Man shot in leg at CCHS game

Assistant football coach injured in argument

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A 17-year-old Carbondale teen shot a Carbondale Community High School assistant football coach in the leg Friday night in the school's parking lot during a junior varsity basketball game.

According to Carbondale Police, Trevor S. Thomas shot a 33-year-old Lindsey A. DeDecker once in the left thigh with a small-caliber handgun after the two went outside to continue a conversation that apparently began inside the school's gym.

DeDecker was taken to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, where he was treated and released for injuries that were not life threatening.

Thomas was arrested and charged with aggravated discharge of a firearm, aggravated battery with a firearm, possession of a firearm and possession of cocaine with intent to deliver.

Aggravated battery with a firearm is a Class X felony, which carries a 6- to 30-year prison sentence and up to a $25,000 fine.

Each of the other charges is a Class 1 felony, which carries a 6- to 30-year sentence in an Illinois correctional facility and up to a $25,000 fine.

Because the incident occurred near the See SHOOTING, page 13

SIUC police officer claims University inflated pay figure

Figure differences total almost $90,000

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SIUC Police officers have their contract, but one officer claims the University is inflating figures in its budget and blaming the department for budget cuts.

Scott Miller, University police officer and negotiation team member, said he suspects the University has exaggerated the amount of money needed for the police department.

Contract negotiations between the SIUC Police Department and the University have taken almost three years.

The officers were granted a 6 percent raise beginning in the 2002-2003 contract year and an extra 2 percent for the 2003-2004 contract year. They asked for no raise for 2002-2003.

The SIUC Police Department was not granted the longevity pay and educational incentive pay. The contract expires in June 2004, and another contract will have to be negotiated.

Miller said the 2 percent increase is what the officers asked for because another union within the University received the same amount.

"The arbitrator noted in his decision that we weren't asking for anything more than at least one other union had asked for and had been granted already by the administration," Miller said.

"We were just asking for what we thought was fair and just and obviously were supported by the arbitrator through all of our facts and figures we presented," Miller said. The arbitrator's figure of $420,000 is too high. He cites the 24 officers represented by the union who make about $45,000 per year on average.

After adding the salaries, overtime and holiday pay, Miller estimates the University would have to pay the retroactive amount of $330,000.

Miller's figures include amounts for officers, corporals and sergeants. Miller said if his number is correct, the University's figure is inflated by nearly $50,000.

"I think they're off by at least $50,000," Miller said. "I would like to see how they are coming up with that figure."

Officers would receive two-thirds of that figure after income tax and other fees, such as union dues. Miller said the University would most likely cut each officer a check for the full amount.

"What they have done in the past is a one-time payment," Miller said.

"It will either be in a regular pay period on our regular Friday paycheck, or they can issue a separate check for that retroactive amount."

The University initially offered a figure of 6 percent. Miller said the University should have already saved the 6 percent at minimum.

"So they knew they were going to be out at least 6 percent for at least one full year," Miller said. "So they should have been planning ahead at least that much for the last two and a half years."

Miller said the University has given pay raises to administrators without complaints.

"They hurt to pay raises when they don't want to pay them," Miller said.

"But when they want to give them to the employees they think deserve it, they don't gripe or complain about trying to find that money, they just give it out the rate."

Miller said the University has not complained about the amount but has given an inflated figure.

"We're not the lowest paid by any means, but we're definitely not the top paid either," Miller said.

For the size of our campus and the student population and the crime rate we have here, we're actually probably even lower paid than it really appears," Miller said.

Miller said the reason the department did not ask for a raise during the 2002-2003 period is because of proposed budget cuts.

"We didn't ask for any money at all because we do understand that the state was in problems and that the University is in financial problems," Miller said. "We sympathize with that."

Miller said the public information about the final budget during the 2002-2003 year indicates there was a surplus.

He said the University should not cite budget cuts as a reason to complain about paying the officers.

Miller said the University should have at least put some of the money in reserves anticipating at least a 6 percent raise for the officers.

University Spokesperson Sue Davis said the University cannot save state money regardless of a surplus.

"You can't save state money from one year to the next," Davis said.

"You can't have one surplus and another deficit. Otherwise, you'd have people holding on from one year's appropriation to the next, and the state doesn't allow you to do that, so you couldn't have put back that money."

She said the initial estimate is $420,000 for retroactive pay. Davis said that figure came from the SIUC Police Department and includes overtime and holiday pay.

"That is the most current estimate that we have based on going back over things for the last 6 years, Davis said."

"The University will take money from tuition dollars to pay the officers."

"Our plan right now is to use tuition revenue to cover this because you have to have continuing dollars," Davis said.

"The University may have come from a continuing source of funds. So either you have a state appropriation for salaries, which we have received some of the money in reserves, or you look to tuition dollars to take that because that money is ongoing and you can't just one time or grant and contract money for salary dollars in a continuing kind of thing."

