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Today:

Wednesday:
Partly cloudy. High: 85. Low: 64.

Thursday:
Sunny. High: 85. Low: 64.

University

- **Extension Tomatoes Roma**, 33 of Carbondale, was arrested at 11:01 p.m. Friday for possession of cannabis and was later released.
- *University Police responded to a call of a 1:33 p.m. Saturday report of a car accident at 912 W. Main St., Donna Gray, 33, of Carbondale, was struck by a car while crossing the street.

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PEACEFUL COEXISTENCE: Local residents gladly accept student neighbors who are responsible, considerate.

BRIAN EVERS
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Robert Dawes and his wife, Mary, enj oys groceries from the trunk of their Cadillac happily wave to their neighbors across the road. The Dawes are permanent residents of Carbondale who do not mind having SIUC students for neighbors. "Rebecca and Stacey have been great neighbors," he said. "They are too loud or out of control like so many people say about students in Carbondale. I like to take late-night walks when I can't sleep, and their lights are usually on when I leave for early walks before midnight." Rebecca Stelton, a junior in political science from Du Quoin, is one of Blackwell's neighbors. "I like living in the residential neighborhood," she said. "It is quiet, and you can go to sleep without fear of having your car keyed," she said. "The yards look nicer, and it's easier to study." Robert Dawes says students who live closer to the Strip are sometimes obnoxious. "I can't sleep, and their lights are usually out when I leave for toy walks before midnight." The Dawes have four children and her neighbors are students for neighbors. "I couldn't imagine living on Beveridge Street or anywhere near there," Bailey said. "Just look at how worn the houses look and I have never known them throw any parties or anything." Doug Bailey, a senior in education from Springfield, has been Jerry's neighbor for the last two semesters. He likes the quiet life away from the main blocks of college housing. "I would be afraid to live around some of the student neighborhoods," he said. "All you have to do is look at their yards and their houses, and you can see how little respect they have for this town." Shirley Jones is another permanent resident who has SIUC students for neighbors. Jones has two children and her neighbors often borrow her house to their house to their house for lemonade or play catch with them. "I don't interact with the neighbors (who are students) much," she said, "but they are polite and quiet. They keep their yard up, and I have never known them throw any parties or anything."

Sixth annual benefit called success

INVOVLEMENT: AIDS performance raises funds, public awareness using crowd participation.

VASSILIOS NEMATIS
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

By the time Keith Pounds was notified to paint while entertaining his audience, he knew that his performance would achieve its goal Thursday night. "I want to see lots of people happy to enjoy a nice summer," Pounds, a member of the sixth annual benefit for the Southern Illinois Regional Exchange of AIDS Research (SIREA), said. The benefit attracted about 60 people to the Kleinho Thonet, located in the first floor of the Communications Building. SIREA is an organization that provides services for people living with HIV and AIDS in the Southern Illinois area. All of the performers' students were faculty within the Speech Communication Department. Performers used solo and group performances to send a message to educate people about social problems such as sexual abuse and racial discrimination.

The closing act, "Make Your Piece," was performed by Pounds. He was dressed in a cutaway and was tied up with ropes. While standing barefoot in paint, other performers and audience members used the ropes tied around him for a game of tug-of-war. During the game, Pounds was pulled down on the paint, which was spread on white pieces of paper he stood around, creating a unique kind of painting. "Some performers did it to send a message," said Pounds, a first-year doctorate student from Austin, Texas. "Some others did it to entertain and get more people." SIREA also has organized dinners, auctions and other performance benefits to raise money for the "SIREA" group. So far, SIREA raised more than $1,000, this year, in addition to the $300 raised Thursday night.

News
DULUTH, MINN.
Timber mill byproduct may help to fight herpes

A chemist at the University of Minnesota-Duluth says a natural chemical in a timber industry byproduct could provide a new tool for fighting herpes.

Researchers won't reveal the exact chemical or even what trees it comes from. But the molecule, which has the substance, common in northern Minnesota's paper and timber mills, may force the herpes virus into temporary remission.

Some 50 million Americans suffer from the herpes virus, which causes cold sores and genital sores. A third variation of the virus, the herpes simplex type 1, is painful eruption of the nerve endings.

The discovery, made on the spot that transmission of the herpes virus.

But medical experts say there's always room for more, since patients' bodies can reawaken some of the treatments.

