Mississippi storms fail to ruffle baseball and softball teams' feathers.

The rise to network stardom

SLUC alumnus Chris Bury finds success at ABC News

Ginny Szalkei
Daily Egyptian

Chris Bury had never even applied at ABC when the network called and offered him the break of a lifetime.

A combination of luck and talent landed the "Nightline" correspondent Bury, a 1977 SLUC graduate, a job with ABC News. He was discovered by his "Nightline" producer who was applying for a position at the network.

"I met a very interesting person when I was on the streets of Philadelphia, and he was impressed with my resume tape of a producer who was applying for a position at the network," Bury said. "Network news is more interesting than covering local news, and it's also more demanding because there are enormous amounts of travel." Bury has won three Emmy's for his coverage of the United Nations, the school shooting in Littleton, Colo., and the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City, Okla.

During the 1992 presidential election, Bury traveled across the country with ABC's "Nightline" correspondent Bill Cussler. He has traveled to countries around the world including South Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia.

For 10 years Bury worked as a general assignment correspondent, commonly known as "the pill," which sparked a new women's movement and shook the Roman Catholic Church in Illinois.

In March 1992, Bury's career took an extreme turn. He was interviewing an apartment owner in Chicago for a story about how a national public shake was affecting local

Prescription plans could be forced to cover birth control

Molly Parker
Daily Egyptian

Nearly 40 years ago, Canada gave birth to a new contraception, commonly known as "the pill," which sparked a new women's movement and shook the Roman Catholic Church.

New, new legislation has been proposed that would require insurance plans to extend coverage to birth control.

Rep. Mary Flowers, D-Chicago, introduced a bill into the House last week that would require health insurance with a prescription plan to also include methods of women's contraception.

The Rev. Gary Gummemehos of South Carolina is concerned that making contraception more accessible through insurance would advocate the mindset that seems to have swept across the younger generation - putting pleasure above all else and neglecting the long-term picture.

"The church is just trying to say life is a very precious thing," said Gummemehos, who is a priest at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Murphysboro.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said he will have to see more closely at the legislation before deciding whether plan that

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The Pill

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The insurance plan allows students to visit its medical clinic for $5 a visit, but does not cover prescription medication.

Even without insurance covering prescriptions at the campus pharmacy, students seek the benefits of cheaper prices for some medications compared with outside pharmacies, including the pill. Jake Bagget, assistant director of business and insurance at the Student Health Department, said students get medication at SIUC's pharmacy at a reduced cost, allowing a cheaper price for some medications.

The pharmacy carries 12 different variations of the pill with an average cost of $7, including their most popular brand Ortho Tri-Cyclen. Ortho provides charges, on average, $30 per month, Wal-Mart pharmacy with Ortho Tri-Cyclen for $30.99 per prescription.

Gummersheimer advocates the cheapest form of birth control, saying that married couples who don't want children but need intimacy in their marriage, should rely on the women's natural biological clock and abstain from sex when the women is ovulating.

He also understands that this method does not work for everyone and he said as a caveat he must be the sensitive in dealing with couples seeking alternative birth-control methods.

"You have to consider those who need a reason to prevent them- selves," he said.

But, for the younger generation, Gummensheimer said that providing insurance to cover birth control is just another example of how society is taking care of and less responsible for life.

"We seem to take all forms of life for granted as if it is always going to be there," he said.

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At 9:40 p.m. on Sunday a window was broken in the 19th Street Building. Police have no suspects in the incident.

At 12:31 a.m. on Sunday Christopher David Judge, 19, and Adam Lee Judge, 21, were arrested and charged with aggravated battery and assault. Both were unable to post bond and were taken to Jackson County Jail.

At 4:12 p.m. on Thursday Michael J. Hendge, 19, was arrested and charged with aggravated battery at the Becker Building. He was unable to post bond and taken to Jackson County Jail.

A 3 p.m. on Thursday a window of a vehicle parked in Lot 105 was broken. A luck was taken from the vehicle. The loss was valued at $225.

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From the bar to the ballot

Mark Landau
Daily Egyptian

Editor’s note: this is the fifth installment in a series profiling the candidates for the Carbondale City Council.

