After experiencing decades of changing gun laws and going through the tedious procedures of being able to own a firearm, he can finally breathe a sigh of relief after the ruling.

According to the ICAIH, there were 1,039 handgun deaths in 2005, which was up three percent from the previous year. Ramsey said he does not believe that the court’s decision will increase the firearms crime rate.

If criminals want to obtain a gun, they will do it by any means necessary because they are just not the kind of people that would follow laws in the first place, Ramsey said.

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**Locals react to Second Amendment ruling**

**Chancellor, provost to share dean searches**

Allison Petty  
**Daily Egyptian**

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Happy belated birthday, America

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America’s birthday: barbecue, baseball and blowing stuff up. All in all I would say it is a winning combination. I spent the Fourth of July at home in Chicago, and magically the weather was perfect — no rain, oppressive heat or swarms of seasonal locusts.

This year it also fell on a Friday, so I literally had four straight days of deliciously barbecued animals. Herbivores must abstain the mass pork and beef genocide, but as Homer Simpson so eloquently explained, “You don’t make friends with salad.” The four days of free beer and afternoon drinking, however, did extract their revenge.

Still there is something spectacular and, well, American, about the Fourth of July. Other countries have fireworks and celebrations, but none do it with quite the style of the U.S.

It is a day that we as Americans can really appreciate what it means to be American and be grateful for all the things we often take for granted. I honestly do not care if you think America is the greatest country or the worst, it is still your country and July Fourth is our day to acknowledge our sincere appreciation by blowing stuff up. If you do not like stuff blowing up, you can get out!

Fireworks are not just a part of our Independence Day, they are the whole show.

Even the smallest towns have their own patriotic display of red, white and blue explosions. As a kid, the fact that they were illegal in this state made them all the more fun. Let me take this time to apologize to whoever’s Port-o-Potty that was.

Even though July Fourth is enjoyed by everyone from auto-dealership owners and politicians to the electronic self-waving flag industry (seriously), you cannot spoil a day of good food, good people and explosions.

I had a conversation with a friend of mine’s who was visiting from Canada.

He told me that they have a celebration called Canada Day, which is pretty much the same thing but Canadian (and thus, with far less bravado, eh). It might have been the whiskey or maybe the fact that he was a stranger in a new land at probably the worst time, but he launched into an attack on America.

The usual “we’re arrogant, we’re ignorant, we’re destroying the world,” which coincidentally is the title of my next column. Normally I would calmly explain yes, but we are learning, and we still on our worst day are better than nations like China.

Something about this hockey-losing, syrup-sucking maple leaf’s argument struck a nerve.

I think my friend and part-time model Thomas Moonseyham said it best: “Dude, what’s Canada do?”

Really now, what does Canada have besides its universal healthcare? Nothing, and they are directly responsible for Celine Dion, Nickelback and “The Love Guru.” We aren’t even learning. And we certainly aren’t Canada.

Unless we are traveling abroad. Then we are from Alberta. That’s how America does it.

Here is to you, happy birthday and hopefully you will have many more.

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THE DUKE REPORT

Save the Tuscan Lodge in Carbondale

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The value of the Tuscan Lodge is much more than monetary.

Asgill Connor and De William Richart bought the land which was soon known as the village of Carbondale.

Shame would come to these gentlemen if they knew that a building with such rich history was listed in the 2005 Landmarks Illinois “Ten Most Endangered” program and still exists in that state.

The issue, however, is those who can help either do not know of the problem at hand or have become increasingly less concerned with the building’s welfare.

The problem the Carbondale community faces is a “repair or destroy” order issued by the city of Carbondale.

This order was placed on the lodge about a month ago and was given a steadily approaching deadline.

The question is, how can you be a part of the solution?

As a member of the ever-flourishing Carbondale community for the last several years, I have seen business come and go, buildings erected from scratch and others torn down or refurbished in what seemed like the blink of an eye.

The refurbishing of this building would not only enhance the beauty of downtown Carbondale, but would also provide the community with the benefits of engaging our youth in programs that could be hosted in the refurbished facility.

Where are the concerned citizens and business owners of this community who have not only the desire to help, but also the want and the resources to give back to a town that to them has given so much?

“The void in our society has been produced by the absence of values. We have no widespread belief in the value of participation. The rational system has made us fear standing out in any serious way,” said John Ralston Saul.

Those who have the ability to do more must now come to their calling.

