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Gentlemen...

Art and design class prepare for annual Boat Regatta
STACY ROBINSON
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continued," said Lash, who has voiced concerns about the relationship between faculty and administration in the past.

Trauth's combination of flexibility and directness as a leader stood out to her. Lash said.

"We would be very lucky to have her here," Lash said.

Another faculty senator, Trauth addressed diversity among the faculty. She said one of the main reasons faculty diversity is vital is because students need to be aware of all types of people in the world because they are entering workplaces that are increasingly heterogeneous.

"If we had a stronger sense of the importance of diversity," she said.

At UNC-Chapel Hill, Trauth uses a program called "TARGET," which focuses on increasing faculty diversity. As such, she fills the offices at the university's faculty positions and the departments must compete by recruiting the best faculty possible to obtain a new position in the department. The program brought the first female professor in physics, Earth and environmental sciences, and minority faculty to various departments.

"Primarily we use the program to hire faculty of color," Trauth said.

She also stressed the importance of not just hiring minority faculty, but retaining them.

I have a high tolerance for the rough and tumble of the intellectual environment of a university," she said.

Gary Morgan, assistant dean of the Graduate School at UNC-Chapel Hill, works directly with Trauth when he was dean of the Graduate School of Texas A&M University. Morgan said Trauth "dive[s] into situations and gets to know them from every angle, instead of watching from the periphery."

"She is doing a great job of getting to know and understand the issues from multiple perspectives," he said.

Morgan said in addition to having a strong working relationship with the administration and faculty, Trauth is also well connected to the students.

Jill Adams, chair of the Chancellor Search Advisory Committee, said the audience asked good questions, but many of the questions required only a "yes" or "no" response.

"You can expect someone to have a solution-the minute they walk on campus," Adams said.

Despite low student turnout, Trauth did have the chance to meet with various students during her stay on campus.

Rob Taylor, as Undergraduate Student Government president, said one of the few students who attended Trauth's forum. Taylor said he was impressed that Trauth was able to answer most of the difficult questions.

"But I would have liked her to come out with a more direct approach than a pragmatic approach," he said.

One of the more difficult questions Trauth was faced with was why would she want to take the job, knowing it's a hard job. She said it was because she was impressed with the well-publicized dismissal of former chancellor Jo Ann Oppenheimer.

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Lieu tenant-General Romeo Dallaire to discuss U.N. inaction

GARY HEMPFILL
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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USG gets a jump start on next year at leadership conference

Student Government Initiative Conference brings new, old USG members together with community leaders

CHRISTIAN HALE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Effective leadership and better representation were key goals for the USG Senate. The conference served to build a foundation for the upcoming year and to encourage students to become involved in the Student Government.

In November, student representatives from various organizations on campus, including USG, the Greek system, international students, and other student programs, were invited to the first conference to discuss three key areas: increasing awareness among students of the political climate; enhancing student representation in elections; and improving communication and cooperation among student organizations. These efforts were important in increasing student participation in elections, stimulating an increase in the number of people involved, and providing a forum for open discussion and feedback on the status of student government elections.

Student Development. "Cole will talk about some of his experiences as a student leader and what he thought worked while he was at USC and perhaps he'll have some thoughts on what he might have done differently and what he found to be successful," Lawrence said.

Cole's presentation was designed to provide students with valuable insights into the challenges of leadership and to encourage them to become involved in the Student Government. He shared his experiences and highlighted the importance of effective communication and collaboration in achieving success.

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CD REVIEW

Difranco's double CD weaves poetry, insight into soulful yarn

Review by Anne Marie Tavella

Ani Difranco's latest creation is a schizophrenic ride into two sides of the indie goddess, with each personality revealed in its own disk.

Difranco's 29-song, double CD "Becoming/Reckoning" ranges from fiery collaboration to instrumental insights into her love for the guitar. She infuses her classic style of hard-edged guitar playing with lyrics that don't back down.

"Becoming" is filled with mostly moody tunes, containing Difranco's dynamic guitar with an orchestra of instruments, including trumpets, clarinets, organs and accordions. 

And in an added bonus, former James Brown sax player Maceo Parker pops in for a stirring solo. Parker also collaborates with Difranco on her last full-length album, "To the Teeth."

Even when she is accompanied by a horn, Difranco's sultry voice swivels split-second singing lyrics like "our future is just a vague, run-down, girls' job."

