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Student sues BOT in connection with sexual harassment

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A student worker is suing the SIU Board of Trustees, alleging the university fired him after he made a sexual harassment claim against a professor.

According to a federal lawsuit filed Friday, Samuel Milligan, a

sophomore from Benton studying English, was sexually harassed by a university professor emeritus after the professor made several harassing remarks on separate occasions about Milligan's physique.

"We have filed a lawsuit against the Board of Trustees," said Milligan's attorney, Shari Rhode, owner of Rhode & Jackson, P.C. "(The university) did not provide an environment that provided a mechanism for someone to file a claim without being retaliated against."

SIU spokesman Dave Gross said the university's legal counsel had not yet received notification of the lawsuit, but would look into the matter.

According to the suit, a professor who maintained an office in the chemistry department across from Milligan's workstation stopped

Milligan in October 2007 to tell him he had gorgeous hair. On a separate occasion, the same professor

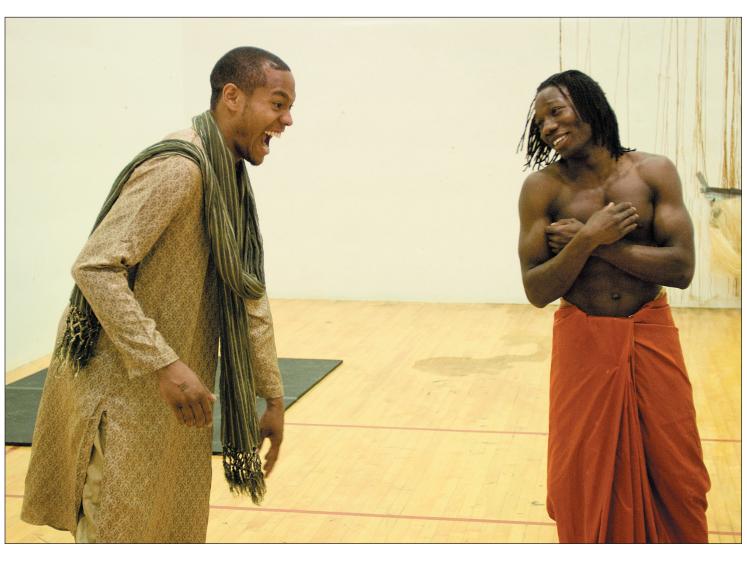
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approached Milligan's workstation and again commented on his hair,

"telling him he was pretty enough to be a girl," the suit said.

After another incident just weeks later, in which the professor said Milligan "would make a sexy lady," Milligan reported the incident to administrators and was moved to a different floor for the remainder of the semester, the lawsuit said.

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Alex Singleton, left, a senior from O'Fallon studying mechanical engineering, and Olanrewaju Adeniyi, a senior from Belleville studying mechanical engineering, kill time backstage at the Culture Clash Catwalk Sunday in the Recreation Center. The event was to feature fashion and performances by groups representing different cultures. A majority of the acts did not show up, forcing an abridged version of the show.

BRANDON CHAPPLEDAILY EGYPTIAN

Chancellor: No smoke-free campus for SIUC

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As many colleges in the St. Louis area adopt policies that ban smoking on campus, Chancellor Sam Goldman said he does not feel a similar ban is necessary at SIUC.

"In open spaces — that's not something I really think we need to regulate," Goldman said. "Inside, I can see that. That's a different story."

According to a report from the St. Louis Post Dispatch, Washington University plans to go smoke-free by July 2010. The university joins St. Charles Community College and St. Louis Community College Wildwood in adopting policies to restrict people from lighting up on campus.

St. Louis Community College Meramec will go join the three schools in the fall semester, while the University of MissouriColumbia plans to do the same in 2014, the article said.

SIUC's policy prohibits smoking inside buildings and within 15 feet of open windows or entrances, said Elaine Vitello, the acting director of SIUC's Center for Rural Health and Social Service Development. take the regulations further is up to the university.

"It would be great if all campuses went smoke-free and tobacco-free, but it takes a long time," Vitello said. "We have to be sensitive to the smokers as well as respecting everybody's right to clean air."

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Vitello said all institutions in the state have the same policy in order to be compliant with the Smoke-free Illinois Act that begin Jan. 1, 2008, but whether to John Ryan, a junior from Carbondale studying anthropology, said an on-campus smoking ban would not bother him.

"It's for a good cause and it does

create a lot of litter," Ryan said. "I tend to get rid of my cigarettes by throwing them away, but I do see a lot of cigarette butts around."

Haley Bollman, a freshman from Springfield studying actuarial science, said she doubted a no-smoking policy would be effective because people continue to violate

"People would probably still do it. There are not enough people around to regulate it," Bollman said.

Ryan said if the university adopted such a policy, there would be a huge negative reaction from students because there are so many smokers.

"I hope there would be voluntary compliance (if a new policy was adopted), like what we're seeing now," said Lt. Harold Tucker of the SIUC Police. "I can't imagine there being a complete ban."

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smoke that linger long after secondhand smoke has cleared, latching onto items hair, clothing, carpets and furniture. Third-hand smoke travels via cells, making it easy for children playing in a room where smoking occurs to absorb the heavy metals, carcinogens and radioactive materials left behind.