Ludicrous festivites

(Above) Daniel Clark, Mindy and Scott Mette, members of the New Beginnings Community Church in Carbondale, await the start of the Lights Fantastic Parade Saturday night. Their float was titled "The Story That Never Got Told." They were dressed in costume to reflect the nativity scene of the birth of Christ.

(Right) Old National Bank's flying saucer is dressed up in lights while passing Saturday night through downtown Carbondale during the Lights Fantastic Parade.
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Russia continues to see surge in violence

MOSCOW (KRT) -- Russian law enforcement officials know terrorist groups were trying to strike somewhere in southern Russia after the start of the country's parliamentary election, they say. But they didn't know when, where and how.

They said they worked one additional attempt Friday when they discovered two suspected female suicide bombers in the southern city of Domskh. Inside a car equipped with an explosive device. They prevented another Saturday when they found a bomb destined for a female student in Kraskaya.

But the one they couldn't head off was the closest. A suicide bomber detonated a massive explosion on a commuter train Friday morning near Yelets, killing 42 people and injuring more than 150 others. With the attack, more than 200 people have been killed in such acts in Russia over the past year.

Despite the intensity and regularity of the attacks, Russian law enforcement has yet to prevent more than a few of them. Attack is in Moscow and across southern Russia have prompted calls for stricter security. However, setting up new checkpoints and stepping up searches isn't likely to stem the tide of violence in southern Russia. Where separatist guerrillas have been waging war to break off the small Islamic republic of Chechnya. Where separatist guerrillas have been waging.

People: Gregory E. Urgunov, 22, of Oak Lawn was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and improper lane usage at 2:26 a.m. Friday at the intersection of South Illinois and Grand avenues. Urgunov was unable to stop the motor vehicle and was taken to the Hospital on County Hill in Murphysboro, where he was released on bond.
Crafting for Christmas

Twenty-fifth Annual Craft Sale draws large crowd of students and community members to the Student Center

story by Bethany Krajeles

After browsing through the 81 booths set up for the 25th Annual Holiday Craft Fair, Kim Powell completed her mission of finding a unique Christmas gift.

"I've been trying to get a pair of corduroy pants to embellish," Powell said. "I don't have any money on me."

Crawford and Margaret Adams, who sat behind their booth, quickly looked at each other and without hesitating told Powell to take the pair of pants.

"Don't worry about it," Adams said. "Just buy me a beer sometime." After Powell showed her appreciation, Crawford handed her a small, blue stone.

"They are instead of receipts," she said. "This way we don't waste paper."

Crawford, a junior in business management, and Adams, a senior in accounting, both University of Illinois alumni, have been working together for the past three years in partnership with Crawford's boyfriend, Makanda and the Yellow Moon Cafe in Cobden.

"They are great community-based businesses," Crawford said.

With the hope of starting a business, the two women prepared for more than a month to be part of the craft fair, which took place in the Student Center Thursday through Saturday and was sponsored by the Craft Shop. Approximately 36,000 people attended the event and supported local artisans and student organizations that were selling a variety of handmade items.

"They have a good vibe and are positive and supportive of local artists," Crawford said. "Craft fair sales such as this one are important to local artists."

"People do this for their job," she said. "Look at Wal-Mart. They sell a hemp bracelet for $3 while there are people like us making handmade items hoping to make a living off of it."

In addition to recycled clothing, Margaret Goodman, an SIUC student, made necktie scarves for the SIUC Foundry booth.

"After my father retired, he had so many ties he didn't wear any more," she said. "My mom hated throwing them away, so I started to make them into scarves."

Goodman said it is often difficult to make a profit at craft sales, so many artists decide not to wear any ties. "I never really thought of trading before, but we are all here for our crafts, so it is a way to share," she said.

Watters, who was taking a break White uses guitar strings for her new dress. Crawford made a few last-minute adjustments as she discussed prices. They agreed to trade a glass piece made by Crawford for a position of the dress.

Downstairs in the Student Center Hall of Fame, recycled guitar strings were being sold as jewelry. The booth was filled with necklaces, bracelets and earrings, and each varied in style and were all handmade.

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White uses guitar strings from her husband's band to create See CRAFTING, page 13
Senior Thesis Show opens Friday

Thesis communication design class work available for viewing all week

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The 22 students in Jason Howell’s senior thesis communication design class will see their hard work pay off when The Senior Thesis Show opens 7 p.m. Dec. 12 at The Glove Factory.

The Senior Thesis Show began about a year and a half ago in conjunction with the senior thesis class. This year’s show will feature projects ranging from sculpture, design applications, PowerPoint and computer-generated images.

“We're all students in Professor Howell’s class,” said Chip McGuire, who is organizing the show. “The show is a reflection of all of our hard work this semester. It’s a chance for us to see how much we've learned over the course of our degree.”

McGuire said the students each have at least one piece in the show. Each piece will include a description of the work.

Phillippa Sarrow belts out her solo during the Voices of Inspiration ‘He Satisfies’ Fall Concert Saturday afternoon. Moments before her solo Sarrow was pulled out of the choir and was propped to her boyfriend in front of the audience.

