Christian group seeks university’s response to allegations

Andrea Zimmermann  DAILY EGYPTIAN

A national Christian advocacy group has given the university until today to respond to the allegations that a graduate student’s rights were infringed upon when a professor refused to let her include religion in an assignment.

Christian Mize, a graduate student in social work from Murphysboro, said during the fall semester, Professor Laura Dreuth Zeman refused to let her include a Christian-based therapy to assist women dealing with post-abortion stress syndrome in a paper for her SOCW 501 class.

Mize said Dreuth Zeman informed her that her paper would be downgraded if she included the religious aspect.

Mize enlisted the help of the Alliance Defense Fund for Academic Freedom. The organization’s American Center for Law and Justice helped her prepare legal information to attach to her paper, which no longer included the faith-based component.

The letter told Dreuth Zeman that she had violated Mize’s free speech and religious rights.

Dreuth Zeman said she passed the paper and the legal letters onto general counsel, as is her general practice whenever she receives anything of a legal nature, as a result, Mize received an incomplete for the course.

“My job isn’t to place the position of the university in legal matters,” Dreuth Zeman said, “I asked for their direction.”

Amy Smith, litigation counsel for the Alliance Defense Fund, sent a letter to the university on March 7, demanding the paper be graded promptly.

SUIC spokesman Rod Sievers said the ungraded paper and legal letter must have gotten buried in the general counsel’s office.

“It may have gotten stuck up in (general counsel) for a little while, but the right thing was done” by grading the paper, Sievers said.

In the letter, Smith also requested that SUIC assure the Alliance Defense Fund that Mize and any other student’s religious freedoms would not be violated again. Smith gave the university until today to fulfill the demand.

“When your university decides which kinds of speech is to be protected, people should be worried,” she said. “Today it might be Christian speech and once they are done vetting that out, they would go on to another speech. You have to protect everyone’s speech.”

Smith said the Alliance Defense Fund primarily represent Christian clients and that people of other religions would probably seek help from other organizations.

See RESPONSE, Page 7

16 Sweet Salukis

SIU defeats Va. Tech, advances to Sweet 16 for first time in 5 years

Sean McGahan  DAILY EGYPTIAN

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The team knows nationally for its stingy defense provided more of the same Sunday on the way to its first Sweet 16 berth since 2002.

SU (29-6) defeated Virginia Tech (22-12) in second-round NCAA tournament regional play 63-48. The win gives the Salukis their third ever trip to the Sweet 16, and their first since 2002.

The Salukis held the Hokies to a season-low 20 first half points, and kept up the defensive intensity to leave Virginia Tech with a total of 48 points, right less than its previous season low.

SU led 19-18 with 4:28 remaining in the first half, and never surrendered the lead for the rest of the game. Four Salukis scored in double-digits, with senior guard Jamaal Tatum and Tony Young leading the way with 21 and 17 respectively.

Tatum sparked a Saluki offensive streak late in the first half, hitting three shots in a row from beyond the arc to end the half and banking in another three-pointer less than a minute into the second half. He finished 6-of-9 from the long range.

Young said the team’s intensity to content to just be among the final 16 teams.

“We won’t be satisfied until we go as far as we possibly can, just go out every game and just play our hearts out,” Young said. We know what it’s like to drop temperatures to greet the superstars were back in southern Illinois.

More than 500 people gathered for the NCAA tournament action. As Coach Chris Lowry entered the Delta carrier with his young daughter nestled in his left arm, the scores of fans outside and inside the ballpark erupted in adulation.

Junior forward Randal Falkier tickled the tamarind with a limp, followed by a line of some groggy-eyed teammates, athletes, staff, band members, university administrators and others who departed the flight from Columbus, Ohio.

“It couldn’t get any better,” said senior guard Jamaal Tatum as he walked through the crowd of people who were snapping photos by the second and reaching out to slap hands with the victors.

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“I was a nervous wreck through the whole thing,” said Abney, a 1992 SIUC graduate.

Abney also had some words for former SIU coach Bruce Weber, whose University of Illinois Fighting Illini fell 54-52 in the tournament’s first round.

“Illinois couldn’t get the job done, but we got it done,” she said. “Don’t send a boy to do a man’s job.”

Nearly 9-year-old Kelway Pearson of Carterville waved a Saluki pennant as her mother Michelle held her daughter on her shoulders.

