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Police Blotter

CARBONDALE

An 18-year-old SIUC student told University Police she received 12 hang-up telephone calls within a 10-minute period Tuesday morning from an unknown person. The incident is under investigation.

A 22-year-old SIUC student told police he thought his vehicle was damaged in at least 14 white snow was being moved around March 14. University Police, estimating the damage of a two-inch print scratch less than $500, said the victim's account was "just speculation."

A 18-year-old resident of Hole Mill Hall told University Police her wallet inside her coat, lying in her dorm room, was stolen between 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Tuesday. A suspect has been named, and the incident is being investigated, police said.

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KAREN BLATZ
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS EDITOR

When SIU President John "Ted" Sanders is not thinking of the University or trying to relax, one of his favorite pastimes is to spend time on his sailboat. Sanders owns a sailboat that he keeps at Kentucky Lake. Sanders takes his sailboat to fill his needs and fills his love of sailing. Being president, he does not get a lot of free time, but whenever Sanders gets a chance to sail he enjoys his time.

"The purpose of sailing is to put yourself against nature," he said. "When you are sailing you can't think of anything else — you have to be totally absorbed. It is a good therapy." Simon said. "There are safe channels and one-way, and he takes his work home with him."

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At least the University president needs a break, according to Judy Hopkins. "Sanders' 28-foot boat fits his needs and fills his love of sailing. Being president, he does not get a lot of free time, but whenever Sanders gets a chance to sail he enjoys his time."

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Our Word

Budsllick proposal smacks of election politics

Never before have tidbits of trivia and science fiction been so eagerly discussed by the City of Carbondale as in the last month. In this time, mayoral candidate and Carbondale City Councilman John Budsllick has taken the lead in publicizing a newsletter that issues a written statement against SIUC's Select 2000 initiative and calls for an off-the-agenda vote on three union-related terms originally proposed by the Graduate and Professional Student Council at the Feb. 16 City Council meeting.

So what's the agenda? What is so special about this last month that has John Budsllick causing for student rights more volumously than most of his terms on the City Council? Sure, Budsllick has tended to vote for the student governent's bills in the past, but never so strongly before as he has this past month.

Two years ago when Budsllick was running for a City Council seat, the students were the lifeblood of his campaign, accounting for more than half of his votes as he edged incumbent John Yow by only 12 votes. Yow denies it, but it is a wonder Budsllick had such a woman candidate with the student body's name on it less than a month after the general election.

And so, we shouldn't be taken in by the warm glow of Budsllick's recent affection without considering the motive behind the smile. If Budsllick is so quick to smother an opponent to his regime and champion the student plight just before the polls open yet, now he has something to do with anything to do with his current campaign, how much would it take for him to sway back to the opposite side after the election? If he loses the campaign, will he still be in attendance at the City Council meetings defending students' rights as loudmouthed as he would in the mayoral chair?

The Daily Egyptian is pleased Councillor Budsllick to sympathetic of the student body's condition. Budsllick's endeavors involved us in an earlier editorial, but that was back in February — when was his call for an urgent vote then?

In fact, it was then that Budsllick agreed with Mayor Dillard and the other City Council members regarding an immediate discussion among students and landlords before action was taken. That has not happened yet, but Budsllick has changed his mind about waiting.

Does this mean students shouldn't vote for Budsllick at the general election April 13? No necessarily, but a vote for Budsllick or any other political candidate must take into consideration the signification of the election-time policies and the standing of any of the candidates. Vote, but make an informed decision while looking at the big picture when choosing for your mayor.

The days of hand-shaking, baby-kissing politicians during election time aren't dead — as students we've just a little too old to kiss.

World Wide Wait wonderful for weirdos

My copy of Webster's New World Dictionary has these two definitions of "web" — "a carefully constructed lattice of interlacing threads" and "...a miraculous web of the imagination." The second definition is "a web of the imagination.

I don't know of the World Wide Web as is so silky as all that, but while surfing it to watch out for that spring break offer after I heard about some of the work of the imagination, it's had to sort out the thousands of facts, figures, data, references, news, and information that's available a lot of space on the Information Superhighway. Why are we so fascinated with it?