She said yes.

to build back up and work real hard,” Smith said. “That’s what makes this concert stand above the rest — because of all the hard work.

“It’s a lot of dedication, a lot of dedication,” said Andy Overholser, the choir director. “And through the commitment, sweat and spent vocal chords was a joyous foot-tapping crowd of 100. Smiling faces were about as the choir took the stage and Master of Ceremonies, Jonathan Jackson announced the chorus. The 35 members two-versed down the open side between a section of chains, clapping and signing all the way.

“Get out of your chains, stamp your feet, throw your weaves out and do something,” Jackson exclaimed to the crowd as the choir responded.

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“It’s just another exhibit, but it’s a little different,” Briggs said. “We're not going to see a lot of paintings, you won’t see a lot of art stuff. It’s more in the form of commercial design, design for everyday use.

“I invite the rest of SIU to come and take a look at what we did.”

A group of 35 students overcome the hardships of an average school year to bring their annual fall concert to the masses

story by MOUSTAFA AYAD

In the middle of Ballroom D of the Student Center stood a drum realized. Out of a group of only 15, the noise small and intermittent,阁 noise grew. The voices of Inspiration gospel choir sang their hearts out. From the testing of the microphone levels to the last set, a 35-person choir came together in a fusion of sounds, levels and pitches.

There were no ominous sounds of monk chanting in union or more traditional tracts to God with little show of physical emotion. Here in the Student Center, as the attendants walked down the corridors on the second floor, they could hear the praise. Down by the Old Main Room, they could hear the praise. Over by the craft show, the sweet sounds of eloquently perfumed, the selling around.

To a crowd of more than 100, the choir performed their annual fall concert. With family, members in attendance and friends standing by, the group of students began their testimonies. Regan Smith, who has been singing since the age of 7, said the concert sets a standard for all the group members to come.

“Smith has sung with the choir since her freshman year in 1999. She said every year the group overcomes participants who have left college for financial reasons, personal problems and the hardships of working toward a degree. Smith and her fellow collaborators have come out every year to deliver a show of gratitude to a higher power.

God has taken more than just the world to Smith. Her early days saw those who meant the most to her were nothing in comparison to his. God has gone by singing good music about Jesus and giving inspiration and hope to all,” said Smith.

But learning to bring 35 students, 35 different personalities and 35 students who have never sung in a choir to work with each other can be task within itself.

“Every year we have people leaving school with personal problems, and we always find a way to overcome the hardships of life,” said Smith.

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“This is a large variety of things that will be considered commercial graphic design,” Briggs said. “A lot of the stuff that will be hanging on the wall will end up in their portfolios.”

The students have used different kinds of graphics to produce brochures, lettersheads, outdoor boards and posters. According to Briggs, the projects will be graded but should not cause anyone to miss graduation.

“The Show will be up in the surplus gallery Monday through Thursday with the opening Friday at The Glove Factory,” Kay Zawlich, associate professor in the School of Art and Design, said what makes the show interesting is that the students are responsible for everything from the design of environmental graphics to the actual exhibits and the invitation posters.

“It's pretty exciting,” Zawlich said. The most exciting part is that the University community can see exactly what the design communications students do. It's pretty broad base. Some of the students began planning their projects a year ago and a half ago and began seriously working on it the beginning of the fall term. Briggs said he has seen a lot of the projects that are going to be in the show. “They worked really hard putting that stuff together,” Briggs said. “There is a lot of good design, which is what we are about. They busted their butts.”

Briggs said last year’s show was pretty good, but he expects this year’s show to be better because of the dedication of both the students and faculty. “It's just another exhibit, but it's a little different,” Briggs said. “You're not going to see a lot of paintings, you won't see a lot of art stuff. It's more in the form of commercial design, design for everyday use. "I invite the rest of SIU to come by and take a look at what we did."

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Jean Bryant, the choir’s director, had apparently misplaced the group’s song list. Now he stood explaining the choir would do a full set, but the order would be what he had memorized.

Nevertheless, the choir sang through the impromptu song choice with ease, adjusting their voices with every change at every corner.

Highlighting some gospel dslances as "He is Satisfying," "What a Mighty God We Serve" and "Jesus Will" as its grand finale.

"It was a great turn out," the said. "And all of it was good feedback.

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Mini cafés produce good business for Chartwells

Communications Building dining service expands fast food menu

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Every weekday, Carolyn Collier spends the wee hours of the early morning making ham and turkey sandwiches on croissant rolls, packaging salads, setting up doughnuts and coffee and hauling a cart full of food through the Communications Building.

By 8 a.m., the Communications Café, operated by Chartwells Dining Services, is one of three café-styled establishments scattered around campus. Jack Shaw, director of dining services, said the Communications Café has been operating for three years. Chartwells Dining Services also operates one in the Lesar Law Building and has a contract with the owners of Jaguar Java for the miniature coffee shop in the Pheonix Building.

