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NEWS BRIEFS

Former teacher’s sentencing delayed

BLOOMINGTON (AP) — A former Normal elementary school teacher will have to wait a day to find out his sentence for sexually abusing students.

McLean County Judge Charles Reynard heard Monday from parents of some of the children Jon Andrew White had admitted to abusing before saying he will sentence the former teacher Tuesday.

White already faces 48 years in prison after admitting he abused students at Thomas M. Cooper Elementary School between 2005 and 2006.

News media seek access to R. Kelly's pretrial hearings

CHICAGO (AP) — Lawyers for two newspapers and The Associated Press filed an emergency motion with the Illinois Supreme Court seeking sealed court records and transcripts related to R. Kelly’s pornography case.

The 41-year-old R&B singer has pleaded not guilty to charges that he videotaped himself having sex with an underage girl. His trial is scheduled to start in Chicago May 9.

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LaHood: Future is bright for Congress

Retiring congressman addresses Student Center crowd

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SIUC freshman Brian Mosley said he was inspired to run for congressman Jerry Costello’s seat in the House of Representatives Monday night.

If such an event were to occur, Costello would have to blame his colleague, congressman Ray LaHood, a Republican from Peoria, for stirring the excitement. LaHood, a native son of Carbondale, was here Monday night. LaHood, a freshman from West Franklin, studying history, was one of roughly 150 people in attendance for LaHood’s address and open forum in a Student Center ballroom. Though LaHood reaffirmed his plan to retire from Congress, he said the SIUC students he interacted with signaled to him that the future looks bright for the governing body.

“Public service is a noble calling,” he said. “For all of these students that have gathered here, I encourage you to get involved. Take an active part, and you can make a difference.”

Mike Lawrence, the institute’s director, said he also sees a strong future for government because of the recent surge in political involvement from young people. Lawrence, who has taught political science at SIU for 10 years, said it takes a candidate with an unusual message to inspire that demographic to take an interest in government.

LaHood said U.S. Sen. Barack Obama has done just that as he continues to campaign in the Democratic presidential primary. But LaHood, who is reportedly seeking the Illinois Republican Committee chairman post, said he continues to support Sen. John McCain for president.

Since the beginning of his Congressional stint in 1994, LaHood was chairman of the impeachment proceedings against President Bill Clinton in 1998 and assisted in the organization of four congressional retreats. Organizing those retreats were highlights in his career because they began to heal the strong sense of partisanship in the House, he said.

“ Bipartisanship is the only way to succeed in a legislative body,” LaHood said. “No one of the 435 congressmen ever gets their own way. The only time we get something done is when we work together.”

LaHood said representatives do not know each other on a personal level like they did in the past, which makes it easier for rivals to build. But LaHood said a representative’s two-year term forces them to return so they can interact with the voters.

Mosley said if elected, he would find a way to close the partisan gap like LaHood suggested. “I think most people in Congress know what they’re doing,” Mosley said.

Organization works to unite Jewish students

Film festival commemorates Holocaust

Jakina Hill, DAILY EGYPTIAN

Joe Brown wants to bring the SIUC Jewish community together.

“It can be difficult to be a Jewish student here,” said Brown, director of the SIUC chapter of the Hillel Foundation for Jewish Campus Life.

Brown said the campus is physically distant from any large Jewish community and many students have never met a Jewish person before they arrive. The foundation works to make Jewish students more comfortable by sponsoring religious and social events, from karaoke to pizza parties, he said.

As part of its mission, the foundation hosted the first in a trial “Holocaust in Film” series in the Student Center.

The first film was "The Pianist," which was scheduled to begin at 7 p.m. Three people showed up to watch the movie.

Brown said this miniature series is a precursor to a full 18-film series the foundation plans to host in November and December.

The films were chosen because they each touch on different aspects of Jewish life beyond the Holocaust, Brown said.

The foundation canceled two films earlier in the month because of other events such as the Relay for Life and the religious holiday Passover, which ended Sunday.

“We have a role in educating about Jewish issues on campus,” Brown said. The Hillel Foundation on the SIUC campus was established in the 1970s and has recently expanded to the SIU-Edwardsville campus.

“Were planning programming (for the foundation) on that campus now, but fall is going to be a big semester,” Brown said.

Bryan Pumphrey said he enjoyed the event despite its low attendance.

“I like the film series because you can see history from different points of view from different filmmakers. You get to learn,” said Pumphrey, a sophomore from Chicago studying information systems and applied technology.

Pumphrey said the film series was a good idea and he hopes there would be a bigger turnout next year.

“It just wasn’t publicized or marketed to enough people,” Pumphrey said.

The next film, “Protocols of Zion,” is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Ohio Room. It’s a 2005 documentary film about the resurgence of anti-Semitism in the United States in the wake of the Sept.11 attacks.