The album begins with the intensely evocative "Albatross" and slows to an end with the jazzy lullaby of "Beautiful Trick.

"In the fourth track, a musical backdrop sets the stage as the song's slow, slinky poetry is "toe-curling, pulsing, and inducing a certain type of anesthesia."

The second set of songs is more introspective, with lyrics like "then suddenly I just wanted my guitar playing/ and so I just started singing along/ and Irish Music and Dance Festival

Ye olde Irish music will rattle yer bones a wee bit

Liz Carroll, other Irish performers to play music festival.

Emily Ondorf

Liz Carroll and her fiddles will bring the song of Ireland to Southern Illinois this weekend.

Carroll is one of eight acts who will take the Shryock Auditorium stage today and Saturday as part of the 5th Annual Southern Illinois Irish Music and Dance Festival.

Carroll played in the first festival in 1997 and will join other Irish dancers and musicians for a reunion of past performers.

Carroll began playing the fiddles when she was nine years old when her father taught her. Her father played the fiddle, and ever since, Carroll has been a part of Irish music since.

But even her love of Irish music has different variations. Northern Irish and Southern Irish fiddlers have their own specific style, and Carroll, who grew up in Chicago, said that because of the many immigrants, the Irish music had many different forms.

"Most people would say I'm a fiddler," Carroll said. "But after 25 years of fiddle-playing, a long list of awards and recognition and a respected following, Carroll returns to share her music.

And it could be considered a honor that SICEC is hosting Carroll's presence. She is an all-related fiddle player and a 1994 recipient of the master traditional music fellowship fellowship in Washington, D.C., by Hilary Radom Clinton.

Carroll said that as a child she never dreamed that music would take her so far.

Even with all the awards and honor, music remains for Carroll a means of relaxation. She likes to play pristine pieces and also create her own music.

With her Chicago home, she likes to play with other musicians at concerts.

"When you sit at that session, no one has an agenda, you have to open up your ears and listen to each other. You have to entertain the people around you." Carroll said.
Murder mystery mayhem

"Who Killed Captain Kirk?"

knocks em' dead

KELLY DAEYFORT  DAILY EGYPTIAN

Kevin O'Brien dies at least every other month, usually in front of a lot of stupid stuff. "I'm on the road, it's always so exciting," he says. He's a world traveler, a little bit of a clown, and a lot of fun. "I'm not sure if I'm a clown, but I know I'm funny," he says. He's been on tour with NRPS for years and has played with everyone from Rick James to Linda Ronstadt.

On his phone, O'Brien slides between characters seamlessly. He switches on a southern accent in a flash to describe one of his recurring characters. Then he shoppers a top off on an impression of a Southern belle. "I'm not sure if I'm a belle, but I know I'm funny," he says. He's been on tour with NRPS for years and has played with everyone from Rick James to Linda Ronstadt.

The show goes on for about two hours, with O'Brien and his scenes partners jumping between different scenes. At the vineyard, the pair has to thrust down a flash to the wine cellar to do the whirlwind costume change.

"And being a lot of freedom to O'Brien, a self-proclaimed 'thug,'" he says. "When you're in costume, you can say any thing you want to anybody," he says. "It can be very therapeutic." Even on the phone, O'Brien slides between characters seamlessly. He switches on a southern accent in a flash to describe one of his recurring characters. Then he shoppers a top off on an impression of a Southern belle. "I'm not sure if I'm a belle, but I know I'm funny," he says. He's been on tour with NRPS for years and has played with everyone from Rick James to Linda Ronstadt.

For the last 12 years, O'Brien and fellow actors from his Chicago troupe, Upstage Productions, have played with everything from Rick James to Linda Ronstadt.

"The best audience is drunk, but not uncontrollable," he says. "They appreciate the satire of the jokes, but they're not so drunk that they don't even consider the humor." But if you ask O'Brien, he says, "I still got to see it to believe it. So go and visit it this Saturday, then come to Fred's to see Long Run for a good time... yada, yada, doors open at 9:30pm, music from 9-1am.

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Classic rockers to play Shawnee cave

MARLEEN TROUT  DAILY EGYPTIAN

In the '70s, the Shawnee cave was Southern Illinois' hippie-hippie heaven, venue for the day's jam bands. Here in the natural kappa off Route 127 two founding members of the New Riders of the Purple Sage (NRPS) will reunite to bring back that psychadelic spirit.