One appeal of all computers is that you don't need a bit of stuff. Most of us, like stuff, and when we use computers, we usually see the computer as important to us. Computers are just a new brand of small stuff. You go ask people about their "byline" and "hard drives," which you probably hadn't heard of 10 years ago. This is useful for the guy at the computer store who laughs when you say that you hope the new computer will be just installed will make you feel like the person who commandeered food from the lord. Then tell him he can try to satisfy your appetite for the future.

Even the librarian who has spent too much time on the Net, it's easy because I'm standing over their shoulders. They get used to it and leave. The last time I had to wait at a computer, four out of 11 were taken by guys sitting there to meet women. Of those in the chat room who had named themselves, "I'm not making this up — 'Love God'". Anonymity is attraction number two. People like "Love God" have fiery eyes from thanks to the maz of the information age.

The Internet is a free world where we can escape ourselves. This is good for a shy computer user trying to meet other shy computer users; presumably, the psychotic listing for lonely, popular people. You don't even need their names to experience this kind of action. The web is full of sites devoted to someone's distorted version of themselves.

In the future, I think the technology for a worldwide exchange of art is exciting. And, we all media, it should be open access to all the intellectual experiences and religious faiths along with the rest. A place where you can type "my hard drive twice" once for the sweet joy of it. We don't need to end up on the unsaved stuff in the garbage. We just need to get away from the blind, data-for-power, news of the day.

Even though we have changed our letters to the editor policy, we encourage readers to submit letters to the editor or write to 601 Lincoln Ave., Carbondale, IL 62901 or email editor@thevoice.com.
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The 2,037 votes for Dillard were far more than double the support Budslick received.

Like a basketball team that eked out a "ugly victory," Budslick said he is not discouraged by the primary results.

"We just wanted to make the cut, and we did," Budslick said.

"Budslick, who has relied upon the help of his sons at work to free up campaigning time, said his supporters are enthusiastic as ever about his chances of unseating Dillard."

"Whether [it was] to be decided, but we are working hard to [examine] where we're going and where we want to be," he said.

For his part, Dillard is putting the primary out of mind.

"The primary has been put aside," the mayor said. "We'll start the next day 0-0, and this time only one person will come out on top."

Dillard has been mayor of Carbondale since 1987, having served as Bucklew's chief of staff. Dillard, who won District 2 of Carbondale's City Council seat in 1997, said Dillard plans an aggressive campaign with a steady grassroots strategy.

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Lending a helping hand

We think we know ourselves

When I think about something like this happens

I'm just going to have to be. Besides being a great trip to do it together. I learned there are a handful of us out there helping people and realizing what matters in life.

Sitting in a van somewhere between Chattanooga and Nashville, Tenn., Heidi Royalty spent a few minutes recording her reflections in a journal on her recent spring break trip to St. Petersburg, Fla.

"Royalty, an undecided" sophomore from the University of Georgia, along with 15 SIU Champaign-Urbana students armed with sleeping bags, luggage and toolboxes, gathered in a circle at 6:30 a.m. March 13 at the Newman Catholic Student Center, 713 S. Sixth St., Nashville, Tenn.

Together they prayed for safety and guidance as they prepared to embark on a long week's work away from Carbondale.

Their mission was to continue construction work on houses in St. Petersburg as part of "Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge: Spring Break '99.'

Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit Christian organization dedicated to eliminating poverty housing worldwide. As part of Collegiate Challenge, student volunteers from more than 250 universities travel to work on house sites throughout the United States during their spring breaks.

After loading a U-Haul and packing lunches, the group sat in the back of a van and watched the sun rise. After two hours of driving, the group stopped for a quick break at a gas station and then continued on to St. Petersburg.

After a stop for the night, the group returned to their hotel rooms, some of which were on the fourth floor. Anderson said, "We talked a lot -- Lake was my favorite part of the trip."

After an hour of settling in, Anderson, Panici and other members of the group explored some of the beaches of the Gulf of Mexico. The group stopped for a quick break at a gas station and then continued on to St. Petersburg.

With the sound of an alarm clock at 6:30 a.m. in the morning, Barth and the others woke up to a quick breakfast and a week of work ahead of them.

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"The clear skies and sunshine were nice because we are not used to seeing in Carbondale yet," Barth said.

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Sarah Kocher, a sophomore in psychology from Tuscaloosa, brings drywall with the help of others into three rooms for their sunny destination.

