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Governor candidates clashing over crime

WOOD: GOP Lt. Governor nominee calls for end to early releases of criminals

Kirk Mottram
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Republican nominee for lieutenant governor Corrine Wood sought to bolster her "tough on crime" image Saturday, calling for a statewide commitment to keep juvenile criminals in boot camps and adult criminals in prison for the duration of their sentence so they could not threaten society.

After visiting the Murphysboro Youth Center Boot Camp, Wood spoke to reporters about the importance of boot camps and prisons in stemming recidivism rates.

Wood acknowledged the need for proper placements to accommodate the overflow of criminals while emphasizing the virtues of education.

"We don't need more prisons and focus on the jailing of criminals rather than commit sufficient dollars to inmates for proper counseling and investment in education," Wood said.

This blend of pro-prison and pro-prevention rhetoric has divided Democrats and Republicans in the early stages of the general election. Democrats, headed by gubernatorial nominee Glenn Poshard, are criticizing the emphasis for the paradoxical language embedded in statements like those Wood uttered Saturday.

Poshard's press secretary Dave Saricklin has argued Republican gubernatorial nominee George Ryan would rather build more prisons and focus on the jailing of criminals rather than commit sufficient dollars to inmates for proper counseling and investment in education.

"The budget for education should go toward schools, 'not prisons,'" he said.

Wood commented on the proposed tax hike Saturday, saying any tax increase at this point would be bad policy.

"Taxing taxes when there's a surplus is unconscionable," she said.

Wood contended the need for property tax relief in Southern Illinois, but said more spending at the state level is the answer.

"I can't promise this money goes to Southern Illinois schools," she said. "But I can promise that this money will be earmarked for education."

Allen shakes up Admissions and Records

Changes: New director introduces "World Class Service" to department.

Travis DeNeal
DEPUTY POLITICAL EDITOR

SIUC is changing the way it does business with its students as part of a plan to boost enrollment, the director of Admissions and Records says.

Walker Allen, who took the helm of Admissions and Records last year, said part of the University's decision to hire him was based on the idea that he would improve the quality of Admissions and Records' service to students, thereby increasing student satisfaction.

Since that time, Allen has been working to introduce a concept dubbed "World Class Service" as a guiding principle for his office.

The idea originated in the corporate world but recently has entered higher education, he said.

"Overall, SIUC has been a great experience and I was surprisingly impressed by the operation and organization of this University," he said.

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SPRING = SPILLWAY: (Left to right) Jason Leslie, a sophomore in cinema and photography from Dallas, Texas, Torrey Ewen, a senior in speech communication from Waukegan, and Edward Miller, an undecided graduate student from Rock Island, enjoy a beautiful Sunday afternoon with their cocker spaniel, Lilly, at the Kinkaid Lake Spillway.

Carbondale residents enjoyed temperatures in the mid-70s throughout the weekend.
Almanac

ON THIS DATE IN 1971:

• A jury declared death in San Quentin Prison's gas chamber for Charles Manson and three women followers convicted of the savage murders of Sharon Tate and six others. When the jury returned to court after two days of deliberation, Manson, 36, showed no emotion as the verdicts were announced: "I don't see how we can get by with this. You don't have no authority over me. You're not nearly as good as me. This is not the people's courtroom." Manson, along with the others convicted, remained in prison today.

 Corrections

The television station identified in the Wednesday Daily Egyptian story "Trustee's Union Support gambles Students Leaders" and the Sunday story "Trustee's comments on unionize '71 GPC" w incorrect. Student Trustee Pat Kelly's comments aired Monday on a KFVS Channel 12 CBS newscast.

The Daily Egyptian regrets the error. If readers spot an error in a news article, they can contact the Daily Egyptian Accuracy Desk at 549-3311, extension 222 or 223.
SIUC student finds support from fellow students for rare disorder

PERSEVERANCE: Finishing degree first in mind of student dying of debilitating disease.

Mary Martin candidly discusses her degenerative disease without a note of self-pity. But when she talks about the unexpected support she found in her classmates, her eyes begin to spread wide to accommodate the smile between them.

