Former SIUC student faces trial on charges of armed robbery, murder

Allegedly connected to attempted drug rip-off

Greg Cima
Daily Egyptian

The trial began Tuesday for a former SIUC student charged in connection with an armed robbery. The trial began in Sept. 2001 that led to her brother's death.

Taffia Cunningham, 25, is charged with murder, armed violence and home invasion while armed with a firearm. A person can be tried for murder in Illinois if they are found to be responsible for their death during commission of a forcible felony.

Cunningham's brother, Tyre, was shot and killed when he allegedly attempted to steal drugs and money from Pentice Washington's Murphysboro home. Cunningham is presently on trial for aiding him the night of the robbery attempt.

Donald Drid, Karen Smith and Jahnna Singleton also were allegedly involved in the robbery. Drid was sentenced to six years in prison in late January 2002 for home invasion with a firearm in exchange for his testimony. Smith and Singletay, both former SIUC students, are charged with armed violence and home invasion while armed with a firearm. Singletay also is charged with murder. Smith's trial begins Thursday.

Washington, 21, testified Tuesday that he shot and killed Tyre after he came into Washington's house armed with a shotgun. He admitted to being a crack cocaine dealer and said he had crack cocaine and about $5,000 at his home.

Candice Johnson, 23, testified she was romantically involved with Washington and arrived at his home in the early morning hours before the shooting. She said a man with a shotgun approached her as she exited her vehicle and made her lie down beside a tree cross-man's will while making her go to Washington's door.

Johnson said the man put the gun to her head and made her go to Washington's door. She said she pushed through the door and onto the floor as it was opened and said she crawled into the kitchen and hid behind a gas station.

Tahlope Adegbola, 22, who said he was Washington's roommate as well as a distributor of crack cocaine for him, testified that he and Treacy L. McCullum arrived at home about 4 a.m., shortly after the shooting. He said McCullum, 21, entered the vehicle while he was still looking for a CD.

Adegbola said Washington and Johnson came out of the apartment, and Washington was wearing, baggy pants and still holding the .38-caliber revolver used to shoot Tyre. He said Washington tried to explain what happened, but Adegbola was intimidated and did not understand.

He said he discovered Tyre's body on the living room floor; he saw the shotgun and duffel bag next to the body and heard a voice on the main walkie-talkies. He said that was the point where Tyre was shot.

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Former governor's aide files lawsuit against Blagojevich

Ford was fired for allegedly locking friends into positions

Moustafa Ayad
Daily Egyptian

A staffer hired by former Gov. George Ryan was laid off last Monday against Gov. Rod Blagojevich, saying the current governor fired her and other staff employees based on false, unfounded accusations that her role in securing Ryan's elevated-hour staff additions was illegal.

Diane Ford, former Illinois Industrial Commission staffer, was fired from her post April 14 for her alleged role in last year's plot to lock friends of the former governor into long-term state positions, according to a press release.

In the lawsuit, Ford claims that Blagojevich violated the U.S. Constitution by stripping Ford of her due-process rights, according to a report in The State Journal-Register. There is a hearing scheduled for 9 a.m. Monday.

The governor fired Ford from her position on the Industrial Commission, and urged the Civil Service Commission to request reassignments from Robert Powers, the commission's executive director, and Sunil Wright, Power's assistant to the commission.

Ford's $10,790 position on the Industrial Commission was a gubernatorial appointment and Blagojevich has the authority to remove her from the post. She was named to the commission by Ryan toward the end of his administration's terms. Powers and Wright were employed by Civil Service Commission, which was not under the governor's control, so the commission must determine whether to release them. Powers, who was appointed as the commission's executive director on Oct. 1, 2002, is paid $109,600 and Wright, who began her job Dec. 16, 2002, makes $55,392.

All three served in Ryan's office as assistant to the general counsel. Powers was deputy general counsel and Wright was also working as an administrative assistant. When working under Ryan, they allegedly conspired improperly to reappoint more employees by attempting to "lock" their terms of employment to 2006. Ford, along with Wright and Powers, were set to resign early in Blagojevich's term.

The 40 employees who Blagojevich says were bargained and participated in the scheme also face disciplinary action.

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NOW THAT’S GOOD NEWS!

Islam & Christianity contrasted
THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH
7:30PM
IN THE
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We will review the major tenets of each religion by comparing and contrasting the teachings of the Qur’an and the Bible.

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NOW THAT’S GOOD NEWS!

Friday, April 24th
7:30PM

Precious Moments: "The Bible and the Qur'an - A Dialogue from the Atlantic to the Middle East"

The foamy, described by investigators as highly flammable, was not mentioned in inspection reports, according to town documents. State law bars such highly flammable materials from being used as soundproofing in clubs and bars.