At the end of the small dimly lit bar, Kein Kozlowski smoked a cigarette on a Sunday afternoon and converses freely with patrons of The Cellar.

Kozlowski, an assistant manager at the Cellar and one of several candidates vying for a seat in the spring Carbondale City Council election, described himself as a "neutral guy." He believes that citizens do not have equal representation in the city, which is why he has a plea to run.

Currently, all four City Council members live in the southwest side of the city.

"The council lives close enough together they could open their doors and screen at each other to have a meeting," Kozlowski said.

Kozlowski is concerned past and future decisions made by the council adversely affect the community. The free-time candidate said those decisions all relate back to diversity on the council.

Kozlowski wants to see the entire city represented, instead of one set of residents. "The people who environmental me to run felt their point of view was not present on the City Council’s agenda," Kozlowski said.

Kozlowski is concerned with the bar-entry age and would like to see it raised to 21. The bartender said his 25-year-old business has given him a perspective on the bar business.

"I don’t think that it is the patrons who decide to go to a bar for," Kozlowski said. "It’s what you need a black film for film night, and I said Mario Logan College will be next to three activities this week in conjunction with Black History Month.

Controversial Spike Lee film debuts SIUC at Student Center

Stacey Robinson
Daily Egyptian

Black Affairs Council decided it was time for students to see a movie that has received mixed reviews and was the topic of controversy when it first debuted.

The movie, "Bamboozled," one of Spike Lee’s latest films, was released in October 2000. BAC and co-sponsor student government council members determined it was time to show the film as a part of Black History Month.

"We didn’t arrive [in Carbondale] and we needed a black film for film night," said Mario Burton, president of BAC.

"Bamboozled" presents a satire of a network television’s flippant and prejudiced. It features a look at race, ratings and the pursuit of power led to a television writer’s rise and his tragic downfall.

The film mocks the minstrel show tradition, which began in 1828 when a white performer blackened his face to portray his idea of the black experience. "The Amos and Andy Show," which began in 1951, was another production that displayed similar content to minstrel tradition.

D. S. Breuer, a senior in cinema and photography from Chicago, said he saw the movie in his hometown and thought it was interesting and thought-provoking. He said the movie did not receive the recognition it deserved because of lack of support.

"Bamboozled" is a very good film," Breuer said. "We need to support black films because we know [film writers] have the ability to produce good work."

Students like Dehdegra Idowu, who have not seen the movie, anticipate it will be interesting. Idowu, a senior in biological sciences, commented on what moviels need and plans to see it tonight.

"I think it’s good that BAC decided to show this movie because it is something we all need to see," said Idowu. "And not just for entertainment, but also because we can learn something from it."
SIU swimmers, divers lauded

It wasn't a surprise that the SIU women's swimming and diving team secured its fourth Missouri Valley Conference title this weekend. After all, the team was the clear favorite after a spectacular season. But the 162-point win was an amazing way to end, especially for the eight seniors. Junior Brooke Radex's first-place finish in the 200-yard backstroke qualified for the provisional cut for the NCAA Championships, the first time in 10 years a female swimmer qualified.

For the men's team, it all hinged on the last nail-biting, scat-squirming event. For the men's team, it all hinged on the last nail-biting, scat-squirming event. The team's efforts paid off throughout the season, as SIU cleaned up in almost every meet. The DAILY EGYPTIAN commends both the men's and women's teams for their hard work, determination and success. In a time when it is easy to feel discouraged about morning practices and lifting weights. The team's efforts paid off throughout the season.

SIU swimmers, divers lauded

An idiot's guide to becoming a successful pundit:

You gotta just say the opposite

Marcum My Words

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During one classic series of "Seinfeld" episodes, Jerry's friend George Costanza discovers a recipe for success in life - doing the exact opposite of what his instinct tells him to do. Following this method, George lands a great job, meets a beautiful woman, everything seems to go his way.

Because "Seinfeld" aired as the chronicle of the American experience for nearly a decade, I believe there must be a practical application for George's Theory of the Opposite. I found it in a little something I call Costanza Punditry.

For those who only watch commercial television and eschew the alphabet soup of cable news channels (I unfortunately am drawn to them like Anne Nicole Smith to an octogenarian billionaire), punditry is a new profession where people of dubious qualifications get on TV like great political studies and dine for us what is going to happen. This is where Costanza Punditry comes in.