The graduating seniors’ chewed-up keys — additional markings courtesy of the grand-children — lay atop the books and notes neatly piled on a table near the end. She faces the everyday turmoil of fighting a rare disorder, those books and notes will provide a source of inspiration for Martin in the coming months.

Martin’s Wolf I Perrin Majesty is similar to her peers. She wants to finish her final three classes this semester, complete a summer internship and receive her degree in mortuary science.

And she does not intend to let her illness rob her of her dreams. That perseverance has even reinforced her son’s destinies.

“My son says, ‘Mom, if you can get sick and still go to school,’ Martin related, ‘then I can go to school, too.’”

Martin, of Anna, has dermatomyositis, an inflammatory disease that usually weakens the muscles in the trunk area. Patients have difficulty rising from a sitting position, climbing stairs, lifting objects, or reaching hardened bumps of calcification, which make ATV use illegal.

CONTEMPLATION: Mary Martin, an SIUC student in Mortuary Science, continues in her studies despite her debilitating condition.

One in five million people contract the condition, which is characterized by a rash of purplish discoloration on the body prior to muscle weakening. Some patients also may develop hardened bumps of calcification under the skin.

Martin was hospitalized during most of January because of severe complications arising out of her disease.

SEE MARTIN, PAGE 7

Forest Service closes Burke Branch to ATVs

Gus Bode

CRACK DOWN: Abuse of trails by off-road vehicles has caused erosion.

Gus says: Now what am I gonna use this thing for?

The U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois in Benton on Mar. 20 ordered the U.S. Forest Service to close the Burke Branch area of the Shawnee National Forest to off-road vehicles.

Burke Branch is a 6,000-acre bottom-land hardwood forest located in the Shawnee in South Pope and East Massac Counties near the Ohio River. Six miles of trails in the northeast corridor of Burke Branch were designated for all-terrain vehicle use in 1987 but since have been closed to all unauthorized motor traffic.

Off-road vehicle riders have continued to abuse travel privileges in the Shawnee either through entrance by way of privately owned land or access through forest development roads throughout the Shawnee.

The court determined the Forest Service had not exhausted its administrative powers regarding the violation of permits and regulations, which make ATV use illegal.

The ruling requires the issuance of closure orders by the Forest Service for the entire Burke Branch area of the Shawnee National Forest to off-road vehicles.

Although Kirk did not have the exact percentages, he said the SIUC students in Ann Arbor had average of 2.34.

One of four floors, two have GPAs higher than own building GPA.

Grade Trends

No. of 3 =

Program right now, I certainly wouldn’t have to draw any conclusion,” he said. “It’s just too early to say.”

The program at SIUC has been in effect one semester, so it is difficult for administrators to determine if grade point averages have significantly improved.

Of the four existing academic emphasis floors, students on two of the floors had average GPAs above 2.0 while the hall average was 2.34.

The engineering emphasis floor in Schneider Hall at Brush Towers had a grade point average of 2.17. The hall had a grade point average of 2.33.

The engineering emphasis floor in Pierre Hall at Thompson Park had a grade point average of 2.57 while the entire residence hall had a grade point average of 2.67.

The engineering emphasis floor in Schneider Hall at Brush Towers had a grade point average of 2.17. The hall had a grade point average of 2.33.

The emphasis floors were originated to give students living in residence halls the opportunity to be in a more supportive academic environment by residing on floors with students of the same major.

One factor that skews the results of the averages is that some floors have a diverse mix of majors because the floors did not completely fill with students in the designated majors.

Although Kirk did not have the exact percentages, he said the emphasis floors at Moe Smith and Thompson Park had high concentrations of students in the designated majors. Less than half the students on the engineering floors at Moe Smith and Thompson Park were actually engineering majors.

Kirk said University Housing released by University Housing, the results are mixed.

The architectural studies emphasis floor in Moe Smith at Brush Towers had a grade point average of 2.8 while the hall average was 2.34.

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A Forest Plan and Environmental Impact Statement shows the Shawnee National Forest was seriously injured shortly before 2:30 a.m. Saturday on Collins Roade south of Murphysboro.