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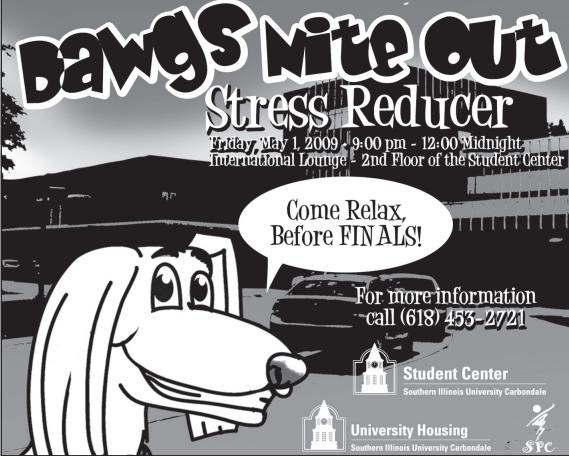
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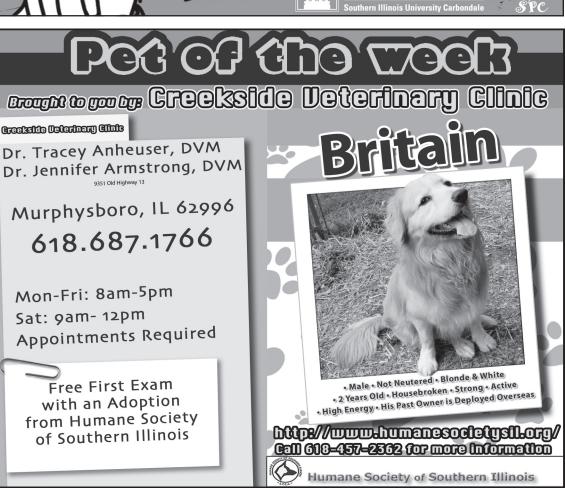
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SIUC duo spreads Celtic pride on the air waves

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When WSIU removed a broadcast celebrating Celtic music, Bryan Crow believed he had to do something.

Nearly 20 years later, Crow brings the music to homes across the nation from a chair on the SIUC campus.

Crow, an associate professor of speech communication, has been the host of the nationally syndicated radio show "Celtic Connections" since

1991, a short time after he said one of his favorite programs, "The Thistle and Shamrock," had been removed from the WSIU showcase.

"I wrote a letter to the station manager, who knew me and knew that I was into the music, saying 'Can't you get it back on?" he said. "He

wrote me back and said, 'Why don't you put a pilot together for a show of your own?"

has spread to numerous stations.

Miaja Morton, program dire of KUMD in Duluth, Minn.,

After enlisting the help of producer Mike Zelten, Crow did just that. Now in its 18th year, the program is carried on roughly 146 stations in 30 states.

Crow said he first fell in love with Celtic music while attending college at the University of Tennessee. He said he discovered the music of local Appalachian folk singers that played the penny whistle and old

Irish tunes, and the fascination spread from there.

"Within three years I was taking my first trip to Ireland in 1978 to seek out the music, get to know the land and the people," he said.

He spent that summer hitchhiking around the country and gaining an appreciation for the music he would go on to spread to so many others.

With years of experience of the culture under his belt, Crow has developed an eclectic show. It began under the standard DJ format, but

has since expanded to encompass a more diverse programming style. The show now features live music and interviews from a wide variety of acclaimed artists.

Zelten said the pair has developed and tweaked the show over the years until it was sophisticated enough to become syndicated in 1996. Since then, it numerous stations

Miaja Morton, program director of KUMD in Duluth, Minn., said "Celtic Connections" fits in well with the station's grassroots tradition. She said it appears weekly on Sunday mornings sandwiched between a Caribbean roots show and a Putumayo world music show.

"We just finished a pledge drive, and we received a lot of positive feedback for 'Celtic Connections'," she said.

The two-man show is offered free

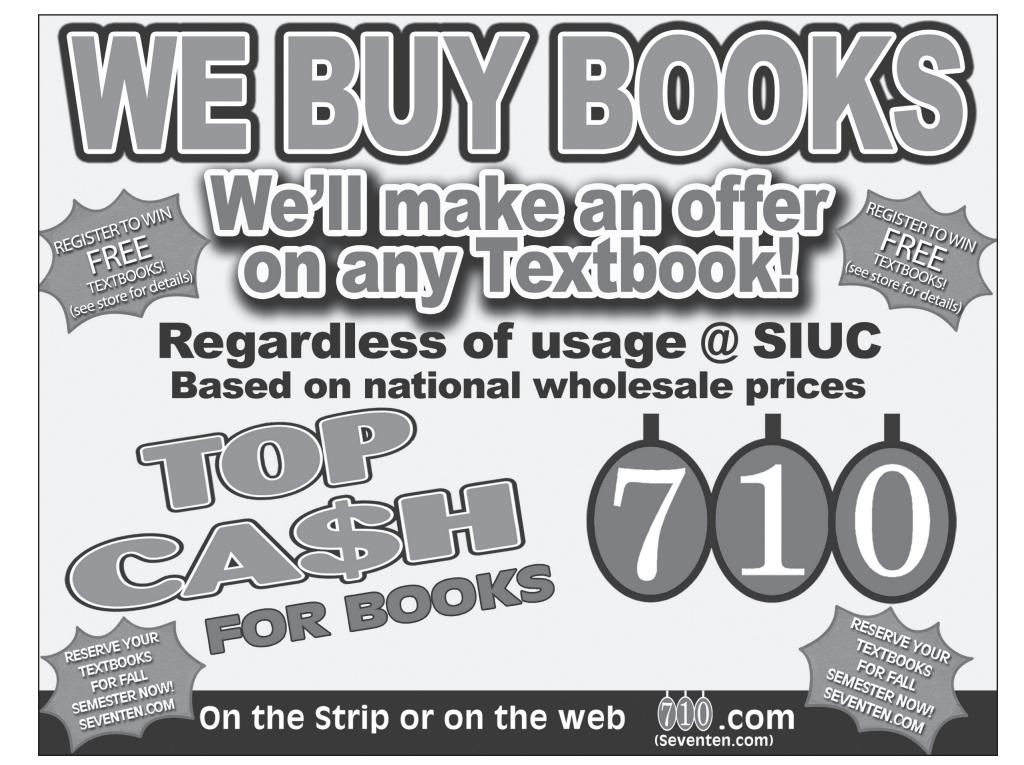


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Bryan Crow poses in the studio of WSIU Radio, where he records his nationally syndicated program, "Celtic Connections," for National Public Radio.

to any non-commercial public radio station. Crow said because the show is offered for free, it allows the music and culture of the Celtic peoples to spread. "The show is educational. People hear music they won't hear almost anywhere else on the radio," he said. Carbondale listeners can hear

"Celtic Connections" on WSIU-FM 91.9 at 3 p.m. Saturdays or 6 p.m. Sundays, according to the program's Web site.



Officials say U.S. deaths expected from swine flu

Sara Kugler

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The global swine flu outbreak worsened Tuesday as hundreds of students at a New York school fell ill and federal officials said they expected to see U.S. deaths from the virus.

