Governor Blagojevich signs contraceptive bill

Insurance companies must cover costs

Amber Ellis
Daily Egyptian

A pregnant woman walks inside of a medical office and meets her doctor. The doctor is surprised to see the woman, because she had just given her a prescription for birth control pills. She didn’t have enough money to continue getting the pills, and now she is pregnant with her sixth child.

State Rep. Sara Feigenholtz, D-Chicago, remembers her mother, who was the doctor, telling her to get help when she was younger. This lack of funds for contraceptives was one of the reasons why Feigenholtz became an avid sponsor of a bill to cover contraceptive costs.

“Our woman was forced to make a decision,” Feigenholtz said. “It was either bird-cage food or food on the table for her five other kids.”

Woman sexually assaulted

Burke Wasson
Daily Egyptian

Police say an unidentified man sexually assaulted and robbed a 22-year-old woman before 3:20 a.m. Tuesday at a residence in the 500 block of South Graham Street.

Police Deputy Chief Steve Odum said the woman was alone in the kitchen when she heard a noise coming from the breath, Odum said. The woman said he was found a black male climbing through a window, armed with a green t-shirt, dark jeans and black shoes. The police report also said he had alcohol on his breath.

Anyone with information regarding this case should call 549-2121 or 549-2677.

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Peter Huh, working in the shade, pokes a pattern of tiles deep into wet cement while others celebrate their design as a part of Kids in Architecture workshops. The group of about a dozen spent an hour of their day Tuesday making these concrete blocks, which will be able to take home after the cement sets.

Affirmative action alternative proposed

Some argue affirmative action based on socioeconomic factors more appropriate

Jessica Yoram
Daily Egyptian

The case concerning the form of affirmative action used at the University of Michigan may have settled more than two weeks ago, but the issue is certainly not getting any rest.

At the same time, individuals who supported the program, as to what form of action should be taken. As recently as Tuesday, people from California and Washington, who opposed the Supreme Court’s decision to uphold affirmative action, have come forth to express their opinion in hopes of reversing the decision.

The Supreme Court’s disapproval of Michigan’s form of affirmative action, but overall approval of the system as a whole, illustrated its opinion that there should be action taken toward achieving diversity.

The decision, even for supporters of the program, remains as to what form of action should be taken. As recently as Tuesday, people from California and Washington, who opposed the Supreme Court’s decision to uphold affirmative action, have come forth to express their opinion in hopes of reversing the decision.

At the same time, individuals who supported the decision are looking to reverse the policies in California and Washington that forbid use of racial preference.

The decision to uphold affirmative action has motivated supporters to recommend a re-evaluation of affirmative action laws in the states.

This re-evaluation, then, is important but also emphasized that programs geared toward low-income students are not non-existent. They have existed since the 1960s.

Joseph Brown, the director of Black American Studies at SIUC, said it is important to remember the original intent of affirmative action — to support individuals oppressed by the social system.

“Adding this group does not take away the original intent,” Brown said. “We need to stop putting people who are oppressed against each other.”

Larry Diets, vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment, said he felt the issue of affirmative action should be studied more thoroughly, with more attention paid to individual cases.

He said he agrees with an initiative that would focus on economic issues as well as the current issues, particularly in this area where, unlike the upper half of the state, race and economic status do not have as much of a direct correlation.

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Brown said he agrees with the use of socioeconomic status only as an addition to the current program, not as a replacement.

He said changing the system, as opposed to simply revising it, would cause tension between the minorities and economically oppressed.

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National News

Bostonians escape horror to succeed

COLOMBIA SPRINGS, Colo. — Killed men still plotting to break his family free from bondage after he was snatched by Guatemalan soldiers and hustled to a concentration camp, "They either get out or you're going to die," he said. "You cannot help yourself if you're dead." Returning a broken-hhearted, wanted a better life for his family, which, at the time was surviving on an ethnic war in Mexico in late spring.

He often thinks about his abduction, which occurred nine years ago today, and the opportunities his children, Erin and Em, have after being freed as war-torn homemakers.

