University reaches settlement with GAU

KYLE SUTTON  
Daily Egyptian

A graduate assistant who filed a grievance against the SIU more than a year ago has reached a settlement.

Graduate Assistants United and the university reached a settlement stemming from a grievance filed against University Housing in November of 2012 by Kevin Ross, a graduate student from Pickneyville studying rehabilitation counseling.

In this instance, Ross worked under a 50 percent contract, which required him to work an average of 20 hours a week. Ross said he was asked to work on holidays as well as being on call and was not paid for over-time work.

“Part of the problem was no one was keeping track,” Ryg said. “He was being expected to work, in addition to the 20 hours in the office, on-call hours.”

By calculating the projected hours worked over the stipulated 20 hours per week, the GAU was able to calculate a fair settlement amount of $650.

The amount of $650 was ultimately agreed upon.

Ryg said it is important to have a union for graduate assistants.

“We need a union, because if we don’t, our rights, our wages and the conditions of our employment will deteriorate over time,” he said. “We only have power if we are working together.”

He said without the GAU, the grievance could have been dismissed.

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Community crafts lovely goods

LEWIS MARIEN  ·  DAILY EGYPTIAN

Nicole Kmietek, left, a junior from Chicago studying speech communication, shows a cell phone picture of Pandora jewelry that she wants to Cheryl Kiehna, of Herrin. Wednesday at Tickled Pink Boutique and Gift in Carbondale. Kmietek was looking for jewelry to give her mother for a Valentine’s Day present.

Tickled Pink Boutique and Gift owner Kelly Thornburg, of Carbondale, said Pandora jewelry is popular for Valentine’s Day.

Monica Meade Smith, owner of Cinnamon Lane in Murphysboro, prepares a bouquet of flowers Wednesday in preparation for Valentine’s Day.

Smith has been in the business for 30 years and opened Cinnamon Lane eight years ago. Smith said being able to work with her family every day is the best part of owning her own shop.

JAKE HAINES  ·  DAILY EGYPTIAN

Dale Clayton, of Marion, brushes red icing on heart shaped sugar cookies Wednesday at Larry’s House of Cakes in Carbondale. Clayton owns the bakery with his brothers David and Neal. “We ship everywhere, even overseas to soldiers stationed in other countries, and deliver locally,” Clayton said. Larry’s is open from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and is located in the Murdale Shopping Center.

DOMINGO MIChuaean makes a tres leches cake Wednesday at La Unica Bakery in Carbondale. Tres leches means three milks, and is a traditional Mexican cake. Favi Santos, a clerk at La Unica Bakery, said the cake is one of the most popular treats at the bakery. "The cake and chocolate covered strawberries are the biggest hit at the bakery," Santos said. “Tres leches is the signature cake and you can get many different fillings inside.”
Davis brings minority struggles to light

KIA SMITH  Daily Egyptian

Angela Davis, a political activist, will speak to students, staff, and faculty about her life in political activism Thursday at 6 p.m. at Shryock Auditorium.

Davis is known for her political activism on issues regarding race, gender, and class. Her main body of work is about the mistreatment of prisoners in the U.S.

"Most know Angela Davis as an iconic figure that is synonymous with her afro," Williams said. "This talk will give students a more intimate understanding of her past work and her current work, as well. I think students will benefit seeing Angela Davis because it will give students an opportunity to listen to her trials and tribulations, as well as her journey."

There are also students who are excited about the speech.

"It's amazing to actually see a Civil Rights icon and learn about what she does about the prison industrial complex," said Jovan Gastings, a junior studying intercultural communication from Chicago.

"I think it's important for students to see someone who stood up for gender rights and equal rights as a whole."

He said the university's large population of students from Chicago will benefit the most from the speech.

"SIU has a large body of Chicago students where the crime rate is heavy, and the amount of black males in prison is even heavier," he said. "Chicago students need to see hope. Our students aren't exposed to those types of people enough."