SIUC student Joseph M. Dunsar, 25, of Carbondale, the driver of the truck, was charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving on a revoked license.

Police said Dunsar was not believed to be driving recklessly when Schneider fell out of the truck, but an investigation is continuing.

Schneider was taken to the Joseph’s Memorial Hospital of Carbondale and later transferred to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

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San Francisco

Jury says gun maker not liable for shootings

In the first U.S. jury trial of its kind, gun makers should be liable for firearms used in crimes, a jury today said a gun maker and several sellers of gun parts were not liable for the shootings of three people.

The lawsuit was filed by the parents of Aaron Albertsen, who was killed four years ago while Lebanese taxi driver Rashid Bizan opened fire on a van filled with Jewish students on the Brooklyn Bridge. Bizan was convicted of murder.

San Francisco

Man who underwent sex change wants police job

A barely former National Guardsman is fighting City Hall for the right to join the San Francisco police force, at a woman, a lawsuit filed by the man today says Cristiana Rivas has wanted to be a San Francisco police officer ever since she was a little boy in Havana. After undergoing sex change operation last year, was crushed in January when she learned her application to join the force had been turned down for psychological reasons.

Rivas is appealing the decision to the city’s Department of Human Resources.

Southern Illinois

CARBONDALE

Police seek three males for robbing student

Police are looking for three black males suspected of robbing an SIUC student behind a South Illinois Avenue business Thursday evening.

Jaysa E. Pfaff, 21, of Carbondale was walking in the area behind Discount Drug, 819 S. Illinois Ave., at about 7:15 p.m. when she was approached from behind by three black males.

According to police, Pfaff was knocked to the ground after being hit in the head with her camera. The suspects then punched her in the face several times, demanding money.

Police said Pfaff suspects that she only had $1. The suspects stole the dollar and punched her in the face again before fleeing the scene.

Pfaff was taken to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale where she was treated for head and facial injuries and was released.

— Corinne Manzino
Talking, picking trash, fraternity style

DOIN' TIME: Fraternity exceeds community service requirement with various social commitments.

Before going fishing Sunday, some new members of Sigma Phi Epsilon volunteered their time with Carbondale Clean and Green to clean debris from a section of the railroad tracks.

Thirteen new members of the Alpha Rho class spent an hour and a half Sunday cleaning garbage from the railroad tracks from Grand Avenue to Walnut Street.

An active member of the fraternity, Chris R. Kepka, a senior in Cinema from Addison, said this area was chosen by the new members after they called the city to find out what areas of Carbondale needed to be done.

The fraternity has exceeded its required weekly two hours of community service per member. "The new members have done 10 hours this week," said Sigma Phi Epsilon new member educator Rob Honke, a senior from Alton.

The fraternity participates in other volunteer activities such as the multiple sclerosis walk, blood drives and car washes and has found out what areas the community needed service hours.

Each new member class of Sigma Phi Epsilon is expected to do volunteer work.

"It feels good to help the community while representing our house," said Matt J. Werkan, a freshman in biological science from De灶t.

The men picked up a variety of garbage ranging from an old barbecue to eight tires.

The object they found most interesting was a fishing rod holder they debated keeping for their fishing trip that afternoon.

A mah-jongg revolution

It's gambling, it's a waste of time. It encourages corruption and the last element. It is one of the "Four Olds" - old ideas, old culture, old customs and old habits - attacked by the militant Red Guards under Chairman Mao.

For nearly half a century, China's Communist rulers have tried nearly every tactic to discourage mah-jongg, the popular table game usually played by four people with 144 tiles - inscribed with numbers, symbols and Chinese characters - and a pair of dice.

During the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution, the game was banned, players were persecuted publicly, as would any veteran player.

Recalled one veteran player, it is still banned, quite unsuccessfully, on most college campuses.

Despite all efforts, however, the success of the heavy plastic tiles can be heard behind closed doors in most apartment buildings and, increasingly, in special salons set up for the game in many hotels.

