**Dunn front-runner for president**

**KAYLI PLOTNER  Daily Egyptian**

SIU’s Board of Trustees decided who will be the university’s eighth president in a special session Thursday, and will announce its choice at 2 p.m. today in Egbert Hall. Trustees Roger Herrin and Donna Manering were absent for the vote. Board Chairman Randall Thompson said Manering, chair of the presidential search advisory committee, was out of the country Thursday. While sources have told the Daily Egyptian Youngstown State University President Randy Dunn is the leading candidate for the position, SIU officials said they had not been notified of Dunn’s application. Dunn has served as Youngstown’s president for seven months, taking office July 13.

“If this is true, it’s a surprise to me,” YSU Board Chairman Sudeeshan Garg said. “We had an executive meeting six days ago and the subject never came up.” YSU board member James Greene said he hadn’t heard anything official yet, but the board has meetings later this week.

“I just had a call from another person that indicated that, and it’s news to me,” Dunn said. Dunn received a bachelor’s degree in teacher education and a master’s degree in educational administration from Youngstown State University, as well as a doctorate in educational administration from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. He spent nine years as president of the University of Illinois Springfield, where he served as president from 2000. His wife Ronda, of Benton, also attended SIU.

Dunn is best known for his time at Murray State University, where he served as president from May 2006 to July 2013. Dunn left Murray State after the MSU Board of Regents voted not to renew his contract. The vote took place March 15, the same day Dunn accepted his position at Youngstown.

However, it was suggested the regents meet the night before and determined their vote, a possible violation of the Open Meetings Act. Dunn cited differences in philosophy between himself and board chairman Constantine Curris as the reason for the vote, according to WKMS, Murray State’s NPR station.

A report released by a contract committee several days before the vote stated relations between Dunn and the board had moved from insensitivity to disrespect during his final year.

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**Police continue to search for missing student**

**SETH RICHARDSON  Daily Egyptian**

Carbondale police are searching for missing SIU student Pravin M. Varughese from Morton Grove. Varughese was last seen at a party at 606 W. College St. around 11:00 p.m. Wednesday.

Varughese is 5-foot-7 and weighs 150 pounds with short brown hair, brown eyes and a dark complexion. He was last seen wearing the red shirt pictured with blue jeans and purple shoes. He is 19 years old. Varughese has a tattoo on his chest reading “Fear God.”

Carbondale Police Lt. Mark Goddard said people in the area should remain alert and contact the police with any information.

“We just ask people in the area to keep their eyes open, be diligent and if they hear anything to give us a call,” he said.

A group of volunteer K-9 units from the Saline County Emergency Services Disaster Agency combed the area Saturday without luck.

The Varughese family is offering a reward of $15,000 to anyone with information leading to his safe return or the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for Varughese’s disappearance. Anyone with information regarding Varughese’s whereabouts should contact the Carbondale Police Department at 618-457-3200 or Crime Stoppers at 618-594-2677.

**Students protest in support of prisoner hunger strike**

**LUKE NOZICKA  Daily Egyptian**

Nearly 20 people, including university students, used drums, signs and a microphone to support a hunger strike Thursday afternoon at the Menard Correctional Center in Chester. The protest was the second at Menard, a maximum-security state prison for adult males, which previously hosted one for the same cause Jan. 17. Inmates report they are on a hunger strike because they have not received due process and hope to improve living conditions.

Nick Smaligo, a graduate student in philosophy from Carbondale, said the hunger strike began Jan. 15, and estimated nearly 25 prisoners initially participated. Several prisoners were transferred to Menard after Gov. Pat Quinn ordered the closing of Tamms Correctional Center because of budget cuts. Smaligo said the prisoners in Menard are on a hunger strike because they are held in solitary confinement without due process.

“They are not being given any justification for why they are being held there and they are not given any procedure for how they can get out,” Smaligo said. “The U.S. Supreme Court requires that before inmates are placed in high maximum-security, they be provided notice, hearing, written reasons, a statement of what they can do to move to a lower security level and the right to appeal.”

Community members and SIU students protest to support a prisoner hunger strike Thursday at the Menard Correctional Center in Chester, a maximum-security correctional state prison for adult males. The demonstrators carried signs, drums and flags in hope inmates would hear or see them. This was the second of two protests; the first took place Jan. 27.

**Graduate student enters city council race**

**SETH RICHARDSON  Daily Egyptian**

Graduate Assistant Brent Ritzel has submitted his application for the open Carbondale City Council seat. Ritzel is one of eight applicants and one of two SIU students vying for the seat left vacant by Acting Mayor Fritzler’s Feb. 3 resignation.

