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Daily Egyptian Staff
Sun blinded hit, run driver, attorney says

By Bill West

The driver of a car that seriously injured a SIU-C student was blinded by the sun — not drunk — at the time of the accident, her attorney said at a bench trial Thursday.

Debra L. Porter, 22, is on trial for felony driving under the influence, leaving the scene of a personal injury accident, failure to give information and render aid and obstruction of justice.

The non-jury trial is before Judge Robert Hewston in Jackson County Court.

Police say Porter was the driver in a July 15, 1986, accident on Giant City Road, in which Christina Copland, graduate student in physical education, lost her left leg. Copland was riding on a motorcycle going south when she hit a car that crossed the center line near Fox curve.

"Evidence will show that a traffic light took place, but won't support a jury DUI charge," said Robert Van Derhoff, Jackson County public defender, said.

Porter was distracted by a passenger shouting and blinded by the glare of a cracked windshield, Van Derhoff said.

A toxicologist will testify he can determine whether Porter was intoxicated from information provided by witnesses who saw her driving.

John Clemons, Jackson County State's attorney, said. No blood, breath or urinalysis tests were performed on Porter.

The defense claims the toxicologist's estimated alcohol content in Porter's blood was between .053 percent and .234 percent. Under Illinois DUI law, a person is considered intoxicated if their blood alcohol content is .1 percent or above.

A witness, Ross True, said she could not identify Porter as the third member of a party who had been drinking at her trailer before the accident. The trailer is at the Touch of Nature Center near Little Grassy Lake.

The two other people drinking that day have pleaded guilty to charges stemming from the accident.

Diana Quigley, 22, Carbondale, was sentenced to two years in prison after she pleaded guilty to obstruction of justice. Arlene Stafford, 22, Lawrenceville, was sentenced for possession of marijuana and was sentenced to six months in jail after she pleaded guilty to similar charges.

Both were passengers in the Porter car.

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Housing moves toward revising mattress policy

By Luana Graves

University Housing will change its procedures for disposing of old mattresses because more than 225 mattresses were distributed to low-income families without formal approval.

The mattresses were distributed by the Carbondale Women's Center and the Jackson County Housing Authority — were given away without a written record of the transaction and officials were unclear as to how many mattresses were involved.

"We must look into finding a more accurate procedure for distributing mattresses," Bruce Swinburne, vice president for student affairs, said.

"To my knowledge, this is the first year, provided to the housing that has distributed mattresses," he said. "An exception was made in our

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Gus Bode

Gus says somebody's sleeping on the job.

Officials suggest alcohol-free Springfest

By Eric Oestmann

University administrators have asked the Student Programming Council to consider some options to cut alcohol consumption during Springfest 1988, Bruce Swinburne, vice president of student affairs, said.

The suggestions include the banning of alcohol from all future Springfests.

"We want to promote a safe and fun Springfest, but the amount of alcohol sometimes has gotten in the way," he said.

In a letter from John Corker, Student Center director, to Sandra Moore, the University's program director for SPC, several suggestions were made for the next Springfest.

—Hold Springfest and the Great Cardboard Boat Regatta on separate days.

—Limit activities from noon to 5 p.m. on Saturday.

—Ban alcohol sponsorship or consumption and set up fences to control access and eliminate alcohol at the Springfest.

—Design a program that might have a football game scheduled in the afternoon during Springfest.

Swinburne said he has considered closing traffic on campus during the event.

Students will be asked for their input next semester, he said.

Swinburne also is concerned, he said, about liability if an underage drinker has an accident.

"We are concerned with Springfest being a family affair and at times the atmosphere has become intimidating for families," he said.
U.S. supporters contribute to IRA funds, source says

LONDON (UPI) — The outlawed Irish Republican Army receives a large portion of its annual war chest of up to $10 million from U.S. supporters and "occasionally" receives money from Libya, a high-ranking British military source said Thursday. The source, at a briefing for U.S. reporters, said the IRA's annual "total income" is estimated at between $6.5 million and $8 million to finance its campaign to end British rule in Northern Ireland.

