Victim's mother testifies in trial

DAY TWO: Defense Procsecution, present opening arguments in Labron Neal case.

Kevin Walsh
Daily Egyptian Reporter

The emotional mother of a teenager murder victim took the stand Tuesday in day two of a double-murder trial that included opening arguments laden with references to gangs and drugs.

Prosecution and defense attorneys presented opening arguments in the trial of Labron C. Neal. The

also testifying were Mitchell's mother, four police officers, a family physician and a teenager who found Mitchell's body.

At Jackson County State's Attorney Mike Wepsic held up a portrait of Renee Campbell's healthy son, she wept, wiping her eyes with a tissue.

She then recounted how her son helped his father paint the house just before his body was found.

She testified that "a lot of bad things happened that night." Mitchell's body was found about 3:30 a.m. Aug. 11 outside a trailer party at Carbondale Mobile Homes on Route 51.

Campbell's mother, Renee Campbell, testified in what was the day's most emotionally charged testimony.

Campbell said the caller identified himself as Neal.

When Campbell walked off the stand, her eyes fixed angrily on Neal, who had sat silently with a blank expression during her testimony.

Earlier in the day, the prosecution and defense presented opening arguments that concluded before lunch.

Wepsic fired the first salvo in a barrage of accusations placing Neal at the scene of the crime.

"The defendant, Labron Neal, admitted to several witnesses that he shot the boys," Wepsic said. "The evidence of Labron Neal continues to grow.

Wepsic encouraged the jury to focus on the testimony of key witnesses such as La Sean Galloway, who the prosecution contends returned the murder weapon after Neal told him where it was hidden.

Wepsic said that "Galloway will testify that he was told by Neal to wipe it [the gun] down and dispose of it."

After Neal became the prime suspect, Galloway was fitted with a body wire to record conversations with Neal in which the prosecution says Neal admits to being involved in the murder.

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Society strips team of rookie honors

CONTESTED: Opponent appeals its ranking, edges SIUC engineering team.

Vassileos Nematas
Daily Egyptian Reporter

The award-winning SIUC engineering team that earned Rookie of the Year honors are one of 99 participating college teams to compete for the first time in the event. "We were only heading for a finish, but we did very well. Actually, in every competition of the event, we were finishing above the average," said John Budslick's and Larry Burgess' project leader, Anthony P. Rickert, a junior in mechanical engineering.

The team, which competed for the first time in the event, "We were only heading for a finish, but we did very well. Actually, in every competition of the event, we were finishing above the average" says his team worked hard and faced difficulties even moments before leaving for Detroit.

"Then on the [last day, a lot of things happened that night," he said. "But the day before we left we broke a shift cable, and we had to completely build a new mechanical linkage.

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**Calendar**

**TODAY:**
- **SUC Library Affairs** - Introduction to WWW Using Navigator, 4 p.m., Library Room 103D. Contact Undergraduate Desk for details, 453-2818.
- **Brown Bag Summer Concert Series** - noon to 1 p.m., Tupper Square Pavilion, and High Street Courtyard, Carbondale.
- **SUC Museum Affairs** - Tom Courdwy, folk music concert, noon to 1 p.m., Gallery 23 B, Illinois Ave. Contact 1-800-691-4771. 734-2078 for details.
- **SUC Library Affairs** - Introduction to Constructing Home Pages, 4 to 6 p.m., Morris Library Room 103D. Contact Undergraduate Desk for details, 453-2818.
- **International Teachers Douglas panel** - 7 p.m., Student Center Ballroom C, Contact Pool of Life, 519-4158 for details.
- **Southern Illinois Collegiate Sailing Club** - Sailing training meeting, 8 p.m., Student Center Outer Oasis. Contact Myron for details, 331-0007.

