Students return from Mardi Gras as heroes

SIUC students warn residents of their burning home

By: BRYAN SCOTT

Marcela Gamboa and Tricia Snider said this happened for a reason.

When the two SIUC students went out to the bar on and around Bourbon Street in New Orleans to celebrate Mardi Gras after a night's game on March 4, they were side-tracked by a small misstep that led to a life-saving situation.

After the two women split off from the rest of their group to go to an 18-and-over bar about a mile from Bourbon Street, Gamboa, a sophomore in mechanical engineering from Aurora, reached into her pocket to realize that she had forgotten to get into the bar. Snider, a freshman in pre-med from Charleston, and Gamboa then began to walk back toward Bourbon Street — upset that they were unable to enter the bar — at which point they saw smoke and flames engulfing the back of a small residence.

The women immediately took action, as four other people standing around the burning house just stared. Snider instructed Gamboa to run to the bar nearby and call 911. The New Orleans Fire Department received the phone call at 3:16 a.m. on March 5.

Snider ran to the front door of the house, pounded on the door, and an older woman opened it.

As Snider headed a window burst at this time. She calmly told the woman that her house was on fire — the woman was unaware of the situation.

"The little old lady just froze and then uncontrollable," Snider said.

As Snider escorted the woman across the street to safety, she noticed that the fire began spreading to an adjacent house.

By this time, a large crowd of bystanders had gathered. Upon returning to the scene after calling the fire department, Gamboa and Snider began pounding on the door next door trying to gain the attention of any residents inside.

Snider said the two-story, wood-frame shingled double houses were tall, narrow and very close together. Both women said there was a breeze that morning that likely contributed to fire spreading in other homes.

As Snider attempted to warn other residents of the fire, she noticed that the older woman was headed back into her house.

Snider ran to the older woman, warning her not to go back into her burning house. The older woman responded by saying, "I'm just getting my slippers."

Gamboa helped a second older, frail woman and a man out of their burning house. Gamboa said the residents were also unaware of the fire.

"They looked at me in shock; they were speechless," she said. "You could tell that their eyes were watery."

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Public indecency occurs in Student Center

Second similar incident reported on campus in two weeks

An SIUC woman told University Police Monday she saw a man masturbating in the Student Center Friday. This is the second similar incident reported on SIUC's campus in as many weeks and the third this semester.

The 18-year-old victim said she was sitting across from a man in the second floor of the Student Center about 5 p.m. Friday in what is called "Art Alley," which is located on the southern end of the center. The area designated as "Art Alley" is a primarily open hallway with art along the walls and several adjacent couches and chairs.

The woman noticed the suspect standing in front of her as he reportedly began touching himself outside his clothing and the woman looked away. Moments later, the man had exposed himself and was fondling himself. At the request of the woman, the witness called police. It was unclear Tuesday if the woman was in the company of friends when she saw the man fondling himself, but she was the only one who reported the incident to University Police Lt. Todd Sigler, who enquorries anyone who sees similar crimes to report them as soon as possible.

The longer a witness waits to tell police, the harder it may be for police to apprehend the criminal.

"It's behavior that's not right, and the victims need to step up and give us a call," Sigler said. "It's important that people report right away — we have a chance of catching the individual in the area."

SIGLER said "behavior like this is alarming and disgusting," but he can't recall (an incident) where (perpetrators were) violent or tried to harm someone.

"It's a self gratification, on the part of the offender," Sigler said.

For the most part, the victim will leave the area without being followed by the perpetrator, Sigler said.

While police cannot say whether the incident that reportedly occurred March 21 and the one reported Monday are related, the victims in both incidents gave police fairly similar suspect descriptions.

The suspect in the Student Center incident was described as a 21 to 24-year-old, light-skinned, white male with brown hair and side burns, who was last seen carrying a black backpack, wearing khaki pants and a blue shirt. The suspect in the March 21 incident was described as a 21 to 24-year-old, light-skinned, white male with brown hair and side burns, who was last seen carrying a black backpack, wearing khaki pants and a blue shirt.