Go to siude.com for a photo slideshow of tournament action

SIU guard Jamaal Tatum greets fans at the Williamson County Regional Airport as he and fellow teammates arrive back in southern Illinois after their victory over Virginia Tech in the second round of the Men’s NCAA Tournament in Columbus, Ohio.

Hundreds of fans greet Salukis with cheers return to southern Illinois

Brandon Weisenberger  DAILY EGYPTIAN

MARION — Eardrum-thumping chants of “SIU” resonated through a sea of Saluki fans Sunday night at Williamson County Regional Airport.

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“When a university decides to do so much on defense, but your offense has got to take over too.”

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Submit calendar items to the newsroom, 1226 S. Main St., Carbondale, IL 62903. Call Johanna Hsiao at 545-2468 for more information.

Women's Club offers scholarships for females

The SIU Women's Club seeks applicants for two scholarships. Female undergraduates of at least junior standing can apply for the Dorothy Morris Scholarship. Non-traditional female undergraduates can apply for the Joyce gaynor Non-Traditional Student Scholarship.

Both prizes require a minimum 3.0 GPA. Applicants must submit a cover sheet with name, address, date of birth, class standing, 10-number and graduation date, official college transcripts, a letter stating leadership experience, accomplishments outside the classroom and financial need, and three letters of recommendation. Applicants must be enrolled at SIUC and complete at least one semester during the 2007-08 academic year. May and August 2007 graduates are not eligible.

Applications must be postmarked by March 30. Application packages should be sent to Scholarship, SIU Women's Club, P.O. Box 1126, Carbondale, IL 62905. Call Johanna Hsiao at 549-2468 for more information.

Wildfire burns homes, shuts down highway

RENO, Nev. (AP) — An early season wildfire in Reno burned several homes and temporarily shut down Interstate 80 westbound lanes, officials said.

An undetermined number of people were evacuated from homes and businesses after the brush fire broke out Saturday afternoon.

There was actually seven structures that had some fire damage and one structure that pretty much burned to the ground," said Reno Fire Department Battalion Chief Bob Knoll. He said the fire was contained Saturday night and evacuated residents had been allowed to return home.

The flames were fed by wind gusts of up to 20 mph and another day of unreasonably warm weather. Saturday's high of 78 had Feml fire record for that day in 1972.

Cold temperatures, higher humidity and lighter winds should help firefighters as they monitor the fire overnight, Knoll said.

I-80's westbound lanes and two city streets were closed for about an hour as flames approached it, police said.

The cause of the fires was under investigation. About 100 firefighters battled the blaze, which also burned fences and outbuildings.

The fire came as a wave of unreasonably high temperatures in Reno.

Man pays 30-year-old fine for lost book

SUPERIOR, Wis. (AP) — High school grad Jeff Rolson has been dodging 13 dollars for a lost algebra book and unpaid gym fees.

With interest, it could have been a lot worse. Rolson graduated from Superior Senior High in 1977. He stopped by last week to get a copy of his transcript and was surprised when a secretary handed him a receipt for lost book and unpaid gym fees.

An armed robbery occurred at 9:30 p.m. at the footbridge near Boomer Hall March 7. A 25-year-old SUIC student reported that two unidentified males approached him, one suspect pointed a handgun at the victim while the second suspect took the victim's wallet. The suspects fled east on the footbridge. The victim was not injured, the investigation continues.

SIUC student Shane Alan Robinson, 19, from Chicago was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct at 12:37 p.m. March 3 at Schneider Hall. Robinson was issued a Citation for Carbondale by pat mail citation and released.

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Women's safety class

In the March 9 Story “SIUC goes 3-D” should have stated that the two days before event, or call 536-3311, ext. 266.

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Women's safety class

• Presented by the Department of Public Safety
• 7 p.m. tonight at the Student Center, Ballroom A
• Free admission
• Will provide participants the knowledge to make an educated decision about personal defense

Una platica por mis ojos: A conversation through my eyes

• 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the SUIC Museum, South Hall of Fowler Hall
• Artist exhibition for School of Art & Design MFA Painting candidate Jose Guajardo
• Free admission, open to public
• For more information visit www.delbujolose.com

Beginning ballroom dancing

• 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Davies Gym, second floor
• Courses will be held on Tuesdays, March 20 through April 24 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and will focus on Rumba, Cha Cha, and Swing
• Fee is $30 per applicant

Submitt calendar items to the Daily Egyptian newsroom, communications 1247, at least two days before event, or call 536-3311, ext. 266.

