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Professor sues chancellor after tenure denied

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A political science professor is suing the university on grounds of sex discrimination and retaliation.

Laura Hatcher, a political science professor, filed a lawsuit Friday at the U.S. District Court in Benton claiming the university discriminated against her by denying her tenure, effectively terminating her employment. She is seeking more than $2 million in compensatory damages, punitive damages and restitution for attorney’s fees.

Shari Rhode, Hatcher’s attorney, said Hatcher filed the lawsuit because she lost tenure to a male professor who lacked the same qualifications and dedication to the department Hatcher has displayed.

Hatcher had more stringent qualifications to meet than her male competitor, she said.

Rhode said Hatcher took the case to the university’s five-member judicial review board, where the case was voted unanimously in her favor. Though the board ruled for Hatcher, Chancellor Rita Cheng declined to carry out its decision. Rhode said.

University spokesman Rod Stevens said the university does not discuss personnel matters or litigation pertaining to the university or its staff. Parts of the tenure process are sometimes disputed, he said, and in this case the dispute will be decided by a judge.

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FAFSA change may aid LGBTQ families, students

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Changes in the FAFSA could mean more opportunities for nontraditional families.

The U.S. Department of Education announced April 29 the Federal Application for Financial Student Aid will now allow students with unmarried or same-sex parents to list both parents’ incomes. Gay rights advocates have expressed excitement because this change recognizes households led by a homosexual couple as a family, and several students said the changes are a step in the right direction.

SIU’s Coordinator for the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Resource Center, Wendy Weinhold, said this is one more step to equality for homosexuals and transgendered peoples. The more barriers broken, she said, the better.

“This is not just an issue about students (or) children whose parents are in same-sex relationships,” Weinhold said. “This about making the world better for all of us.”

She said the changes can open doors for students whose college education might have previously been unattainable. Being allowed to claim both parents’ incomes can make a difference in qualifications for financial aid, she said.

Weinhold said she has not heard arguments against the decision at this point. However, she said she thinks the change is related to the arguments for and against the controversial same-sex marriage issue, and the changes are bound to be met with dissent.

Weinhold said her only concern is that social aspects of same-sex marriage will be ignored, even while legal issues are being solved. Gay marriage remains a controversial issue and many people still don’t accept it, she said. Because of this, she said the issue of gender identity is something society has a harder time accepting than gay marriage.

“We should not think we’re done once marriage equality occurs,” Weinhold said.

She said the country is headed in the direction of marriage equality, but there will still be work to do even then. People still don’t understand how unrelated gender identity and sexuality are to the rest of a person’s life, she said.

“It is astonishing to me that it

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Truth, justice and the Saluki way

Joe Wilson, a junior from Millstadt studying history, waves to students Wednesday as he runs through the Faner breezeway. Wilson, also known as “Saluki Superman” according to his Facebook page, started dressing in the costume to make his regular runs more entertaining for both him and the people he passes. “I always get positive reactions,” he said. “A lot of people will stop and ask if they can get pictures taken with me. I really want to be running one day and see someone dressed as a Superman villain, I would give them serious props.”

New autism research technology-based

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A university professor’s research could help those with autism communicate in a unique way.

Behavior analysis and therapy professor Ruth Anne Rehfeldt received grant funding for a research project to improve the communication skills of people with autism, a disorder which, according to the Autism Society, affects 1 percent of U.S. children and affects between 10-17 percent more people each year than it did previously. Rehfeldt’s program uses iPads and PC tablets to bridge the gap between caregivers and children with autism, and she is a part of an international group that will conduct the research project in Wales after the group secured $136,098 in Autism Speaks funding.

Rehfeldt said people with autism struggle to communicate effectively, a problem her research will alleviate.

“It is one of the defining characteristics,” Rehfeldt said. “(Those with autism) have a hard time connecting socially and often act overly interested.”

