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Ruling brings a wave of gay and lesbian advancements

Supreme Court decision could be the first of many changes for gays and lesbians around nation.

Nicole Sack
Daily Egyptian

On the third floor of the Student Center, Bradley Wilkins, treasurer of the Saluki Rainbow Network, organizes the small third floor office. Outside the door lies he has finally completed his summer project of creating the club's bulletin board.

The board is covered with Advocate Magazine covers that feature famous gays and lesbians, politicians and an A-list of Hollywood stars who consider themselves supporters of the gay/lesbian/hisexual/transgender community.

"An advocate is someone who pleads the case of another and tries to understand about new things that could be viewed as non-traditional," Wilkins said.

The Saluki Rainbow Network has been a Registered Student Organization for 22 years at SIUC. Wilkins said the club has 120 members on its mailing list, and about 20 to 30 people attend weekly meetings that are open to everyone.

Besides weekly meetings, the SRN operates the Rainbowline, a telephone hotline that allows callers to get connected with someone to listen to their problems. The Rainbowline also acts as a hub, connecting callers to the counseling center or the crisis hotline.

Wilkins said that most callers are coming out and need someone to talk to. Wilkins uses his own knowledge and personal experience to relate to the callers.

The biggest obstacle to the SRN is outreach; it is difficult to get the message out to the community, Wilkins said. "Look, I'm here in Southern Illinois," Wilkins said. "And I'm gay.

Wilkins' message of acceptance was echoed across the country this summer.

In a historical ruling in June, the U.S. Supreme Court rejected a Texas sodomy law, which in effect banned laws against homosexual sex in 13 states.

The Supreme Court ruling, which passed 6-3, made sodomy laws an unconstitutional invasion of privacy. The first state to repeal its sodomy law was Illinois in 1961.

While the decision was a monumental victory for gays, there is still a federal law that protects a person from being fired or denied a job or housing on the basis of sexual orientation. Proposed Illinois Senate Bill 101 would eliminate this discrimination.

The aim of Senate Bill 101 is the fair and equal treatment for all Illinois residents by creating protections based on sexual orientation. The bill would allow discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in a number of critical areas, including housing, credit, and public accommodations.

The passage of the bill would assure a level playing field for all people in the state of Illinois, but it would not grant special privileges for any one group of people.

The Illinois House already has adopted a measure similar to Senate Bill 101, adding sexual orientation to the classes protected under the Illinois Human Rights Act.

Advancement in the recognition of same-sex partners got an additional boost in September with the University of Iowa approving gay marriage. The University of Illinois Board of Trustees voted to extend benefits and dental benefits to employees in same-sex partnerships.

Illinois is the first public university in the state to offer the same-sex benefits, which will cost the university $320,000 to $400,000 per year. According to a story in the Springfield Journal-Register, the state's 13 public universities, 23,000 full-time employees are expected to use the benefit that only applies to same-sex domestic partners, not unmarried couples.

The summer's substantial gains in gay and lesbian rights did not come without criticism.

The House Republican Study Committee issued a report on same-sex marriage, calling for amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would define marriage as a union between one man and one woman. The RSC is a group of 85 Republican members of the U.S. House of Representatives, two of whom are from Illinois.

The proposed Federal Marriage Amendment (H.J.Res.50) states: "Marriage in the United States shall consist only of the union of a man and a woman. The Constitution of the United States and Constitution of the state of any other State, nor state or federal law, shall be construed to require that any state recognize any marriage or civil union contract entered into by any person or group of persons, whether of the same sex or opposite sex, capaciously or otherwise."
National News

Bush warns Syria, Iran not to help terrorists

CRAWFORD, Texas — Just days before visits to the White House by the presidents of Israel and the Palestinian Authority, President Bush Monday issued a stern warning to Syria and Iran, telling them to stop supporting and arming terrorists or face the consequences.

Bush's comments are the latest in recent weeks and suggest that the United States continues to believe that Syria and Iran are providing a "safe haven" for terrorists to prepare attacks against American interests.

But the president gave no hint in his administration might employ the "tough options," a term he has used several times to describe U.S. military actions against the governments of Saddam Hussein's regime.

Moussauqi trial may be dismissed

WASHINGTON — The case against Zacarias Moussaoui, the only person arrested in connection with the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, may be dismissed within weeks because federal prosecutors say there is little evidence to support a conviction and the government cannot prove an alleged terrorist mastermind was part of his defense.