Chartwells is also one of a handful of businesses selling food out of the Main Street Market Place in the Student Center. “You really can’t expect people to walk more than 10 minutes to a food service destination, and when people get in their cars, they’re more likely to drive off campus for lunch than they are to drive to another point on campus,” he said.

“Parking is a challenge anyway, particularly around the Student Center, so if we wanted to grow sales outside of the normal traffic at the Student Center, we do have to go out around campus.”

Shaw said the service had been requested of a few professors and even some deans before the food was made available in the Communications and Lesar Law buildings.

Collier, who has worked at the Communications Café for three years and for the Chartwells Dining Service for seven years, said the dining service is constantly adding more variety to her stand in the heart of the Communications Building.

This year, Collier is serving Italian and Barbeque Sandwich and Island Oasis Smoothies on top of the soup, salad and sandwiches of the past year.

Chartwells also added biscuits and gravy to the menu a few days ago.

“It’s a lot more stuff,” she said. “They just keep addin’ and addin’. But there’s a lot more variety now, and I think that’s what people like.”

The café in the Lesar Law Building does not support the variety of the Communications Café. The dining service supplies the workers with the basic soup, sandwiches and salads, but that’s about it.

Shaw said the Communications Café receives a lot more traffic during the lunch hours. He said the café pulls customers from other buildings, so it is unlikely the services will branch to other buildings on campus.

The Lesar Law Café mainly serves customers from the Law School.

He said he would like to see the Communications Café brings in about $500 a day, and though it is getting closer, it is still short.

“We haven’t quite achieved that yet,” Shaw said.

“We have improved our sales through widening the menu, and over time, I think, the café will become more of a destination on campus.”

The cafés in the Communications Building and the Lesar Law Building are open about 8 a.m. to about 11:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.
Our Word
Veterans deserved memorial funding

On Oct. 21, the Carbondale City Council unanimously approved plans for an 18-foot-wide and 3 1/2-foot-tall Veterans Memorial Wall to stand at the southeast corner of the Town Square. Two weeks later, taking the recommendation of Carbondale City Manager Jeff Doherty, the City Council postponed the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2506’s pre-application for financial aid with the project, saying the VFW needed to first seek funding from Carbondale Main Street.

We were very disappointed with this postponement, which came just before Veterans Day, and so after we published an editorial in strong support of the city funding the wall, and thus, strong opposition to the actions taken at that meeting by Doherty and the City Council.

At the time, we believed they showed a huge amount of disrespect to veterans not only in Carbondale, but also in all across America and in all the countries in which they have served and are serving. We felt they had their priorities wrong in helping fund the building of new homes but not the building of a worthy memorial.

It was only in hindsight and after a few calls from Doherty that we realized the city was quite possibly trying to do just as the DAILY EGYPTIAN and every town wants it to — act responsibly.

As it turns out, the City Council gives Main Street a sum of about $70,000 per year to beautify Main Street, and since the memorial will sit in the Veterans Memorial Plaza, which faces Main Street, it is now clear Main Street was the right place for the funding to come from.

And on Wednesday afternoon, Carbondale Main Street Post 2506 submitted a check in the amount of $8,205 to assist in the funding of the Veterans Memorial Wall.

While the presentation of this check made for a happy day for the veterans and supporters of the wall, we still believe this amount wasn’t enough.

When we wrote our editorial, we were hoping 2506 would raise the rest of the money, a sum of about $6,000, which will fund the wall’s six plaques, from within the group and with support from the community.

While we think the veterans’ offer shows the extent of their desire for this memorial built, we regret the idea that they have to pay for even the smallest part of their own memorial. We think they deserve better.

With that, we hope Carbondale will come together and get this memorial built with as little funding as possible from the veterans, many of whom are living on fixed incomes. They have already given this city and this country so much, and it seems offensive to expect any more from them.

Guest Columnist

Through the looking glass

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MINNEAPOLIS (W-WIRE) — You are caught in a swirling nothingness. You can’t breathe, hear, feel, understand or see. Suddenly, your 110-pound body can’t feel anything but an extreme sense that the cookie you just ate is frustratingly invisible to a gut that would eat the entire largest of whales.

Something is taken over your body, and in a mad rush you stuff more in, cooking, adding some chocolate, cream and ice cream in the mix.

Thousands of calories later, your stomach so stretched that you can’t physically put anything more into it, you go to the bathroom. In a state, you slide your fingers down your throat and it begins.

You are done throwing up, you sit on the floor crying, promising yourself you will never do this again, that tomorrow will be different, wondering how you ever became the person in the first place.

Then, somehow, you find yourself in the kitchen again, with another malicious cookie in your hand, and the cycle begins anew.

The next morning you run your tongue over your sour teeth but none of that tastes good. You envision your body sprawling across the room and painfully dry to think of what clothes you will actually be able to fit into.