Children with autism have varying levels of ability to communicate, she said. “(Children with autism) usually have unusual social distance and skills ranging from highly functioning to completely non-verbal,” Rehfeldt said. “Our research will focus on the non-verbal.”

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Alleged Auschwitz death camp guard arrested

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BERLIN — A 93-year-old man who was deported from the U.S. for lying about his Nazi past was arrested by German authorities Monday on allegations he served as an Auschwitz death camp guard.

Stuttgart prosecutors said Hans Lipschis was taken into custody after authorities concluded there was "compelling evidence" he was involved in crimes at Auschwitz while there from 1941 to 1945.

Prosecutor Claudia Krauth said Lipschis has acknowledged he was a guard at Auschwitz but maintains he only served as a cook and was not involved in any war crimes.

Krauth said, however, that a judge upheld her office's request for an arrest warrant after concluding there was enough evidence to hold him before charges on accessory to murder are brought. Bringing formal charges, a process similar to a U.S. grand jury indictment, would take another two months, she said.

In the meantime, Krauth said a doctor has confirmed Lipschis' health remains good enough for him to be kept in detention.

Lipschis does not currently have an attorney, and a public defender has not yet been appointed, she said.

Lipschis was deported from the U.S. in 1985 for lying about his Nazi past when he immigrated to Chicago in the 1950s after the war.

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With no evidence linking him to specific war crimes, however, it was impossible under previous German law to bring charges against him in Germany.

But the case is now being pursued on the same legal theory used to prosecute former Ohio autoworker John Demjanjuk, who died last year while appealing his 2011 conviction in Germany for accessory to murder on the grounds that he served as a guard at the Sobibor death camp.

"Under the new line of thinking, even without proof of participation in a specific crime, a person who served at a death camp can be charged with accessory to murder because the camp's sole function was to kill people," he said.

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opportunities for many different kinds of LGBTQ families, and bring equal rights for heterosexual married couples and their children. Instead of just recognizing a child's same-sex parents, the changes will benefit more than simply children. Harfst said this sends a message for society, instead of just recognizing a different kind of family. "If students include both parents, their financial aid could be awarded. More household income is listed, which means both parent's income could mean a smaller financial aid award," she said. Harfst said the changes may not be positive for gay rights advocates, but l think either way it's a step in the right direction," he said.

Several students said the FAFSA changes will benefit more than simply LGBTQ families, and bring equal rights for different kinds of families. "You should be able to do what everyone else is doing and get the benefits that everyone else is getting," Vrabel said. Kristin Whiteford, a graduate student from Peoria studying behavior analysis and therapy, said recognizing homosexuals and domestic partnerships as families is a step toward equality in society. Messages sent by governmental decisions can have a huge impact on society's views, she said. Anna Cronin, a graduate student from Poriia studying behavior analysis and therapy, said recognizing homosexuals and domestic partnerships as families is a step toward equality in society. Messages sent by governmental decisions can have a huge impact on society's views, she said.

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Till family calls for meeting with Lil Wayne, PepsiCo

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NASHVILLE — The family of Emmett Till says a letter from Lil Wayne fell short of an apology for his crude reference to the civil rights martyr, and they want a meeting with the rapper and representatives from PepsiCo to discuss their commercial partnership.

A publicist for the Rev. Al Sharpton says he is attempting to arrange a meeting between the parties to work out differences over Wayne’s vulgar reference to Till in a song lyric. Wayne has a contract to promote PepsiCo product Mountain Dew.

Lil Wayne’s letter, which appears on Young Money Entertainment letterhead and was provided to The Associated Press by the family, offered empathy and outlined corrective measures regarding the offensive lyrics in the song, but stopped short of apologizing.

“I was not impressed,” said Airicka Gordon-Taylor, a cousin of Till’s. Gordon-Taylor said it was disappointing because there was no apology, it came more than 75 days after the song hit the Internet and it actually was leaked on the Internet before the family received it.

