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State files complaint against local judge, accuses unfair treatment of SIU Law students.

SIUC's dubious position as the leading school for drug referrals is subject to interpretation, as seen for violations of campus alcohol and drug laws continue to rise, according to the first-ever report on college crime by the Department of Education.

The report, released last month, examined crime rates for the 1999 calendar year. SIUC accounted for 443 drug referrals in the survey of four-year colleges while State University of New York at Oswego led with 1,161 referrals.

Analysts are quick to compare to campus police departments, according to SIUC Police Lt. Todd Sigler. What is known is that students do get or receive a referral dependent on the judgment of the officer at the time.

"For example, there may not be enough evidence to determine exactly who may be responsible of some- thing, like drug paraphernalia in a dorm room," Sigler said. "We can't accurately who is in possession to the necessary extent to prove it in a court of law.

Defendants must be proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in criminal law, while only preponderance of the evidence, a significantly lower standard, is needed to refer students to Student Judicial Affairs.

The crime report stems from a federal law called the Clery Act, which requires colleges to release campus crime statistics by Oct. 1 for the previous year. Named for Janese Clery, who was raped and murdered in her Pennsylvania residence hall room in 1990, the act forces colleges to make violent crime information accessible to prospective students.

The Department of Education was recently ordered to collect this information, analyze it and prepare an annual report for Congress. Prior to the order, colleges were only required to release statistics to students, upon personal request.

Jean Paratore, associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, said the report details thousands of incidents involving hundreds of students, was responsible for releasing SIUC's statistics and said the number of referrals was generally accurate.

"In total, in that we went back and looked at all of the reports," Paratore said. "Understand that the way we define referrals is that we include any cases that are referred to Student Judicial Affairs regarding drugs or drug paraphernalia.

"I don't think the Napster people have much of a chance," Dunham said. "But I can't set them negotiating.

Dunham said there could possibly be an arrangement in which Napster would have to charge its users for downloading music.

While law experts like Dunham said the future of the downloading company does not look good, Shawn Fanning, Napster founder, remains confident that his creation will survive.

"We will find a way to keep this community going," Fanning said in a press conference Monday. "We've worked together, we will succeed.

Until the official ruling, Napster users will continue to download as much music as possible before their access to free music is denied. According to Gary Lacey, director of marketing at Webnoise, Napster's estimated 50 million users streamed to the server during the weekend to download about 250 million songs. Webnoise, which monitors digital entertainment, recorded about 130 million songs downloaded on Sunday alone.

"Right now, you're probably going to have increased usage in the next week," Lacey said.

Lacey said the fans will keep streaming the server until a decision is finally made. He said the fear of the end has been around for awhile, showing a 91-percent increase of downloading with 2.7 billion songs downloaded in January.

Kevin Parish, a senior in outdoor recreation from St. Louis and an occasional Napster user, said he does not see the problem with Napster.

"It may not be the most honest thing they are doing, as they are not turning a profit, I don't see what the problem is," Parish said.

Until the fate of Napster is finally decided, Lacey said users will continue to take advantage of the service. Even if the company is stopped, Lacey said the company has made its mark.

"Napster could go down in history as the most popular consumer service to ever be shut down," Lacey said.

Katherine Watkins, of Carbonia, prepares roses for Valentine's Day at The Flower Box on West Main Street. Despite this time of the year, Watkins spends most of her time on her specialty, designing and creating rose bouquets.

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Can't buy me love

STORY BY
Andrea Donaldson

Sh: about two weeks, vases of dried, once-vibrant roses will decorate offices, houses and dorm rooms around the world. And when they are delivered on Wednesday, they will fill the air with love.

Valentine's Day brings the high price of roses

More than 50 million roses are given worldwide on Valentine's Day every year, according the Flowers and Plants Association website. Because of this huge global demand in a short period of time, floral shops are charging higher prices.

Patty Frost, owner of The Flower Box Inc., located in Astoria Shopping Center, said roses are definitely the most popular flowers for Valentine's Day, and she has ordered between 3,500 and 5,000 to meet the demands.
**ROSES**

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"I know that the demand is very great and it takes a little of energy to produce the roses needed," she said.