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USG to take another stab at mass transit fee

Senators will discuss need of bus service

By: GINNY SKALSKI

In order to maintain a mass transit system on campus, Undergraduate Student Government will take a second look at a resolution that the University asked to be held in fiscal year 2002 at tonight's meeting.

USG President Sean Henry, a member of the Mass Transit Advisory Board, wrote a resolution requesting that USG support mass transit and leave the final recommendation to the board.

The recommendation will raise the fee from $23.50 to $32 — a 36-percent increase.

The resolution comes after USG senators voted down the resolution at their March 3 meeting to raise the mass transit fee. Senators agreed mass transit fee increase is important to students, but any increase above the 3 percent allowed by the University's June 2007 memo should be seriously considered by the Board of Trustees.

The high transit fee increase is a result of Beech Bus raising its overall fee to operate the Sahki Express with the higher cost of running the system. The contract with Beech is set to expire this year and it is the only company that has offered a bid to maintain the mass transit system.

Henry said if USG votes against raising the mass transit fee altogether, then more than likely, the University will get rid of the system. He said he hopes his resolution will let senators take a stance in support of mass transit, but let the Mass Transit Advisory Board make any final decisions.

"If USG were to say 'no, we don't want the fee increase,' we would lose the bus service," Henry said.

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Now, the band has a lot more than sound checks to worry about, Hello Dave is part of the Fresh Tracks tour coming to the Copper Dragon Brewing Co. on Wednesday night along with two other bands from the Midwest, The Nadav and Domestic Problems.

"Some flair from being a tour, Fresh Tracks is the name of a music club that distributes music from independent, unsigned bands to "showers" all over the country. Being independent does not hinder Hello Dave, Himebaugh said. "Rather, he wears the badge like a badge of honor."

I bring independence and having our acts with our own label," Himebaugh said. "It makes a lot of sense for us to do what we want to do and not tour for ourselves."

Eventually, though, Himebaugh and the band will attempt to make the switch to studio sound. "At some point, we will switch to a major studio just because of the resources they have available," Himebaugh said.

The Nadav, Spanish for "nothing," is a folk rock group out of Ames, Iowa that has managed to stay true to a more indie sound influenced by Tom Petty and Nirvana.

Having just released its fourth album "Coming Home," a month ago, Nadav features two major songwriters and vocalists, Mike Prenter and Jason Waltham.

They have a wide variety of songs and each plays at least one own instrument so the songs take shape," Himebaugh said.

The set group in the Fresh Tracks tour, Domestic Problems, has the distinction of being the only band on the tour with a horn section. Andy Hodgson, the lead singer, thinks this is the band apart from standard rock acts. "It's a source of great frustration for the band."

For more information, call Charles Fannin, the director of the Irish Immigration Student Program at SIUC, at 452-6851. Admission for the event is free.

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The exhibition will be at 7 p.m. in the University Museum Auditorium in Foster Hall. It will be presented by Jennifer Daystup and Sami McKeeman. Dempsey is a tenor sax player and performer of circus acts. He recently started "Cirque Spectacular," which is an all-female company of circus performers. McKeeman founded "Belfast Exposed," the only full-time community photography resource center in Northern Ireland. The center is a way for Belfast citizens to gain the skills and knowledge that will help them preserve their perceptions of life in the city.

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USG/GPSC off the mark on athletic fee

It knowledge is the basis of power, then student government has forfeited its credibility in establishing legitimate policy for the University and its students.

As president of the Student Government at Illinois, I recently demonstrated an embarrassing lack of understanding of the athletic fee, yet both groups have been fit to pass judgment against the Athletic Department and its request for a 33-percent student increase for fiscal year 2002.

The fee increase amounts to an additional $10 per student during the course of the year.

