The Daily Egyptian, April 08, 2013

Daily Egyptian Staff

Follow this and additional works at: https://opensiuc.lib.siu.edu/de_April2013

Volume 98, Issue 121
Sudsy sweets

Taylor Gray, 14, left, and Whitley Holden, 14, both of Carbondale, sell handmade soaps Saturday at the Carbondale Farmers Market in the West Town Mall parking lot. Gray said they have been making handmade soaps resemble different cakes and sweets for more than three months. “We started with a cooking class and decided it would be more original to make the soaps look like the cakes that we learned to make,” she said. The Farmers Market is held every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. until November.

USG supports trustee despite violations

JESSICA WETTIG MILES
Daily Egyptian

The university’s Undergraduate Student Government has decided to support SIU’s student trustee as its fight to get back on the ballot.

USG held an emergency meeting Friday regarding a complaint issued by Nolan Sharkey, a graduate student and present student trustee opposing Jesse Cler in his re-election campaign, to remove him from the ballot. The complaint stated that among Cler’s 207 candidacy petition signatures, nine had to be thrown out because they duplicated names, lacked addresses or email addresses. As a result, 198 of the 207 required signatures were valid on Cler’s petition.

The election commission, which consists of two undergraduate students and three graduate students and makes election process decisions, removed Cler from the ballot. However, not all commission members were present for the vote.

Cler submitted his petition March 8, and it was challenged March 9. The commission didn’t see the petition until 10 days later, and because of the time lapse the integrity of the election commission’s decision should be questioned, he said.

Please see TRUSTEE | 3

Senator seeks to increase autism program funds

MATT DARAY
Daily Egyptian

The university welcomed a guest Thursday to inspect the university’s Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Rep. John Bradley, D-Marion, visited the center to inspect the work it provides to community and tell employees he will argue for a program-funding increase when he returns to the state Senate from recess.

Center employees said the acknowledgement was exciting, and they hope for an increase in their ever-decreasing state funding for treatment of the growing disorder, which now affects one in 88 Americans, according to Center for Disease Control data.

Bradley said the visit helped remind him that his state-budget decisions can affect his constituents.

“It puts faces and names and real stories with the tediousness of trying to go through numbers and the budget,” he said. “We can’t ever forget the human element when we try to craft the budget and we try to put resources into needed programs.”

The state’s revenue projections will be positive for the next fiscal year, Bradley said, but the state must also consider additional costs such as the state teachers’ pension program. Bradley said he hopes funding will stay level in areas such as autism research and care.

The university’s autism center, along with other autism programs, is important for the state because the staff members work miracles to give individuals a chance to live a normal life, he said.

“I think it has a positive, miraculous impact on families and children and that it can be an absolute lifesaver and turn around and change a child’s life,” he said. “I think it’s hard to point to programs that have a more likelihood or more opportunity for success in making an individual child’s life better than this program.”

Bradley said the state’s Revenue and Finance committee oversees the budget process and determines how much money the state will have for the next fiscal year. The committee must then decide what debts, pensions and state agencies to pay off, he said.

The state budget is due at the end of May. Bradley said the committee is trying its best to create a bipartisan budget, but it will be ready before the deadline no matter what.

Valerie Boyles, director of the Center for Autism Spectrum Disorders, said the center is a part of The Autism Program of Illinois and is completely reliant on state money to fund the center and its programs.

“It’s great to hear the words of support from Rep. Bradley, and it definitely bolsters our optimism that we will continue to be a priority in the budget,” she said.

Please see AUTISM | 3

Freed man shares experience with Illinois Innocence Project

MITCH SCHAFER
Daily Egyptian

Fourteen years, three months and 11 days. That’s the amount of time one Chicago man spent in prison.

Even though he was released from prison more than five months ago, he didn’t truly receive his freedom until Friday when he received word his probationary ankle monitor could come off.

Anthony Murray’s story began on June 21, 1998, when a man named Seneca Jones was stabbed once in the heart during a dice game in Centralia. Murray, a Chicago native, was visiting one of Jones’ family members. Murray was all the way across town when the incident happened, he said, and there were several witnesses for his alibi.

