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New county jail plan killed by board

By Bob Delaney
Staff Writer

The Jackson County Board Wednesday narrowly defeated a motion to ask the county building commission to construct a $3.5 million jail facility. The issue of courthouse renovations is still undecided.

After heated debate and an unsuccessful attempt to table it, the motion was defeated by a 5 to 5 vote. Board members Bob Edwards, Doug Eriksen and Larry Lipe were not present at the meeting.

They said the board would not fully prepared to decide the issue and because all members had not been present. She said she hoped for more details at the August board meeting and for full attendance, but also said that hopes for additional or outside funds probably would not be realized.

The Illinois Department of Corrections has told Jackson County that the jail facility does not meet all correctional standards and has ordered the county to take action to meet those standards by 1986.

Opponents of a new jail said that constructing one would not solve all the county's problems. Circuit Judge Eckert said that a new jail would not meet all the conditions of the county. The board has the ability to meet most of the conditions of the county.

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The new jail would be constructed on the site of the Pleasant Hill Road railroad tracks.

History of center key to city’s resolve

By Andrew Elmer
Staff Writer

Carbondale's proposed downtown conference center and parking garage project has been the subject of much discussion in recent weeks. After four years of planning, the project was dealt a severe blow when a legal ruling prevented the city from acquiring any more land for the center.

City officials thought about scrapping the entire $10 million project, but instead decided to appeal and forge on with plans.

Downtown development ideas have been in the works for a long time, according to City Manager Carroll Fry. In fact, plans were already in the works when he came to Carbondale in 1972. Fry said in a recent interview in which he reviewed the history of the plans. Concerns then were over the need for additional parking and the loss of downtown businesses due to the then-new University Mall, he said.

The City Council in 1973 called for a study of the downtown area to see how the problems of the deteriorating area were. Results of the study, Fry said, showed the need for more parking. When the city brought up the idea of building a parking garage on the 300 block of South Illinois Avenue, the owners of that land — the same people who won the rezoning lawsuit — blocked the plan, he said.

The city refused to give up on downtown improvement plans, though. In 1974, Fry said, a federal block grant program for city redevelopment began, thus pumping new blood into downtown plans. It was during this period that Stan Boye, the developer of the hotel-conference center plans, approached then-Carbondale Mayor Neil Eckert about plans for a downtown hotel, Fry said.

According to Fry, the city decided as policy to revitalize everything south of Main Street and Mill Street between South Illinois and South University avenues.

The conference center building began as a much larger plan, Fry said. Originally, a parking garage, hotel-conference center, city hall and library were to be built on those two blocks. But, Fry said, the federal grant for downtown development, which, with the state's Urban Development, which, with the state’s Revolving Fund, provides money for those projects, was not enough to complete the project.

In 1979, city officials agreed to do business with State Boye and Karbon and the Carbondale Convention Center Inc. to own, operate and maintain the hotel-conference center. The city, Fry said, would put up the $4.2 million, or a total of $6.2 million, of which $4.2 million was to be used to build the center and the other $2 million for land purchase.

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Conflicting claims not verified as Iran, Iraq war intensifies

By The Associated Press

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Democrats want free TV time to hit Republican claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vowing to fight Republican commercialization of public TV, Democrats brought out their own TV ad Thursday to counter a GOP spot bracing for the latest boost in Social Security benefits to President Reagan. And the Democrats want theirs run free.

A GOP commercial featuring an actor portraying an elderly postman delivering Social Security checks and asking Americans to give Reagan "a chance" is so inaccurate that TV stations should run the rival Democratic spot without charge, Democratic leaders contended.

The 30-second Democratic offering shows a Social Security card being cut repeatedly by scissors, with little left at the end. The ad blames the cuts in benefits on Republicans. To that, the Republican spokesman scoffed: "Pure garbage."

"We are calling on television stations that have run the Republican misstatements to provide us with equal time to run our side of the story," said Charles R. N. Manatt, spokesman of the Democratic National Committee.