The questioning of Moussaoui, once described by the government as the "20th hijacker," takes a legal backward step if the government simultaneously fights to hold and try terrorists in military tribunals.

The problem is Moussaoui's demand to question Ralph "Buddy" Williams, a former F.B.I. agent, who said Moussaoui was charged with being part of the conspiracy but lied to the F.B.I. because he was afraid to question a leader of that company.

Williams is being held in Italy and interrogated by the government at an uncertain location. Prosecutors say making him an expert witness on terrorism would interfere with the investigation and jeopardize national security.

If the case is dismissed, however, the government would designate him an "enemy combatant" and whisk him to a Navy cell for trial before a military tribunal.

International News

Shelling erupts around U.S. Embassy in Liberia

MONROVIA, Liberia — As mortars exploded in and around the U.S. Embassy on Monday, ruling and opposition members of Liberia's council of ministers urged foreign workers and nationals to stay indoors.

The shells hit in Monrovia, as part of guerrilla war

The shelling came as American military officials moved for another of the embassy's 80 American soldiers to be sent to the U.S. to work on a joint billboard and networking project.

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As the long-range mortars fell around the embassy, at least two Americans died, including a worker and a foreign journalist, turned down in the hallway of an administrative building.

One mortar struck the embassy's 24th floor and another hit the roof, a sounding compound turned refugee camp across the street, killing at least two. Two Liberian guards at the embassy were killed.

The operations are being conducted by an American military official who was killed.

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But American military officials had been fed up with attacks Thursday, the anniversary of Saddam Hussein's Baath Party's July 15, 1968, revolution, and the deposed dictator's biggest holiday.

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There are no suspects at this time.

Politc Reports

University

- A bicycle valued at $1,100 was snatched from a 23-year-old student at the University of Missouri's Education Conference Center, not the Museum Director. The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

Corrections

Tamaqua Center had worked at photojournalism.

Should have identified Bob Diel as the Museum's Education Coordinator, not the Museum Director. The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

Police Reports

Siu graduate dies in drowning

A December 2002 graduate of SICD died this weekend after jumping into the water at the Cardiff Marina.

Christopher Jones, 23, of Neville died at 2:45 p.m. Monday at Saint Alexius Medical Center, the Moline mortuary said.

The Illinois State Police said the body was found at the intersection of the South Bridge and Illinois River Drive. White was released on a personal recognizance bond.

Briefs

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Today's Calendar

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Rainbow's End opens auction to community

Children's art to help raise field trip funds

Daily Egyptian

Bette Johnson

The summer program at Rainbow's End has started selling summer annuals of artworks to make the kids feel accomplished.

The event, which began on Monday, will continue through Friday afternoon, marks the center's second annual children's art auction.

This year, all of the children created "Art of the Heart," said children were excited waiting to receive their complimentary tooth brushes because they were encountering teeth they were encountering for the first time in their lives.

While Helfer said the group of kids she has now is fairly competent, they are not afraid to try new things.

"We like creativity around here," Helfer said. "We encourage the kids to do the kind of projects they'd like to do before we get started. We want it to always feel like fun, not what they're doing."

Throughout the summer, the children made various projects for a while. The kids are getting a lot of good care, but I don't think they're getting as much as any parent, including mine, would like them to," Miller said.

"The children really are proud of their work and want more people to see what they've accomplished," Helfer said. "The whole process makes all of the children very proud."

Reporting Bette Johnson

Art will be on display this week from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the activity room at Rainbow's End. The bidding will end on Friday at noon.

Marion Veterans Affairs Hospital reaches out to minority patients

Katie Davis

Daily Egyptian

The Marion VA Hospital is reaching out to minority veterans to use its facility for their health care needs, making a continued commitment to diversity and excellence that has more than doubled in service during the past 10 years.

"We like trying to be the best," Helfer said. "We don't want to do anything that will make the children feel negative attitudes." They're not excited about seeing the whole thing come together and knowing they helped," Helfer said. "But the children are really proud of their work and want more people to see what they've accomplished."

Last year, the staff was housing as much as any patient, including mine, would like them to," Miller said.

The VA has been steadily growing the last 10 years and now sees more than 36,000 patients annually. "We have to see veterans," Nored said. "That's our goal, that's our mission. It's what we want to do, and that's why we're here."