Cuba suspended flights to and from Mexico, becoming the first country to impose a travel ban to the epicenter of the epidemic. The mayor of the capital cracked down further on public life, closing gyms and swimming pools and ordering restaurants to limit service to takeout.

Confirmed cases were reported for the first time as far away as New Zealand and Israel, joining the United States, Canada, Britain and Spain.

Swine flu is believed to have killed more than 150 people in Mexico, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said the U.S. has 68 confirmed cases in five states, with 45 in New York, one in Ohio, one in Indiana, two in Kansas, six in Texas and 13 in California.

"I fully expect we will see deaths from this infection," said Richard Besser, acting director of the CDC.

That was echoed by Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano.

"It is very likely that we will see more serious presentations of illness and some deaths as we go through this flu cycle," she said.

President Barack Obama asked Congress for \$1.5 billion in emergency funds to fight the illness.

In New York, there were growing signs that the virus was moving beyond St. Francis Preparatory school, where sick students started lining up last week at the nurse's office. The outbreak came just days after a group of students returned from spring break in Cancun.

At the 2,700-student school, the largest Roman Catholic high school in the nation, "many hundreds of students were ill with symptoms that are most likely swine flu," Health Commissioner Thomas Frieden said. The cases haven't been confirmed.

Twelve teachers reported flu-like

symptoms as well, said the principal, Brother Leonard Conway.

A nearby public school for special education students was shut down after more than 80 students called in sick. Frieden said that some of the students have siblings at St. Francis.

"It is here and it is spreading," Frieden said.



 Thomas Frieden Health Commissioner

Still, U.S. officials stressed there was no need for panic and noted flu outbreaks are quite common every year. The CDC estimates that about 36,000 people in the United States died of flu-related causes each year, on average, in the

The increase in cases was not surprising. For days, CDC officials said they expected to see more confirmed cases — and more severe illnesses. Health officials across the country stepped up efforts to look for symptoms, especially among people who had traveled to Mexico.

U.S. scientists hope to have a key ingredient for a vaccine ready in early May, but it still will take a few months before any shots are available for the first required safety testing. Using samples of the flu taken from people who fell ill in Mexico and the U.S., scientists are engineering a strain that could trigger the immune system without causing illness.

"We're about a third of the way" to that goal, Dr. Ruben Donis of the CDC said.

The economic toll also spread further. Economic officials said the Mexico City economy is losing \$57 million a day amid a shutdown that includes schools, state-run theaters and other public places.

Cuba announced a 48-hour ban on flights to and from Mexico, except in "exceptional cases." The last flight from Mexico touched down around 4 p.m. in Havana, then returned to Mexico City with a plane load of passengers before the two-day suspension officially took effect.

The U.S. stepped up checks of people entering the country and warned Americans to avoid nonessential travel to Mexico. Canada, Israel and France issued similar travel advisories.

But for all the government intervention, health officials suggested the flu strain was spreading so fast that efforts to contain it might prove ineffective. Around the world, officials hoped the outbreak would not turn into a full-fledged pandemic, an epidemic that spreads across a wide geographical area.

"Border controls do not work. Travel restrictions do not work,' said World Health Organization spokesman Gregory Hartl, recalling the SARS epidemic earlier in the decade that killed 774 people, mostly in Asia, and slowed the global economy.

The pork industry was dealing with a public relations nightmare over the virus, which is a neverbefore-seen hybrid of human, swine and bird influenza that is widely called swine flu.

UNITED STATES

Sen. Specter switches to Democrat, pushing party near majority

WASHINGTON (AP) — Veteran Republican Arlen Specter of Pennsylvania switched parties Tuesday with a suddenness that seemed to stun the Senate, a moderate's defection that pushed Democrats to within a vote of the 60 needed to overcome filibusters and enact President Obama's top legislative priorities.

Specter, 79 and seeking a sixth term in 2010, conceded bluntly that his chances of winning a Pennsylvania Republican primary next year were bleak in a party grown increasingly conservative.

Michigan 1

General Motors will force more than 1,000 outlets to close

DETROIT (AP) — General Motors Corp. told its dealers Tuesday that it will force 1,000 to 1,200 underperforming locations to close their doors as the automaker tries to thin dealer ranks to make the remaining outlets more profitable

GM told the dealers about the plan in a video conference, according to a dealer who spoke on condition of anonymity. It is part of the company's plan to cut more than 2,600 dealers by 2010.

The company expects to lose 500 Hummer and Saturn dealers when those brands close or are sold, and it expects 400 dealers to close voluntarily.

FLORIDA

Officials: Overdose of selenium to blame in deaths of 21 polo horses

WEST PALM BEACH (AP) — Florida's top veterinarian on Tuesday blamed the deaths of 21 elite polo horses on an overdose of a common mineral that helps muscles recover from fatigue.

Florida's state veterinarian, Dr. Thomas J. Holt, said toxicology tests on the dead horses showed significantly increased selenium levels.

The horses from the Venezuelan-owned Lechuza Caracas team began collapsing April 19 as they were unloaded from trailers at the International Polo Club Palm Beach in Wellington before a championship match. Some died at the scene, others hours later.

SOUTH KOREA

Scientists say cloned beagles turn red under UV rays

SEOUL (AP) — South Korean scientists say they have engineered four beagles that glow red using cloning techniques that could help develop cures for human diseases. The four dogs, all named "Ruppy" — a combination of the words "ruby" and "puppy" — look like typical beagles by daylight.

But they glow red under ultraviolet light, and the dogs' nails and abdomens, which have thin skins, look red even to the naked eye.

Seoul National University professor Lee Byeongchun, head of the research team, called them the world's first transgenic dogs carrying fluorescent genes.

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Engineering dean search down to three candidates

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The three finalists for the College of Engineering dean's position are set to visit campus just weeks after the committee charged with finding them was disbanded and billed dysfunctional.

The finalists, Alexander Cheng, professor and chair of the Department of Civil Engineering at the University of Mississippi; Darrell Pepper, director of the Nevada Center for Advanced Computational Methods in the Department of Engineering at the University of Nevada Las Vegas; and William Worek, director of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Illinois at Chicago will visit campus between now and the end of May.