The method is simplicity itself. One only has to find out what the other pundits are saying, then declare the opposite as the actual truth. More often than not, the professional prognosticators will be singing in a chorus, allowing the practitioner of Costanza Punditry to sit back and smugly give his opposite predictions come true.

Some recent examples are in order here. When Hillary Clinton was on her "listening tour" of New York, the pundit parade was churning "Clinton fatigue" like it was set to Beethoven's Fifth Symphony. How satisfying it was for the Costanza Pundit to watch her ultimately win on election night by a whopping 12 points over the No. 1 Wildcard Lazio.

Speaking of the Election that Wouldn't Die, as close as two days before the vote the conventional wisdom among the punditocracy was that Al Gore would win the electoral vote, George Bush the popular vote. Well, we all know what happened. Once again the Costanza Pundit comes out on top.

But these are examples from the past, detractors may say, anyone can spin (the most vexed word in the pundit's vocabulary) past events to fit a theory. So here's the first test.

The following are some of the Costanza Pundit's predictions for the near future:

- Bill Clinton will rise from the ashes and regain his public popularity.
- Hillary Clinton will NOT run for president in 2004.
- George Bush, when faced with a situation where he doesn't have a policy, prepared speech to regurgitate for reporters, will butcher the English language so badly it will make Poopy sound like William F. Buckley.

As far as local events go, the conventional wisdom is that SIU cannot, said the Costanza Pundit this weekend. OK, they got me on that one. Hey, no method is perfect.

MARK My Words appears Tuesday. Christopher is a senior in theater. His views do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.
USG members question vote on fee proposal

CHRISTIAN HALE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Senators are questioning whether a controversial student fee increase actually passed because there may not have been an official number of senators present during the vote.

The $10 per semester increase to the Student Activity fee may be reversed if some USG members continue to question whether or not the senate gained the majority at the Feb. 7 meeting.

USG Vice President Scott Belton said that following the arrest of former senator Rob Taylor and departure of six members in protest at the meeting, roll call was not taken to see if the senate met the minimum quorum requirements. Quorum is necessary to vote on any business.

There were only 24 senators after the six members left, but because roll call wasn't taken again, the number remained at 30 present. This made the necessary majority 16 votes. The Student Activity Fee increase passed with only 14 votes.

Had roll call been taken, this would have been majority for the 24 senators present at the time of the vote. However, Belton said any vote taken on any business at the last meeting occurred under the original roll call tally. This would mean the fee increase proposal lacked two votes to pass and may reopen it for further consideration.

The student government still managed to pass two other fee increase proposals, killing one other and tabling another at Wednesday's meeting. At the last meeting, student government passed the $5 Athletic fee increase and the $5 Students Recreation fee increase. All increases are per semester and would be implemented in fiscal year 2001-2002.

Although the medical fee increase proposal failed to pass, the residence life fee and Student Center fee increase proposals were tabled until Wednesday night's meeting.

The residence life fee increase proposes a 5.99 percent increase in residence hall rates. The Student Center fee increase proposes an additional $2 to the fee.

USG President Bill Archer said that representatives from the departments that will benefit from these fee increases will be present at Wednesday's meeting.

Archer also said that Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Larry Dietz and Dean of Students Jean Paratore will be present to answer questions students and senators may have concerning fees.

Outside of proposed fee increases, another matter concerning USG has been the make of the USG Judicial Board. The board may finally be staffed by three additional senators, making the board effective with six members in protest at the meeting, roll call was not taken to see if the senate met the minimum quorum requirements. Quorum is necessary to vote on any business.

The remaining students will be present a_t Wednesday's meeting. At the last meeting, enough time for a fair review of each candidate. They must be met and interviewed concerning their appointments only days ago, not leaving enough time for a fair review of each candidate.

New faculty awards highlight the Engineering Banquet

BRENDA CORLEY
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Two new faculty awards were given at the Engineering Banquet on Monday, but no one expected the same presentation to be made both.

