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Bassers give school national recognition

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Aaron Connor, a senior from Murphysboro studying human nutrition and dietetics, fishes Sunday during the fifth-annual Saluki Bassers Veterans Appreciation Fishing Tournament at Lake of Egypt in Marion. Connor, a veteran of the U.S. Army and member of the Saluki Bassers, was one of several student veterans who participated in the tournament. He said it was great to be back on the water again. "I love it," Connor said. "I spent 10 months overseas and the closest thing I got to water was a dam." The Saluki Bassers meet every week at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Campus Lake boat docks.

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Petition for Pravin continues to grow

SETH RICHARDSON  LUKE NOZICKA  Daily Egyptian

Calls for a special investigation into the death of SIU student Pravin Varughese are growing quickly.

Lovely Vanghese, Pravin’s mother, started the Justice for Pravin campaign as a means of finding out what happened to her son the night of his death.

Pravin went missing from a house party the night of Feb. 12. His body was found five days later in a wooded area in the 1400 block of East Main Street.

Since then, Lovely said she has received several different accounts of the event.

“We have been told inconsistent stories, and we just want to find the truth,” she said. “We just want a fair investigation and really know what happened to our son.”

Lovely said all of the inconsistencies caused her to form Justice for Pravin. The group is currently circulating a petition asking for a special investigation into the case.

Lovely said Jackson County Coroner Thomas Kupferer informed her the toxicology report on Pravin came back negative for any drugs. Police initially said her son was too intoxicated to give the driver of the vehicle, Garge Berhoute, of Harrisburg, his address.

The report did show an alcohol content of 0.049 milligrams in his urine, which Kupferer described as being from postmortem changes to the body, she said.

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Saluki basketball faces changes

TYLER DIXON  Daily Egyptian

Following coach Hinson’s advice, guards Fillyaw and Balogun pursue other options

Mike Balogun  SARAH GARDNER  •  DAILY EGYPTIAN  Marcus Fillyaw

Fillyaw said his relationship with Hinson during the course of the season was not perfect. “We weren’t as close as I would have liked to have been,” he said. “But we didn’t have any problems.”

Hinson spoke with various players during the past weeks regarding their futures with the team. “He said I should find a situation that’s better suited for me,” Balogun said.

The anonymous player said Balogun would remain with the team even without large amounts of playing time, because of his loyalty to the program — but last Thursday Hinson brought in a recruit and decided to move on without Balogun.

“It felt really bad,” Balogun said. “These guys are all my family, they’re my brothers.”

The absence of Balogun and Fillyaw will leave a void at guard for the Salukis, but freshman Tyler Smithprett will likely have an expanded role next season.

SIU also signed guard Chaz Glotta of Fort Zumalt North High School in O’Fallon, Mo., and has a verbal commitment from Dxon Lavender of Marquette Catholic High School in Alton.

While Hinson’s name was recently mentioned for the University of Tulsa coaching job, the anonymous team member said assistant coach Anthony Beane Sr. and sophomore guard Anthony Beane Jr. are playing the market.

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BASSERS
One of the 2014 Saluki App Competition winners might help students find their own trails, or at least ones they never knew about.

The team hopes to add locations where outdoor enthusiasts can not only hike but also offer other activities such as rope climbing, cliff diving, fishing, overnight camping, multi-day backpacking, mountain biking and swimming. They also plan to promote social and community involvement where users can organize group hikes, plan outdoor events, post user photos/videos and communicate or leave reviews about the trails.

The Gluten Free Converter

The idea behind the competition is to create an app that makes life on campus, and in the region, better. Technology transfer specialist Amy McMorrow Hunter helped organize the event.

“We’re happy to see more and more students catching the innovation bug — and getting results with their ideas and apps,” she said. “The three teams that won the judged categories in the 2014 Saluki App Competition have established or are making plans to establish their own businesses. The competitions will continue so we encourage students to get involved and get their ideas rolling.”

SI Trails developers Jeremy Packer, Randall Brownlee and Mohammad Alabandi wanted to help the southern Illinois community become more familiar with the surrounding natural landscape. The app offers listings of single-day hiking trails as well as integrated Google Maps, trail maps, pictures, handouts and tips.

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Brownlee, a senior from Chicago studying information systems technology, said he came up with the idea last year while working on a web design class project.

“After doing his research, Brownlee developed an idea to create a website where one could find hiking trails, campsites and nature preserves in the area with maps, pictures and descriptions. Eventually Packer, a senior from Metropolis studying computer science, approached Brownlee about turning the site into a mobile app.

