Green roof promotes Earth Day awareness

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More than 250 students attended an unusually open House at the Agriculture Building Monday to check out the vegetables and wildflowers that grow on the building’s roof.

The Green Roof Open House is one of the newer additions to the SIU Earth Day celebration.

Earth Day is an annual holiday increase awareness and appreciation of the world and its natural environments. It has spurred successful environmental campaigns on issues from climate change and safer drinking water to saving whales.

According to the Earth Day Network website, the first Earth Day was April 22, 1970, when Gaylord Nelson, a former U.S. Senator from Wisconsin, was inspired by a massive oil spill in 1969 and called for an “environmental teach-in.” More than 20 million people participated that year, and Earth Day is now celebrated every April 22 by more than 500 million people in 175 countries.

As a part of the Earth Day movement, Karen Middlen, a professor of plant, soil and agricultural systems, holds a yearly open house for the Agriculture Building’s green roof, which is a roof with several garden plots.

“I do it just to share with the public and help educate people about green roofs,” she said.

In addition to the Green Roof Open House, an introduction to agriculture class from Sparta High School with more than 30 students was invited to campus to see the green roof in person.

Michelle Sullivan, a coordinator in agricultural sciences, said it was important to show these students the different environmental practices that they otherwise wouldn’t see.

Middlen said she knew nothing about green roofs before the construction of the one at the Agriculture Building.

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Less littering, more recycling necessary

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One of the best ways to prevent litter is to reduce consumption, says a local environmental leader.

Sarah Heyer, executive director of Keep Carbondale Beautiful, headed a group of 150 volunteers Saturday, starting in Turley Park, in an effort to clean up Carbondale’s streets and public spaces in commemoration of Earth Day, which was first celebrated April 22, 1970.

Similar efforts were undertaken at the same time by MJ Smerken and a group of volunteers at Longfellow Park in Murphysboro.

Volunteers were at both locations and wore heavy gloves while they filled black bags with litter and clear bags with recyclables.

Heyer said because Americans consume too many products and prefer to buy new rather than used, they create a demand that encourages waste.

“As a conservationist, I think we waste so much of what is produced,” Heyer said.

And some of that waste turns into litter, she said.

Heyer said there needs to be a “carrot and stick” approach to solving the litter problem in America.

There should be more grassroots efforts to educate citizens, particularly children, about the harmful effects of litter, she said, and more incentives should be offered for recycling.

At the same time, there should be better enforcement of existing laws against littering, Heyer said.

She said her organization, which educates the public about litter and recycling, is considering a litter cost study.

Heyer said the study would analyze the amount of time and money taxpayers spend annually to foot the cost of picking up litter in Carbondale.

She said according to records she found, the first Carbondale cleanup day was organized in 1987 by an organization called Carbondale Clean and Green, which later changed its name to Keep Carbondale Beautiful.

She said in an email that she found in 1989, 500 volunteers collected approximately 14,000 pounds of litter as well as 2,685 pounds of recyclables.

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Doroscan, of Ozark, tallies the number of strawberries he sold Monday by state Routes 13.

Doroscan sells strawberries out of his truck for Blueberry Hill Farms, where he has worked for the past three years. Charlie Stadelbacher, co-owner of Blueberry Hill, said his father began the farm in 1919. Stadelbacher said he and his brother took over the business in 1959.

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The Weather Channel® 5-day weather forecast for Carbondale:

**Today**
- **69°**
- **51°**
- Isolated T-Storms
- 30% chance of precipitation

**Wednesday**
- **81°**
- **63°**
- Partly Cloudy
- 20% chance of precipitation

**Thursday**
- **78°**
- **50°**
- Partly Cloudy
- 10% chance of precipitation

**Friday**
- **67°**
- **57°**
- Showers
- 40% chance of precipitation

**Saturday**
- **78°**
- **52°**
- Isolated T-Storms
- 30% chance of precipitation

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In Monday’s edition of the Daily Egyptian, the article “Students compete in Ag Industry Day” should have read, “ladder quality, body capacity and dairyness of the cow,” and “enrollment is up nine percent from 2010 to fall 2011.” The headline for the track and field graphics should have read “Track and Field War Eagle Invitational Results.” The Daily Egyptian regrets these errors.

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GLBT efforts continue from inside a closet

Tiffaney Blanchette
Daily Egyptian

A "GLBT Safe Zone" sign can be seen on the third floor of the Student Center on a closet door, behind which resides the office for the Salisbury Rainbow Network.

The Salisbury Rainbow Network, a Registered Student Organization, has been active on campus since 1971 and operates out of what was previously a maintenance closet.

"It is a closet and we are a gay-straight alliance," said Scott Schackmann, secretary and president elect of the Salisbury Rainbow Network. "We would like to have a safe zone with more than two chairs, but not many RSOs get an office so we make the best of it.

