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## Records state slain student sold drugs, owed cash to drug dealers

BRETT NAUMAN  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU student that was fatally shot last month was dealing cannabis out of his home and owed suppliers in-town drug money from a shipment he received, according to Jackson County court documents.

The documents revealed Marcus Thomas was shot on March 17 in his lower right back with a small caliber gun, a detail police have not released. Thomas' body was found less than two blocks from his home. The DAILY EGYPTIAN on Tuesday obtained the documents, which are filed in the Jackson County Circuit Clerk's office and were signed and prepared by State's Attorney Mike Wepsiec.

The documents stated a blood trail on South Marion Street indicated Thomas was shot near his home and wandered to the apartment where he was discovered on the living

room floor by a woman who did not know him.

Carbondale Police Chief R.T. Finney said he did not understand why the information was filed as a public record at the courthouse because no one has been arrested in Thomas' death. Because the information is part of a pending investigation he said he was unable to comment on it.

"Understand that these are investigative leads that have not fully developed yet," Finney said. "For me to comment on those leads could jeopardize the case."



Thomas  
death unsolved

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## Chancellor says proposed 5-percent tuition ante reflects SIU's new image

KATE MCCANN  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Tuition for full-time students may be jacked up 5 percent during the 2002-2003 school year, if approved by the Board of Trustees.

The board will vote on the recommendation made by SIU President James Walker at its Thursday meeting. If approved, it will discard a pre-existing plan to raise tuition 3 percent per year for the next three years.

Interim Chancellor John Jackson said, the possible tuition hike will represent a veer away from the SIUC bargain-basement image.

"This is a significant shift of emphasis from what has been the prevailing philosophical opinion — make us as cheap as possible," Jackson

said.

Instead, the new plan will allow SIUC to become a more quality research and doctoral institution.

"Being labeled the most economical is not advantageous to a doctoral and research institution," Jackson said.

SIUC is at the bottom of the tuition barrel in comparison with the five public doctoral and research institutions in the state, which include both University of Illinois campuses, Northern Illinois University and Illinois State University.

"There is no advantage to

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### BOT Meeting

The BOT meeting will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in Student Center Ballroom B.

## Saluki Rainbow Network's 30th Anniversary

# Finding Tolerance at the end of their Rainbow



JESSICA KOLA - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Pamela Sumner, a lawyer from Oak Park, spoke to students and community members Monday in the Lesar Law Auditorium. Sumner, a strong advocate for civil rights, focused on prayer in schools and the Bush administration.

## 'Here and queer,' SIU's gays have an organization that cares

ANDREA DONALDSON  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Matt Stovey says the Saluki Rainbow Network is usually a little less public and behind closed doors however as part of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Awareness Week, the group is out to be seen and promoted.

Celebrating its 30th year as a Registered Student Organization, the group is sponsoring many events throughout the week to let people know that it does exist.

As Stovey said, "We're here, we're queer."

"A lot of people don't even know we exist. This is a week where we can be visible without being too subversive," said Stovey, an undecided junior from Belleville and Rainbow Network president.

Stovey said the group is available to all students on campus and is especially helpful for those students who are struggling with their sexuality.

"Our main message is that we want people to know we're available for them and that we're a safe place," he said.

The Saluki Rainbow Network has been on campus for 30 years in some form. It began in 1971 as the Gay People's Union. The name was eventually altered to the Gay and Lesbian People's Union to include both sexes. It later became known as Gay, Lesbian, Bisexuals and Friends, and in April 1999 the group changed its name to the Saluki Rainbow Network.

Stovey said nationally, Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Awareness Week is celebrated in June to commemorate the 1969 riots at Stonewall Inn, a rebellion that began when police raided a New York gay bar. The event started the gay liberation movement, and is celebrated annually with bands, parades and speakers. Stovey said the Rainbow Network is celebrating it now because of its 30-year anniversary.

The organization had a guest speaker Monday evening — Pamela Sumner, a lawyer for the Gay and Lesbian Project of the American Civil Liberties Union — who spoke about the infringement of civil liberties in the United States.

Sumner, originally from Birmingham, Ala., has worked on some of the largest school prayer cases in the country. She

laughed as she said that the country is in the middle of the "Alabamaification of America." Explaining this comment, Sumner said that Alabama's governor is a devout Christian and has tried to pass school prayer statutes for many years.

She criticized President George W. Bush, saying that he is following in these tracks with ideas about faith-based positions and a school prayer amendment.

"President Bush's spokesman said that religious organizations should be allowed to discriminate in hiring even if they are given federal funds," she said.

Sumner urged the 20-some students and community members in attendance to get involved in making their opinions heard and fighting for their rights.

"It may be time that lawyers like me are not going to be fighting battles like these anymore," she said. "I have a lot more courage in you — a group that has been here at SIUC for 30 years — than in the courts."

Edith Spees, of Carbondale, said she came to hear Sumner because she thinks civil rights are becoming endangered.

"All my life I've been a minority of one way or another [being from a small town and a woman]," she said. "I have a sense of how all people need to respect each other."

The Rainbow Network also co-sponsored a performance Tuesday by the Gestic Theater Co. The intervention theater performance looked at racism, sexism and homophobia.

Rainbow Network will also show movies in the Student Center throughout the week. At 7 p.m. Wednesday, "But I'm a Cheerleader," will show and at 7 p.m. Thursday, "The Celluloid Closet," will be shown, both in the Thebes room. The group will also be painting the rocks by the Recreation Center and decorating a display case in the Student Center.

The group, which meets at 5:30 every Wednesday in the Troy Corinth room of the Student Center, is open to everyone. Stovey said all people invited are as long as they are open-minded.

"We provide activities and support and fun for anyone who wants to come," he said.

### Rainbow Networking

The Saluki Rainbow Network meets at 5:30 every Wednesday in the Troy Corinth room of the Student Center. For more information contact Matt Stovey at salukirainbow@hotmail.com

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**BOT**

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being at the bottom," Jackson said. "We need to be more competitive and the only way to be more competitive is to get more money in the system."

Jackson instigated the tuition hike plan during the tenure of interim President Frank Horton, but the plan was approved by Walker.

Even with the tuition hike, Jackson said SIU will rank in the middle in terms of tuition for all 12 public schools in Illinois. SIUC will remain at the tail end as far as overall tuition costs compared to the other research schools in state.

The 3-percent tuition hike for 2001-2002 school year will remain in place. There is some speculation that the 2003-2004 and 2004-2005 school years could warrant a 6 or 7 percent hike, but it is too premature for definite numbers.

Other board agenda items include voting on the campus land-use plan, which

*There is no advantage to being at the bottom. We need to be competitive and the only way to be more competitive is to get more money in the system.*

John Jackson  
 SIUC chancellor

would entail a long-term revamp of the SIUC campus ranging from student housing to a brand new state-of-the-art football stadium. The board will also discuss a possible \$10.50 increase to the Student Activity fee, \$5.50 of which would be geared toward fine arts.