Prost explained that in order to meet the demand, labor and energy to produce the roses increases, causing the wholesale price to double. She said she paid a 115-percent increase per rose this year. Normally roses cost $3.50 each at the Flower Box, but around Valentine’s Day the price is increased to $5 each.

Prost said florists are often saddled with an unfair and inaccurate reputation around Valentine’s Day.

"The public just generally thinks the florists are getting rich," Prost said.

Lois Glaze, owner of The Petal Patch, 217 S. Illinois Ave., said most people don’t realize that it isn’t the florists who set the prices of roses.

"Because [roses] are so popular, that is why the grower can increase the price and people buy it," Glaze said.

Travis Cook, a junior in administration of justice from Carbondale, said it is easier to blame the florist for the increase cost of flowers than gas stations for the price of gas because florists seem to have more control of the prices.

"Cook did say that he has paid the high price for roses because it's expected," Prost said.

Glase said people used to buy roses based on their meanings — red roses are symbolic of love, while white roses mean purity, yellow roses mean joy and friendship and pink roses stand for admiration — but today, most people just buy what is pretty.

"We do still have some florists who will not buy a red rose just for a friend," Glaze said.

Despite the increased price of these symbols of love, Glase still expects deliveries to rise about 20 percent on Wednesday from the previous year. Normally roses increase, causing the wholesale price to double. She said she paid a 115-percent increase per rose this year.

"We think of Valentine’s Day we think of love, and red roses are one of the greatest symbols of love," Prost said.

**PATTY PROST**

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SIU Law School students will not have to worry about a Jackson County circuit court judge bringing them from his courtroom any news of what he heard in his courtroom.

On Tuesday, the Judicial Inquiry Board of the state for Illinois filed a complaint against Circuit Judge William C. Schwartz saying he restricted third-year law students from his courtroom in retaliation for his refusal to testify against Schwartz's character in an ongoing case against the school. The complaint said that Schwartz brought students from his courtroom and that he restricted the third-year law students from his courtroom in retaliation for his refusal to testify against Schwartz's character in an ongoing case against the school.

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So, in the spirit of all things Extreme, I decided that a regular Valentine's Day just wouldn't suffice. It's got to be Extreme Valentine's Day.

My first plan was to re-enact the story of St. Valentine on video and then show it to my wife, who would be so thrilled with my efforts that we would end up having some X-Games of our own.

Unfortunately for me, St. Valentine was sentenced by the Emperor Claudius to death with clubs until dead. But, what the hell, all in the name of love, right? Johnny Knoxville has taken as much on the show "Jackass." After the boundaries came off and I watched the video, it was soon apparent that the only group who would find this romantic is the New York Yankees.

As always, a chocolate should have to be devised. Chocolate. What could be more Valentine than that? In order to fill my Extreme mandate, I decided to sculpt a life-size statue of myself out of chocolate. As my finished product bore a keener resemblance to Mr. I lanky or Bill Archer, I'm not sure: either Mr. I lanky or Bill Archer, I'm not sure. Instead of a commercial homage to Love, I finally found the materials I needed; a card 5-feet high and 4-feet wide with 1000 dollars at McDonald's for the Make a Wish Foundation. As my Extreme Valentine's Day gift. It would definitely take more, knowing me. This is to say, nothing of the paper cuts that come from an envelope 4-feet long. In the end, I failed to create the Extreme Valentine's Day gift I was hoping to.

I learned something in the process. Perhaps it is the simple gift that is best for this occasion. No grand spectacles, no pandemonium, just a simple declaration and a thoughtful act. In lieu of extreme, I will be sincere. Perhaps, taking the last few lines of this space to publicly express my feelings.

For all you single, my Valentine's Day gift to you is love.

Marcum My Words appears Tuesday. Christopher is a senior in theatre. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the Egyptian.

**Columnist**

**Going To EXTREMES For Love**

Don’t limit diversity to just one month

Don’t limit diversity to just one month. Our Word

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Pep Band director offers apologies for band’s actions

Seven years ago, President William N. Hixson dedicated an academic building in honor of the late Dr. William C. Hixson. The building was named Hixson Laboratory. The dedication ceremony included a performance by the university’s Pep Band.