Erin, 21, graduated in May from medical school at the University of Colorado. He began his residency program in internal medicine at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center in Denver. Erin, 21, graduated a semester early from Colorado College in Colorado Springs with a degree in biology. She recently received her emergency medical technician certification and has applied to attend a medical school in the fall.

"Growing up in the war and seeing how people were living their lives, they never had the opportunity to get proper medical attention influenced my decision," she said.

Outpouring of grief as twins die

Ladan Rizvi died when her blood circulation failed after the operation to separate the twin hearts. A doctor in Singapore's Raffles Hospital said her sister Lihaz died when their circulation failed one and a half hours later.

Ladan, 22, and Lihaz, 21, were separated by doctors at Raffles Hospital and the sad news spread quickly through the twins' home county of Iran. Thousands of people have been sent to the hospital.

The 22-year-old, both low graders, had two distinct brains, but they were still together, saying a team of international doctors to start more painstaking hours separating them in surgery ("It's probably the most difficult operation to date.") At a news conference, hospital chairman Dr. Ios Angoon said that he told the twins in surgery that their separate brains were separated. The team had the option to attempt to stabilize them and transfer them to intensive care, or even to come back with the most risky part of the surgery.

"The team wanted to know once again what were the wishes of Ladan and Lihaz," he said. "We were told that Ladan and Lihaz wished to be separated. If they were separated, all documents were signed. They knew the risks were high, we knew one of the scenarios was that we would lose both of them," he said. He said the twins took to hours of anesthesia and continuous surgery when both died with their surgery.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Drugs used to enhance studying draw concern

Two German scientists have flown and eaten on a flight to South Florida and across the country are increasingly convincing critics from doctors, law enforcement, ethicists and politicians that the drugs, experience and Adderall, are being illegally in enhance studying by as many as one in five college students, according to a November 2002 study published in the Johns Hopkins News Letter.

At the University of Miami, administrators have put up signs and posted around campus in recent years warning students of adverse effects from misuse of the drugs. The University of Florida is considering the level of use.

"Expenses Adderall and Ritalin help students focus longer and might be used for reaL or is this tourismr said Chester Crocker, assistant secretary of state for Africa under Robert Gates.

Bush African trip focuses on AIDS, anti-terrorism

The good will of his stop has already drawn skeptics from some observers, even from a few Republicans. "This is far, far, far from a "tourism," said Chester Crocker, assistant secretary of state for Africa under Robert Gates.

Bush is the fourth president from one to visit sub-Saharan Africa. His itinerary includes Senegal, Cameroon, South Africa, Kenya, Tanzania, Nigeria and South Africa, on economic powerhouse; Botswana, the fastest-growing country in the continent; and South Africa, is drawing criticism from doctors, law enforcement, ethicists and politicians that the drugs, experience and Adderall, are being illegally in enhance studying by as many as one in five college students, according to a November 2002 study published in the Johns Hopkins News Letter.

There are no issues to report.

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The Daily Egyptian, the student-run newspaper of SIUC, is committed to being a trusted source of information, commentary and public discourse while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.
Professor shows off 30 years of filmwork

Linsey Maughan
Daily Egyptian

An eclectic and interesting film show was available Tuesday night in the Carbondale Public Library's Meeting Room, showcasing the unique talents of SIU professor and cinematographer Mike Cowell.

While possible by the Friends of the Carbondale Public Library, the screening featured about 26 percent of Cowell's work, including clips of his documentaries, personal "diary" work, sponsored works he did in collaboration with others, political films and more.

Cowell works in the Cinema and Photography Professor at SIU, teaching beginning, intermediate and advanced classes, Film and Video Production, the Annual Conference and Trade Show June 24 in Urbana. Bart Hagston, county recycling coordinator, accepted the award on behalf of the Health Department and said it is nice to know that the county's recycling efforts have not gone unnoticed.

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The Supreme Court ruled justly

Congratulation to the Supreme Court for their decision to strike down the Texas sodomy laws. While the gay community celebrated this decision, as well they should, the decision was not just a victory for homosexuals. This decision was a winner for all who respect privacy.