Los angeles

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News

Southern illinois

CARBONDALE

Neal's attorney files for change of venue

The defense attorney for a local man accused of murdering two teens last year filed a motion for a change of venue on Monday for his client, Laron Neal, 19, of Carbondale. A mistrial was declared Thursday after 26 hours of deliberations resulted in a hung jury. The trial is set for Sept. 2.

Neal is charged with two counts of first-degree murder for shooting two teenagers in August.

Terrance Mitchell, 16, of Carbondale, and James Atten Campbell, 15, of Murphysboro, were found dead on the pre-dawn hours of Aug. 11 outside a trailer party at Carbondale Mobile Home Park, 100 Block of North Avenue.

Christenson said the recent saturation of trial coverage on television and the print media will make it even more difficult for Neal to receive a fair trial the second time. The defense filed a motion for a change of venue in the first trial, but Jackson County Circuit Judge William Schwartz denied the motion.

"It's going to be worse this time," Christenson said. "People are going to remember. It will be fresh in their minds."

Jackson County State's Attorney Mike Wepnic was unavailable for comment.

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News
Mailbox

Save Bell Smith Springs

Dear Editor:

Although it is not right to do so, let us ignore for a moment the fact that logging on public land is an emotional issue that disturbs many people who do not want their trees cut. We forget for a while the visual degradation of one of the most beautiful and beloved areas in Illinois. We may even fail to consider the fact that this action is a short-term timber sale that will cost each taxpayer while providing corporate welfare for Westerns.

What we must not ignore is the undeniable fact that the poor removal rate from Bell Smith Springs will open the canopy creating edge habitat, the species that research has clearly indicated that edge habitat benefits species whose numbers are not in decline while having detrimental effects on species that require forest interior habitat whose populations are shrinking.

Do we really need more deer and raccoons? Do we really want to cause additional hardship for birds such as thrushes and flycatchers, which have their highest reproductive success in large blocks of unbroken forest?

These birds are an invaluable control for insects that would otherwise defoliate trees. During their migration, they affect forest health from Canada to South America. When we fragment their breeding and stopover habitat by opening the forest canopy, we do those birds, ourselves, and our neighbors a disservice.

The Forest Service and timber industry have a long history of ignoring the concerns of activists and environmentalists. Their failure to address the cumulative impact of their actions is the reason the species affected may not be re-established. The logging of Bell Smith Springs is unnecessary, unwise, and costly. It will open the canopy. It will create edge. It will affect songbird reproduction.

The legacy of Bell Smith Springs is wrong and must be stopped.

Ronald Brown
junior plant and soil science

Hall of Famer is honorable

Dear Editor:

It's nice to hear that Terry Taylor was named to the SIUC Hall of Fame this year. Well, he deserved it. He was one of the players from the 1983 football championship team that was blessed with great talent and strength on and off the field.

I experienced it first hand. My Malaysian soccer team practiced on the same center courts every day after the football team was done. But some football players would stay back. They would chat with each other. I then realized that they kicked soccer balls with us.

They were a matured and friendly bunch of players. Players like Cecil Ratcliff, Tony Adams, quarterback Rick Johnson and a coach also would stay back and help us. As football players, they didn't have it, but they would ask if they could use part of the field to rehearse some plays.

We enjoyed watching them practice and enjoyed their company. Our soccer team attended all home football games that year. Rain, shine, we should be there in the stands, including that freezing Saturday when SIUC defeated Nevada-Reno live on CBS. We even followed the team to some away games.

However, in the fall of the following year, everything changed. There were no more football players, new coaches and new attitudes. Football players would not stay back anymore. After practice, everybody would disappear. Our soccer team would still practice on McAndrew turf after the football team was done, but not long.

One day, a couple of football players challenged us to play "real football." I thought it was just a friendly joke, so I told them, "This is the real football," showing them the soccer ball I had in my hands. They were not very happy with it, and that was our last practice on McAndrew.

However, our sweet memories with the 1983 team will never be diminished. I hope many more players from that team will be inducted into the Hall of Fame. In fact, the whole team deserves to be in there.

Ahmad Redman
Abd-Rahman graduate student, curriculum and instruction

Daily Egyptian has no voice

Dear Editor:

Ignored by University policymakers? Traveled by the Board of Trustees? Turned against or oppressed by student leaders, for the Daily Egyptian is your champion—acting as your voice, the only voice with the fact that the DE's editorial staff will print whatever they think the University hierarchy wants or wants for what they think is "safe." The DE should be the voice of the student body. The DE has become the Weekly World News of campus papers, sandwiching spouts of mindless drivel between slabs of University propaganda.