Wayne’s representatives tell the family there was an attempt to hand deliver the letter.

“I think he’s kind of been pressured or he’s been admonished to make a statement to the family because of the ongoing negative publicity and attention and the pressure we’ve put onto his endorsement with Mountain Dew,” she said in a phone interview from Chicago. “I feel like it was an acknowledgment. He has finally, publicly acknowledged the ongoing outcry. It was not an apology. ... However, I think it’s a start. I think the door is now open for us to have a sit-down, to have a dialogue.”

The New Orleans rapper made the brief offensive reference to Till in a guest appearance on Future’s song “Karate Chop” earlier this year. In just seven words, he refers to beating someone during a sexual act and uses an obscenity.

Till’s black teen from Chicago was in Mississippi visiting family in 1955 when he was killed — allegedly for whistling at a white woman. He was beaten, had his eyes gouged out and was shot in the head before his assailants tied a cotton gin fan to his body with barbed wire and tossed it into the Tallahatchie River. Two white men, including the woman’s husband, were acquitted by an all-white jury.

Till’s body was recovered and returned to Chicago where his mother, Mamie Till, insisted on having an open casket at his funeral.

The pictures of his battered body helped push civil rights into the cultural conversation.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson reached out to Epic Records on the family’s behalf when the song leaked on the Internet in February and its chairman, LA Reid, apologized.

At the time, Gordon-Taylor, founding director of the Mamie Till Mobley Memorial Foundation, asked Wayne to apologize. He has made no comment, though Jackson described him as cooperative.

Sharpton became involved because he is upset with Wayne’s comments, his publicist said. Gordon-Taylor wants to discuss immediate corrective action with Wayne and also help ensure that the legacy of Till is properly remembered.

It’s about more than the Till family — making sure that lyrics are held responsible for what they say and the message it sends.

The letter, addressed “Dear Till Family,” appeared on the Internet this week.

“It has come to my attention that lyrics from my contribution to a fellow artist’s song has deeply offended your family,” Wayne writes. “As a father myself, I cannot imagine the pain that your family has had to endure. I would like to take a moment to acknowledge your heart, as well as the letter you sent me via your attorneys.”

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“Ask yourself, ‘Where do men get to touch men publicly?’ When they are doing sports.” Weinhold said. “These things that are supposed to be hyper-masculine are actually things that we recognize outside of athletics as homosocial behavior.”

She said Collins’ coming out gives people the opportunity to reflect on the gay community and how it can cause fear with others. “It’s not like he’s the first gay man to play sports,” Weinhold said. “They’re just encouraged to be silent about their sexual identities ... That’s because we live in a system that punishes people who are not straight.”

Shane Bennett, the assistant director of intramural sports and sports clubs at the SIU Recreation Center, said he and his staff are looking to change that fear by working with the LGBTQ community on campus to make their facility more open and safe for everyone. “When you walk into the restrooms currently in our faculty members of the LGBTQ community may not feel safe,” Bennett said. “We feel that we are breaking barriers in regards of how they feel more comfortable and finding the center far more accepting of them.” Bennett said in speaking with other facilities on what they have done to help the LGBTQ community, many issues arose including the presence of testosterone in the locker rooms, which is banned by athletics for performance-enhancing reasons, but is often needed for the transgender process. He said issues like this have come up but said it all boils down to the communication between all necessary parties. “The more I communicate and the more I talk with people like Wendy, the better it is for our program and the better it is for our community,” Bennett said. “For me, I want to make sure I am making a safe environment for the participant and I have no problems working with any student to help achieve that.”