David Nelson and Buddy Cage are returning to reproduce the brow of woodsland bands2 influenced by Jerry Garcia, another member of NRPS.

"For big weekend shows like this, with Jerry Garcia playing," Nelson said. "I think it's time to do it again. People come together up to you and ask you to see your audience - that's what I'm thinking of."

The band last played Carbondale in October of 1999 after emerging from a 10-year jocke. Now they will sell the video themselves, "High Adventure in Japan" and copies of their new CD, "Vision Under the Moon," at Saturday's perform-

During a recent jam session, Nelson said, "We looked out on a crowd of 200 people who couldn't help but be swayed by it."

"The music allows Nelson to forever remember the kid who was his Biggie-Smithey days."

"We just want to keep the spirit alive by taking a fresh look at the music," Nelson said. "If you want to keep the spirit alive, you have to keep the music alive."

Nelson, along with musical compatriots Robert Hunter and Jerry Garcia, is known as the pioneers of the San Francisco sound. During his days with NRPS, he has released several classic albums for Columbia Records and has been known as one of the most influential guitarists in the country. He's currently playing with the band America and is known for his electric guitar work.

"I try to keep the spirit alive by always taking a fresh look at things," Nelson said. "I still think about what I'm going to do when I grow up." After Cage and Nelson play on Saturday, Cage will slide and perform his electric guitar with The Brooklyn Cowboys as headliners of the country music show Sunday.

As a member of NRPS, replacing Jerry Garcia in 1971; Nelson was known for his electric guitar work and his contribution to the band's sound. He's currently playing with the band America and is known for his electric guitar work.

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Emily Shane will perform "Anthony
for the Movie" at 10 p.m. at Bobby's.
Original Pain will perform at Palace
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Saturday, April 28
Yo-Yo Ma will perform at Copper
Dragon Breathing Company (on stage
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Wednesday, May 3
The Battle of the Bands continues at
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form at 10 p.m. at Bobby's.
Steve Wilson will perform at 10 p.m.
Bobby's

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Crossing the line, winning the gold

ANDREA DONALDSON
DAILY EAGLE

Tommy Jones smiled proudly as the sun glinted off his first-place gold medal for the 50-meter-run Thursday at the Southern Illinois Special Olympics Spring Games. 

Jones, from the Cape L.

Clock Mental Health and Development Center in Anna, was one of about 500 participants eagerly sporting their athletic ability in the track and field events at McKendree Stadium. "I'm happy for each and every one who participated," he said. "We have a variety of year-

round competitions," she said. "Along with the many participants in the event were 319 volunteers from SIUC, the Carbondale community and the surrounding area. Cathy Overturf, volunteer coordinator for the games, said volunteers help stage events, get athletes ready, time events and do other jobs to make the day run smoothly.

"This year I had plenty of volunteers, but there have been years where it depends on the schedule."

Nelson came out to the games ready, time events and do whatever was needed. "Overturf said. "I don't need to practice. I can just do it," he said. "I ran against eight guys and I whipped them all."

Though Jones was excited about winning his race, he said there were no hard feelings between him and other participants. "I'm happy for each and every one who participated," he said.

Lana Dobril, a competitor in Thursday's Special Olympics, stays ahead of the pack in a 50 and over wheelchair race. The Special Olympics festivities started at 8:30 a.m. and took place at McKendree Stadium.
Bringing peace to the Middle East may be a complicated situation, but Jyotilca Ramaprasad looks for a simple solution.

Ramaprasad, dean of the College of Mass Communications and Media Arts, has written a grant asking for funds to bring Israeli and Palestinian citizens to the United States to not only learn about American journalism, but to work on projects as a team.

"It's ideal to make peace. For the first time we have groups who belong to the same region. If it worked, there's no reason it shouldn't work again," said Ramaprasad in 1994. The money is provided by the United States Information Agency and has brought numerous groups of people from South Asia and Tanzania to the United States and SIUC.

Ramaprasad has written four grants for South Asia programs. She said these programs are similar to laboratories for any other field of study. The program last sends representatives to those five countries to train them. The visitors then come to the United States, spending from 10 days to six weeks in the country, to visit media organizations and Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

"We want to empower citizens to understand what it means to communicate," she said.