The student government of this campus took a stand against the ridiculous, unopposed initiatives in athletic fees, and the DE immediately toned them. The "voice" of the DE is a pathetic joke, and it is time for the students of this campus to demand quality, objective journalism. We are tired of your poisonous garbage. We are tired of McLoumism. Give us substance.

John Logan
Junior, English

Reparations

Swiss banks create charity fund with stolen valuables

NAPOLEON LOOTED THE GREAT ART COLLECTIONS of Spain, Italy and the Netherlands. Romans took their pick of Greek statues, and many a Spanish conquistador liked to lay his hands on the return trip because of its own ill-gotten wealth.

Helping oneself to other people's goods has gone on since humans had more than two sticks to rub together. To the victor goes the spoils...

Against this long and dismal history of plunder, it may be sadly unremarkable that Switzerland's banks knowingly and lucratively financed in gold, art and other assets stolen by Nazi Germany or that long after World War II they held on to funds deposited in the 1930s by Jews for safekeeping. The attempts of family members to get at that money were often met with requests for more documents — or nothing at all.

NOW INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE AND THE determined efforts of Jewish organizations and the U.S. government have forced the Swiss banks to begin to make amends. Earlier this year, the three largest banks agreed to establish a charitable fund to benefit Holocaust survivors and their heirs. It should never have taken this long.

Last week, the Swiss Bankers Association published a list of 2,000 dormant World War II-era accounts in newspapers and on the Internet. The bank said it would make efforts to locate the heirs and return the money. But the list held some surprises should not detract from the moral accounting its publication represents, even if a half-century late. Long lives and long memories have undermined steadfast Swiss claims of political neutrality and broken the Swiss banks' halo-wed confidentiality.

Where moral responsibility is concerned, there should be no quiet corners, no discreet hiding places.

The above editorial appeared in Sunday's Los Angeles Times.

Gentle giant

Death of Brennan means death of an important voice

WILLIAM BRENNAN WAS SUCH AN IMPORTANT figure on the famous "Warren Court" of the 1950s and '60s that it might have been called the Brennan Court.

His death Tuesday at the age of 91 is a reminder that many of the cases the Court decided during that period have not stood up to time and intellectual scrutiny and that many of them have been accepted by the current conservative Court.

He was one of the most influential justices in the Court's history. University of Chicago law professor David Strauss says no justice since John Marshall, back in the early republic, has written so many important opinions.

Animating most of them was a belief that the Constitution was meant to protect the individual against the government, and that the Court's job was to enforce that protection, especially for the weak and unpopular.

Brennan wrote the opinion in the historic 1962 "one-person, one-vote" case, forcing the reapportionment of legislative bodies across the country to ensure equal weight to every citizen's vote.

Many of his opinions upholding racial conscience remedies have gone by the wayside. More recent court opinions suggest that in his concern to protect racial minorities from discrimination, he too willingly accepted discrimination against innocent whites.

But he also played a key role in decisions ending official prayer in public schools and assuring basic constitutional protections to criminal suspects all now an accepted part of the constitutional fabric. A court made up of nine justice Brennan would be dangerous. A court with no Justice Brennan, like the current one, lacks a voice it and the nation need to hear.

The above editorial was provided by Knight-Ridder Tribune News Service.
**Oldest monkey skull found by SIUC**

**San Francisco**—The discovery of a 15-million-year-old monkey skull— the oldest on record—promises to shake up the debate over the family tree of monkeys and men.

Anthropologist Brenda Benefit of Southern Illinois University in Carbondale discovered the skull. "This skull is significant because it flies in the face of almost everyone's beliefs of how the earliest monkeys looked and behaved. And it challenges our current ideas of how the ancient ancestors of apes and humans looked," she said.

What Benefit and McCrossin dug up in 1994 on Mabolo Island in Kenya's Lake Victoria came as a shock. As Benefit recalls, "It surprised us, it really surprised us. From what scientists thought the early ancestor would have looked like, it represents an animal that fits somewhere on the evolutionary tree between modern monkeys and the ancient ancestors that had all monkeys, apes and humans."

Benefit and McCrossin's team conducted a more thorough examination of the skull, which will be published in the journal *Journal of Human Evolution.*

**INSPect**

It all started with a housing inspection report. The landlord of a four-unit apartment complex on the city's north side sent the report to the department of city planning.