CORRECTIONS

In the March 9 Daily Egyptian, the page 5 story “SLUC goes 3-D” should have stated that the School of Architecture has offered instruction in 3-D design since the 1980s. Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

If you spot an error, please contact the Daily Egyptian accuracy desk at 536-2371, ext. 253.
We're anticipating there to be an increased use of Illinois coal because of the new requirements regarding mercury.

— Phil Gatton, director of Physical Plant

The SIUC debate team will soon host Irish opponents

Ryan Rendleman
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIUC debate team will soon exchange words with the Irish. At 7 p.m. April 4 in the Hiram H. Liston Law Building auditorium, Ireland’s national debate team will spar with the university’s team, which is ranked 36th of 200 nationally.

Todd Graham, director of debate at SIUC, said the debate will be an interesting and important event.

“It should be a really fun, a really good time,” Graham said.

Graham said Ireland’s national debate team is invited to compete against a U.S. team once a year. He said SIUC, along with three other U.S. teams, has a chance to compete against the Irish squad.

Katie Thomas, a sophomore from Fort Collins, Colo., studying political science, will combine forces with Kyle Dennis, a junior from Kansas City, Mo., studying economics, and Justin Hingstgen, a senior from West Des Moines, Iowa, studying business management. Dennis and Hingstgen make up the whole team.

Thomas said the Irish team includes the country’s top three college-level debaters. She said she expects the team to be very competitive.

“I’m really excited to have them debate here at SIUC,” Thomas said. “They won their national championship last year and I think we have a tough battle to win.

“Everybody is really looking to have that experience.”

Thomas said the Irish team is and the oil will be a good game.

Thomas said students should come to the event because it would be a good time, and would show respect for the Irish team.

“We’re inviting as many people as we can to come because we think it would be really important to show the Irish that we respect them by having people show up and make this an important thing,” she said.
BUSH VETO LEMS FOR DEMOCRACY LEGISLATION

Jim Abrams THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — The president with the fewest votes in more than a century, George W. Bush, is poised to make up for lost time as congressional Democrats move legislation that the White House says is unacceptable.

In the past week alone, the White House threatened veto House bills dealing with presidential executive protection for whistle-blowers, and a defeated Senate bill that would have set a deadline for withdrawing from Iraq.

The White House also warned that a war-spending bill the House will take up this coming week would face a veto because it contains Iraq withdrawal language.

Since Democrats took over Congress in January the White House has vetoed 22 of legislation on major bills before Congress; of these, nine contain veto threats aimed at the bills or provisions in them.

So far in 2006, Republicans run Capitol Hill, the White House issued 61 such policy statements, with only seven veto threats. Several reminders were not to exceed with tampering with ceilings; two were aimed at spending bills that had wording, later vetoed by Democrats.

U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales gives a press conference Tuesday in Washington, D.C. that was expected to focus in part on the prosecutor scandal.

Several Democrats and a few Republicans, including Sen. John Simeon of New Hampshire, have called for Gonzales to resign, saying he had lost the support of Congress and the nation.

Gonzales' chief of staff until he resigned last week, released a statement making clear that senior Justice officials were aware that the department and the White House had "been discussing the subject since the election" of 2004 Gonzales said he was kept in the dark about the communications.

Sen. Charles Schauer, D-N.Y., said Sunday that Gonzales' attorney told the committee that the former Gonzales aide wants to testify.

WASHINGTON — The Senate Judiciary Committee chairman said Sunday he intends to subpoena White House officials involved in drafting federal terror laws and dismissing anything short of their testimony in public.

The Bush White House was expected to announce early this week whether it will political strategy Karl Rove, former White House counsel Harriet Miers and other officials not to report or will assert executive privilege in preventing their appearance.

"I want testimony under oath. I am sick and tired of getting half-truths on this," Leasy said. "I do not believe in this. We will be preparing for you where we'll tell you everything, and they don't.""Thammasak said.

Previously, Sen. Patrick Leahy, the top Republican on the committee, said he had long fielded White House officials or other agencies for testimony in the past few weeks, according to a newspaper report.

Public Safety and Correctional Services Secretary Gary D. Maynard said he began working on plans to close the Maryland White House of Correction in Jessup hours after a correctional officer, Eddoards F. Edwards, was stabbed to death by a prisoner Sunday, March 3, the Baltimore Sun reported Sunday.

Edwards lived, but others involved in attacks at the prison remain in serious condition. Last summer, three prisoners were killed and 15 others were killed by death by terroristic democates.