USG President Sean Henry admitted to the DAILY EAGLE that when USG voted at a March 22 meeting in favor of a resolution requesting the fee increase, the body was dealing from a point of ignorance regarding the Athletic Department and what the fee money would be used for. One would think that since the USG senators were not well-informed on the issue, there would have been plenty of informational discussion about the pros and cons of the fee.

But there was none. With only a handful of dissenting votes, USG sent out a powerful message that the University's student leaders do not support the progression of Saluki athletics if it means paying a little more in student fees. And in the end, all the good athletics does in providing entertainment and boosting campus morale.

In the process, USG further widened an already stable rift between student government and SIUC's student-athletes.

GPSC, which also voted against the fee increase with minimal拿出来 into the issue, said athletics is not seen as a priority and that student athletes are less likely to be interested in athletics. The athletic fee, which has been a hotly-debated issue at SIUC in recent years, seems to be a misguided issue. Being located in a rural area, SIUC's Athletic Department does its best to attract the current dollar that many other programs can. The department also went through a lengthy stretch of time when the athletic fee did not raise at all.

Now, every time the department asks for an increase of any type, a few voices reappear, saying the Athletic Department already receives too much money.

In reality, the cash-strapped Saluki Athletic Department is not the sacred cow that some on campus make it out to be. If USG made it the center of the storm, focused on a specific matter or even depicted the execution of the fee increase as the "valid case that Athens and Editor-In-Chief Josh Sansome dropped the ball in.

However, it didn't.

This week, a column came from the idea student got written, and they get written up at 4 p.m. for a fee drill. Some laughed. Some said, "I don't know what a fee drill coming up?" And the rest of us: "Come on, let's get a little more in student fees.

I don't know of any time where USG sent out a powerful message that the student fee increase was a hotly-debated issue at SIUC in recent years.

"We give Henry some credit for attempting to rectify the damage, but the situation should have never reached this point. Student government needs to have a stronger sense of obligation to be informed on the issues if it addresses."

While it is true that the Athletic Department has a substantial budget deficit and raising student fees should not be taken lightly, there should be some sort of support among the student body for the Athletic Department to maintain the funding it needs to remain competitive in the MVC real world. Student government is given a terrible opportunity to exhibit leadership on this campus. But while USG and GPSC start taking their chance to be a positive influence at the University more seriously, neither group will command much respect from the student body, faculty, or administration.

Rethink the past for a brighter tomorrow

Kudos to Saluki Basketball for great season

Dear Editor:

I would like to thank Saluki basketball seniors Rick Collins, Chris Thumel, Derrick Tobias, and Gabe Reeves for their great season.

The way the Saluki men's basketball team played against their opponents was amazing. The team worked together as a family and that is what made them successful.

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The Rehabilitation Institute offers an undergraduate program in Communication Disorders and Sciences, and a baccalaureate degree in rehabilitation services. The institute also became the first to offer graduate programs with majors in behavior analysis and therapy, communication disorders and sciences, rehabilitation administration and services, and rehabilitation counseling, said Kim Little, coordinator of recruitment and retention for the College of Education.

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Eighteen distinguished alumni expected to attend celebration

**Antonio Young**

The College of Liberal Arts will be inviting its alumni back to SIUC on March 29 for Alumni Recognition Day and Liberal Arts Futures to formally acknowledge their achievements before speaking to students about the benefits of obtaining liberal arts degrees.

"Our purpose is two-fold," said Shirley Clay Scott, dean of COLA. "We will honor distinguished alumni and give to current students opportunities in several forums throughout the day to learn from these successful professionals on how to use a liberal arts education in the workplace and in professional life."

COLA anticipates about 18 prominent alumni to attend celebration, with some speaking about how they left their intended fields after getting their degrees, the jobs now being offered, what kind of jobs are now being offered, and what extra skills or experience students should obtain while at SIUC. Everyone is welcome to attend the open meetings with the students and alumni, said Scott. "Students from any part of the University can go to these afternoon sessions, as many as they like, to learn how their liberal arts education has served these people in their work and in their lives," said Scott. "Also, alumni will display what skills or knowledge proved durable or transferable, even though some of them have gone on to very different careers from what they started out in." Among the large number of returning alumni to be recognized are Roland Burris, Howard Spiegel, Pam Pfeffer and Christine Heins. A 1959 graduate in political science, Burris became the first black elected to a major political office when he became Illinois Board of Education member when he became Illinois Board of Education member since 1995.