A viewing of the Democratic ad for reporters, Manatt scoffed: "we have a real legitimate request that stations run the commercial time, we are partisan, we have a project as diligently as we can."
Conference center could be beneficial

A LOT OF loose talk has been flying around Carbondale since the idea of a convention center and parking garage was initially proposed. Many have supported the idea, many others have opposed it, and somehow it has been all of the rhetoric, the city officials and developer Stan Rosey and Associates are still planning to go ahead with the project.

The City Council did not help the touchy situation at all by enacting the "quick take" ordinance to speed up acquisition of land for the conference center or as City Manager Jerry Stratford called it, the hotel-conference center — with a minimum of segmentation, the public and the city council is unfamiliar with the timing of the promulgation of a hotel-conference center and the possibility of selling it to the public. The council has been divided on the project, and the City Council's votes have been split, but because Circuit Judge Richard Richman's ruling that the ordinance was unconstitutional.

The negative public relations that grew out of the quick-take debate and the city's response to it was the only reason why the People's committee hoped to be a "build it all concept" attitude of city officials only served to alienate many potential supporters of the project. However, the city has decided to go on with the project and appeal Richman's ruling. It's not certain that the convention center project is here to stay, but it probably is.

THE IDEA OF a hotel-conference center is a sound one. No one can deny that the downtown area needs major red, repair — it is a sorry sight, a blight on a community that has the potential to have a downtown area it can take pride in. For years, city officials have been trying to implement a series of projects to clean up the "strip." The hotel-conference center is a step in that direction.

Many in opposition to the project have claimed that the hotel-conference center could not be supported by the city if the time service association and the hotel-conference center. But what they overlook is that Carbondale itself would not be supporting the center. It will instead be supported by those who need facilities for conferences — businessmen, professional organizations, religious groups, and the like.

THE CONFERENCE CENTER would also be available at hotel space to tourists and others passing through town — including parents of students who are helping those students to move in and out of dorms. A hotel downtown would take the burden off Carbondale's current "motel" market and allow more who are visiting to stay in town, rather than forcing them to find accommodations in surrounding towns.

The center would also add to the tax base for providing needed services. With a hotel, the city would be able to afford the much-needed consolidation plan of Carbondale Community High School.

The project developers have said the center would provide 250 full-time and part-time jobs, and no one can argue that jobs aren't needed here. No one who has opposed the center has proposed any alternative programs for stimulating Carbondale's economy.

Perhaps most important of all, though, is the fact that the miserable downtown area would be given a much-needed face-lift, and those downtown businesses that remain after the center is completed can reasonably expect their business to be stimulated by its presence.

ONE NAGGING question that remains to be answered is: What will become of the Walnut Street Baptist Church? Some sort of settlement has to be reached that is satisfactory to both the community and the parishioners. The church building is one of Carbondale's finest structures and is held dear by church members. It's disturbing to think that it will be destroyed. Surely, reasonable people can find a reasonable solution to this problem.

If the conference center goes as planned, the downtown area could be placed on a path to redevelopment and could again become something that Carbondale citizens can be proud of. If the project dies, the City of Carbondale could be much worse off.

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American government arming El Salvador to kill Americans

WASHINGTON - In a controversial public broadcasting service documentary, "Roses for the Restless," the Reagan administration has been accused of arming the People's Army of El Salvador in a strategy that is seen as contributing to the country's ongoing civil war.

The documentary, which aired on PBS in 1985, was produced by the Public Broadcasting Service and directed by Jean Donovan. It alleged that the Reagan administration had secretly provided military aid to the People's Army of El Salvador (EPL), with the goal of overthrowing the government of President Jose Napoleon Duarte.

The documentary claimed that the EPL was arming the Salvadoran military with sophisticated weaponry and training, leading to an increase in civilian deaths and human rights abuses.

The government of the United States has denied the allegations, arguing that it was providing military aid to the government in order to help it fight against communist insurgents. However, the documentary raised questions about the nature of the military aid being provided and the impact it was having on civilian populations.

Among the evidence presented in the documentary was footage of US military advisors training Salvadoran soldiers, as well as testimony from former US military personnel who claimed to have seen the training firsthand. The documentary also featured interviews with former members of the People's Army of El Salvador who claimed to have been forced to fight against their will.