Davis is most known for involvement with the Black Panther Party, and raising awareness for other social issues such as gender equality and the prison-industrial complex.

Davis' support of prisoners began during the 1970 case of the Soledad Brothers: John W. Cluchette, Fleeta Drumgo and George Lester Jackson, who were inmates in Soledad Prison. They were accused of killing a prison guard after evidence showed several other African-American men were killed during a fight with a different guard.

Jackson attempted to escape from his trial in 1970 when his brother, Jonathan, broke into the courtroom with an automatic weapon. Several people in the courtroom were killed, and Davis was accused of orchestrating the entire ordeal.

Evidence showed the guns used were registered in her name. Davis spent roughly 18 months in jail, but was acquitted of all charges in June of 1972. Since then, she has been vocal about the mistreatment of prisoners, particularly minorities.

Williams said Davis was an important figure to him from an early age.

"Davis' work shapes and frames how I look at the prison-industrial complex. I'm interested in knowing how this system impacts men of color and what strategies and tools are available for them when they are released. I also look at how the prison-industrial complex affects children and communities when these men are taken away."

Williams said on average, many states invest more into prison than their education systems, including higher education.

Davis is the author of several books on this subject and researched the issue extensively.

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"Having my union made a world of difference. I was able to have someone back me up," he said. "Going in alone could have been disastrous."

The settlement represents collaboration between the GAU and the university moving forward, Rgy said.

"This settlement represents an instance where the interest of the graduate assistants and the university are the same," he said. "Moving forward, I hope to continue the partnership and the goodwill we have established so far."

Kevin Taylor, the GAU vice president for communications, said the settlement shows the administration is taking labor grievances seriously.

"It gives people like Kevin and other people who want to come forward an opportunity to have their voices heard," he said. "We are finding out they are not being retaliated against, which is really nice. So there is no fear in stepping forward."

Dennis Lunt, former grievance officer GAU, said 80 to 90 percent of grievances are handled quickly and informally. If the informal process does not produce a resolution, the grievance is moved to a formal procedure beginning with the chair or director of the department.

According to a union press release, this was "the first formal resolution in the 7-year existence of GAU."

If no resolution can be made, the grievance moves to the dean of the graduate school and, if necessary, the grievance moves to the provost and chancellor, as outlined in the agreement.

The formal grievance procedure has a timeline attached to keep the discussion on the table. Lunt said.

"What's nice about the process is it keeps everyone moving," he said. "It doesn't let any party ignore the issues."

Jon Shaffer, director of University Housing, and Susan Ford, interim dean of the graduate school, have agreed to a "memorandum of understanding" with the GAU.

This "memorandum of understanding" is a temporary set of rules until the next round of collective bargaining between the university and the GAU.

The document outlines limitations for on-call hours for graduate assistants working for University Housing. An area complex director under a 50 percent contract with an average of 20 hours per week will receive free paid hours for being on-call and cannot be on-call for more than one week in a three-week period.

James Anderson, the GAU steward for the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, said the "memorandum of understanding" was one of the more important products of the settlement.

"It put limits on those on-call hours," he said. "It spelled out some limits to prevent this sort of thing from happening again in the future."

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District candidates voice their stances

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Bob White is one of two Republican candidates vying for the Republican nomination for State Representative in Illinois' 115 District.


White graduated from SIU in 1996 with a degree in marketing. His wife, Kristina, started the same year with a degree in business chemistry. The two live in Mount Vernon.

White said he is running because he has witnessed first-hand the struggles of growing a business in Illinois.

White deals with issues not only as a small business owner, but also on a larger scale as chairman of the Jefferson County Board. He was elected in 2008, became chairman in 2010 and was reelected in 2012.

"We need a strong advocate who's going to work to help both," he said. "I believe I'm very best suited with both my public and private experience."

White said he is not a beneficiary of patronage or eligible for a taxpayer paid pension. If elected, White said he will get things done instead of trying to gain political capital.