“Our goal is to make connecting with nature a more accessible experience,” Brownlee said. “We want our app to make trails in southern Illinois more accessible to the community by placing all the information in the palms of their hands.”

“I do a lot of hiking in my free time, and most of the time found myself only going to the same two or three trails that I knew of in the area,” he said. “Searching online I found out that there was information on dozens of more trails that were still fairly close, but some of the websites were iffy and none of them had a well formatted comprehensive list that was easy to follow.”

Packer, who won the competition last year for his Life at Southern app, worked as SI Trails’ lead developer.

“The woods should be maintained by the maintenance and grounds crew

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Students aim to guide explorers’ paths

In the beginning of the summer including additional trails, richer media integration and a website home to organize hikes and outings, he said.

“The beta version of the app is currently available on the Google Market, but is currently only supported for Android phones above 2.2,” he said. “We are working on an update that will add support.”

Brownlee said the team is also working on an offline mode that saves changes and maps when the app goes offline. The app updates itself when it finds a signal, he said.

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Check in Wednesday’s Daily Egyptian for coverage of the Gluten Free Converter.

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Illinois State Police also confirmed a trooper pulled over when he saw Bethanie’s car on the side of the road. Video from the night shows the trooper look into the woods from the highway with his flashlight shortly before leaving the scene.

“Something like this happens, as parents you want to know the truth and you need to have closure,” she said. “You can’t wake up every morning thinking, ‘What happened to my son.’ It’s bothering me. I cannot sleep. I really want to know the truth and you need to have answers.”

Lovely said once the petition reaches 20,000 signatures and Lovely said she has around 3,500 signatures and Lovely said she has around 3,500 signatures and Lovely said she has around 3,500 signatures and Lovely said she has around 3,500 signatures and Lovely said she has around 3,500 signatures.

The case is reminiscent of another death that Varughese is not receiving the justice he deserves. “It’s been two years and we’re still waiting for justice,” Milligan said. “It hurts really bad. It’s like it doesn’t matter.”

The State’s Attorneys Appellate Prosecutors’ Office in Springfield assigned Ed Parkinson as special prosecutor of the case in September of 2013. However Larry and Milligan said they think Parkinson has been unresponsive towards the family.

Milligan said the Molly Young case is similar to the Pravin Varughese case because like Molly, Varughese is not receiving the justice he deserves. Larry said he contacted the Varugheses and advised them to get an independent autopsy and toxicology report.

Lovely was critical of the official investigation, but added she does not want to seem vindictive. “I have the utmost respect for the legal system. I came from India. We hold police in the utmost respect. My son wanted to be a police officer. He dreamed of being in the FBI and solving cases like his own.”

She said she only wants the truth. “This shouldn’t have to happen to another family,” she said. “We are going through a whole lot and they shouldn’t be getting into assumptions before finding out the truth.”

Carbondale Police Chief Jody O’Guinn did not respond to calls for comment.

For more information on the Pravin Varughese petition, visit justiceforpravin.org. For more information on the Molly Young petition, search for “Molly Young” on change.org.

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Safety first

Carbondale firefighter Matt Wozniak, talks about fire safety with a group of fifth graders Monday outside of Lewis School. Students displayed their knowledge from fire safety classes earlier in the year. The students used a mobile training home where they identified objects that could start fires and simulated a house fire with fake smoke.

A voice for the impaired

Joyce Metcalf, a worker at Morris Library, volunteers to read local news Monday at the Southern Illinois Radio Information Service in Carbondale. SIRIS is a public broadcasting service, which provides local and national news readings for those who are visually impaired, blind and print-disabled, Sarah Maher, secretary at the SIRIS center, said. “It really is a great organization and everyone who signs up to receive the broadcast will get a free radio,” Metcalf said. The information service is located at 103 South Oakland and is open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Wednesday through Friday, and 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday. Anyone interested in signing up to volunteer or receive the broadcast may visit the center for more information.
Playoffs bring brand new intensity

JACK ROBINSON  Daily Egyptian

With the 2014 National Hockey League regular season finally over, it is time for the playoffs to start and the drama to begin.

The NHL, similar to its seasonal counterpart, the NBA, turns up the physicality in the playoffs. The regular season for both sports seems mild compared to the level of intensity and urgency found in these games.

The first round matchups are the best they have ever been in the past few years and there will certainly be some game sevens to look forward to.