Padmini Patwardhan, a professor in Mass Communications and Media Arts, has written a grant asking for funds to bring Israel and Palestine citizens to SIUC in 1994.

Patwardhan said when she visited India in 1994, there were numerous groups of people from Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan and India who have worked together on media projects.

The projects started with former dean, Joe Forte, in 1994. The money is provided by the United States Information Agency and has brought numerous groups of people from South Asia and Tanzania to the United States and SIUC.

"We have a goal," Patwardhan said. "We have a vision."

Patwardhan said the "Piece by Piece" grant will not only promote harmony, but works to expand the participants.

"Many women have made use of the program," Patwardhan said. "They've used this as a launching pad."

"We want to make sure that non-engineering students know that they are welcome to come study and receive help too," she said.

"Many students that are not engineering majors have math and science classes so it would benefit them to come out as well," said Hobbs, a sophomore in mechanical engineering.

"The society just wants to promote academic unity among all students at the University in a fun and relaxing environment," Proctor said.

"We are all about living forward in society," he said. "We specialize in encouraging minorities to come forth but we also believe in working together in the academic community."
Wilde
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unable to look away at the circular fighters' adrenaline charged dynamics.

Adding to the feel is the way the characters are costumed. Don't expect stodgy English that Wilde committed it with males who were young and below his station. The veil and the wister that testify against him are considered innocent, but his principal love, Lord Alfred, is never charged.

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Aviation Career Day lands

Chicagoland high school students get a tour of SIUC

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DAYTON EDITION

Clarence Copping graduated from the aviation program at SIUC in 1977 and fly to Carbondale Saturday to aid a tour of the facilities.

"It's always nice to come back down," said Copping, who has been a pilot for United Airlines since 1983. "It's nice to show the programs the University has to offer.

The eighth annual United Airlines Aviation Career Day is Saturday. About 90 prospective SIUC students from the Chicago area will be departing from O'Hare International Airport at 8 a.m. and landing at Southern Illinois Airport an hour later. The plane will also be carrying about 25 students to answer questions and aid the tour of the campus.

The Boeing 737-300 that the Chicago students will be flying in has SIUC alumni Matthew Wilcox's name on the side of it. It is the only one of 600 planes to be named after an United Airlines employee. Wilcox passed away of cancer at the age of 28.

While in Carbondale, the students will tour the aviation facilities and the main campus.

"Most of them are already interested in aviation in some way," said David Newmyer, chair of Aviation Management and Flight. "What they would be getting is a free trip to a college campus to check things out."

The career day is aimed at black, Hispanic and female students. The aviation program is only 15 percent female, Newmyer said. SIUC is the only state school in Illinois that has a comprehensive aviation degree program, offering degree in aviation flight.

SIUC and United Airlines share the same goal for the program.

"We're trying to get more women and minorities and so is United," Newmyer said. "It sort of meshed with United's goal."

The goal stemmed from problems with affirmative action 20 years ago. It is now in United's corporate culture to recruit women and minorities.

Newmyer said he was grateful to United for donating the use of the plane. The estimated cost to the airline for use of the plane for one day is about $4,000 in ticket prices and operating costs.

Since the Career Day program started eight years ago, 24 participants are currently enrolled in the aviation program and two students have graduated. Seventy student interns at United from SIUC have advanced to employment with United as flight officers, aircraft technicians and aviation professionals.

Newmyer said that this would be a nice opportunity for students to evaluate what a career in aviation.

"What we are doing is a long-term recruiting," Newmyer said. "We're trying to get freshmen and sophomores to look at us and hopefully they will come back to school here."
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PHILADELPHIA (AP-WIRE) — The 2001 Penn Relays will feature a strong assortment of 297 different colleges and all regions of the United States. And this weekend should display the finest teams in track — the up-and-coming Michael Johnson and的是 Madge Jennea. College athletes will travel to Franklin Field to show off their talent and see names forever linked into the opening NCAA National Championships, to be held in Eugene, Ore., May 30 to June 2.

At this weekend, the collegiate relay events would be dominated by only five schools. Texas Christian looks to be the only one to host the top events. The Hanned Frogs are defending Penn Relays champs in the 4x100 meters (39.06 seconds), the 4x200 (1:19.67) and the 4x400 (3:05.20).