Don Monty after Former Mayor Joel Fritzler’s Feb. 3 resignation.

The deadline for applications was Friday.

Ritzel was born in 1968 in Carbondale and graduated from Carbondale Community High School in 1986 where he was in the top 10 in his class. He graduated from Northwestern University in 1990 with a bachelor’s degree in philosophy.

During his time in Chicago, he was active in the music community and started Happy Tails Records and the cooperative Cask Records. He moved to Boulder, Colo., in 2006 and launched a mortgage brokerage, an employment agency, a trading-card company and a combination comedy club/igar bar.

He returned to Carbondale in 2009, acting as president of the Fuller Dome Home, vice president of Gaia House and on the board of directors of Lifesavers.

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DYLAN FROST
Daily Egyptian

The return of Valentine’s Day also means the return of tradition, displaying erotic and salacious artwork created by students and area artists.

“I Love Will Tear Us Apart,” a premise inspired by songwriter Ian Curtis of The 70s post-punk band Joy Division was the theme for the Glove Factory’s 18th annual “Love at the Glove” art show. One of the exhibition’s organizers, Patrick Westra, a senior from Carbondale studying art, said he meant to capture a darker side of Valentine’s Day.

“I wanted to go with mite of an anti-Valentine’s Day theme because that is often more challenging or against the grain,” Westra said. “So I went with something more personal, closer to my own work since I had such a huge part in putting everything together.”

Westra’s six pieces included three screen prints, an etching and two ceramic masks. One of the masks had devil horns and the other substituted a human penis for a nose. Westra said these pieces were influenced by horror movies. “The Texas Chainsaw Massacre” and “Halloween.”

Westra’s artwork also conveyed religious connotations. “A lot of my artwork is based on either religious or psychedelic themes, and love is typically associated with God,” he said. “People are aware that God doesn’t treat the ones that love him so well.”

Craig Ross, another show organizer and a senior from Springfield studying art, used his pieces to reimagine a personal experience in New Orleans. Ross, who identifies as bisexual, was walking down the street when a drunken man called him queer for wearing jeans shorts and a pink shirt, he said.

“I really didn’t know how to react to it because I’ve never really – other than grade school – had that thrown as a slur to me,” Ross said. Ross presented three comics painted on woodcut, collectively titled “What Happened: A Comic Triptych.” Each four-panel comic created with uniform lines of red, black and white ink reimagined how Ross could have responded to being called queer.

One scene showed him decapitating the man with a guillotine; in his second response, he hit on the intoxicated man, and in what Ross said was the most accurate portrayal, he appeared depressed as he walked away from the scene. “I’ve done pieces in the past that were explicitly sexual pieces,” Ross said. “But with this, I thought it fit for ‘Love at the Glove’ because it was me kind of dealing with my own sexuality.”

The various displays of eroticism were not intended to appall viewers but to make people feel comfortable with sexuality in art, said artist Kelly Ahrens, a senior from Lake Zurich studying art.

“Once you’re so surrounded by (sexuality in art), you kind of feel less offended,” she said. “You start to see it for what it is; you can actually appreciate it for the content of the piece.”

Ahrens displayed a self-portrait that combined hyper-geometric lines, hatching to show shades and a pink shirt, he said.

Another piece titled “What Happened: A Comic Triptych” by SIU alumn Katey Karayiannis also had a sculpture made of terracotta and acrylic that featured a naked woman posing on top of a giant sleeping cat.

A creative demonstration of a broken television intended to show a pornographic GIF, but the screen was not functioning as planned. However, the piece managed to be relevant at the gallery, as the cracked television screen inadvertently resembled the shape of a female egg being penetrated by sperm cells.

Another piece called “27 Years of Heartache” by SIU alum Katey Karayiannis featured 27 heart-shaped lockets dangling from nails lined up in a single row. Karayiannis also had a sculpture made of terracotta and acrylic that featured a naked woman posing on top of a giant sleeping cat.

The V2T2 Cabaret provided entertainment, and musical performances by The Flowers of Evil, The Heat Tape and WINGTIPS buzzed throughout the four-hour exhibition. Cristaudo’s and Oldbranch Coffeehouse also provided free cakes with erotic displays to guests.