The plaintiffs in the lawsuit are Tommy Pasa, 24, and Valerie Castle Jr., 29, who were at the club when the fire started, and Cheryl Harris-Rossi, whose husband, Joseph, died in the blaze.

Women sought for al-Qaeda ties arrested in Pakistan

WASHINGTON — A former Boston woman sought by the FBI for questioning about possible ties to the al-Qaeda terror network is in custody in Pakistan, U.S. law enforcement officials said Tuesday.

Two officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Aafia Siddiqui, 31, was detained by Pakistani authorities in the past few days and was being interrogated at an undisclosed location.

The FBI in March put out a global alert for Siddiqui, who has a biology degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

More than 110 bodies recovered from Bangladesh ferry disasters

DHAKA, Bangladesh — Rescue workers have recovered more than 110 bodies after two ferry boats capsized during the storm on different Bangladesh rivers, and hundreds of people were missing, authorities said Tuesday.

Some 108 bodies, including those of women and children, were recovered after a double-deck ferry, MV Kaptain, went down Monday in the Buriganga River near the capital Dhaka, the Shipping Ministry said.

Rescue workers using huge cranes managed to partially lift the sunken boat from the river bed and tow it closer to shore. Authorities have ordered another salvage ship to try and completely lift the boat, where many bodies are believed to be trapped inside.

More than 200 people were still missing from that ferry.

Survivors said dark clouds enveloped the river when the storm hit.

Bangladesh media reported the ferry was carrying up to 400 passengers, but some managed to swim ashore.

Earlier Monday, the Mt. Majlishpur ferry, carrying about 90 members of a wedding party, capsized in the Meghna River, 50 miles northwest of Dhaka.

Authorities said about 30 passengers swam ashore, but the others, including the bride, were missing and feared dead.

Today

High 71
Low 42

Mostly sunny throughout the day, staying in the low 70s into the early evening.

Almanac

Today

American Marketing Association meeting
Dar Salaam Restaurant
7 p.m.

SIU Lobby Day informational meeting
University Museum Auditorium
5 p.m.

Festival: "Expressions of Asia"
music, henna tattoos, art, giveaways for Asian American Awareness Month
Free Forum Area, north of McAn德尔 Stadium
11 a.m.

POLICE REPORTS

University

- Christopher Ramon Godson, 21, Orange Park, was arrested at 4:54 a.m. for failing to appear in court on an original charge of obstructing police office at 9 a.m., Tuesday. He was unable to post bond and was transported to the Jackson County jail.

- Ammar Mansheesh Adams, 24, Carbondale, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence after making a improper turn on West Grand Avenue and South Lincoln Avenue at 2:24 p.m. Sunday. Adams posted his driver's license plus a $100 cash bond.

- Kevin Michael Dudley, 26, Murphysboro, was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of cannabis in Thompson Point at 4:54 p.m. Sunday. Dudley posted a $100 cash bond.

Carbondale

- A wallet containing $500 cash, a checkbook and a debit card was reported stolen between 12:30 and 5 p.m. Wednesday at AL&I, 2200 Rudman Lane. The loss is estimated at $500.

The Daily Egyptian, the student-run newspaper of SIUC, is committed to being a trusted source of information, commentary and public discourse while helping readers understand the issues affecting our lives.
Residence hall raises money for good causes

Samantha Robinson
Daily Egyptian

The perception that students are not connected to the community is one with which the Baldwin Hall Council does not want to be dubbed.

In an effort to change that and do something positive in the process, members decided to do something for the community.

Residents in Baldwin Hall are raising money for two different causes—the Relay for Life and the Red Cross.

Corbin Sanchez, a graduate student in college student personnel from Japan and head resident of Baldwin Hall said they called area military personnel to find out what they can do to support the troops.

"After calling around, it was suggested we raise money so that we can send care packages to them," Sanchez said.

"We were told that if we tried to send cards and gifts it would tie up the process of the troops getting things from their families."

Because it is so close to the end of the semester, the target goal is between $100 and $200. So far, nearly $60 has been raised via student donations.

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Work of budget task force continues at University

State budget cuts still threaten Southern Illinois University

Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

Although the possibility of layoffs has ended, that doesn’t mean SIUC’s financial planning for budget cuts is over yet.

Members of the Budget Task Force are still meeting and reviewing ideas on a regular basis, Provost and Vice Chancellor John Dunn said in Tuesday’s Faculty Senate meeting.

The 21-member task force was charged with the job of looking for ways to cut short-term spending by 5 percent and prepare for reductions next year that could be as high as 10 percent. The group has been meeting every week.

"The committee of 21 people is working very hard," Dunn said.

