Positions to be filled as fiscal year ends

Open meetings for research candidates today, Monday

Bertie Taylor

As the end of the fiscal year approaches, it seems many departments are either tightening belts, filling empty positions or both.

Today and Monday the Research and Graduate Affairs office will host open meetings for the position of associate vice chancellor for research and director of office research development and administration.

The meetings are designed to be an opportunity for candidates to personally interact with the larger department.

Although many candidates begin the session by giving information about their backgrounds, the structure of the session often becomes a question and answer period.

The two candidates are President M. Rice and Donald Nielsen. Rice, a former university administrator, and director of research development and administration at SLUC, Nielsen is a consultant for the Huntington Medical Research Institute in Pasadena, Calif.

Long before this stage in the hiring process, Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Affairs John Koropchak described the initial stage as standard for upper-administrative candidates.

"Like other departments, we start off with a search committee," he said.

The goal is to make sure that the candidates who make it this far are the most qualified.

"Once the committee offers a list of names, the candidates come in for interviews. I then meet with them and make a request for him,'" Koropchak said.

The final say does not simply belong to Kemp

There are a number of offices that work to make the list, including the Academic Affirmative Action, he said.

Since the candidates who come out for interviews have already been deemed qualified, other criteria is before.

"There isn't any kind of scorecard,'" KempDek.
**National News**

**Hispanics become nation's largest minority**

MIAMI - New Census Bureau estimates released Wednesday conclude that Hispanics have overtaken blacks as the United States' largest minority group, a long-expected occurrence confirming just how thoroughly immigration has altered the nation's ethnic mix.

Even as politicians and political scientists debate the implications of the shift, one thing is certain: Much larger growth is expected in the Hispanic population, fueled by immigration and higher birth rates, according to the preliminary figures released Wednesday.

The Census Bureau estimates put the number of Hispanics at 36.8 million, compared to 36.3 million blacks, out of a total U.S. population of 284 million.

What the figures show is that many have become increasing Hispanic xenophobes, and political leaders, potentially at black's expense. Some see a little less of a Hispanic's nationalist motivations, noting that the label groups people of varying different and sometimes conflicting national origins and races.

Others note the statistics are being swiftly projected among presidential candidates, who have reversed an earlier Hispanic voters are a growing faction in state and national elections, in which they often serve as swing voters.


**International News**

**Six British troops killed in Iraq**

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Six British soldiers died and eight were wounded in separate attacks in southern Iraq on Tuesday in a region of the country that was regarded until now as a post-war success story.

The six soldiers, the first Britons killed since the end of the war, were ambushed while on patrol near Arqou, a town near the Euphrates River, the same town where a British soldier was killed in an attack on a British base in the southern part of the country earlier this month.

In the second incident, near the town of Al Kut, an attack injured two soldiers and destroyed a vehicle, a Serbian helmeted Iraqis, and seven were injured.

A patron from Baghdad Prime Minister Tony Blair's office would not confirm that the two attacks were related, and give no indication of who was behind them.

Before Tuesday's violence, government had assured soldiers were armed at U.S. bases in Baghdad and cities to the west and north. The south was relatively peaceful, and British forces, headquartered in Euphrates, allowed the use of U.S. patrols as a sign that all was well.

A statement from the British Prime Minister's office said he was surprised that soldiers were killed so far south, "It's a sad sight on the streets of Basra."

Cpt. John Morgan, a spokesman for the U.S. Army's V Corps, said he was surprised that soldiers were killed so far south. "It's a little bit of a shock," he said. "It's not something that I ever had expected."

**WHO removes Beijing from travel warning list**

BEIJING - The World Health Organization on Tuesday declared that China had overcome SARS, lifting its advisory against travel to Beijing and removing the city from its list of areas with recent local transmission of the virus.

"Travel to the capital, China, and the world, to be removed from the WHO's travel warning list," said WHO in a statement. "It is urgent that Chinese authorities continue to monitor the situation and to be prepared to respond to any new cases."