A 1976 graduate in theater, Christine Heins worked as a beer vendor at Wrigley Field for 30 years. Before receiving her master's degree in mathematics from Vanderbilt University, Pam Pfeffer received her bachelor's degree in math at SIUC, where she was also a majorette with the Marching Salukis. She has worked for Third National Bank as a leading officer of justice from SIUC in 1975, where he belongs to a multimillion dollar sales club, while enjoying his position at a beer vendor at Wrigley Field for 30 years. Among the large number of returning alumni to be recognized are Roland Burris, Howard Spiegel, Pam Pfeffer and Christine Heins. A 1959 graduate in political science, Burris became the first black elected to a major political office when he became Illinois State Comptroller in 1978. He was elected Illinois Attorney General in 1991 and ran for governor of Illinois in 1998. Burris works as an account manager for Arrow Electronics in Chicago, Howard Spiegel received his bachelor's degree in administration of justice from SIUC in 1975. His work has led to a multi-million dollar sales club, while enjoying his position at a beer vendor at Wrigley Field.

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The event is merely the beginning of several kinds of activities that are being organized by COLA for its students, said Pansy Jones, COLA administrative assistant. "It's a proven sales tool," said Shirley Clay Scott. "We're honoring her both for her achievements and for being a long-time supporter of the School of Music [which is under COLA]."

A 1976 graduate of theater, Christine Heins works as an attorney with Wolf & Jones in Murphysboro. Also a licensed real estate salesperson since 1979, Jones was on the SIU Alumni Association Board and was a judge for the 1995-96 National Health Law Moot Court Competition. The event is merely the beginning of several kinds of activities that are being organized by COLA for its students, said Pansy Jones, COLA administrative assistant. "They are the big attempt to hook our students up with our alumni and start demonstrating to [the students] the caliber of our graduates what we have in liberal arts."

"This is our first big attempt to hook our students up with our alumni and start demonstrating to the students the caliber of our graduates what we have in liberal arts," said Scott. "It should be a very exciting day, not only for the students, but also for the alumni."
**Heroes**

The New Orleans Fire Department, a total of 81 fire personnel and 28 fire units arrived on the scene.

No injuries were reported at the scene, and the cause of the fire is "either unknown or under investigation," according to Hardy.

Three homes had fire damage. The home where the original fire began had entire structural damage, the home to the left sustained substantial fire damage to the second level while the home to the right had "medium fire damage," Hardy said.

Witnesses at the scene confirmed that two college students warned residents of the fires. Upon contemplating whether or not they were heroes, Snider and Gamboa said "anybody could do this." Snider said she and Gamboa reacted upon natural instincts in the situation.

Gamboa said the experience made her think of her family and how people take things for granted.

"It was scary to see how fast belongings and people could be taken away so quickly," she said. "I wanted to call my mom and see if she was OK.

Looking back at the incident, Snider is still mad at Gamboa for forgetting her ID, but the students think that the small document may have been forgotten for a reason — possibly the preservation of the lives of complete strangers.

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Kahler also provides a number of other services that help to communicate in-dividual student problems to faculty and University officials. She said she meets with about 1,000 students a year who are searching for help.

"(Transitional Program) office student a helping hand," Kahler said. "Sometimes students just need people to talk to and help them get adjusted."

Of course, such duties constantly keep the 35-year-old Kahler busy. A Sunday-morning phone call on Feb. 7 from Student Development Director Nancy Hume Per brought news to Kahler that a freshman had resided in Schneider Hall residence hall room the night before, and students were going to be temporarily left without a home while workers cleaned the area.