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Drag show displays support for LGBTQ

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Kings and queens with attitude and glamour expressed themselves on stage at the Student Center ballroom Saturday. The Saluki Rainbow Network and Student Center Special Programs presented “Zooms: Eat Your Heart Out” Drag Show on Saturday. T J Stanek, president of the Rainbow Network, said the drag show had drag kings for the first time in three years. One of those kings made a big announcement during the performance.

Faim Lee Jewls of Harrisburg, more often known as Faim, is a drag king who has performed off and on for eight years. During her performance, Faim, whose real name is Julie Baldwin, brought her 14-year-old daughter to stage and announced as of last week, she is coming out.

“Taytum was diagnosed in September with Hodgkin’s disease, Faim said. Hodgkin’s disease is a cancer originating in the white blood cells.

“When she first told me, it took about 24 hours for it to sink in and when it did, it was an emotional rollercoaster,” Faim said. “I would laugh; I would cry. I went back and forth with it for a long time and it’s huge for her and our family.”

Faim said she was honored to be on stage and it was exciting yet emotional to announce her daughter’s triumph over cancer.

The show had four queens and two kings perform over the course of three hours. The performers included Kara Belle, Veronica Belle Headley, Riley James, Roccile O’Leight, and Sierra O’Leight, along with Faim. Blanche Dubois emceed the show.

Faim and Riley James have been engaged since December.

Faim said bringing on stage makes her feel alive. She has performed all of his life whether as a dancer, gymnast or a cheerleader, she said.

She said the last four years, she has performed more avidly and usually books two to three shows a month in venues in Carbondale, Evansville and St. Louis. His home performance bar is Two 13 in Carbondale.

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Board members cited a lack of allegiance to the university by other positions Dunn had recently applied for. He applied for president of the University of Tennessee in October 2010, the Florida Commission of Education in December 2012 and was one of the finalists in the presidential search at his alma mater, ISU, in 2013.

The report also noted the committee received 18 letters concerning Dunn’s appointment — 14 positive and four negative. Dunn received the support of the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Alliance as well as the Murray State Regional Outreach Board.

Dunn also completed the largest fundraiser in the school’s history, raising over $71 million in October of 2012 for the “Hold Thy Banner High” campaign. While at Murray State in 2007, Dunn presided over a $600,000 donation from Chairman and CEO of Pepsi MidAmerica, Harry Lee Crisp II, for a new soccer complex.

SIU entered into an estimated 35.5 million-dollar contract with Pepsi MidAmerica in 2012 making them the university’s distributor of vending, beverage and snack items until 2022.

Brad Cole, former Carbondale mayor, and vice president of Pepsi MidAmerica, was a member of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, and works with Crisp II and his son, Harry Lee Crisp III, the company’s chief operating officer. Cole could not be reached for comment.

In 2004, Dunn became superintendent of education for the Illinois State Board of Education, hand-picked by then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich. According to a Chicago Tribune article, controversy arose when Dunn appointed a new general counsel and a new budget director that same day, both of whom had worked with the Blagojevich administration.

Murray State Board of Regents minutes from May 11, 2006, state Dunn was approved as president in a 7-4 vote, but would not arrive on campus until Dec. 1, 2006, because of prior commitments with the Blagojevich campaign.

Other final candidates for the SIU presidency included presidents from the State University of New York—Cortland and Western Michigan University, the former president of the University of Colorado, and one internal candidate from Carbondale University’s Office of Academic Affairs.

According to chairman Randall Thomas, as of Thursday the board had not interviewed all five candidates.

President Glenn Poshard said he was not part of the selection process.

So, the president’s role was established early on. That role was consultation and advisement only,” he said. “The search committee has done a thorough job and did not need any consultation from me in the process.”

Poshard’s contract is effective until June 30, 2014. The new president’s start date has yet to be determined.

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Follow @dailypegyptian on Twitter for live updates from the board meeting Monday.
Guitarist Nathan Gill of Carterville has 10 years of experience studying classic rock and mastering his instrument; but he still has to have his parents with him at the bar.

The 16-year-old Gill took the Tres Hombres stage along with the rest of Mr. Swamp Fox Saturday evening for a four-set show. Gill said he began playing when he was six years old and his inspirations have deep roots in rock and blues.

"I grew up on classic rock but when I was seven I started listening to blues music, like B.B. King and Buddy Guy," Gill said. "I started digging deeper and listening to older blues musicians like Howlin' Wolf and Muddy Waters."

