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Student injured in Grand Avenue crosswalk

Crosswalk collision victim injuries knee, treated and released

Jan Rokicki Daily Egyptian

A SIUC student was受伤ing her knee from a fall Monday while walking through the Grand Avenue crosswalk near the Illinois Riverfront Convention Center.

Niece Rikillean, a junior in architecture from Hamburg, was treated at Memorial Hospital of Carbondale for lacerations and a possible broken knee after colliding with a car Monday while walking through the Grand Avenue crosswalk near the Illinois Riverfront Convention Center.

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HEROISM PUNCTUATES HINDU-MUSLIM VIOLENCE

MADRAS, India - Routed by the screams of Muslim neighbors being beaten and burned alive, Vinay Rathe put aside fear and did what many neighbors had not had the heart to do. The burly Hindu and his two sons jumped in a truck, ransacked the apartments of suspected Hindu rioters, and began pulling neighbors from the flames just before midnight.

Police say thousands of Muslims that night fled such sheltered dozens in safe houses across this city engulfed by Hindu-Muslim violence. The latestacements by Sindu and Jaffar proved a last-ditch effort.

In the end, the Hindus returned, and a few other Hindus stood out as heroes. Police say hundreds were killed in raids on fire, and thousands in blood.

Violence flared at Karnataka state since Wednesday, when Muslims set fire to a train carrying Hindu nationalists. The 58 deaths reported by police are believed by some to be within a month of those killed since then have been Muslims. It was the worst Hindu-Muslim conflict since 1993, when India's 130 million Muslims live in relative harmony among the 1 billion Hindus and other minorities of India. In Trichiripalaiyam, a seeming sham in the heart of Madurai, minors entered Monday that not one person was killed, not one was shot.

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U.S. FORCES SEE WORST DAY OF WAR IN AFGHANISTAN

WASHINGTON - Afghan soldiers invited in the campaign against Taliban and al-Qaeda fighters in the mountainous Afghan air being trained and paid $200 a month by American troops. It has been in just under 3000 al-Qaeda fighters, along with Afghan, Chechen and Pakistani, were held up with Taliban soldiers in an underground base at Shali-Kot, near here.

Planning for the attack began at least a month ago when 600 local Afghan even, many of them unemployed, were recruited into a new military force and trained by U.S. troops.

Each youth's being paid in cash by the American soldiers, who are training up to 500 a day for the Afghan military of up to 25,000. For these weeks, Afghan and other soldiers were given basic military training, including gun and rifle, how to surround and capture enemy and elementary last skill. They then received four days of field training.

Each man was offered lessons in one weapon: carbine, rifle or pistol, and propellents grenade or machine guns. Following the training they began to form companies of about 150 soldiers after which they divided into groups of four, five or six and took the attack on Shali-Kot.

On the fifth day, Saturday, the attack began. Afghan soldiers put up fierce resistance to the al-Qaeda and Taliban fighters who shot down the U.S. helicopters fearing nothing will well defend their positions to the last man.

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TOKYO RALLY PASSES BUT STAYNGS UPEAK

Tokyo shares fell on Tuesday as the market paused for breath after four consecutive sessions of gains. The benchmark Nikkei average remained positive before the introduction of wider share buybacks. Under the new regulations, a stock can only be bought if and when the Nikkei average is up. The Nikkei average fell 4 percent in Tokyo on Wednesday. The Tokyo Stock Exchange was closed Thursday. The Nikkei average fell 4 percent in Tokyo on Wednesday. The Nikkei average fell 4 percent in Tokyo on Wednesday. The Nikkei average fell 4 percent in Tokyo on Wednesday. The Nikkei average fell 4 percent in Tokyo on Wednesday.

Mostly sunny.

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Mostly cloudy.

High of 65

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Council discusses encroachment

Carbondale police chief attributes declining arrest rates to ordinance

Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

The ordinance, which has been waiting for a designated driver before making an arrest, was discussed at Tuesday night’s city council meeting.

Some students, however, have concerns about the ordinance that is supposed to keep people from loitering on the Strip.

Larry Obst, USG’s housing and city affairs commissioner, said the ordinance is not working. Student Government Wants to work with the city and the police in understanding the ordinance.

Obst said students are concerned that an intoxicated person who is found drinking may not be taken to a bar.

The biggest concern is that this is a potentially dangerous situation, Obst said.

Finney defended the encroachment ordinance, saying it allows community members to keep the bars close.

“...The only thing I can say is that it is an agreement...”