Ailing cosmonaut aborts record attempt

MOSCOW (UPI) — An ailing cosmonaut, forced to abort an attempt to break the space endurance record because of heart trouble, and two space colleagues returned to Earth on Thursday, their mission shortened by a week.

Johannesburg car bomb explosion injures 68

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (UPI) — A car bomb exploded Thursday outside the Witwatersrand Army Command headquarters, injuring 68 people, including children walking to a movie theater and soldiers waiting to collect their pay, police authorities said. Law and Order Minister AdriJan Vlok blamed the outlawed African National Congress for the attack. The mid-morning explosion shook buildings a mile away and blew out glass storefronts and the windows of offices and apartments within three blocks.

Sri Lankan sailor clubs, injures Gandhi

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (UPI) — A Sri Lankan sailor, apparently enraged by an Indian-Sri Lankan pact to end a rebel insurgency, clubbed Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi with a rifle Thursday, slightly injuring the leader as he inspected a color guard. He said he suffered bruises on his neck and head.

Reagan takes steps to deny abortion funding

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Reagan, rallying the politically faithful, announced a series of steps Thursday to bar federally financed family planning programs from encouraging or advising pregnant women on the option of abortion. In a move applauded by anti-abortion activists and denounced before the Senate Labor and Human Services Committee, Reagan said the Department of Health and Human Services will tighten restrictions on 4,500 federally supported family planning centers.

House delays crippled farm system rescue

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Republican delaying tactics forced House Democratic leaders Thursday to slow down an effort to ram a rescue of the financially crippled Farm Credit System through the House by next week. House leaders agreed to consider the legislation after Congress returns from its August recess. The issues are so intractable that lawmakers are uncertain how large the bailout should be of the FCS that lost $4.8 billion over 1985 and 1986, but the House Agriculture Committee was considering $3.5 billion.

Congress launches AIDS testing, funding bill

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Senators and representatives of both political parties said Thursday they would sponsor a bill increasing funding for voluntary acquired immune deficiency syndrome testing and guaranteeing counseling, privacy and nondiscrimination to those tested. Announcing the "Federal AIDS Policy Act," Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., said it would offer money to expand testing for exposure to the AIDS virus and would provide strong federal sanctions to prevent discrimination against those who test positive.

Man convicted of 'boozy-trapped' flower attack

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — A federal court jury convicted "bouquet bomber" Shaun Small Thursday for the boozy-trapped flower attack on the estranged wife of his alleged homosexual lover. The jury deliberated 4½ hours before finding Small, 27, guilty of possession of a bomb and malicious destruction of government property.
Asbestos control could gain funds in legal settlement

By Jackie Hampton

The University could benefit from a legal settlement being negotiated by the state and one of the largest manufacturers of asbestos in the nation.

The Johnstown-Monday Corp. has agreed that asbestos in the state's buildings is a problem and has agreed to pay some of the costs of controlling it, Philip Mueller, a spokesman for Attorney General Neil Hartigan, said.

Hartigan filed a $50 million lawsuit against the company two years ago.

Money recovered from any company would go toward abatement of the asbestos problem. Mueller said a task force formed by Hartigan and state Senate President Philip Rock gathered information in public hearings Wednesday that will back up the suit by the attorney general's office.

**Prime time**

Brad Taylor, assistant professor of plant soil and sciences, studies Loring peach trees at the Horticulture Research Center Wednesday. One of the trees was treated with shoot growth inhibitors, which make it more productive peach-wise.

SIU unrepresented at asbestos hearing

By Jackie Hampton

SIU was not represented at an attorney general's task force hearing on the asbestos in public buildings.

Dozens of witnesses testified at the hearing, but none were from SIU-C, Philip Mueller, a spokesman for Attorney General Neil Hartigan, said.

The University has two representatives on Hartigan's Illinois Asbestos Task Force, but both were out of town for a retreat dealing with University business, Cathy Walsh, an assistant to Pettit, said.