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**TUESDAY, JULY 29, 1997 • 5**
SIUC’S environment attracts new students

VISITING: Open house successfully advertises campus to families.  KELLY HETLEIM DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Digesting the thought of college life, high school senior Steve Range slowly poked his head into the Recreation Center while viewing the video that was on display. Range, 17, from Greenville, is one of about 1,000 visitors who arrived on the campus Friday afternoon to participate in the SIUC Open House for incoming high school seniors.

“We are going to look around because we want to get a glimpse of the University and what it offers,” said Amy Shaw, assistant director of Undergraduate Admissions, said it is important for the University to get as early start on recruiting.

“The kids are very excited about the starting year and plan for college,” Shaw said. “It is crucial for us to give them SIUC’s information at this time.”

The event also gave information on scholarships, housing concerns and curriculum advisement. Many parents became involved in the activities of the day and were interested in the surounding of SIUC.

Marcie Range, Steve’s mother, attended the Open House along with her son. She said the staff organizing the event was very polite and helpful.

Of the 7,900 rental dwellings units registered with the city, about 7,500 have been inspected. And of the 7,000 units, 2,500 were found to be non-compliance with housing codes at the time of inspection. But even with the new regulation of apartment inspection by the city, Williams said her complaints about her apartment have gone unattended by her landlord.

“They (the landlord) said they would provide air conditioning before I moved into the apartment but they haven’t,” she said. “The local plumbing has gone out of control — there are vines attacking my door.”

Andre Brown is having similar problems with the apartment he shares with his roommates.

“I don’t know if it was a sewer problem,” he said, “but for a long time my garbage disposal would stink and it wasn’t working even though I didn’t use it.”

At one point my tenants wouldn’t flush, and the landlord only fixed them when the second one stopped flushing after the first. When I first moved in, I had other problems with the apartment, and some of those still aren’t fixed.”

Brown, a senior in elementary education from Chicago, said some of those other problems have included bugs, sad cistern and run all over his apartment. He said the landlord does not exterminate often.

“When we first moved in, there were moths everywhere, and any time I said something, he said, ‘They kept saying that they would come and exterminate, but the moths never disappeared.’”

Mark McCan, a junior in administration of justice from Carbondale, narrowly escaped the apartment renting nightmares of Williams and Brown. He said his own careful inspections of apartments are what kept him from choosing problem places to live in Carbondale.

“I’ve stepped into apartments and seen uncovered electrical outlets,” he said. “I’ve discovered problems with electrical and plumbing systems while landlords were trying to rest their apartments to me.”

“They figure students who need someplace to live will take anything. Waiting until the last minute, students will find the hand-me-down apartments that they are most likely to have problems with.”

Vicki Lankheint, an employee of Garden Park Apartments, 607 E. Park Ave., said she finds refuge from problem housing in Carbondale.

Garden Park Apartments have sophomore-approved apartments approved by the University,” she said. “They are our apartments and make sure that their fire and city codes are up to par. The apartment owner also does apartment inspections to make sure tenants keep up their end of the lease.”

Kimler said Brown’s pest problem does not occur in Garden Park Apartments or in other apartments attended by conscientious landlords.

“We provide (extermination services) the day before they move in. If the reports pass, she said, “Maintenance sprays for pests like ants the very same day they’re reported.”

Williams said those services are similar to those provided by her new landlord. She refuses to go through another bad renting experience and hopes that the inspection program will help other students.

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Regardless of the city’s efforts with the inspection program, Williams warns students to be wary of all housing.

“Students should ask plenty of questions before renting an apartment in Carbondale to make sure that they have been inspected.”

Avoid The Fall Rush Summer Immunization Clinic

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Messier signs contract with Canucks

Lucrative: Former Rangers captain signs three-year deal worth at least $18 million.

The Washington Post

After entertaining offers from the Washington Capitals and several other teams, center Mark Messier Monday signed a three-year contract with the Vancouver Canucks reportedly worth $15 million to $20 million. The deal, which may have options for a fourth and fifth year that would put its value in excess of $20 million, rubbed the lone free agent in whom the Canucks had interest this off-season.

Messier, a six-time Stanley Cup champion and the only player to captain two different NHL teams, had serious discussions with the Capitals after talks broke down with the New York Rangers, with whom he played the past six seasons and led to the Stanley Cup in 1994. But Messier, a 36-year-old Alberta native, said the urge to finish his career at home in Canada and the rest with which the Canucks pursued him also swayed his decision.