China's Culture Ministry announced that it would hold a symphony concert at the Great Hall on Saturday to celebrate "The Chinese people's battle" against SARS, the official Xinhua News Agency announced.

**Police Reports**

**University**

- A textbook valued at $850 was stolen between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Tuesday at Sevanon Hall. There are no suspects at this time.

- Elizabeth A. Stavern, 24, Carbondale, was arrested on two fail charges, one from Will County, Illinois, and one from Whyman County, Illinois, at 10:35 a.m. Tuesday at the intersection of North Marion Street and East Chestnut Street. "The suspect was able to post bond and taken to the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro."

- Clinton John Majors Jr., 20, Aberdeen, Miss., was arrested on two fail charges, one from Will County, Illinois, and one from Obion County, Tennessee, for burglary by 9:49 a.m. Wednesday at the intersection of South Marion Street and East Chestnut Street. "The suspect was able to post bond and taken to the Jackson County Jail in Murphysboro and released on bond."

The Daily Egyptian, the student-run newspaper of SIU, is committed to being a trusted source of information, commentary and public discourse while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.
Three separate cases of runaways reported

Four cases of suspected teen runaways in the past two weeks in area

Burke Wasson
Daily Egyptian

As an official at the Carbondale Police Department told the Daily Egyptian that a 16-year-old Carbondale girl reported missing last week was recovered Wednesday, police reported that there were more cases of suspected runaway teenagers.

Brain Stanfield, president of SIUC's martial arts room, said the girl was reported missing last week.

The girl was last seen May 15 in Carbondale. Payne is described as a white female who is 5-foot-3 and 135 pounds with a tattoo on her left arm. Police said they believe Payne was headed to either Harrisburg or Metropolis.

Police and Harris was last seen June 19 in the 600 block of East Chestnut Street in Carbondale. The Department described Harris as a black female who is 5-foot-5 and 125 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. Her whereabouts or possible destination is not known, Carbondale Police said.

Police said all three girls have been given a 24-hour pass to the Coliseum, which will be followed as a part of the investigation.

A source at the Carbondale Police Department said that Elizabeth Saige Hawthorne, 16, who was last seen June 2, was found Wednesday by Jackson County Sheriff's Deputies. The sheriff's department declined to confirm or comment on Hawthorne's recovery.

Reporters Banks Wasson

Anyone with information regarding the location of Kaye, Payne or Harris should call 549-2121.

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Olympic mats installed in martial arts room

New mats mark first renovation to martial arts room since 1977

Nicole Sack
Daily Egyptian

The floor in the martial arts room at the Recreation Center is not what it used to be.

The old wrestling mat that used to cover the floor is now replaced by an intricate puzzle of 105 blue and orange Olympian mats.

The renovation of the martial arts floor was completed June 9 and was the first improvement to the martial arts room since 1977.

The new floor is composed of Swaine mats, which were developed by Olympic judo champion Mike Swaine to accommodate multiple forms of martial arts such as judo, aikido and karate. Swaine mats were used in the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta.

When the martial arts room was built 26 years ago, the concrete floor was sealed with a thin layer of vinyl and a wrestling mat placed over it, said Randy Geer, an athletic supervisor at the Recreation Center.

As the years went by, the vinyl began to bubble, pushing up the mat that covered it. The mat's surface became uneven and led to some injuries.

The last person to be injured by the old mat was Brain Stanfield, president of the Aikido Club. While Stanfield was practicing last August, he jammed his foot into a bubble that had formed in the mat and broke his tooth. Stanfield had to use braces and was embarrassed to tell people that his injury was caused by a floor mat, not an opponent.

"I'm relieved to see the change," Stanfield said.

Vince Fields, who teaches the mixed martial arts class, is also happy with the new floor.

"The less martial arts schools in the world use these mats," Fields said. "You can spin without sinking into the floor. It's much safer."