Hartigan had originally planned to conduct three hearings: one in Rockford and one in Marion, as well as the one Wednesday in Springfield.

"The governor's cuts took the legs out from under that plan," Mueller said. "We had to go with one statewide hearing."

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Minority students have been an untapped resource in the past, and like any new resource, they will provide the University and its community with new qualities and new knowledge.

It is irrelevant that they come from a minority; what matters is that they are good students who will be able to go to college.

BRUCE CHRISSMAN, ACADEMIC adviser for the minority engineering program, said the big reason for increased efforts to enroll minorities in engineering is they are under-represented in the work force.

"Black people make up 10 percent of the work force, but less than 2 percent of the engineering work force. This is an effort to make things a little more equal," he said.

He added that for many minority enrollment programs legislation backed by minority members of government.

Howard Webb, vice chancellor for academic affairs, called it "the socially and educationally responsible thing to do."

That applies whatever the impetus for the programs.

Chrisman perhaps put it best when he said, "It's fair, if it's just, it's the right thing to do."

It is the right thing to do.

Opinions from elsewhere

The Kansas City (Mo.) Star

Amidst all the complaints about the U.S. aviation system, one fact is continually and conveniently ignored by millions of passengers. Airline travel can be very dangerous.

For good reason, carriers do their best to make people forget that. Or overlook it. Which is why drinks are served on most flights, often along with meals, too. Passengers can walk around, go to the restroom, read magazines, listen to recorded music, sometimes even watch movies.

The image carriers want to project is that life goes on in a business-as-usual approach is right to take.

Fatal airline accidents are very rare. Accidents are not likely to occur. But if they do, the American public should not be surprised. They just should be better prepared.

The Phoenix (Ariz.) Gazette

Malcolm Baldridge was a man of achievement — a Yale graduate who went on to become chief executive officer of a 800 million-a-year industry and achieved political success as a popular and effective secretary of commerce. Yet to many Americans with leather fingernails, dirt scars all over their bodies, Baldridge was admired as a muddin' good rounder.

Baldridge's scruffy admirers are professional rodeo cowboys. They can thank Baldridge for his charm to crack any at Yale, and Baldridge was an honored member.

Baldridge may have continued with rodeo for so long because it teaches more about some human encounters than any university.

Malcolm Baldridge will be remembered for his achievements in business and government, not for his rodeo exploits. The odds are better than even, however, that he excelled in the corporate board room and in the president's Cabinet because of some hard falls on rodeo grounds.

Letters

Congress, not North, is the big liar

After reading the Daily Egyptian and your editorial of Col. North, I strive as much as somewhat hypocrical.

Months before Col. North's appearance, the cartoon and columns of the news media, the Daily Egyptian included — had been vilifying him before the facts and testimony became clear.

Watching the hearings of all witnesses on CNN or C-Space, it was obvious — even on CNN that what Dan Rather was telling one was taken out of context from what I heard.

When Col. North testified, the three major networks, which hadn't cared before, now pre-empted everything with hopes that he would hang the president and that the media would have more fun than Watergate. It would then justly the misleading information they have been giving us for years.

Suddenly it backfired and they couldn't filter out the true story on Nicaragua and feed us the baloney the Nicaraguan band had been handing us since 1979.

The misleading, amateurish cartoon of Col. North saying "Yes, I lied to Congress" that appeared in the Daily Egyptian on June 22 says nothing about Congress lying to us on so many issues, projects or pay raises, which is based on misleading legislation. "Yes, I am an American hero." He never said that.

American cowards never get the medals that he wore, among which are the Silver Star (the nation's third highest award for bravery), Bronze Star (marked with a V for valor) and Purple Heart with star (twice wounded in action).

Some hero, and doing a number on the Sandinista main man, the Ayatollah, is a real idea. — Jeff Thomson, Murphysboro.

Iran hearings show media biases

In reference to your editorial of July 22, 1987, I must say that the news media, both print and electronic, have risen to new heights of hypocrisy.