Sunil Kumar, geo-technical professor in engineering, was honored with two first-time awards: the Dean Kenneth E. Tempelmeyer C. Outstanding Faculty Research Award and the Dean's Job Wall Chan Award. "Both of the awards are new and we did not think one person would be selected for both, but that one was selected," said Hairan Sriniv, associate dean of the College of Engineering.

Kumar received the awards because his overall intensive research last year and for a research paper. Dean George Swisher says he is proud of Kumar's accomplishments in research and believes he deserves the honor.

"However, we might go back and do some tweaking to the guidelines to broaden the chances for more tenure faculty member to be honored in research," he said.

Kumar's research paper, "Evaluation and Reduction of Liquefaction Potential at a Site in St. Louis, Mo." is receiving the Outstanding Faculty Research Paper Award for best paper for the year 2000.

The paper was published in a reputable journal in the field of earthquake engineering, the main criteria the award was based on.

The awards will consist of $500, an individual plaque and a permanent plaque to be displayed in the E.T. and Katy Simmons Alumni Lounge in the Engineering Building.

The two awards were instituted when Swisher noticed that the college did not have any awards to acknowledge faculty research.

Kumar recognizes it as a great honor to be receiving both first-time awards. "I am happy because I know if I am not here anymore there will be something to remember me by," said Kumar.

Also honored at the banquet were six students for outstanding work in engineering as well as another professor.

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Words in thread

Local resident exhibits art, quilt patterns with poetry

Andrea Dowdall

Combining quilted squares of fabric with poetic calligraphy, Carolyn Hooker merges old-time patterns with prose and phrases to create her unique art—"Quilts and Quotes."

Hooker, a retired secretary from the First Presbyterian Church and Carbondale resident, will have about 35 pieces of her art on display at the Associated Artists' Gallery, 715 S. University Ave., today through March 10. There will be an official opening of the exhibit Friday from 6 to 8 p.m., where her son Walter will play acoustic guitar.

Hooker began her hobby about a year ago when she first displayed a piece of art at the gallery. Her first creation combined a log-cabin quilt pattern with a Japanese haiku about a farmhouse stacked with firewood, a light in the window.

"It just looked like something that would go really neat in my house," said Baker, a Carbondale resident.

After selling her first piece of art, Hooker said she realized that it was something people might like, driving her to continue making her artwork.

Hooker, who has always enjoyed literature, sewing and calligraphy, decided the elements worked well together in creating her poetic picture. "I really enjoyed putting the two together," she said. "I really like the combination of the quilt work and the calligraphy." She said this is probably because women of the early 1900s only read the Bible. To improve, Hooker has created a few of her own patterns.

Hooker said she tries to find interesting quotes from 19th and 20th century authors that she can combine with other artistic elements. In one particular piece, Hooker said she used harmonies, light bulbs and other hardware tools to place letters. "I sort of like things that tickle me," Hooker said.

Some of Hooker's ideas for artwork come from her husband John. Hooker, a retired SIUC mathematics professor, said he "keeps an eye out" for short quotes that would work.

"I really like the combination of the quilt work and the calligraphy," John said. "I think it's a great idea."

Carolyn Hooker hangs her patchwork and calligraphy artwork at the Associated Artist Gallery, located at 715 S. University in Carbondale. An opening reception will be Feb. 23 from 6 to 8 p.m., where her work will be available for purchase.

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after a friend he had known in the Air Force came to SIUC. While at the University his behavioral disorders, and he was listening to Motown while he was working as a bartender. Wilson listened to Motown recording while he was receiving his degree. The book demonstrates the frustration he sees in the image of the music industry and the issues he has faced with his love of music and love of God. The book demonstrates how these issues have impacted his life and the main theme of the book — music and other things might change, but his faith in the Lord remains the same. Wilson said that the book will be available in Barnes & Noble bookstores soon. "This book takes a wild ride in my life beginning physically, emotionally and spiritually," Wilson said.

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MAN, THIS CAMPUS FOOD SUCKS. YOU CALL THIS A GRILLED CHEESE?

ACTUALLY, I CALL THAT A TACO! MOST PEOPLE, BESIDES ME, OF COURSE.

YOU CALL THAT A TACO?

AS ALWAYS, BESIDES YOU.

Most People, besides me, of course.