Anthony Murray, right, a former Illinois prisoner, speaks Friday about his experience with the Illinois Innocence Project alongside Larry Golden, the project’s executive director, at Lesar Law Building. Murray was convicted of first-degree murder and given a 45-year sentence for the crime. William Schroeder, law professor, said there are probably about 20,000 innocent people in prison in the U.S. The innocence project facilitated Murray’s release in October after he spent 14 years in prison, during which 13 family members died. “Life is very fragile, and I get a second chance,” Murray said. “I’m not going to be a statistic; I’m going to be a story.”

Please see INNOCENCE | 3
About Us
The Daily Egyptian is published by the students of Southern Illinois University Carbondale 50 weeks per year, with an average daily circulation of 15,000. Fall and spring semester editions run Monday through Thursday. Summer editions run Tuesday through Thursday. All intersession editions will run on Wednesdays. Free copies are distributed in the Carbondale and Carterville communities. The Daily Egyptian online publication can be found at www.dailyegyptian.com.

Mission Statement
The Daily Egyptian, the student-run newspaper of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, is committed to being a trusted source of news, information, commentary and public discourse, while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.

Copyright Information
© 2013 Daily Egyptian. All rights reserved. All content is property of the Daily Egyptian and may not be reproduced or transmitted without consent. The Daily Egyptian is a member of the Illinois College Press Association, Associated Collegiate Press and College Media Advisers Inc. and the College Business and Advertising Managers Inc.

Publishing Information
The Daily Egyptian is published by the students of Southern Illinois University Carbondale and functions as a laboratory for the Department of Journalism in exchange for the room and utilities in the Communications Building. The Daily Egyptian is a non-profit organization that survives solely off its advertising revenue. The Daily Egyptian receives no student fees or university funding. Offices are in the Communications Building, Room 1259, at Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, Ill., 62901. Bill Freivogel, fiscal officer.
Innocence

Continued from 1

Murray was arrested for Jones’ death a few hours after the incident, and he was convicted of first-degree murder nearly five months later on Nov. 19, 1999. He received a new trial July 5, 1999, because one of Jones’ friends was on the trial’s jury, and he was convicted of first-degree murder again. After the second conviction, Murray said he used his frustration to become proactive and take advantage of a program that could help prove his innocence.

Murray appealed to the Illinois Innocence Project and gained his freedom Oct. 31. He visited the university’s law school courtroom Friday to talk to students and guests about what the project has done for him.

The Innocence Project, which is located at the University of Illinois Springfield, evaluates requests from inmates who claim innocence, said Erica Nichols-Cook, Illinois Innocence Project staff attorney. Inmates must have more than four years left on their sentence and claim actual innocence or the case will be thrown out, she said.

Murray said Rhonda Kerch, Illinois Innocence Project case coordinator, decided to look at his transcripts after he reached out to her. He said Kerch asked him why he was still sitting in jail after examining the information, and he asked

Trustee

Continued from 1

Senator Adrian Miller presented USG a resolution to nullify the decision to remove Cler from the ballot because there are fewer graduate representatives than undergraduate representatives on the commission. Commission guidelines state there are supposed to be three representatives from each body, he said.

“Every student who wants to run should be allowed to run,” Miller said.

Miller agreed with USG and the Graduate Professional Student Council for not having adequate rules.

Election Commission member Peter Lucas said petitions require complete printed names and phone numbers to addresses, email addresses, signatures, Lucas said all campus organizations decided to look at his transcripts after he reached out to her. He said Kerch asked him why he was still sitting in jail after examining the information, and he asked

Autism

Continued from 1

The center provides diagnostic services to determine whether an individual has autism, Beyer said, which is a deficit in social communication or the ability to interact and understand interactions with individuals. The center also offers counseling services for individuals and families, she said, and students who work at the center are also trained to provide such services.

Sherill Sparks, a rehabilitation counselor and Autism Program of Illinois site director, said decreased funding has caused the center to lose personnel and cut some services.

“I think we started with six (full-time employees), and now we’re down to three,” she said.

Sparks said Bradley’s visit was important because having state officials’ attentions could lead to either fewer program cuts or possible budget increases. Foundations and grants could help the center take care of the many people on the center’s waiting list, she said.

“We have probably close to 320 kids waiting on the wait-list or eligible for it,” she said. “Over the years, we have evaluated probably about 1,000 kids from this region.”