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The next day you had a toothache, they removed the tooth, you cried. You signed your life away, you wanted to be thin.

Those days that you were not eating — you were still eating. You were eating cookies and ice cream and thought you were tight and in control, but that is not the case. You were eating ice cream and cookies and you were not in control.

You have now fallen through the looking glass to my world — a world where nothing makes sense. When, every day, you drown yourself a little bit worse until you don’t even recognize who you were.

I chose to do this for one small prize: everything. My family, my friends, my sanity, my school, my future, my health, my life and eventually, my life. And if you can’t do that it is because you are too weak and too evil.

People can tell me not to lose weight, not to worry, you look fine, even with all the skinny. And the diet that you twisted my life around and your fingers rubbed like a classic line from "American Beauty," "There is nothing worse in life than being ordinary." So I slipped off their comments, usually amusing, and revise my diet, as I am not getting the results I want.

I’ve always felt that I chose this for myself. Don’t get me wrong. I didn’t just wake up one morning and think, “I’m going to start throwing up.” I wasn’t born with the desire to throw up. I just didn’t feel well.

Once you returned to my natural disordered state, I was so disgusted with myself I went to the bathroom to try and free myself from this evil that I had allowed to take over control.

I made that choice to start, thinking it would put me back in control, but in all it was spiral me deeper and deeper out of control, I lost control and got bigger, and that is my deepest shame. It is that I participate in this addictive behavior, that I have hurt the people I love most.

I will never be truly “better.” I will永远 look in the mirror and see a person I am satisfied with. There will always be a voice in the back of my mind that says, “That would be so easy to throw up and it would save you the weight gain.”

Some days that will get the better of me. Some days I will get the better of it. But I will always have to face it.

People are so curious about eating disorders. They think that you can test the waters without getting hurt. They want to go through the looking glass in search of what we think is “a little weight” and then go back to “normal.”

Not! This is not something you want it is not a quick fix. And most importantly, you can’t just leave it behind when you want to. It consumes your body, mind and soul.

Be cautious. Whenever you have to leave it behind, there will always be a stronger part of you that won’t be able to give up the control. “Besides,” the disease will lie, “you are still fat, so you don’t deserve help.”

If you don’t believe me, you do tumble through the looking glass, you will realize too late when you wish to eat certain foods, that your passage through the mirror was a one-way ticket. The mirror has passed back over, and you are stuck forever in a world of terror and darkness.

These tears do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.
Don't drag politics into Christmas season

People love to think of Christmas as a "holiday season." If you're in the mainstream media as a time when people put aside their differences, political or otherwise, in the spirit of the season, Christmas is that special time of year when people come together, forget about wars and taxes and filibusters — well, not exactly.

Some people just won't let it go. If Christmas day fell on a Saturday, hippies would still show up on Route 13 in Calvert County at a protest that Nazi, George Bush, "It's tragic that even during the "holiday season" people cannot look past their ideological blinders."

So, in the spirit of refraining to "let it go" even during the "holiday season," I've decided to politicize one of America's most treasured holiday traditions — the Christmas movie.

Christmas movies are supposed to be wonderland stuff about giving and sharing and togetherness. Their greeting messages should warm up even the coldest of hearts. However, as usual, politics has crept into even Christmas movies.

Take, for example, "classics," "It's a Wonderful Life" and "Miracle on 34th Street." Not many people realize just how biased these movies really are. The following will explain exactly how "It's a Wonderful Life" is the Conservative's Christmas movie, while "Miracle on 34th Street" is the quintessential liberal "holi-day"

"It's a Wonderful Life" is the story of George Bailey, a small business owner with the government "bureaucracy's" constantly breathing down his neck. From the small town of Bedford Falls, Bailey's ambition in life is to get out of his town to conquer the world.

But he never leaves Bedford Falls. He ends up staying with his entire life there. He takes over his family's building and loan business when his father, suddenly dies. Bailey has to work hard to make ends meet, so there's no time for politics.

Bailey is a compassionate man. Not really a savvy businessman, he was constantly saving breaks for people when they were having trouble paying back their loans. And he was always lending money to people who were having trouble. This is the key.

"It's a Wonderful Life" and "Miracle on 34th Street" are wonderful movies. The point was to show just how important it is to have people helping everyone, especially Christmas. Christmas isn't a republican or democratic holiday. I wish every-thing was. But every nation, and their politics, a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Oh, they say, "It's a Wonderful Christmas movie is "Die Hard." What red-blooded Americans Conservative wouldn't love to spend Christmas shooting up terrorism? Right Angle appears every Monday. Brian is a law student. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

Right Angle by Brian Smith

Christmas movie columns have conservative bias

DEAR EDITOR:

This e-mail's in regards to your paper's weekly column, I am an liberal and speech and hearing voice coach and I feel it is time to defend the DAILY EGYPTIAN has a multitude of columns which cover a wide range of political issues and no column who discuss democratic or liberal political issues. The DAILY EGYPTIAN has four liberal leaning columns, but they write more about social issues than political issues. I feel that the paper has grown biased toward the conservative point of view, I'm not saying that this point of view should not be heard, I'm just saying that both sides should be given the same opportunity, and therefore I would like to write an article on the real-estate column that is centered on the political issues of the day and not just the social issues. I believe that having both sides truly serves the 522 community and right now that is not being done. Thank you for your time.