In the Eastern Conference, you have an Original Six matchup between the Boston Bruins and the Detroit Red Wings. This Original Six series dates all the way to 1926, when the teams first faced off against each other. Although the Bruins have been one of the league’s best teams this year, look for Detroit to play spoiler.

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The problem with the Western Conference is there are too many good physical teams. The west will beat up on each other leaving whoever ends up in the Stanley Cup Final limping. The Eastern Conference has weak matchups like the Pittsburgh Penguins playing the Columbus Blue Jackets. The Blue Jackets traded away their best forward in Marian Gaborik and have little chance at beating the powerhouse that is the Penguins. Sydney Crosby will likely glide through this series, seeing that only a few of the Hawks has any significant playoff experience.

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Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle
Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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Lineup could take the biggest hit

Rothenhausler hit his second walk-off single of the season Friday, but Kopach should see the lineup a little more because of offensive struggles. He deserves a chance to crack the starting lineup once again.

Senior catcher Matt Jones was hitless this week in four games, while backup freshman catcher Jake Hand picked up four hits in four games. Hand had his first two starts in right field during the weekend. The starting right field spot is up for grabs, and it is good to see Hand in the lineup but that does not mean he should start at catcher. Jones is in a slump, which happens in baseball all the time.

Senior outfielder Donny Duschinsky and junior outfielder Tyler Rolland have been the primary right fielders lately, but if Hand can play right field well, he can claim the starting spot.

The Saluki hitters may struggle overall, but senior first baseman Ryan Casillas is on fire. He was named the Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Week last week, and picked up six more hits this week. He leads the team in nine offensive categories this season, including batting average, home runs and RBIs.

Freshman center fielder Dyllin Mucha had hits in eight of his last nine games, and has the second highest batting average on the team. Mucha has a lot of speed and the ability to bunt for a base hit.

Henderson broke an unwritten rule Tuesday against Southeast Missouri State University. Freshman Dyllin Mucha had a seven-game hitting streak, but did not start. It was okay, because Mucha missed the beginning of the weekend series for personal reasons.

Henderson brought Mucha into the game for senior Donny Duschinsky in the sixth inning. Mucha failed to get a hit in two at-bats, which ended the streak. Henderson's move is justified, since the Salukis were losing the majority of the game, and Mucha had obviously been hot, but it is a shame to see a good hitting streak vanish the way it did.

The Salukis play at 5 p.m. Tuesday against the University of Tennessee-Martin and at 4:30 p.m. Wednesday against Austin Peay State University at Itchy Jones Stadium.

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JENNIFER GONZALEZ • DAILY EGYPTIAN
Senior Ryan Casillas advances to third base Saturday during SIU's 5-4 loss against Indiana State University at Itchy Jones Stadium. Casillas has a .341 batting average and a total of 30 RBIs this season.

Weekly Bark

 dentro Higher Education recently released an article that said colleges and universities should provide sports degrees for athletes. It states performance-based degrees such as music and writing have a major but athletes usually major in kinesiology, sports management or other fields. Should colleges and universities provide athletic majors for athletes?

It’s impossible to please everyone. If a university makes this a policy for one sport then they will have to do it for every sport. It is a waste of money to have majors that only a small percentage of students could qualify for. Athletes should be required to take different courses such as business or career planning, but I don’t think there should be a major for athletes. - Tyler Dixon

No, it’s impossible to really study a sport much more than athletes already do. There are a lot of careers in sports, but those fall under majors already in place. Universities should consider expanding specializations in certain colleges, but students who aren’t even athletes might try to major in different sports if allowed, which would make earning a college degree too easy. - Aaron Graff

I think there should be a “pro-athlete” major. It should be reserved for only the top athletes at each university, the players that would be a shoe-in to go to the NFL, NBA, MLB, etc. They would be required to take courses like economics, sports management and business management to prepare them for life after their athletic careers come to an end, which they inevitably will. It would be more beneficial to the student-athletes than a simple major that a large university would give their athletes that just keeps them eligible to play. - Tony McDaniel

No. The whole system is messed up if this is even a question. College is being forced upon kids who don’t even want to come and I don’t believe creating a major will rectify the situation. College should be left to the men and women who want to get an education. It should not be a prerequisite for pro-athletes. - Tyler Davis

Colleges shouldn’t provide a major specifically for athletes, but could introduce classes that are more in-depth with sports which could cover athletes’ performances. If it was just a course, it could fall under majors such as sports administration, sports management or kinesiology. - Symone Woolridge