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THE Daily Commuter Puzzle by Jacqueline E. Mathews

Across
1 Sassy
5 Caramel candy bar
10 Sign of a wound healing
14 Learn by ... memorize
15 Fry or Gordon
16 Heavy book
17 Actress Moran
18 “Rigolotto” or “Culmen”
19 “Beware the ... of March”
20 Downward slope
22 Lively, spirited
24 TV’s ... Get a Secret
25 Stringed instrument
26 Cuddly marsupial
29 Craze
30 Enjoy a book
33 Goes astray
35 In a ... soon
36 Chlorine
37 The past
38 Pope’s home
40 Robert E.
41 Sampled
43 Eel’s male
44 Reveals a secret
45 Look of contempt
46 White lie
47 In the ... of, surrounded by
48 Meat
down
49 Eaten

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35 Sections
36 Mr. Houston

Clues
65 64 63 62 61
50 44 40 35 30
29 28 24 22 20
18 15 14

Monday’s Puzzle Solved

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THE JUMBLES
Uncramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

Monday’s Puzzle Solved

Answer: ICING IGLOO BEWARE SWITCH

Monday’s Answers

Jumbles: ICING IGLOO BEWARE SWITCH

Answer: ICING IGLOO BEWARE SWITCH

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box contain every digit, 1 to 9.

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Horoscopes

Aries — Today is a 9 — Kick back, play and think big. Ask probing questions, and don’t worry about results. Love gives you the advantage. Convince through logic. Broaden your perspective.

Taurus — Today is an 8 — You have extra resources for a household project, if you need them. Follow a hunch. Need advice from family. Convince your partner by addressing their concerns.

Gemini — Today is an 8 — You can’t be an expert and solve a tough problem. Follow a friend’s recommendation. Love and truth get you past any tough spots with grace. People are saying nice things about you.

Cancer — Today is a 9 — An important person comes through for you again. Accept more responsibility with a challenge, gracefully. Stick with what you know works, for a while.

Leo — Today is a 9 — Welcome a visitor from far away. Consider a new opportunity. Make a wise move on to the next adventure. Follow a great suggestion. Public funds may be available. Green light go.

Virgo — Today is a 9 — A dream figure shows you how to make a change. Meanwhile, accept a gift for your home. Bring out valuables you’ve kept hidden. Money for a household investment becomes available.

Libra — Today is a 9 — Try out a new idea and get creative. Friends offer good advice. Tell the truth, and ask probing questions. Learn new skills from a master. Dazzle them with your brilliance.

Scorpio — Today is an 8 — Ask for what you want, and accept a generous offer. Keep track of your promises. Work can be fun, too. You know. Don’t forget to invoice. Work faster and make more money.

Sagittarius — Today is an 8 — Accept an honor and a great suggestion from a child. Your imagination is greatly admired. Control your personal spending. You have the innate power to do this.

Capricorn — Today is an 8 — Keep track of your winnings. Get it in writing. Arrange financing or play with investments. You may have more than you realize. Continue a renovation project.

Aquarius — Today is an 8 — Collaboration is a good idea. This could even be enjoyable. Turn down a risk. Persuade with the evidence, and let friends know what you’ve discovered.

Pisces — Today is a 9 — Consider another profitable idea. Accept a new assignment on your conditions. Continue plans in writing. Believe you can succeed. The checks get written.
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**Salukis anticipate NFL, CFL pressures**

**MATT FERGUSON** Daily Egyptian

With his news sending his mother screaming for joy, former Saluki linebacker Jayson DiManche announced his signing with the Cincinnati Bengals.

DiManche joined two other former Salukis to sign contracts with professional teams this week.

Former defensive end Ken Boatright signed with the Seattle Seahawks and fellow end Ear Obiora chose the Canadian Football League’s Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

DiManche said it was great to see his teammates take their first step toward the National Football League.

“It’s just a testament to the type of defense we had this past season,” he said. “We had a really active defense with a lot of good players on it, and to have (three) guys from our level get an opportunity is just a beautiful thing.”

DiManche joins a linecapping core that is projected to start former undrafted players Vontaze Burfict, Arizona State standout, and James Harrison, a Kent State veteran. DiManche said seeing them succeed gave him hope for his own NFL future.