Neal Rosenthal

LETTER
Planned Parenthood plans pro-abortion march

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STORRS, Conn. (U-WIRE) -- There is an "onslaught" of anti-abortion legislation right now, according to Planned Parenthood President Gloria Feldt, and she said her organization is looking to make their voices heard.

During a conference call Tuesday with college newspapers, Feldt said organizations like Planned Parenthood are faced with a situation which they have never been faced with before. She said it is time the pro-abortion organizations to speak up.

"We have to make our voices heard," Feldt said. "I believe that there are times to march, and this is one of those times."

The conference call was to announce the organization's March for Freedom of Choice, which is to take place April 25 in Washington, D.C. According to a press release from Planned Parenthood, the march will unite women and organizations that are supportive of abortion, making the standards set in the Roe v. Wade case more.

Religion is sometimes used as raising the issue of abortion, Feldt said at the sign-in, according to how the government has not only been talking about abortion practices but also programs which support family planning. The bill the government has been taking away money from national and international family planning programs and has been putting hundreds of thousands of dollars into "dangerous" abstinence-only programs.

President George W. Bush has been a firm supporter of the controversial partial-birth abortion ban. At the signing of the bill, Bush said the law had locked away for years while a terrible form of violence directed against children. He said he was looking forward to the announcement of the bill on the evening of the march.

"Today, at last, the American people and our government have confronted the violence and come to the defense of the innocent child," Bush said at the signing, according to The Associated Press.

Bush has expressed opposite feelings. She said the country is looking to redefine the status of a fetus, making the standards set in the Roe v. Wade case more.

Religion is sometimes used as raising the issue of abortion, Feldt said at the sign-in. According to Feldt, the child: She said many denominations in many different religions which are supportive, Feldt said. Despite the fact the ban has been signed into law since November, 5 most providers are still able to perform the procedure. This is due to three separate lawsuits which have been filed in U.S. Federal District Court, according to Feldt.

"Most of our doctors are now covered," Feldt said.

However, U.S. Attorney General John Ashcroft has promised to vigorously enforce the law. Planned Parenthood is looking to reach out to college students because they are the ones most affected by the abortion debate, Feldt said. She said important issues, including access to birth control, abortions and other measures affect college-age students.

"Simply, this fast group is where there is the most at stake," Feldt said. "This directly affects your life every single day."

The proposed date for the march has no special significance, Feldt said. She said the organization looked to find a date which would not coincide with college spring break, would take place prior to the end of the semester and would not be a problem in terms of getting hotel accommodations. She said planning has been ongoing since last summer and will continue right up until the march.

"We have never seen so much energy for marching," Feldt said.
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Bill may ban patents on human organisms

Rachel Petzer  
Badger Herald (U. Wisconsin)

MADISON, Wis. (U-WIRE) — Lawmakers are preparing to make a decision about the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's issuing patents on human organisms. This provision would ban patents on genetically modified human embryos, fetuses and human but is prompting not to hinder embryonic stem research or patents on cells, genes or other biological products.

Since 1987, the U.S. patent office has rejected any patent claim for human beings at any stage of development. An attempt by Congress to put this into law has created a debate between the biotechnology industry and anti-abortion supporters of the legislation.

Rep. David Joseph Weldon, R-Fla., an ardent anti-abortion supporter, argued that the provision, arguing Congress should codify the patent office’s existing rule that human organisms are not subject to patents.

Weldon has backed many efforts to ban the cloning of human embryonic cells for medical research, making the current legislation especially controversial.

"Weldon and many anti-abortion advocates, believes stem cell research is morally wrong."

Creating cloned live-born human children necessarily begins by creating cloned human embryos, a process which some also propose as a way to create embryos for experimental research," Weldon said in a statement. "Research cloning will pave the way for reproductive cloning."

Earlier this year, Weldon sponsored a bill that would have made laws for all cloning patents that have been patented in the House but stalled in the Senate. Alto Charo, University of Wisconsin associate director of the Wisconsin Legislative Survey, stated that the provision was inserted for purely political reasons to try to find every possible way to enshrine federal anti-abortion laws as an embryo is equivalent to a live-born baby.

"It’s a way of stymieing the bill into federal law," Charo said. The appropriation bill is so huge and covers so many things, by the end of the year, so is going to rock the boat because this would hold the whole bill."

While most researchers and biotechnology firms oppose the ban, Weldon’s past should not be invested on human embryos, they think the wordings of the language of the bill could be too broad and thus could threaten current and future research.

"The effect on scientific research is very difficult to assess," Charo said. "This is a very complex issue because it is very tricky to define humanism."