This past October, the Pep Band performed at a homecoming football game. The performance included a song called "Extremes." The song referenced the concept of diversity on campus.

The performance was met with mixed reactions. Some students praised the song’s message of inclusivity, while others criticized it for being too generic and lacking depth.

In response, the Pep Band director, Dr. Rhonda Taylor, released a statement expressing regret for the song’s content.

"We apologize for any offense caused by the song "Extremes,"" the statement read. "We value diversity and strive to represent all members of our community."

The statement was widely shared on social media, and the issue of diversity on campus continued to be discussed.

Letters

Ryan not giving more for the taxpayers’ money

Dear Editor,

Ryan does not give more for the taxpayers’ money.

Michael Yetter

President, University of Illinois Foundation
Want a fishy plot?

RT commercial wins award for public service announcement about bacteria

Jennifer Wob
Daily Egyptian

Mike Cioni does not usually work with fish, but the experience landed the Department of Radio-Television a second-place award from the Business Educators Association.

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Music graduate returns to deliver Valentine's concert
Stacey Robinson

A typical Valentine's Day often calls for tantalizing chocolate covered red roses and trinkets, sappy love cards and occasionally a night of dinner and dancing, but this year romancers in the Murphysboro and Carbondale area look forward to a special Valentine's Day concert.

The School of Music and the SIU Alumni Association will sponsor a concert performance by jazz vocalist Nadine Shanti Wednesday at Shryock Auditorium.

Greg Scott, assistant director for Alumni Public Relations, said the association was excited to sponsor the event as a part of Black History Month and Valentine's Day.

"In a fitting way by which alumni members and members of the community can celebrate Valentine's Day," Scott said.

Shanti, a 1978 graduate of the School of Music at SIUC, has returned to perform with the New Arts Jazz Quartet. She received her master's degree in music history at SIUC after receiving her bachelor's degree in music, education, at Xavier University.

While attending SIUC, Shanti enjoyed playing in many music performances presented by the School of Music. She played in several theater productions and was also featured as a dancer in the SIUC production of "Anything Goes."

The New Orleans native has been living and thriving in the Pacific Northwest since she departed Carbondale and has established a career herself as a self-produced jazz vocalist.

"In the beginning, I would open for another singer," Shanti said. "I had to do it on my own and get exposure."

Shanti retired for a number of years before finally deciding to return to her career in 1997. She introduced her own music and style, wrote, arranged, recorded and produced her debut compact disc, titled "Down Home," which was released in Seattle in February 1999.

Shanti's styles include jazz, pop, R&B, cabaret and synthesized. She is also a singer and songwriter.

Shanti has used the Internet to promote her career and has appeared on E菲尔fird Internet radio. She is also a featured vocalist on the "Jukebox on the Web" and is the host of "Jukebox JAM FM radio" in Germany. Her broadcast also goes to M4 radio, Sky Jazz and others.

Shanti has also performed in several states and countries such as Washington, Oregon, Canada, Japan, Indonesia and others. In addition to her music, she does voice-overs for television commercials and video-voice-overs.

Her performance will feature several selections from her CD, as well as some standard classics like "All of Me" and "In a Sentimental Mood."

In the Southern Alumni magazine, she expressed her desire to be a visiting artist through the Alumni Association and said SIU has given her the chance to talk with students about the significance of marketing skills for musicians.

"The thought of coming back to SIU to perform makes me smile...a lot. I can't wait to see Alfred and Shryock," Shanti said.

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"The concert is scheduled for P.M. Wednesday in Shryock Auditorium for invited guests, students, and general public and is for students, children, and general public, and is sponsored by the SIU Alumni Association and SIU's Office of Student Activities. All tickets are $6 for ticket info."
A concern of many USG members is the lack of due process in the administration of the new policy, Taylor said. The concern is between Student Affairs and the executive staff of USG. "There is no doubt in my mind," Taylor said. "The concern is between Student Affairs and the executive staff of USG."

Taylor said he knows his GPA at present is a 2.16. But, he also says he believes there are outstanding circumstances that should be considered in his case.