Yours was not the only news story that made the New York Times' broader and apolitical fits when Oliver North became something of a folk hero at the hands of that kangaroo court that Congress liked to call the Iran-Contra Committee.

You and your colleagues waived with great anticipation and predictions of a grand vengeance for that upset North only to watch these plans backfire.

It's obvious to almost everyone that, not withstanding the fence that should have been provided at government expense, Col. North was a man of great personal courage and integrity. What a contrast to those in Congress who per­secute him.

After months of interrupting network television and spending millions of dollars, Democrats are no closer to proving that anyone did anything illegal. Yet they did a wonderful job of revealing the importance of one's own government on the left, the length bias of the news media.

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Feminism and fanaticism aren't comparable

Not to prolong the debate, but I would appreciate a clarification from Mr. DeYoung as to those statements made by feminists who make the movement "a whole look silly and fanatical."

I do not consider such statements made in activism to be fanaticul. On the contrary, perhaps it is because these women took the risk to expose themselves, to be outspoken and to step beyond the expected behaviors demanded of women — selflessness, silence and obedience — that I admire them. They have spoken only to one worthy issue, pay equity, but many essential ones that "even the most conservative people" do not see fit to address with any conviction or equality.

I agree that many individuals do grow un­comfortable when faced with political issues that they might rather ignore or discount because the status quo might be upset. Mr.

Doonesbury

Doonesbury
A gun-toting precedent has begun; can armed teachers be far behind?

DOUGLAS Kaul
Tribune Media Services

not appropriate to walk up to the vehicle with a shotgun.

She described to me a scene in which two officers were standing by a car as they waited for a warrant to be served. The driver of the car was a 10-year-old boy who had been riding with his parents in the vehicle.

"As they approached the car, the child started to reach for his gun, which was sitting in the back seat," said one of the officers. "I immediately grabbed the child's arm and told him not to move."

JUDGES who don't punish abusers and wisdom knocked into their ranks

I'M SURE that anyone who would even consider being a police officer would agree that what I'm going to describe here is not acceptable behavior.

First incident: There was a 2-year-old girl named April. One day she was left alone in the car with her older brother, who was about 6. This makes her mother angry. Her mother drags the little girl back into the house and throws her against a wall. Then she hits the wall so hard that the skin is burned.

A jury in Wilkes-Barre, Pa., sentenced the parents to prison for child abuse, and the parents appealed the decision.

"April's head snapped back and her face was pressed against the wall hard enough to peel their skin," said one of the judges. "The child was screaming, and the parents were just standing there, watching."
**DRIVER, from Page 1**

All four persons at the trailer were drinking at the time, said Vegetti and Staten were identified by True.

Porter looked familiar, True said, but she could not positively identify her as being there.

Nancy Cone, Marion County, a witness to the accident, said the Porter car did nothing unusual until it slowly crossed the center line on a curve as it was going south on Giant City Road.

Cone pulled out behind the Porter car onto Giant City Road from Little Grassly Road, she said. The Porter kept going straight even though it was entering a curve, Cone said.

The car was about one-quarter to one-half way in the southbound lane she said. Then she saw the approaching motorcycle.

"Oh my gosh, what's going to happen?" Cone testified she said to her daughter.

The motorcyclist (Copland) tried to get out of the way, but didn't have enough time to react, Cone said. The Porter car's brake lights never came on, but the car did slow down slightly, Cone said. The motorcycle became airborne and Cone saw something drop off, she said.

"I thought it was a shoe or boot," Cone said.

Copland was still on the airborne motorcycle as it went to the right and landed on the side of the road near a gravel driveway. Cone testified that she slowed down to almost a complete stop looking for a place to call for help, but Rodney Bledsoe, who lived in Pine Creek Trailer Court, told her that he was going to call for help from his trailer.

Cone follow the Porter car to a subdivision and got the license number, she testified. She reported that information to the Jackson County Sheriff's office.

The description of the accident left Porter teary-eyed and visibly shaken.