The suggestions are scheduled to be sent to Chancellor Walter Wendler’s office in May.

The planning comes as SIUC, along with other public universities, is faced with the prospect of cuts. SIUC’s state funding for the current year was reduced by $4.4 million, the equivalent of a 2.7 percent cut.

For next year, Gov. Rod Blagojevich has proposed that higher education funding be cut by 8.2 percent, which would slash $19.3 million from the SIU system.

Dunn said unknown factors still exist for the future, such as proposed legislation that would cap tuition rates for students.

Sen. David Luechtefeld, R-Chicago, did not attend the meeting, but said he wants to meet with members of the University community to discuss the impact of budget cuts. A meeting date is not scheduled yet.

But budget planning isn’t all that’s going on, and Dunn said he plans to interview several candidates for interim dean of the College of Agricultural Sciences in the near future. He did not name the candidates. Dean David Shoup will step down July 1 to return to full-time teaching.

In other business, new officers were elected to the Faculty Senate for the upcoming academic year. Kimberly Espy, of the SIU School of Medicine, was elected the new president, replacing Donna Post. Post said she enjoyed working with the Faculty Senate members and administrators from universities throughout the state.

Robert Benford, of the College of Liberal Arts, was elected vice-president.

Reporter Ben Botkin
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Earth Day educates about environment

Community comes together to celebrate 33rd annual Earth Day

Kristina Dalling
Daily Egyptian

People danced to music about Roving up trees. Earthdancer, a bright-eyed, earth-tones out with music and dancing to celebrate the day at the Earth Day celebration.

Anna Placido, a student at the Carbondale Student Union, said she loved the day because it was a way for students to come together and celebrate the earth.

"I think it's important to celebrate Earth Day because we need to remember that the earth is our home," she said.

Placido said she enjoyed seeing people of all ages and backgrounds come together to celebrate the day.

RSG meetings will be held at 1 p.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the Student Union. The meetings are open to the public and are chaired by the student representative.

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Family and friends gathered at the Marion VA Medical Center Tuesday to honor William E. Westgate. A number of family and friends made the trip from Paducah, KY to see Senator Richard Durbin award Westgate two medals for his service in the United States Navy during WWII. Robert Morrel, Director of the VAMC, was also on hand for the event. Many of the veterans staying at the center turned out to honor Westgate.

World War II veteran William E. Westgate breaks down with emotion during a ceremony in which he was awarded two medals at the Marion VA Medical Center Tuesday. Former Congressman David Phelps sang God Bless America, which was followed by the playing of Anchors Away, causing Westgate to get very emotional. Westgate served in the United States Navy from 1941-1945.
Our Word

Beauty is only Earth deep

Sloppy roommates need not apply.
In a world full of war, construction zones, drilling sites and starvation, beauty may be a hard thing to find.

In southern Illinois and at SIUC, we're lucky because we see that beauty on a daily basis in the green grass and trees, blooming flowers, Campus Lake, local vineyards and sites such as Little Grand Canyon.

SIUC and the rest of the nation observed Earth Day Tuesday. Since its inception in 1970, observation of Earth Day as a holiday has decreased emissions for the six principal air pollutants by 25 percent. And that's just one positive benefit.

We want to send a shout out to all those who helped with Earth Day Tuesday. But we also want to thank those who help with Earth Day everyday. Just like keeping your house clean to make it easier to live in, we all need to remember that everyone lives on Earth.

So thanks to all those who finish their fast food in the car and keep the garbage with them until they find a trash can.

In one year, we generate enough hazardous waste to fill the New Orleans Superdome 1,500 times over.

Thanks to the smokers who finish their cigarettes near an outdoor ashtray, depositing the garbage in the proper place.

Cigarettes take 750 years to biodegrade.

Thanks to those who drive economic cars and keep them tuned up.

A well-tuned car uses up to 9 percent less gasoline than a poorly tuned car.

Thanks to SIUC's recycling program for taking care of thousands of papers, pop cans and plastic and glass containers that we produce.

Thanks for putting those blue bins in our newsroom, and putting the three-canned trash receptacles on campus.

Recycled glass uses only two-thirds the energy needed to manufacture glass from scratch. That means for every soft drink bottle you recycle, you save enough energy to run a television set for an hour and a half.

Thanks to the Physical Plant employees who mow our lawns and plant trees. Thanks to those who picked up the parking lot and stairs area near Morris Library with bushes and flowers. Thanks to the people picking and pickingnick in Giant City State Park who pick up their plastic wrappers.

Our world is beautified by all these people.

The next time you throw your trash on the ground, ask yourself why you did it. Chances are, the answer has the word "lazy" in it.

Don't be an annoying roommate.