Instead of sinking into the padding, a person stands on it, not in it. The mats are also soft enough to allow a participant who is being thrown into the ground.

The mats are also vinyl, which makes the cleaning and blood easier and more thorough.

The design of the mat is such that it resembles a rice mat. The design gives more grip and control to bare-foot participants.

To help maintain the new floor, Geer said that it is very important not to wear street shoes on the mats. When dirt and fungi from street shoes mix with sweat it breeds bacteria.

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Group schedules open debate on America's role in the world

Jacey Cahn
Daily Egyptian

Everyday, people sit in offices, coffee houses and street corners debating differing views on many topics that affect American society. Now, people are being given a chance to voice their own opinion, as well as listen to others, in an attempt to further understand what our country needs to do as a whole.

Jackson County Issues Forums is presenting "America's Role in the World," a public discussion from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Recreation Room at the SIU Student Center.

The forum, which is being planned in collaboration with the International Student Council, is described by the Issues Forums as a dynamic way for citizens to exercise their interpersonal skills and learn about urgent issues of local or national concern.

Carbondale's Frank Schen, the moderator of the event, said the forum is important because people do not have any other opportunities to sit down and discuss issues in an organized way.

"It gets a diverse group of people with different ideas together in one place," Schen said. "This allows them to get those ideas out in the open for others to thoughtfully analyze."

The forum will discuss any of four possible issues, which are steered as approaches. It is up to the group to decide which issues they want to spend time on and which ones they want to explore and discuss deeper.

A first approach is "International Security: Using Our Power to Secure the Peace." This will discuss the idea that because America is the only nation in the world with sufficient military power to impart decisive force in a conflict, it must maintain military capability and be ready to use it.

The second approach is "The Sustainable Project: Ensuring People's Rights," which will discuss the idea of promoting the worldwide spread of democracy as the most practical and promising way to secure peace and stability.

The third approach, "The Global Market: Prospering All Along," will discuss the idea that free trade will bring global stability and raise the standard of living around the world.

The fourth approach, "Preserving Our Global Future: Feeding the Hungry Thirst," will discuss the idea that we must commit ourselves to working cooperatively through international organizations and with other nations to fight problems worldwide.

The approach is a part of a guide to deliberation designed to help people think about what their challenges, as Americans, will be in the world of the 21st century.

"We do want it when it comes to bringing more stability to society," Schen said. Summary sheets of the approach will be available to participants when they arrive. The sheets will help facilitate discussion and give people an idea of what to expect.

The forums will follow a certain set of guidelines in order to maintain a peaceful atmosphere that is open to any discussion. A moderator, who remains neutral, will guide the discussion and make sure that the guidelines are followed. The guidelines encourage everyone to participate and discuss among one or two individuals dominating the forum.

"By following the guidelines, it allows people to do a little more exploration and not just jump to conclusions," Schen said. "It gets to what is believable and person thinking."

Schen said everyone is welcome to share their perspectives in the safe forum, where all views will be respected. Participants can bring a sack lunch and are also free to utilize the food court in the Student Center.

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APRIL DEHNERT
Not June Cleaver, but close enough

As a child, I would watch my mother make my lunches in wonder, as a tuck, fold and a flip of the wrist would form the wax paper impossibly around my sandwich. Mothers seem naturally good at everything: and in my memory, my mother is a miracle worker. Though an independent woman, my mother had the time to be perfect in my eyes.

Mothers of the 1950s were not independent, and perfection was a clear expectation. As a role model, women of that era had mystical and non-stationary Betty Crocker to look to. To have a house that was beautiful and children that were clean was the way in which a woman gained respect.

Since women like my mother have gone to work, there is no real prestige that measures up to what could be achieved with a lovely centerpiece or a gracefully secret scarf. The woman who had become mother to us all, the ultimate miracle worker of all, Martha Stewart, has been caught and is being punished.