Hydraulic fracturing
White supports fracking by responsible means. He said the method could produce billions of dollars of oil revenue.

"We have the means to be completely independent of foreign oil, which would be great when it comes to national security," he said. "I do realize that there are some environmentalists who are concerned with the process or the methods, and I think that that has to be watched and monitored closely."

White said he will not just put off these issues and will address environmentalists' concerns.

Marijuana legalization
White said while the bill has been passed for legal medical marijuana, some are concerned this will lead to public legalization. He said he is for the responsible legalization of medical marijuana.

White said he does not believe the people in the 115th district would support the full legalization of marijuana.

"If I'm seeking to be the representative of their views and their opinions down here, then that's not something I would be seeking to get passed," he said.

Small business/local business
White is the owner of Bob White Insurance Agency LLC, a small business he and his wife started in 2003. White said he specializes in small family-owned businesses.

"With all of the unfunded mandates, regulations and high tax rates and everything else that's preventing them from growing, it's a frustration for me because it affects my business as well as the clients that I serve," he said.

Pension Bill
White said he appreciated the government making an attempt at the pension bill, but the "kick the can down the road" strategy could fail in court.

"They're going to have to come back and they're really going to have to be honest about what the problems are and what the solutions are," he said. "Recently, you saw Governor Quinn hold raises for the Department of Corrections contract and they took him in court and they processed a lot of money."

White said these kinds of actions harm the attempt to reduce expenses.

Monetary Award Program grants
White said he does support MAP grants, and higher education is important to him.

He said he and his brother both used GI Bills while working full time to get through college.

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MATT DARAY
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Terri Bryant is one of two Republican candidates seeking the Republican nomination for the 115 District seat in the Illinois House of Representatives.

She has strong opinions on major areas of concern in Illinois including fracking, pension reform and budget issues.

Bryant, a 20 year veteran of the Illinois Department of Corrections is a mother of two and lives in Murphysboro.

She said her interest in politics has been a life-long passion.

"I guess I've been interested in politics all my life," she said. "In fact, the day Nixon resigned, I was in middle school. I was in the middle of a softball game … as soon as they said Nixon was going to resign, I collected up all my equipment … and ran home to watch the news."

She said she became more interested in politics in 2007 when she opposed a proposal for safety tax. Bryant became involved with the Illinois Lincoln Excellence in Public Service Series to help her improve her public speaking.

Bryant also served as the Illinois GOP Coordinator for Coalitions for three years, a position where she learned to bring opposing viewpoints to the table and discuss their differences.

"I felt like I was the most qualified person in this district to run," she said. "I've been active in state-wide politics. I've been very engaged in what goes on in state governments with the Department of Corrections. I've seen firsthand all the waste that goes on in state government and I really believe that I'm the one who can bring small business as well as public service together at the same table."

She said she thinks fracking regulations are very strong at this time and the regulations have provided a safe way to frack without hurting the environment.

"If we can handle a situation correctly and carefully, and I think that that has to be the case for the state. And fracking isn't just about the fracking jobs and sinking the well. It's about the collateral and peripheral jobs that come."

Marijuana legalization
Bryant said she does not believe marijuana should be legalized for recreational use, but does support the drug for medical purposes.

Small business/Workman Compensation
Bryant said workman's compensation reform is not a popular topic, but dealing with fraud in the system could help benefit small businesses statewide.

"If we can get a handle on workman's (compensation) fraud, then I think we can help to reduce workman's comp rate, it will help draw some small businesses in and it will give a relief to a small business owner," she said.

Taxes
Bryant said the temporary tax increases on small business owners are hurting them and Bryant wants to find a way to remove the tax or let it die.

Illinois budget issues
Bryant said big changes must be made to the budget to turn around, but these changes will take time to implement.

People look at the budget and say, 'Well, that's only a hundred thousand dollars. That's only going to make a small dent,'" she said. When you add a hundred thousand here and a hundred thousand there, it starts to create a pretty good sized fix.