Defeated in their crusade to ban it, the government has decided to play a new hand. Instead of trying to purge mah-jongg, authorities here have decided to reform it, reclassifying it as a "sport" and allowing public tournaments.

"Mah-jongg is a part of China's folk culture and a traditional form of entertainment that challenges players' wits," said Xing Xiaoquan, a State Sports Commission official in charge of "redeveloping" the game into a healthy pastime.

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Brits take their views, 'spiffs' to the streets

DIVISION: European nations soften view on marijuana use for medical reasons, fun

WASHINGTON POST

LONDON -- Building in the support of mainstream politicians, leading newspapers and magazines, and other pillars of the Establishment, thousands took to the streets through the heart of London Saturday on behalf of a fashionable political idea that has been a complete non-starter in the United States in recent years: legalizing marijuana.

Some of the marchers wore their hair in neat, blonde shades of characters and people. Others sported head-to-toe 'spiffs' - that's the British version of the American term "joints" - along the way. But the tone was laid-back and orderly; there were no arrests or confrontations.

The size and the receptivity of the march - with a member of Parliament and a nationally prominent editor leading a mile-long serpent of people through the downtown area - reflects the growing divide between European nations and the United States on the prohibition of marijuana for medical purposes and for recreation.

Over the past 10 years, U.S. drug laws have been made tougher; some states now impose stiff mandatory jail sentences on marijuana users. There is no member of Congress who supports legalizing marijuana and minimal media support for the idea.

Europe, meanwhile, has been loosening prohibitions on pot. The Netherlands has legalized possession up to an ounce. France and some German states have moved to de facto legalization, with users using given more than a warning by police. Italians passed a nationwide referendum calling for legalization, but the highest court voided the vote.

In Japan, marijuana remains a controlled substance on the law books, but in practice most offenders get off with a warning. Last summer, when the Conservative Party lost control of the government to the more liberal, youth-oriented Labour Party, there was speculation that the law might be rewritten.

The Labour prime minister, Tony Blair, has said he intends to keep drug laws unchanged. But the government's posture is undeniably more liberal, in the wake of the Blair's home secretary (roughly equivalent to the U.S. attorney general) who was caught selling marijuana - and released with only a "caution" from police.

In recent months there has been increasing clamor here for legalization. The movement has the open support of some members of Parliament, some columnists and academics, and business tycoons such as Richard Branson (founder of the Body Shop and Britain's leading female entrepreneur).

A national newspaper, The Independent, has launched a full-scale campaign for legalization, and some newsmagazines have signed on as well.

NCAA games lure bettors, $80 million

WASHINGTON POST

Thirteen hundred miles from the site of the National Collegiate Athletic Association men's basketball tournament, gamblers crowded into the Las Vegas Hilton Sports Superbook to watch the games intently and react loudly to every basket, turnover and foul. The passion was evident in the betting lines, which could become burdened with gambling debts and drawn into point-shaving scandals.

The increasing lure of college basketball betting has been a major source of worry for NCAA officials, law enforcement officials, gambling regulators and legal sports books such as the Hilton's. The proliferation and growing acceptance of gambling, they say, poses a danger to college athletes, who could become hardened with gambling habits and drawn into point-shaving conspiracies in which they take bribes to ensure a final scoring margin.

These officials assert that widespread wagering on college games threatens the integrity of the college game, already stung by two recent point-shaving scandals.

In San Antonio on Thursday - the day two former Notre Dame "University men's basketball players were indicted for shaving points in three games during the 1993-94 season - NCAA Executive Director Cedric Dempsey called illegal sports wagering "the most critical issue we have in athletics today."

"I have heard that $4.5 billion will be wagered on this tournament," said Dempsey, whose organization has been rocked just four months earlier when two former Arizona State men's basketball players pleaded guilty to conspiring to fix four games during the 1993-94 season. "We know of some stories and we have seen that there is more money spent on college games today on gambling than there is (on) alcohol... If we find that we have a lack of control on this gamblig, our public will lose confidence in what's happening, and then certainly we're in here in terms of interest is wanting.