Rob Anderson, a senior in psychology from Madison, Wis., joined the group earlier in the week and played a continuing role in the group throughout the week's work.

"It was long, cold and dreary," Anderson said. "We talked a lot -- Lake was my favorite part of the trip."

After the first three days of work, the group took a day off to explore the city and visit some of the beaches. The group spent the second day of their trip exploring the city and visiting some of the beaches. The group spent the second day of their trip exploring the city and visiting some of the beaches. The group spent the second day of their trip exploring the city and visiting some of the beaches.
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Anderson said the sight of the beach and boardwalk were amazing. "You could look out into the water and see dolphins," Anderson said. "Coming from Illinois, you don't always get a chance to see that.

In Florida, brought the grill, food and a football for the group. Wednesday night as they cooked Texas toast. Gardener summed up the feelings of the whole team. Anderson said, "Being able to go on the trip," would have been impossible because you knew you could see that the Panci said, "Overall it was fun to go out." Barth said. "It seemed like there was so much to do in St. Petersburg."

For Anderson, the spring break trip far surpassed any of his expectations. Despite some disappointment, Barth said, "Being able to go on the trip, was a different type of fun and most of these on the trip.

For most of the trip I sat back and watched everyone and who they are. I came to the conclusion that we are all great people who gave up a week of our time to do something worthwhile.

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and where his concerns need to be. Even though Sanders is constantly thinking about the University, he puts high value on his family. "There is not a lot of free time in this job; you need to take care of your family," he said.

As a father of four and grandfather of six, Sanders always tries to make time for his family. Sanders is better known as Ted rather than his birth name of John. The name John is a family name, the Presidential candidate's great-grandfather used the name; but Sanders parents always called him Ted, short for his middle name Theodore.

Before he came to SIS, Sanders spent a decade working on education issues and served as a member of the president's cabinet. As the acting secretary and deputy secretary of the U.S. Department of Education, Sanders got to work side-by-side with former President George H.W. Bush from March 1989 to May 1991.

Through the time that Sanders worked with the Bush administration, he was able to gain a deep admiration for him and enjoyed working with him. "I always thought Bush was a wonderful (working with him)," he said. "He is a very, very, wonderful people you could ever meet. He is just as warm and caring as Barbara Bush.

Sanders remembers all of the times he spent in the White House and treasures the memories. He experienced something that some U.S. citizens have dreams of—he got to sit in the private offices of the White House.

Sanders experienced many of the days in the Oval Office working with the president. Sanders and his wife, Bev, also became friends with the Bushes and were able to see the personal living quarters of the president. "It was the most rewarding period of time you can ever do," he said.

After serving on the President's Cabinet during the Bush administration, Sanders became president of SII. Among Sanders' brags that he accomplished, he received the David G. Lilienthal Award for Distinguished Achievement in Teacher Education in February. Sanders chair a 36-member task force on teacher education.

Jack Dyck, executive assistant for such services as the president, set up the original press conference that announced Sanders' appointment and had been with him since day one.

Dyck had been able to observe Sanders in all aspects of government. "Ted Sanders is a very strong leader for the University," Dyck said. "He has a very analytical mind," Dyck said. "He is one to deconstruct emotionally from a situation and analyze it. He is very cool under fire. If there is a crisis situation, he is able to calm and deal with the situation."

Last year, Dyck went with Sanders to the Senate and House of Representatives, bringing Sanders ability to see the people who interact with Sanders. "I was impressed by the way he is able to work with people and the respect people have for him," said Dyck.

When Sanders wanted to do the interviews, he wanted people in the room primarily in lower education, but he did his work in Washington D.C. in higher education.

"I have always had an interest in higher education," Sanders said. "It is a river that I never crossed before, it is a mountain that I never climbed before. A lot of what I do in this job is a lot of what I did in my other jobs."

Despite being committed to his family, Sanders stays motivated every day. Sanders knows the importance of his job and how all of his actions arechaned in the end. "There is that being on the squad builds skills. You never know what the issue for the day is going to be.

In Sanders' words, he wanted to hear the dying man's story. Sanders wanted to hear the dying man's story. Sanders included other famous criminals included.

In emotional speeches, Sanders says the most relevant to each of us and will be the future in our country," Sanders said. "We had a good time in 70s but need to be realistic in the workplace and was something he needed to do to address these issues."