Steve Campbell
Arizona Daily Wildcat

Guest Columnist

Lesson learned about Chicanos

TUCSON, Ariz. (U-WIRE) — I once heard somebody say, "What's a Chicano? Doesn't the word have the same meaning as Mexican-American?" I thought about it for a moment before realizing that I didn't know the difference either. Not wanting to be ignorant on the topic, I set out to find the answer.

Here's what I found:

Oncesimo Munoz de Aza is the store manager at the McDonald's located in the Student Union Memorial Center. He came to the United States in 1986 and immediately began working at McDonald's as a crew person. He spent time in Cineland, Calif.; Chicago, Phoenix and he has spent the past eight months here in Tucson, Ariz. Though he can speak English, he still has a bit of trouble with the language and prefers to speak Spanish.

He states that he will never be Chicano since he was born in Mexico. "But my children are," he proudly explains. Munoz de Aza has three children who were born in the United States.

Most parents want their children to have a better life than they had. This is especially true for Munoz de Aza.

"I want my kids to go to college so that when they graduate, they'll be able to get whatever job they want," he said.

He feels that his kids have a greater chance of achieving success than he had. "I cannot get a better job than this Chicano can because they were born here and they have a better understand of the culture," he said.

To Munoz de Aza, being Chicano means more opportunities to succeed.

Anna Perkins is a professor at the University of Arizona. For the past 12 years, she has taught classes on Chicano heritage. Though she was born in Mexico, she doesn't feel that precludes her from being Chicano.

Perkins teaches her students about the many stereotypes that are associated with the term Chicano.

She explains how, in the eyes of many Chicanos are from neither the United States nor Mexico. They forget where they come from and deny who they are. It's also assumed that they are less educated than other Hispanics and that they can't speak either English or Spanish correctly.

Perkins obviously disagrees.

"Every Chicano is different. Don't accept assumptions handed to Chicanos non-Chicano," she said. To her, the term Chicano, which originated in the 1960s, should be associated with the pride that one feels after learning about and understanding the history of their culture. To them, it means cultural affirmation. They don't want to hide their heritage. They're proud of it," she said.

If she has one piece of advice for those who believe the negative stereotypes placed on Chicanos, it is this: "Get to know them. Get to know their history and get to know the struggles that they went through."

When you do that, then you will know how Perkins defines the term Chicano.

Kristina Gonzales is a senior majoring in Spanish here at the University of Arizona. In one of her classes, she is taking part in a play that highlights one of the Chicano struggles during the 1940s. She plays the role of a Mexican mother whose Chicano son goes off to fight in the Vietnam War.

While the play, which opposes the Vietnam War, represents the overwhelming anti-war sentiment felt by the Chicanos in the 1960s, Gonzales does not share that view.

While she is Chicano, Gonzales admits that she doesn't always fit in with some of her Chicano friends.

"I'm not as outspoken as they are," she said. "They're more active, going out and protesting against sweatshops or places like Taco Bell. I may agree with them. I just don't outwardly express it as they do.

Gonzales states that while many Chicanos maintain an activist role after graduating from college, she has other plans.

"I want to contribute to society in other ways. I'd like to represent my culture while working for the government," she said.

Gonzales explains that, while many Chicanos may feel oppressed by the U.S. government, she sees it differently.

"There is so much opportunity out there. That's what makes this country so great," she said. "I get so mad when I see people demonstrating against the government. They don't realize what they have. I'm not the typical Chicano. I have pride in my heritage. I just show it in a different way."

To Gonzales, being Chicano means being able to live a life that many people in other countries only dream about.

So, although she was never able to find a single definition for the term Chicano, I don't feel quite so ignorant on the topic as I used to.

These visions do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.

Words Overheard

"Even if it's just for one day, it can still have an impact.

Kris Scheller
research assistant for Southern Sustainability
on the results of Earth Day observation.
Voices

COLUMNS

Universal truth: toss me a cold one Saddam

As I watch the responses to our Middle Eastern conflict on television, I’ve been a little confused by a phrase that has begun to surface more and more frequently: Commentators keep referring to our national attempt to preserve “universal truth” over there. I mean, this case these words are implying ideals like justice or freedom from tyranny, but honestly, I’m not sure what they mean.

I did an online search to figure this phrase out, but all I could find were homogeny for different religious sects. It doesn’t really feel like a jihad we’re in, and even among the spiritual websites listed under this title, phrases ranged from “white brotherhood” to “psychic.” So what truth is driving all of this?

Take America, to begin with. There are things I hold sacred that are likewise shared by most other Americans. Moving my lawn. John Cougar Mellencamp. Pizza and beer. This is the stuff of which America lives are made. Maybe other cultures embrace it too — I don’t know. Does Iraq even have grass? Has Saddam ever found himself subconsciously humming a little ditty about Jack and Diane? Do they, barfly, and RANDY?)