Four arrests were made in 2001 for violations of the ordinance and two have been made this year.

Although some people question the ordinance’s constitutionality, City Manager Jeff Doherty said he does not feel this is an issue.

Both students and the administration and union support the ordinance.

The two bargaining teams of the Faculty contract negotiations are meeting in a pool of swampy ditches.

The administration and union bargaining units met Monday and Tuesday and continued to discuss in general terms what both teams want, but nothing official has been agreed upon, according to Faculty Association President Morten Daneshdoost.

“The only thing I can say is that the administration and union...”

Daneshdoost said that people restructured the ordinance and the police need to be flexible and communicate with citizens before making an arrest.

“If you issue a lot of warnings and...”

There is no agreement on tenure.

“...We are doing our best to make sure that...”

The two bargaining teams of the Faculty contract negotiations closed round 4 of contract talks.

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Kills, Republican candidate for the United States Senate, presses the chest during a rally at the Pinch Penny Pub on Tuesday evening. Cox related stories of his political growth to college students, and also took time to answer questions concerning his ideals. "I'm in the Army and I want to tell you about Veteran Affairs benefits — how will we be compensated after our service," Cox began answering the question by telling Weimer that his father spent the last period of his life in a Veteran's Hospital. "We need to make sure we provide the benefits we promise to the armed forces that they are paid what they earn," Cox said. The foundation for the points he made to the students is a book of advice. "Don't hold your breath for social change," Cox said. "We need to actually realize those rights." Cox left Pinch Penny Pub offering the students some words of advice. "Don't hold your breath for social change. Start saving now, and talk to your congressmen about changes you want to see happen," Cox said. "I was a democrat when I was your age. I felt that I could make a difference." With that said, some students jumped up to shake hands, some ran to ask more questions, but most returned to their beer — formally beginning their typical college night out.

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Big Muddy: Memors of Flirt. Alternatives J. Andrew Ramsey (right) and Christopher Sato drawer for a "Gimme Shelter" movie poster at the Big Muddy Film Festival's "best of the fest" on Sunday night in the Student Center. The awards event concluded the 24th annual festival, an accumulation of countless hours of planning and celebrating the art of independent film.

**FOOTBALL**

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The final game of their three-week test is against last season's Gateway Conference champion, Northern Iowa Oct. 12. If the Salukis are going to come out of this stretch to assert themselves, they're going to need to make a splash during their non-conference schedule, which consists of the two Division II opponents, Southeast Missouri State (Sept. 7) and nationally ranked Lenoir Rhyne (Sept. 14). "Everything we try to do has a purpose," Kill said. "Our schedule is brutal as it is in our conference and we don't want to get beat up in the non-conference schedule and be sufficiently whipped down before we go to Elgin, next week. We've got to do better, that's our team. If our team can get better, they will make the playoffs during their non-conference schedule, which consists of the two Division II opponents, Southeast Missouri State (Sept. 7) and nationally ranked Lenoir Rhyne (Sept. 14). "Everything we try to do has a purpose," Kill said. 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Saluki pride still shines

The Saluki men's basketball team slammed the Creighton Bluejays twice this season. So the University took an immense amount of hope with Sunday whether they will secure an at-large bid. The Saluki fans deserve that at-large bid for rising from obscurity the Salukis to Monday night's MVC final showdown play with passion and heart this season, getting thousands of fans back into the Arena's bleachers.

We were proud to see our team on ESPN2, and prouder still that they made it all the way to the conference finals. Thanks for one heck of a season.

Guest Columnist

Innocence lost, jobs to follow

Steven Barrett

What, on earth, is more precious than innocence? That short period of time that followed the birth of each one of us. The time before we learned how to rationalize and make excuses. Some of us have learned that art of self-deception so well that we can find an excuse for reason to justify any action or behavior we can think of. It is when excuses and rationalizations cause harm and directly affect the lives of others, however, that they become dangerous.

Case in point: the current situation in regard to current and future budget cuts and layoffs.

When we hear that cuts are being made at the same exact time that others are being laid off, fired, kicked to the curb or whatever you want to call it, something at the very core of our being seizes up. "This isn't right!"

Three very clear and just numbers being crushed: they are people, families to support, having their lives turned upside down at the first sign of state financial trouble. Vehicles will be repossessed; homes will be lost in foreclosure; second and third jobs will have to be found just to cover the bare necessities of food, clothing and shelter; more families will be forced to seek public aid and/or be forced to relocate, taking more revenue from this area. As wrong as this is obviously is, once again we see the unattractiveness of human beings to rationalize and justify their actions.