Sanders placed 10th in the individual and team events. Jeff Metz, a junior in public relations and South, said that Sanders was a good role model and was someone he knew who on how such discrimination events affect various groups within the workplace.

"This year's topic was emotionally relevant to all of us," Metz said. "It allowed me to understand the different problems minority groups face in this society."

Lecturer and debate director Jennifer Rigdon was impressed with the extra challenge of balancing heat, judges and coaching responsibilities. "Since we were the host, it made for difficult logistics," Rigdon said. "But I am glad, myself caught up, hosting the tournament and coaching the debaters who are two different mindsets, anything."

There are no prerequisites for joining the debating team. Glenn said that being on the squad builds skills that are beneficial to other areas of life. "Our debators are on for chances for students who aren't debaters to take some skills for value activities and careers," Glenn said. "Skills like being able to think on your feet, making good arguments, listening well and analyzing issues."

"This year it was the program hopes debating will receive more attention from the community. Some of the children have an interest in debating or obviously exciting as a sport event, but in my opinion, it's very exciting and challenging."

Rigdon said, "The skills you learn help you to become a better student."

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SOFTBALL

Winters receives honor:

SIUC junior softball pitcher Carla Winters was named Missouri Valley Conference Pitcher of the Week Monday for her performance at the AirTouch Capital Classic in Sacramento, Calif., last weekend.

Winters, a native of Herrin, won four games and recorded one save while leading the Salukis (10-12) to a third-place finish out of 16 teams in the tournament. In 44.1 innings, Winters (6-7) struck out 70 batters, including a season-high 14 strikeouts in a 6-1 victory over Rutgers University and an 11-strikeout performance in relief in a 1-0 victory over Oklahoma State University.

GOLF

Salukis finish 11th in Missouri

The SIUC men’s golf team opened the spring season with an 11th-place finish at the Southwest Missouri State Invitational Tuesday.

Senior Keny Nelsen led SIUC, shooting 76, 76 and 77 to finish tied for 11th in the tournament. Junior Justin Long placed 36th, closing with a 73 in the final round.

“Our guys had some jitters during that this was the first tournament of the season,” SIUC coach Leroy Newton said. “We need to become more consistent.”

SMS won the tournament with a three-round total of 893.

The Salukis trailed 943, but finished just six points behind Missouri Valley Conference rival, Creighton University (937) and placed higher than the University of Northern Iowa (946).

TENNIS

Men’s tennis travels northward

The SIUC men’s tennis team (4-5) begins a three-match weekend today at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb. They then travel to Milwaukee, where they face Marquette University Friday.

The Salukis start heading home to face the University of Illinois-Chicago Sunday before returning to Carbondale.
**Spotlight**

that Jenkins could play in the NABC All-Star Game Sunday. If one of the expected 20-24 players fail to show, he will be first in line on the waiting list.

"I brought extra clothes just in case," said Jenkins, who is scheduled to return to Carbondale Friday afternoon.

Jenkins earned the right to compete in the event after Saluki coach Bruce Weber submitted a tape of some of Jenkins' best dunks of the year to a selection committee. While at home in Rock Island for spring break, Jenkins received word of the news from assistant coach Rodney Watson.

**CRAZY**

RBL, including one in the eighth that gave the Salukis a 12-10 lead.

But like Levett, Jenkins believes, "who always lat to the left of the court."

He's done it for the past four seasons, waiting list, "Little Superman," said Jenkins. "He's done it for the past four seasons.

Jenkins continued from page 16.

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"I was sitting on my couch when he called me and said, 'Monte, have you been practicing on your dunk?'" Jenkins said.

The entire Saluki coaching staff will be on hand to support Jenkins competitive against the likes of Creighton University forward Rodney Buford, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill forward Galen Young and University of Central Florida guard Motion Lockett.

Levett, nicknamed "The Helicopter," because of his 41-inch vertical leap, is the early favorite to win the contest.

But like Lockett, Jenkins believes he can accumulate sufficient flyer miles on the court, too.

"If he's 'The Helicopter,' then I'll call myself 'Little Superman,'" Jenkins said. "I can fly a little bit, too."