**UPCOMING**
- **Prudential Graduate Record Examination** - 10 a.m., October 10, Contact Woody Hall B04A or 336-3303.
- **SUC Library Affairs** - Interlibrary Loan Seminar III and II, 9 to 11 a.m., July 7, 9 a.m. Library Room 103D. Contact Undergraduate Desk for details, 453-2818.
- **Help End Marijuana Prohibition Club meeting** - every Thursday, Student Union Building, Activity Room D. Contact Pool for details, 529-4633.
- **Southern Illinois Sailing Club** - plans boat repair days, 9 to 11 a.m., July 17, 790 East Park #21. Contact: Adam Herring, 330-0159.
- **Welcome Back Alumni Luncheon** - night party - 10 p.m., July 17, 311 Main St. Contact June at 453-4261 or http://members.aol.com/siuc1enu/eng.htm for details.
- **SUC Library Affairs** - Introduction to Constructing Home Pages, 4 to 6 p.m., July 18, Morris Library Room 103D. Contact Undergraduate Desk for details, 453-2818.
- **SUC Motorcycle Rider Course** - Friday to Saturday, July 19, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., July 19 and 20. For registration information call 1-800-642-9587.
- **Art Show Reception for Debora Rabinow** - 6 to 8 p.m., July 18, Associated Arts Gallery 23 B, Illinois Ave. Contact 1-800-691-4771. 734-2078 for details.
- **Gammes UPside History Display** - 10 a.m., July 18, Student Center Gallery. Contact: cityofcarbondale.illinois@chamberscham.htm or http://members.aol.com/siuc1enu/cham.htm.
- **Kappa Alpha Fraternity BBQ** - 1 p.m., July 19, 119 Acres Park. Contact Karen at 549-2529 or http://members.aol.com/siuc1enu/kappa-alpha.html.
- **SUC Library Affairs** - Introduction to Constructing Home Pages Seminar, 9 to 11 a.m., July 21, Morris Library Room 103D. Contact Undergraduate Desk for details, 453-2818.
- **Blood Pressure Clinic** - 9 to 11 a.m., July 21, sponsored by the Jackson County Health Department. Call 684-3143 for information.
- **Egyptian Diner meeting** - 7 p.m., every Thursday, Student Union Building, Activity Room D. Contact Pool for details, 529-2460 for information.
- **SUC Ballroom Dance Club meeting** - 7 to 9 p.m., through July, Davies Gym, 529-2460. Contact Linda for details, 982-4029.
- **Catholic Octave Prayer meeting** - 7:30 to 9 p.m., every Tuesday at the Newman Catholic Student Center. Contact Tom or Jan at 349-4266 for details.
- **SUC Library Affairs** - introduction to Asynchronous Learning Seminars, 9 to 10 a.m., and 2 to 3 p.m., July 22, Morris Library Room 103D. Contact Undergraduate Desk for details, 453-2818.
- **SUC Counseling Services** - Support group for gay and lesbian students, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., at SU-C Contact Ric or Aliay for details, 530-5307.
- **SUC Library Affairs** - Introduction to WWW Using Navego Seminar, 10 to 11 a.m., July 23, Morris Library Room 103D. Contact Undergraduate Desk for details, 453-2818.
- **SUC Library Affairs** - Internet Seminar Tuesday, session 2, 10 p.m., July 22, Morris Library Room 103D. Contact Undergraduate Desk for details, 453-2818.
- **Discount Message** - Student of massage looking in hiring techniques.

**Contact Info**
Contact Trev for an appointment, 529-3500.
- **Jackson County Board of Health meeting** - 7 p.m., July 22, Jackson County Health Department, Room 102.
- **SUC Library Affairs** - Power Point Seminar, 9 a.m., July 24, Morris Library Room 103D. Contact Undergraduate Desk for details, 453-2818.
- **SUC Library Affairs** - E-mail Using Education Seminar, 1 to 3 p.m., July 24, Morris Library Room 103D. Contact Undergraduate Desk for details, 453-2818.
- **Kappa Alpha Fraternity’s Last Saturday BBQ** - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., July 24, Smith's. Contact Tim at 549-4261 or http://members.aol.com/siuc1enu/kappa-alpha.html for details.
- **SUC Library Affairs** - Intermediate Web Publishing Seminar, 8 to 10 p.m., July 29, Morris Library Room 103D. Contact Undergraduate Desk for details, 453-2818.
- **SUC Library Affairs** - Home Page Database Seminar, 2 to 3 p.m., July 29, Morris Library Room 103D. Contact Undergraduate Desk for details, 453-2818.
- **Kappa Alpha Fraternity’s Lemon Press** - 4 p.m., Smith’s. Contact Ron at 549-4261 or http://members.aol.com/siuc1enu/kappa-alpha.html for details.
- **SUC Library Affairs** - Digital Imaging for the Web Seminar, 9 to 10 a.m., July 29, Morris Library Room 19, Contact Undergraduate Desk for details, 453-2818.
- **SUC Library Affairs** - Introduction to Constructing Home Pages Seminar, 4 to 6 p.m., July 30, Morris Library Room 103D. Contact Undergraduate Desk for details, 453-2721.
- **SUC Library Affairs** - Home Page Seminar, 2 to 3 p.m., July 31, Morris Library Room 15. Contact Undergraduate Desk for details, 453-2818.
- **SUC Library Affairs** - Intermediate Web Publishing Seminar, 3 to 4:30 p.m., July 31, Morris Library Room 103D. Contact Undergraduate Desk for details, 453-2818.