Kahler rushed to send out about 200 notices that Monday, informing professors of the situation and saying that students should be excused from classes.

In addition, Kahler's office provides an Early Warning System for students—a service that seeks to help potentially troubled students by gaining information from professors and other administrators as to who appears to be struggling in school. Kahler said administrators are people who is willing to listen is all that is needed when it comes to helping these students.

"Michelle is really good at what she does," said Carrie Andrews, a graduate assistant in the Transitional Programs office, who works as an assistant in the Transitional Programs office. "She goes above and beyond the call of duty. Also included in the duties of her office are sending out student death notices, of which she logged 10 last year, as well as working with students who have been victims of extreme illness or violence.

"Kahler was called into action last February after a freshman woman was beaten by two men. After visiting the recovering student and her parents in the hospital, Kahler said the emotion were so upsetting that she rushed to her husband's office in Woody Hall with tears streaming from her eyes.

"It was a pretty traumatizing situation," Kahler said. "When you send your child to school, you never imagine having to come pick them up at the hospital. We can read about it and hear about it, but when you see anyone in pain like that, it's reality."

Despite those moments, Kahler remains optimistic and leads a happy lifestyle that she enjoys sharing with those she meets on campus.

"She is an extraordinarily caring person and she is very sensitive," Pei said. "She is just marvelous.

Kahler said she enjoys her job because it not only allows her to meet people from throughout the campus community but also gives her the opportunity to lend a hand to someone who may be searching for help. For that, she said, she takes an immense amount of pride.

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In January, a middle-aged man was arrested on charges he exposed and fondled himself inside a men's restroom at the library, but the charges were later dropped.

Jean Cunningham, chief psychologist at the counseling centers, said someone who commits such a crime has a "very strong urge to do that" and it is difficult for them to change. It's usually a behavior that a person feels compelled to do.

Both light and Cunningham said that people who expose themselves are not typically a threat to a witness.

"These aren't people you would classify as a sendo đợi or crazy," Cunningham said. They are "people who have trouble getting into regular sexual relationships, and people who have conflicts feelings about sex. They're not comfortable about it and may be fearful about it."
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Kentucky University's Jake Bus and Illinois State University's Nathan Welch tied for second with scores of 75.

Ninth-place Mike Hillard led the Salukis with a score of 159 that put him in a tie for 13th place overall. Senior Andy Walker, finished in the 24th spot, posting a score of 84. Tuner and junior Liz Udall tied for 25th place, each one stroke behind Walker. Hillard, who shot as 81 in day one, improved her score on day two, shooting 78.

“We had a few hiccups on that first day, so I wanted to do better because of all the community support we get,” Hillard said.

The Salukis’ total of 393, is placed on the SUI women’s home turf — Hickory Ridge Golf Course — was added to Rolex Collegiate Tour last week. To win, which is conducted by the College Golf Foundation, includes the top-75 women’s tournaments in the country:

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“The Salukis will have a couple days to get their house in order before hosting the University of Evansville for a four-game series beginning Friday.”

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Panthers better on field than on paper

Blaylock stressing importance of not overlooking Eastern and its 8-18 record

Corey Cusick

Coastal Carolina correspondent

If there were ever a team to overlook, Eastern Illinois University's softball team would not be one of them. Although, if you went by the Panthers' 3-18 record, it probably wouldn't be that hard.

The sub-par record includes a dismal 1-4-5 start to the season. However, eight of their losses are against top-25 teams, seven of which they played in that 0-13 stretch to start the season.

With a 7-2 head coach Ken Blacklock emphasizing no taking today's opponent for granted at practice today, the Salukis prepared to travel to Charleston for a non-conference doubleheader Saturday against the Panthers today.

"We've got to take everybody the same, play the game and we won't get up our trouble," Blacklock said. If SIU wants to earn the recognition we won't get even if we win which her Illinois

in Carbondale, the Salukis were_erroring at Syracuse University Sunday.