It would be far too easy to point out all the injustices taking place today; however, that "preaching to the choir" is what we need to do. If we do not make ourselves heard, if we do not ask the right questions, we will be ashamed of. It'll be a crime and a heartbreaker if we don't get in, because we deserve to get in.
**COLUMNISTS**

**Ghetto beyond repair: The college experience**

A friend of mine always tells me that if she were to look up the word "ghetto" in the dictionary, she would find my name there. Okay so I am little... forgetful, I guess, but I don't want to be, I want to do the right things and I want to do the right things. I don't know where to draw the line.

My friend says I should write the books on college culture and I have to wonder what kind of books they would be. (Some people believe I'm the second-rate derivative of Harriet Tubman, but I believe I'm in the first.)

Sadly, I like most people are so proud to take my student life.

Ghetto beyond repair: the college experience

No 'getting over' racism

**DEAR EDITOR:**

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Spectators were treated to the bouncing melodies of Polka Connection at the St. Charles School.

Right: A DuBois native takes his time frying pierogis, a tasty treat made up of pastry dough filled with cheese.

Far right: Mike Wanatowski plays along with the church choir during the mass.

Below: These gentlemen, who called themselves the “Winkle Waiters,” rode their John Deere combine down main street in DuBois. A sign attached to the implement read, “Win or lose, we drink more wine.”

Polishfest

A Southern Illinois town celebrates its Polish heritage with music, dancing and food

PHOTOS & WORDS BY STEVE JAHNKE

Exactly why would anyone stand outside on a day with below freezing winds to drink a beer and watch tractors drive by? Simple, because it's fun.

Sunday marked the eighth annual Casimir Pulaski Day Parade in DuBois and despite the low temperatures, more than 200 spectators, young and old, stood on the main artery in the Southern Illinois village to display their Polish pride.

Located about 50 miles north of Carbondale on Route 51, the farming community of 250 people, with its population consisting of mostly Polish and German descendants, does not have much in the way of big city feel. A fire truck is the gauge attached to the post office, but rarely gets used. A grocery store, a bank and a Knights of Columbus Hall can be found there as well. The number of churches, which happens to be two. On any given day if one would blink while passing through the town, one might not even know it is there.

However, that was not the case this weekend. Despite some of the lowest attendance since its inauguration because of the cold weather, travelers to the town were able to take part in a festive Polish Catholic mass filled with the sounds of accordions. Perhaps if one was hungry, some pierogi, golabki, or czarnina could be purchased from the school next door to warm the weary soul.

For only five dollars, one could purchase a spot in the Cow Patty Bingo (if he good gods on your spot, you win). And of course, the day would not be complete without some beer and a little polka music.

The town of DuBois may not have much to brag about the rest of the year, but every March, one can bet that the colors of red and white will be flying high, and one will see happy, friendly people having a good time to celebrate their heritage. Oh, yeah, and maybe a tractor or two.

Photographer Steve Jahnke can be reached at sjahnke@dailyEgyptian.com.
traffic on sidewalks," Nelson said. "If you're just standing there to stand there, that is blocking me. That is an unreasonable action."

Schroeder's contention that the ordinance is vague is buttressed by two United States Supreme Court cases that address similar loitering and vagrancy laws the court deemed unconstitutional.

In City of Chicago v. Morales, the court struck down a vagrancy law that gave police power to remove people from public sidewalks. The Illinois Supreme Court said the Chicago law violated the free speech clause of the 14th Amendment before it was struck down in 1997. The Court said the law was "impermissibly vague" and did not use an arbitrary rationale on personal libero.

While Nelson contends that Chicago's loitering law is a different legal case, Schroeder does not agree. Schroeder said he doesn't see any difference.

"The fair notice requirement enables the ordinary citizen to conform his or her own conduct to the law when the law says "unreasonable," William Schroeder, law professor

Undergraduate Student Government Speaker Rob Taylor was arrested Sunday for refusing to comply with the ordinance. For Taylor, who was arrested across the street from La Pampa Mexican Restaurant while eating a burrito, two people standing on the sidewalk doesn't constitute obeying pedestrian traffic in an "unreasonable manner."

Taylor disagrees. In a statement released Monday, Finney contends officers had to arrest Taylor because to take the Strip, because he knows the chance that ordinance is constitutionally. Schroeder suggests, Finney wishes Schroeder. He suggests that the city could change "unreasonable manner" to something more concrete. Schroeder said when law is too broad there is a greater opportunity for those who enforce it to abuse it.

