Coroner says student death accidental

CHRISTINA SPANKOUSKY
Daily Egyptian

SIUC student Juan Ochoa, 25, of Bensenville, was found dead in his home Tuesday by Carbondale police.

The death was accidental, said Jackson County Coroner Thomas Kupferer on Wednesday. He said the reason for Ochoa's death would be determined by a toxicology report, which could take up to a month to process.

Ochoa, a junior studying philosophy, was commonly referred to as "Juan" and deeply cared for his friends, said Ochoa's girlfriend Angle Owcarz.

"He liked to dance a lot. He liked to be with people that he loved, travel and play pool," said Owcarz. "He went to shows and he loved the Grateful Dead more than anything in the world."

James Perez, Ochoa's uncle, of Elgin, said he spoke on behalf of the family and wanted people to know Ochoa had a very loving and supportive family.

"Everyone that had a chance to meet or know Juan knows how special he was," Perez said.

University chaplain Robert Gray said Ochoa's family would have the funeral in his hometown.

Owcarz, a junior from Woodstock studying glass art, said a benefit for Ochoa's family will be held at Tres Hombres at 7 p.m. Thursday.

All of the funds will go to Ochoa's family, and people are asked to wear Hawaiian shirts or brightly colored clothing to honor Ochoa, Owcarz said.

She said she is expecting a large turnout.

"I thought Carbondale was one of the most beautiful places in the world with some of the most beautiful people," Owcarz said. "He had a beautiful soul."

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— James Perez
Ochoa's Uncle

Booby's latest vacancy on Strip

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... One of the strip's oldest restaurants has closed its doors, adding yet another empty property to the Strip.

After more than 30 years, Booby's Submarine Sandwiches at 406 S. Illinois St. in Carbondale unexpectedly closed during the holiday break. Many other businesses have closed or moved — some from last year's ice storms or the May 9 derecho, but others say it's simply a lack of foot traffic that has led to the vacancies on the Strip.

Mayor Rita Cole said Carbondale-downtown is not the only downtown suffering by the failing economy.

"It's a long process and an important area of town that we're trying to get some momentum towards," Cole said.

Nine vacant properties stand between Mill Street and Route 13, waiting for that boost.

But that might not happen because the Strip just isn't what it used to be, said Alicia Nembror, Booby's general manager.

"Everybody would be a pretty big loss," said Nembror about the loss of Booby's.

While so many properties remain empty, some business owners are hopeful that things are turning around, even if they aren't necessarily removing vacancies from the area.

Pag's should complete its move from 201 South Illinois Ave. to 509 S. Illinois Ave., an old bookstore just north of the old Hangar 9 by mid-February, said Jenna Parsons, Pag's general manager.

And Jimmy John's has moved from 519 S. Illinois Ave. to 515 1/2 S. Illinois Ave. last month.

"Pag's has always been a staple of Carbondale," Parsons said. "The old one was great but didn't have new kitchens and couldn't entertain large parties."

Students observe a more developed entertainment area because they are such an important part of the business model in a college town, said Ken Buder, owner of the Jimmy John's franchise.

"No one can deny the majority of business is the students," Buder said. "The city needs to cater to them a lot more."
Property damage reported
Cardenal police responded to a 400 block of West Fair Street Friday in reference to a report of damage to property. Officers interviewed between Jan. 16 and 22. An unknown suspect damaged a front door to a residence. The investigation into the incident is ongoing.

Residential burglaries
Cardenal police responded to the 500 block of East College Street Monday in reference to a report of a break-in burglary. Officers learned between Jan. 11 at 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. unknown suspect entered the residence and stole property. The investigation into the incident is ongoing.

Controlled substance abuse seized
A Carbondale woman was arrested on suspicion of possession of a controlled substance Saturday when Carbondale police responded to a report of a disturbance at a residence in the 1900 block of East College Street. During the investigation, officers seized 1.5 grams of cannabis, and the woman was arrested. The incident is currently ongoing.

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Upcoming Calendar Events
Intervarsity Christian Fellowship
7 p.m. today in Life Science Hall Auditorium, "Risky Business" speaker Laura Felley talks

Hope for Haiti
8 p.m. Friday in Newman Catholic Student Center (Center of Grand and Washington), "Prayer and worship for the people of Haiti, all proceeds will go to World Vision.

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Student government readies to accomplish spring goals

Expect increase in senators, student involvement

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Just a week before the first meeting of the semester, leaders of Undergraduate Student Government said they are eager to continue their work—and they're hoping the senators are willing to do the same.