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NEW YORK

Many Americans eye groceries, not fancy TVs with rebates

NEW YORK (AP) — Tax rebates have been dropping into bank accounts, but in this recession-stricken nation, some may think of buying a high-end TV, a fancy dress or a new sofa — not food. A fresh crop of economic jitters has begun jumping start from the government hoped for.

In a government effort to lift the struggling economy, Revenue Service landed in bank accounts Monday as rebates started hitting average taxpayers who cash to pay back cash on the basics, such as milk and bread.

Analysts say the rebate will probably be used to pay down debt.

Alicia Neuman, a stay-at-home mother from Seekonk, Mass., was shopping at a Target store Monday and said she would use some of the rebate for food — cheaper items like potatoes, or perhaps the expensive meat and fish.

WASHINGTON

Supreme Court rejects challenge to Indiana voter photo ID law

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled Monday that states can require voters to produce photo identification without violating their constitutional rights, rejecting Republican-inspired voter ID laws.

In a 6-3 ruling, the court upheld Indiana’s strict photo ID requirement, and said voting groups said would depict poor voter and minority voters from casting ballots. Bush’s backers said it was needed to prevent fraud.

It was the most important voting case since the Bush v. Gore dispute that decided the 2000 election for George W. Bush. But the voter ID ruling lacked the conservative-liberal split that marked the 2000 case.

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Vocal politician seeks to have vote

Representative speaks about dissatisfaction with the system

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Norton, whom many might recognize from her four appearances on "The Colbert Report," explained to an audience of roughly 90 in the School of Law Auditorium Monday that while she can vote at the committee level, she is not allowed to vote on the floor because she does not represent a state.

"The people of the District of Columbia have been left out in the wilderness of voting rights," Norton said.

Norton resides in Washington, D.C., and represents the 600,000 people in the district whose voting rights are limited. She spoke of her recent efforts to give district residents a voting member of Congress as part of the Hiram II Lesar Distinguished Lecture Series.

Norton can still vote like any other House member at the committee level. She is an advocate of full congressional voting representation and full democracy for citizens in the district.

Norton said the main excuse used by the government for withholding voting rights from the citizens is that the district is not a state — even though 500 provisions in U.S. code treat the district as a state. Congress has had authority to treat the district as a state since 1805. She also noted that in previous wars, the residents of the district consistently suffered more casualties than a number of states combined.

Because the district is not a state, perhaps citizens should mention that when asked about paying state taxes, Norton said jokingly. As a great-granddaughter of a slave, Norton said current voting affairs in the district are derived from slavery and the southern Democrats who were the "artists of segregation." She said America's history in voting has evolved from being racially unequal to blind partisanship.

"(Norton) is like an inspiration," said Derrick Williams, a graduate student from Birmingham, Ala., studying speech communications. "It's a really important topic relevant to college citizens."

Norton is chair of the House Transportation Subcommittee on Economic Development, Emergency Management and Public Buildings. Before becoming a member of Congress, Holmes was a law professor at Georgetown University and continues to teach a course every year.

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"I think (the district) should have a voice and have full representation," said Dianne Meeks, member of the SIU Foundation Board of Directors.

The SIU School of Law welcomed speaker Eleanor Holmes Norton, a U.S. representative from the District of Columbia, to speak as part of the annual Lesar Lecture series. Norton spoke of recent legislation to allow Washington, D.C., residents the right the vote and stopped to sign an autograph for Terrace Williams, 9, after the speech.

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Going out with an offensive bang

Editor’s note: The DAILY EGYPTIAN has opted to print letters to the editor and editorials using the euphemism from Alex Kochno’s e-mail as long as it is in context and the nature of the debate is in good taste. Submissions not in good taste will not be reprinted.

W hat’s the punch line to every joke for those graduating this May? Alex Kochno.

A few weeks ago, Kochno was probably known as a student with potential. He served as public relations officer for SIUC’s chapter of College Republicans. His graduation date was just a few circles away on the calendar with hopes of promising job interviews probably not far behind.

Kochno is now mostly the infamous writer of a grammatically flawed, offensive e-mail to a popular feminist Web site, Feministing.com, that claimed men are more intelligent than women.

The site published his letter and easily identified him because Kochno sent the letter from his university e-mail account. The ensuing comment thread flooded. Multiple individuals notified university officials, who suspended his account privileges. Interim Chancellor Sam Goldman even took out an ad for several hundred dollars with the DAILY EGYPTIAN Wednesday condemning Kochno’s actions.

If you think reading the word “cunt” makes you uncomfortable, imagine what it feels like for a woman to be called one.

Kochno used the term in a degrading and misogynistic way that lends more potential to the reprehensible acts against women already occurring each day. Think rape, sexual assault and domestic battery. Type that word in a Google search, and you have pornography.