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**Corrections**

If readers spot an error in a news article, they can contact the Daily Egyptian Accuracy Desk at 453-3311, extension 233 or 228.

Thursday's page 12 Daily Egyptian story "Sports info head takes pride in job" should have stated that Fred Huff became the SUC athletic director in 1996. . .The Dial regrets the error.

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Owners looking for financing

TRAVEL PLANS: Partners hope to establish bus route.

BRIAN EBERS
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

For only $39.95, SIUC students from Chicago can expect an affordable trip home if two local business partners can get financial support for their project. Mark Robinson, owner of The bike Shoppe, 801 S. Forrest St., and Rachel Harrison, his business partner, are asking out-of-town lending institutions to provide them with $28,000 to initiate the new line of buses.

The bus to Chicago Co.

The names of buildings are not displayed on the 911 campaid, so an address is necessary. There are no directional signs. However, the number of streets on the campus is relatively small. The SIU police are responsible for directing traffic at Fairmount Park's Belmont Avenue, said Chief of Police Bell. "A round-trip ticket for a one-way trip," he said.

The actor portraying the 3-year-old was 13 years old. There is so much you can do with a 3-year-old, said Travis Martin, SIUC student trustee. Kelly said he thinks the names should be changed. "We are going to have to go back to the drawing board," he said.

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Artists don't need NEA funds

So the evil Republicans are trying dis­mantle the National Endowment for the Arts. Last week, the House voted to cut federal funding for the NEA. However, NEA backers have a White House assumption that Clinton will veto any such legislation.

As idealistic youth, its job to get in to the upsurge and demand that the feder­al government continue to fund this orga­nization. We will point to such facts as that our nation now spends roughly enough money on the military that it could send a successful military campaign, to say, conquer Neptune, or point out any other ridiculous misappropriation of our tax dollars.

However, ending the NEA in its current state might be such a bad idea, and here is why. The way I see it, with my eyes, the NEA has two main jobs. One is to help fund art projects, such as the Sunset Concert. Though it may be argued that these open­to-the-public events do not have any immediate benefits except that it allows my roommates and I to drink beer on campus and look at women, in actuality there are a number of positive side effects. They offer entertainment in a relatively controlled environment, they invoke community pride and togetherness, and they look good on a real estate resume. So, in this respect, the NEA is a good thing, I won't argue that.

However, there is another function of the NEA, this being the granting of money to specific individuals that enable them to create works of art on their own time.

You might ask, “So what? What’s wrong with giving people tax dollars that enable them to make our society a more aesthetically attractive place to dwell in?”

Indefinitely nothing. However, what is an for one group of tax-paying citizens might not be for another. Students may identify themselves by class and major, faculty members by rank, and department, non-academic staff by position and department. Letters for which verification of authorship cannot be made will not be published.
This is a terrible crime for which the real killer should pay.

Paul Christenson
Attorney for Laron Neal

said Campbell died as a result of gunshot wounds to the right eye and left cheek. Campbell was also shot in the lower back and shoulder.

Mitchell died as a result of a single gunshot wound to the back of the head.

A photo of Campbell’s body was shown to the jury. Some of the jurors were visibly moved at the sight of the photo. One middle-aged woman winced, and another appeared to hold back tears.

Cyndy Love, Mitchell’s mother, took the stand for about five minutes and said she initially could not recognize her son when she went to identify the body because the pigmentation in the color of his skin was changed.

After Love testified, Christenson was granted a request to keep Love out of the courtroom because she might be called to testify in the defense’s case.

“Your honor, that’s a bad-faith effort to keep a victim out of the courtroom,” Wepsiec said.

Jackson County Circuit Judge William Schwartz responded that the court must weigh competing rights of victims and the defendant.