Saluki forward LeMar Owen teaches 8-year-old Dalton Brown how to dribble Sunday afternoon at the Recreation Center. The lesson was part of the Kids’ Clinic put on by the SIU men’s basketball team. The cost to attend the clinic was two cans of food or a new toy. The canned goods will be donated to local food pantries, and the toys will be given to the U.S. Marine Corps ‘Toys for Tots’ program.


dribbling drill

SHOOTING

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No trial-date has been set for those charges. According to witnesses who saw the shootout, DeDecker yelled "You shot me!" and told Thompson to the ground. DeDecker was able to slow Thompson until other help arrived.

Thompson allegedly tried to run from the scene but was apprehended by Carbondale Police Sgt. Don Healy, who was already at the school when the shooting occurred during the basketball game, and Carbondale Community High School Principal John Diely.

During the apprehension, the gun fell out of Thompson's jacket and was recovered by police. Carbondale Community High School District No. 165 Superintendent Steve Sabens said Thompson is not a student of the high school.

Sabens said he has complete confidence in Carbondale Police and said the district and its high school would not provide any additional details from the shooting.

"We really aren’t going to provide any additional information beyond what the CPD has already provided," Sabens said. "That’s just simply due to the fact that it’s going to be turned over to the state’s attorney on Monday. We’re going to leave the investigation, any further information and any of the details to the hands of the police and the state’s attorney’s office."

The superintendent, who was at the junior varsity game at the time of the incident, said he and the district would review their school security procedures to prevent any other shootings from happening again on school grounds.

Thompson is being held at the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro, and his bond is set at $520,000.

In addition to selling her work at local craft shows, White also has her handmade jewelry in eight stores including Visions, located on the Makanda Boulevard. Carbondale resident and business owner Preston Barrett said nine out of the 10 items he purchased were used as recycled.

Barrett, who is also a cook for Mainstreet Marketplace in the Student Center, said he came to the event to support local artists. He purchased a rain stick and a necklace from Dreads ‘n Threads.

"You can get use out of something that someone else has already gotten use it, even better," he said.

Crawford and Adams handed Barrett a ‘store’s credit card and thanked him for purchasing from them.

"I believe we can take those old clothes and recycle them into something beautiful. It’s a small and easy task that can make a huge difference."

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-Jason Mudd, member, Board of Directors for the Wisconsin League of Conservation Voters

-EPA proposes new clean air requirements for pollutants

Plans inhibit factories, power plants producing chemical pollutants

Natalie J. Mikhail  
Badger Herald (U. Wisconsin)

MADISON, Wis. (U-WIRE) — The Environmental Protection Agency proposed new clean air requirements Thursday to cut chemicals produced by factories and power plants to upgrade their air emission controls. The provisions inhibit factories sent in any clean air program in history," EPA informing them that many regions across the United States are in violation of the new standards.

"They will be required to develop pollution control plans to comply with the new standards. Wisconsin legislators have spent this past year debating the air quality issue in conjunction with their job creation plans, particularly with manufacturing jobs. The most controversial bills raised debates over its possible shackling of state air pollution laws."

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In the offseason, if the Saluki women’s basketball team continues to just lose, Lori Cyp will be the victim of a bizarre rumor. Someone will spin she will be shown the door.

Opp, though, has been one of my favorite coaches I have had the enjoyable experience of working with, and I sincerely want to see her do well there. She is a tremendous person, and if anyone needs a break, it would be her and the women’s team. They have been getting tons of coal for there years.

But each season has been the same situation — a great outlook filled with hope — and everything except for Oppy's demise has been a dream.

Athletic Director Paul Kowalewski is not a rush person and has given Opp the necessary years to mature and show signs of life. She will be given the whole season to right this sinking ship, and the Saluki women’s basketball program needs a break, it would be her and the women’s team.

The other national-title game, which will be shared by a non-Big Ten team.

Lucas’. It is time we at least get to note of confidence midway through the season, by the way.

• The “other” national-title game which the Gators could win, but we don’t like rematches. The last chance to see Rashaan Jackson, like we'll be watching this one. And we like offensive foothills.

• USC (11-1). Two bad defenses. And Pitt (9-3). LSU (12-1), 7 p.m. (ESPN). A sort of mid-major Super should feature about 100 passes. It’s the 20th anniversary of the Las Vegas Bowl, which the Gators won 14-0. Hopefully, this will have more offense.

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WOMENS BASKETBALL

Salukis get much-needed break from action

SIU off until Dec. 14 when it faces DePaul

Adam Seibling

The SIU women's basketball team's two-week break from games couldn't have come at a better time.

With recent injuries to post players Jodi Heiden and Ibernetta Greger, the Dawgs' (8-5) need all the help they can get for their key bench players.

Luckily for the Salukis, they don't play again until Dec. 14 at DePaul.

Heiden was averaging 9.3 points and 4.3 rebounds before being injured prior to SIU's 88-71 loss Wednesday to Tennessee Tech.