I am not Martha Stewart fan, but when flipping through channels, I would stop for a moment and find comfort in the way she would layer a sandwich so it would be beautiful when cut, or her ability to make wreathes out of silver bells at Christmas time.

These things bring me the same comfort my mother brought by stitching a pocket or making perfect biscuits. It is the comfort in knowing your mother is a workaholic. Now the insider trading charges threaten to bring her to a human place and Away from the magical mantles of perfection achieved. I don’t know if she is guilty, and I don’t claim to support or oppose her either way. I do know she is the one woman who has been newly able to recuperate the prestige and notoriety of June Cleaver and still remain independent and hard working.

My mother has always worked, and I spent a great deal of time in daycares. She has a good career, and I admire her greatly. As a woman, I always knew I would work. Every day I drop my children off at their respective care centers, and I feel a pang of guilt. But when I come home and allow them to, see how I butter toast as soon as it comes out of the toaster as we walk through the bread or how a yip or piece of tape can fix most problems. I know I am a woman, I am a mother and I am capable.

Feckless Pondering appears every other Thursday. Abigail is a Junior in English. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.
Little Egypt Chorus sings barbershop style
Local group keeps classic a cappella music alive
Linsey Maughan
DAILY EAGLE

11 a.m., on Tuesday night in Carbondale Middle School, and through the lobby, and across the cafeteria, there isn't a person in sight; the lights are dim.

But at the far end of a hall, the chorus room is alive with the sounds of shuffling feet, the scraping and sliding of chairs across the tile floor and the chuckles of nearly 10 men ranging in age from 12 to about 85 as they converse among themselves while aligning the chairs into a few semicircular rows.

At 7:30 p.m., the men are in their seats, eyes and ears attentive, as they wait for their cue.

The sound of a pitch pipe pierces the air as the mouths of the group open to project a sound matching that of the pitch pipe.

The weekly Little Egypt Chorus practice is officially underway, rehearsing for the last time this semester in the middle school. The Barbershop Chorus performs for local churches and hospitals. Their next performance will be Sept. 5 at Carbondale Community High School's first football game, where they will be singing the Star-Spangled Banner.

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Grapes ripen on one of the many vines at Owl Creek Vineyard. Owl Creek was the site of the Third Annual Grape Stomp to benefit the Big Brothers and Big Sisters.

The bluegrass band Old Fishskins plays for people attending the Owl Creek Grape Stomp. In addition to playing music for the patrons' entertainment, the band also played "stomping" music during each of the heats. Food at the event was provided by Harbaugh's Café, and beverages were provided by the vineyard.

Crowds of all ages gathered at Owl Creek Vineyard in Cobden for their Third Annual Grape Stomp. The event was to benefit the Big Brothers and Big Sisters.
Canada legalizes same-sex marriage

Cook County looks into domestic partner registry

Katie Davis
Daily Egyptian

Federal mandates define marriage as a union between one man and one woman. So did Canadian law until very recently. And it's a freedom that the Canadians thought was theirs by right.

What caught everyone's attention was a decision by a Toronto appeals court that overturned a provincial law that affects on their own country. Corporations and political action committees, among other entities, would be recognizing same-sex marriage as a union between one man and one woman. The court's ruling would create benefits like insurance for employees on the basis of their sex, and it would require the government to provide such benefits. It also would require the government to provide such benefits. It also would require the government to provide such benefits.

The Cook County Human Rights Commission is considering an ordinance that would create a registry for same-sex couples and provide the circuit clerk authority to distribute domestic partnership certificates, which must be recognized by other municipalities and businesses. The ordinance would be passed by the county board, and it would have no effect on the people it intends to help.

"It would protect a false sense of security," said litigator Mary Thompson, who represents same-sex couples. "It would be more of a certificate of appreciation.

However, some people feel the ordinance is a step in the right direction.

Brad Willson, a professor in the political science department, said that the ordinance would make it easier for businesses to provide benefits to same-sex couples. It would make it easier for businesses to provide benefits to same-sex couples.