Schackmann, a senior from Odem studying foreign language and international trade, said it could also seem like a metaphor: the Salisbury Rainbow Network is confined to a tight space, and the GLBT community is confined in society.

Schackmann, who worked with Wendy Weinhold, coordinator of the GLBT Resource Center, to plan GLBT Awareness Week, said they decided to bring in speaker Ryan Conrad, founder of Against Equality, to provide a different perspective on the GLBT community within society.

A doctoral student in sexuality studies at Concordia University, Conrad said he started Against Equality as a personal project online in response to the classist and urban-centric pro-gay marriage campaign in his home state of Maine in 2009.

After he began Against Equality as a small personal project, it quickly grew to become a multifaceted online archive, publishing and arts collective with the help of co-founder and Chicago-based activist Yasmin Nair, Conrad said.

"The Against Equality collective does work as activists and intellectuals challenging the narrow scope of mainstream gay and lesbian politics involving marriage, the military and hate crimes laws," he said.

"In today's society, an individual or group has to be active and involved to accomplish anything," Schackmann said.

"You can't just sit back and let things take their course, because nothing will ever happen," Schackmann said. "We want to make ourselves and our issues visible.

"It's important to make the community aware of the presence of gay and lesbian individuals on campus, said Wyatt Humrichous, vice president of the Salisbury Rainbow Network.

Humrichous, a freshman from Chisam studying political science, said the Salisbury Rainbow Network strives to help GLBT community members and allies take a stand for equality for everyone.

He said it would be rewarding to see that effort contribute to the grand scheme of GLBT rights movements everywhere.

"As a member of the GLBT community myself, I find it very important to further the purpose of the community," Humrichous said. "We're an oppressed people and we're in a position where we need to advance ourselves and progress.

The history of queers and trans activism in the United States since the late 1960s is pretty amazing," Conrad said.

He said there were visionary people and organizations working toward building a better world, and they refused to sacrifice their imaginations for what they saw as the government's empty promise of equality.

"Now, gays seem content to not only mimic the straight world, in all its horror, but also to collapse our ability to imagine a more just world where all sexual minorities can meet their emotional and material needs," Conrad said.

He said he believes it is an important movement to bring awareness to the GLBT community's perspectives of the world and the issues that affect all human beings.

"We are trying to build a better world, one where people don't die or get deported because they aren't married, a world where there are no wars, prisons or anti-gay violence," Conrad said.

"Why would we settle for anything less?"

Until that world arrives, the members of the Salisbury Rainbow Network work to provide what it can with the space it has.

Schackmann said he and the officers have thought about their office space as being somewhat ironic.

"We say that our closet door is always open," he said.

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Prosecutors open with Hudson at murder trial

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CHICAGO — The trial of the man accused of killing Jennifer Hudson’s family opened with the marque witness, as prosecutors put the award-winning actress and singer on the stand Monday for sometimes-nuanced testimony that may well leave a lasting impression on jurors.

Hudson, wearing a simple, all-black dress, broke down at one point, stopping to rub her tears and regain her composure, as she testified just yards from her former brother-in-law who prosecutors say killed her mother, brother and 7-year-old nephew in a horrific act of violence against Hudson’s sister four years ago.

In the surprise of many observers, Hudson, the 2004 “American Idol” finalist and 2007 Oscar winner for her role in “Dreamgirls,” was the first witness called after a prosecutor and defense attorney for William Balfour finished their opening statements. She had no testimony about shootings herself but offered moving testimony about her family, including her relationship to her sister, Julia Hudson, telling in 2006 she was marrying Balfour.

“None of us wanted her to marry him,” Hudson said, her voice cracking and struggling to hold back tears. “We did not like how he treated her,” she said.

Asked later if she was ever friends with Balfour, whom she knew from junior high school, Hudson answered with disgust.

“No, she,” she said firmly. “I tried to keep my distance from William Balfour.”

Putting the star on the stand first was a shrewd move by prosecutors, according to one former federal prosecutor. “To turn the jury,” said Phil Turner, a Chicago attorney. “For better or worse it increases the importance of the case in jurors’ minds.”

Judge Charles Burns has instructed jurors to set aside any sympathy for Hudson, but Turner said her presence is sure to be noted. And Hudson can now sit through the rest of the trial, in full view of the jury. Witnesses typically are not allowed to watch trials until they have testified, Turner said.

“Now the jury knows everything about her and that she’s in the courtroom only accentuates that this is an important case,” he said.

When Hudson’s sister, Julia Hudson, testified later in the day about her ex-husband’s alleged threats against her family, Jennifer Hudson was watching from a fourth-row bench, clutching a pink bag of tissues. She bowed her head and wiped away tears as prosecutors played a recording of the 911 call her sister made after discovering their mother’s bloodied body.

“Oh my God, oh my God,” Julia Hudson is heard yelling at a dispatcher, who tells her to stop screaming because he can’t understand her. “My momma, my momma!”

Balfour has pleaded not guilty to three counts of first-degree murder in the October 2008 slayings.