Privacy, as we all know, is our personal stronghold. Currently, our privacy is almost nonexistent. Everywhere you go you have to give personal information. Here on campus, we give out our identification numbers to several offices and individuals when we call or need services. As a result of the Patriot Act, the government has more access to our private emails, letters and even personal cell phone calls. Of course, this law of privacy is supposedly justified in the name of fighting terrorism.

It is very easy to find spies, even without his or her social security number. That is further evidence of the lack of privacy in America. Therefore, this makes the Supreme Court's decision even more spectacular. The Supreme Court basically said the state has no business in our homes and definitely not in our bedrooms, what two consenting adults do in their home is THEIR business.

The issue was set, conservative were upset and stated this decision signals the end of morality and opens the door to gay marriage. Moreover, the three dissenting judges said the Supreme Court should never get involved in "culture wars." Yet, this was a decision that was correct and timely.

It is a disgrace that states had laws that outlawed private adult sexual behavior. Some states even had laws that criminalized vibrators and other sexual aids. It all sounds preposterous and absurd, but it is outrageous that there were people who created these insane laws.

Thankfully, the Supreme Court, in their wisdom, put an end to the sexual paranoia. Some states have decided to strike down the law, but it is quite obvious that there are people who need more conservative judges on the court.

The decision was made on a 5-4 vote and internally Ronald Reagan would have decided differently. The decision made the Supreme Court look like they understood our needs. As an American, I am proud of our Supreme Court's decision.

Yours truly,

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SI Yellow Ribbon Campaign slowed down

Katie Davis
Daily Egyptian

Shortly following the end of the war with Iraq, public relations officials at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale began taking in flags and yellow ribbons used to symbolize support for the hundreds of Southern Illinois students and alumni who served in the Coalition forces in Iraq. Since then, the number of flags and ribbons has grown, and the university has sent some to soldiers in Iraq.

"We have three letters today," said one of the officials at the university. "We got one up to 146 degrees," Williams said. "Another letter said he was getting two boxes a day because supplies are so low, and it's really hot out there."

But since public attention has been turned away from Iraq, the drive for support has slowed down. "The people gave up," she said. "They think the war is over and the troops are coming home."

It seems the support for soldiers has not been as strong as initially expected. "We think the war is over and the troops aren't coming home," said one of the officials. "We want to get out now; it's just too hot."

Williams said that when the first box began in March, she and her daughter were the first to hang yellow ribbons to show support. The ribbons have been put up throughout Carbondale and Southern Illinois.

"We had church groups and schools taking donations for the troops," she said. "We were still sending supplies when the Red Cross could not. We know they get letters, but we know they get them."

But the number of soldiers Williams and her daughter have seen drop drastically since March. The number of soldiers has decreased, and the supply drive has slowed down. "But since public attention has been turned away from Iraq, the drive for support has slowed down. "The people gave up," she said. "They think the war is over and the troops aren't coming home."

IRS prepares to audit colleges

Schools that fail to withhold taxes from foreigners face penalties

Stefie Taylor
Daily Egyptian

Approximately 250 colleges are now in a position to be audited for failing to withhold taxes from nonresident foreign students.

The audits are in response to the lack of national participation in the Voluntary Compliance on Alien Withholding Program, which was established so colleges who failed to comply thus far could work with the IRS in settling their tax obligations.

The program initially ran from January 2003 through February 2002. While coming forward did not relieve schools from the obligation to pay taxes owed on the international interest, colleges that participated were eligible for tax breaks. IRS officials were surprised when only 12 colleges participated.

SLUC was the first school in the nation to come forward.

Kevin Bane, current director of General Accounting and former director of Tax Management and Compliance at SLUC, said the complexity of tax regulations necessitated the decision.

In efforts to be compliant with most very complex regulations, we went to touch with the IRS before the program even began," Bane said. "We hired two experts to help us understand the requirements and rules of reporting and how best to coordinate our presentation to the IRS."

"We wanted to be ahead of the curve on this, and we wanted the IRS dealing in the way the taxes for our international population were handled."

The lack of responses to the proposal nationwide probably sparked the start of audits set to begin in September.

"The IRS is going to go after the schools because they're easy targets," Bane said. "They always know where we are while our international students will be less forthcoming in a few years. The arm of the IRS can't reach that far."