The board will also discuss the possibility of awarding contracts to resurface McAndrew Stadium and allowing structural repairs on the North Pedestrian Overpass.

**THOMAS**

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The documents stated that police discovered plastic bags at Thomas' home, 300 E. College Ave. and that one of his roommates confirmed his involvement in dealing cannabis.

"Intelligence" from a confidential source familiar with the cannabis trade in Carbondale told police that Thomas owed local suppliers money, according to the documents.

In addition to the new details, the documents revealed that police have subpoenaed phone records from Thomas' home and electronic messages from his SIU e-mail account. Verizon Legal Compliance and SIU

Information Technology have until April 25 to turn over the requested information. The documents stated that police think studying the messages will further their investigation by revealing Thomas' role in the Carbondale drug arena.

In other documents examined by the DAILY EGYPTIAN, it was learned that Thomas was charged with theft of less than \$300 in February. The case was still pending when he was murdered. Thomas was accused of stealing roommate's ATM card and using it to withdraw money from Old National Bank.

The charges of theft were dropped by Wepsiec two days after Thomas was discovered.

Police are still continuing to investigate Thomas' death. Anyone with information about the crime can call 549-COPS.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**TODAY**

Public Relations Student Society of America Meeting 4:30 p.m.  
 Cambria Room-Student Center

**College Republicans**

Meeting 5 p.m.  
 Thebes Room-Student Center

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Communications Building, Room 1247, or faxed to 453-8244. No calendar information will be taken over the phone.

**WEATHER**



**TODAY:**  
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 High: 76  
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**THURSDAY:**  
 Windy  
 High: 72  
 Low: 54



**FRIDAY:**  
 Mostly Cloudy  
 High: 71  
 Low: 48

**POLICE BLOTTER**

**UNIVERSITY**

• An aggravated battery was reported to have occurred at 9:20 p.m. Thursday at the SIU Arena during the Godsmack concert. The victim told police his assailant struck him from behind, striking his eye. The victim and the assailant are reported to have had prior contact. SIUC Police have referred the case to the State's Attorney's Office for consideration of charges.

• Jessica M. Jones, 19, of Carbondale was arrested at 3:55 p.m. Sunday in the Mae Smith Circle near Schneider Hall and charged with criminal trespass to a motor vehicle. Jones was released on a personal recognizance bond.

• Ryan C. Jung, 19, of Belleville was arrested at 3:55 p.m. Sunday in the Mae Smith Circle near Schneider Hall and charged with criminal damage to property, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of under 30 grams of cannabis. Jung was released after posting a \$100 cash bond.

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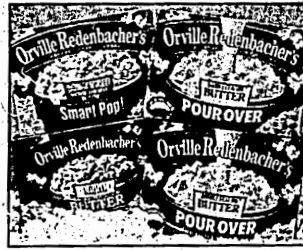


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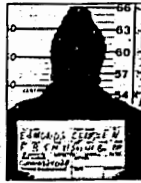
# Midwest defendants delay prelim

Trio accused of Midwest Cash robbery, Cristaudo murder yet to arrange legal counsel

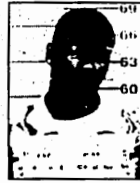
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Andrews



Edmonds



Moore

MURPHYSBORO — The three suspects charged with murder after an armed robbery of Midwest Cash left a Carbondale woman dead delayed their court cases Tuesday to arrange for legal counsel.

Christopher M. Andrews, 20, Omar Moore, 19, and Chamille Edmonds, 19, appeared in the Jackson County Jail Courtroom, but had to reschedule their 9 a.m. preliminary hearing for the week of April 23 because they had not arranged legal counsel.

On March 24, Andrews and Robert Moore, 20, entered Midwest Cash, 1200 W. Main St., armed with guns and began demanding money and jewelry from Lucia Cristaudo, who managed the pawn shop.

After police arrived, trapping the gunmen in the store with 19 hostages, Cristaudo offered to

be their hostage and was forced into a vehicle outside of the store.

Andrews drove off in the vehicle and a high-speed police chase ensued, ending when he crashed into two trees on Lincoln Drive across from Pulliam Hall. Cristaudo and Coston both died from injuries sustained in the crash.

Moore was arrested later at his home after a police informant followed him from Midwest Cash following the robbery. Edmonds turned herself in at the Carbondale Police Department. All three were charged with three counts of first-degree murder.

State's Attorney Mike Wepsiec said although Moore and Edmonds are accessories they are still "legally accountable."

As the primary defendant, Andrews

appeared first in front of Circuit Judge David Watt. He was originally supposed to be represented by public defender Patricia Gross, but hired new legal counsel Monday. His lawyer was present in court, but was unprepared to represent him and without a license to practice law in Illinois.

Because Wepsiec has made it clear that he will seek the death penalty for Andrews, Watt agreed to the delay.

"I don't want to mess this case up from step one," Watt said.

After Andrews' hearing, Edmonds and Moore appeared without counsel and told Watt that their families are still trying to find them representation. Watt stipulated to all three that he would agree to the postponements, but that they would be "attributable to the defendant."

# Carbondale man found dead on bike path

Thomas Cameron died of natural causes, no autopsy planned

DAVID OSBORNE  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A Carbondale man found dead on the bicycle path near the 600 block of Lewis Lane Saturday died of natural causes.

Officers from the Carbondale Police Department responded to a "man down" call about 6:30 p.m. Saturday and found Thomas Cameron, 44, dead at the scene.

Carbondale police officer Dan Reed said there was no evidence to suggest foul play was involved in the death.

"There were no injuries," Reed said. "It looked like he just died right there."

Jackson County Deputy Coroner Tama Rawson confirmed natural causes as the official cause of death, saying Cameron had long standing health problems.

No autopsy or inquest is planned for Cameron.

# Judicial Board decides on candidates for spring elections

Ballot limited to three candidates, plus one write-in; two axed for GPA violations, pending election commission approval

CHRISTIAN HALE  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

With only one week to campaign, Undergraduate Student Government has arrived one step closer to determining official candidates for spring elections, pending approval by the election commission.

USG President Bill Archer, USG Senator Peter Normand and Michael Perry will be the

three presidential candidates on the ballot on April 18 because of a decision reached by the USG judicial board.

This comes following a Monday night judicial board hearing to interpret constitutional qualifications, as well as months of delay in ratifying official policies and guidelines concerning the election.

The election commission must make final calls on who this spring's official candidates, despite the judicial board's opinion.

The three contenders for president, Phillip Florey, Damion Campbell, and USG Senator Rob Taylor, were eliminated from appearing on the ballot after the judicial board reviewed three grievances.

The first case dealt with the board's determination the 2.25 grade point average requirement would stand for senators, as well as presidential and vice presidential candidates.

In the second case, Perry's request to switch

vice presidential candidates was denied.

In the third case, the board found Florey entered the race without a vice presidential candidate and would be allowed to run as a write-in.

The GPA qualification and Florey decision also impacted Campbell's and Taylor's campaigns.

Campbell filed his petition incorrectly, disqualifying him from being on the ballot. He is also in violation of the GPA requirement.