The three-year-old band is comprised of guitarists Gill and Wade Keel, 15, of Herrin, bass player Tyler Cornelius, 14, of Herrin and drummer Brandon Gill, 13, of Carterville. Nathan Gill and Keel, who also contribute vocals for the band, switch with ease between rhythm and lead, each taking turns guiding the audience through songs with intricate solos.

Nathan and Brandon’s father, Carbondale police officer Jeff Gill, said he first saw potential when Nathan was six and he began taking lessons with his son. Jeff Gill said his son quickly surpassed him in guitar lessons.

"I introduced him to as much music as I could, and not only the music but the people who play the music as well," Jeff Gill said. "We went to as many concerts as we could and (Nathan) would just sit there and study."

Jeff Gill said with a little bit of luck Nathan was able to meet some of his favorite artists throughout his childhood like Buddy Guy, B.B. King and Jack White, formerly of The White Stripes. In one of these meetings, Nathan Gill, an 11-year-old at the time, was invited on stage in Champaign by Guy to showcase his talents. After Nathan let his soul pour through his fingertips and played detailed blues fills, Guy looked in amazement at the talented young kid from southern Illinois as the audience burst into applause.

Throughout the night the band played a wide variety of songs, covering tunes by the likes of Johnny Cash, Jimi Hendrix, Sublime, and The Band. The unique sound of Jimi Hendrix guitar riffs hovered over the crowd making a big enough impact to have one think the legend himself was standing at the front.

Mr. Swamp Fox also showcased some of the songs off their new album, "On Lilac Lane." The songs are rooted in blues but with more of an upbeat tempo comparable to the sound of one of Nathan Gill’s favorite bands, The White Stripes.

This was the band’s third time playing at Tres Hombres and they now have a once-a-month gig at the bar.
It’s important to get something straight up front: the updated “Robocop” (Rated PG-13; 118 min.) isn’t as good as the original.

Matching Paul Verhoeven’s 1987 sci-fi cult classic, which dealt with corruption and crime in a rapidly deteriorating Detroit, would have been a tall order. But instead of revisiting this concept, the new movie focuses more on a global scale. In a time where the public’s fears have turned to drones and national organizations spying on private citizens, a remake of 87’s “Robocop” is actually warranted.

Jose Padilha’s film provides proof new versions can work if executed well.

A few basic facts remain the same in the update: Alex Murphy (Joel Kinnaman) is still a police officer who gets taken down by organized crime. In the original, he’s gunned down in a bloody shooting sequence. In the new film, he’s nearly eviscerated by a car bomb. Murphy becomes Robocop, a cyborg created by Omni Consumer Products to be the perfect police officer — faster and stronger — but also fool the public into thinking Murphy’s emotions are still within his control, while secretly turning him into a full robot.

The original was visionary in its picture of Detroit; the city is now bankrupt and has fallen on hard times. But instead of revisiting this concept, the new movie focuses more on a global scale. In a time where the public’s fears have turned to drones and national organizations spying on private citizens, a remake of 87’s “Robocop” is actually warranted.

Padilha and screenwriter Joshua Zetumer focus on OmniCorp’s struggle to get robots accepted by lawmakers and the public, and how CEO Raymond Sellars is willing to throw Murphy under the bus. Murphy turns against his directives and tries to solve his own murder, ultimately unearthing corruption in his old department. All of this is told through a frame television show, “The Novak Element,” hosted by Samuel L. Jackson’s Pat Novak — a Shakespearean chorus of sorts and a not-so-subtle jab at Bill O’Reilly — as another timely update to the film’s political relevance.

However, because the film is concerned with the bigger picture more than character interaction, several fine actors end up short shifted. Jackie Earle Haley, as a robotics expert who dislikes the idea of melding man and machine, doesn’t receive the development he deserves. Gary Oldman, as the doctor tasked with making the Robocop program work, doesn’t get to play as deep a character as he usually signs up for. Keaton is a decent villain but no one lives up to Kurtwood Smith as the original film’s Clarence Boddicker. Jackson, however, is up to the challenge and makes his few sequences count.

The visual effects are obviously more impressive than the original’s, but it would be unfair to reduce the new movie by calling it the original with a paint job slapped on. “Robocop” digs deeper than that; at the very least, it makes an effort to update Verhoeven’s themes. The movie may not live up to its ambitions but it doesn’t fall too far off the mark.
Saluki women kept swimming until end

AARON GRAFF  Daily Egyptian

Saluki women’s swimming and diving finished the season with some hardware, but not the Missouri Valley Conference Championship the team wanted.