Julie O'Donnell, a counselor at Anna Mental Hospital, testified she talked on the phone to Porter several hours after the accident. Porter (calling from Salem), told her she couldn't see what she hit because the sun was in her eyes, but that there was blood on her windshield and she wanted to turn herself in to the police. O'Donnell asked Porter if she had been drinking, she said, and Porter said she had not.
Movie Guide

**Draget** — (Saluki, PG-13) Dan Ackroyd and Tom Hanks star as Joe Friday's nephew and his new partner in this comedy spoof of the original '50s and '60s cop show. Directed and co-scripted by Tom Mankowitz.

**Full Metal Jacket** — (University 4, R) This powerful Vietnam War-drama is said to be as good or better than "Platoon." Matthew Modine stars as Private "Joker," a marine who narrates his experiences from boot camp training to the 1968 Tet Offensive. Directed and directed and co-scripted by Stanley Kubrick of "The Shining.

**Harry and the Hendersons** — (Liberty, Murphysboro, PG) A vacationing family discovers a bigfoot creature in the woods in this light comedy.

**Jaws: The Revenge** — (Saluki, PG-13) Hold on to your flotation devices, that Great White (or one of its recent clones) is back in town. Directed in number four of the series. Lorraine Gary is the only original cast member back for more, this time co-starring with "The Shining" stars Holly and The Big Bopper. Eisa Morales, Rosana De Soto and Elizabeth Pena star.

**The Living Daylights** — (Fox Eastgate, PG) Timothy Dalton stars as the new 007, but the story line should be James Bond-standard: plenty of action, evil villains, car chases and women who succumb to that Bond charm.

**The Lost Boys** — (Varsity, R) Young, punk vampires stalk the night in this new wave thriller. Jason Patric, Corey Haim, Dianne Wiest and Jami Gertz star.

**Revenge of the Nerds 2: Nerds in Paradise** — (University 4, PG-13) The latest nerds comedy finds our misfit heroes invading Florida for a fraternity council convention.

**Snow White** — (University 4, G) Walt Disney's first full-length animated feature is being re-released to celebrate its 50th anniversary. This classic is still a guaranteed kid-pleaser.

**Summer School** — (Varsity, PG-13) Mark Harmon of "St. Elsewhere" stars as a gym teacher who reluctantly teaches summer school to a group of less-than-eager high school students in this new comedy.

**Superman IV: The Quest For Peace** — (Fox Eastgate, PG) Christopher Reeve and Gene Hackman are back as the Man of Steel and the born in his side. Lex Luthor, Margot Kidder, Mariel Hemingway and Jacki Cooper co-star.

**The Untouchables** — (Varsity, R) Brian De Palma directs another gangster epic, this time revolving around Elliot Ness' hunt for Mafioso king Al Capone. Although this is not in the league with "The Godfather," there is still plenty of bloody action. Kevin Costner, Charles Martin Smith and Robert De Niro star. Playwright David Mamet wrote the script, which is loosely based on the old TV series.

Pirates broadcast 'legal' rebel rock

LONGBEACH, N.Y. (UPI) — A radio station Thursday offered time to pirate disc jockeys who aired rock 'n' roll from a freighter until federal agents arrested them and seized the ship for breaking a law against offshore broadcasting.

"We see a potential void in radio programming and we want the public to have a choice," said Joe Saladin, a talk show host on WNYG-AM, an "adult contemporary" station in Babylon, N.Y. Saladin said WNYG would create an on-air forum for founders of Radio New York International, who say they are dissatisfied with what they call the "state of commercial rock 'n' roll radio, which is not their rebellious ideas."
JoJo, friends hit the road to Olney

Remote broadcast planned

By Donna Jennings

WSIU-TV will take its cast of puppet characters from the "JoJo & Friends Club" to Olney Saturday to do its annual remote broadcast for its sister station, WSIU-TV.