Taylor did not violate any petition guidelines, but after the election commission disqualifies his vice presidential candidate for GPA violations, Taylor may fall under the same ruling as Florey.

However, according to the candidate GPA information from the Office for Student Affairs and by the election commission, Taylor does not meet the GPA requirement.

With the USG presidential candidate debate at 7 tonight in Wham Room 105, the likely candidates participating will be Archer, Normand and Perry.

# Healing on line

Clothesline Project shares assault survivors' stories

EMILY OSTENDORF  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Women who once gathered at the clothesline to hang the week's wash gathered at the clothesline once again — this time to be cleaned.

Feelings of anger, guilt and shame are released by creating designs on T-shirts including a pink shirt that reads, "You penetrated my body — I had no control. I am still strong. I will work to stop the violence."

A white shirt has ripped underpants pinned to it and a message that reads, "When you raped me, this isn't all you're."

Another shirt shows that the process of healing will continue: "When Rachel hurts, I hurt. Being her boyfriend can be tough at times. I love her. I'll never give up. Being there for her is the most important thing."

These 200 T-shirts are part of the Clothesline Project, a nationwide undertaking locally sponsored by The Women's Center, displayed Tuesday afternoon in the Fanner Breezeway. The display was part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

T-shirts decorated by survivors of sexual assault, incest, domestic violence

and attack spurred by sexual orientation were displayed on a clothesline. This concept of hanging the T-shirts stems from the traditional practice of women exchanging information while pinning laundry to the line.

This time the conversation topic at the clothesline was surviving abuse.

Sara Schonauer, a senior in health education from Buffalo Grove, was one of the volunteers who answered questions as students walked among the colorful T-shirts waving like banners in the afternoon breeze.

The shirts are color-coded based on what the survivors have overcome. Yellow and beige shirts belong to survivors of domestic violence, red symbolizes victims of sexual assault, green and blue belong to survivors of incest or child sexual abuse and purple belongs to those who have been

attacked because of their sexual orientation. A few white shirts were also displayed. They were made by family members and friends in memory of women who died because of the violence they suffered.

Schonauer said the shirts help empower the survivors without them having to stand up and publicly share their story.

"It's a healing process for them," Schonauer said. "It breaks the silence. It says, 'This is real. It does happen.' And it becomes their living legacy."

Clients of The Women's Center have the option of making a shirt after



ALEX HANLUND — DAILY EGYPTIAN

More than 200 color coded T-shirts hang in Fanner's breezeway on Tuesday afternoon. These shirts were hung by the Women's Center to memorialize victims of sexual abuse, incest, and rape as part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

they have been counseled. For some victims, it takes a few days or weeks to work through trauma associated with assault. But some clients have been coming for 10 to 15 years, according to Lydia Waligorski, volunteer recruiter for The Women's Center.

And not all of the clients are women, either. Male victims have also displayed T-shirts.

When a victim goes to the hospital or police station following an assault, he or she may speak to a trained volunteer for immediate face-to-face interven-

tion. Service can continue with free counseling, legal and medical services, temporary shelter and children's programs.

The shirts are just one way The Women's Center aims to help survivors. "Each shirt is completely unique and tells its own story," Waligorski said.

While family and friends support the survivors, the shirts themselves educate the public and encourage those who might be afraid to tell their stories.

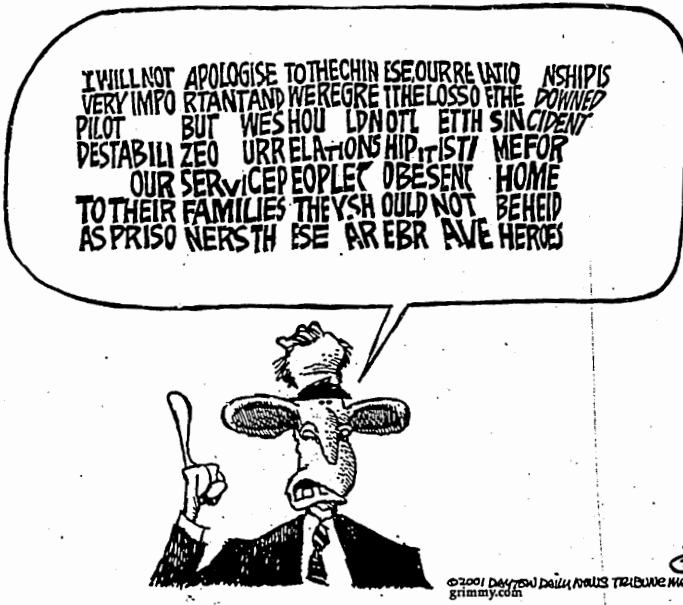
"There's a lot of power in the silence and once that's broken, you'll find that

you're not alone," said Schonauer. "The Women's Center is there."

## WOMEN'S CENTER

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**The Sino-American  
standoff – a sign of  
American arrogance**



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James Poniewozik, a columnist for Time, is reducing the stand-off of United States and China to mere semantics. He argues that the Bush administration is merely trying to create public support and nationalism in favor of not supplying an apology to the Chinese government for the loss of Wang Wei in a collision with a U.S. spy plane that landed at the Lingshui Airport, without permission from the Chinese side. He is absolutely right. The Bush administration is merely purporting their ideas of superiority both domestically and internationally behind the idea of an "America" — that is neither unified or fully knowledgeable about his motives.

According to a CNN broadcast stating the belief of Vietnam that the United States should take responsibility for the loss of Wang Wei, "the Communist Party's official newspaper, Nhan Dan, lashed out at Washington for portraying the U.S. spy plane incident in China as a humanitarian issue, even if the plane 'trespassed and landed illegally' at a Chinese airport. This is U.S. human rights!" Human rights from the point of view of the United States (or more precisely, the U.S. government) should be understood as having a full right to do what it wants — it's their right to enter and to spy. "No one can touch them," the paper said.

Many commentators and critics are looking at this incident as an accident and that's all. But a closer examination would lead itself to suspicion and doubt as to the goodwill of the U.S. government. The United States for decades has been guilty of imperialism, this we know, but in a situation that mandates someone is to blame, the United States seeks to lessen its responsibility. It is the loss of a life, but not an American life so Bush can say he is "regretful" and Colin Powell can say he feels "sorrow" but not issue a formal apology. And all the while the Bush administration elevates the holding of the 24 Americans to hostages, even when diplomats have said that the Americans are in good health, spirit, get plenty of exercise and can read American newspapers. Doesn't seem to be reminiscent of the Yugoslavian hostage situation Jesse Jackson helped resolve or those in the Middle East, does it?

We have to see this standoff as an example of U.S. dominance and belief that it can trample on the rights of others without any consequence. Foreign policy is saturated in this type of ideology and rhetoric that constantly seeks to lessen the power and international prestige of other nations.