"The House of Correction was one of the worst in terms of officer safety and efficieny of operation," Maynard said. "You can't have enough officers here to make it safe."
Man wrongly imprisoned for rape is convicted of murdering photographer

Carrie Antlfinger
The Associated Press

CHILTON, Wis. (AP) — A man who spent 18 years in prison for a rape he didn’t commit was convicted Sunday of murdering a photographer, whose charred bones were found in a burn pit outside his home.

Steven Avery, 44, shook his head when the verdict was read. He faces a mandatory life prison term for killing Teresa Halbach, 25, on Halloween 2005 near his family’s salvage yard.

Halbach disappeared Oct. 31, 2005, after going to the yard in rural Manitowoc County to photo- graph a minivan that Avery’s nephew Brendan Dassey, 16, was selling.

Two years before Halbach died, Avery was released from prison after serving 18 years for a Manitowoc County rape that DNA analysis showed he didn’t commit. He later settled a wrongful conviction lawsuit against the county for $36 million.

Avery and his defense lawyers spent a week on the 40-acre property and found charred fragments of her bones in a pit behind Avery’s garage and in a barrel, along with her camera and cell phone.

In closing arguments, defense lawyer Dean Strang had told jurors his client had no anger or embarrassment about the old case into which he had been dragged, and rejected a plea deal that would have required him to testify against his uncle.

But Dassey recanted his confession and rejected a plea deal that would have required him to testify against his uncle. The judge dismissed the sexual assault and kidnapping charges against Avery in January because prosecutors could not guarantee the nephew would testify. The judge dismissed the false imprisonment charge Monday, saying the jurors didn’t need to believe Avery because of his previous wrongful conviction.

The 1985 case wasn’t matter so much anymore if justice is done this time,” he said.

But special prosecutor Ken Kratz said it was “absolutely improper” for the defense to ask jurors to take the old case into account.

“He told jurors the prosecution’s theory of what happened — that Avery backed Halbach’s vehicle into his empty garage, closed the garage door and at some point shot Halbach at least twice and put her in the back of her vehicle,” he said.

The lawyers claimed the blood came from an unsecured vial from Avery’s appeals of the rape case. They also claimed the bones were moved to where they were found.

The jury convicted Avery of first-degree intentional homicide and using a firearm to commit a crime.

Avery’s attorney said it was “skillfully exploited” the officials’ supposed animosity to get Avery convicted of the killing.

“What’s the crime here? Admit the charges of sexual assault, kidnapping and false imprisonment to Avery’s case. But Avery couldn’t do it. So we had to do the repairing and the painting,” said Avery’s lawyer Pat Wachsler.

“Now we have to do it again.”
The tariff on sugar-based ethanol keeps most of Brazil’s ethanol out of the U.S. market, which is dominated by the corn-based version produced mostly in the Midwest, the Brazilian government, which had hoped that the pact was the first step toward lifting the 54-cents-a-gallon tariff the U.S. imposes on Brazilian ethanol. Bush said that’s not on the table. The tariff on sugar-based ethanol keeps most of Brazil’s ethanol out of the U.S. market, which is dominated by the corn-based version produced mostly in the Midwest. Lawmakers from those states have staunchly opposed efforts to remove the tariff (or the 53-cents-a-gallon tax credit for corn-based ethanol). Picking that fight isn’t on Bush’s agenda, although administration officials say something will have to give eventually if the United States is to benefit from its pact with Brazil. The tariff expires in 2009, but farm-state lawmakers are gearing up to renew it, even indefinitely. Ethanol is a huge success story for Brazil. It accounts for 40 percent of the motor fuel used last year, and 80 percent of new cars there are equipped to run on ethanol. Brazil made 4.6 billion gallons of ethanol last year and has enough farmland to triple that amount. Brazilian producers say they could eventually make enough ethanol to replace 5 percent of the oil consumed worldwide. The biofuels pact would also encourage production in sugar-growing countries throughout Central America and the Caribbean. Sugar-based ethanol is 25 percent cheaper to produce than the corn-based version. The U.S. produced 5.2 billion gallons of ethanol last year, and political leaders are trying to protect the makers from foreign competition. But the United States doesn’t have enough farmland to produce all the ethanol it could use, especially if Americans want to keep eating corn too.

The Energy Department estimates that U.S. production could reach about 12 billion gallons in 2017. By that time, Bush wants the country to be using 20 percent less gasoline, a goal that would require 35 billion gallons of ethanol or other alternative fuels.

The country can’t get there unless it encourages alternative fuels from every possible source — including Brazil.