Pension Bill
Bryant said she opposed the recently passed pension reform bill.

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However, White said he has seen times when a student will receive a MAP Grant and then not complete the semester, and they do not need to pay it back. “The first week of the semester, especially the fall semester, there’s hardly ever a parking spot,” he said. “But after about four weeks, you start seeing plenty more parking spots because now the minimum required time to go to school is past and you start seeing people drop classes.”

Affordable Care Act

White said he does not support the Affordable Care Act and it is failing miserably. He said government employees frequently ask him for help enrolling in the marketplace. “Anybody I talk to is bitter about this, the ones who are actually paying for their premium and don’t have premiums printed off yet, they’re seeing their cost go up anywhere between 10 percent to 30 percent on average and their deductibles are doubling,” he said. “How is that affordable?”

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — A federal judge ruled Wednesday that Kentucky must recognize same-sex marriages performed in other states, part of an unprecedented barrage of marriage-equality lawsuits in states where voters have overwhelmingly opposed recognition of gay and lesbian couples.

U.S. District Judge John G. Heyburn II struck down part of the gay-marriage ban that Kentuckians had approved in 2004, saying it treated gays and lesbians “in a way that demeans them.” “Assigning a religious or traditional rationale for a law does not make it constitutional when that law discriminates against a class of people without other reasons,” wrote Heyburn, an appointee of Republican President George H.W. Bush. His decision coincided with legal attacks Wednesday on gay-marriage bans in three other socially conservative states — Texas, Louisiana and Missouri — and was issued just a few weeks after federal judges in Utah and Oklahoma struck down the voter-approved bans in those states.

Gay-marriage backers win in Ky.

According to the advocacy group Freedom to Marry, there are now 45 pending marriage-equality cases in 24 of the 33 states that do not allow same-sex marriage. Seventeen states and the District of Columbia have legalized such unions, while three other states — Colorado, Nevada and Oregon — grant marriage-like rights through civil unions or domestic partnerships.
While "Her" projects Twombly's objectum-sexual relationship with Samantha, it also forces the audience to contemplate the expanding technological landscape and how it affects interpersonal relationships.

— Dylan Frost

The un-love triangle

The stars of "Last of the Red Hot Lovers," from left to right, Shelley Hill, Kate Burns, Darcy Kriegsman, and Eric Billingsley receive feedback from Director Lee Brackett monday at the varsity center for the arts. The rehearsal was the first in which actors had costume changes without being able to speak. If Spike Jonze’s melancholy romance film "Her" reaches the audience anything, it's that love is often complicated. Set in the not-so-distant future, "Her" concerns Theodore Twombly (Joaquin Phoenix), who deals with extreme emotional anguish during a divorce. Twombly becomes progressively isolated and relies on his operating system (voice by Scarlett Johansson) — much like the iPhone's Siri — for social support and personal assistance. His device, named Samantha, has a range of humanistic emotions and desires, helping Twombly connect on a personal level.

Although not directly addressed in "Her," Twombly's affection for Samantha describes a sexual preference called objectum sexuality or objectophilia. Objectophilia is an orientation assigned to someone who has strong emotional or sexual desires for an inanimate object, and usually just one object.

Perhaps the most documented objectum-sexual is Erika Eiffel—the woman who married the Eiffel Tower in 2007. Eiffel is from San Francisco but she flew to France to have a marriage ceremony with Paris’s great landmark, inheriting the tower’s name as a result. Eiffel is also a world champion at archery and once was in love with her crossbow, Lance.

It may seem peculiar humans could be in love with inanimate objects, but clinical sexologist Dr. Amy Marsh, of Albany, Calif. said there are several mistaken notions about the objectophilia community. “Common misconceptions include ideas that the objectum-sexuals are crazy or delusional, sexually traumatized and don't like people,” Marsh said. “The small group of people I surveyed — 24 English-speaking members of OS (Objectum-Sexuality) Internationale in 2009 — did not show evidence of the above beyond what you'd find in any group.”