So we’ve got our own perspective as the United States isn’t the only side here. There’s the American way of living, and there’s the American way of thinking. And just like the former, the latter can be slightly misleading. This is the stuff that makes one wonder if America is really different from the rest of the world. Do they even crave this? It’s a scary thought, but one we’ve got to face.

Hass Saddam ever found himself subconsciously humming a little ditty about Jack and Diane? Maybe we don’t even want to know. I can’t imagine it would change our political views on the war.

For live for these universal truths, America is in peril, but so is the rest of the world. Enjoy your ideas because you may be the only person who does. Here’s to you, and everyone else in this great nation sitting in front of their TVs with pizza and beer. Let’s take the rest of the world aside. If there’s something more real than this, I don’t want to know about it.

Not Just Another Friddy Face

by Grace Friddy

The windchime of a household can intensively increase its horsepower without damaging the acoustics. After all, just like people, chimes are all different. Of course, there are then even concepts that hold true to me that perhaps none of my peers acknowledge. Never date a man who wears Dock Kid or owns his own pool cue. “Office Space” is possibly the most, greatest movie of all time. Ever Rose and Tony Lanua are actually the same person.

In other words, are there anyone else realize these things? Or are they only truths in fundamental problem and if that’s the case, what makes those other truths more valid and universal? Maybe I don’t even want to know. I can’t imagine it would change my life much anyway.

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Guest Columnist

World running on empty in 2020

Alex Turnbull

The Harvard Crimson (Harvard U.)

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (U-WIRE) — The rhetoric of the anti-war movement has been known to spill into the real world as demonstrations against oil, clashes of civilization. Debates concerning the war in Iraq have been deeply concerned with issues of morals -- as they will should be. I certainly hope that he focuses on the working poor of America. There are millions who are a minimum wage paycheck away from living in a homeless shelter or a stateless refugee. Many are currently facing eviction because of inadequate income. Obviously, raising the national minimum wage to a living wage to a living wage would go a long way in creating a healthy income and giving people real buying power. However, the working poor are often left on an economic train without a safety train without a safety net. I strongly commend Governor Blagojevich for his decision to raise the bill raising the minimum wage in Illinois. Unfortunately, there is always the same group who will protest the rise in wages because they claim that it will cause job loss and it hurts small business. Furthermore, many argue that it is easy for people who are paid minimum wage.

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**Layoffs**

Continued from page 1

loses a job because of financial difficulties, forgetting to file tax returns. Even though the University dodged a sticky situation this year, no one is clear whether layoffs will be necessitated next year.

With the deadline was quickly approaching, the end of layoffs did not surprise Jim Clark, the Illinois Education Association representative for the Association of Civil Service Employees. ACSE represents clerical and administrative employees.

However, Clark said he is wary of the next budget, which has not yet been approved by the General Assembly.

"This is good news for the hourly employees on campus, that the budget will be balanced on their backs," he said. "But we'll still have to fight for next year. There are still lots of budget problems ahead."

Wender said he does not know if layoffs will be needed next year, only that the University will once again feel a budget crunch.

Teller this month, Blugocki proposed a 8.2 percent cut, or $193 million, for the SIU system, the bulk of which would be taken from the University.

"I'm trying to find out about next fiscal year," he said. "I will be a difficult year, but as soon as I know, I'll talk about it."

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**Ford**

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for allegedly signing false statements. According to the governor's April 14 press release, after the Blugocki administration confronted the employees, seven resigned, 14 were terminated and 19 admitted guilt.

Tom Schaefer, Blugocki's press secretary, said the lawsuits in conjunction with the firing does not alarm the governor or his staff. He said Ford was quite vocal and adamant after she was released, reportedly saying she would follow-up the governor's actions with a court injunction.

“Her voice on the walkie-talkie, it was McCullum and Adcgboro recruiting employees to comply with her plans as well as forged signatures of officials to legitimate signing appointments. "As the governor's chief legal counsel, it was definitely not in her job description to be doing it," he said.

Employees who admitted involvement have their terms ruled invalid and were suspended for two weeks and allowed to return to their former positions to complete their original terms. Two have applied and were refused to return for disciplinary reason. Nine have terms that will expire in 2003, five have terms that end in 2004, and four have terms that will be finished in 2005.

All of the employees, who were allegedly involved in the conspiracy to keep their terms for longer than their appointments, averaged a salary of $80,000.

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**Trial**

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it became clear the man had been invading his home, and he kicked the body multiple times in the face. McCullum said he heard a voice that sounded like a girl or a little boy's saying, "They got him. They got him." Go in for the kill."