The Bush administration is merely trying to extend his father's vision of a New World Order that establishes the United States at the top and this situation is an example of his arrogance and in many ways ignorance to the power dynamics of international relations. His rhetoric that "Every day that goes by increases the potential that our relations with China will be damaged." This is pitting conservatives against China by discussions involving the revoking of China's favorable trade status, opposition of the Chinese bid for the Olympics in 2008, and a halting in dialogue between the nations even though Bush is planning to sell Taiwan some destroyers with modern Aegis radar technology, even though China claims Taiwan as a colony of China.

"The Chinese view of the United States is quite suspicious," warns Bates Gill of the Brookings Institute. "They are not certain of what our strategic intention of them may be and any act that appears to be bullying — in their terms, hegemonic, unilateralist — is bound to stir up passions on their nationalist part of the public."

The motivation of the Bush administration is not good international politics — it's his dominance in the world over other ethnic peoples and their governments in the name of America.

MY NOMMO appears on Wednesday. Tommy is a senior in philosophy and political science. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

OUR WORD

**Fine arts fee is a fine idea**

Student fees are a lot like taxes. People like the programs they provide, but nobody wants to pay for them. That's why any mention of increasing the Student Activity Fee automatically causes a commotion on campus. The Board of Trustees will try their hand at tackling this thorny issue on Thursday before a final vote next month. While there has been much debate already on campus about the increase, including a back-and-forth on the amount, there is one portion of the fee increase that has had wide support from both students and administration alike — the \$5.50 referred to as the Fine Arts Fee.

The \$5.50 fee has been a point of debate since it will be presented to the board as part of a \$10.50 increase in the Student Activity Fee. Opponents say this will allow the University to skirt policies requiring that new fees be placed before a campus-wide referendum. Administrators answer that the Fine Arts fee would fall under the category of "social and cultural activities," and therefore would be appropriately placed under the Student Activity Fee.

The board will not be voting on

the fee issue until next month. However, the question of a referendum will be answered next week when USG elections take place. On the ballot, students will be asked whether they support a \$5.50 per semester increase in fees in order to fund fine arts programs. We see this as a real opportunity for SIUC to become a first-rate cultural institution and dispel some of the "party school" myths that have dogged this campus, and we encourage students to vote YES in support of the Fine Arts fee.

In any question about fees, one has to judge the benefits against the cost. For \$5.50 per semester, this fee would create a pool of resources that would bring nationally and internationally known artists, musicians, architects, filmmakers, designers and scholars to Carbondale. People such as Spike Lee and Martin Scorsese have been mentioned as examples of the caliber of personalities that would be involved.

The fee would not just be involved in bringing in famous people either. Grassroots, the SIUC student literary magazine, would receive money to expand circulation and dis-

tribution, as well as giving students the chance to read works by their peers. If one has never heard of Grassroots, that may be because it is so hard to find, and costs \$4. Approval of the Fine Arts Fee would make Grassroots a free publication available all over campus.

As far as how the money would be allocated to make these events happen, a committee equally composed of faculty and students would be in charge of a separate Fine Arts account. This would ensure that the fee is used to promote fine arts events and not for any other purpose.

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# Governor's commission unveils anti-hate campaign

## 'Hate Free Zone' campaign aims to reduce hate crimes in Illinois

MARK LAMBIRD  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Images of a black man, an Asian woman and a homosexual couple flash across the screen as the narrator describes what hate crimes do to individuals and the society they live in.

The images are part of an announcement titled "Hate Free Zone," one of the projects the Governor's Commission on Discrimination and Hate Crimes has been working on since its inception in 1999. The governor's commission hosted a screening and

release of a public service announcement Tuesday at the Holiday Inn, 800 E. Main St.

SIUC administration of justice professor Tom Castellano opened the screening Tuesday. He said after researching across the state the commission decided to reach out to youth with this program.

"People who are involved with hate-related crimes tend to be in their teens," Castellano said. "So we definitely need to focus on youth."

The announcement is in two formats, a 60 second announcement and a 30 second announcement. Both versions carry the message that there are alternatives to discrimination. At the end of the announcement there is a toll-free hot-line people may call to receive more information on the project.

Evette Simon, representative of the Anti-Defamation League, said the announcements will only be

aired in Illinois for the one year; however, there is a possibility they will air in other states in the future.

This spring the commission has made stops in other Illinois cities, including Chicago and Bloomington. The commission plans to make stops in Decatur and possibly Champaign in the near future.

The commission was formed by executive order in February 1999, after Gov. George Ryan took office. The 31 members are further divided into working groups, which look at specific problems, including religious tolerance, and make recommendations to the governor.

Carole Heffernan, executive director of the commission, said the scary thing about hate crimes is that an attack is not carried out on someone because of who they are, but because of their race, religion or sexual orientation.

*People who are involved with hate-related crimes tend to be in their teens. So we definitely need to focus on our youth.*

Tom Castellano  
professor, administration of justice

"When hate crimes occur it is not against an individual, it is against an entire community," Heffernan said.

Another project the commission is working on is an anti-hate website. The sight will offer information to parents on dealing with hate crimes with their children.

"We are looking at youth to make a difference for the future," Heffernan said.

In 1999, 7,876 hate crimes were reported in the United States by the

FBI, of those 297 were reported in Illinois. Out of three states around Illinois, Missouri, Iowa and Indiana, Illinois ranked number one in the amount of hate crimes.

Heffernan contributed the greater amount of hate crimes in Illinois to the activities of Matt Hale in the Peoria area. Hale graduated from the SIUC School of Law in 1998 and is the leader of the World Church of the Creator, a white supremacy organization.

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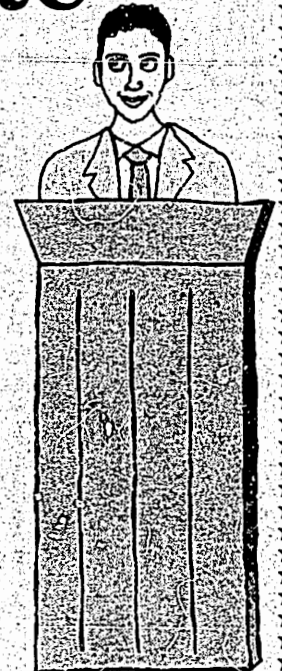
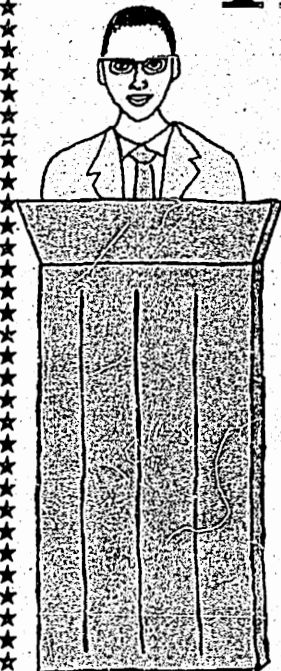
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# Student Center boasts international flair

Center takes several first-place awards at international competition

CODELL RODRIGUEZ  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

When Michelle Rostich was working on a way to raise AIDS awareness, she never thought her efforts would be recognized on an international level.