The Illini would score three more runs on a Lake Simonton home run in that inning. In relief of Hon, freshman Luke Nelson and junior Carolynneson followed before giving way to freshman closer Jake Alley.

Pecoraro, who had only pitched in two innings this season after returning from an injury, was able to give the Salukis the help they needed when the Illini started to gain momentum.

Alley gave up two runs in the ninth before shutting down the final two Illini batters with a runner on second base to earn his fifth save of the season.

"As it turned out we needed all the runs we got and that is credit to our offense," Cabanah said. "Every time they scored it seemed like we countered, not obviously we needed every run."

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that Jenkins could play in the NABC All-Star game Sunday. If one of the expected 20-24 players fails to show, he is first in line for the waiting list.

"I brought extra clothes just in case," said Jenkins, who is scheduled to return to Carbondale Friday afternoon.

Jenkins earned the right to compete in the event after Saluki coach Bruce Weber submitted a vote of some of Jenkins' best dunks of the year to a selection committee, while at home in Rock Island for spring break. Jenkins received word that he's "The Helicopter," then it's time for his signature one-hand windmill jam.

"I was sitting on the court. too. "He would always yell, 'Monte, have you been practicing on your dunk?'" Jenkins said.

"I am the entire Salukis coaching staff will be on hand to support Jenkins compete against the likes of Creighton University forward Rodney Buford, University of North Carolina-Charlotte forward Galen Young and University of Cincinnati guard Devin Levett. Levett, nicknamed "The Helicopter" because of his 41-inch vertical leap, is the early favorite to win the contest.

But like Levett, Jenkins believes he can accumulate frequent flyer miles on the court, too.

"If he's 'The Helicopter,' then I'll call myself 'Little Superman,'" Jenkins said. "I can fly a little bit, too. I just want to show Jenkins what I've got because they haven't seen me."

Starting off "with basics" is the plan for Jenkins in the first round. Nothing too fancy until...

"For the next round, I've got a two-hand windmill that nobody has seen yet," Jenkins said. "The crowd hasn't seen it and not a lot of the guys on the team have seen it."

"It's a play propels him into the finals, then it's time for his signature "wheel it" one-hand windmill jam. The name comes from a fan, who Jenkins can only identify as a guy who always sat to the left of the Dawg Pound during home games."

He would always yell, "Monte, wheel it, Monte, wheel it!" Jenkins said. "He's done it for the past four years, so I'm saving that for last."

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RBL, including one in the eighth that gave the Salukis a 12-10 lead.

"But the relievers were not as fortunate as the hitters."

How would you give up three earned runs, while not getting an out in the sixth? Pecoraro, who had only pitched two innings this season after returning from an injury, was able to give the Salukis the help they needed when the Illini started to gain momentum.

"Alley gave up two runs in the ninth before shutting down the final two Illini hitters with a runner on second base to earn his fifth save of the season," said assistant coach Staning. "As it turned out we needed all the runs we got and that's credit to our offense," Caballan said. "Every time they scored it seemed like we countered, not obviously what we needed every run."

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Maria and Monica inherit tennis-rich tradition which runs in Villarreal family

Paul Weikens / Daily Egyptian Reporter

"We hear another little girl shout her tongue out at 6-year-old Maria Villarreal, she quickly broke down in tears and ran for her mother. But unlike her bashful older sister, 3-year-old Monica, Villarreal tore into her own hands, she marched over to the girl and kicked her in the shin.

"She was much bolder than I was," said Maria, who is now 21 and a senior for the SIU Salukis' women's tennis team. "It's kind of embarrassing, but that's the way she is." While Maria may be shy, 1-year-old Monica — now an 18-year-old undecided major at the University of Illinois — is the same "spunky" little girl who kicked a stranger in defense of her sister's honor.

"I asked Maria which one it was because she was crying," Monica said. "I asked, 'Why did you kick her?'"

Swings instructor Judy Asdell says Maria's spunkiness is evident on the tennis court as well. Native of Big Springs, Texas, the Villarreal sisters have been hitting tennis balls as soon as their hands were large enough to hold a racquet.

Tennis runs in their family's blood. Their father, Ken Villarreal, was an outstanding tennis player in high school and played singles and doubles at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. His brother was also a state champion in high school as well.