A representative from the IRS said that while it is possible that the investigation was due to so many colleges being in violation of the tax laws, the audits would still not occur.

"I think schools with a small international population may not have a lot of experience in dealing with the rules that apply for nonresidents," Bane said. "But any school with an international population is being made aware it needs to take steps to comply with the IRS."

Many university tax representatives across the U.S. said the IRS should have anticipated a poor response to the program, barely because schools were unaware of it. Bane disagrees.

"There is a network of college tax administrators that was very dedicated to keeping us in the loop on this," Bane said. "We also had the Indiana Tax Conference for colleges and university tax officials going on annually. We had some of the best tax experts in higher education there, and they covered VCAP."
Tiffany Chou and Mark Rubelowsky work diligently on their projects. While Mark searches for the right piece of tile to add to his turtle design, Tiffany continues to direct her tiles into place. Cement block building is one of many endeavors that the children will partake in during their week in the Kids in Architecture program.

Architecture for Children
Nationally recognized program begins 15th year

story by Valerie N. Donnals

Summer is a time when children spend their days sleeping, watching television and playing outdoors; school is the farthest thing from their minds.

But architecture professor John Davey asked a class a question one Monday morning, 12 eager hands shot into the air as the group of 9 to 11-year-olds breathed the instruction to call on them. Davey chuckled as he listened to each of their theories on architecture and how it affects their lives. Davey has been conducting KIC Architecture workshops and camps for 15 years on the SIUC campus and other locations nationwide, but he has yet to tire of the enthusiasm of the children.

"I just love dealing with kids," he said. "Each group is distinctly different in their cognitive capabilities and their emotional characteristics."

"It's really exciting for me to deal with bright young minds. It just happens to be they are shorter than us!"

While they were there, the children learned about the architectural legacies of Yankee Stadium and the Pantheon of Florence. They toured campus to learn the origins and history of its architecture and learned a computer program to design a house. They also unearsted the history of Egyptian architecture and hieroglyphics while making stone sketches and clay tablets of their own. And that was just the first day.

Along with his assistant, Nick Lock, 12, Davey guided the children around campus, pointing out the architectural "stories" told by each building.

Davey said the best thing about architecture is that it can teach just about anything, from physics and sociology to art, history and culture.

"I think I've found a decent method of education," Davey said.

"I love them for the whole day. I try to facilitate learning. I try to do the least amount of management and a great amount of activities. I bring a lot of enthusiasm to the program."

He added that the education process is often "taught" by management in today's system and said he tries to help them think beyond the normal parameters and use skills beyond the mathematical and verbal skills that are emphasized in school.

Mark Rubelowsky, 11, was attending the camp for his third year and said he has every intention of coming back next summer.

"I like it here," he said. "John is nice; the projects are great and St. Louis is always fun."

Rubelowsky, who wants to be an architect one day, said he is excited about the bridge building challenge. He planned to take his experiences in the past years to build a cardboard bridge strong enough to hold a large watermelon.

Davey said the competition, which takes place Thursday, is always a favorite. The children also enjoy creating concrete blocks, in which they work with concrete and see how it is made.

Tiffany Chou, 11, said her family still has the block her brother made when he attended the camp, and she could not wait to dig into the mix herself.

Although concrete is used a lot in architecture, Davey said some people spend hundreds of hours designing buildings that use it but never touch it or find out how it is made.

His innovative teaching methods have brought students to the camp from across the nation. Davey has also had summer workshops including such locations as the Smithsonian Institute in Washington.

"Several of the students who have gone through the program have ended up applying for admission to the architecture and interior design program," said Tiny Owens, chairman of the Department of Architecture and Interior Design. "It was not designed as a recruiting tool when it was created, but it has worked out that way." Tiny camper Alex Baker, 10, said he is considering attending SIUC.

"I've been wanting to be an architect for four years now, and I just want to be there," said Baker. "It was a good week for me."

Davey said several scholarships are offered through different agencies, made possible by the recognition the camp has received. It has also allowed him to work with disabled and at-risk kids.

The nationally honored program has won several awards including a Citation of Honor from the Illinois Council of the American Institute of Architects and an Illinois Connections Award of Distinction from the Illinois State Board of Education.