Rostich, a graphic designer for the Student Center, worked on the design for AIDS Awareness Week which won first place for promotional campaign/professional staff at an international student center competition.

The American Collegiate Unions International conference in Toronto, considered 216 entries from schools like Princeton University and Rice University. The results were announced March 26 giving the SIUC Student Center five awards.

"I'm just extremely proud ... considering the competition," said T.J. Rutherford, interim director of the Student Center.

The SIUC Student Center won first place in the "Steal This Idea" competition for promotional campaign/professional staff and promotional campaign/student. The profes-

sional campaign, for AIDS Awareness Week, presented a design of several black and white images of eyes. Rostich said the design was meant to show AIDS could affect anyone despite age or gender.

However, Rostich's real pride comes from the award for the student campaign which was earned by Kathryn Randall and her design for International Festival.

"It's an honor and it will be good for her portfolio," Rostich said.

The design depicted an abstract face of several different colors in cubist style.

While the certificates and recognition is welcome, Rostich said it has nothing to do with the work she did on the campaign.

"That was never the goal," Rostich said. "It was to promote the awareness of AIDS and that it can affect anybody."

The Student Center also won third place for one color brochure and honorable mentions for T-shirts and webpages.

The competition, which takes place annually, usually awards the SIUC Student Center with a few awards according to Rutherford. He said the awards are well deserved and he expects so much from his staff.

"I'm very proud of our staff and the work they do," Rutherford said.

# Play uncrosses tangled wires in sexual communication

Interactive theatre performance to address sexual conduct and awareness

SARAH ROBERTS  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

One of Illinois' most prestigious theatre companies will end its two-day stay at SIUC with a performance to address sexual communication and awareness.

As part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, Chicago's Gestic Theatre Company will present "What's Going On?" at 7 tonight in Shryock Auditorium.

The play is divided into four scenes, each dealing with a different aspect of sexual miscommunication. Members of the group portray students faced with difficult questions and decisions about sexual conduct.

Carol Sommer, a campus safety representative with Women's Services, thought to bring the company to Carbondale for the first time in December. Although she was initially overwhelmed with the task of scheduling the group, she touts them as a vital ingredient of raising campus awareness.

"I'm so incredibly pleased with the company, and I think the campus is blessed to have them come here," Sommer said.

Joel Gori penned the play as a way of examining the often-confusing topic of sexual communication. While he realizes this confusion can sometimes lead to humorous misunderstandings, it can also lead to rape and assault. He said the program is a perfect way to raise campus sexual awareness among students.

The term "gestic theatre" is derived from German playwright and theorist Bertolt Brecht, who developed a form of political theater in the 1920s that allowed the audience to decide the right and wrong of difficult situations.

Company member Michael Agnew became involved in gestic theatre for the same reason — its ability to make audience members active participants and to give the topic a greater relevance in people's lives. He said that while theatre can't change the world, it can force people to think and communicate with one another.

Sommer said one of the most important things about the presentation is that it involves the largely student audience in making decisions for the characters.

"The group members stop the play and wander through the audience," Sommer said. "They really get people to respond to the characters."

While this is the company's first visit to SIUC, Sommer would gladly reschedule them, if only for the awareness they bring to the city and campus.

"It's great that we're really doing something for the community with backing from the University," Sommer said. "This is nothing but a positive experience."

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## Computers for the smart

BRENDA CORLEY  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

With recent enhancements to the Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Facility in Neckers Building, undergraduate chemistry students can perform research from any computer.

Sun computers, a network system that connects the NMR computer systems and services for data processing, now provide services for the NMR facility that were once impossible.

The NMR facility is located in the basement of the Neckers Building and is available to the entire University for research purposes and as a method of teaching.

Two main features of the facility are high-field multinuclear spectrometers, which are two gigantic-size magnets used to perform chemical research. The magnets allow students to test chemicals.

Because of Ethernet connections, students can now sit at their computers in labs or at home, and run the machine in the facility for research.

William Stevens, director of the NMR facility, has taught portions of chemistry lab courses as SIUC and

said undergraduate students need more hands-on experience.

"These new updates will put SIUC students in better positions when applying for jobs," he said.

Stevens credits much of the recent updates to interim Chancellor John Jackson, the College of Science and the Information Technology Department.

"We know that recruitment and retention is a key issue at this University," Stevens said. "So with the help of the administrators and faculty, we can offer something better to our students."

The NMR facility's instruments total about \$1.3 million.

"If the University is looking for quality things to point to at the University, they can point to the NMR facility," he said.

Interim Chancellor John Jackson said he is glad to develop and enhance the facility where additional funding is needed.

"The NMR facility is a critical facet of the University in teaching and research," Jackson said. "This facility will allow them to be better educated in the chemistry field."

## Search continues in Bolivia for Notre Dame graduate

TIM LOGAN  
THE OBSERVER (U. NOTRE DAME)

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (U-WIRE) — Rescue officials are still searching for Walter Poirier, a 2000 University of Notre Dame graduate who disappeared in Bolivia in February.

Poirier, who is volunteering in the Peace Corps, was last seen around Feb. 22 in La Paz, the nation's capital. He was reported missing on March 5, after he had not been in contact with his supervisor for several weeks, according to Peace Corps spokeswoman Susan Buchanan. Peace Corps volunteers, U. S. State Department officials and Bolivian rescue workers have been looking for him ever since.

"The search continues, and it's as intense as it was when we started," Buchanan said.

Poirier worked developing ecotourism in the Bolivia's Zongo Valley. He had to trek between several villages in the mountainous region and La Paz.

"He was sort of in an unusual situation, traveling between three resi-

dences and six communities," Buchanan said.

"That makes it a little more difficult to track his movements."

Search teams have been scouring the Valley, looking on mountains and trails where they think Poirier might have traveled. The U.S. Embassy in La Paz is coordinating the effort, with help from the Peace Corps and Bolivian government organizations.

Because of Poirier's travel schedule and the remoteness of some of his posts, there have in the past been

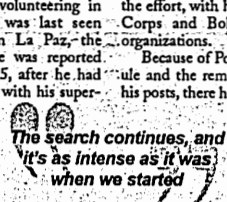
two-week stretches when no one would hear from him, Buchanan said. But this has gone on longer than that, and she said

searchers do not have any good leads on his whereabouts.

"They haven't been able to find any tangible information about him," Buchanan said.

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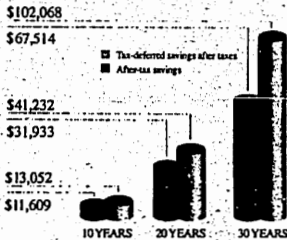
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# SIU professor wins award

Research on tiny organisms wins microbiologist top academic award

LIZ GUARD  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Michael Madigan has won the University's top academic award for his extensive research on tiny organisms that affect everyday life.

Madigan, a professor in microbiology, won this year's Outstanding Scholar Award, which honors research and creative activity in the University.

Madigan was nominated for the award by John Martinko, chair of microbiology.