The "JoJo & Friends Club" is a children's show produced and taped on WSIU-TV. It is shown at 9 and 11:30 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The main character is JoJo, a 6-foot koala bear from Australia, who is visiting his friends in Carbondale. The target audience is children ages 3 to 8.

The remote broadcast this year will be centered around Wallie, a squirrel whose hometown is Olney. The mayor of Olney will present Wallie with a key to the city and there will be a parade in the city parks.

The station sent letters to the club members in Olney inviting them to the remote broadcast. Children will be allowed to sit in a VIP area in which the station crew will film shots to be incorporated into the show for viewers.

The show was created by executive producer David Campbell, station manager Allan Pizzato and Kenneth Guarv, president of the Friends of SIU organization.

The show began as a 10-minute live performance shown every weekday. In fall 1985, the show was changed to a half-hour taped format with repeat broadcasts on Saturdays and Sundays.

In fall 1986, Lee O'Brien, director of broadcasting, focused the children's show on a central theme. The show tries to help children learn about themselves and the world around them, Campbell said.

The show allows a studio audience of children to participate in the program. Children also can join a membership club. More than 80 children are members of the JoJo & Friends Club in Olney, Campbell said.

Every summer, the station takes JoJo & Friends on the road to have a special get-together with club members in Olney.

"They are the ones who paid to keep the JoJo and Friends show on for next fall," Campbell said.

Families to get 'place in sun' at Turley fair

By Mary Caudle

"A Place in the Sun" was one of those projects that started out as an idea and grew. And grew.

Campaigned by Women's Studies and the Carbondale Park District, the "safe fun fair" will be held from 3 to 9 p.m. Saturday at Turley Park, featuring children and family-oriented activities such as open games, informational booths, demonstrations, and musical and comedic acts.

The brainchild of the Women's Studies coordinator, Linda Ganon, the summer fair was originally meant to provide visibility and much-needed money for the program. While the fair fell through last year, this year it finally took shape — surprising its organizers.

"It turned into something much bigger," said Julia Pachoud, fair coordinator. "It's like a rolling ball." She added that co-sponsorship by the Carbondale Park District has made the fair much bigger than they'd expected.

Pachoud said that George Whitehead, director of Carbondale Park District, offered to co-sponsor the fair after attending their organizational meeting. He also set up a liaison, Janine Gurr, from the Park District to participate in the organization of the fair, she said.

"He was very positive when I first approached him," Pachoud said.

Besides the obvious reasons, the summer fair serves another purpose for "Women's Studies: to allow people to divorce misconceptions about the program as "solely political" in its interests, Pachoud said.

The name, "A Place in the Sun," came about as a natural juxtaposition of Women's Studies' annual Take Back The Night march, Pachoud said. "Our goal was to make the fair safe, comfortable, friendly place to go.

"The fair will feature local crafts, storytelling and open games for children throughout the day, a demonstration by emergency medical technicians at 3:30 p.m. and a Shotokan Karate and self-defense demonstration at 4:15 p.m.

Acts performing will include Murphy's Rag Time Band playing Dixieland, polkas and standards, and offbeat folk music and humor Michael Meadows and Friends.

Tickets for food, games and prizes will be sold for 10 cents.
Today's Puzzle
Puzzle answers are on Page 14.

Two to split $22 million Lotto prize

SPRINGFIELD (UPI) — Two people matched all seven numbers in the Lotto-7 drawing Wednesday night and will split the $22 million prize, Lottery officials said Thursday.

Neither of the two players have come forward yet, said Carl Johnson, a Lottery Department spokesman. Each will receive $10,101,159 in 20 annual payments of $505,089.

Johnson said one of the winners bought a ticket at the White Hen Pastrami at 614 Meacham Road in Elk Grove Village and the other purchased a ticket at the E&J General Store at 3071 Kennedy Drive in East Moline.

Briefs

CHI ALPHA Charismatic Christian Fellowship will meet at 7 tonight in the Student Center Illinois Room.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS Media Services, a radio reading service for the blind and print handicapped, needs volunteers for on air reading and taping. For information, call SIMS at 549-5604.