USG President Prclidiano Fabian said he and other members accomplished last semester's main goal to increase communication throughout the senate and university faculty and staff.

That goal needs to be carried into the student government's meeting on Jan. 26 in order to allow things to continue to run more efficiently, Fabian said.

He said the low turnout of senators allowed students to lose faith and respect in the student government, but that the election of new and more ambitious senators restored them.

"We believe we've been able to control everything in the office and totally gain our respect back with the administrators and the faculty," he said. "And we're slowly getting respect back from students."

John Kivala, executive assistant, said respect is just what the group needs in order to gain more interest and gain future senators.

"Our main goal this semester is to fill up all the positions," Kivala said. "I think we're going to get really close, if not meet our goal."

Meeting quarters, which means at least two-thirds of the members attend a meeting became a problem last semester until the senators and executives started to reach out to students.

Fabian said they would start advertising this semester to encourage students to join the student government. The Web site has been revamped and the group is working on a new logo.

If students don't want to join, they are still encouraged to sit in on meetings, Kivala said. Especially if they want to voice concerns to the senators. A section of each meeting is devoted to public announcements for anyone to speak.

"That why we're here," Kivala said. "We're here to talk to them about everything."

The meetings have been moved from Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. to Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m.

Now that the members have gotten the attention of students, they are continuing work on the Monetary Award Program grant and new software system, OrgSync, which will allow students to follow and join Registered Student Organizations.

Dave Loftus, chair of the Internal Affairs Committee, said the group is waiting on any information from the governor's office or the university on whether the university will receive the grant money for the fall 2010 semester.

"We're gathering info and its more just waiting to see what the legislators are going to do," Loftus said.

However, Fabian said he's excited to see that the OrgSync program is coming together.

Expect increase in involvement

The government will be able to track its members, promote events and host homepages all under one program. It also links up with Facebook and the university's Banner system.

Organizations can more easily turn in funding requests forms to the senators, who then vote on whether to fund events, Fabian said.

Loftus said the government is also working on a list of things behind the scenes.

Senators are looking into the proposed student fees for fiscal year 2011, if deferred maintenance is being accomplished and how the university can better its housing.

"We just want to make sure the students' voices are being heard," Loftus said.

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**Band of the Week: The Black Fortys**

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Daily Egyptian

Rolling Stone magazine's top college band of 2008 will provide students with live music along with their lunch.

The Student Center will be hosting The Black Fortys as part of Noon Tunes, which features local bands once a month to play during lunch at the Student Center. The band will play at 11:30 a.m. today in the lunchroom.

The Black Fortys is comprised of four members. Josh Murphy is the lead vocalist and plays guitar along with Nathan Doyle. Early Lapin plays bass and sings and Kevin Olhao plays the drums. The band has played all over the country, but this is their first week in Carbondale.

Olhao said he and Doyle were in a band and met Josh in Chicago while recording at his house. They all moved to Carbondale now meet up with Lapin to begin making music as the Black Fortys.

After a year of playing music in Carbondale, Murphy said the band decided to take a plunge and enter the American Eagle College Band Contest after a friend convinced the band to submit a song.

"It wasn't even our idea," Murphy said. "It seemed like a joke." Murphy said the band was one of 15 bands chosen from over 1,000 entries to play in Pittsburgh in August 2008.

"Despite playing outside of Carbondale for the first time, Lapin said the band felt little pressure.

"It was a 15 minute set," Lapin said. "We were playing while a band was setting up on the stage next to us, so we really didn't think about it." The band was able to win the contest and was later named the nation's best college band by Rolling Stone magazine. As a result, the band opened for famous acts such as Nas and Elegies and shared bills with Bob Dylan and Spoon.

Olhao said the band recorded with famous music producer Brian Deck, who has recorded with bands such as Iron and Wine and Modest Mouse.

"He clearly knew what he was doing. It was a little intimidating actually," Olhao said. "But I liked working with him.

Olhao said one of the best things about winning the contest was securing the band's manager Steve Nease.

Nice, owner of Nice Management said he was a pendulum for the American Eagle competition and was attracted to the band.

"We're trying to continue to grow their fan base by getting them on the road," Nice said. "I've also been trying to place their songs in TV shows and stuff like that.

Murphy said it has been a crazy year after winning the contest and all the travelling, including playing in California, Texas and New York. The band is finishing up another album and will tour again after its completion, he said.

The album has taken longer than previous efforts because almost all the songs are new, but Lapin said the band was in a rush to record.