"I think he epitomizes what a true scholar is. He is an outstanding teacher, researcher and a mentor for his graduate students," Martinko said.

Madigan has specialized his research around tiny organisms that live in airless environments and make energy from sunlight. Madigan's research has earned him about \$1.3 million in grants from federal organizations such as the National Science Foundation and the departments of Energy and Agriculture.

"It's critical for a researcher to get national funding, and it says a lot about his work; it's prestigious," Martinko said.

Because Madigan is interested in studying these organisms in extreme environments, such as very hot, cold, salty or alkaline places, his travels have taken him to the hot springs in Yellowstone

National Park, New Zealand and Iceland, the Dead Sea, the soda lakes of California and the permanently frozen lakes of Antarctica's Dry Valley.

Along his travels, Madigan has discovered several new organisms that have been proven to be important in studying everyday processes such as photosynthesis, nitrogen fixation and carbon dioxide assimilation. Madigan's new finds have also shown potential for being used to biodegrade environmental pollutants, produce biodegradable polymers and generate nitrogen fertilizer.

"He's one of the leaders in a group of people who have convinced the world that microorganisms are important, although it's not always obvious," Martinko said.

Madigan has a list of several other accomplishments that make him an internationally known microbiologist. He has published more than 70 articles about his research, co-written a book and is the lead author of a nationally used textbook that is constantly being updated with new research. Madigan has also been on the editorial board of several scientific journals.

The award, which has been given every year since 1984, also comes with a \$500 stipend. Madigan is planning to have his prize money set up for a departmental scholarship fund in microbiology.

Madigan said he was honored to receive this award at the hands of his peers.

"I found it indeed very touching that they thought me worthy of such an award," Madigan said.

# Cooking on the road

SIU alumnus produces show that explores the world's cuisines

CARLY HEMPHILL  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Imagine being in India, Indonesia and Turkey all in one week and tasting great native cuisines and wines, all as part of your job.

Dave Eckert, SIUC alumnus, produces, hosts, directs and writes "Culinary Travels with Dave Eckert," which gives him the opportunity to travel around the world to film his show.

The show, a nationally-distributed PBS series, has evolved from a cooking show into a program where Eckert visits different countries every week and talks about the native cuisines and wines from the culture. He explores the area for good restaurants and shops, also including the culture of the country into his 30-minute program.

The show is on WSIU/WUSI-TV Saturdays at 3:30 p.m.

Eckert enjoys everything about his job, from the food to the places he visits. The weekly episodes include not only foreign cities and cultures, but also cuisines that are characteristic of U.S. cities like Chicago and San Francisco.

But, despite all his adventures and everything he has tried, he could not name a favorite place or cuisine.

"Every place we go has their certain character and personality," Eckert said. "There hasn't been any place we've gone where I've been disappointed."

The only downfall of his job is that he is not always home for his family. Eckert lives in Lake Forest with his wife and two children, a 6-year-old boy and a 2-year-old girl.

Eckert, who received his degree in communications and radio-television in 1980, began his journalism career in Boise, Idaho, and moved all over the country until settling down in the Chicago area in 1994.

He then started food and wine tasting in a weekly column while reporting in Chicago. Eckert wanted to evolve his journalism career and combine it with his love for food and wine.

He decided to start a cooking show, and he knew Chicago would be a good place to start because of his connections and the diverse cuisines within the city.

"I thought I could combine my passion on a personal level with my knowledge on a professional level," Eckert said.

While at the University, Eckert worked at the campus television and radio stations. The valuable experience he gained at SIUC helped him to become more knowledgeable about his work in television.

"That prepared me for the industry like no classwork ever could," he said.

The show is in its second season and will air episodes from such locations as Mexico, Scotland, Italy and New York City on WSIU/WUSI-TV until Aug. 4.



Eckert

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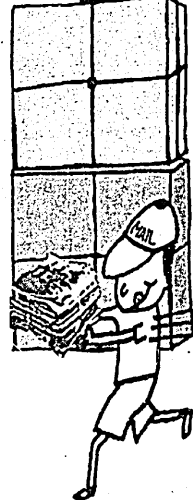
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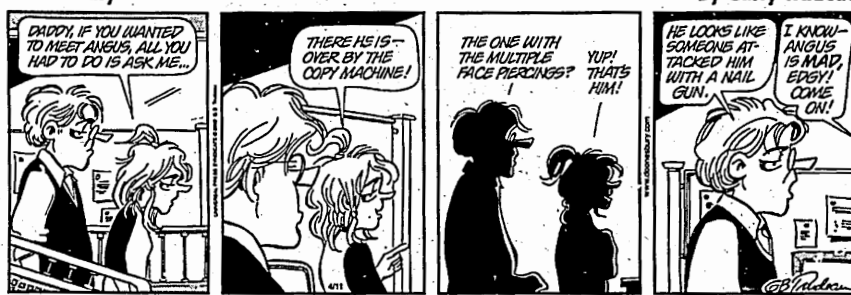


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LEXINGTON, Ky. — After formally recommending a contract extension and pay raise for basketball coach Tubby Smith Wednesday, University of Kentucky president Charles Wethington opened the floor for discussion.

Not one member of the UK Athletics Association Board of Directors said a word.

So Wethington, who a moment earlier proclaimed Smith as "the coach we want at the University of Kentucky," proceeded to the board's unanimous vote of approval.

Afterward, Athletics Director Larry Ivy said that another coach once wanted by a segment of UK fans, Smith's predecessor Rick Pitino, played no part in the contract talks that apparently went so smoothly as the formal board approval. Neither did Pitino's recent ballyhooed deal to coach archrival Louisville.

"No, not really," Ivy said. "Once you've seen (Smith's new deal), it'll be basically the same contract with changes in the number of years and dollars. There may be a tweak or two."

Smith and UK agreed to a four-year extension that can keep Smith through the 2006-07 season.

Ivy declined to reveal the financial terms. Those will come, he said, at a separate news conference as soon as next week.

But Ivy suggested that Smith will be among the highest paid coaches in college basketball.

"We looked at several of the top institutions in the country," Ivy said, "and I think we're right there with those institutions. It's a figure that Tubby's very satisfied with."

Smith would not issue a comment on the new contract, UK basketball publicist Brooks Downing said. Smith, who recently spoke with South Carolina about its vacant coaching job, would probably react at a news conference next week, Downing said.

In forming UK's contract offer, Ivy said he looked at how such schools as Duke, Michigan State, Arizona and Kansas paid their basketball coaches. He noted that Mike Krzyzewski of Duke was believed to be the highest paid

coach with an annual salary of \$1.6 million.

Louisville announced that it gave Pitino an incentive-docked deal potentially worth as much as \$12.25 million over six years.

Pitino's deal reportedly included bonuses for the team's academic performance and achievement on the court.

Aside from the one month's pay linked to receiving an NCAA Tournament bid, Smith's deal will not include any such bonuses, Ivy said.

Pitino's seemingly gargantuan deal also includes a \$5 million "loyalty bonus" should he stay at the school for six years. Smith's deal with UK will "probably" include a bonus for staying, Ivy said.