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ext improvements.
First, we plan on upgrading them into 20-passenger buses for extra space, then, as we gain customers, we will continue to improve the interior of our buses,” Robinson said.

The interior of the first-class bus will be designed differently from the other buses.
The first-class bus already has carpeted floors, a bathroom, a Pioneer sound system and group seating. Alcoholic beverages will be allowed on the bus, but passengers will have to provide their own.

On board Magazine, created by Robinson and Harrison, will provide riders with easy reading and a chance to remain on the service by answering a questionnaire in the back of the magazine.

“If passengers want our buses to leave for Chicago at 4 p.m. instead of 6 p.m., then they would be able to put this on the questionnaire,” Robinson said.

“Local institutions have no faith in how successful this project will be.”

MARK ROBINSON
BUS TO CHICAGO CO-PARTNER

Harrison said the idea for the bus line initially was fueled by student response, to a marketing survey the couple conducted.

“Rachel drives a bus on campus, and I have my license,” he said. “And we will also be employing other drivers to help us.”

The survey asked 100 students who are frequent train riders if they would switch from their current mode of transportation to Chicago if other options were available at competitive prices.

“Not only did 87 percent of the students indicate they would switch from other forms of transportation like trains and other bus lines,” he said, “they (students) also indicated that they would do it more often.”

Both Harrison and Robinson are certified to drive the buses.

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Director hopes to improve enrollment

WORLD CLASS: New Admissions and Records head says quality service will help slowly bring numbers up.

William Harried
DePaul Professor

Patience and world-class service are the keys to retaining students and reversing SIUC's declining enrollment trend, the new director of Admissions and Records says.

"That quality service needs to be in a lot of places on campus," Walker Allen said. "not because of the impact on our budget or what is good for SIUC, but for what is best for students in the long run."

Allen took the position July 1, Stephen Foster, associate director of Admissions and Records, had been acting director since January, when Roland Keim retired.

Walker said improvements in SIUC's enrollment will not come overnight.

"There is no magic bullet to fix it," he said.

"You don't make progress in this business in large numbers."

SIUC's enrollment has declined since 1999 from 24,269 to fall 1991 to 20,861 student in Spring 1997. The fiscal year 1997 budget guidelines identified enrollment and retention as a campus-wide priority.

Allen, 39, said the first step to overcoming a university's declining enrollment is for faculty and administration to admit there is a problem.

"I don't sense that I'm coming into a situation that requires a lot of repair work," he said. "People are aware there is a problem and there is no denial that there is a problem."

"People are genuinely interested in helping to improve the enrollment problem at SIUC."

The focus of Allen's role will be understanding why students choose SIUC and why they choose to leave SIUC.

"We will be listening to students or prospective students in what their questions are and try to meet their needs," he said. "I don't know if I can always meet those needs, but I sure as heck ought to know what they are."

John Jackson, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and provost, said Admissions and Records is "the search committee thought Allen was the best choice."

"He brings a wide variety of experience from other institutions that is relevant here," he said.

Walker was associate vice president and dean of enrollment management at State University of New York College at Buffalo when he was appointed SIUC director of Admissions and Records. He has been in contact with people engaged in research that just animates their classroom," Allen said.

Allen chose to accept the position because SIUC is a research institution and not a commuter school. He will earn $16,000 per year.

Allen is a Dayton, Ohio, native and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology at Miami University, a master's degree in personnel counseling at Wright State University and doctorate in higher education and academic administration from the Union Institute in Ohio.

Chancellor Don Beggs said he will work with Allen to identify methods of recruiting and retaining students.

"He is coming in with a different perspective," he said. "And now is the time to draw on those experiences."

Anthropologists translate rare ancient writing

GLYPHS: Translation took 40 hours.

Washington Post

Ancient picture writing is a discipline for anthropologists and linguists — and even more so when it comes to rare ancient writing systems such as the ancient epi-Olmec, found in what is now southern Veracruz, Mexico.

In the July 11 edition of the Journal Science, John S. Justeson of the State University of New York and his colleague, Frederic Doherty of the University of Pittsburgh report that they have been able to translate much of the hieroglyphs from a badly weathered stone monument that was first put on public display in Mexico in 1995. The researchers spent 40 hours over 10 nights examining and tracing the first column of glyphs under artificial light and compared the symbols to the only four known samples of the writing system.

The researchers had sought those fragments to extensive linguistic analysis and had devised a model for understanding the ancient writing.