"We only had five days to record," Lapin said. "We just wanted to get everything on there and get out!" The band has experienced everything on the road from riding fancy yachts to carbon monoxide poisoning, but Murphy said Carbondale is the band's home. He said the band looks up to such popular acts as Radiohead and Broken Social Scene, but local music and friends are what really influence The Black Fortys.

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Legislators have shone over and over again that they would rather spend blindly than make deep budget cuts.

The state owes local school districts $1 billion and universities and community colleges are owed $775 million, according to a Chicago Tribune article. $170 million of that $775 million is money budgeted and promised, but never given, to SIU.

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But the future still looks grim for SIU.

Poshard, who is attempting to work off of a balanced budget this fiscal year and has refused to institute furlough days thus far, has tried to make additional cuts. But cutting down a few library hours and one less trip from McAlferry Annex is like digging for quarters under the couch.

SIU needs state funding. Tuition payments will cover costs of payroll for January and February, but the university needs $42 million more by March or it will have to turn to furloughs or borrowing.

But SIU has received only $32 million from the state during the last six and a half months.

While many believe the state will come through with the money eventually, the situation causes stress for students looking at graduate and for university workers wondering if they'll get paid.

SIU has been in this position three times this past year, our situation worsening with each successive news story. The Board-Advisers state the has been putting on this problem are not sticking. It is time for a permanent solution.

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GLBT community weighs in on same-sex case

Perry v. Schwarzenegger landmark suit

MICHAARA CANTY
Daily Egyptian

A national court case that could decide the fate of same-sex marriage has SUCH gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community apprehensive about the future.

The Perry v. Schwarzenegger case has challenged the constitutionality of California marriage clause, Proposition 8, which was approved by voters in November 2008.

Under the clause, "marriage between man and woman invidious or recognized in the state of California." The civil case has triggered a national debate on the constitutionality of gay marriage.

Virginia Dickens, director of the GLBT Resource Center, said she hopes the case can be a big step forward for same-sex marriage and rights.

"Social justice demonstrated in our daily lives aren't have to be accepted. We can work together and make changes," Dickens said. "I hope to see the name of family broadened and legal protections of loved ones recognized. We want to be able to support, claim and protect our significant others."

Dickens has kept aloof on the San Francisco trial since it began Jan. 11. She said she agrees with the prosecution that same-sex marriage is negatively sanctioned because of deep-seated animosity toward the GLBT community.

"Ted Olson and David Boies, former adversaries of the 2000 case Bush v. Gore, are the lawyers working together to prove California infringes gay rights with use of homosexual discrimination and prejudice."

The Alliance Defense Fund attorneys, supporting Proposition 8, argue the clause is justified because same-sex marriages are for the preservation and safety of raising children.

California clause limits marriage for only men and women, they said. Overruling Proposition 8 will be a difficult task for Olson and Boies, Paul McGeoy, a professor of law specializing in constitutional law at SUUC.

"It's a difficult argument to determine the constitutionality of Prop 8," McGeoy said.

"Two principles of arguments stem from fundamental to gender standpoints. Overriding Prop 8 will be difficult because traditional marriage between men and women have been legally protected for years. Prop 8 limits men from marrying men and women from marrying women. The gender discrimination argument may weaken the defense in terms of maintaining Prop 8."

Some members of the university GLBT community said society threats homophobia issues into misinformation campaigns that are misleading to the general public. This causes a heightened sense of paranoia and bias reflected towards homosexual groups.

"People need to be more exposed to diversity," Dickens said. "Schools should teach multiple forms of family and prepare students to live in a society such as today. People are just afraid of change."

Christian Wilmar, a junior from Chicago majoring in graphic design and supporter of the GLBT, has followed the civil same-sex marriage case.

"It was one of heterosexuals to determine who we should marry," Wilmar said. "Who are they to choose for us? If this case involved heterosexual people, then their input would be valid, but it doesn't. The word marriage is no more than a legal bond to someone you care for, we should have that right."

According to The Associated Press, the case likely be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court. It could then become a landmark in determining whether gay Americans will have the right to marry.

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A allowing same-sex marriage is like a free economic stimulus package.

— Gus Bode

Quotes from the courtroom

"Proposition 8's arguments are based on false generalizations. The state's constitution is straightforward and clear. The state's amendment 8 is a legitimate exercise of its right to define marriage for all in the state."

— Ted Olson, one of the lead attorneys for Proposition 8

"The history of sexual orientation discrimination is a disgraceful, lengthy, shameful and un-American period in our nation's history."