The documentary sparked a controversy within the United States, with some arguing that it was too controversial and one-sided, while others praised it for raising important questions about US foreign policy.

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Blindness not a factor in pursuit of his goals

By Anita Jackson
Staff Writer

Dan Thompson doesn't let anything prevent him from helping people. Not even the fact that he is blind.

Thompson, USO commissioner for minority affairs, has the spark to do things that people with sight would not dare to do.

While living in Peoria in 1978, Thompson became involved in national and community fund raising events. In 1978 he walked 50 miles from Galesburg to Peoria to raise money for Cerebral Palsy.

Thompson said he raised about $2,000 in pledges from that walk. In 1980 he walked 60 miles from Peoria to Bloomington to raise money for retarded children to attend a summer camp.

"I've always wanted to make it my purpose to help as many people as I could," said Thompson, a sophomore in English and learning disabilities.

Thompson was the center of attention in 1978 when he broke the world's record for pole-sitting. Thompson said he sat on top of a flag pole outside a shopping mall in Peoria for 14 days and eight hours to encourage people to donate money for the Mid-State Special Olympics.

Also while in Peoria, Thompson started an organization called Care for Kids. Thompson said the organization helps abused and deprived children and he would like to start a similar program through the minority affairs commission in October.

During the Christmas season, the organization gives gifts bought by people in the community to the children. Besides working with various organizations, Thompson also likes spending time with nature, writing poetry and collecting records.

Thompson lives in a quiet area near the country with his wife and three-year-old daughter. Because of his love for nature he said he sometimes wishes he could see. However, he said there are some advantages to being blind.

"I think I have an advantage over other people because I can see into people," he said. "I think I may have a knack of reading between the lines."

Thompson is very much concerned with the rights of handicapped people and he encourages them to write congressmen and let their opinions be known.

"I do think that the public needs more education in dealing with the handicapped," he said.

He said people shouldn't be afraid to ask a handicapped person if they need help. However, people shouldn't get offended if the handicapped person refuses their help.
During a tech rehearsal, no one save the director and designers watch (unless the reviewer shows up, of all nights!). While the actors proceed on stage, the others watch and direct, discuss lights and cues and what has to be changed when and how. It takes a great deal of concentration and work for the actors to ignore all the goings-on and keep up their characters. This was done amazingly well by the whole cast, all three of them acting and reacting with energy and humor and sincerity.

Enter Sefly, a make-up woman at Columbia Pictures, from her lover's bedroom. As played by Julie Williams, she is a wise woman of the world, a divorcée with two children who wants a real relationship, but by no means marriage. Williams' Sefly is the buffer between an estranged father and daughter who becomes suffocated in their relationship as she has none of her own.

Now it's Libby's turn. A brash Brooklyn girl with dreams of cashing in on her father's connections in Hollywood, Libby becomes the darling, innocent apple of her father's eye. But not without a fight bravado that Mary Linn Snyder puts up with gusto. Snyder's Libby is a treat from her accent to her heavy moments like her father kissing her.

Edward Herby, estranged father of Libby who left 16 years before because his wife had no sense of humor. If Mark Habin seems a bit young for the role physically, emotionally he was a tired, burned out writer-turned-father, who sees this as chance to start over.

Tech rehearsals give the designer's a chance to see if their mental pictures are finally going to be realized in reality. The costume designs by Judith E. Marcus were reflective of today's trends, and Libby's hiking outfit (jeans jacket, cut-offs, high-top boots, back-pack and red knee socks and bandana head band) describe her before she opens her mouth.

Seeing a show with no other audience is a novel experience. There is no laughter at the funniness, other than an occasional chuckle from one designer or another. But it was a show with plenty of humor and it's occasionally funny but the method pictures it is finally going to be realized in reality. The costume designs by Judith E. Marcus were reflective of today's trends, and Libby's hiking outfit (jeans jacket, cut-offs, high-top boots, back-pack and red knee socks and bandana head band) describe her before she opens her mouth.

Evoking craft traditions to be studied by project

"Their work has been collected in museums around country and they are beginning to be considered the best folk potter of the 19th century. "Patricia McElrath, director of the Southwestern Gold, said.