Kochno’s ineptitude is also worth noting. His job description was by having a sense of media literacy. As a public relations officer, he probably should have realized that insulting a bunch of feminists wouldn’t really relate well to the public.

However, if the university takes judicial action against Kochno, it would head into some dangerous territory. An environment such as a university campus inherently fosters extreme attitudes.

In other words, unpopular opinions are nonetheless still opinions. If there’s anything positive about this situation, it’s that Kochno has reminded us of that. He just chose to do so in a very crude way.

If he hadn’t used his school e-mail address, his view might have just become another one of the many that exists under the shield of anonymity provided by today’s online culture. One might have skinned over it and simply moved on.

But a Google search for “Alex Kochno” now associates him with the incident for at least the first two pages.

In today’s world, that’s like naming your next 10 generations worth of children “Don’t Hire Me.”

We think it’s safe to say he has done a fine job punishing himself.

GA United hurts more than helps

Dear Editor:

I’m writing in response to election coordinator Shelly McGrath’s comments on why GA United is having problems gaining members and to comment on the state of GA United in general.

According to your article, McGrath explained it is her belief people aren’t joining GA United because they either don’t understand what a union does or just don’t like the idea of the union. I’d like to say McGrath is only half correct.

It is clear people don’t like the idea of the union, of paying dues which get sent to the Illinois Educators Association and National Educators Association bureaucracy (these are the parent unions of GA United), but I believe it’s not because they don’t understand what’s going on. It’s because GA United hasn’t done much but hold pizza parties and work with the administration to negotiate the contract, a contract wholly unsprung and to the benefit of GA United officers who received cushy union assistantships, the IEA who gets our dues and SUC administrators who wish to keep the old belt nice and tight.

Instead of being defenseless to objective criticisms and resigning enthusiasm for a contract written by the IEA, the leadership of GA United should have taken the contract to the graduate assistant student body and allowed it to reflect our economic concerns, rather than let it reflect their own perception of what could be accomplished with the least amount of resistance. The fact of the matter is, despite these raises over the next three years, GAAs are no better off now than they were before GA United came along (since the raises will be gobbled up by the completely unapposed rise in fees).

GA United has proven itself incapable of addressing the real problems facing graduate assistants at this university. Where was GA United when they announced the rising of rent over at Evergreen Terrace a few days ago? Where are its statements on the rise in fees? Tied to the tail tucked of between their legs, that’s where.

GA United has been run like a clayer and not a real union. A real union would have involved the rest of GAAs in the contract process and, perhaps, led campus opposition to rising fees and tuition instead of remaining silent and hoping no one noticed they sold us out.

Charles Groce

doctoral student in mathematics
Our country has only 5 percent of the world’s population, but more people in jail than does China, which has four times as many people, according to data collected by the International Center for Prisons Studies at King’s College, London.

Crime experts and legal scholars interviewed by The Times say the high-incarceration rate has helped to reduce crime in the United States, even though it isn’t clear by how much.

As a result of tougher laws that began in the mid-1990s, U.S. crime rates began to decline. In the 1990s, crime dropped by more than 40 percent, according to the National Institute of Justice. Crime fighters now have many weapons, including mandatory sentencing, better law enforcement and improved technologies such as DNA analysis and computer forensics.

An illustration of changing attitudes in how the justice system has changed is the experience of the late Miami-Dade Circuit Court Judge Joe Durant, a former prosecutor.

In 1977, Judge Durant was considered one of the brightest minds in the district. But a single decision that year turned him into a reputation for leniency. Judge Durant sentenced former Miami Dolphins player Don Renee and Randy Crocker to a year in jail and five-year probation for selling cocaine to undercover police.

The sentence was reasonable, but out of step with the times. A news magazine called the judge, “Let ‘em go, Joe.” The nickname stuck and led to Judge Durant’s defeat in the next election.

Today, in contrast, long sentences are a distinguishing factor in the United States’ high incarceration rate. We put more people in jail and for longer periods, including for nonviolent crimes, such as for writing bad checks and possessing drugs.

In America, more than half the people arrested test positive for illegal drugs and, if convicted, they go to jail or prison. In the rest of the world, people who commit nonviolent crimes are less likely to go to jail and, if they are incarcerated, will serve less time than someone similarly charged here.

In Florida, we know firsthand about the high cost of incarceration. Those prisons were so packed in the 1990s that the courts ordered thousands of inmates freed to ease overcrowding. Since then, Florida has built prisons at an accelerated pace and, even in this year of budget cuts, lawmakers are searching for $840 million to build more prison beds. Yet the cost we pay for jailing so many people, especially nonviolent offenders, involves more than the cash outlay, even though that is considerable. We pay a high price in broken families, lost wages, destroyed careers and broken lives.