On On Catboy

Do you ever get so mad you want to punch someone in the balls real bad?

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Doonesbury

WELCOME, MR. SHERWIN. GIVE YOUR ADVERTISEMENT WORK ON THE ENVIRONMENT. THIS SHOULDN'T TAKE LONG!

NORTH RAILROAD, CALIFORNIA, I THINK SOMEBODY JUST TOSSED A CIGARETTE IN THE NICK OF TIME!

I THINK PEOPLE THINK I'M UN-DERSTANDING. IT'S JUST IF WE HAVE TO TREAD AROUND THE WHOLE-SIZE BRAIN TO GET IT. SWEET CRUDE IS OUR LAST, GREAT HOPE!

AND YET, AS ASHES RISE, THE INVESTIGATORS BECOME BRAVE AGAIN!

OK-LY, RIGHT, WE'LL TRY AGAIN!

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SIU baseball gets back-to-back wins against the University of Alabama-Birmingham

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It was a typical, unusually long but confidence-renewing weekend for Saluki baseball in Birmingham, Ala.

A storm swept through Young Memorial Field and caused Friday's opening game to be postponed. At the time, SIU was down 1-5 to the University of Alabama-Birmingham in the eighth inning, which set up one of the longest days in recent Saluki baseball history.

Saturday, the teams finished game one, which ended with a 11-7 Blazer win. In game two, the two teams went punch-for-punch until Saluki Ryan Murray drove in the winning run in the 15th inning to give the Salukis an 8-7 win — their first of the season. Sunday, the Salukis (3-4) won their second consecutive game, 6-1.

Friday's game was scheduled for 3 p.m., but with knowledge of storm activity, it was moved up to 12:30 p.m. It was postponed when a tornado touched down within 10 miles of the game.

The tornado, which caused minor injuries and one fatality, resulted in 200,000 Birmingham area homes losing power. The 100-mile-per-hour winds also tore up the Memorial Field stop, which ended up as a tree.

"It was a big storm, and we knew it was coming," Blazer coach Larry Clagett said. "It was really scary evacuating the place, but everybody got out without getting hurt."

In game one, Billy Hartin (0-2) took the loss for the Salukis, allowing eight runs on seven hits in 4.1 innings.

"Billy Hartin didn't pitch as badly as the score indicated," said SIU hitting coach Dan Callahan. "When it was still a close game and [the Blazers] hadn't anybody on, we made back-to-back-to-back errors, then they piled in a couple hits and all of the sudden, where we should have been out of the inning, were giving up runs and the game turned into a fiasco because of our lapses on defense."

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Josh Latimer got his first win in a many starts on Sunday. He pitched 7.2 innings, giving up five hits, one run and no walk performance in seven innings. Blazer hurler Blake Allen gave up three hits and one run in the loss. The game win was when Dore Kerley came home on a double chance hit by Murray.

"I think that was the longest game I ever coached in," said Saluki head coach Dan Callahan in reference to Saturday's marathon.

"Everybody was kind of tired, but we hadn't had a win yet," Kerley said. "If you have to play 15 innings, you might as well come out of them with a win — you're going come out of the game feeling a lot better winning than losing."

"Our confidence was really up after Saturday. After we won that game we came out with a totally different approach on Sunday — we went a lot more loose, we were having fun during the warm-ups and I think it helped the way we played."

Salukis escape violent storm without harm in Mississippi

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Daily Egyptian

Huddled in a tiny dugout bathroom accompanied by two coaches and two fellow teammates with water steadily ascending from the floor is not what Eulauic Foster had pictured for her opening-day bathroom.

The senior hurler for the SIU softball team was stuck with assistance from coaches Buddy Foster and Skip Cosgrove and teammates Amanda Hensley and Elissa Hopkins in a diminutive one-oval com mode for 20 minutes as 100-mile-per-hour winds and heavy rains rippled through Starkville, Miss., the site of the Mississippi State bus just minutes later, she noticed the mayhem, Saluki head coach Clayton Martin said. "It was a weird, unusually long but confidence-building weekend series in Alabama-Birmingham.

The Saluki baseball team practices at Abe Martin Field Monday afternoon after a weekend series in Birmingham, Ala. (Corey Cusick/Daily Egyptian)