So that’s the challenge for the Bush administration, and for every presidential contender tromping through Iowa cornfields. If they’re serious about reducing U.S. reliance on oil, they’ll let you buy ethanol and other alternative fuels — from anywhere in the world.

This editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Thursday.
When a comedic great such as Chris Rock can't even keep a smile from his face, you know the box office smash ‘Premonition’ has got to be a hit. In what is certainly director Mennan Yapo’s first foray into screen comedies, I was distinctly unamused.

Rock plays Richard Cooper, a successful investment banker with a wife who inexplicably refuses to sleep with him and a penchant for fast food that shapes his boring, sexless, soul-crushing life together. The trick to making a good ‘Premonition’ is to keep it moving.

The film seems to have been delved into ‘Secret Life of Walter Mitty’ territory, with Linda telling her daughter that Jim has been killed in a shady car wreck. Grief stricken with Linda remaining in a sort of suspended animation, the film drags on for nearly two hours. It’s not just that ‘Premonition’ is poorly constructed; everything about the film seems carelessly thrown together.

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NCAA Division 1 Men’s Bracket

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Wisconsin

SOUTH
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Tennessee
Virginia
Louisville
Texas A&M
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Kansas
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Girls and Sports
by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

Answer: The tall building was saved from demolition because it had a — "STORIED" PAST.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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AGDEA
KUPPEE
CAPTEK

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Answer:

THINK GUEST MINGLE CAUGHTY

Answers: 1/10/07

Puzzle 1

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Solution to Friday's puzzle

JU-MBLE

Uncrisscross these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

EUJIC
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Answers continued

Yesterday's Jumble: THINK Answer: Enjoyed by the couple when the power failed — "LIGHT" MUSIC

Today's Horoscopes are brought to you by...

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - Do the regular chores as quickly as you can. You may want to leave a little early, for romantic personal reasons.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - You're efficient now and also lucky, so full speed ahead! You can see what needs to be done. Do it quickly, before conditions change.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - The deadline is approaching, which gets your adrenaline pumping. Don't get panicky, though - that tends to lead to errors.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 6 - You appear to be the public to be withdrawn into your private space. To you, it seems like you're venturing into a whole new realm of discovery.

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Matt Shaw’s injured ankle could have meant doom for SIU as the NCAA Tournament.

Instead, several of his teammates stepped up and helped the Salukis advance to the Sweet 16 without the junior forward playing.

When Shaw was hurt on the final play of the first half in SIU’s Friday win over Holy Cross, Tony Boyle came off the bench and recorded 14 points and eight rebounds in the second half, when the Salukis were first without Shaw.

When Boyle, a sophomore forward, exited the game in the final minute of the second half with the 63-51 win locked up, he went to the bench to chants of “To-ny Boy-le!” from the SIU faithful.

“Fourteen, zero—we win. That’s what it’s about,” Boyle said. “When I’m not doing too good, the team picks me up, and when we go with me, you know. That’s telling me that he has confidence in me and it gave me confidence in myself.”

Lowery called Boyle’s number for the start in SIU’s second round win over Virginia Tech, his first start as a Saluki, but Boyle went scoreless with three rebounds.

Boyle, however, said that SIU needed him more than his scoring output, as he attempted just one shot in the win against Virginia Tech.

“Fourteen, zero—we win. That’s why he’s about,” Boyle said. “If I had to look to score, I would’ve looked for myself.”

After a three-point performance in the Missouri Valley Conference championship game, a 67-61 loss to Creighton, Randal Falker tallied 12 points and eight rebounds.

Boyle said a lot of that goes through Falker against Virginia Tech, and Lowery said a lot of that goes through Falker and sometimes, Falker’s impact takes away from the ball.

“The thing most people don’t realize is Randall is very central on the court,” Lowery said. “A lot of times why we got wide open threes is because he makes a move away from the ball, the way he screens in people.”

The Salukis entered the NCAA Tournament with the third-best scoring defense in the nation with 56.5 points per game allowed.

SIU went on to hold both opponents below that average, with Holy Cross scoring 51 points and Virginia Tech managing 48 in a game the Salukis played entirely without Shaw.

Senior guard Tony Young said SIU rallying in Shaw’s absence was the key to the defense’s dominating performance against Virginia Tech.

“With Matt Shaw being out, it was a conscious effort from everybody that came in and stepped on the court to go all out,” Young said.

That was our motto, to keep playing hard and just go all out, and we did,” Lowery said.