The attention ordinance is something that will definitely pass some week, according to Schroeder. Schroeder said that he cannot absolutely predict what the courts will do. One thing he's sure of is that the city's ordinance doesn't fall in line with the nation's highest law.

"I don't think there's a chance that ordinance is constitutionally," Schroeder said.

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Researchers conduct study on soybeans

Kevia Gaston

Researchers from SIUC are working hard to cure the disease of soybeans. Specifically, they are trying to control soybean Sudden Death Syndrome, or SDS, and Soybean Nematode Disease, or SCN, that cause large reductions in soy yields.

The project is about reducing losses to the disease in an environmentally friendly way so U.S. growers are competitive with growers in South America, said David Lightfoot, head of coordination and data analysis for the project.

The Plant Biotechnology and Genomics research group consists of five technologists, five grad students and six undergraduate students. There are also 15 researchers from Illinois, Georgia, Maryland, Indiana and Iowa studying particular areas of the project.

The group will be broken into teams and will take a two-pronged approach. Some teams will concentrate on soybeans themselves, and others will focus on the fungus.

Lightfoot said a professor in plant, soil and agriculture, said this study is important because the fungal disease, SDS, is showing in stages and severity every four years, costing growers $400 million per year. In addition, SCN has a major disease costing growers $6 million per year.

"Both diseases reduce crop yields by 20 percent to 50 percent, depending on the weather," Lightfoot said.

The United Soybean Board donated a $400,000 grant to fund the project. Lightfoot said the board agreed to provide funding because it recognizes that SDS has become a national problem. "The syndrome has enlarged its range, and each year it takes a greater toll on growers' bottom lines."

There are several parts to the study. Some researchers will try to figure out what resistant plants do differently from those that are susceptible so they can improve the weaker plants. Others will search for soybean genes that are similar to fungus-resistant genes in other species and test those soybean genes against SDS if the gene works, researchers will try to boost their effectiveness. Another team will use technology patented by SIUC to split the genomes of high-yielding varieties with a whole stack of resistance genes.

"We found that there are six specific genes on soybean chromosomes that are involved directly or indirectly in the process of resistance to the fungal pathogens that cause the disease and discovered interesting results," Lightfoot said.

"We believe that we are the first in the nation to breed soybeans with resistance to SDS and SCN that are derived directly from the disease," Lightfoot said.

"Every one of the investigators working on this project has been very active in SDS or related research over the last several years, and the investigators are all high-energy jumping beans," Lightfoot said.

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Financial Aid on Top of Their Game

Office sends out award notices in record time

Mark Lambird

Speed plays a big role in many different emotions, from stats racing to life savings, but for SIUC, speed may mean more students.

"The speed can be attributed to the Financial Aid Office, a department which began sending out financial aid award notices earlier than ever before and faster than any other state-run, four-year institution in the nation," said physical education major and student worker Alex Mann.

"Award notices are sent out to students who have applied for aid and tell them how much aid they are eligible to receive, Mann said. "It's all part of the first impression people get of SIUC." Teachers give us that part of having good customer service." He said SIUC students receive more aid than students at most other schools because many of them are needy.

"They who applied late will not miss out on their financial aid," Mann said. "Many students fill out their applications they want to know as soon as possible what their aid looks like, and they are going to receive, Mann said. "It's just part of having good customer service." He also said that prospective students will be more likely to come to the SIUC if the University is helpful. "The more customer service oriented we are, the more impressed students will be," Kuhler said.

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Amateur photographers to win $100 in a snap

Samantha Edmondson
Daily Egyptian

Susan Conrads never thought a picture of a 3-month-old puppy would win her a new camera.

With permission from co-workers, Conrads submitted a snapshot photo of a chihuahua and a golden retriever to the Student Center event, "A Valentine's Snapshot Photo Contest." She had been having fun with family and friends, snapping shots of children playing and the architecture in Wabasha Hall. Kali was digging happily in a flower bed, when she turned out underneath the peonies. Conrads flashed the camera and the result was pleasantly surprising. "It was a complete accident," Conrads said. "I wasn't posed, cut or anything and everything turned out great."

After three years of absence, the Snapshot Photo Contest is back to showcase student and faculty members' spontaneous photographic endeavors.