They are only one aspect of a rich craft tradition, recently discovered by Southern Illinois, said McElrath, who is the fiscal director for a new Gold project entitled "The Great Tradition in Southern Illinois: A Guide of Changing Rural Values."

The project is to study "the past, present, and future of crafts in Southern Illinois," McElrath said.

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Arline Leven, an art historian who is the project director, will work on the project with a panel of humanists from SIU-C. They include anthropologist Richard Kurio, museum curator Bonnie Krause, artist Sylvia Greenfield, and philosopher Mark Johnson.

The project is fueled by a $5,785 Illinois Humanities Council Grant, and runs from June 15, 1982 until April 30, 1983. The concept for the project is the result of a recent study which found a strong folk heritage in the southern 15 counties of Illinois, the project proposal said. Most of these crafts originated with the Scottish, Irish and German settlers who lived there, McBride said.

Folk crafts evolved naturally in this setting, McBride said, fulfilling basic human needs, such as the need for warmth, for pots and pans and for tools. Consequently, making quilts, basket weaving and creating pottery became necessary livelihoods.

The tradition has continued, "perpetuating social customs and norms," according to the project proposal, but the atmosphere and nature of craft making seems to be changing. By examining the evolving folk heritage the Guild hopes to answer the question, "Are the crafts dying in Southern Illinois?"

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Winning play shows a love for the stage

By David Murphy
Entertainment Editor

The uncertain beginning of professional theater in America is the subject of "Charming Sally," a comedy by Tim Kelly that took first place in SIU-C's sixth international playwriting competition. At the heart of the play, however, is a love for the theater.

"Essentially, 'Charming Sally' is a love poem to the acting profession," Kelly said in an interview Thursday. "I had a desire to do something with language, American history and the theater, and this is the result."

The play traces the comic misadventures of the first professional theater troupe to tour the American colonies, and is set in the 1750s. The plot was inspired, according to Kelly, by the history of the Hallam Company of Players and their difficulties with corrupt aristocrats, sanctimonious clergymen and inept politicians.

"As I read about the Hallam Company, it occurred to me that there was a wonderful idea for a bouncy romp," Kelly said. "I've always been interested in theater in the colonies, and this was a chance to do something with that."

Kelly's effort was good enough to merit the contest's first-place award of $1,000. Entries in the competition, sponsored by the Illinois Theater, the SIU Foundation and Consolidation Coal Co.'s Midwest division, were limited to unpublished and unproduced full-length scripts set in America and dealing comically with American characters and issues.

The prize is far from being Kelly's first. He is a successful professional playwright, who has published, by his own count, about 150 plays and won over a dozen awards for his playwriting efforts. Among his awards are the New England Theater Conference Award, the Sergi Drama Prize and the International Thespian Society Award.

Kelly, who published his first work at the age of 12, said his works fall into three categories: comedies, works commissioned and wholly personal creative efforts. It is the last category he considers the most difficult to promote and produce. And it is from this fact, he feels, that playwriting competitions like SIU-C's draw a large number of entries.

"I think contests like this are extremely important. This kind of serious creative effort is the most difficult to get off the ground," Kelly said. "You need encouragement for someone to say 'This is good. I think we need more of these efforts.'"

Like all aspects of our society, the theater is suffering from the current economic instability, according to Kelly. Because of that, what the industry needs is more shows, people who know how to interest people in theater and raise money.

"I don't think we need any new playwrights. There are all kinds of creative people writing good scripts out there right now," Kelly said. "What we need more of are producers, people who know how to get a play put on. We desperately need young, imaginative, creative people who know how to publicize and get a show on."

Young people who wish to write and publish plays have to know what they really want, and be willing to suffer to get it, according to Kelly. And for them to have to get involved in theater, not just write.

"And there's another thing: get in plays. Act. Direct. Do just write. You need to participate to get a feel for what will work."
What's up, doc?

Jill Sevelo of De Soto, left, a child development Joanne Lee, center, and DeAnna Harley, right, assistant at Rainbow's End Preschool, helps feed Thumper the rabbit his lettuce.