A silver and black, 45-caliber pistol prosecutors allege is the murder weapon lay on the prosecutor’s table not far from where Jennifer Hudson was sitting for much of the day.

With her hair up in a bun, Hudson at first seemed composed as a prosecutor began asking her questions and even as she leaned around the judge’s bench to identify Balfour. But the testimony became increasingly difficult, and she began crying when talking about seeing her family the Sunday before the killings and later when a prosecutor showed her a picture of her mother.

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The medium used for growing the plants is 20 percent organic matter, which is a mixture of a compost that students create, Midden said. The rest is a lightweight dry-heated clay material that is good for moisture retention, she said, and it allows more surface area to be used.

The base of the structure also serves as insulation to regulate the temperature of the building and save on energy costs. Midden said it is hard to measure the temperature change because the green roof covers a small portion of the building. The Agriculture Building's green roof in particular serves as an outdoor classroom and research station for graduate students, as well as a weather station with equipment to monitor temperature and wind direction.

More than 150 students helped build the roof, and about a dozen students help maintain it. Nicholas Seaton, a junior from Bourbonnais studying forestry, is among the students who help with the roof. ‘I just really enjoy being in the outdoors, especially when it comes to something as hands-on as this,’ he said.

Seaton said he and about 10 other volunteers try to put in three to four hours each week, cleaning and weeding the roof.

In addition to roof maintenance, the students tend a garden stocked with tomatoes, kale greens and other plants. ‘My students go out in the world and build things, so this is a great opportunity for them to learn and experience hands-on,’ Midden said.

“When people see an area that’s got a lot of litter, they’re more likely to litter,” she said.

Bob Tyson, of Murphysboro, was a volunteer at Longfellow Park. He said he was there because he thought everyone should contribute in some manner to the welfare of his or her community. ‘Keeping Murphysboro clean will help attract new residents to the area,” he said.

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Setty’s and Daniels’ denials much ado about nothing

Softball takes on Evansville for second Tuesday in a row

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SIU will take on Evansville today for the second time in a week.

The Salukis swept the Evansville Aces during a three-game conference series April 17, so the team has high hopes as it plays the Aces again at 5 p.m. in Evansville, Ind.

The Salukis have won every series against the Aces since 2002, but April 17 marked their first complete two-game sweep since 2007.

SIU (30-13, 14-5 MVC) holds a commanding lead in an all-time series (55-20) against Evansville (13-31, 11-24 MVC). The Aces hold a 2012 home record of 5-11, while the Salukis have a 10-3 record on the road after losing to Missouri State in the last game of the series Sunday.

Coach Kerri Blaylock was unavailable for comment during Monday’s practice, but associate head coach Jen Sewell said a complete sweep against the Aces is a tough thing to do.

She said after the team’s success Saturday and Sunday against Drake and Missouri State, her expectations are high for today’s game.

“We really need to be ready to play,” Sewell said. “Our practices have been pretty repetitive at this point, and the chance to get back onto the field is good again. For Evansville, we’re going to try and finish out this series because this is a series sweep we want.”

Senior shortstop Haley Gorman said her goal is to sweep Evansville before she graduates in May.

“I want to go out and be able to compete and put it on Evansville,” Gorman said. “I just want to win.”

Sewell said the players approach each game with the same mindset: stay focused, be energetic and come ready to compete.

Sewell said the game is going to be interesting from an offensive perspective, specifically because of the architecture of Evansville’s stadium.

“They have a very nice park, but it’s interesting how it’s laid out because it’s a little uphill,” Sewell said. “At times you feel like the pitch is thrown down and you are as a hitter you feel like you can’t get on top of the ball.”

Freshman back-up pitcher Katie Bertelsen said her expectations are for her benefit more than the game. She said she’s determined to throw strikes and make good defensive plays.

“If I pitch, I just know I have to hit them to do that,” Bertelsen said. “I have to do my best.”

Bertelsen said the team has to be aware both on defense and offense to take the series against the Aces. She said the Salukis’ game plan on defense is to avoid random errors, something they typically struggle with during games. Sewell said the error APR falls below 900, men’s basketball could lose scholarships and face more severe postseason bans.

Rohrer said the next report will be published in May, although the APR for the current school year won’t be published until May 2013.

Media Services Director Tom Weber said Hinson won’t make any public comments about Setty or Daniels, including whether they will have further restrictions placed on their transfers, until the full assistant coaching staff is announced in a few days.

Joe Raguza hosts ‘The Saluki Report’ with Sam Donets and Kyle Fisher every Tuesday at 7 p.m. on WDBB.net The Revolution.

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Sophomore utility player Kelsea Ashton takes a strike against the University of Evansville Tuesday at Charlotte West Stadium. Ashton drove in the tying run in the bottom of the seventh inning and then scored the winning run against the Purple Aces. The Salukis face the team chain at Evansville, Ind., at Cooper Stadium.

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