Marsh said only two or three people surveyed had past history of sexual trauma, a statistic consistent with the general American population. No one reported diagnoses of delusional psychiatric conditions, she said.

There was one case of Tourette's syndrome among the group, a few people who reported symptoms of depression, PTSD and anxiety and a fairly high incidence of autism diagnoses or self-diagnosed autism. Marsh said the idea that objectum-sexuals do not like other people is false. “OS people generally seem to like other human beings just fine, but not as sexual or romantic partners,” Marsh said. “However, they are also aware of the human proclivity to make fun of their relationships.”

Marsh’s study began as a self-funded project and was the first of its kind. She was intrigued by the connection between objectum sexuality and autism. “It was clear, based on the community's lived experiences, that they were reporting full-blown romantic, affectionate, and in some cases, sexual relationships with their objects," Marsh said.

Part of this relationship maintenance is making sure both sides put in the effort. Graham said he sits down with his partner every six months to discuss what's going well and what's not working so well in their relationship, a talk he calls the State of the Relationships Address. “It's a time to sit down and formally talk about important things in your relationship,” Graham said. “We all think we're doing that, but sometimes we skip out on some of it.”

The address serves as a deal breaker, he said. If the problems cannot be resolved through the interpersonal dialogue, then it might be a call to separate. The discussions could include serious issues like sex, work, children or finances, but Graham said it is usually day-to-day issues like toilet seat conversations.

And while the communication becomes heart-heavy at times, affection should be paid forward, he said. “Important parts also to talk about are the things that you think are going well,” Graham said. “So it’s not just a time to bemoan the other’s flaws, but also to say ‘these are the things that I love about you.’”
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Pinch Penny Pub
Pint Night

Hangar 9
Dogfish Head Tap Take Over @ 5 p.m.
Pizza Party hosted by Little Pizza FREE @ 9 p.m.

Tres Hombres
Los Tigres Del Pantano @ 10 p.m.

The Grotto Lounge
Live Jazz w/ Coulter, Goot and Wall @ 7 p.m.

Student Center
SPC Films Presents: Romeo and Juliet @ 7 p.m. $2 SIU Students w/ ID $3 General Public $2 Children Bowling & Billiards: Cosmic Bowling @ 8 - 11 p.m.
Craft Shop: Ceramics @ 6 - 8 p.m. $30 Students, $40 Public
Craft Shop: Stained Glass @ 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. $30 Students, $40 Public
Missouri Room: Difference Dialogues @ 12 - 1 p.m.

Shryock Auditorium
Guest Speaker Angela Davis @ 6:30 - 9 p.m.

Student Health Center
Wellness Workshop: Spring Break “Fit” Your Body Thursday @ 3 - 4 p.m.

Edward J. Shea Natatorium
Women’s Swimming and Diving @ 2 p.m.

Friday 14

Tres Hombres
The Whistle Pigs and The Hooten Hollers @ 10 p.m.

The Grotto Lounge
Special Valentine’s Day Dinner @ 4 p.m.

Copper Dragon
Murphy500 W/ Hollie Hiller @ 10:45 p.m. $5

Hangar 9
Valentine’s Day Extravaganza w/ VZT2 Cabaret and TAWL Paul @ 9 p.m. $5

Curbside
Little Red Dress Valentine’s Party w/ Gin House Jazz & Blues @ 7 p.m.

Rustle Hill Winery
Breedon, Bradley and Maze @ 7 p.m.

Von Jakob Vineyard
Valentine’s Dinner

Student Center
SPC Films Presents: Romeo and Juliet @ 7 and 9:30 p.m. $2 SIU Students w/ ID $3 General Public $2 Children Bowling & Billiards: School Spirit Day @ 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center
Vavaldi for Valentine’s Day @ 6 p.m.