Cheng visited campus Tuesday and today, while Worek will spend Thursday and Friday on campus, and Pepper May 11 and 12.

The search committee in charge of finding the new dean had been disbanded at the end of March by interim provost Don Rice, only to be revived by him 11 days later.

In an e-mail dated April 8, Faculty Association President Randy Hughes informed all engineering faculty members of problems within the search.

Because of the problems, Hughes said, half of the committee's faculty members resigned from

"There seems to be some degree of ignoring aspects of the ability of committee members to make decisions about individuals," Hughes said.

Bruce DeVantier, co-chairman of the search committee and associate professor of civil and environmental engineering, said the new dean would need to continue the program's strengths while turning its weaknesses into strengths.

"We want someone who can marshal all the various capabilities that are available to our

faculty into something we will be proud of," DeVantier said.

The selected candidate will replace William Osborne, who retired in January 2008. Ramanarayanan Viswanathan, professor of electrical and computer engineering, is serving as interim engineering dean.

DeVantier said the new dean would have to include more faculty with "interdisciplinary

"We can take some of the pockets of high research productivity in the faculty and have more team research," DeVantier said. "I think that is the greatest area we can improve."

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Milligan then met with Vice Chancellor for Research John Koropchak on Oct. 17, 2007. Koropchak repeatedly asked Milligan if he had any witnesses and was certain he wanted to proceed with a formal complaint, the lawsuit said.

The suit said Milligan attempted to avoid the professor, but ran into him on several instances, including one instance on Jan. 29, 2008, when the professor asked Milligan if he was the one who accused him of unwelcome behavior.

Milligan again notified administrators, who reportedly banned the professor from campus.

Milligan also switched majors from chemistry to English because he couldn't take the necessary chemistry courses "in the sexually hostile and retaliatory environment which SIU allowed," the

In April 2008, administrators told Milligan that his position in the chemistry department would be terminated because there were no more available hours for him to work.

Two of the university's most distinguished professors — John Y. Simon and Cal Meyers - faced sexual harassment allegations in 2008.

The two professors — one of whom filed federal lawsuit against the university and the other of whom died before he could defend the allegations — were victims of a lack of due process, said Marvin Zeman, former Faculty Association president. If the university had reviewed suggested changes to its policy in a timely manner, the situations could have been avoided, he said.

In April 2008, General Counsel Jerry Blakemore wrote a letter to inform Meyers, a distinguished professor emeritus in the chemistry department, to notify him that he was the subject of a university investigation after the university received allegations of a pattern of sexual

An instance where Meyers "caught a male student worker in the stockroom and indicated that he loved his curly hair and something to the effect 'if only you were a woman," was used as a specific example.

The Daily Egyptian reported in September that Meyers filed a federal lawsuit Aug. 12 against the university's Board of Trustees and Koropchak, citing due process violations and the breach of his \$2.5 million contract for the Meyers Institute.

Meyers, 81, said he first received a formal warning of the allegations in a letter from Koropchak dated November 8. The letter states that an investigation found Meyers in violation of the sexual harassment policy.

Meyers said the next correspondence he received from the university was a letter from former Chancellor Fernando Treviño. The letter, dated January 31, 2008, notified Meyers of additional complaints of harassment.

It also ordered Meyers to leave campus immediately and not come back unless advised to do so, or else he would be arrested for trespassing.

The case was one that the Faculty Association used as an example to show a double standard in the way the university handles sexual harassment allegations.

The university's sexual harassment policy has since been under scrutiny and handed off to several university constituency groups for revision.

A final draft of the new policy could be voted on by the board at its next scheduled meeting next week, Faculty Association President Randy Hughes said.

SMOKE-FREE

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Tucker said the effectiveness of such a policy would depend on many factors including who implemented it and how he or she went about it.

Chris Julian-Fralish, the Student Health Center's alcohol and drug coordinator, said a well thought-out policy would be vital to the success of a ban.

"You're asking (SIUC Police) to enforce sanctions not only on students but also on staff. Without more resources it's a policy that might not have no teeth," Fralish

He said the ban is inevitable.

"It's going to happen at some point. We just keep finding all the negative side effects of tobacco smoke," Fralish said.

The effects of smoking and secondhand smoke are well understood, but third-hand smoke is an issue undergoing research Fralish said. Third-hand smoke is the transfer of nicotine through cells, he said.

"With the daycares, if you were to smoke and then work with children, they're looking at that type of transference of tobacco," Fralish said. "There are lots of issues that go unnoticed by smokers and nonsmokers alike that could be benefited by a policy like this."

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Teen hiker lost for three nights is found safe

David Tirrell-Wysocki

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PINKHAM NOTCH, N.H. - An Eagle Scout whose day hike in the mountains went awry when unusually warm weather turned small streams into raging rivers, blocking his way, was found safe Tuesday after spending three nights alone in the woods.

Scott Mason, a 17-year-old from Halifax, Mass., was spotted by searchers Tuesday morning making his way to the summit of Mount Washington, the Northeast's highest mountain. He was about a 45-minute hike from the weather observatory and its crew atop the mountain, officials said.

"We saw a hiker who was moving slowly but methodically," said Fred Wilkinson, one of the searchers who spotted the teen.

Mason was reunited with his relatives at a command center about two hours later, hugging them and slapping his father on the back. He was taken by ambulance to a hospital to have pain in one of his legs checked out, said Maj. Tim Acerno, of New Hampshire's Fish and Game Department.

"He looked a lot older. He looked sad and older," said his mother, Jory Mason, who was

trembling with emotion.

Mason was admitted Tuesday night at Androscoggin Valley Hospital in Berlin, where a nursing supervisor said he was in fair

Mason, who earned his Eagle Scout badge six months ago, headed up Mount Washington early Saturday and was planning to hike 17 miles in one day. He had climbed the mountain three or four times, so it wasn't unusual for him to set off by himself on such a challenging hike.