The value of the Tuscan Lodge is much more than monetary.

If this central landmark of Carbondale is lost, the city itself will not only lose one of its greatest assets, but the families and the youth of the community will suffer.

According to Katherine Anne Porter, “One of the marks of having a gift is to have the courage to use it.”

We are a city of many gifted individuals — a city of hope, love, prosperity and most importantly, a city of present and future givers.

In this moment of despair, I urge everyone to stand up and take a stand against the loss of one of Carbondale’s most significant structures.

“Creativity is born of chaos, even if it is somewhat difficult to glimpse the possibilities in the midst of the confusion.” Charles Handy once said.

I understand that as you read this, you may ask yourself, “How can I help? What can I do? And why would I want to do it?”

The answer is simply because you were given the gifts, talents and resources to do so, and to die without having made some substantial contribution to your community is to die without having truly lived.

It is said that professionals built the Titanic and an amateur built the Ark, so to all the readers out there, professionals and amateurs, grab your tools and lets get this Ark set afloat.

For more information and to help, please contact project coordinator Laura Love at (618) 203-6863 or W.M. Vincent Davis at (618) 203-2773.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“He was the love of my life.”

Susan Harmon, wife of Larry Harmon, who died from heart failure at age 83.
Girls and Sports

Please support me with a $50 donation for my uk run to fight child obesity.

The Duplex

I'm climbing a mountain to battle poverty! Please support me with a $5 donation.

by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

Hi! It's time for my annual walk to support kangaroo conservation. Please send your $6 donation to the address below.

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and they say email is free technology.

by Glenn McCoy

I like to look at it as my gymnad is preoprding.

THE Daily Crossword

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Suduko

By the Mepham Group

Suduko

Level: 1 2 3

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3 by 3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Suduko, visit www.suduko.org.uk.

Solution to Thursday's Puzzle

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MINGLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THE JUMBLE

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Argirion and Jeff Kneue

I'M PLAYING a tricky character.

THE ACTOR USED GREASEPAINT BECAUSE HE HAD A ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Thursday's: Jumbles: BATON FORGO HUMBLE COWARD

Answer: When the icos fell on the malleus's head, he was OUT "COLD"

FIND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

In the Daily Classifieds
‘Mr. Fourth of July’ is misleading

Bum superhero bums audiences

Amber Fijolek
DAILY EGYPTIAN

“Hancock”
Rated: PG-13
Starring: Will Smith, Charlize Theron, Jason Bateman.
Directed by: Peter Berg
Runtime: 92 minutes

Passed out, boozed in hand, sprawled across a sidewalk bench and snubbed by contemptuous passers-by: This is the portrait of the summer’s newest silver-screen superhero.

Will Smith plays Hancock, a not-so-noble Los Angeles legend with superhuman capabilities that empower him to protect his city from everyday evils. He is lazy, irresponsible and careless but irresistibly fun to watch.

None of this is new to those who have seen previews for “Hancock,” and the film delivers a first half-hour that corresponds to the expected humor and action.

Smith, as Hancock, is charmingly reckless in his half-hearted craft of saving the day. His efforts go unrecognized and even shunned by city mortals because for every ounce of good he attempts, he produces even more destruction.

When one act of heroism goes incredibly wrong, Hancock catches the attention of Ray Embry, a public relations specialist played by Jason Bateman, as he offers Hancock his services to try to rework the hero’s negative image.

Hancock is reluctant to turn over a new leaf, but takes on the challenge of learning the graceful, chivalrous and gallant acts of a noble hero. To do so, he spends time with Embry and his family, a starry-eyed son and unnaturally skittish wife played by Charlize Theron, bringing his own bully-like form of justice to their suburban neighborhood.

Mid-film, a new surprise is revealed. Viewers are taken aback by the unexpected change in storyline and a whole new movie emerges. The “new movie” is not necessarily bad, but certainly different, making movie-goers feel duped, like they missed a step somewhere along the film.

The plot eventually adds up by the movie’s end, but in a cheesy, lower-budget Disney cartoon sort of way.

The original concept is commendable for the protagonist’s unique character and will not bore the audience with its imaginative twists and light humor.

It is worth a view – probably not more than one. Actually, being fooled by the film might be the most disappointing element, but other than not expecting to see a double feature, the action, excitement and beautiful faces like Theron and Smith make it an OK pick.