Carson Smith, Veteran Affairs Chair for the Illinois NAACP, arranged the meeting between veterans and hospital representatives to make the veterans community more aware of the advantages offered to them through the Marion VA Hospital.

"There is a mountain of ignorance about how to get into the system," Smith said during the meeting. "We've had individuals run into difficulties getting in — they try to fill out a quick way to get service."

Smith said the system has changed dramatically in the last few decades, opening doors to more veterans and allowing greater access to medicine and啮ized changes to eligible veterans.

"A whole new system as a whole," "We've talked to some and asked them about it," he said. "They don't know about these dollars."

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Grant provides free sealants for low-income children

SIUC Dental Hygiene staff, students volunteer their time

Valerie N. Donnals

Daily Egyptian

Going to the dentist can often be an unpleasant experience. But, Dominique Young has crawled into the chair set up in the basement of the New Zion Missionary Baptist Church Thursday without a bit of fear.

Her sister, Diamond, 8, was just finishing up in a nearby chair and sitting smiling while her sister was being treated.

According to the program, SIUC Dental Hygiene students volunteer their time to provide dental care to the children, covering all aspects of dentistry from preventive care to restorative care.

Faith Miller, who organized the program, said the SIUC volunteers are not afraid to try new things, making it more convenient for many of the children who attended.

A similar clinic took place for two days in June, during which hygienists saw 14 children and performed 59 sealants.

"It has been a very successful project," Miller said.

This past July, young children were lined up ready to go. We couldn't get them set up fast enough, and all the volunteers were getting a lot of positive vibes from the kids," Helfer said. "It's our goal to do this again."

While the sealants are paid for through grants to SIUC, Miller said SIUC is not reimbursed for regular cleanings.

Veterans Chair of the Department of Health Care Professions Charles Lauter said this was a problem, considering the veterans were facing uncertainty.

However, he said they were able to refer many of the children to the Heartland Clinic or the SIUC Dental Clinic, which offers dental care at reduced costs.

"We have a history of working with veterans," Lauter said. "We have, however, been able to offer mouth guards to the youth.

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New coffeehouse seems destined for success

Serendipity Coffee & Café thriving in Carbondale

Linsey Maughan
Daily Egyptian

Warm red-textured walls envelop wrought-iron tables, lantern-style light fixtures hang from the ceiling and white Christmas lights envelop in vibrant greenery accent the romance of it all.

The soundtrack to "Chicago" hums along beneath the murmur of a diverse crowd enjoying specialty sandwiches and donuts.

Is this a dream? A vacation?
No. This is just a daily dose of destiny.

Serendipity Coffee & Café, located at 887 E. Grand Ave., is a quiet trip to interesting new places for those who set their imaginations free.

At the least, it’s a blast of culture in a cozy setting. And don’t forget the great food and beverages.

Serendipity opened in October 2002 after being brought to life by Kevin and Kellie Miller of Mehldau.

The couple owns the salon next door to Serendipity, A Cut Above, which had been future, "We'd like to get into delivery," entwined with Kellie said. "I love the doors.

"We've got to make some changes," she added, "to make room for more seating. Sometimes we will last customers because they will walk in and there will be nowhere for them to sit."

The café plays upbeat music like jazz, crooners-style music and classical.

"Nothing too slow," Kevin said. Originally planning to offer coffee and pastries, the business quickly escalated into soups, salads and sandwiches, as well, and has turned out to be quite a success in the short 10 months that it has been open.

Kevin said that Serendipity has turned into more of a little French bistro, "We're on the verge of making it a European atmosphere at Serendipity Coffee and Café, with the addition of trees and an awning, diners get a chance to recreate the feel of a street side café in France."

Serendipity also caters and allows people to rent the café for baby showers, wedding showers, etc.

They also have daily specials, including prime rib sandwiches on Wednesday, which, according to Miller, always sell out. The specials are items not on the regular menu. "We're trying to come up with something unique and different," Kellie said.

Everything at Serendipity is homemade and freshly prepared daily.

After some consideration, the couple decided to create a coffeehouse in the empty space.

"We were nervous, but we jumped in free;" Kevin said.

Kellie chose the decorations for the café from a variety of retailers, and Kevin hung everything up.

"I built these awnings to make it seem like you are sitting outside, like a little French bistro," Kevin noted, pointing to the awnings found on the outside of the windows.