Interest in men's college basketball is on the rise. The television rights for this year's men's basketball tournament will be wagered $200 million for the NCAA and its member schools.
Ross, spokesperson for the U.S. Forest Service, said that the agency will fully comply with the ruling and has remained tough on illegal ATV use in the Shawnee. "The Forest Service has toughened up," Ross said. "I've seen tickets written for ATV riders and enforcement has been stepped up." Ross said the agency will fully comply with the court's ruling and will continue to be tough on illegal ATV use in the Shawnee. "We're doing the best job we can," Brown said. "We're doing the best job we can."
from dermatomyositis. She developed a severe case of pneumonia — as her immune system had weakened greatly because of her disease — and part of a lung was removed.

As a result of her illness, Martin has more than $70,000 in hospital bills. Her medications cost about $1,100 a month. Martin's classmates took notes for her while she was hospitalized, and some even visited her. Dominick Weigel, a senior from Las Animas, Colo., said he and his classmates knew very little about Martin's disease.

"We knew that she had it," he said. "but that was all we knew."

But they wanted to do more for her.

Knowing that Martin was in need was enough to spur them into action. Izuka Hunt, a sophomore from Los Angeles, said the group began collecting money in a can to contribute toward Martin's medical expenses. They collected about $62.

Later, after Martin returned to classes, the students organized an undercover hot dog and bake sale to raise additional funds. Hunt's parents donated supplies to help cut down on expenses, and the students eventually netted $550.

Martin said she was kept in the dark about the entire scheme. "I didn't know anything about it," she said. "I didn't know about it until they presented the check."

Martin said she was special needs upon opening the envelope containing the money.

Weigel said Martin was very near tears.

"I couldn't help it," Martin said, upon remembering. "The money, of course, was very important. I was just overwhelmed by the fact that a group of people could take the time to organize this.

Before her illness, Martin said she only knew most of the people through classes — she could only have called them acquaintances before. Now, these people are on call to take notes for her on her bad days. When she drops a pen to the floor, a hand is always outstretched to pick it up for her because of the trouble she has bending over.

Martin, who was deterred in her youth from becoming a funerary director, now has plenty of support in achieving her dreams.

"There are a lot of nice people helping out," she said, "and this would classify them as friends."

tracks students' GPAs because they believe students will do better academically, more likely stay in school, and do better academically, more likely stay in their major and enjoy the major.

"What we thought all along was we're going to have to work harder, I guess," he said. "But that was all we knew.""
GLENDALE, Calif. - The whereabouts of the Glendale hospital worker who purportedly admitted killing 40 to 50 terminally ill patients remained uncertain Saturday, with his brother confirming Allen Saldivar is staying with relatives and has denied confessing to police.

"He is not an angel of death. He's just an angel," Eddie Saldivar said of his older brother. The 28-year-old respiratory therapist was identified Friday by having been detained after allegedly telling Glendale police that he killed dozens of patients during nine years of working at Glendale Adventist Medical Center.

But police said they were forced to release Saldivar when they could not quickly develop corroborating evidence. As of late Saturday they also said they did not know where he was. His brother, however, said "He's with some relatives. He's fine," Eddie Saldivar said on the patio behind the single-story Los Angeles home where he has lived with his brother and parents for more than 20 years.

"He knows this is going to blow over. We all know it's going to blow over," Eddie Saldivar also accused authorities of "twisting things" his brother may have said during questioning. The proof of his brother's innocence, he said, is that he has been released and that he has not bothered to hire a lawyer.

"There are no arrests, there's no evidence ... but he confessed?" Saldivar said incredulously. "Did he really confess?" he asked in a sarcastic tone. Even as his brother denied any wrongdoing by Saldivar, authorities were vigorously pursuing a criminal investigation.

As the purported confession of Saldivar worried panic in some quarters of the quiet community of Glendale, police literally set up shop inside the 450-bed hospital for an investigation that, by all accounts, will be daunting: A police affidavit says Saldivar confessed to killing near-death patients - identities undisclosed - over a six-year period.