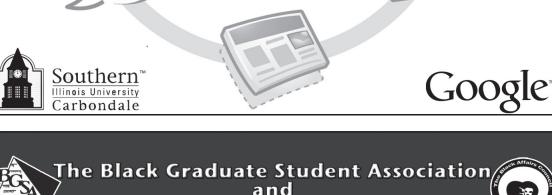
But warm weather — it hit a record 56 degrees at Washington's summit on Saturday — forced a change in his route. As he was coming down a trail, "there was a big raging river in his way," said Wilkinson, of the Mountain Rescue Service.

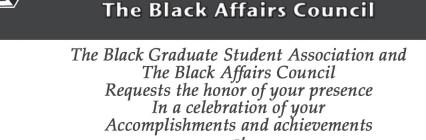
Over the next days, high waters and rain gave him trouble, as it did the searchers moving through waist-deep, soft snow.

"Each time he is trying to get back to a trail, he's coming back to a river," Acerno said.

The teen's father, Mike Mason, said believing that his son wouldn't panic helped him stay calm.

'I hung in there because I had a sense he would hunker down and he was gonna pass this test," Mason said. "This is his basketball, football, this is what he loves.'





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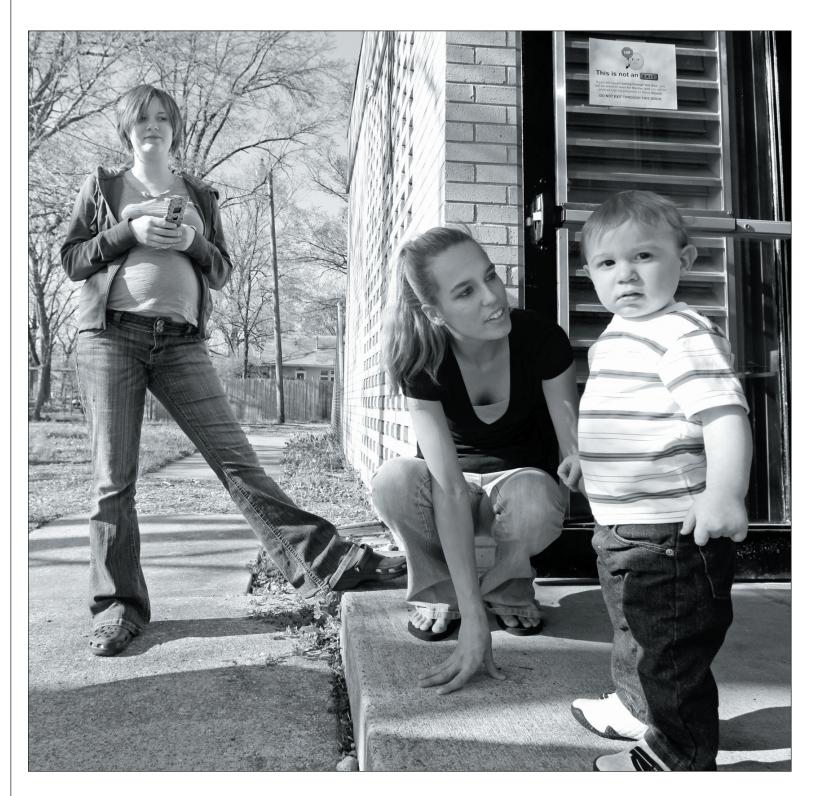
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Julia Rendleman | Daily Egyptian

Teen mother.

What comes to mind when you hear those words? It seems that when we hear stories about teen pregnancy in the news, they are shrouded in negative stereotypes. And if you've never met a teenager, arguably still a child, working to raise another child, it may be hard to empathize with the realities of their daily life.

In Carbondale, there is a program called Carbondale Community High School Operation Rebound. Operation Rebound, although not strictly for teenage parents, is a pro-

those working toward their high school diploma or GED.

The young women in the photo - Megan O'Brien, 19, left, and Sheri Dailey, 18, with her 18month-old son Brayden Clark, are a few of Operation Rebound's active members.

"It really helped. I wouldn't have thought about going back to school if it wasn't for this program, and it's really nice to be able to meet people in the same situation as me," Dailey said.

Dailey is part of a program that

gram that provides education for focuses not only on traditional edu- and understanding. cation - reading, writing, math, etc. — but also teaches parenting skills and stresses life skills such as nutrition, physical fitness and the prevention of child abuse.

A few times a month, Operation Rebound hosts activities for parents and children. On this particular day, the young parents and their children enjoyed a barbecue and Easter egg hunt. The young parents talked with each other and their teachers, played with their children and generally seemed enveloped in a community built on mutual trust

In observing the interactions of the young people at the barbecue, it appeared the mission statement of Operation Rebound had really been put into practice. The statement reads: "Our mission is to create a nonjudgmental, flexible, self-paced school which enhances individual self-worth, prepares students for the work world and continuing education and develops responsible citi-

Or as Sheri Dailey put it, "People who get pregnant think: 'Oh, my life's over' - but it's not."



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Jacob Green, left, an undecided sophomore from Jerseyville, and Robert Williams a senior from Lexington studying aviation flight and management, work in the nearly empty Student Center Tuesday to finish a final paper for a logic class. Both men said that playing basketball and going to the Recreation Center have helped them deal with the stress of schoolwork as final exams approach.

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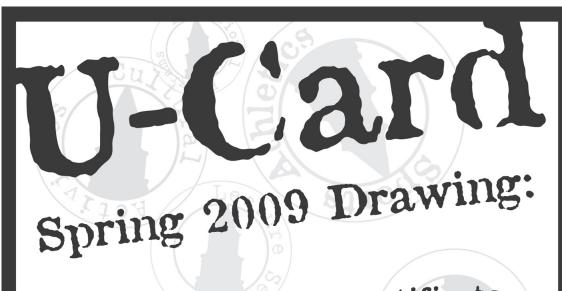
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The best part of the NFL Draft—besides the fact that the start time was moved to the same time as the Cubs-Cardinals and Yankees-Red Sox games this year, thus making it irrelevant to those large Chicago, Boston and New York markets—is the report cards that immediately follow. I'm not one of those people who think the drafts should not be evaluated for three years, because one year

is enough.