Faculty vacation benefits revised

By Mike Nelson
Staff Writer

The SIU-C administration has revised its vacation benefits policy for faculty and staff members holding fiscal year appointments, according to Warren Buffum, vice president for financial affairs.

The policy revisions, approved by President Albert Sommit and Chancellor Kenneth Shaw after consideration by the University Joint Benefits Committee, are effective July 1, 1982.

Buffum said that the policy changes were made in order to make the administration of vacation benefits more efficient, not to save the University money.

The policy does not change the amount of vacation granted or the accrual limit for employees holding continuing appointments, Buffum said.

The principal change from previous policy, he said, is that employees holding term appointments will now be required to use vacation benefits during the period of the appointments.

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Most of SIU-C's approximately 200 term appointees have academic appointments, which means that they are not eligible to earn or accrue vacation benefits, said Barbara Butterfield, manager of personnel services.

Academic appointments correspond to the academic calendar, while fiscal appointments follow the fiscal year, she said. "The only term appointees who will be affected by the vacation policy changes are those who have fiscal appointments," Butterfield said.

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County Board set to consider agreement with Cablevision

A request by Carbondale Cablevision, Inc. to install a cable television link into the county "wouldn't be actionable without an agreement with the county," said Jerry Dybvig, the Planning Committee to study the possibility of a franchise agreement. Dybvig predicted the matter would take months and would not be decided before the next Board takes control Dec. 1.

Dybvig said Thursday an agreement would assure the orderly development of cable in the county and answer any questions that may arise such as timetable of development, rates and programming.

He also said the county may be able to go something out of such an agreement such as a percentage of gross receipts. Dybvig also proposed creating an independent cable commission in Jackson County which would handle development. He said members would be appointed to staggered terms.

Perica said it wasn't sure whether to "put cable followed through or not. The decision would be confronted by the board," he said.

"We would like to continue," he said, "but that depends on our company." The County Board, in other actions and approvals, approved the Departmental Vehicle Policy for Permanently Assigned Vehicles. The plan assigns each deputy his own vehicle which he would own.

The Board also allocated $3,400 for part-time billing work to be done in the circuit clerk's office until Nov. 30. Board members argued against it said there was about two years of work involved and that the program started, would become an endless one.

Physiology transferred to School of Medicine

A transfer of the Department of Physiology from the College of Science to the School of Medicine has been approved by the SIU Board of Trustees.

The transfer was recommended by John C. Gouey, vice president of the Sciences and research, and Richard H. May, dean of the School of Medicine, after a program review team suggested the change.

Reviewers said the move would streamline administration of the department and strengthen both undergraduate and graduate programs in physiology.

Continuing and tenured physiology department faculty members will be reassigned to the School of Medicine, while term appointees will remain in the College of Science.

Graduates of the physiology program will continue to receive degrees from the College of Science and the Graduate School.
Campus Briefs

THE INTER-GREEK Council will meet 1 p.m. Saturday in the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity House on Greek Row.

NEIGHBORHOOD Bible Fellowship of Carbondale will feature the special topic, "Building a Biblical Family," Sunday as part of a special series "Marriage, Family, and the Christian Home." The series is being taught by Kent Carroll of Marion. The Fellowship meets from 9:30 a.m. to 10 noon Sundays at the Jackson County YMCA in Carbondale. Interested persons can call 419-7649 for more information.

THE SPIRIT of Attucks will be "Data in the Park" beginning at 3 p.m. Saturday. The community picnic will feature games, prizes and entertainment for the entire family. Refreshments will be provided. The main activities will be on the Green Street side of Attucks Park.

THE VERGETTE Gallery in the Allyn Building will host "An Eight-Sided Cube," a presentation of residential surrealism by Sydney M. Van Pelt. The works are paintings and sculptures that will be on display until May 4. A reception will be held from 7 to 9 p.m., May 4.

BRIEF'S POLICY

The deadline for items for Campus Briefs is noon two days before publication. Items must include time, date, place and sponsor of the event and the name and telephone number of the person submitting the item. Items should be delivered or mailed to the Daily Egyptian newsroom, Communications Building, Room 1247. A brief will be published only once and only as space allows.