The senior forward's status will become more clear as she is evaluated over the weekend with a dislocated ankle.

Greger, an athletic freshman forward from Gary, Ind., has to wear a boot for the next couple of weeks on her foot that was injured in the first half of the Dec. 2, game.

The potential loss of both Heiden and Greger down low seems to blow a hole to the Salukis' interior presence, especially with the amount of foul trouble they keep finding themselves in.

"Jodi has a very dimensional game, she can shoot from the outside and play on the block, so if of course that's going to hurt us," senior forward Katie Berwanger said.

"Grayer has been playing a big part too. We just have to stay out of foul trouble now because we don't have two subs," Berwanger said.

All season SIU has been plagued early and often with foul trouble, many of which are coming in the post.

Committing an average of 22.4 fouls per game compared to just 18 for their opponents, SIU head coach Lori Opp constantly has to call in her bench.

On the post game radio show following Tech game, a Golden Eagle player commented on how extremely physical the Salukis are down low.

This is an area the Dawgs take pride in and since it is their strength, they likely won't soften up at all despite the foul trouble.

"I don't think we're playing dirty, we're just playing hard basketball," Berwanger said.

"I think in the women's games, refs just tend to call things when you're a little physical than in the guys' games."

Instead of taking it easy on their opponents, the Salukis need to sit up their play mentally to stay out of foul trouble, as many of their fouls have come on moving screens and other things that are preventable.

With two weeks to practice before hitting a stretch that includes games against DePaul, Southern Illinois, Bowling Green and Saint Louis before beginning conference play Jan. 1 against Drake, the Salukis have plenty of time to right the ship.

"We've got some time off to have some hard practices without worrying about losing our legs for a game," Berwanger said, "and I think that's kind of what we need right now."

The Dawgs will also have the chance to continue to gel as a team.

Opp doesn't think her squad has reached their full potential.

"We've got some time off to continue to get. We most certainly need me," Brooks said.

The team also has to worry about losing their legs for a game, Berwanger said, "and I think that's kind of what we need right now."

A game at the SIU Arena is also promised for the Dawgs.

With their first six contests on the road, the Salukis will finally be at home when they face Southern Mississippi Dec. 16.

"I forgot what the arena looked like, we've been gone for so long," Berwanger said.

SCHEDULE

Women's basketball

Dec. 8 @ DePaul, 4:30 p.m.
Dec. 16 vs. Northwestern, 7:05 p.m.
Dec. 20 vs. Northern Illinois, 2:05 p.m.
Jan. 7 vs. Saint Louis, 7 p.m.
Jan. 10 vs. Drake, 2:35 p.m.
Jan. 13 vs. Creighton, 7:35 p.m.
Jan. 16 vs. Evansville, 5:05 p.m.
SIU guard Darren Brooks steals the show in 75-66 win over Drake

Jens Deij, jdeij@salukisports.com

SIU guard Darren Brooks steals the show, both literally and figuratively. The Salukis (3-6, 1- Missouri Valley Conference) defeated the visiting Drake Bulldogs (10-6, 0-MVC) via a 75-66 win Saturday afternoon at the SIU Arena. The victory improved the Salukis' conference record to 1-0 and was the first over a MVC team this season for SIU.

The Salukis played without point guard Mike Dugan, who was serving a one-game suspension for an unspecified violation of team rules. The Salukis also lost guard Javier Tamayo to an undisclosed injury after playing just a few minutes in the first half.

Despite the absences, the Salukis were able to overcome a slow start and outscore the Bulldogs 46-22 in the second half. Brooks led the way with 24 points, seven rebounds, and four steals, all of which were career highs. His eight steals set a new SIU record.

"People got their money's worth," SIU head coach Matt Painter said on the postgame radio show. "Brooks was a one-man show out there."

"Biggest." - SIU head coach Matt Painter

Brooks scored 10 of the Salukis' first 12 points and 10 more in the second half, including two of his four three-pointers. He also had two assists and three blocked shots.

"We did a poor job of adjusting to the officials," Painter said. "They called it very close, and instead of just guys adjusting and not making and not being as physical, our guys just kept fouling them, kept kind of making it easy. Keep giving them an opportunity to call things."

Drake also had a hard time adjusting to the officials as Nick Grant and Klayton Konna, the younger brothers of former Creighton star Klayton Konna, both fouled out and another four players had at least three.

The team's defense was a key factor in the win, holding the Bulldogs to 42% shooting and forcing them into 18 turnovers.

"Coach told us to get in the passing lanes, Brooks said on the postgame radio show. "We had to come out and play hard."

The Salukis needed such a game after Brooks scored just three points in their last game against the Illinois State Redbirds on November 24. The Salukis had been struggling offensively and defensively in recent games, but Brooks' performance helped spark the team.

"We played a good game," Brooks said. "I felt good out there, and I felt good tonight."

The Salukis are scheduled to play their next game on December 6 at home against the Missouri State Bears.