Garden Grove Event Center
SIU Men’s Tennis vs Austin Peay @ 2 p.m.

Edward J. Shea Natatorium
Women’s Swimming and Diving @ 2 p.m.

Saturday 15

Tres Hombres
Mr. Swamp Fox @ 9 p.m.

Hangar 9
Lupercalia featuring Hobo Knife and Kentucky Knife Fight @ 8 p.m. $5

Copper Dragon
Wedding Banned @ 10 p.m. $5

Rustle Hill Winery
Todd Pearson @ 2 p.m.
Ivas John duo @ 6 p.m.
Von Jakob Vineyard
One Night Stand @ 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Valentine’s Dinner

Larry Dillard @ 3

Student Center
SQC Films Presents: Romeo and Juliet @ 7 and 9:30 p.m.
$2 SIU Students w/ ID $3 General Public $2 Children
Mini Zen Rock Garden 1 - 3 p.m. $10 Students $15 Others
Student Center Ballroom D: Drag Show: Eat Your Heart Out @ 7:30 p.m. $5

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The Grotto Lounge
Home-Style Comfort Food Sunday

Blue Sky Winery
Carlos Alberto (Classical Flamenco) @ 2 - 5 p.m.

Von Jakob Vineyard
Dave Caputo Duo @ 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Starview Winery
King Iuba @ 1 p.m.

Student Center
Bowling and Billiards Sunday Funday @ 1 - 5 p.m.
$5 groups of 12 or more

Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship
A Time of War with the Southern Illinois Chamber Music Society @ 3 p.m.

Garden Grove Event Center
SIU Women’s Tennis vs Murray State @ 1 p.m.

Monday

Student Center
Monday Night Bowling League @ 6:30 - 9 p.m.
The Student Center Ballroom A: Black Men’s Initiative Lecture Series Luncheon: Senator Roland Burris

SIU Recreation Center
Open House @ 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Tuesday

Tres Hombres
Open Jazz Jam w/ SIU Jazz Combo @ 9 p.m.

Student Center
Bowling and Billiards Food Night @ 5 - 8 p.m. $8
Auditorium: 36th Big Muddy Film Festival at 5 p.m.

Old Baptist Foundation
Allen Adcock Graduate Saxophone Recital @ 7:30 p.m.

Student Services Building
SUIT0130 - 160 Documentary: “Marines of Montford Point, Fighting for Freedom” Facilitated by Mr. Alfred Jackson @ 5 - 7 p.m.
SUIT0179: Employer Mock Interviews @ 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

SIU Arena
SIU Men’s Basketball vs Bradley @ 7:05 p.m.

Wednesday

The Grotto Lounge
Prime Rib Night

Student Health Center
Wellness Workshop: How To Be A Sleep Pro @ 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Student Center
Bowling and Billiards Dollar Night @ 7 - 11 p.m.
$1 bowling games and $1 shoe
Auditorium: 36th Big Muddy Film Festival at 5 p.m.
Mackinaw Room: Discussion: “From Hitler and Von: Journeys of Black Faculty at SIU Carbondale” Facilitated by Mr. Philip Howze @ 6 - 9 p.m.

Thursday

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King Iuba @ 1 p.m.

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Professor writes course textbook

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An SIU professor awaits the release of his new scientific textbook.

Donald Sparling, an associate professor in the Department of Cooperative Wildlife Research and Zoology, said the book is designed for the Zoology 464 Wildlife Administration course.

Sparling has taught the course for 10 years and never had a textbook specifically for the class.

"It is filled in an empty niche... there is absolutely no book for this course or similar courses like it," he said. "It needed to be done."

The book is entitled "Natural Resource Administration: Wildlife, Fisheries, Forests and Parks." Academic Press will publish the book in early March. Sparling said there is not an exact date, but it should released in six weeks.

Sparling said the 325-page textbook focuses on various federal and state agencies involved in conservation and administration of resources.