Reported crimes increase in May

The total number of crimes in Carbondale in May was 187, up from 127 in April and 156 in May 1981, according to Carbondale Police statistics.

The total includes one murder attempt, three rapes, one robbery, four aggravated assaults, 32 burglaries, 140 thefts and six auto thefts.

The total number of crimes in 1982 through May was 713, up from 674 in the same period in 1981.

The total includes two murders, 12 murder attempts, nine rapes, 12 robberies, 23 aggravated assaults, 106 burglaries, 535 thefts and 34 auto thefts.

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Gymnastics face tough schedule

By Gene Stahlman
Staff Writer

The men's gymnastics squad will have one of its toughest schedules in the upcoming season, according to Coach Bill Meade.

The Saluki dual competitions, as well as nationals, will pit them against the top teams in the nation.

Located in this field will be dual contests against No. 9 Northern Illinois, No. 1 Ohio State, and No. 10 Houston Baptist University. The University of Illinois-Chicago Circle will also compete in the triangular meet with Houston Baptist.

Nebraska, last year's national champion, will also meet the Salukis, along with No. 9 California-Berkeley and a triangular meet against Penn State and vault exercises to the all-around.

Meade said he feels the team will be competitive this season, according to Coach Bill Meade.

The Saluki Circle will meet with Houston Baptist University, and the Oklahoma City Gymnastics Club, and the current Saluki record holder in the rings with a 9.7.

One returnee this season will include floor exercise and vault specialist Lawrence Williamson, parallel bars specialist Herb Voss, and all-arounders Dave Hoffman, John Levy, Charles Melton and Jim Mienz.

Meade said junior Williamson has improved his scores in the floor exercises to 9.3 and his vault scores to the low nines.

Junior Melton is training with the Austin Gymnastics Club in Houston, while senior Levy is training at the International Gymnastics camp at Stroudsburg, Pa., said Meade. "I expect some definite improvement from both of them," he said.

Meade said the team had lost three lettermen from last year's team. Cary Kowalski graduated, Scott Schuler was declared academically ineligible, he said. With 10 new recruits, Meade said he has filled the vacancies.

Meade is hoping that Illinois State University transfers Michael L. Mack and Vince Quevedo and Ball State University transfer Gregg Upperman can contribute immediately.

Meade said all-arounder Upperman, whose coach at Ball State was former Saluki assistant Steve Sheppard, was a world-class performer. He said ring man Mack would be a good backup for Babcock and Slomski in that event. Quevedo qualified for the nationals last year in the floor exercises and can score in the mid-nines in the vault, which are his specialties.

Freshman newcomers included Kentucky AA champion all-rounder David Bailey and all-arounder Brendan Price. Price finished second in the Junior Olympics in the vault and second in the Texas championships in the all-around. Price is a training camp at the Junior Olympics, which were held in late June, said Meade.

Other freshman include all-rounders Eric Anderson, Matt Stuck, Scott Babcock and high bar man Brad O'Mara.

With the quality of the team members, Meade said, competition will be very tough this year for the nine-man team he is allowed to have this season. This is one less than last year, he said.

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Despite severe knee injury, Brian Babcock fights back

LeFevre picks up fourth recruit

By Ken Perkins
Sports Editor

Long distance recruiting may be frowned upon by a lot of college coaches, but it doesn’t bother Joe LeFevre, SIU-C’s head tennis coach.

Contacting prospective players by phone has been a mainstay of LeFevre’s recruiting since he took over the Saluki tennis coach, and now he believes he is ready to offer a solid formula, he’s sure that his fingers will do a lot of walking from here.

“It’s just a matter of connections,” said LeFevre, who picked up his fourth recruit from Rolando Quijano, his former recruit too many miles away.

Ampon’s dad, who LeFevre refers to as the Filipino “Mr. Tennis,” supplies LeFevre with a top-notch player. All LeFevre knows about Ampon is his latest recommendation, and that he’s a Filipino tennis player and national junior champion and a good student. “We expect him to be a great one,” LeFevre said.