"If money was the only issue, I would have been signed a week or 10 days ago," Messier said in a conference call from Vancouver. He declined to disclose the terms of the deal. "I felt the way the Canucks handled themselves made me very comfortable, and one thing just led to another.

'Capitals officials, including owner Abe Pollin and General Manager George McPhee, met with Messier for more than two hours Friday morning. Sources close to the negotiations said the Capitals offered Messier a four-year contract worth in excess of $5 million per year. They also said that when Pollin was asked if the Capitals could offer more, he said, "Yes, we can."

Messier, however, said he knew as early as Saturday that he likely would sign with the Canucks, a team that missed the playoffs last season but one Messier called a "great fit." He said he was also so sure that he called Wayne Gretzky - his friend who signed with the Rangers to part to play with him - to say he was leaving.

"I didn't want to talk about money," Pollin said. "Mark's father told George McPhee he wanted to go to Vancouver, because being in the West, he wouldn't have to travel as far as he would with us."

Pollin's comments were "pretty accurate," Messier said. "I have to sit there and have to play against the Rangers, I wouldn't have gotten any satisfaction out of beating the Rangers. And all the factors that would have surrounded it, game in and game out, were issues.

"The Capitals play the Rangers six times per season; the Canucks play them twice."

Rangers General Manager Neil Smith said his intention all along was to try to keep Messier in New York. Messier publicly blasted Smith's negotiating tactics. Messier said a one-year deal from the Rangers would have been acceptable, but a two-year deal with the salary figure in the first year that the Rangers offered.

Messier off the market and the list of valuable unrestricted free agents short, McPhee said the Capitals expect to sign any this summer. "Messier was kind of an anomalous player in that I think he expected to sign with New York, so we really didn't expect to sign anyone. But when he came available, Mr. Pollin made a very substantial offer."

Messier led the Rangers last season with 36 goals, and his 84 points were second to Gretzky's 97.

Survival: Crashes, mechanical failures leave only 10 finishers out of 28 starters.

Los Angeles Times

Brooklyn, Mich. - The second U.S. 500 wasn't billed as a Demolition Derby, but it seemed to turn into one.

Nine drivers led during the 300 miles Sunday, but six of them were in the rear of the finish line. One after another, the leaders and the contenders dropped out - either because of hitting the wall or engine failure brought on by hot temperatures and high speeds.

At the end of CART's longest race, Alex Zanardi, the talkative Italian from Chip Ganassi's Target team, was left. Only one other of the 28 starters, Martin Blundell, was on the lead lap when he was less than 31,717 seconds behind - when Zanardi cruised across the finish line in his Honda-powered Reynard. Only one of the fastest six drivers was around at that finish and the one, Mauricio Gugelmin, was six laps back.

Zanardi, a three-year CART racing on the 18-degree banking of Michigan Speedway's two-mile oval, had only 10 cars were still running. And that may be a stretch. Two of them, the Penske cars driven by Al Unser and Hiras Nakamura, were nine laps in arrears in eighth and ninth places. Gualter Salles was 10 laps behind in 10th place.

"I learned a lot" was the big impression when I got the big lead, all I could think about was what happened last year, Zanardi said. "It is referring to Michigan. U.S. 500 in which he led 134 of the 200 laps before he dropped out with mechanical troubles.

A former Formula One driver, who won the Long Beach Grand Prix and the Cleveland race earlier this season, Zanardi said his problems have been many.

He started seventh, but after being penalized on Lap 41 for running over teammate Jimmy Vasser's air hose, he fell back to 22nd place, at the time the last car on the lead lap.

"When I entered my pit box I saw a lot of smoke coming out of my engine," Zanardi said. "I thought it helped, too, to have air coming out of my car.

A race of 500 miles is one of continuous effort, Zanardi said. "By the end of the race, you hope you have all the things you wanted to do. When you do, and you are also lucky, you can go about to have a great day (Ganassi) and (Mo Nunn). They kept making the decisions in the pit.

"I think it helped, too, to have the Honda engine. It seemed to outpace the other engines today."

The win moved Zanardi into the lead for the PPG CART World Series championship with 22 for a second place in the West. He has 127 points to 121 for Paul Tracy, who finished fourth. Gil de Ferran, who was third, is also third in points with 108.

"Winning the championship is not a fixed goal, but if I can win on a superspeedway oval, even though I came from a non-oval background, it's satisfying," Zanardi said. "My outlook is to concentrate on each race as it comes, I showed today that I can win on a superspeedway oval, even though I came from a non-oval background."