He said he later became positive it was Cunningham's.

Christenson asked McCullum how he could say positively the voice on the walkie-talkie was Cunningham's after two years. McCullum said he identified the voice after he was given information from authorities before the trial that month and said it made sense that it was her voice. He also acknowledged he did agree to testify against Cunningham in exchange for leniency.

Adegboro said he and Washington agreed to dispose of the body, and it was placed in a cadaver truck. He said he found a wooded area on Reelfoot Road near Crab Orchard Lake at about 4:30 a.m., and dumped the body out until it cleared the truck.

McCullum testified that he picked up Johnson, who was walking from the apartment, and rented a room at the Ramada Inn to stay for the night. He said he did not trust her walking alone after hearing the voice on the walkie-talkie.

McCullum and Adegboro testified they later carried the body further into the woods after leaving Johnson tied with cords at the hotel. McCullum said she also made her take her clothes off because they were suspicious of her and did not want her leaving.

Adegboro said that in the summer of 2001 Cunningham asked if Washington would get her cocaine to sell. Adegboro said he wouldn't and later that year, Cunningham deterioared. Adegboro has been convicted of concealment of a homicidal death and obstruction of justice in connection with Tyree's death and was given 30 days in jail and 30 months probation in exchange for his testimony.

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**Ambassador Bruce Laingen**

April 28, 2003 — 7:30 p.m.

Southern Illinois University

Law School Auditorium

Ambassador Bruce Laingen served for 38 years in the Foreign Service, including time as the highest ranking US envoy to be interned during the 44-day siege, that became known as the Iran Hostage Crisis (1979-1981). During his time in captivity, he was a member of the so-called "Yellow Ribbon. The Secret Journal of Bruce Laingen" (1992), describing his days as a hostage. For his service, he received the State Department's prestigious Award for Valor.

Born in Minneapolis, Laingen served as a U.S. Navy Lieutenant before joining the Foreign Service when he was a member of service assigned to India, Pakistan, and Afghanistan. Since then, his experiences have included serving as the "The President's Envoy" to the 1994 Winter Olympics, the 1994 Olympics and the 2002 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, and as the Executive Director of the National Commission on Public Service, a leading voice in the development of the "President's Commission on Presidential Scholars" which is a highly regarded program for outstanding students in the country.

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Daily Horoscope
by LINDA C. BLACK

Today's Birtliay (April 23): Recent experiences have made you stronger and brought you up to new challenges. These will be more than you can handle by yourself. Use your natural abilities to your advantage and stay in control.

Aries (April 21-May 20) - Today is a 7. You have to make the choice between love and money. Choose love. You can always find more money.

Taurus (May 21-June 20) - Today is a 6. You have been working hard and deserve a reward. A vacation or a trip may be in order.

Gemini (June 21-July 20) - Today is a 7. Today is a good day to make new friends. They may bring you unexpected opportunities.

Cancer (July 21-Aug. 21) - Today is a 6. Today is a good day to review your budget and see where you can cut costs.

Leo (Aug. 22-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7. Today is a good day to start a new project or make a major decision.

Virgo (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6. Today is a good day to start a new project or make a major decision.

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Aquarius (Feb. 19-Mar. 18) - Today is a 7. Today is a good day to start a new project or make a major decision.

Pisces (Mar. 19-Apr. 20) - Today is a 6. Today is a good day to start a new project or make a major decision.

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COMMENTARY

Life with Bruce

Envision the sight. Not half bad, except...

Bruce Weber's usual layup in the presence of attorneys and a defender, the copy of unaccountability then striking with a jet-like burst.

His backcourt running mate, Stewan Hairston, displays Shaker-like smooth play with a shot sliding through the net like grandma's butter cookies.

Frisbee, in wunderkind Jamal Tatum is there with, press forward as he makes the mark for Missouri Valley Freshman of the Year. But then comes a dumb ternation.

Slence.

No high-pitched screams. No photogenics. No half-opened-stare.

No Bruce Weber?

Could that be SIU? Facing the annual coaching carousel as it starts exhausting coaching search that just Missouri Valley Conference. Of Division I ha've stolen coaches any front-racism. Did not play an integral role. Sheesh, defenders to the cusp of unaccountability.


care.