Taylor had Individualized Learning Program classes in the past, but had failed to complete two classes. The classes were then listed as incomplete upon record. A policy says that if a student, having paid the necessary time and effort, completes the course work with a grade of D or F, he or she would receive an evaluative grade.

The exam that had been completed this spring was scheduled on a unpaid fees that had accumulated.

The exam was a direct result of the breach of his continuing education. His lack of due process in then made arrangements between Student Affairs and the instructor of the course.

There is no doubt in my mind," Taylor said. "I really believe there is a problem with the amount of money that is owed to the university by students.

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Once an incomplete has turned in, it cannot be taken back, even if the student is then able to present a compelling reason to the dean's office. "If you have all of the work to submit and you talk to the instructor, then they will allow you to turn in the rest of the work," said Jennifer Ferry, an employee of ILI in the Division of Continuing Education.

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**Missouri Valley Conference Notes**

UNI's Breakenridge MVC Player of the Week

University of Northern Iowa senior forward Joe Breakenridge was named the MVC Player of the Week by the league's media panel on Monday, edging Bradley University guard Jerome Robinson. The 6-foot-6-inch forward shot 59 percent from the field en route to a 13 point per game average, while snatching 12.5 rebounds per contest last week in a pair of Panther victories. Northern Iowa upset Indiana State University 67-60 last Wednesday and Drake University 71-65 on a win at Creighton. Against Drake, Breakenridge recorded his league-leading 13th double-double of the season. Robinson averaged 25 points for Bradley last week. The Braves lost to Illinois State University 81-62 and rebounded to defeat Wichita State University 65-57.

**S I S' Stiles MVC Women's Player of the Week**

J sake Stiles, a senior All-American guard for Southwest Missouri State University, was named the MVC Women's Player of the Week on Monday. Stiles averaged 34 points for the week, scoring 25 points versus the University of Evansville Sunday and 43 points against SIU Edwardsville Wednesday and Drake University 71-65 in overtime on Saturday.

The 6-foot-6-inch forward shot 59 percent from the field en route to a 13 point per game average, while snatching 12.5 rebounds per contest last week in a pair of Panther victories. Northern Iowa upset Indiana State University 67-60 last Wednesday and Drake University 71-65 on a win at Creighton. Against Drake, Breakenridge recorded his league-leading 13th double-double of the season. Robinson averaged 25 points for Bradley last week. The Braves lost to Illinois State University 81-62 and rebounded to defeat Wichita State University 65-57.

**Brakebill Returns from Brake**

S M S' Scott Brakebill returned to action Sunday against Evansville five weeks after suffering a broken left forearm courtesy of SIU forward J : rmaine Dearman. While not intending another injury, Dearman's hard foul on Brakebill sidelined the junior for more than a month. Brakebill scored seven points and grabbed three boards in 16 minutes of action Saturday.

**Snow Storm**

Evansville forward Craig Snow, the MVC Pressman Player of the Year, is finally starting to act like it. After struggling through much of the early season and losing injured, the 6-10 Snow is bouncing back last week to score 15 second-half points versus Wichita State and recorded a season-high 28 points at SIU Saturday.

Joe goes for the Hat Trick

Northern Iowa senior forward Joe Breakenridge currently leads the MVC in rebounding at 10.8 boards per game. If he keeps up to this trend, he will earn the distinction as the league's top rebounder for a third straight season. Only three other players — Wes Unseld (Louisville), Bob Elmore (Wichita State) and Xavier McDaniel (Wichita State) — have won the honor in three consecutive years.

**Alman wins 200th**

Creighton University head coach Dave Alman earned his 200th victory as a Division I head coach Saturday in Creighton's 77-63 win at SIU. Creighton needs just two more wins this season to give Alman his third consecutive 20-win season.

**Williams utilizing the "free" in free throw**

SIU sophomore guard Kevin Turner has hit an astounding 70 of his last 77 free throw attempts through Sunday at a 91 percent mark. Williams is shooting 82 percent for the season after connecting for a 70 percent mark in his freshman campaign.
Salukis slide by Drake 89-84 on the road
ANDY ESSENER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Just call Kent Williams Mr. Clutch. SIU senior guard Kent Williams scored a career-high 23 points, including 10 points in the extra period, to boost SIU to a 89-84 victory against Drake University Monday night at the Knapp Center in Des Moines, Iowa.