Autism often affects language skills and can cause interest or behaviors the individual will engage in multiple times, Beyer said, such as an infatuation and compulsive need to always talk about a specific topic. For example, someone who has autism might have an interest in trains and feel the need to frequently talk about them.

Because April is Autism Awareness Month, Beyer said the center is sponsoring a student center bowling night April 26 for families to have a fun evening and learn more about autism.

Hank You

Enrollment Technical Services

NICK G.
MICHAE M.
NICOLE M.
DREW E.

Undergraduate Admissions

MATH W.
LUK M.
TAYLOR B.
WILLIAM B.
KAITLIN B.
MARIE E.
STEVEN B.
SARAH C.
JOORDAN D.
MYRISHA H.
CRAIG H.
BRITTNEY M.
SARAH M.
BRIDGET M.
KAITLIN P.
RAVONNA P.
ELEJAH R.
COLLIE R.
SCOTT S.
AMBER S.
BRIDGETTE S.
BRITTANY C.
TYLER C.
SHAYLA R.

Amy S.
JORY S.
NATALIE W.
TAYLOR B.
ANGELA R.
SHAYLA R.
COURTNEY T.
NATALIE W.
TASHNEA D.
MIRANDA B.
CHELSEY F.
DANIELLE G.
SHELBY L.
REBECCA L.
NICOLE L.
JULIAN M.
KESEY S.
MEGAN T.
RAVEN I.
BREONEA W.
HANNAH O.
MELISSA B.
RACHEL B.
TYLER C.

Center for International Education

HANNA G.
RAMONA C.
FATIMA J.
AI S.
TINA S.
BRITTANY R.

Bursar’s Office

MARCUS C.
JOHN C.
ALI H.
MORGAN H.
ERIKA K.
DEBBIE L.
SIERRA M.
BECCA P.
JACOB K.
RODY T.

Registrar’s Office

CANDACE V.
JILL P.
KUSHANNE D.
PAUL M.
KAITLIN M.
LAKE T.
KIRSTI A.
KATIE G.
ARIBI A.
SHELBY T.
ERIKA R.
LEAH N.
ASHLEY S.
DANA E.
JONETTA C.
VICTOR C.
CELESTE B.
MICHELLE D.
THAI W.
BETHANY A.
MERCEDES Y.
DONALD O.

Financial Aid

ANNA B.
ARICIA K.
BRITTNEY L.
CHRISTINE D.
DANIEL H.
ELIZABETH C.
HEATHER H.
JASMINE C.
LAUREN C.
MELISSA A.
RACHEL D.
RAVEN T.
SARAH E.
SHELBY P.
SHELBY K.
SIDNEY B.
STACIE V.
ZACHARY H.
LYNN A.

Southern Illinois University

Transferring Student Services

MIRANDA B.
AMIE C.
CECYL H.
DEMI J.
KATARI P.

Mon, April 8, 2013 • Page 3
Stefan Muir, of Carbondale, speaks Thursday during a poetry open mic at The Blue Martin as part of the weekend’s Fuller Future Festival. Muir, who is part of the Transpoetic Playground, said festival organizers asked him to help incorporate the group’s poetry as a way to pay homage to Richard Buckminster Fuller’s written work. “Fuller wrote poetry,” he said. “It seemed like a natural marriage to have the open mic meet with the festival.”
To add to a team-total nine titles, SIU junior jumper Kenya Culmer and freshman sprinter Nikolai Gall took two titles each in Saturday’s Joey Haines Invitational meet.

Culmer took a pair of titles in both the high-jump and triple-jump competitions. Culmer leapt to 1.70 meters during the high jump. This culminated in a tenth of a meter shorter than her previous height. Culmer came into the triple jump as the clear favorite when she was seeded more than a meter longer than any other competitor, and she posted a distance of 13.22 meters in her fourth jump, which placed her to claim the competition’s title.

Former SIU track and field competitor Gwen Berry won the women’s hammer throw as a Nike team member Saturday. Berry posted a 69.90-meter final throw, which was on the cusp of her 70.00-meter seed distance. Senior thrower Kim Fortney followed Berry in second place with a 63.75-meter final throw.

Including Berry’s two titles, the Salukis claimed more wins than any other team with titles in 11 of the competition’s 38 events.