Do not expect it to be what you think it will be – or to stand up to past July Fourth Smith blockbusters.

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PULSE CHATTERBOX

The Osbournes are returning to reality television.
This time around the family will be hosting a variety show. It has yet to be seen whether they can recreate the fervor that surrounded their past foray into TV or if this new show will fall as flat as daughter Kelly’s music career.

In the meantime, what celebrity family would you rather see have his or her own show?

Luke McCormick
I think a network should hire a crack team of scientists to study Angelina Jolie and Jon Voight on a weekly basis to figure out how he was able to produce her.

Amber Fijolek
My family. Ha! Ha! We are not celebrities. That, you know that. Bad joke. I would be interested in hearing what Lou Pinella (and sure, his family) would have to say about talent. The man has some fire underneath that game face, I would love to actually hear what those flapping lips and bright red cheeks are saying.

Pablo Tobon
Hmm... What can I say? It is good enough with Ozzy. His kids and he can pretty much have all the reality shows in the world so we can see how sincere he is now. Oh, what a wonderful thing, the life of an old star!
**Saluki Insider**

The Milwaukee Brewers acquired reigning American League Cy Young winner C.C. Sabathia from the Cleveland Indians Sunday. The trade sent four Brewer prospects to the Tribe and, with Sabathia’s contract expiring at the end of this season, is clearly a move designed to help the Brewers win now. Will this move be enough to propel Milwaukee over the Chicago Cubs and into the playoffs for the first time since 1982?

As a Cubs fan, this move scares the hell out of me. With this move and the way Sheets is pitching, the Brewers now have the best 1-2 punch in baseball. What worries me most is that it comes at a time when their bats are starting to heat up. As much as I would like to think the Cubs will hold off Milwaukee in the second half, I have to be realistic here and say this race is going to come down to the final weeks of the season. By the way, as long as Tony LaRussa is in St. Louis dugout, don’t rule out the Cards either.

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**Golf**

At SIU, she made an immediate impact on the golf team. Gerlach shot 17 rounds in the 70's, including two 74's in the Texas Pan-American Tournament. She also captured the MVC individual title during her freshman year, according to Saluki Media Services.

Gerlach would finish her career as a three-time member of the All-MVC team, helping the Salukis finish no lower than third at the MVC Championships.

“She’s obviously a very gifted athlete, but she really had a good deal of passion for her major,” head women’s golf coach Diane Daugherty said.

Hampered by wrist injuries throughout her career, Gerlach had to sit out her sophomore season and then redshirt her junior year. That allowed Gerlach to focus more on her schoolwork and study for her graduate degree, she said.

Gerlach’s mother, Janet Gerlach, a history teacher at Sparna High School, has played an important role in her daughter’s education. Kelly Gerlach said her mother is a chief reason why she is such a big fan of politics and history.

“Everybody has their political opinions, but with Kelly she had a lot of speaker (information) and facts to back up her opinion,” Daugherty said. “She really educated all of us.”

To be named to the NGCA All-American team, athletes must maintain a GPA of 3.5 or higher throughout their entire collegiate careers and must have competed in at least half of that school’s competitive rounds. Gerlach was the only Saluki named to the NGCA All-American Team.

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In the Daily Classifies
Gerlach named academic NGCA All-American

As good as former SIU golfer Kelly Gerlach was on the greens during the past five seasons, she was that much better in the classroom. Gerlach, a 2008 graduate of SIU, has been named to the National Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholar Team.

The Sparta native not only received her undergraduate degree in three years with a GPA of 3.6, but also spent her final two years earning her graduate degree. She finished with an overall GPA of 3.7. Gerlach was named to the team July 2.

“I took school as my profession,” Gerlach said. “I knew I had to be a student athlete and perform in the classroom and on the course. I embarked that roll and tried to be professional about it and do what I came there to do.”

Gerlach earned her degree in political science, and she said she is now working in Jefferson City, Mo., helping to pass various pieces of legislation at the Missouri General Assembly.

Gerlach named academic NGCA All-American

Kelly Gerlach tees off during practice Sept. 18 at Hickory Ridge golf course. Gerlach was selected for the National Golf Coaches Association All-American Scholar Team last week.

As high as I am on Vlad, I am not so high on him simply because he is a lefty and will be taking aim at the short porch. He will not make it all the way to the final, though, because he does not have the stamina to hit enough out in the later rounds. He could be this year’s dark horse pick.

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