If other counties do it besides Cook, maybe Jackson County will take the initiative as well, he said.

Lewis and Clark land in Carbondale community

Fourth Annual Summer Chautauqua kicks off

Katie Davis
Daily Egyptian

Carbondale and the surrounding communities will have the opportunity to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark Expedition, which will take place this summer.

The event will be held at 7 p.m. on the Town Square Freight yard. The theme of the event is "The Summer Chautauqua provides area residents with the opportunity to learn about history books," said Stanstede. "It's the perfect way to engage with characters and history."

For more information, contact the Chautauqua Community Arts Center.

Gayle Kahl, coordinator for the event, said that the theme centers close to the Fourth of July, when the expedition was recorded. She said that the theme will be enjoyed by most American people, but it is not required. The theme will be enjoyed by most American people, but it is not required.

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Trendsetters and other performers will present interactive presentations for more information, second floor of the Carbondale Public Library. The theme will be enjoyed by most American people, but it is not required. The theme will be enjoyed by most American people, but it is not required.

However, the Illinois General Assembly failed to pass a gay rights bill during its spring legislative session that would have provided protection from discrimination in areas of housing and employment.

Kahl said that in about five years, the Jackson County Board, he has heard a request for such a change and does not see it fading any time soon.

"I don't think the county government has the authority to do that," she said.

Lash, Rainer, a sophomore in architecture from DeKalb, said a domestic partnership registry would present an easy survey in the gay community, since companies are not forced to offer the benefits. But she encouraged the communities to take steps within their own laws to address the issue.

"It's great that they're putting forth an effort, but it's not enough," she said.

"It is a funny way for them to try and tell us they're trying to move forward, but they're not moving anything," she said.

Kahl said that he hopes the Illinois legislature will take notice of the changes in the laws that have been implemented in other counties. Cook County would be the first in Illinois to pass the ordinance, and Kahl said he hopes it will not be the last.

"This is an evolutionary mark," he said.

"We've seen what's happened in 20 years, when we were faced with any council for proposing something similar. I hope the state will follow the lead."

Reporters Katie Davis

Health

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often interfere with their ability to complete their education." The underrepresented Student Government and Graduate and Professional Student Council have passed the proposal in the spring.

Presley said she anticipates more funding for the summer classes to take advantage of the extended care package.

Although they will pay an extra $180, it is more affordable than the $750 paid for the same services under the current plan.

All students have access to primary health care, which is a necessity for that provides services such as lab tests, radiology exams and visits to the Wellness Center.

"But sometimes, students may not be hospitalized, need surgery or have to be treated for a diabetes that they have to manage and require specialty care," Presley said. "The Extended Care acts like an insurance policy or an HMO would. We just give them the ability to refer them off to a specialist, and the package covers anywhere in the world."

She added that all students would be able to benefit from the restructuring. They will be able to schedule medical treatment when it best interface with their course load.

The coverage will also extend the summer after graduation in order to help students with health protection, while finding employment.

New Extended Health Care Fee

Here's what the student fees will be for the extended health care plan for the 2003-2004 academic year:

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Presley said the price for extended coverage could be as high as $800 to $500 per month. She said giving more students coverage as a way of preventing potential accidents, but it is a risk they are willing to take.

"It's more of a risk for our insurance company than it is for our students," she said. "It's really just that it takes a lot of barriers away from the students and makes a great benefit."

Presley said she added that students with comparable coverage could go to the Student Health Services with the insurance to waive out of the benefits package.

"However, she said most students do not have health insurance because of its low cost and ability to cover additional fees not otherwise covered.

Student representatives spoke to the board members, and it will make its final decision at its meeting July 10 at the SIU School of Medicine.