— Sandra Brown, in this testimony

"They live on time to justify pre-propagation. After legalizing same-sex marriage, they might be for prejudice. What will be next? On their agenda list is legalizing having sex with children."

— Art Tien, a supporter of Proposition 8, introduced as evidence

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Aftershock drives more from Haitian capital

MIKE MELIA
The Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti - A frightening new aftershock Wednesday forced more earthquake survivors onto the capital's streets in live and sent others fleeing to the countryside, where aid was only beginning to reach wrecked towns.

A flotilla of rescue vessels, meanwhile, led by the U.S. hospital ship Comfort, converged on Port-au-Prince harbor to help fill gaps in still-lagging global efforts to deliver water, food and medical help. Hundreds of thousands of survivors of Haiti's catastrophic earthquake, living makeshift tents or on blankets and plastic sheets under the tropical sun.

The strongest tremor since the Jan. 12 quake struck at 6:03 a.m., just before sunrise while many still slept. From the teeming plaza near the collapsed presidential palace to a hillside tent city, the 5.9-magnitude aftershock lasted only seconds but panicked thousands of Haitians.

"Just" they cried as rubble tumbled and dust rose anew from government buildings around the plaza. Parents gathered up children and ran.

Up in the hills where U.S. troops were helping thousands of homeless people holed up screaming from their tents, Jajoute Ricardo, 24, came running from his house, fearing its collapse.

"Nobody will go to their house now," he said, as he sought a tent of his own. "It's chaos, for real!"

A slow motion intensified into a-cost to support relief efforts, and the Haitian government sent a plane and an overlaid team to assess needs. A tent-Geete, a seaside town, 30 miles (45 kilometers) southwest of Port-au-Prince. Homeless in Lagnan lived under sheets draped across tree branches, and the damaged hospital "lacks everything," Red Cross surgeon Hassan Narredine said.

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Members of Charlie Company help evacuate patients from hospital buildings following a strong earthquake aftershock Wednesday in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The 5.9-magnitude aftershock lasted only seconds but panicked thousands of Haitians.

Chuck Liddy | McClatchy Tribune

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LINDA DEUTSCH
The Associated Press

CHUCK LIDDY | McClatchy Tribune

Charlie Sheen's wife was admitted to a hospital Wednesday with a high fever and an infection following oral surgery, which might delay again a court hearing in a domestic violence case involving the actor, her lawyer said.

"She was running a fever when she was taken to Sherman Oaks Hospital early Wednesday morning and placed in the intensive care unit," Galanter said.

"She has an infection as the result of oral surgery earlier in the week," said Galanter. "They're concerned and trying to get it under control.

"Brooke Sheen was at her home in Los Angeles when she developed a dental problem that required oral surgery."

By late Wednesday afternoon, Galanter said she had received heavy doses of antibiotics to control the infection, which was improving, but had developed pneumonia and remained in intensive care.

"She won't be going home today," Galanter said.

"Meanwhile," Galanter said, the prosecutor's office in Aspen, Colo., had

acquitted to Charlie Sheen's request to visit his wife in the hospital. The Sheens are under a court order to stay away from each other and have no communications.

A judge on Wednesday granted Sheen's request to modify the protection order so he could visit his wife in the hospital, but that change only applies if his wife is hospitalized for medical treatment. A no-battery clause remains in effect, and if Brooke Sheen asked her husband to leave, he must.

That order was to be the subject of a hearing on Friday, but it was uncertain if it would go forward. Galanter said Brooke Sheen would probably not be recovered sufficiently to travel to Aspen. She had already postponed a postponement of the hearing because she was unable to undergo the surgery.

Galanter, who was reached in Aspen, said he had asked that the hearing be postponed again.

He said a status conference is scheduled for Thursday morning at the Aspen court to decide whether the Friday hearing will go forward.

Charlie Sheen's spokesman, Stan Rosenfield, said it's his understanding that attorneys on both sides have asked for a postponement. "I've not been informed of any confirmation," Rosenfield said.
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"That's the reason why we even had a chance to be in the game," Lowrey said. "The Salukis kept their hot play going into the second half. Tony Freeman tied the game at 52 with a 3-pointer in SIU's first possession of the half. After Bradley retook the lead on a tip in by sophomore center Will Floyd, junior guard Justin Beoet tied the game back at 54 and fouled, missed the free throw to put SIU on top.

SIU would remain behind Bradley the rest of the way until Fay converted a shot in the lane to give the Salukis their first lead of the game 55-54 with 2:31 remaining.