... lazy quicks on the court, lulling Stetson Hairston, displays Shaft. BL ZACK

founded stares. Illinois also docs not want to get wauts: a Midwestern guy with tics is the scout master. They fed by floc in the upper class and enjoy the good-bye to our beloved skipper.

to tum feverishly. After the big boys eventually led to the ugliest issue on team mover. precisely is going to happen, which gone. So is Jermaine Dearman. Part through the net like grandma's but... more about the coach. Weber is

bolted from Illinois to Kansas leaving Sampson, who is a national American. special situation at SIU that will be all there is to at a mid-major? Frankly SIU's skipper. The touch of death: assur=e, this time they will not leave CSU, but not here. Not ever. We arc season MVC titl=es. The Salukis are

endorsed a contract this past fall search. Weber is that and thes an But this is not just a money issue. We have no control mcr. We have and is beaming after going to the my skeletons in his closet. If Kent ing out his life here, the money SIU fate. If Weber is extended the offer, which also includes Oregon's .Ernie

Final Four. Crean is what Illinois Williams is the Golden Eagles will use every coach. Larger effort. If money is the piece for 18 years, but Illinois is on
dropped three out of four games this weekend,
drop sweep and it felt to start the conference season off with a

SALUKI SPORTS

GUEST COMMENTARY

The Diamond Dawgs are down but not out

It was not a good weekend for Saluki baseball. I think that's all that can really be said about our performance on Saturday and Sunday. After Lake Alou's exit on Friday and at sea for the first time with a pitcher of the week's type-performance, we couldn't even manage to collect a hit for the series.

When the weekend loses string even more is the fact that first place Wichita State dropped three out four games this weekend, which presented our opportunity to stay control of the Valley.

But all of this is done and over with. We now sit even with the Valley and are only half in the back of the first-place Shockers.

I remember having a conversation with Nick Basich last season about the team. He said that it was OK if the team won with a sweep and everyone was excited about our
team. I also remember reminding each other that there was going to be a game where the team would hit a low point, and the key to our success would be how well we deal with adversity and come back out after that low point.

I fed this weekend was that bump in the road for us. There are 12 more games left in our conference season. I know that everyone on the team wants to win them just as badly as I do, if not more.

We need to go into Creighton and play like we have something to prove, because we do. We have something to prove to the rest of the conference and the fans, ourselves — even the rally-bong guy.

I've sat and watched the basketball team in every game this year. When they have done well good it felt to start the conference season off with a sweep and everyone was excited about our

Deep thoughts from...

BY JOSH JOINER

Junior starting pitcher, SIU baseball program and our entire campus. I've seen them celebrate two conference championships and tournament both once we want to
celebrate ourselves.

I'm trying to sound like some big motivator. I'm just a guy who knows people who know the sport, who knows that there is not a fault. I'm just a lead-back person who kind of gets along with things, but when we

are presented with an oppor-nity like we have right now, it's hard not to get a little fired up.

It's just one of those things that you want to badly not only for yourself, but also for everyone else involved. Lake Alou feels left uninsured, Sid Fifield, Toby Barnett, and Ross Kowzan may only have a few short weeks of baseball left in their lives, and I would love nothing more than to see them go out as champions.

The coaching staff has put in so much time and effort through the last few years to make us better as players and people, and it would be a great way to reward them.

I want it for the hill-topper who supports us every weekend and shows other teams that we have far more the best fans in the MVC. So in closing, let's play the rest of the season like an "unstoppable rebel force" (Dave Faxon), have fun, and EARN a ring.

So one must ask himself is the time right? Has Weber accomplished all there is at a mid-major Trans)

speaking, he. SIU will not win a national championship. The best we could ever hope for this March, which has already happened — the fans would have to be in per-

fect conditions for an Elite Eight. His led SIU to two-straight regular season MVC titles. The Salukas can't be on top of the WVC forever, even Rome.

So, we are a. a scene setter we have no control over. We have on Crean on one side, bopping with our fact. If Weber is extended the offer, chances are we may have to say goodbye to our beloved skipper.

His park seems to lead to Purdue, where he served under current head coach Gene Keady and his hair piece for 18 years, but Illinois is on the verge of being a national power. Purdue is just a good team.

If Weber does jct, don't let it be in}

Weber is not a poor man. He made SIU one of the top programs in the country, the money SIU gives him is more than enough to live in the upper class and enjoy the perks. He says that they are not closed off. The U of I job provides a where he sen
d under current head

As a "Jose friend" of mine said

"Hey Illinois! Dana Altman is available too!"

Zack Creglow is a freshman in journalism. His views do not necessarily reflect views of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

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The Illinois Civil War Begins
Tennis players Tami Trapani, Alejandra Blanco, and Maria Blanco speak with Mary Mertzlufft, associate director of the Newman Catholic Student Center, following Good Friday mass. The group went to mass just an hour after finishing their match with Southwest Missouri State.

"You always have something to thank God for, and it’s just my way of having my time with Him," Trapani said. "I can just focus on me and help me through them. It’s kind of been my crutch through life."

Trapani shares sentiments similar to Knitter’s. She used religion as a leg-up when she suffered continuous injuries last season. For her, religion has always been a means of dealing with adversity, be it tennis, school or everyday life.