But any report card issued the day after that doesn't simply assign an "incomplete" to every team shouldn't be taken seriously. Except for the Raiders, who you could already give a D or an F. Mel Kiper rightfully gave them a D for taking Darrius Heyward-Bey about 20 spots early, but the best was that A!

but the best was that Al Davis took a safety who was projected to be taken in the seventh round, if at all.

I find this hilarious because I have a theory that as long as not a lot of others were doing it, any regular person could run a smooth NFL draft like the rest of the general managers with just an ESPN Insider account and all the draft information out there on the Internet. (Whoops, I think I just described Bears GM Jerry Angelo.) My theory $\,$ for Al Davis' draft preparation was he went to six college games and drafted the six players he liked most. Is there any evidence to the contrary? You know, besides the fact that he might be a vampire and could not be out in the sunlight. Though I guess he could have just watched those six games on TV. My only problem with that is I don't know when he would have caught an Ohio University game on TV.

Moving on.

In the spirit of premature report cards, I would like to switch gears to baseball and grade some of my preseason predictions after just three and a half weeks. Onward.

-Delmon Young as breakout player: C. He started slow, but over the last seven days he has hit .333 (as of Tuesday). Even if he keeps this

up, it doesn't look like he'll be quite the breakout player as Royals pitcher Zack Greinke, who goes for his fifth win in as many starts today. He's been ridiculous, and the reason I retract all my dismissive statements about Kansas City as a possible AL Central champion. Seriously, 4-0 with a 0.00 ERA, 0.86 WHIP and 36 strikeouts in 29 innings? Please, please somebody get him out of the AL Central. He's scary.

- Josh Beckett and Johan Santana as Cy Young winners: F and A. Not only has Beckett stunk so far, but Greinke was someone I considered

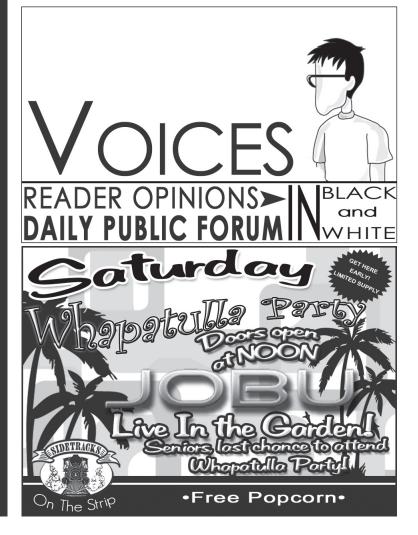
briefly before deciding, Nah, he won't be that good. A pat on the back to me for Santana, who is striking out 12.97 batters per nine innings and leads the NL with a 0.70 ERA.

While I'm patting myself on the back, I predicted in Saluki Insider that the Mariners would

win the AL West. Well, thanks to Erik Bedard, Felix Hernandez and Jarrod Washburn, they're making me look good. On the other hand, David Aardsma is their setup man. I remember a year when he was lights-out for the White Sox through April. That story doesn't have a happy ending.

-Kevin Youkilis and Manny Ramirez as MVPs: A and B. Youkilis leads the AL with a .414 batting average so far, and his RBI numbers could improve if the Red Sox can find someone to get on base for him at a better rate than Jacoby Ellsbury has so far. As for Ramirez, well, let's just say I should have gone with the safer pick of Albert Pujols. He's on pace for 203 RBIs, and while he'll obviously regress to the mean some, he has the hitters in Colby Rasmus, Skip Schumaker and Rick Ankiel in front of him to get on base for him to knock in.

Of course, all these grades could be completely different in three weeks after a slump or David Aardsma doing what he does best: crushing hopes and debilitating bullpens. But that's the fun of it, right? And if you want to take me down a peg for all the self-congratulatory stuff in there, go ahead. At least my team's hopes aren't riding on Aardsma – anymore.

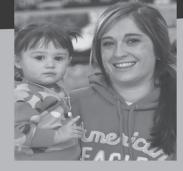




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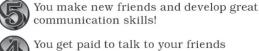
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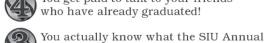
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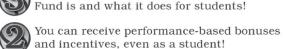
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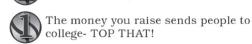


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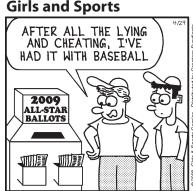
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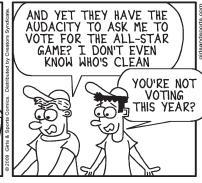
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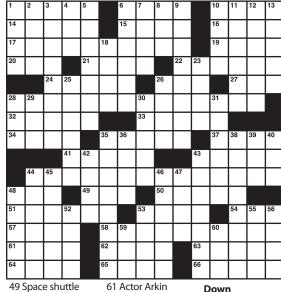
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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — You don't really like being told what to do, but maybe you need the coaching. Accept advice from a person who's already achieved the skills you admire. Don't arque.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 8 —A lucky break for a friend is also to your benefit. Of course, you love it when something good happens to somebody special. Do even more than help them celebrate.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 6 — Better get back to business again; big money could be at stake. Barter for good benefits now. They're what's available, and they're worth their weight

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — Your life ought to be easier for the next few weeks. It's also a good time to travel and sign up for online classes. Expand your mind and also your

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — How can you cut expenses to keep your business viable? There are lots of ways, actually, and it's up to you to choose. If you don't do it, nobody will.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Go through the items on your lists and cross off whatever you can. Set priorities and feel confident. You're on the right track now. Or pretty close to it.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — It's tough, but you have the support from people you respect. They think you can do it, so prove them right. It'll be a win for all concerned.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 8 — You're almost compelled to succeed. You're getting a tailwind. It's easier now. So stop with the ruminating, OK? Take creative action. Follow your

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -Today is a 7 — Take care of family first and they'll take care of you. That's the time-honored way and, amazingly, it still works. This might deplete your cash in hand, but it also increases your comfort.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Today is a 8 — Your curiosity has been aroused. You're not sure what you're looking for, which shouldn't bother you in the least. You don't even know what you don't know. You're in the discovery

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -Today is a 7 — Something you've been saving has been increasing in value. You can cash it in, if you want, or hang onto it a while longer. Now figure out what it is.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 8 —One of the problems with being really creative is the tendency to take off in several directions at the same time. You have a plan. Work the plan. Don't get goofy now. Avoid distractions.