"The students were really advocates for coverage in the summer. Doing away with it would extend a terrible benefit to a lot of folks who have not been covered before," I think it's a good idea."
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The Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (June 26): Abundance can be yours this year through camaraderie. Work is also required, of course, but some of it will be fun.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging:

- Aries (March 21 - April 19): Today is a 7.
- Taurus (April 20 - May 20): Today is a 7.
- Gemini (May 21 - June 21): Today is a 6.
- Cancer (June 22 - July 22): Today is a 7.
- Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22): Today is a 7.
- Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22): Today is a 7.
- Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21): Today is a 7.
- Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21): Today is a 6.
- Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18): Today is a 7.

Let's stick to the facts. Wikipedia, Rotten Tomatoes, and Co-op. are not a part of the day's rating.

Daily Almanac

1973 - SIU summer enrollment about 9,500.

1980 - Summer Concert Series takes place at Evergreen Park.
Two golf championships to take place in Carbondale area

IHSA, MVC tournneys bring elite competition to Little Egypt

ethan Ericsson
Daily Egyptian

The 2003-2004 school year will be a championship one for women’s golf in Southern Illinois. The High School Association and Missouri Valley Conference golf state finals will take place at Middlebrook Stone Creek Golf Club in the fall, and the SIU women’s team will play at the Missouri Valley Conference Championships April 18-20 at Hickory Ridge in Carbondale.

The IHSA tournament, scheduled for Oct. 19, will be co-hosted by SIU women’s golf head coach Diane Daugherty and Carbondale Community High School Athletic Director Vicky King.

“It’s going to hopefully benefit our program, getting the best high school players in Illinois to come here and see Southern Illinois and play Stone Creek,” Daugherty said.

The tournament will be a major undertaking, with both volunteer and financial support necessary.

“We’re going to send all the golfers and non-golfers in Southern Illinois, not just Carbondale, to be volunteers,” Daugherty said.

“We’re going to need a bunch of volunteers, even more than we have for the Saluki Invitational. We have 100 for that.

This is the fastest way a state championship has ever taken place. The bowling finals, played in Altoona, are the next-most speedily.

The event will also have a major economic impact on Southern Illinois. Daugherty and King have already booked 200 hotel rooms for that weekend, and Daugherty estimates a minimum of another 200 will be used.

“We hope it’s a win-win situation for the community, for SIU, for our team, for the high school,” Stone Creek, everybody,” Daugherty said.

Six months later, Daugherty’s team will be competing in the Missouri Valley Conference Championships, scheduled to be held at Hickory Ridge in Carbondale.

The challege at Hickory Ridge is scheduled to be completed in time for the MVC Championships, but it’s not finished, Daugherty said.

Last spring’s Saluki Invitational was played at Stone Creek due to problems with the greens at Hickory Ridge, but Daugherty said they would not hesitate to play at Hickory Ridge.

“I think we would have a little bit more of a home-course advantage at Hickory,” Daugherty said.

“The greens, the trees are a little bit closer so there’s not as many issues with an issue walking in and out of homes, so you have a lot more walking from greens to tee.

Hickory Ridge was started six years ago, so it’s nice to see it was built, so we’ll be back there.”

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Gray fulfills All-American dream

Latrice Gray earns first All-American honors for SIU in over a decade

Pete Spitter

Latrice Gray doesn't have any regrets, but she wants people to know that if they work hard they can accomplish their goals.

As a senior high jumper on the SIU women's track and field team, Gray's goal was to become an All-American before she graduated.

Gray fulfilled that dream this season when she tied for eighth place at the NCAA Outdoor Track and Field National Championships in Sacramento, Calif. By doing so, she became the first SIU female track and field athlete to be named an All-American in 13 years.

"I met my goal, no matter if it was first or eighth," Gray said. "It was a good end to my career."

PlACEMENT at the national championships is the only requirement for All-American recognition. The top eight in each individual event earn All-American status. Gray's jump of 5 feet, 10 1/2 inches at the NCAA was just one-fourth of an inch shorter than her all-time career mark.