"Going to religious education classes, I got a chance to explore the Catholic faith, and I just sincerely thank that what I believe is the truth." But for Knitter, religion is about more than pursuing the truth. For her, religion has always been a means of dealing with adversity, be it tennis, school or everyday life.

"It’s truly what I believe," Knitter said. "Going to religious education classes, I got a chance to explore the Catholic faith, and I just sincerely thank that what I believe is the truth."

"Even if I just have a bad day, it just helps me bring peace into my life."

For four members of the SIU women’s tennis team, sports take a backseat to their Catholic faith. Although technically a Catholic through

"My grandmother is always reminding me to go to mass, and with three other teammates around to do it with, it is that much easier for her to practice what she deeply believes is the one true faith.

"It’s a faith she learned form her grandmother, who she called Nana. She died when Trapani was 14 after she had lived with Trapani’s family for three years."

"There was not much time to celebrate. Although technically a Catholic through

"You know what God, I’m giving it all to you;"

it back to the Newman Center for 7 p.m. mass. Trapani and Blanco made it just before the service began, but Marla and Knitter walked in 10 minutes later.

They could have blown off the Friday service and their parents would never have been the wiser. They could have used the fatigue of playing a collegiate tennis match as an excuse. But they did not because to them, attending mass is not a chore — it is a privilege and a huge part of their lives.

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Maria Blanco locks the door of her second floor room in Baldwin Hall on her way to church Friday evening.
baptism, Trapani said it was during those three years she developed her faith and her appreciation for the Catholic Church.

"I really watched her deteriorate for about three years and I got to watch her faith in God all the way to the end," Trapani said. "I think that made me believe in God a lot more just to see how strong she was going through it and how she wasn't scared to die because she knew she was going to go to heaven.

"That was the first time I really was proud to say 'yeah, I'm Catholic. I really believe in this. It's not just something mom and dad make you go to. It's something I want to do for myself.'"

For the Blanco sisters, becoming a Catholic was not as much of an active choice as it was a pre-ordained destiny. They grew up in Mexico, where nearly everyone is Catholic, and both women are of Mexican descent with gorgeous statues and stained glass like the magnificent churches in America, they said, are much smaller and much more social.

American masses are also longer, something that clearly got to Maria during Friday's mass. She said she was already hyper from her tennis match, and she fidgeted for the duration of the one-hour mass and still the first priority in their lives, and no other facet of their lives would exist without God.

"I look back and at my past years and I think God because I know all that I have is because of him," Maria said.

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Alejandra and Maria Blanco talk about the match they had just finished against SMS Friday on their way back to the training room in the Arena before preparing for church.

When it happens, they don't stage their own process or complaint. They call themselves pre-evolve Catholics and believe God understands that they have to play tennis.

"Faith is not having to attend church everyday. Faith is your belief in God," Kaitlin said. "You, the Catholic Church is the institution in which you can practice that faith and you should try to follow the rules as much as possible, but God understands that you have other obligations as well that you have to fulfill.

"It's OK to have an occasional sausage!" But all four made it known that despite having to occasionally choose between a mass and tennis, faith is still the first priority in their lives, and no other facet of their lives would exist without God.

"I look back and at my past years and I thank God because I know all that I have is because of him," Maria said.

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High heat

SIU freshman pitcher Adam Snyder throws in the low 80s but still dominates out of the bullpen

Christopher Morrical
Daily Egyptian

He was tall, skinny and threw in the low 80s, but from the first time SIU baseball coach Dan Callahan saw him, he knew the kid would be something special.

SIU freshman Adam Snyder was pitching in a showcase at Nott Arena in 2001, when Callahan and hitting coach Ken Henderson made a trip to watch the talented group of bullpen pitchers that had made their way to South Bend, Ind.

That was when the two coaches saw the 6-foot-4 left-hander from Pittsburgh, Pa. His pitches had good arm action and were thrown with control. They were impressed immediately.

"You can go to a tryout camp or a showcase, and typically what a lot of coaches or pro scouts would not be much interest in Snyder, because he did not light the letter. Soon after, Snyder took his one arm control. They were impressed immediately."

Callahan saw him, he knew the kid had potential. He loved it right away.

Women's golf finishes fourth in MVC Championships

Tarrolly ties for second, named all-conference

Ethan Erickson
Daily Egyptian

After a low start to the third day of the Missouri Valley Conference Championships, the SIU women's golf team finished fourth, right where it was predicted to end up.

The Salukis entered Tuesday in a tie for second and ten strokes behind Bradley, but fell apart in the final day and shot a 327. The best finishers of Northern Iowa fired a 310 in the final day to pass the Salukis.

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