TCU will return to Philly with three out of four members from last year’s Penn Relays 4x100 squad and last season’s fastest collegiate 4x100 time for this season’s (38.77). But Tennessee will be one of those teams sticking in the Hanned Frogs’ way.

Vol’s star pitcher Leonard Scott is deadest when combined with the talent of sensational freshman Justin Gatlin and Sean Lambert. Tennessee has not won an event at the Penn Relays since 1998, but these new additions should give the Volunteers a chance to break that drought.

Louisiana State is the favorite in the 4x400, but Florida is not far behind, coming off a win at the Southeastern Relays two weekends ago at Knoxville, Tenn.

Florida looks to dominate in the hurdles events, but will have to fend off Temple Cedric — a pair of teams that have won four of the last five Relays shuttles hurdles titles.

In the distance events, all eyes will be on Seaford. The Cardinal carry a strong name that includes two members from the 2000 U.S. Olympic team — Michael Johnson and Gabe Jennings — and look to capitalize on this experience in the 400, 1500 and the distance medley.

But traditional distance powerhouse Arkansas will be hard to challenge Stanford. For the first time in two decades, the Runnin’ Irish won’t be competing at the Penn Relays. Instead, Jackie McDonald trojans — many of whom hail from the Midwest — will head to Delaware, Iowa, for this weekends Drake Relays. The Runnin’ Irish are expected to stay away from Philadelphia for long, however, as McDonald will Penn Relaysentes that he hoped it would be just a “one-in-four-year” occurrence.

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"It was just one non-stop hilarious moment," said Mie, a four-year starter at third base. "We’ve had two of these, and that’s even worse than what we’ve had, but we were having a good time."

of the day, Halb’lan said. The team last season; and Meier has been steady as ever, playing like a first baseman.

"I love coming out any seeing everybody on the team, it’s the best part of the day," Mie said.

Stremstcrfer said she could come to practice in a horrible mood, feeling like she’s not doing anything right. At home, though, she’s in the real world, though. "I’ll be at work at 3:15 and I’ll be like ‘God, I should be here now’ but I’m not, I don’t even know where to start." Whether they finish their careers as MVC Champions or not, the team last season; and Meier has been steady as ever, playing like a first baseman. Then they were back to work at 3:15 and I’ll be like ‘God, I should be here now’ but I’m not, I don’t even know where to start." Whether they finish their careers as MVC Champions.

"They were very proud of their team," Mie said. "I wish they could have experienced it.

"We’ve won so many times, and this year’s got to be the first time," Callahen said.

"They just know that they’ll be crossing paths with our guys don’t appreciate what they have, and these guys want to enjoy every moment of what they have until the last minute," Halb’lan said.

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Men's golf team ready for MVC Championships

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The 70-member Players Club at Darsee Run in Silvis has been host to some of the world's best golfers, the annual John Deere Classic, which has featured such big-name players as the late Payne Stewart.

This following week, they will be hosting the Missouri Valley Conference's best golfers at the MVC Championships April 30 through May 1.

This year's tournament, which is officially hosted by Illinois State University, is a chance for the SIU men's golf team to show they're better than people they say they are.

The Salukis were picked to finish 11th at the championships even though the numbers say they should be fifth or sixth. "We can finish anywhere from eighth place to fourth place," said SIU head coach Lenny Newton. "If we can play our game and play down good, we believe we can finish in the top three or four. The kids are ready to play, they think they can play with anybody in the conference and we're going to give it a shot."

Senior Mike Hack said while his main goal is just for the team to have a good showing, he feels they can easily finish in the top half once everything is all said and done.

"I definitely think that we can finish in the top four there in the tournament," Hack said. "Everybody's really starting to play well and come together right now."

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Newton feels the team is ready for the MVC's and said the team has spent this past week practicing fine tuning the game.

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With athletes returning from injury and a thinner-than-usual outdoor schedule, women's head coach Don DeNoon thought a weekend trip would be beneficial for the team.

SIU had already planned to send 10 athletes to Drake Relays and will now send the remainder of the team to SIU-E for the weekend. "I thought it would be in the best interest of (the women's distance corps) to compete in individual events versus relays up there," DeNoon said referring to his decision on going to Conference "Fidd Athlete of the Week" the past two weeks.