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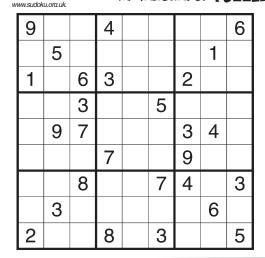
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nament, not every team is seeded. Only the top 16 teams are. Teams in the top eight get to play teams ranked between 49 and 64 in the tournament, and teams seeded 9 to 16 face teams ranked between 33 and 48.

The Salukis are ranked between 49 and 64.

Junior Lucas Waked, SIU's No. 2, said he is happy with how the selection on Tuesday went and happy to get a chance to play against UCLA, but it didn't really matter where SIU went in the first round.

"I don't think I would rather be on any other team in this country," Waked said. "The guys around me are so great, I would not change a thing about this team."

The Bruins are 17-4, including a win over eighth ranked University of Southern California. They also compete in the Pac-10, a conference that SIU doesn't have a lot of familiarity with. Head coach Dann Nelson said preparation would be tough.

"We'll have to watch tape and see what they've got," Nelson said. "They will be an amazing opponent, we need to find out a way we can win."

Winning won't be easy. The lowest ranked team that UCLA has lost to is Baylor, ranked number 12, losing 4-3 on February 22.

"It would be the biggest win in the country," Nelson said. "There would be no other win that would equal this. It would be like Wisconsin-Milwaukee knocking off the University of (North) Carolina in basketball."

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GOLF

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SIU equaled its pre-conference tournament predictions. The team was selected to finish third in a coach's poll conducted before the tournament. Illinois State and Wichita State were selected to finish first and second, respectively.

The Salukis were considered

the host at the Dalhousie Country Club, which is 50 miles from Carbondale. Collier said the short distance and crowd took some pressure off the team.

"The athletic department came down, roommates and other teammates came. A lot of locals also came to watch us. The support was really incredible," Collier said.

With the season over, SIU will

say goodbye to seniors Collier, Danielson and Obergoenner. The seniors all said they would look to play golf competitively after they graduate, and Collier added that they would at least turn the page onto their new lives.

"All you can do now is move on to bigger and better things — get a real job, play golf or do something,' Collier said.

BASEBALL

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With two outs and the bases loaded in the sixth, Bullock laced a line drive into the left-center gap, but left fielder Casey McMurray saved at least three runs with a diving catch to end the inning.

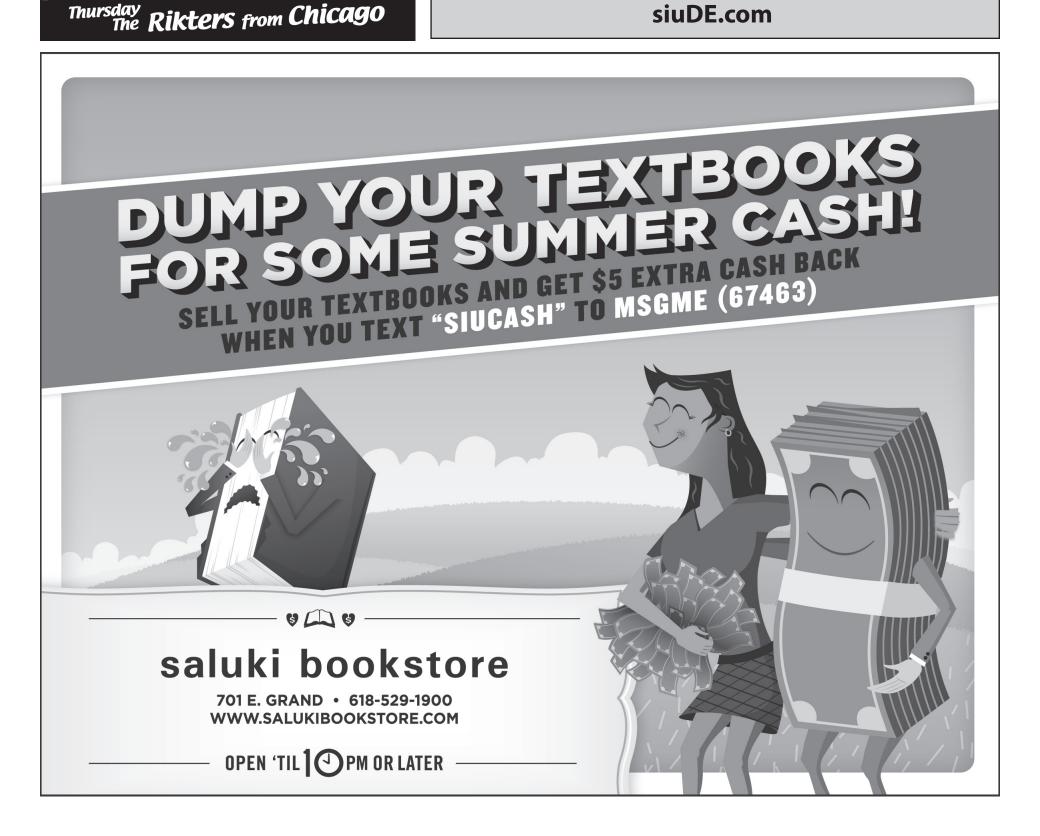
Bullock came up again in the eighth after junior right fielder Aaron Roberts, who extended his hitting

streak to 10 games, singled in junior shortstop Michael Stalter to put the Salukis on the board. Bullock smacked Illinois reliever Corey Kimes' offering deep to right, but heavy winds blowing in stopped the ball at the wall, right into the right fielder's glove.

The loss is the Salukis' eighth in their last 10 games against the Illini, although they had won two of the last three. It is the fourth straight victory for Illinois, who on Monday was named the number 28 team in the country by the Collegiate Baseball's weekly poll. Roberts said the Salukis were expecting to beat the Illini, despite their ranking.

"We've beat them the first time, and we definitely had our chances this game," Roberts said. "We had opportunities to score all night and we just couldn't pull them off tonight."