"Not as high as some places," Ivy said of Smith's loyalty bonus, "but it'll be attractive."

Smith and Ivy have also to complete terms of a buyout clause should the coach choose to leave UK before the contract expires, Ivy said.

While acknowledging that the NBA might pursue his coach, Ivy downplayed the chances of Smith leaving for the pros.

"He's indicated to me that he's very happy at Kentucky," Ivy said, "and wants to stay here, win us a couple national championships and ride off into the sunset with me."

The overall agreement required three meetings, the third coming Tuesday upon Smith's return from the Final Four.

"Our legal people are putting the contract together," Ivy said. "I'm sure Tubby will want someone to look at it. The big part is over."

"We've agreed. It's a done deal. Now we just have to get it on paper."

Ivy described the talks as requiring little bargaining.

"My philosophy was ... I'll propose what I think is fair, what you deserve and not haggle over it," Ivy said. "We made it attractive enough initially."

When asked if Smith would make more money than Pitino, Ivy noted the many bonuses that inflate the worth of Pitino's deal.

"What I was looking for with Tubby was a guaranteed number (on the base salary)," Ivy said. "That he knew what he will make. That he didn't have to do anything but coach basketball."

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GAINESVILLE, Fla. (U-WIRE) - Teresa Earnhardt, widow of NASCAR driver Dale Earnhardt Sr., issued a terse statement on Sunday calling for an end to her "torment" over the media's pursuit of her late husband's autopsy photos.

In a statement issued by the public relations firm hired by the Earnhardt family after her husband's Feb. 18 crash, Teresa Earnhardt said her family continues to suffer, specifically because of the new status of the Alligator in the controversy over the photos.

The Alligator on Thursday became a party to the case that pits the Volusia County medical examiner against Teresa Earnhardt. The Alligator not only wants access to copy Earnhardt's autopsy photos, but through the suit is challenging the new law that restricts access to such images.

That bill was signed into law by Gov. Jeb Bush in March.

"As grateful as we are to the Florida Legislature and Gov. Bush for their sensible approach to protecting an individual's right to privacy, I want to let the NASCAR community and the people of Florida know just how much pain this ordeal is causing my family," Teresa Earnhardt said. "Each day we are faced with new threats that these photos will end up on the Internet. We just want it to end. No one should be subjected to the kind of harassment and torment to which we are by the media."

While the Alligator is challenging the new law in Volusia County, the Orlando Sentinel and its sister news-

paper, the South Florida Sun-Sentinel have filed suit in Broward County.

At a hearing to be scheduled soon, the Alligator will argue that the Earnhardt Family Protection Act is unconstitutional and therefore can't apply to the photos of Dale Earnhardt. Currently those photos are under seal per the agreement between the Sentinel and Teresa Earnhardt.

Web site owner Michael Uribe, who was a party to the original mediation between the Sentinel and Teresa Earnhardt, has filed an appeal with the 5th District Court of Appeals saying his rights were not protected in the mediation between the Sentinel and Teresa Earnhardt.

Teresa Earnhardt said she hopes the courts will shut down any attempt to gain her husband's autopsy photos.

"We sincerely hope that the courts listen to the people and the voices of reason and move quickly to protect individuals from media exploitation," she said. "I would ask that that everyone speak up, for one day you may find yourself facing down a powerful media company seeking personal and private records about you and your loved ones for no benefit, only harm."

Peter Himler, who handles public relations for the Earnhardt family, said Teresa Earnhardt decided to speak out about the case on Sunday because of "misinformation" given by the media, specifically Alligator attorney Thomas Julin, at the Thursday hearing. Himler said Teresa Earnhardt was "surprised" and "disappointed" about the outcome of the hearing.

"I think she felt that her voice is not being heard," Himler said. "I think she also felt that people didn't understand her plight is not over yet."

## April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

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7 pm

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"What's Goin' On?" by Joel Gori  
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but what I do know is that true rehabilitation works 100 times better than punishment. Perhaps positive rehabilitation mixed in with some house arrest, wage garnishment and community service would work, opposed to heavy jail time. Maybe if the fat cats, big wigs and politicians were being sentenced to life terms for their possession of nar-

cotics and, even worse, transgressions they'd begin to show some mercy. But with the system held in their hand, we shouldn't expect any changes.

As for Darryl Strawberry, not only has he let his fans down, but he has let himself down. He has been given more opportunities than most to heal his sickness, but I still hope he can discover a way to conquer his problem. For those who never get those chances, perhaps we should not look at who they have let down as much as who has let them down — America.

# Softball aims to get back on track

SIU plays host to Western Kentucky today at 2:30 p.m. at IAW Field

CLINT HARTING  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Coming off a tough conference series with the first-place Illinois State Redbirds, the Salukis face the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers in non-conference doubleheader action.

The Salukis (24-11, 10-3), will play at 2:30 p.m. today at IAW Field. The team had won seven in a row before going into the series with the Redbirds, including four shutouts led by the pitching tandem of senior sensation Erin Stremsterfer and freshman Katie Kloess.

The Hilltoppers (16-22, 1-7) come into IAW Field, losers of their last four games, with a doubleheader against Indiana State still being played.

Saluki head coach Kerri Blaylock looks for a tough series.

"They are a very good hitting team," Blaylock said. "They hit the ball hard against us last year. We need to be prepared."

The Salukis took two out of three games from the Hilltoppers last season.

The Salukis are currently in second place in the Missouri Valley Conference and will likely send Stremsterfer, and Kloess to the mound to try and get back on track.

"Erin is just Erin," Blaylock said. "She's consistent every time she goes out, and she will give you her best effort."

"Katie played through one of her best games against Illinois State. I'm just looking for her to gain some more confidence."

Stremsterfer and Kloess combined have pitched for 23 of the 24 Saluki wins. Stremsterfer credits the freshman pitcher for her maturity.

"She is a leader on the team. Even though she is not a senior, she is just a great pitcher," Stremsterfer said.

Senior Amanda Rexroat leads the Saluki offense in hitting with a .330 batting average, and in RBIs with 16. Rexroat expects the team to be motivated against the Hilltoppers.

"It's never hard to get motivated — especially after we lost last weekend. We are ready to come back and show that we are still on top of our game," Rexroat said.

The Hilltoppers have a 2-3 mark against MVC teams this season, including wins over Evansville and Northern Iowa.

Rexroat visions the Salukis to be in good position for the MVC Tournament.

"We have a lot of older kids that know what it's like to be in conference tournaments. We are hitting the ball pretty good right now, and we're playing good defense," Rexroat said.

Blaylock would like to see the team continue to play consistent in all aspects and help support the good pitching.

"We do a good job of playing defense. We don't knock the socks off the ball by any means, but we do what we have to do to score runs."

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management.

After taking up pole-vaulting for the first time in December, she came out as a walk-on on the SIU track and field team in January and is now slowly working her way up higher in the vaulting ranks.