The new translation demonstrates that the system is reliable, they say, and can be used in future work.

The hieroglyphs turn out to be a narrative about the achievements of a man of prominence who served for 12 years and saw a great change.

The last line of the latest translation, enigmatically, refers to a "shape shifter" that "appears divinely in his body."

"Hollywood, no doubt, is already negotiating for rights to the story."

MEETINGS

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Budnick said the council is working with SIU to schedule one meeting in the fall and one in the winter.

City Councilman Michael Neill said having a meeting at SIUC would be acceptable as long as it still will be televised.

"If we could find some way that it still will get taped so that it gets shown on the access channel it would be OK," Neill said. "Far more people view meetings on TV that they do in person."

Vingen also said USG has scheduled a USG meeting at the Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Ave., in the City Council chambers on Oct. 22.

Vingen said having the meeting at Civic Center is symbolic of how university and City relations have improved.

"It's extending an invitation to watch USG conduct business, give input or just observe," he said.

USG vice president Megan Moore said the meeting will be conducted as a regular senate meeting, and there will be not any special items on the agenda.

Doherty said having a USG meeting at the Civic Center reflects the goodwill of student leaders to bridge the gap between University interests and community politics.

"The events and issues on campus are shared by all individuals," Doherty said. "There are no dividing lines."

Moore said having the USG meeting at the Civic Center is a continuation of the "Communiversity" project, a joint venture to improve relations between community residents, University officials, University administrators and students.

The first step in the "Communiversity" project was a town meeting June 30 at the Student Center in which students, residents and city officials met to discuss the relationship.

More than 200 beds were general in that meeting to improve eisy and University relations.

City Councilman Michael Neill, speaking at the council meeting at SIUC also was mentioned at the June meeting.

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trials were parked in one place, and students worked on their cars like professionals.

"It was very wonderful to be there just to watch," Kambiz said. "Teams were encouraging competition and were helping each other, but still wanted to win in the track."

In fact, Kambiz said the SIUC team would not have been able to compete had it not been for the team from Purdue University. That team gave the SIUC team a thrashing they needed.

But Kambiz said that doing so well in the competition helps promote SIUC and the College of Engineering by giving SIUC and the department a good reputation among automakers who can give jobs to potential students.

"We can attract students and help recruiting in engineering," he said. "The big three into companies who sponsored the competition were there at the event."

But Kambiz said the SIUC team's performance showed that it was still not in the league of those big three automakers. Kambiz has contacted the SAE about the issue.

In the meantime we were announced as Rookie of the Year," he said, "they could give a joined rookie award because the gap was so small."
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Major league ball becoming international

NO RESPECT: Fox preempts Canadian national anthem before All-Star telecast.

Los Angeles Times

Internationalization, it's coming: The New York Yankees' Hideki Matsui, a native of Bayamon, Puerto Rico, before the All-Star Game. Of course, as Mike Piazza suggests, diversity carries its own challenges. Not all Yankees welcomed Matsui, pitcher Kenny Rogers questioning the acquisition openly and several others agreeing discreetly.

"Throughout much of the clubhouse," wrote The New York Times' Malcolm Munoz, "an interest in foreign affairs is limited to recommendations of good Mexican restaurants."

Add international: Then there was Fox's decision not to air the McAloney Boys' rendition of the Canadian national anthem, after carrying LeAnn Rimes singing of the U.S. anthem before the All-Star Game. Canada's TSN did a pregame feature on Canadians in the major leagues but Fox, supplying the game food, put on two minutes of commercials before Rimes sang, then cut away from the McAloney Boys.

"Due to time constraints and since we're a U.S.-based broadcaster, the decision was made just to air the Star-Spangled Banner," a Fox spokesman said. However, no one carried the Canadian flag upside down, as the Marine color guard did at the 1992 World Series, so things may be getting better.

Trivia time: San Francisco 49ers quarterback Steve Young has finished first in nine of the last 13 NFC quarterback rankings. Which team is second over that span? A world vote from Albert: After Albert Belle refused to play in the All-Star Game, work out or even pose for a picture with American League President Gene Budig says they may have to enact rules for participants.

"We're going to review that for next year," Budig said. "If you're elected or selected, what are your responsibilities?" Hold still for one little team portrait?

While teammates posed happily, Belle stroll-frowning into the clubhouse where he ate yogurt and read a newspaper. When American League officials asked him to come out, he cursed at them.