As far as pursuing a career in track and field, Gray drew support from her mother, Shirley, who tried to make it to every one of Latrice's meets.

"I don't think my mom missed a track meet all four years of high school," Gray said. "She's louder than anybody else in the stands."

The difference in competition between high school and college is shown in the heights jumpers are able to reach. In high school meets, heights of 5-7 and 5-8 are considered normal in college, the mark between 5-10 and 6-0, pretty big for me," Gray said. "I know for some people the jump from high school to college was pretty big for me." Gray said. "I know for some people the jump was more difficult than for me."

Gray's primary interest in SIU had nothing to do with track and field. Gray has a huge interest in volleyball and played it during her freshman year at SIU. The school's reputation as a good architecture school helped as well.

"When I was looking for schools, I was looking for good volleyball schools," Gray said. "Volleyball coach Sonya Locke was willing to let me walk on and then the year after that we were going to see about running and things like that."

Gray says she will miss the women's track and field program itself, but will miss the people who are involved. She named Saluki coaches Lawrence Johnson and Cameron Wright as her favorite coach during her career. Gray pointed out the women's track staff at the sprinters, jumpers and hurdlers coach this season. Wright is the men's track and field head coach.

"I will get along as well, you'll never know we were coach-athlete," Gray said. "Cameron's fun hang out with."

Gray is getting married to former SIU

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Saluki runner deals with pressure in championship family

Davis places fifth at USA Track and Field Championships

Pete Spitter

Throughout her life, SIU freshman Ty-Nica Davis has had to live with the pressure of a family rich in track and field history.

Ty-Nica's mother, Shelia, was a four-time Kentucky state champion in the hurdles at Western Kentucky. Her older sister, Tineisha, is a four-time SIU senior high jumper Latrice Gray was named an All-American for her showing at nationals and is the first Saluki female track athlete to receive the honor in 13 years.

Davis places fifth at USA Track and Field Championships

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And the No. 1 pick is...

Ladies and Gentlemen, with the first pick of the 2003 NBA Draft, the Cleveland Cavaliers select the 6-11 forward from Kentucky State University, Ty-Nice Davis.

While that name may look impossible to say, it is actually not that hard.

It is pronounced "Slava Bob."

All the other letters are there.

Now before you start yelling at me about not being able to find a scouting report on Slava Bob, let me tell you, he does not exist.

Slava Bob is simply a made-up name in my head to symbolize the increase of European players entering the draft and pushing college players either into the second round or out of the draft altogether.

With the draft more hours away, there is little talk about college players such as Collison or Brian Cook or Joey Bell, who have been among the best players in the nation the last four years.

Instead, we are hearing names such as Slava Bob, an Amazonian for her showing.

If people in South America had a hard time pronouncing that name, Ty-Nica Davis seems to have made names. It is because they can play.

Davis' last name looks simple enough like that of Muni-Lamp. Ty-Nica Davis is pronounced Lamp-ay. It's pronounced Lamp-y.

These foreign players are not being drafted just because NBA teams think they have good names. It is because they can play.

The best draft deals such as Dirk Nowitzki, Pau Gasol and Yao Ming have been found landing other teams to search overseas in search of their own Ty-Nicas.

If teams choose not to go the foreign route, they will go the way of underclassmen declar

This year's draft class includes freshman Carmelo Anthony, who is guaranteed a top-three selection, sophomore Chris Andersen and Ty-Nica Davis.

"I was happy, especially when I heard about the family rich (hurdle) coach Connie Price-Smith," Shelia said. "I know she was in good hands with a women's track and field coach."

Shelia is cautious about her daughter's health, especially with Hurricane Katrina affecting her high school.

As both her middle school and high school coach, Shelia gave Ty-Nica Davis some valuable advice.

"Right now, she has to go to her middle school coach and say, 'Hey coach, I have to listen to her body and stay focused.'"

Ty-Nica does not miss Kentucky

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