"We're not negating the fact this guy has confessed to 40 or 50 murders. But we gotta be able to prove it. And I have concerns about proving it," that concern was apparent at the Glendale Police Department, where a spokesman said the criminal investigation had been hobbled by state medical officials releasing details about Saldivar's case on Friday.

The release of this information in an untimely manner has destroyed the investigative process," said Glendale Sgt. Rick Young.

"(Friday) night, there was an uproar. Today, we are very concerned about their lack of thinking and not working with us."
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Baseball cards 1998: The cardboard sideshow

NEW-AY

Baseball cards usually came equipped with bubble gum, and the weirdest thing to come out of a pack were the nasty tasting ginger-snap cookies provided in an upstart brand called Fleer. That was back in 1963, when Sandy and Mickey were the players kids wanted most and Roberto Clemente was just a guy named Bobby playing for the Pirates.

Thirty-five years later, Clemente is a cardboard players named. Just are the cards kids want most, there are more brands of trading cards than we have to digitize them on and the weirdest things to come out of a pack are the cards themselves.


Those 1963 Fleer cards that tried to challenge Topps' then-monopoly are back with a vengeance. Fleer has taken that card style and popped in present-day players' pictures, creating a terrific Vintage '63 throwback insert set found in packs of Fleer Tradition. Sorry, no nasty cookies, though.

Want the real oldtime players? Fleer's Sports Illustrated Then and Now set has them, with players ranging from Louie Aparicio and Scooter Rizzuto to Noman Marberry.

When it comes to vintage cards, however, Topps is and always will be king. This time around the New York-based giant is honoring Clemente by reissuing all of his player cards in various high-tech forms. And No. 21 — that was The Great One's uniform number — in the 1998 Topps set was The Great One's uniform number.

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With the loss, Northern Iowa moves to 2-6 in the MVC and 11-13 overall.

The Panthers had a chance to win the game in the bottom of the ninth when they had a runner at first with one out. Pococke fielded a ground ball hit toward the mound, and he threw the ball into center field, giving the Panthers a first and third situation with one out and the game tied.

But the Panthers hit into a double play, setting up the Salukis' one-run 10th.

"His make-up on the mound is outstanding," Callahan said. "He's got composure. You don't see a lot of college kids with that kind of composure. That's why it was a tough ball to hit away. He's very good fielding pitcher, the kind of guy who doesn't beat himself."

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**Women netters drop two of three in N'Namphis**

**Paul Wilekunski**  
**Daily Egyptian Reporter**

SIUC women’s tennis coach Ally Auld was happy to pull her ace out the next time her team loses. The Salukis suffered their fourth loss of the season, falling to Tennessee Tech University in the first meet of the weekend in Carbondale, Ill. The Salukis fell to 1-5 in the University of Memphis's 6-3 Friday, then rebounded by pummeling Belmont University 8-1. The Salukis could only grab two victories in singles play, falling behind 4-2 going into doubles competition. The two victories came courtesy of juniors Jennifer Robison (6-2, 6-4) and Katrina Villareal (2-6, 6-1, 7-5).

- The Salukis won both doubles matches to claim the victory over Tennessee Tech. At seven games down, leaving them one match short.
- "We are playing good doubles, but we are starting off too slowly," Auld said. "If we can start out stronger, we can turn the close losses into wins.
- SIUC also lost the opening meet of the weekend to host University of Memphis 6-3.
- The Salukis could only grab two victories in singles play, falling behind 4-2 going into doubles competition.
- The two victories came from juniors Jennifer Robison and Katrina Villareal, ending Martinez and Tonya Miller, ending their weekend at 1-2.
- "We played hard. That is all you can ask for," Auld said. "Sometimes we play a pretty good way, and sometimes we don't."
SIUC DIVING

Wright falls short at NCAA Championships

SIUC senior diver Alex Wright fell a short hit in his bid to earn All-American honors at the NCAA Men's Swimming and Diving Championships in Auburn, Ala., over the weekend. Wright finished eighth in the platform competition (365.90), 32nd in the 3-meter springboard (426.30) and 29th in the 1-meter springboard (426.30) in barely missing All-American status. The top 16 divers earned All-American honors.