"I felt we finally played a total game -- pitching, defense and hitting -- they were to play," Blacklock said. "To me it was sign that we look like a mature ballclub, we look like a ballclub that wants to win the game and we did it."

An SIU offensive surge played as much a factor during the weekend as the end of the solid pitching and defense.

Junior pitcher/designated player Erin Stremstoffer raised her average .458 points from .283 to .344, while junior first baseman Betty Harris continued to own the bat consistently, raising her average to .326.

Blacklock said when Stremstoffer finally finds her groove with the bat, it is hard to keep her off the bases.

"When Erin feels like she can hit anything, she can hit anything," Blacklock said. "That's just the way it is;"

Jump-starting the Saluki offense this weekend was an unlikely source -- senior pitcher Carisa Winters -- who collected her first collegiate hit and RBI Saturday against Western Kentucky University. Her hit scored the first of nine Saluki runs.

"It was like hey, this kid has no offensive talent whatsoever, but she's a battler and if you can battle you can make things happen," Blacklock said. "After that, the rest of the kid started to battle."

Another epitome of a hard-nosed battle for SIU is sophomore catcher Katie Forthman, who had to play the demanding position during the season and day because of the Salukis' continuing shoulder problems.

Harris underwent "clean-up surgery" on her right shoulder to remove scar tissue and shave away some lingering bone fragments following an off-season shoulder surgery.

Blacklock said Harris' shoulder did not respond well and is still perplexed about what the root of the problem is.

"We've been told she's done for the year, but as the week's kind of worn away, you just don't know," Blacklock said. "She can't do the day-to-day things like wash her hair, let alone throw a softball."

To rest Fortman for the upcoming season, which starts Saturdays the University of Northern Iowa, third baseman Julie Meier will start as catcher in a game against Eastern Illinois and one game of the Salukis' in a 6-0 victory on the weekend Sat.

"If we didn't have Katie Fortman, we couldn't do it at all," Blacklock said."

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Playing through

Women's golf capable of playing in unfavorable weather, come from behind

Janice J. Serna

One of the most interesting factors for the Salukis was that they were coming from behind.

"We had a lot of people out there watching," said SIU head coach Diana Daugherty. "We had a lot of volunteers. We put tremendous support on our Hickory Ridge (Golf Course) and with that kind of community involvement, we didn't like being ninth."

The extra effort and positive attitude paid off and the results showed up in their round two score, which catapulted them into fourth place.

"When the going gets tough, we turn it on," Daugherty said. "We said all week that this was our doghouse. We're the defending champions. We knew that the competitors were tough, but we knew that we had the ability to win. We couldn't make any mistakes and we had to play extremely, extremely well."

The Salukis were the only team in the 10-team field to maintain their first day's score while other teams added as much as 31 strokes.

"If you would say, 'we're muddying the field,'" Turner said. "When everyone else is complaining and not happy with the way the weather is—the fact that it's cold and windy and wet—we just say, 'OK, this is our advantage, we can go out there and have positive attitudes and hit the ball the way we know we can hit it and gain some ground in the field.'"

Wisconsin's Katie Connelly shot the tournament's low score, 155. Eastern Illinois' Andrea Turner said.

SILUC women's golf coach Dianne Daugherty shares a laugh with Andrea Turner during the second day of play at the Saluki Invitational Monday afternoon. Turner shot 81 on day one and an 84 on day two, helping Salukis to a fourth-place finish.

Long day for baseball against Illinois

Pitching and defensive woes allow Illini to smoke Salukis 15-5

Jay Skocir

Poor pitching and defensive made for a long, unpleasant afternoon for the SIU baseball team Tuesday.

The University of Illinois (14-7) took full advantage of the Salukis' many defensive miscues and handed SIU a 15-5 loss on a chilly day for baseball at Abe Mays Field.

SIU (11-12) didn't do much right on the mound or in the field, as Illinois turned what had been a close game into a laugher in the late innings. The Salukis were charged with four errors on the afternoon, and batted even more poorly than that.

Bad defense paved most devastating to SIU in the