The last of two sessions for this group ends Friday with a trip to St. Louis, where the children are exposed to the different architecture of Bellefontaine Cemetery and the St. Louis Cathedral.

"You can't go to Italy to see better mosaics than in that Cathedral," Davey said. "Everything has a symbol to a story."

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could hit the ball well at a designated hitter.
SIU has led the MVC in pitching statistics the last two years. "We've got a really
great line of domin<ing throwers including Winters, Stromstcrfer and junior
defensive ace Adam Hare, shows how interac-
ting the Salukis can be to opposing batters.
"Caritas and I worked differently when we were on the mound," Stromstcrfer said. "She would throw people off by the way she acted when she picked the ball up. Winters was widely known for her jaket-belt-like antics before she went into her winds. He was trans-
ted into a top-three ranking in almost every SIU pitching category.
"Anyt's like me. We like to relax, smiles and have fun when they pick the ball up," Stromstcrfer said.
Stromstcrfer is a great defender and his success has exceeded in only two years.
Stromstcrfer is looking forward to getting married to Kasey Kidsinger in late November. The two have been engaged since last Thanksgiving and have bought a home in Manchester, Mo.
"We still talk often," Stromstcrfer said. "We just bought a really nice house, and I don't think we'll be moving anywhere soon.
Stromstcrfer also is planning on hav-
ing four children, who will play baseball or football or soccer. His husband-to-be is a former pitcher who now plays first base and outfield in a
league in Kirkwood near St. Louis.
Stromstcrfer, along with fellow former pitcher and teammate Troy Rempsch still actively follow the Salukis.
"We talk the SIU website," Stromstcrfer said. "We always watch and see how they're doing. We're jealous of the new stadium.
"Six to seven at a time remains in contact with many of her former teammates and considers them family. "The greatest thing that ever came out of my time at SIU was the friend-
ships that will last forever," Stromstcrfer said.

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on now.
"At a free safety in the Salukis' eighth-man front defensive scheme, Moreland was forced to take on lead-
ing responsibilities as the "quarter-
back of the defense" very early on in his career. Starting seven games as a true freshman, Moreland often would play alongside, besting 76 tackles as a true frosh and had to adjust to his role as a leader.
But now, entering what will be his third year as a starter, Moreland has become more comfortable with his teammates looking to him for the answers.
"He has become a leader," Swor said. "He's taken a group of what needs to be done and has really taken responsibility upon himself that it is about more than just how he

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TRIVIA ANSWER: Larry Doby joined the Cleveland Indians in July 1947, three months after Jackie Robinson joined the NL's Brooklyn Dodgers. In 1978, Doby became baseball's second black manager.

Kill has spent more time on the defensive side of the ball, getting a feel for its strengths and weaknesses.
"Overall, we've put more empha-
sis on defense," Kill said. "Physically we've gotten stronger, bigger, faster, all those things, and we'll be a year smarter.
"I think we'll be able to do a little more defensively this season, and I think we'll be better because of kids growing up and maturing and because of what we did in the spring." There to make sure of this from his end of spring will be Moreland, who has some lofty expectations for his defensive counterparts.
"I think last year [the defense was] ranked at the bottom in state category," Moreland said. "I think we are going to make a maraschino from worst to first this year.

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Mike Reis enters 25th year broadcasting Saluki sports

Longtime Saluki play-by-play man is living out his ultimate dream

Ethan Erickson
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Whether he’s on the row with basketball games or the press box at football or baseball games, Mike Reis has become a fixture at SIU sporting events. Reis, who will enter his 25th season as “Voice of the Dawgs” is doing what he always wanted to do with his life.

“First 25 years, I like to joke that I’m lucky I haven’t said so for a living,” Reis said. “I feel like I put in the hours, and I feel like I put in the time in to try to be good at what I do. But some of these people that do have a career being somebody that has punch a clock, somebody that has a 9 to 5 type gig and never leaves an office, what a tremendous job I have, and I never lose sight of that.”

In addition to doing play-by-play, Reis is also sports director at WUEE-FM where he does sports on the station’s morning show.