SIU hosted the MVC Swimming and Diving Women’s Championships during the weekend, and finished in third place behind Illinois State University and Missouri State University. Missouri State won the tournament for the seventh straight season with 945.5 team points.

Despite the third-place finish, the Salukis had two athletes capture four individual championships.

Senior Pamela Bentsen won the 200 and 1650 freestyle races. She finished nearly 10 seconds ahead of Missouri State’s Heather Snyder in the 1650 freestyle. Bentsen said in the mile swim, swimmers have to set their pace early to do well.

“You either be smart and start building up before, or you get stuck in the back,” Bentsen said.

Bentsen said her time would probably not qualify for the national tournament and she plans to take a break from swimming.

“It’s a lot of hard work,” she said. “If I miss it, I’ll keep going.”

Sophomore Kaixuan “Sherry” Zhang won the 1-meter and 3-meter dives. Her 3-meter final dive score of 439.40 broke her own pool, team, and MVC Championship record she set in the preliminaries. Zhang broke the school 3-meter record three times this season.

Zhang also broke the conference record for the 1-meter dive with a score of 346.25.

“I don’t think about my result before I dive,” Zhang said.

Zhang was named the MVC Diver of the Year, and wanted to thank her teammates and coach, Joy Zhao, for all of their help.

“We always encourage each other before we dive,” Zhang said. “We always say, ‘Don’t be nervous, just do your best.’”

Zhao was named the MVC Diving Coach of the Year. The Salukis had three of the top four divers in each of the events. Senior Esther Chen placed second in the 3-meter and third in the 1-meter, and seniors Brittany Weigel placed fourth in each event.

Zhao said she wanted to thank the athletic department for better training equipment. She said Zhang has the potential to break records every season, and could find herself in the national tournament.

“Next year is going to be better than this year,” Zhao said.

Men’s tennis sweeps weekend at home

TONY MCDANIEL  Daily Egyptian

The men’s tennis team began the weekend with slight momentum, but will have plenty to build off of before their next match.

The Salukis started their first home stand of the year Friday against Austin Peay State University, and continued Saturday against Chicago State University, taking both matches by wide margin.

SIU played its home opener Friday against the Governors at Garden Grove Event Center, the team’s indoor facility. The Salukis started off the match against the Ohio Valley Conference favorites by winning two out of the three games during doubles play to take a 1-0 lead.

The junior duo of Syamon Opiecznek and Jorge Caverzo won their fourth straight match by a score of 6-3. Austin Pray answered back with a 6-4 win on court two to force a deciding match on court one for the doubles point.

Freshman Michal Kianicka and sophomore Jonny Rigby’s match against Jasmin Ademovic and Aleksas Tvarijonas went into a tiebreaker that the Salukis won 8-6 to give the team a 1-0 lead going into singles play.

Coach Dann Nelson said Rigby and Kianicka’s doubles victory was crucial in the rest of the match for the Salukis’ confidence.

“It was huge. They came from 5-2 down in a set to six, saved two match points and came back and won the match, which won us the doubles point,” Nelson said.

“It was a turning point in the first 30 minutes of the match.”

In singles play, Rigby defeated Ademovic 6-5, 6-2, to build SIU’s lead to 2-0.

At the start of Rigby’s first match against Ademovic, the two players had a disagreement over the score. With no umpire on site to settle the dispute, the two players along with the coaches had to settle the disagreement.

“I won the first set 6-3 and he was saying it was 5-2. I don’t know if he was just either really stupid or if he was trying to play mind games,” Rigby said.

“When he’s got it wrong, it’s hard for him to convince everyone he’s right. I knew I’d get it my way.”

Rigby was right, and won the set 6-3.

The remaining matches continued without issue. On court two, Kianicka defeated Dimitar Ristovski 6-4, 6-4. Opiecznek won his singles match against Jago Seiffen to clinch the win for SIU 4-1 with two matches left to play.

Senior Rafael Czadzilo won his match over James Mitchell in a tiebreaker. In the final match of the day, freshman Filip Aleksic won his third straight singles match easily over APSU’s Manuel Montenegro 6-4, 6-2, to make the final score of the match 6-1 in favor of the Salukis.

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Freshman swimmer Sarah James, right, embraces senior swimmer Kristy Hinkle Saturday after the women’s 200-yard backstroke during the Missouri Valley Conference Championships at Edward J. Shea Natatorium. Hinkle won the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:02.51. James finished the season on the first-team All-Conference roster and Hinkle garnered honorable mention first-team.

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