After the Salukis regained the ball on a steal steal, Freeman had a chance to put the Salukis up four when he got an open look from 3-point range, but he hoisted and traveled with the basketball.

Freeman said he was as open as he had been all night on the run and that he should have taken the shot.

"I have to take and make those kind of shots," Freeman said. "When I come down the stretch, I have to make the right decision."

Maniscalco was tipped going for a layup on the ensuing possession by freshman guard Kendell Brown-Surles, and covered on both free throws to give Bradley the lead again 56-55 with 59 seconds remaining.

After a missed 3-pointer by Dill, Fay was forced to foul Maniscalco with 20.2 seconds remaining. Maniscalco made one of two free throws, setting up the final possession for the Salukis.

The Salukis went to Fay, who missed the 3-pointer, but Bradley knocked the ball out of bounds, allowing SIU one final possession.

On the inbound pass, Dillard found Freeman open in the corner for the 3-pointer, but the shot was off target allowing Bradley to said the 57-55 victory.

Maniscalco led the way for Bradley, as he scored 21 points, going 12-15 from the free throw line in the victory.

Maniscalco said he was looking to be aggressive against the SIU guards.

"In the second half, things weren't coming easy at all," Maniscalco said. "They were really making an effort to keep me out of the lane and I was able manufacture some foulds and get to the line."

Fay, meanwhile, recorded a double-double for Bradley with 15 points and 11 rebounds, while Booker did the same for SIU with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

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Pitts's inabilty to control the ball for a shooting percentage greater than 40 percent and lost.

SIU was swt by 150 last season, but in their second of two meetings, the Salukis got the first place Redbirds a scare at time expired. Officials waved off a last second 3-pointer by Keri Bailey which would have sent the game into overtime. The team shot 42 percent in the game.

"One thing I was really disappointed about was the confidence game was our ability to knock down open shots," Tiber said. "And to go on the road, you have to make those shots if you're going to put your opponent in a position to lose."

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**WOMEN’S BASKETBALL**

Saluki women face another conference powerhouse

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Saluki women's basketball team (3-12, 2-3 MVC) will continue its uphill climb through the league on Saturday when it travels to Illinois State University. The Salukis beat Bradley last week, 66-44, but that margin won't be enough to win away from Carbondale, not only this season, but dating back to the second half of the 2008-09 season.

A win in Normal would snap a 16-game road losing streak for the women, however, that task could prove to be too easy said done.

SIU comes into this game riding a four-game winning streak - all in second place in the Missouri Valley Conference.

The Salukis have relied heavily this season on production from seniors at each position on the floor. Guards Maggie Kirk, center Nicole Lewis and forward Ashley Bracey make up the team's top three scorers and rebounders, accounting for 58 percent of the Redbirds points and 59 percent of their rebounds.

In the Redbirds last game against Missouri State, Bracey posted her 15th career double-double when she had game-highs 26 points and 17 rebounds. SIU defeated third place MSU 81-72.

In their third consecutive year starting together, the one-two punch of the 6-foot-5-inch Lewis and the 6-foo-Bracey down low has wreaked havoc across the conference this season.

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The Salukis scratched and clawed, but couldn't complete the comeback as they fell to Bradley 57-55.

SIU (10-4, 3-5) missed two open 3-point shots in the final 10 seconds of the game to drop the Missouri Valley Conference contest to the Braves (9-5, 3-5 MVC).

Head coach Chris Le Roy said the Salukis, who went 17-04 from the field and 4-25 from 3-point range, guarded well enough to steal the game.

"Our shot selection was atrocious, and that's on me," Le Roy said. "Our focus was not where it needed to be. SIU struggled coming out of the gate, as Bradley went on a 15-0 run in the first 4:33 of the game.

Junior guard Sam Maniscalco was key for the Braves in the run, as he scored seven of Bradley's 15 points.

"We just have to clean up stuff prior to the tip," Freeman said. "Guards playing and just getting off, we just have to cut in when everyone steps on the floor."

But the Salukis were able to comeback following a technical foul from Bradley sophomore forward Tyler Brown, sophomore guard Kevin Dillard converted on both free throws making it a 17-4 game.

Sophomore Anthony Booker then went on a personal 8-0 run as the Salukis pulled within seven at 17-10. Booker continued his hot play.

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Sophomore guard Kevin Dillard tries to drive past the Bradley defense during the Salukis' 57-55 loss Wednesday at the SIU Arena.

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Women's Basketball

Junior college transfer finds a home in SIU basketball

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