The contest, which began Feb. 18, is available to all SIU students and faculty. Unfortunately for Conrads, this year's contest excludes full-time professionals. Applicants can submit entries for one of the following categories:

1. The 5x7 prints will be judged by a panel of SIUC students, faculty and staff. Winners are based on originality, composition and quality and will be announced April 9.
2. Rachel Dillard, marketing director at the Student Center, said she hopes students will also take pictures of objects around campus such as fringes, squirrels and buildings. She said she hopes students will portray life in their own way. The winners will be placed to Art Play on the second floor of the Student Center.

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ATHLETIC ACADEMICS

Thirty-six basketball programs show zero percent graduation rates among black players

Todd Merchant
Daily Egyptian

The University of Arkansas recently garnered national attention when it bought out the remainder of men's basketball coach Nolan Richardson's contract, effectively retiring him from the team he had manned for 17 years. While the school said the buyout was due mostly in part to negative comments Richardson had made to the media, one of the issues that came to light in the fallout pertains to a broader ill-faring many programs around the country.

Recent reports from the NCAA stated that Arkansas was one of 36 Division I men's basketball programs that had a graduation rate of zero percent among its black players who entered school as freshmen between 1990-91 and 1994. While this is a disturbing statistic, many critics of the reports say that the formula used is misleading. Student-athletes must graduate in six years to be considered an official graduate in terms of the report. The NCAA does not take into account how many students who transfer out of a school, leave to work or depart for various other reasons.

SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said the system has its problems, but there will probably never be a perfect method.

"It's not a perfect metric, and I don't know what could be," Kowalczyk said, "but I don't know what could be.

SIU has produced an above-average graduation rate among its student-athletes. In the 2001 report, SIU graduated 59 percent of its student-athletes and 50 percent of its black basketball players.

The overall rate is up from 37 percent a year ago, which shows just how much the numbers can fluctuate with the skewed system.

Although the formula may be flawed, there still is an underlying truth that many of these programs simply are not graduating their black players.

Richardson, in discussing his situation, said that the problem lies in the background of many of his players. He said 80 percent of his players came from single-parent households, where many black men look toward basketball as their ticket to a better life and pursue it with great vigor, letting their studies fall by the wayside.

Nowadays, with such an extreme amount of money to be had in the athletic arena, players seem to have put academics on the back burner while they work toward basketball as their ticket to the professional level.

Barry Hinson, head basketball coach at the Missouri State University, another of the 36 programs with a zero percent graduation rate, said players dreaming of making it to the NBA are commonplace.

"There's no doubt visions of grandeur are dancing in all the players' heads," Kowalczyk said. "But we don't deal with it as much as higher-level programs.

Hinson, who took over the SMS program three years ago, said that during his time in coaching he's dealt with several players who did not attend class and were forced to not renew the scholarships of many of those players.

"You make your kids go to class," Hinson said. "Those who attend have success."

Hinson agreed with Richardson in saying the formula used to calculate graduation rates is "really skewed." He believes the only thing that matters is how many seniors a coach has had and how many of them graduated. During his time at SMS, Hinson has had 10 seniors play for him and within two years all of them still have received their diplomas.

While some schools are attempting to turn the tide of plummeting graduation rates, others have flourished for several years. Mike Krzyzewski's Duke program has often yielded a 100 percent graduation rate among his black players, and all of his players have even graduated in three years.

Critics, however, see an ulterior motive to this advanced pace. They believe Duke players are taking easier classes and graduating early in order to make it to the NBA sooner.

"While it's maybe true, some people do not believe it matters what a person receives his degree in, just long as he obtains a degree."

There's value in any degree," Kowalczyk said. Hinson agreed, saying that obtaining a degree takes effort and accountability.

No matter how admirable a degree might be, some players will still choose to leave school early in an attempt to make it to the pros, and neither Kowalczyk nor Hinson would hinder a player from bringing out his dreams.

"Say we had an engineering major that was a junior that IBM wanted him," Kowalczyk said. "We certainly wouldn't stand in his way."

Kowalczyk did, however, say that players focus too much on sports and not enough on academics are becoming a big problem. He said his main objective is to graduate athletes.

Hinson lives by a similar principle, stating that he does not care whether or not 10 years from now a kid can still hit a 15-foot jump shot. What he cares about is the kind of person each of his players turn into.

"Is he a better father? Is he a better husband? Is he a better citizen?" Hinson asked. "Does he have a degree that will help provide for his family and make him a productive citizen in society?"

Illustration by Randy Williams - Daily Egyptian
Ausie diamond dawg emerges as team leader

Todd Merchant
Daily Egyptian

If you asked Saluki catcher Toby Barnett how he did against MacMurray College on Tuesday, he would have said, "I don't know..."