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Saluki Insider

The Sports Business Journal reported that the Cleveland Cavaliers set a regular-season ratings record for Fox Sports Ohio. Which star athlete do you have to stop and see on TV?



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When Carlos Marmol steps to the mound attempting to clean up the mess left behind by the Cubs bullpen, I stop, stare and try to figure out how he'll wriggle out of the jam. Watching opposing hitters duck away from his nasty sliders is entertainment in itself.

I have to go with my guy Tiger Woods as the guy to watch. Every Sunday, I try to take some time out of my life to watch Tiger on the back nine. You always know that something good will happen, and his play on Sunday is always dazzling. I love







I go out of my way to watch Johan Santana pitch. This guy is something special. I don't care what the win/loss record says at the end of the year, he's the best. There's something special about watching a guy who has 10-strike outs and complete game potential every time he steps on the mound.

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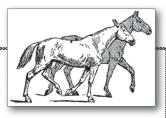
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Men's Tennis

SIU draws UCLA in NCAA Tournament



The Saluki tennis players react to ESPN's announcement Tuesday in Lingle Hall that they will be playing UCLA in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. The Salukis captured their first MVC Championship title in 19 years when they defeated Drake Sunday in Omaha. BRANDON CHAPPLE

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UCLA it is.

The SIU men's tennis team (18-6) will take on the seventh nationally ranked University of California-Los Angeles in round one of the NCAA Men's Division I tennis tournament. The first round will takes place on May 8 and 9.

Missouri Valley Conference Freshman of the Year Eric West said he is excited about the challenge.

"It's just going to be an amazing experience,"West said. "When you think of college tennis, you think of USC, Virginia and of course UCLA. I can't wait to match up against them."

West said the important thing for the Salukis to remember is

that, at the core, UCLA's players are tennis players too. West said it was important for Salukis to stick to what they have been doing, because playing that way netted SIU a win against rival Drake in the MVC tournament.

Senior Felipe Villasenor, SIU's No. 1 and West's doubles partner, said he agrees with his teammate's mentality.

"If we play the way we've been

playing lately, UCLA will have to take us seriously," Villasenor said. "If we can get them to respect us, that would be huge."

Villasenor said the Salukis would be able to play loose because the team has nothing to lose. He said the pressure is on UCLA, not on SIU, because the Bruins are the seven seed.

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Men's Golf

Saluki golf finishes third at MVC championship

Sixth straight top-four finish

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For the sixth straight year, the Salukis came close to hoisting their first-ever conference tournament award over their heads.

The SIU men's golf team finished third in the nine-team Missouri Valley Conference Tournament that wrapped at the Dalhousie Country Club in Cape Girardeau, Mo., on Tuesday. The finish is the Salukis sixth straight top-four finish in the conference tournament.

Head coach Leroy Newton said he was proud of the team's work ethic and the way it held the third-place finish against tough conference competition.

"The teams that beat us, we just shake their hands and say, 'good job' because we tried as good as we could, and they just played a little better," Newton said.

Senior co-captain Todd Obergoenner led all Salukis with a 54-hole 225, which tied him for fourth overall in individuals. Obergoenner said he just tried to have fun in his last collegiate tournament and not worry about performing poorly.

"I could have been sad, but I decided to enjoy it, and I ended it on birdie," Obergoenner said, "I went out the right way in my career. I had a fun day."

Senior Phillip Collier also placed in the top 10, finishing ninth with a 54-hole 227. Junior Jordan Cox finished tied for 11th with a 54-hole 229, while senior co-captain John Danielson finished tied for 24th with a 54-hole 236. Junior Blake Driskell never overcame his poor first round, finishing last of any individuals with a 54-hole 254.

"No excuse, I've never hit the ball that bad before in my life - ever," Driskell said. "Golf is like that; you never know what you're going to get."

Wichita State defended its crown, winning its second straight conference championship with a 54-hole 882. Illinois State finished 15 shots behind the Shockers, finishing second with a 54-hole 897. Missouri State (929) and Drake University (931) rounded out the

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Saluki senior Phillip Collier concentrates on a putt during practice Friday at the Crab Orchard Golf Course while fellow senior John Danielson looks on. Collier shot 227 on 54 holes to help the Salukis finish third in the State Farm Missouri Valley Conference Championships, which concluded Tuesday in Cape Girardeau, Mo.

BASEBALL Salukis slammed by Illinois

Grand slam the difference in 5-1 road loss

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It was a game of inches for SIU baseball Tuesday. Unfortunately for the Salukis, they came up just a bit short.

The Salukis (18-24) snapped their three-game winning streak Tuesday as they fell 5-1 to in-state rival Illinois at Illinois Field in Champaign. The loss splits the season series between the teams 1-1.

Associate head coach Ken Henderson said he liked what he saw out of his squad despite the one bad inning.

"We did a lot good things; we swung extremely well. We just didn't get any breaks tonight and came up on the short end of the loss tonight," Henderson said. "We were literally two or three feet away from scoring seven or eight runs."

In a game full of opportunities, it was the newly nationally ranked No. 28 Fighting Illini (27-12) who took full advantage.

Through the first three and a half innings, both team's rotations flirted with disaster, but found a way to get out unscathed. Saluki starter Nathan Forer allowed runners to reach scoring position the first two innings, while the Illini reliever Blake Fairchild allowed runners at second and third in the third.

The Illini finally slammed through Forer in the fourth.

Illini shortstop Brandon Wikoff led off the inning with his fifth home run of the year, and Forer could not recover. He immediately loaded he bases with a double, hit batter and walk. It looked as though the damage may be limited after getting right fielder Pete Cappetta to fly out down the right field line to keep the bases loaded.

Unfortunately for Forer, freshman designated hitter Willie Argo was up next.

The Big Ten Player of the Week took Forer deep over the left-field wall for his 10th home run of the season, making it 5-0 Illinois, and ending Forer's night.

"That was a little frustrating, really the only negative of the night. Unfortunately, it was a big one," Henderson said about the bottom of the fourth.

The Salukis looked as though they would come back just as they did last time they played Illinois on April 15, where they overcame a 6-5 deficit to win 9-6. Junior designated hitter Tyler Bullock was a factor both times.

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