"Our dad played, and he used to coach," Maria said. "We would just hang around the tennis courts. That's how it pretty much started. I started when we were really little babies throwing beach balls to our dad."

Both quickly fell in love with the game and sharpened their skills under the guidance of their father.

"I started playing tennis because everybody in my family played," Monica said. "It's kind of like a family tradition."

Maia, who first played competitively at the age of 14, earned all-state honors in 4A doubles for Big Springs Senior High School before attending Collierville Community College.

There she received first-team NCAA Division II All-American status at No. 2 doubles and a second-team All-American at No. 3 singles.

Unlike Maria, Monica came to SIUC straight from high school, where she was advanced to the semifinals last spring in singles play at the Texas 4A championships and earned all-state honors as well.

With excellent tennis resumes, Dad knew the Villarreal sisters would fit in well at SIUC and it did not hurt knowing how successful their father was in his career.

"He is a very athletic. He is a marathon runner," Asdell said. "He's very much an achiever, so I felt that he would have set the standards even more for the daughters."

"They're both very responsible. They're very focused on the court. The big difference right now is, I think that Monica is a little bit more driven as far as tennis is concerned."

As successful as both tennis careers have been for each Villarreal sister, one would think it would be a result of a fierce competitive sibling rivalry, but it was not. Tempers flared as competitive drives took over.

So who held the upper hand? "Maria," Monica said, "because she had the car. She left me in Dallas. We went to Dallas by ourselves for a tennis tournament, and she left me in Dallas!"

They had an agenda together, but it ended abruptly when Maria became angry and stormed out of the court. She drove away, leaving Monica standing on the court, Maria kisses the trophy.

"I did not leave you that time," she said. "I left you before then another time."

Trying to dunk his way into the spotlight

Senior guard sees opportunity to showcase high-flying talent

Shaneel Richardson / Daily Egyptian

And they say a dunk is only worth two points. In SIUC senior guard Monte Jenkins' eyes, a 360-degree jam or a double-pump reverse dunk tonight in Tampa, Fla., could be worth a whole lot more in terms of his pursuit of a professional basketball career. Jenkins is among the eight high-flying competitors in the 18th-annual college slam dunk contest at the dunk Palace, part of the festivities connected with the NCAA Final Four. The event will be televised on ESPN.

Jenkins — the 1999 Missouri Valley Conference Defensive Player of the Year — has not been invited to any of the NBA pre-draft camps, but a good showing tonight could change that. The NBA conducts camps in Virginia (Portsmouth Invitational), Phoenix (Desert Classic) and Chicago (NBA Pre-draft camps) prior to the June draft.

The Slam Dunk contest begins next Wednesday, where fellow MVC standouts Marcus Wilson (University of Evansville) and Rodney Buford (Creighton University) already have been invited to attend. If I win this thing, everybody's going to say, 'This is a good athlete,'" Jenkins said. "I think it could give me career. If I miss those major bronze, I'll get an invitation to one of those camps."

There is also a strong possibility

Monte Jenkins

Crazy ending

Baseball team holds off Fighting Illini after blowing a 9-2 lead

Mike Bresnahan / Daily Egyptian

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — In this crazy, mixed-up world, the Saluki baseball team found a way to make it creative. Leading 9-2 heading into the bottom of the sixth inning, SIUC and a way to be the big university.

SIUC defeated Fighting Illini 2-1. Illinois-Champaign pitcher (9-6) tied the game at 9-9 heading into the first inning.

But rest assured, the Salukis would regain the lead and hold on for the 12-12 victory at Illinois Field Wednesday afternoon. It wasn't a pretty win by any means, but nobody had to lose.

"I'm glad we won," SIUC coach Dan Calhoun said. "We held on to a five-run lead on only two hits. Fighting Illini starting pitcher Justin Olson gave up five earned runs, three walks and threw three wild pitches to the six batters he faced.

After the dust settled, the Saluki bombs between themselves with a comfortable 5-0 lead. Saluki starting pitcher Jason Fraser threw two perfect innings before allowing the Fighting Illini to score in the third inning.

Frazier struggled on the mound, giving up one earned run, striking out six and walking four Illini batters before leaving the game for freshman Pat Hine in the eighth.

The Salukis batted out their tardy pace, converting 12 hits. Freshman Jeff Stossel finished the game 2-for-4 with three