"There's something really wrong with me," he said. "I can't think about that."

Frerotte signs with Redskins

Upper Class: Washington QB hoping for four-year contract worth $18 million.

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON—Washington Redskins quarterback Gus Frerotte signed a one-year, $1.048 million contract Saturday morning that allowed him to take the field for the start of mini-camp at Redskins Park. However, Frerotte said he hopes a new four-year, $18 million deal would be wrapped up in the next few days.

Frerotte previously said he would cut off negotiations once he signed a one-year tender offer and that he would take his chances in free agency next spring. However, with Redskins General Manager Charley Casserly and agent Ralph Cindrich unable to finish a deal Friday, but will resume negotiations Monday, according to sources. They have apparently agreed to many key points, including a $3 million signing bonus, but significant differences remain.

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The Redskins don't want to risk losing their starting quarterback in free agency next spring, unless Casserly and Redskins' coaches decide to re-sign him.

Even if they did make him the franchise player, the price would be high. The Redskins would retain exclusive negotiating rights, but in exchange they would have to pay him the average of the five highest salaries for quarterbacks in the NFL. That price is expected to be more than $6.5 million in 1998. It's also a gamble for Frerotte, who has been the starter for just one season. A one-year contract would put pressure on him to perform up to his billing at a time when his NFL career has just begun to roll. Because he was a seventh-round draft choice in 1994, he has made the NFL's minimum salary for his first three seasons — $196,000 last season.

His tender offer is worth $1.048 million, and Frerotte joked that he'd never expected to make even that much.

"You can't complain about that," he said. "It's funny. You go back to your hometown (Ford City, Pa.) and that's probably more money than the town makes in a year. I never thought I'd make that kind of money. It's all relative."

"After two hours on a perfect Sunday day for practice, Frerotte went over to the coach's office and said he would take his chances in free agency, but he didn't say anything about the money," a high-ranking baseball executive claimed.

If Frerotte is miffed in any way that no deal has been struck, he won't say so.

In the meantime, Frerotte's mind is focused on the summer's World Cup soccer competition.

"I'm just going to play," Frerotte said. "I can't think about that. Hopefully, something can happen, but I'm not worried about it."

It is going to 'worry' about it now. Actually, it's nice to be outside practicing. You can get it all off your mind because that's what you have to do."

"There's so much riding on me and the team doing well. I can't go into training camp thinking of other things. I'll focus on football. I don't need the stress." Casserly and Cindrich were unable to finish a deal Friday, but will resume negotiations Monday, according to sources. They have apparently agreed to many key points, including a $3 million signing bonus, but significant differences remain.

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SIUC HALL OF FAME
Six named to SIUC's Sports Hall of Fame

Football player Terry Taylor, baseball player Dave Wrenn, track star Kathleen Spencey, ace, swimmers Stacy (Wells) Westfall and Bob Steele and swimming coach Jon Landers will be enshrined into the Saluki Sports Hall of Fame.

At defensive back position, Taylor established a new SIUC record for career interceptions with 20 pass interceptions. He was drafted by Seattle Seahawks in 1984 before retiring due to an injury the previous season.

Wrenn was a swashbuckling infielder at SIUC from 1980-90. He compiled his current holding the records for games played (241), at-bats (846), career hits (380), hits in a season (90) and total bases (398).

Spencey, a standout hurdler and sprinter, was SIUC's female athlete of the year in 1989. She was a seven-time All-Gateway Conference team member and SIUC's first-ever finalist in NCAA championship competition.

Westfall still holds the SIUC women's swimming's all-time record in the 200 butterfly (2 minutes and 24 seconds), and was a member of four times winning 800-meter freestyle relay team in 1984. She was named All-American eight times from 1983-86.

Steele lettered in swimming four years at SIUC and was the captain of the 1961 Conference team. He was a member of the record-setting 800-meter freestyle relay team in 1984.

Tasch masters: Teneege Strickland (left), a sophomore in accounting from Chicago, and Bryan Taylor, a sophomore in administration of justice from Chicago, run up and down the stands of Alumni Stadium Tuesday to condition themselves. Strickland wants to be a walk-on for the Saluki basketball team and Taylor wants to be walk-on for the Saluki football team.

Walk-ons work hard to prove value

TASTE OF FAME: Jones a bit overwhelmed by school-age autograph seeker.

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