The seating, which is in a variety of styles, all comes together quite nicely.

"It turned out prettier than I anticipated," Kellie said, "I love the doors."

When deciding on a name for the café, Kellie said her coworkers at A Cut Above stumbled upon Serendipity.

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Serendipity, which means a fortunate discovery by accident and suggests an element of fate or destiny, seemed like the perfect choice when the idea came up.

From the name, they developed the slogan, "A daily dose of destiny."

"Is someone who believes that things happen for a reason," Kellie said. "You may not know what that reason is for a while, but eventually you figure it out."
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of the data, the new law will require 2-8 junk mail, and 10 phone calls to an employee, who intends to reduce the number of ex-employees who go back to conventional crime by finding them steady jobs. The law requires the Department of Human Services to include the Department of Corrections in their efforts to find jobs for individuals, including ex-offenders, who have trouble finding jobs. “This has been one of my concerns for some time,” Ruff said. “The highest percentage of ex-offenders is relented into my district. To get the bill of this is to reduce the number of recidivism.” When ex-offenders get out, a large majority of them do not have a driver’s license or ID — nothing to say who they are. “These people have no formal training, in mean of today’s technology. We hope to help these reformed women by creating opportunities of gainful employment.”

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1968 - "The Devils Brigade" plays in theaters.

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Daily Horoscope

By Linda L. Stokes

Today's Birth Day (July 23). You're versatile and imaginative, and this year you can provide stability, but a free spirit won't feel too much restrained. If you're not too stuck in your ways, you'll have the advantage, check the details:

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - You'll find that it's much easier to express your heartfelt emotions. You may not have to do much talking, but clear your actions through. Don't rule out the wrong impression.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - You have about to feel a surge of drive to rearrange all your furniture. Shampoo all the rugs and you're away. You'll feel so refreshed when you're done.

 Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 7 - The next few weeks are exciting, you can definitely count on that. Do a little more research before you commit to acquiring a property.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - If you're heading a little exhilarated, take it easy for awhile. I won't hurt you to move more slowly. You have lots of options to ponder.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - Today is a good time for a small celebration before you move on. It may feel a little uncomfortable as you take on more authority. It's not your nature, and you do it all in a new way. Relax and get used to it.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 - You're entering a peaceful phase, with big decisions in the works. You can find choices for a long time, so there's no need to rush.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - You feel very much prepared by the moon, and it should be a lot of fun. Schedule a celebration before this week ends. You may have obligations born.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - This coming phase should put you at rest. The emphasis is on school and travel. If you have anything you want published, the month is just what you're feeling at taking orders. But the outlook is good.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - This coming phase should be a lot of fun. The emphasis is on school and travel. If you have anything you want published, the month is just what you're not .

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - You're going into a busy phase of studying economics. Stocks, bonds, credit cards and insurance could all be a little confusing. Do it now, and be well rewarded.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - You have lots of friends. But you're actually pretty introverted, too. The next few weeks you'll get to learn how to rely on others to achieve goals. Think about what you're doing.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Keep moving, and you'll figure out what you've been doing. It's a hard way. Don't worry about extra effort you've spent. Just learn not to force things.
Athletic Dept. working hard to sell football Season ticket renewal at 85 percent Ethan Erickson Daily Egyptian

Though July is not commonly associated with football, many in the SIU Athletic Department are busy bringing the school's football team to the forefront of the public consciousness.

The deadline for renewing season tickets passed Friday, and about 85 percent of the approximately 1,000 season ticket holders have returned mailings they received and renewed their tickets. This number is an expected increase from last year and incudes new intrest as well from people and companies that want to participate in an outing along Saluki Row.

The fact that football is on the minds of many at this time of year is not discouraging to Kowalczyk, though. "This is the best time to be selling tickets," Kowalczyk said. "Let's face it, not too many people are thinking about football in the middle of July, but early August we will make a big push for new season ticket holders. That will include newspaper time, and we're getting our posters, schedule cards out, direct mail pieces, things of that nature."

And the department is successful in bringing more people to games, this football season could generate higher revenue because of the future.