Competing at the prestigious Drake Relays for SIU will be Lovelace (100m dash) and the 4x400 relay team of Johnson and Gray. "I thought about it and thought it's probably a good idea to give everyone else an opportunity to compete, I checked the schedule and sure enough, Edwardsville had a meet."

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Mike Hack had a stress fracture in his left foot that will keep him from competing at Drake Relays. He will not run in the 110-meter hurdles and the 4x100 relay team.

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The six seniors of the Saluki softball team head into their final home games this weekend against Bradley University. (Starting from the left) Netty Hallahan, Marta Viefhaus, Erin Stremsterfer, and Amanda Rovact will be missed as much for their fun-loving nature as for their love for the game.

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**Softball curtain call**

Kerri Blaylock
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**Daily Egyptian**

It's final call. But six rambunctious Salukis just don't want to leave.

This weekend, the senior members of the Saluki softball team will say goodbye to their playing days at IAW Fields as Bradley University comes to town for a three-game series, the final home series of the season.

"I'm not ready for it to be over," said first baseman Berry Halpin.

For each senior, the past four years as a Saluki (32-14, 15-6) went by too fast.

"It just seems like yesterday that me and Julie [Meier] and Erin [Steinmetzer] came down here and were moving into the dorms," said senior center fielder Mattie Viefhaus.

Head coach Kerri Blaylock also doesn't want to see her six seniors exit the gate to their playing days.

"This may be the first time in a long, long time that I might cry my eyes out when the last game's over with," Blaylock said. "They've just been a great group of girls, they've been a barrel of fun and they love to play the game, so it's going to be hard losing them go.

"It's kind of like Linus giving his blanket up or something; it's going to be tough."

While Amanda Rovact journeyed to Charleston from far north as Ottawa, Chia Calvetti opted to not even leave her hometown to don the Maroon and White.

"I can remember playing high school region games on this field and just dreaming of playing on this field," Calvetti said. "The dream came not and we've had an awesome four years, I couldn't have asked for better teams or with better girls."

"It's been the best time of my life."

What made this group so special was the bond they made as teammates, and more importantly, friends.

"Coming out of high school you don't know anybody, and at first it wasn't instant friendship, but it developed and it's just like having sisters," Rovact said.

"They're your family here, that's the closest thing you have to family when you're away from home." And on a team of characters, Rovact definitely takes the nod as the team captain of pranksters.

"I think I've gotten a little more mature, calmed down a little bit," she modestly admitted. "But I'm still known to hide in Erin's closet every now and again and scare her."

"It's the little things like Rovact's playful antics that the group will miss most."

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**It's do or die time for the Diamond Dawgs**

SIU baseball travels to the University of Evansville for a must-win four-game series

**Javier Serna**

**Daily Egyptian**

Saluki baseball sends some conference wins, and it needs them now.

With a seventh place conference standing, SIU badly needs victories in this weekend series with the University of Evansville. The Salukis have nine losses and six wins on this season, and are looking to go 3-0 this weekend.

To make the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, the Salukis have to slide into sixth place, and with only eight conference games remaining, the possibilities are against them.

"I don't think we can do much worse than split here in Evansville and still be in the conference tournament picture," SIU head coach Don Callahan said.

Evansville head coach Jim Brownlee is more concerned about his own team than the Salukis.

"I'm not worried about Southern. You worry about how we play," Brownlee said. "If we play we'll be OK. If not, then it's going to be a battle for us." Brownlee understands SIU's situation.

"They've got to get the 13 or 14 conference wins if they're going to make the tournament," Brownlee said. "They're going to have some major urgency this weekend or they're going to be eliminated."

But SIU senior ace Josh Latimer doesn't want to panic.

"I don't think there's a sense of urgency," Latimer said, "in a way there is, but we're not going to play like we're not going to show up. We're going to go out there, and we're going to play the way we know we can."

Saluki designated hitter Roman Schooley agrees.

"I think we've got to be relaxed," Schooley said, "but we've got to be urgent at the same time because we have to have those wins if we're going to make a stack."

**Figuring out Larrison**

Evansville junior ace Preston Larrison is 6-2 this year and Brownlee is still not satisfied.

"He should probably be a lot worse than that because he hasn't pitched well," Brownlee said. "He's only had one really good outing, and that was last weekend when he was dominant. Before that he had 10 innings and only 36 strikeouts. He's been throwing the ball for..."