For the first half of Sunday's race, it didn't pay to be in front. Gugelmin, who had the day's fastest lap of 237.581 mph, led for 34 laps before his engine failed. After his crew replaced the spark box, the Brazilian veteran returned, five laps behind.

Andre Ribeiro, another Brazilian, was next to lead. He set a blistering pace until he had to come in for a new set of tires. When he tried to resume racing, the car wouldn't move.

Zanardi tops PPG CART field after U.S. 500 win

Kasia

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really not worth it. I can go overseas and gain experience." Wertheim said associate coach Julie Beck said McCleod's entire wish to help her overcome obstacles in her way.

"She will receive her degree in commerce," Beck said. "I think Kasia is talented enough to play basketball without a doubt. She can match up with any point guard in the pro leagues."

McCleod said her agent, Richard Freidman, hopes to informer of her future in the next six months.

Wherever she ends up, McCleod expects it to be a professional atmosphere.

"I expect that out of more of a business, she said, "I prefer to make out of fun more than anything. It's not just playing to win but also to get paid."

But McCleod does have a backup plan if she does not succeed in basketball. She will receive her degree in commercial recreation after the fall semester and already has plans if basketball does not work out.

"I have an internship at a riverboat casino," McCleod said. "I'm just going to go ahead and get it out of the way if things don't work out."

But McCleod said the degree will be just as important to her as it will be to McCleod.

"We want to see her finish her degree," Beck said. "She will have to wait to fall back on."
SIUC shows no confidence in Herrin

I believe I have discovered the best way to create a winning basketball program at SIUC.

It suddenly dawned on me that the best way to have a good program is to show the players you have no confidence in his ability to coach the team.

Instead of renewing SIUC men's basketball coach Rich Herrin's contract, the University can give him a one-year contract with no guarantees.

It seems to me that if success is the goal, the best way to achieve it is to show the community how much SIUC doubts Herrin's coaching abilities.

Do not give Herrin a couple of years to rebuild. Do not give him time to do what he has done in the past, such as make three consecutive appearances in the NCAA Invitation Tournament and three trips to the NCAA.

It would be better for the University to show its appreciation by giving Herrin one year to create a winning program.

But the University cannot tell him what it means by a "winning season." It will be a year of garbage. The University can do nothing but motivate Herrin to run the program around. The best incentive is in his compensation. The University can only expect the best by offering the least.

Herrin will have the incentive to perform well with a one-year contract that has no guarantees, but the public will need to be convinced.

Herrin does have a large following in the community. He has been a coach in Southern Illinois for 23 years. They might not understand the wisdom behind the move, but the fans have heard the rumors, and they want answers.

The fans will hold him accountable for getting the team to the next level. If he succeeds, they will flock to the SIU Arena because they will know that the lack of confidence placed in Herrin will create the success they have longed to see at SIUC.

The plan will also be a great way to get recruits to come no play at SIUC. Every player wants to want the chance to be a part of a winning team, and the plan will give them that opportunity.

Players will be more likely to listen to a coach that the University cannot fire.

That will give Herrin all he needs to create a winning team.

Well, maybe not.

The plan may be flawed. A coach needs the support and confidence of his University. Players need to know their coach will be there for the long term when they sign letters of intent.

They need to be able to play basketball without the added pressure of trying to perform well with a one-year contract that has no guarantees.

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Hall of Famer thrilled about induction

FINISH LINE: Former Saluki runner SIUC's only NCAA All-American in track.

Raske Sperry

Hall of Fame

Raske Sperry was named SIUC’s only NCAA All-American in track. She was a seven-time qualifier for the All-Gateway Conference.

She is ranked at fifth place on SIUC’s all-time Top 30 scorers list with 539.25 career total points in events such as 100-meter hurdles and 55-meter hurdles.

After being an assistant coach to DeNoon for three years, Raske Sparsity has been an assistant women's track coach at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, for the last five years.

DeNoon said Raske Sparsity has continued to prove he is the right person for the job.

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With the inaugural seasons of Women's National Basketball Association and the American Basketball League underway, McClendon as well as other women players will be given more opportunities to play professionally.

McClendon had try-outs with the Sacramento Monarchs of the WNBA and the San Jose Lasers of the ABL, in the spring, but failed to make the rosters.

McClendon said the lack of exposure at SIUC hampered her chances of making the team. She plans to begin her career in a European women's league.

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