After spending most of his childhood in Florida before immigrating to suburban Chicago for his final two years of high school, Reis grew up learning to sport broadcast legends Jack Buck and Harry Caray. But he idolized much of his basketball experience from the long-time voice of the Cleveland Cavaliers, Joe Tait. He considers basketball, his sport of choice, to be a sport where he has excelled.

“It’s easy to build up at basketball games, and because of that I think most Salukis fans around the area easily recognize him whether they knew him or not,” said Gene Green, who is Reis’ broadcasting partner at football games. “I think they probably feel like they know him.”

While his presence at games leads many to recognize him, it is Reis’ most well-known trait that leads some to recognize him – his voice.

A few days ago, when some workers repairing a seeder in his yard realized who he was when he showed up to talk to them. They said they had never seen him or heard him when he would be up at the Cubby Bear Lounge in Chicago for SIU Day at Wrigley Field.

In addition to his vocal skill, his personality does him justice. He frequently calls listeners “friends” before telling them the unbiased truth when it pertains to the Dawgs. “I think that one of Mike’s greatest assets is that he’s able to show enthusiasm for the means that he covers without crossing the line and becoming a bore of sorts,” Green said, adding that Reis’ honesty has enticed him into the community.

Reis entered at SIU after a goal-free year at Southern Illinois University in Albemarle Heights referred him to the University because of his highly ranked radio-television program.

“I didn’t take Reis long to make an impact at SIU. He broadcast some games during college and took over as a full-time play-by-play man for Saluki Athletics immediately after graduating in 1978.”

There was a great situation here and that is to say that I’m doing what I wanted to do,” Reis said. "My goal coming out of Southern in 1978 was to do Division I play-by-play, and I think doing it right out of college, I had the best first year at the business.”

Since achieving his goal, the 47-year-old Reis has worked diligently to improve himself and said he wouldn’t trade his SIU career for anything. “I’m doing play-by-play, and I’m doing it the only way I really want to do overall and definitely the only thing I want to do in broadcasting.”

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Mike Reis records a program for another Zimmer radio station while Tom Miller, the host of Morning News Watch, broadcasts in the next room. Reis, a sportscaster for the program at WIPF-AM every morning from 6 to 9 a.m., is entering his 25th year of calling SIU sporting events.

Moreland leads Saluki defense into new year

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Entering another season, all the talk about SIU football has been centered on the All-American running back duo of Tom Koutos and Muhammad Abdulqaadir.

Just as important to the performance of these two this upcoming season will be the play of the defensive backfield, which will be led by junior free safety Alexis Moreland.

After receiving honorable mention All-America honors following his sophomore season, Moreland has been named to multiple pre-season All-America teams. The Sports Network named the hard-hitting Saluki as the second-best free safety in all of Division I-AA.

Despite the recognition, the Sarasota, Fla., native has only one thing on his mind.

“It’s exciting,” said Moreland, who led the Salukis with 154 tackles last season. “But at the same time, it won’t mean anything unless we win.”

This seems to be the mantra of a maturing defensive unit that last season ranked among the nation’s youngest. The desire to improve has kept many of them in town for the summer who weren’t here last offseason, including Moreland.

Working to improve on fundamentals such as footwork, pass coverage and versatility,SIU hopes to expand his game from just leveling opponents with his hard hit this upcoming season.

“He’s progressed each year he’s been here,” said Gene Green, SIU Athletic Director. “He’s become more and more of a team leader and a guy who can play well in a variety of ways.”

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From the pitcher’s mound to the field

Former Saluki Erin Strmstemer enjoys position change in St. Louis

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Former SIU pitcher Erin Strmstemer enjoys playing the field — outfield is it.

The 2001 Missouri Valley Conference Pitcher of the Year is now playing in outfield for two good-size softball leagues. The leagues, Forest Park and Creeve Communities, are made up of “keepers” league.

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Stemstreet’s slider, known as the “fork” or “fungo” pitch, has been a staple of her arsenal since she came to SIU from 1998 to 2001. She broke the MVC single-season strikeout record in 2001 while closed-out the Saluki bench in strikeouts with 257, Carlson WOMEN'S SALUKI SPORTS DAILY EGYPTIAN PAGE 12 JULY 9, 2003