SIU will continue to monitor its success when the teams travel to Oxford, Miss., Saturday to compete in the University of Mississippi’s Ole Miss Invitational. Jack Robinson can be reached at jrobinson@dailyegyptian.com or 536-5317 ext. 269.
Pick up the Daily Egyptian each day to test your crossword skills.
The Salukis scored a combined 15 runs in the final innings of all three weekend games to claim a series win against Wichita State University.

SIU head coach Kerri Blaylock said series win was key to kickstart another good weekend.

“If you win a series and you keep winning two out of three, you are in good shape,” she said. “I told the kids we have to be ready to score runs at times as well.”

The series’ first two games were played in a Saturday doubleheader. Despite an early 4-0 lead in the first game, the Salukis came back from a 6-4 deficit in the seventh inning to beat the Shockers 7-6.

Junior infielder Jayna Spivey hit an RBI single in the first inning to give the Salukis the first lead. Senior outfielder Michelle Bradley then hit a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the second inning to allow sophomore outfielder Morgan Barchan to hit a solo home run to jump up 3-0. Freshman infielder Kelsey Gonzalez hit an RBI single afterward, and the Salukis led the game 4-0 to cap off a productive inning.

The Shockers played catch-up in the top of the sixth inning after they scored four runs on six hits. WSU senior infielder Hayley Temple hit an RBI single to score the first run, and SIU sophomore pitcher Katie Bertelsen threw a wild pitch that scored WSU junior infielder Ali Vandever. Shocker sophomore catcher Brianne Bond then hit a two-run double to tie the game 4-4 with two runners on base.

Both Temple and WSU junior infielder Erin Carney hit separate RBI singles in the top of the seventh to lead the game 6-4. The Salukis then rallied to score three runs in the game’s final inning. Spivey started the scoring with a two-run home run to tie the game at six runs.

The Salukis kept the hot bats swinging in Saturday’s second game as they scored 14 runs in six innings. SIU scored quickly and led the game 4-1 after the first inning.

WSU evened the game at four in the third inning, when the Shockers scored three runs on four hits. The first runs came when Carney hit a triple to left field and scored two runners. Freshman outfielder Britany Formere followed the play with a single through the middle, and Carney scored to tie the game at four.

The Salukis followed the fourth inning with another four-run surge by Gonzalez, Barchan, Orsburn and Spivey in the bottom of the fifth.

The Salukis then rallied to score three runs in the game’s final inning. Spivey started the scoring with a two-run home run to tie the game at six runs. Then, with two runners on base, Harker hit an RBI walk-off single to left field to win the game 7-6.

However, Saluki junior catcher Allie VadeBoncouer hit a grand slam in the fourth inning to increase the Saluki lead to 8-4.

The Salukis followed the fourth inning with another four-run surge by Gonzalez, Barchan, Orsburn and Spivey in the bottom of the fifth. SIU tallied two more runs in the sixth inning to force the six-run mercy rule and win the game 14-6.

In the weekend’s final game, the Salukis allowed four runs in the first three innings and dropped the game 6-2.

The second inning brought the Shockers two runs on two hits when WSU junior infielder Molly Baker doubled to left field and drove in two runs to take the early 2-0 lead. Bond then singled in the third inning and brought in Carney as well as Vandever for a 4-0 lead.

Please visit www.dailyegyptian.com for the rest of the story.

### Olney Central College

**Earn transfer credits in biology, chemistry, composition, math and other essential classes in just 8 weeks!**

**Online classes available**

- **Online Tuition Per Credit Hour**
  - In-District – $77
  - Out-of-District – $110

**Classes Start June 5**

**Olney Central College**

305 N. West Street, Olney, IL 62450
618-395-7777 • www.tecc.edu/occ

**facebook.com/olneycentralcollege**

---

**Advance Your Degree From Your Summer Destination**

Open to all majors. Journalism courses can serve as electives in many degree programs.

**Choose Your Online Courses**

**Summer 2013**

- JRNL 180 Mass Comm in Society
- JRNL 201 Writing Across Platforms
- JRNL 202 Creativity Across Platforms
- JRNL 306 International Media Systems
- JRNL 400 History of Journalism
- JRNL 405 Intro to Mass Comm Research
- JRNL 407 Social Issues in Advertising

For more information, visit journal.siu.edu/wpress/online.

---

**SIU School of Journalism**

---

**See pg. 5 for the story.**