Stanford captured the team swimming and diving championships with a dominating score of 599.0. The host Auburn team finished a distant second with a total of 941.5.

BOXING

Lewis struggles early, stops Briggs to retain WBC title

Lennox Lewis had a mixed reaction to his successful opening Saturday night, first praising Shannon Briggs, then dismissing him. Of course, Lewis has Evander Holyfield on his mind instead of the likes of Briggs.

"Shannon Briggs came to fight," Lewis said, and the crowd cheered the challenger mostly for his effort Saturday night — in marked contrast to his victory over George Foreman in which Briggs was bored.

Lewis, however, had too much power and retained the WBC heavyweight championship by knocking Briggs down three times and stopping him at 1:45 of the fifth round.

"He was stronger than I expected," Lewis said. "After the fight of the week and to back it up. That's why he got off the canvas three times. I think Lewis lost that fight because he had no business being in the ring with him."

"Shannon really couldn't take my pace after I started hitting him with my jab," Lewis said. "He realized his jab was not as good. He is basically a fast runner. I just wanted to take his head off."

Holyfield's trainer thinks his man would do that to Lewis. Lewis would eat it up and would have enough strength to save Lewis. WBC-IBF champion Holyfield, Don Turner said.

"He knocked out, probably...

Did Turner learn anything watching Lewis? "Yeah, he is easier than I thought."

But Lewis now is faced with a mandatory defense against Zelko Murovic of Croatia, ranked No. 1 by the WBC. Holyfield is scheduled to make a mandatory defense of the WBA title against top-ranked Henry Akinwale of Nigeria June 6 at Madison Square Garden.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Virginia latures Providence's Gillen as new hoops coach

Pete Gillen has left Providence University to take a seven-year deal to become the University of Virginia's head basketball coach.

Virginia Athletic Director Terry Holland confirmed Gillen's selection Friday night from San Antonio, where he attended the Final Four. Sister Kenny would not divulge financial terms of the contract, but it is expected that Gillen's total compensation will be in the neighborhood of $2 million (1994-97). The Virginia athletic department also will pay $500,000 a year.

Gillen replaces left Jones, who resigned March 15 after eight seasons. An official news conference will be Thursday.

"He has a lot of things we liked and a lot of things we needed — maturing, a strong, young nucleus," said Turner.

"We need to work on our defense. We just couldn't put the game away with a total of 941.5.

SIUC takes third at home tournament

SALUKI INVITATIONAL:

Sophomore Renspecher throws her first collegiate no-hitter in Saluki's third-place game.

Shane Redman

DAILY EDITION REPORTER

SIUC sophomore pitcher Tracey Renspecher salvaged the Salukis' performance in the Saluki Invitational by throwing her first collegiate career no-hitter Saturday.

Renspecher retired the first 13 batters against St. Louis University in a 7-0 victory at IAW Fields. She carried a perfect game until the fifth inning on her way to a career-high 10 strikeouts.

Renspecher, who had shoulder surgery in December, said she was just concerned about making it through the whole game.

"I pretty much knew about (the no-hitter) the scoring load, driving home four and three two-out, two-run homer in the seventh."

"Robbie and his pitching coach, Joe Hiltz, have put them together to score runs."

The Salukis were not hitting. The Salukis were 0-for-17 with runners on base against Hofstra.

"We left 11 runners stranded against Northern Illinois," Brecht said. "We didn't win against a team like that without scoring. All we needed was one run, and we couldn't get it."

Not even a school-best 16 strikeout effort from sophomore pitcher Carina Winters against UNI will make up for the poor hitting. Winters, who battled with pitcher Jim Ziegler of the Bobcats, from nine three-out, two-run games, pitched less games, totaling 11 five-out, six consecutive batters at one point.

"We didn't get a run until Cowell's two-out, two-run home in the seventh."

"Sometimes the breaks go your way, and sometimes they don't," Winters said. "Sometimes your pitch rises too much or you change fields in the dirt. It just happens.""