BASE CAMP will rent camping gear and canoes at low cost to students, staff and alumni. Located in the Recreation Center, BASE Camp is open from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, noon to 6 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday and 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday. For information, call 536-6001.

Vega scores hit as 'Luka' makes top 5

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — The haunting strains of Suzanne Vega’s acoustic guitar and breathy voice have propelled the urban folk singer’s hit single “Luka” into the top five on Billboard magazine’s Hot 100 singles chart this week.

The Santa Monica, Calif.-born and New York-bred singer’s album “Solitude Standing” was at No. 12 on Billboard’s Top LP list and moving steadily upward on the strength of 500,000 copies sold in less than three months.

“Solitude Standing” opens with a crime-copelli, “Tom’s Diner,” followed by the powerful “Luka,” which perhaps best captures the album’s themes of alienation and observation.

Vega was writing songs at 14 and performing at 16. Although American listeners were slow to appreciate her talents, Vega’s 1985 debut album “Suzanne Vega” sold more than 500,000 copies outside the United States and reached double gold status in the United Kingdom where she played to sold-out audiences at London’s Royal Albert Hall.

Indeed, her songs have an edge lacking in the soft, pastoral melodies of most folk singers.
Poindexter misled officials on Iran affair, Reagan says

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Donald Regan, driven off as President Reagan's chief aide by the Iran-Contra scandal, testified Thursday he could not have "blown the whistle" on the diversion by advising, "What the hell is going on here?" Even then, Regan said, Poindexter told him, "Well, I guess I should look into it more... I just didn't look into it.

Though a sore thumb made his New York accent raspy, Regan revealed he was selected House-Senate committees probing the Iran-Contra scandal. He admitted his role in events in language that was by turns self-congratulatory was blunt.

His clear point: For a year, Poindexter managed the details of the Iran initiative and the diversion and kept almost all the information from the president, Cabinet officials. Even now, Regan, even as the scandal flowered.

In a personal aside, Regan also suggested that his Feb. 27 departure from government still left a bitter taste in his mouth: "I don't mind spears in the chest. It's knives in the back that concerns me."

A Harvard graduate, retired Marine Corps officer and once the chairman of the board of the Merrill Lynch investment house, Regan came to the administration in 1981 as treasury secretary. In 1985, he swapped jobs with White House chief of staff James Baker and assumed control of the president's schedule.
Veteran southpaw pitchers sell arms to needy teams

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — So what if you weigh nearly 300 pounds and really do bounce off the ground when you field a comebacker? You’re Terry Forooer, and you have a job in baseball.

It’s no big deal if you post an 0-5 record in a big league spring training with the Cincinnati Reds. The California Angels want you, Jerry Reuss, to start.

Rick Honeycutt owns a 2-11 record in the majors and Tyson is Tyson can be considered a bargain. Toolo didn’t show the numbers. His father, Bob, manages his son, did not show the numbers.

When Bob Tucker, who grew up in New York, was supposed to go to Europe and had a one-year-old daughter, things have not gone so well — Reuss, 38, has a 7.77 ERA in his last five starts.

But with Kirk McCaskill still struggling a broken elbow surgery, look for Reuss to remain around.

Then there’s McGregor, who just returned to the big leagues after a brief stay with the Rochester Red Wings. The 35-year-old was dispatched to the International League to work out a few kinks — the ones that produced a 5-7 record and 6.68 ERA.

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“McKinley’s first priority is keeping his head up,” McKinley said. “I almost quit once and if I had, I wouldn’t be here right now,” McKinley said. “That’s why I think it’s very important for me to remain optimistic. I can’t be putting pressure on him.”

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Learning 'swing tackle' position helps Van Dyke in roster quest

By Steve Merritt
Staff Writer

Former Saluki tackle Ralph Van Dyke doesn't know when the first cut is scheduled at the Atlanta Falcons training camp. As he sees it, he doesn't need to know, because he's confident he'll make the team.