That’s what LeFevre has been saying about all four of his recruits. They only need to be signed, sealed and delivered. That, says LeFevre, has been the easy part.

For Quijano, it’s a matter of sending information that will finalize his signing.

For Cass Macartney, it’s a matter of getting to Carbondale for the first day of classes. He has already been signed.

LeFevre said the best tennis player in his young team chose to play their collegiate tennis out West. He added that it’s tough to compete against those schools for top personnel and he’s come up with a winning plan.

Despite severe knee injury, Brian Babcock fights back

By Jackie Rodgers
Staff Writer

The agony of defeat. Or the knee, whichever the case may be. SIU-C’s gymnast Brian Babcock was almost defeated by injury in February, but with hard work he has begun to regain his legs, and his knee.

Babcock elected to red-shirt last season in order to have more training time to prepare for a berth on the 1986 Olympic team. It was a routine dismount on the rings that put him under the care of a physical therapist to repair torn medial collateral and anterior cruciate ligaments in his left knee.

In most instances, an injury of that extent would force an athlete to look for another way to occupy his time. In this instance, Babcock was fortunate to have enough time to treat the ligaments away from the bone, without which his attempts to return to competitive shape would have been futile.

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That accomplishment would be making the 1984 Olympic team, although other short-term goals are primary. Those goals are getting into competitive shape once again and being able to do things without pain.

He views his setback as an obstacle which he must overcome. He said he is thankful that he was able to get into the time, or else he would have lost the rest of his eligibility in only a half-season of competitions.

“I would have been up a creek without a paddle,” he said with a laugh. “No, there is always something good in everything bad.”

He said he loves working at the camp at Lake Owen Lodge in Wisconsin. His future goal is to be a coach, and although he wonders whether to coach on the collegiate or younger children level, he said each day with the kids makes him lean toward the younger.

He said he still can here the “pop” that came from his knee that day in February. He remembers it took a while for it to set in.

“It was like a bad dream,” he said.

But he will pursue his dream of making a comeback. Not just to the position he was in, but getting back to where he was, which means the form that made him the school record holder in the all-around, parallel bars, high bar and rings.

“l’ll get there,” he said. “There is nothing else I want to do. I love the sport.”

Richard takes mound against odds

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — J. Richard had a smile on his face when he left the dugout after scuffing up home plate. He was 5-1 in three years and didn’t expect to ever be a 5-1 starter.

Observers said his slider was nearly on target and his fastball was a cinch. He was a top pitcher for the major league teams.

The former Houston Astros pitching ace took a giant step toward his goal in 1983. That was the year since suffering a stroke two years ago.

Babe Ruth fourth start for Houston’s Class A Florida State League affiliate, the right-hander also made the cut. He was the first day of Spring training in late February.

For Houston’s AAA affiliate in Tucson, Ariz., he had the previous 21 months and was in the minor league picture. This year, he was in the majors.

Former Venezuelan league, but he was throwing with an 80-85 mph fastball.

His slider was around 85 mph, and his fastball was around 92 mph.

Richard, who owns a 105-107 mph major-league record, threw 118 pitches Wednesday night, including 89 strikeouts and 64 fastballs, said Daytona Beach Manager Eric Swanson.

“J.R. had a consistent velocity (Wednesday). No walks, eight strikeouts. That’s a great game. His slider was around the plate all night, and his fastball was above average,” Swanson said.

In other baseball news Thursday, the Chicago Cubs picked up right where they left off before the All-Star break, and they were 1-0 in a game Thursday at Wrigley Field.

Brave catcher Bruce Benedict drove in three runs with a single and a double, and outfielder Dale Murphy added a two-run shot.

Brave pitcher Phil Niekro (7-3) went the distance for the second time this year, scattering nine hits and striking out five. The victory was Niekro’s 50th in his career.

The Brave knocked Chicago starter Ferguson Carney (6-6), for five runs, knocking him out in the second inning. It was the seventh time this season he has knocked out of a game this season.

Chris Chambliss opened the scoring with an RBI-double in the first, and Murphy followed with his 24th homer, top in the majors.