"I work real hard and just try to do the best I can," Krista, now 23-years-old, said.

"It's really tough, because I've transitioned from being a runner to being a jumper."

Krista credited Dan Harrell and Dan Stone, pole-vaulters on the men's team, with helping her to learn pole-vaulting technique.

Balancing all of her obligations can sometimes be rough, but Krista carries the load.

"As far as being a wife, being a mom and being a stu-

dent, I've always taken on a lot of responsibility in my life," Krista said. "Sometimes it's stressful, but my husband supports me 100 percent."

"Sometimes [track] takes time away from home, but he's real understanding about those things."

Robert gladly plays spirit booster and Mr. Mom when Krista needs his help.

"My big thing is to try to get her confidence up and help her out with the chores at home," Robert said. "I'm really proud of her."

The future looks even brighter with Krista receiving her degree in August.

"I'm going to try one more year here being on the team, but my job, family and those kind of things take priority," said Krista.

As for her son Brandon, Krista couldn't feel more blessed.

"He's doing wonderful and I couldn't ask for more," Krista said.

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## The problem with the war on drugs

Heard the latest Darryl Strawberry joke lately? What was Darryl Strawberry's biggest complaint? Was it that inside pitches can break a coke nail right off? No. It's that the FOX network passed on his proposal for "Who Wants To Marry A Crack Head?"

OK, we've all made our own snide remarks and poked fun at Darryl, as well as other well-known drug abusers like Robert Downey Jr. But it should be kept in mind that these people, famous or not, have problems.

Should they be serving hard time in the county pen? Well, traditionally those who cause problems — not those who have problems — are the ideal candidates to be locked up, but something in America has changed.

Unlike most other countries in the world, we have an especially vicious taste for jailing non-violent criminals. As a matter of fact, more non-violent criminals are in American prisons at the

present time than all criminals (violent and non-violent) combined a couple decades ago.

Placing these non-violent criminals in a pit, along side murderers and other violent criminals cannot help to rehabilitate them. Once they get out they are more prone to commit violent acts that they probably never would

have before. Plus, without the proper rehabilitation they will be craving their drug more than ever.

Even worse, with all the non-violent criminals flooding the prisons, violent criminals are being released earlier.

Athletes and movie stars often get more breaks, which doesn't shed an accurate light on how most drug addicts are treated in this country. Some people see the numerous opportunities Strawberry and others in the spotlight receive and become fed up, seeing them time and time again pleading guilty on the evening news. But the media doesn't show what usually happens to those Americans that have drug problems.

To our government, the drug addicts ARE the problem and the way to deal with them is to simply lock them away and toss away the key.

Perhaps the drug addicts aren't the problem, but our system is the problem, maybe even more than the drugs. The War on Drugs is a horrible farce and the conservative approach lacks compassion and even more, intelligence.

No clear cut solution ever seems to pop up,



Joseph Johnson  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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# Fish raising funds

It started out as a way for the baseball team to earn money for new jerseys. Now the fish fry is one of the year's biggest events.

JAVIER SERNA  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

In 1997, SIU baseball head coach Dan Callahan decided to move forward with an idea a friend had proposed to him.

His team was in dire need of new jerseys, among many other necessities, so the idea of an all-you-can-eat fish fry on Good Friday to raise funds seemed right.

The Carbondale Elks Club was the original site, but things would have to change.

"That first year we realized the Elks Club just wasn't big enough," Callahan said.

The Annual Saluki Baseball Fish Fry and Sports Memorabilia Auction has continued to grow and has been held at the Carbondale Civic Center since the event's second year. Friday marks the fifth year of the event, with

the doors opening at 5 p.m.

As in past years, there will be a wealth of rare sports memorabilia to be auctioned as well as game tickets. Balls and bats signed by Kurt Warner, James Baldwin, Paul Molitor, Rod Carew and Ryne Sandburg are among a bounty of items on the auction block, which is scheduled to start at 8 p.m. Among the stack of tickets to be auctioned are seats for Cardinals/Cubs, Cardinals/Brewers, White Sox/Cardinals games, as well as some packages that include multiple games and hotel accommodations.

Bidding is open to anyone who signs up at the event. In fact, a young boy outbid others for a bat autographed by Chipper Jones a couple years ago.

"Hopefully, the boy had his parents blessing," Callahan joked.

While it may be fun, the event takes a lot of hard work. Letters are sent to every professional baseball, football and basketball team in search of items for the auction block.

"We've developed a pretty good network of friends and contacts who've been very good to us," Callahan said. "That's how we've been able

to get so many unique items."

Beyond the donated memorabilia are countless members of the community who have volunteered their time and resources — from local merchants donating cole slaw to individuals making homemade desserts.

"Those things don't just show up," Callahan said. "We've had a lot of people who've been real good to us."

The raised moneys have paid for everything from team equipment to travel expenses, Callahan said.

"I think some people come because they want to support Saluki baseball," Callahan said.

"Some people come because it's a reasonably priced meal and other people come because they like some of the things that come our way for the memorabilia auction."

### Supporting the team

The Fifth Annual Saluki Baseball Fish Fry and Sports Memorabilia Auction will be held at the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 South Illinois Ave., at 5 p.m. Friday. The auction begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$3 for children and includes an all-you-can-eat fish dinner.

# Simply the 'Best'

Overcoming cerebral palsy was just the first miracle in Krista Best's life. Now, she is SIU's only female pole-vaulter.

JOSEPH D. JOHNSON  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Some people bend in the face of adversity. Some people give up easy. Some people just can't handle the agony life can sometimes inflict.

But, Krista Best is not some people.

The SIU track and field pole-vaulter was born in Tulsa, Okla. and immediately diagnosed with a form of cerebral palsy.

"[The doctors] told us not to worry much about it, but that Krista just wouldn't ever have much coordination," said Jeff Wright, who is Krista's father and SIU track and field assistant coach.

Wright was attending Oral Roberts University at the time and took Krista to Oral Roberts, an educator and evangelist, to be prayed for.

The next day the doctors found Krista to be miraculously cured.

She went on to become a champion gymnast in grade school and ran track in

junior high and high school at Murphysboro. Krista went to state in the 400-meter run and was voted girl's track and field Most Valuable Player as a senior.

A week after her high school graduation, Krista went into the U.S. Navy and was stationed at Annapolis, Md., where she met a Marine named Robert Best.

She married Robert and a short time later their son Brandon was born. Brandon was born prematurely at only 25 weeks. Born weighing a mere one pound and 10 ounces, Brandon was not expected to live beyond 10 days.

After \$11 million was spent, with the military picking up the tab, Brandon is now four years old.

Krista left the Navy and Robert left the Marines. Krista came to SIU on the G.I. Bill and Illinois Veteran's Grant studying as a physical therapist assistant and healthcare



EVALUIE FRYE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Krista Best, a junior in health care management and physical therapy assistance from Murphysboro, clears the bar at practice at McAndrew Stadium Tuesday afternoon. Best is the only female competitor for the Saluki's in the pole vault event.

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