"I wanted to focus in on renewable resources rather than non-renewable resources like oil and minerals because that gets to be very monetarily oriented and very international," he said.

"Whereas the renewable resources are not quite so complex." Sparling said the book discusses the history and legal aspects of natural resource administration.

He said it took Sparling a year to write the book. He decided write the book after three year of teaching the course.

"The course is particularly important because the wildlife society has a certification program for professional wildlife biologists, and part of the course work they need to take is some sort of course in natural resource administration," he said.

Sparling said he is using one of the chapters in class and the students enjoy it. He said he has been senior editor for four previous publications, but this was the first work completely written alone.

Sparling said he worked for the federal government for 23 years before becoming a professor at the university.

"I worked with state agencies during my period of time and for the ten years that I've been here, I've been working with states and teaching the course," he said. "In the cooperative wildlife research laboratory here, we have a very close working relationship with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources."

The paperback version is available for pre-order on Amazon and Barnes & Noble for roughly $60.

Sparling said he is will retire next year and hopes someone will take over teaching the course and use his book.

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International food fair spices things up

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The smell of foods from around the world filled the Student Center Wednesday as the International Student Council held its 52nd annual food fair.

The fair featured cuisines from 12 different Registered Student Organizations representing countries including Malaysia, Iran, Bangladesh, and Nepal, among others.

Tickets were sold at the door for 50 cents. Patrons were given tickets to trade for food, and all profits went to the RSOs.

Jana Simonis, a doctoral student in communication studies from Germany and coordinator of the fair, said the fair was one of the largest events the International Council hosts.

"I was really excited and nervous about it too," she said. "But I think so far I've gotten great feedback from a lot of people and it's really just an amazing turn out."

Nina Marhamati, a doctoral student in computer science from Iran, said the theme of the fair, "Building Bridges Across Cultures," was very meaningful to her.

"People can see friendly faces and they can see that people from other countries can be also friendly and connect well for a very short time," she said.

Nur Athirah Khairuddin, a senior from Malaysia studying mechanical engineering, said the smell of the satay with peanut sauce reminded her of when she was a girl. Every year, her family would have a feast after fasting for 30 days.

"Whenever we cook it, it always reminds me of my family, ever since I was a kid," she said.

Leo Makhdoom, a graduate student in health education from Turkey, said the important part was to keep the focus on diversity and on the students.

"As a part of the International Student Council, we want our international students to come up, show off their culture, show off their recipes, show off their colors, what they are capable of and how nice they are and change the stereotype basically," he said.

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Salukis travel south for first eight games

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Daily Egyptian

Cold weather has denied the Saluki baseball team as much practice time on the new field as they would like; however, the season must start as scheduled. The Salukis have their first games of the season this weekend at Western Kentucky University.

Coach Ken Henderson said he has a good idea about the majority of the lineup, but some spots are still up for grabs. The team has five outfielders on the roster and they will all get opportunities to play. The team has a few different options at third base as well. Henderson said the players who play well will earn those spots. "We have some battles going on," Henderson said. "It's a good thing, we have depth."

Henderson said seniors Ryan Gaalas, Cody Daily, Matt Jones and Jake Welch will get a lot of playing time, but there are still early questions to answer. Welch was named the All-MVC preseason shortstop. Southern Illinois weather has been a burden for the Salukis. Henderson said he wanted to practice on the field as much as possible in the allotted time. The team has had multiple practices at the Garden Grove Event Center during the past three weeks.

"Our kids have done a tremendous job of staying positive and doing everything we've asked them to do inside," Henderson said. "The recent bad weather in Bowling Green, Ky., is a high of 46 degrees and a low of 23 degrees for the upcoming weekend with a percent chance of precipitation Friday. "It's going to be a cold one," Jones said.

Jones had a .310 batting average last season and said this group works together better than any team he has seen.

"The chemistry is pretty good," Jones said. "Everyone gets along, which is different from last year. We were kind of cliquey."