Atlanta's training camp opened July 26 when about 40 rookies, players returning from injuries and selected veterans reported for physicals. Among the eight offensive linemen in that group, Van Dyke is standing his ground.

As the only player listed at swing tackle - a tackle who can play from either the right or left side - Van Dyke's optimism was running high Thursday after completing the first of the day's two practices.

"They'll only keep eight or nine linemen on the 46-man roster; so being able to play the swing tackle will be a big bonus for me," Van Dyke, a fourth-round draft pick by the Falcons in this spring's NFL draft, said.

Five or six additional linemen were expected to report to camp along with the rest of the veterans for physicals on Friday, he said.

The first full squad practice begins Saturday and marks the start of competition for roster spots.

Van Dyke suffered the first knee injury of his football career Tuesday, but the hyperextension wasn't about to keep him out long. After sitting out Wednesday, big Ralph was back out on the field Thursday.

"I taped it up and came back for practice. That was what I expected," Van Dyke said. "A rookie has to be out on the field. You can't prove very much from the sidelines." The day wasn't just a day in the whirlpool, either. Van Dyke spent his time on the sidelines learning the Falcons' offense.

"It was one day of just concentrating on watching. I learned the whole offensive scheme," Van Dyke said. "I think it would have taken longer to learn out on the field."

Coaches at the professional level have more time for fine-tuning a player's obvious talents than coaches at the collegiate level do, and Van Dyke hopes the extra tutoring will be to his benefit.

Jim Hanifan, former head coach of the St. Louis Cardinals, is Atlanta's offensive line and assistant head coach.

"He's really helping me out a lot," Van Dyke said. "He'll tell you, then he'll get right out there on the field and show you. He persists until it becomes natural." "Everyone is big and smart, and the level of competition is extremely high," Van Dyke said. "There aren't any slouches here."
Underdog Tucker looks for upset in Tyson bout

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Tucker, 21, is 36-0 with 27 knockouts and Tucker, 28, is 35-4 with 29 knockouts. Tucker also was 115-16 as an amateur with four national AAU titles, and gold medals in the Pan American Games and World Cup.

Still, Tucker is more lightly regarded by the public than the other men Tyson has beaten in the unification series - Trevor Berbick, George Foreman, Tony Tubbs, Errol James and Butter-Chocolate Smith.

"I heard the odds," Tucker said. "I don't get mad about it. I've got something to prove. Somebody's going to get rich betting on me."

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Former Saluki catcher perseveres, gets shot with Pittsburgh farm club

By Steve Merritt

Editor's note: This is the fourth installment in the "Underdog" series on Salukis who are playing professionally in minor league baseball.

Former Saluki Catcher Tim McKinnie was ready to give up on baseball last summer, but decided to give himself one more shot at playing the game he loves.

As catcher for the 1986 Salukis, McKinnie played a vital role in helping SIUC capture the Missouri Valley Conference regular-season title.

"Winning the title was definitely the highlight of my baseball career," McKinnie said. "Winning four straight against Illinois State the final weekend of play was something I'll never forget - that's the kind of thing baseball is all about."

But SIUC agreed to play the Valley tournament, then lost two of the three games at the NCAA regional. And McKinnie, drafted the previous summer to the Chicago White Sox, was passed up in the annual amateur draft.

"I was disappointed when I didn't get drafted, but I knew I didn't have that great of a year," McKinnie said.

"I didn't hit and I didn't throw anyone out," McKinnie said. "I decided to play summer league ball back home in Ohio."

"I was ready to quit, but I hit .500 that summer and I started throwing out runners," McKinnie said. "I was enough to make me go on just a little bit further."

A phone call to scouts from the Pittsburgh Pirates organization resulted in an invitation to spring training. McKinnie was heard at spring training, then invited to the Pirates major league camp.

"I played really well at the camp," McKinnie recalls. "Pittsburgh's scouts signed me to a contract that day and I reported to spring training the next day."

After training camp McKinnie reported to the Macon Pirates, Pittsburgh's Class A club.

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