After 17 different lead changes and the score knotted 11 times in the second half, the Salukis were finally able to put out their third win in the last four games.

Williams, who has hit 83 of his last 93 free throws this season, went 3-for-4 from the charity stripe around the 2:00 mark, but scored off a pre-terferent dribble with less than a second remaining to give SIU an 86-82 lead.

Drake's Greg Danielson got a putback on his own miss shot to make the score 86-84. Then SIU got one more free throw off Brandon Melkus before Williams led the game with two more free throws of his own.

Williams surpassed his previous game-high of 28 points against Troy State University in the Pearl Harbor Invitational earlier this year.

"What can you say about Kent? He's a hit so many big shots for us," said SIU coach Bruce Weber on the postgame radio show. "Our kids are yelling, 'Get the ball to Kent.' So at least we got that figured out now. It took us about two or three months."

Williams knows he will be opposing teams' main focus in the latter stretch of close games and can adjust to the pressure.

"In the end, [Coach Weber] talks about getting the ball in my hands a little more," Williams said. "So the guys look for me more at that time of the game ... we run some plays at the end of the game to see what I can do.

In the end, Williams connected on 13 of 16 free throw attempts and found open teammates with some nifty dishes in the second half. Senior forward Joshua Cross was a main target, as he finished with a double-double, scoring 15 points and grabbing 11 rebounds.

SIU (11-11, 7-6) is 4-1 when Cross scores in double figures.

"Today, [Cross] was really up and he felt good about his game," Williams said. "When he's on the boards, that's where he gets a lot of his points ... they talk about me looking for the ball, but when I come off and I miss a shot, Josh is always there to pick me up with some big offensive rebounds and he's done that for us in some big games lately."

After the game, Weber gave credit to Drake (9-13, 5-8) for making it tough on SIU despite the Bulldogs only playing with seven scholarship players due to academic problems.

SIU, which won despite Jermaine Drummond, Adam Edwards and Sylvester Willis fouling out, set a goal to win four out of the last six games of the season to avoid playing a Friday night playoff game in the conference tournament in St. Louis.

The Salukis will continue their three-game road swing when they travel to Illinois State University on Thursday, a team that defeated SIU 88-74 in Carbondale Jan. 14.

Even though the Salukis have had more than their fair share of nail-bitters, Weber feels comfortable about where his team is for the final stretch of the season.

"At one time, we didn't know if we could win a road game, now we've won three ... and we've come a long way as a team in the last three weeks," Weber said.

Track Salukis battle blizzard and injuries in Iowa
JOSEPH D. JOHNSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU men's and women's track and field teams remained trapped within their bus for countless hours, as treacherous road conditions caused the Salukis to remain over night at the unsecured Iowa State Institutional in Ames, Iowa, this past weekend.

The athletes held on to their bus watching such classic cinema as "Fast Times At Ridgemont High" before gaming their own fast times at Ames.

"There was a lot of ice and freezing rain," said women's track and field coach Don Danley of practice at IAW fields. The softball team opened the season Friday at the Mississippi State tournament. ""Bench-warmer: SIU junior catcher Karrie Fortman and senior pitcher Erin Stremsterfer take place at the Recreation Center.

The weather extended the trip a bit each set personal records for the men. Hauser ran 4:12.33 in the mile, while Pressler ran a 8:48.64 in the 3,000 meter, eclipsing his previous mark by 12 seconds.

"I was really focused for the race, I don't think I was putting too much pressure on myself," Pressler said.

"I think we're starting to make some improvements," said SIU men's track and field coach Cameron Wright. "Some of these kids are starting to come into their own."

Both teams will look for more improvement this weekend at another unscored meet, the USA Track and Field Open, which will take place at the Recreation Center.

Injuries have plagued the women's team all season and now a possible outbreak of the flu has caused some additional worries.

"Health is really the key issue right now," DeNoon said.

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Kent Williams, Cross lead SIU to OT win