Henderson said he goes into every game expecting to win, but at this point in the season nobody knows in reality anything about their opponents. He said for now the team needs to focus on throwing strikes, battling at the plate and making every routine play.

This weekend's starting pitchers will be senior Todd Eaton, junior Sam Casillas and junior Aaron Hug. Pitching coach PJ Finigan said they will the team the best chance to win because they are upperclassmen.

"The team has had the ground running," Finigan said. "I don't think there should be any growing pains."" (Continued from previous page)

Hug also said the club, on top of safety, teaches environmental responsibility, provides a friendship circle for students and even looks good on a student’s resume because of the “Leave No Trace” training certificate students can get for joining.

"It’s all about the outdoor ethics and how you should act and how to be responsible in the outdoors," Hug said. "We need to be responsible out there now to [prevent from future] our impact on the climbing site. Keep a minimal impact and just leave no trace.

The club meets Wednesdays, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. with a meeting from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center.
For the first time in my life, I shaved my legs. Of course, there is a reason for a 19-year-old male to do this. I had challenged senior swimmer Pamela Benitez to a freestyle swimming race. I had heard shaving can help swimmers better their times from covering the team. It gives them a fresh layer of skin, which is hypersensitive to water and causes the swimmer to go faster.

Benitez’s resume includes: Olympian from her home country, El Salvador, two-time Missouri Valley Conference Champion, eight-time MVC Swimmer of the week, one-time MVC Scholar-Athlete of the week, two-time First Team all-MVC selection and a member of the MVC Scholar-Athlete team. Mine is a bit shorter: A good standing grade point average, two semesters as a sports reporter and no competitive swimming … ever.

In Rick Walker’s 27-year tenure as SIU’s swimming coach, I became the first reporter to ever challenge one of his swimmers to a race. In a 25-yard freestyle event, I finished roughly four seconds behind Benitez, even with shaved legs. Of course, I was not wearing a swim cap and my swim trunks put up a lot of resistance, but it was not even close. And not worth shaving my legs. When Walker first said it would be 25 yards, I felt cheated; I would not get to do a flip turn, even though I didn’t know how. He looked me in the eye and told me I could not handle any more. I concurred.

After 25 yards, it took about 15 seconds to get my breath back. Benitez jumped right back in the pool. Walker said the team goes back and forth dozens of times every day without complaining. It was only about a week before our competition that I learned how to dive in properly. I did about 10 pushups and sit-ups before the start of the race. It wasn’t enough. My dive looked choppy and my workout had not given me the rock solid body I was looking for. Even if I really thought I had a chance, I knew it was over right after the whistle blew. Benitez was already about five yards ahead of me doing a flawless dolphin kick. I dove underwater and did a basic breaststroke, so my only hope was to surface and give it my all.

At the finish line, Walker said I came close to winning because he graciously called it second place instead of losing. That’s my story, and I’m sticking to it. I’m also going to keep covering the swim team, which has been a pleasure and honor. The whole team has always been polite while sparing their time.

In reality, the entire swimming and diving team is impressive in many ways. Roughly a quarter of the team holds a 4.0 grade point average from the fall semester. 90 percent of the team had grade point averages of 3.0 or higher. Walker said he would brag about swimmers’ grades before their times in the pool.

Also, 17 team members are from foreign countries, including Benitez. English is not even Benitez’s primary language, yet she holds a 3.71 GPA in marketing. Benitez said she typically wakes up at 5:30 a.m. for 6 a.m. practice. Waking up that early would cause me to roll into the pool and request a raft to nap on. Her tips to success are to write out lists of things that need to get done and focus on one thing at a time. Whether or not you take that advice, you have to admit Pamela Benitez and the entire swimming and diving team are pretty special people.

That was also the last time I’ll ever shave my legs. Aaron Graff can be contacted at Agraff@dailyegyptian.com or 536-3311 ext. 269.