Lowery said Falker’s stats don’t tell the entire story.

He’s a kid,” Lowery said. “He’s got a great future ahead of him next year that came going with Matt’s injury. He’s a great kid, and he made a move away from the ball, the way he screens in people.”

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Kentucky falls to Kansas, 88-76

Nancy Armour
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Let Kentucky have the past. Kansas owns the present.

And with a few more performances like this, the loaded Jayhawks might be making some more history of their own.

Chicago native Julian Wright scored 15 of his 21 points in the second half, Brandon Rush added 19 and top-seeded Kansas romped past Kentucky 88-76 in a matchup of two of the game’s most storied programs in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

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Kansas (32-4) will play fourth-seeded Southern Illinois on Thursday in the Round of 16.

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Salukis beat SFA but fall to Kansas State in WNIT

**Joe Lascdan**

After hitting a three that gave SIU a late lead against Stephen F. Austin University, Jayme Sweere pumped her fist as she looked toward the SIU crowd Thursday night. She didn’t want SIU to bow out of its season just yet.

The Salukis rode the emotional highs of winning their first conference title since 1990 and reaching the 20-win plateau for a game-high 23 points to lead SFA to a 58-50 win in the first round of the Women’s National Invitation tournament at SIU Arena. The Salukis beat Stephen F. Austin 58-50 but lost to Kansas State 72-46 in the second round to end the Salukis’ first postseason run in 15 years.

A dejected Sweere did score eight points but had a game-high six turnovers against Drake.

The Salukis suffered from defensive lapses against the Bulldogs and fell behind by as many as 18 points. “I didn’t want that to be the last memory of our season,” Sweere said. “We accomplished so much this year and I didn’t want to go out like that.”

The junior guard came out hot against SFA, connecting hitting on 9 of 13 shots from the field and including three of four from three-point range for a game-high 23 points to lead SIU to a 58-50 win in the first round of the Women’s National Invitation tournament at SIU Arena.

Sweere also had 10 rebounds four assists, three steals and two blocked shots in the first half of the game. Now we have something to build on,” Eikenberg said. “It will take me a while to swallow this pill because I thought we didn’t compete.”

Eikenberg said the loss to the Wildcats can’t take away from the team’s accomplishments this season. “We’ve exceeded everyone’s expectations through hard work and through believing hard work does pay off,” Eikenberg said.

“Yet our efforts paid off Thursday as the Salukis offset the SFA size advantage with on-point careful shot selection and keeping the contest in a halftime game.”

SIU hit on 53 percent of its shots in the first half compared to SFA’s 39. The Ladyjacks, led by five-foot-three senior Charity Engeti outrebounded the Salukis 37-26, but SIU outscored SFA on the defensive end.

“Haven’t talked about much flash with this team this year, but we’ve got some grit — some toughness,” Eikenberg said. “That’s kind of what I’m about.”

SIU’s performance contrasted drastically against Kansas State, as the Salukis managed only 12 first half points Saturday, the lowest total in team history.

Sweere lead the Salukis again with 14 points and 11 boards but made just 4-of-16 shots. As a team, the Salukis shot just 14 percent in the first half and 28 percent for the game, finishing with a season-low 46 points.

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“We don’t have the greatest talent and don’t have the deepest team; we just try to work hard game by game. Now we have something to build on.”

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The Salukis won the second game on Saturday 9-0. Catcher Jayme Wamsley hit a two-run homer in the second inning to kick start a six-run inning. Senior pitcher Ashley Hamby also threw a one-hitter to improve to 30-3 on the season.

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**Jeff Engelhardt**

The only sound from Charlotte’s West Stadium was the whiff of Bradley’s softball bats as senior Cassidy Scoggins threw a no-hitter Sunday.

The No. 20 Salukis swept Bradley in three games, winning 2-0 in the series finale behind the 11-strikeout performance from Scoggins.

It marked her fifth career no-hitter and the second of the season for SIU.

Scoggins said the no-hitter was due to her ability to catch Bradley off guard.

“I was definitely mixing up the pitches a lot,” Scoggins said.

“A lot of people definitely expect me to throw outside, so today we came inside on them a lot and kept them off guard.”

Bradley drew one walk and had one player hit by the pitch for its only two runners of the game. The Salukis outscored Bradley in the series 14-0.

Bradley pitcher Ashley Birdsong allowed two hits, both of which led to two earned runs. The Salukis out-hit Birdsong on Saturday with seven hits on the way to a 2-0 victory.

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