“The coaching staff has been there for a couple of years, and they do a really good job of finding talent where most people wouldn’t even really look at it,” DiManche said. “A guy like Vontaze (Burfict) and James Harrison and a couple other guys who went undrafted really shows that they can give me a good opportunity to show what I can do.”

All three former Salukis will have to fight for roster spots, especially Boatright.

The ‘Salukis’ defensive line is nearly filled to capacity after adding former Detroit Lions and Tampa Bay Buccaneers ends Cliff Avril and Michael Bennett in the offseason with Chris Clemons, Bruce Irvin and Red Bryant already on the roster, where they will fight for playing time.

The first of them received significant playing time and combined for 37.5 sacks last season with their respective teams.

Boatright said competition is a part of him and he wants to prove himself any chance he has in any position.

“I’m pretty sure I am not going to make a living off of special teams, so I am going to do whatever it takes to make it,” he said. “I’ll be trying to get some time at their (defensive end) position and maybe a little bit of time at the (linebacker position), so I may be playing a little bit of everywhere.”

Obiora cited tough competition and lack of football experience as reasons some teams shied away from him. He began playing football almost five years ago after he played rugby most of the time in the United Kingdom.

Obiora has since been a Purdue walk-on, a star pass-rusher for the College of DuPage and is coming off of a Saluki season where he recorded 10 sacks, 50 tackles and two forced fumbles.

Still considered raw by the NFL, Obiora said the Tiger-Cats offered him a rare opportunity to find significant playing time early in his career.

“It is predicated on the speed rush off the edge and being able to run around the entire field, and that’s what made them interested in me,” he said. “This is my first real chance, and I feel my drive and my hunger and my experiences in three different defensive systems is really going to help me make a difference immediately.”

Obiora said he hopes his time with the CFL will eventually lead him to the NFL, but for now he wants to focus on the task at hand. The Miami Dolphins’ Cameron Wake, former Chicago Bears defensive end Israel Idonije and former Houston Oilers quarterback Warren Moon also made the transition from the NFL to the CFL.

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**NBA’s athlete’s coming out renders mixed reactions**

**MATT FERGUSON** Daily Egyptian

While professional athletes took to Twitter after NBA player Jason Collins came out as gay, SIU athletes and staff expressed their own opinion on the matter.

“Tis a 34-year-old NBA center. I’m black. And I’m gay,” Collins said in an April 29 Sports Illustrated article. These were the words that made him the first major male pro-athlete in the U.S. to come out as gay before retiring from the game.

His Twitter page revealed that his announcement was received with both congratulations and negative feedback from fellow athletes. Lakers guard Kobe Bryant tweeted he was proud of Collins, and he should not have to suffocate who he is because of others’ ignorance. However, Miami Dolphins receiver Mike Wallace tweeted his own opinion.

“All these beautiful women in the world and guys want to mess with other gays,” Wallace tweeted.

Wallace later offered an apology to those he may have offended with his tweet.

“When asked about Collins’ coming out, former Saluki guard Kendall Brown-Surles said the news surprised him, but he accepted it.

“With how society is now it didn’t really bother me,” he said. “That is a big step toward another chapter in his life, and for him to come out and nationally speak out like that is pretty brave of him.”

Brown-Surles spent four years with the Salukis and finished his final game in early March. When thinking back to his time with the Saluki basketball team, Brown-Surles said he could see issues coming up with Collins’ teammates, but they should rise to defend their teammates.

“I think it could affect (gay athletes’) relationships with their teammates just because of how people could view the teammates being friends with (gay athletes),” Brown-Surles said. “But I feel that if they are real teammates then why does it matter what their sex life is about. He is putting in the same work as you are day-in and day-out so you don’t have to worry about it.”

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“If you were in someone else’s shoes, wouldn’t you have the same feeling?” Weinhold said. “Who is going to ask him to change who he is because of others’ ignorance.”

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