"This year is the best opportunity we've had in ages to have a winning season," Kowalczyk said. "There's a lot of interest out there, and I think the people will respond. They'll start showing up because, again, we have a lot to offer this year." Reportor Ethan Erickson can be reached at erickson@dailyEgyptian.com

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Baseball signs three to complete recruiting

The SIU Athletic Department announced the signings of three players completing its 2004 recruiting class. These players will transfer from Mineral Area College in Beloit, Ill., to the Salukis.

A Cape Girardeau, Mo., native, Cherry was an all-state player at Cape Central High School.

Tosha, Wash., native Ryan Dash, a 6-foot-4 pitcher, will join the Salukis from the College of Southern Idaho, the same junior college that former Salukis Scott Hankey and Troy Bannert attended. Dash was 9-4 with a 2.66 ERA last season.

A Castle Rock, Colo., native, Grant Gerrard, who can play either pitcher or shortstop, will also join the Salukis. Gerrard is a member of the Indiana Pacers' summer league team, a split-squad that also features members of the Phoenix Suns organization.

Gerrard's teammate, 76ers draft pick and former Creighton star Kyle Tucker, told Jake DeJong that he was going to sign a deal with the Pacers. Tucker is expected to be a coach's decision Tuesday.

Dearman is a member of the Indiana Pacers' summer league team, a split-squad that also features members of the Phoenix Suns organization.

Dearman is attempting to play well enough to capture a spot on the Pacers roster.

Foster staff a safety cushion in both that should develop into quality players and both are willing to put in the work to do so. "Both [Foster] and Randel are guys that have good attitudes," Painter said. "They're going to be able to receive coaching and take criticism and understand that we're trying to help them get stronger and get better to help hopefully continue to win Missouri Valley Conference championships."

Redshirt freshman Tony Young is also excited about the prospect of being able to grow and develop along with the two new big men.

"That's going to be real good to me because in high school I always had big men to play with," Young said. "Now I've actually got two big men who I can grow with, learn with, and just grow together and hopefully just become a real good team.

Foster has been in Carbondale throughout the summer and is taking part in the Future Scholars Program. Painter said that will make things easier for Foster when classes start in the fall because he has already gotten a chance to experience the academic side of college because of his program as well as the basketball side through pickup games with the other players.

Foster has already made a positive impression on those surrounding him. Painter said, and the coaching staff is excited about what the quiet big man will bring to the Salukis.

"All of our players have said they are really happy about the way he goes about things as a big man, and he's really serious about playing the game," Painter said. "He's been a pleasant surprise for us, and we're looking forward to seeing how he does here in the fall."

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Incoming freshman helps Saluki basketball measure up

Jamaal Foster adds much needed size to Saluki frontcourt

Saluki football braves the heat

Men's track signs 10 new recruits, including four All-Americans

Pete Spitzer

The SIU men's track team solidified a season of promise by signing 10 new recruits, including national champion Todd Green in the high jump.

Todd Green, the 2003 National Junior College Athletic Association Division II national champion with a 7.08 meter jump in the high jump at the NJCAA Outdoor Championships, holds a personal best of 7.02. He is listed at 6 feet, 10 inches to win the 5th at the NJCAA tournament, which takes place at SIU’s Recreation Center in March.

Green joins a talented group of returnees that hopes to improve upon the second-place finish last season at the Missouri Valley Conference Outdoor Championships. The returnees include junior shot putter Jon Mastny, All-American Azeez Icks, Anthony Akinley, Manny Davis and Rob Dumas, a former high school teammate of Green.

"We can't view this as just a set season," Wright said. "We want to add depth in some of these areas, which include the shot put, discus and javelin events.

"This kid is going to help us out everywhere in the area we don't have a lot of help in," Wright said.

Last season, Wright entered Chris Cleen and senior javelin thrower Chad Harra as the only athletes participating in the throwing events. Hunter Sudler, a distance runner from Vernon Hills, Justin Kenk, a pole vaulter for Ed Murray, a hurdler and decathlete also from Breneys and Emilie Grant from Northern Illinois made up the Saluki's remaining class.

"We still also have at least one walk-on athlete. The name is being withheld until he officially signs with the Salukis. The team would also like to add another sprinter who can participate in more than two events."

"We're still young team," Wright said. "We still want record 80 percent or more points in fewer than a year's chase."

With a strong group of returnees and a large portion of the team returning this season, Wright is quick to add the hype about a possible MVC title.

"I'm not saying we're going to win anything, but we're going to be a team some people are going to have to deal with," Wright said.

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