In SUU's 6-1 victory, Barnett went 1-for-4 at the plate and knocked in a run.

For Catchers, that would be a decent day, but then again, Barnett is not a normal player.

Barnett, a junior from Australia, has continued to rise the bar of offensive production in the fall. He was pegged to be the back-up to senior Scott Hanley, who started all but one game last season, but worked his way up in the fall so that he had a definite shot at snatching the starting job.

When Hanley injured himself during winter break, Barnett became the No. 1 catcher and has blossomed in the starting role so far this season.

Barnett was named the Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Week last week, hitting .407 with seven runs batted in, leading his team to a 5-2 start. This hot start has not surprised Barnett in the least.

"In the fall, everyone was saying how well we've improved, and we've come to pretty much believe in ourselves even more," Barnett said.

In only a few months, Barnett has become a team leader and someone who his teammates, especially the pitchers, have come to depend on.

"It's pretty easy to help out, but I'm not going too far out of my way," Barnett said. "I don't think it's very different than what a catcher should do. A pitcher's game is very comparable with mine. I'm trying to get along with these pitchers, too, with the key being catching the games rather than what the pitcher should do. A pitcher's game is very comparable with mine. I'm trying to get along with these pitchers, too, with the key being catching the games rather than what the pitcher should do."

Barnett has some difficulty becoming acquainted with his teammates and coaches when he first arrived in Carbondale, mostly to his thick Ausie accent.

"I thought we were going to have him an interpreter for the coaching staff," Saluki head coach Don Calhoun said. "He was having as much trouble. It's one of those things people are, they're, they're talking to him, the easier it is to understand him."

Calhoun said Barnett is a disciplined hard worker, who also is blessed with good people skills.

"It just came to me, not knowing how to get along with our pitching stuff, that's so important from a catcher's perspective," Calhoun said.

Barnett was named an All-Senior from Australia at Beta Falls, Idaho, where he starred in the diamond as the College of Southern Idaho.

Calhoun had been searching across the Midwest for a backstop when he went out a walk and contacted Hanley's former coach in Idaho, who told him about Barnett.

"We said this is kind of odd, but did you come across anyone behind the plate that you really liked?"

Calhoun needs to perform at a higher level than Molino's teams have been producing.

"We think we should be holding our teams to a higher standard than that," Calhoun said. "Basketball is very much a part of our tradition and history, and I think we need to pay attention to it."

Molino's teams had posted three consecutive 20-win seasons at one point, including the 1995 team that appeared in the NCAA tournament. Molino also presided over five Ivy League qualifiers at Bradley, and finished his career 174-152 mark in Peoria.

"It was a very special time for me, it was a very special time for everyone involved," Molino said.

Ronald Reagan was named interim coach until a permanent replacement is hired.

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Saluki softball sweeps SEMO

Michael Brenner
Daily Egyptian

The Salukis exploded for five runs in the bottom of the fifth inning of game two, helping them sweep Tuesday’s doubleheader against Southeast Missouri State at IAW Fields.

"I think we finally got our timing down a little bit," said coach Kerri Blaylock, referring to SIU’s offense, which had been struggling until Tuesday afternoon.

SIU (8-4) won the first game 1-0 on a game-winning home run in the bottom of the fifth inning by Elissa Hopkins off Southeastern’s Kelly Birk.

"It was a meatball down the middle," Hopkins said. "I was just trying to put it in the field, but when she throws a pitch like that, it gets a little bit excited. It was where it was supposed to be."

But Blaylock made no other mistakes, pitching four shutout innings and Amy Hare struck out six in three innings to clinch the sweep by Elissa Hopkins off SEMO’s pitching staff.

"It was an accident," Hopkins said. "It was a good accident."

SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said in an interview with the Daily Egyptian that the Saluki softball program is a shot in the arm and hopefully some confidence going into the NCAA tournament.

"We're trying to get a couple of Division I opponents," Hopkins said. "We're trying to get a couple of Division I opponents, but we're not going to hurt the schedule by doing so."

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Saluki football schedule has home feeling

Team to play seven of 12 games at McAndrew Stadium

Jens Deju
Daily Egyptian

SIU football head coach Jerry Kill may have found a way to give his developing squad an edge — schedule-wise, at least.

Last season, the inexperienced Saluki squad played only five home games as opposed to six away from McAndrew Stadium. This season, SIU will play seven home games at the stadium.

"Anyone can play at home," Kill said. "It's just a better situation for you and them, and that's what we're trying to do."