With better policies, we should be able to take advantage of the deterrent effect of tough laws without the high cost of incarceration. For example, pretrial-intervention programs help to steer people clear of crime without sending them to jail. National Institute of Justice researchers have found that programs like drug courts are effective in reducing recidivism and prison costs. Research has shown that well-structured programs involving close supervision and case management can prevent people from returning to a life of crime.

In Florida, and the country too, we have shown we can lock people up. The challenge now should be to incapacitate those who are a real threat and rehabilitate those who can be productive members of society.

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AP Poll: Clinton leads McCain, doing better than Obama

WASHINGTON — Hillary Rodham Clinton now leads John McCain by nine points in a head-to-head presidential matchup, according to an Associated Press-Ipsos poll that bolsters her argument that she is more electable than Democratic rival Barack Obama.

Obama and Republican McCain are running about even. The survey released Monday gives the New York senator and former first lady a fresh talking point as she works to raise much-needed campaign cash and persuade pivotal undecided voters needed to triumph in such big states come the fall when the Democratic nominee will go up against McCain.

At the same time, Obama was shown on the defensive by his comment that residents of small-town America were bitter. The Illinois senator also continued to deal with the controversial remarks of his longtime Chicago pastor, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright.

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**Students to tickle funny bones**

Free comedy show Thursday at Longbranch

Audra Ord

Anyone walking past Longbranch Coffeehouse Thursday night may be startled to hear loud shouts, gargles, giggles and peals of laughter emanating from the coffee shop.

Longbranch is hosting a free comedy show from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Thursday featuring three different comedy groups: Skirts, a female comedy duo; a male comedy duo; and Community Floss, an eight-person troupe from SIUE that organized the event.

The comedy performed by Community Floss is similar to the setup of the show “Whose Line is it Anyway?” said Tamira Brennan, a doctoral student from Carbondale studying anthropology.

Brennan, a member of both Community Floss and Skirts, said Community Floss practices short-form comedy and takes suggestions from the audience.

“I like [improv] because it’s totally different from everything else that I do,” Brennan said. “It’s really great to make people laugh — it’s an awesome feeling.”

Brennan’s partner in the comedic duo Skirts is Heather Hull, a first-year master’s student from Tempe, Ariz., studying speech communication.

Hull said she and Brennan began doing comedy together in March. Hull began doing improv in September and she said since then, her comedic experience has been an “uphill battle royal of greatness.”

Hull said improv is challenging because there is no good way and no bad way to practice — there’s just no way to practice. She said she and Brennan usually practice by doing warm-up activities and taking what they’ve done in previous performances and expanding upon it.

Though practice is difficult, it’s easier to do comedy when there is audience participation, Hull said.

“I love doing it in front of an audience. It’s easier to believe that we’re funny if we have real people laughing,” Hull said.

Elaine Ramseyer, the general manager of Longbranch, said similar comedic events at the coffee shop have packed the house and she expects a similar turnout for this event.

Ramseyer said that though events such as Thursday’s comedy show are good for business, what’s more important is building community and giving artists a venue in which to perform.

Brennan said people should come to the show because it’s high-energy and built around audience interaction.

“You never see the same show twice,” Brennan said. “It’s always different and you don’t want to miss something.”

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**Prince plays Coachella**

Jake Coyle

The Associated Press

INDIO, Calif. — “Coachella, I am here.”

Prince hit the stage at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival with that announcement, heralding his arrival as the much-anticipated headliner of the summer festival.

Shortly after 11 p.m. Saturday, Prince strutted onto the stage wearing white pants and a white shirt with glittery fringe. His performance, the centerpiece of the three-day festival, was announced only two weeks ago, immediately making an already very hot festival of 125-plus bands significantly more in-demand.

And Prince knew it.

“You are the coolest place on Earth right now!” Prince declared to a sea of tens of thousands.

Prince, who had been sought out to perform at Coachella since the festival was founded nine years ago, told the crowd that when he agreed to perform, he informed the organizers that he would not only go, but he can’t leave without playing “Purple Rain,” he returned to confirm that even in the desert, it could rain purple.

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Prince preferred to let his guitar do the talking. He also welcomed the singer and drummer Sheila E, who took the lead for a song and then joined Prince on an extended jam.

Finally, Prince satisfied the crowd with a celebratory performance of “1999.” His classic “Little Red Corvette” soon followed.

One of the biggest surprises of Prince’s concert was his cover of Radiohead’s “Creep,” which was sure to be one of Coachella’s most talked-about performances. With some lyrics adjusted, a ripping guitar solo and extended falsetto crooning for a finale, Prince’s “Creep” had the crowd slack-jawed.

To close the set, he gave another unique take on a song not his own: the Beatles’ “Come Together.”

He urged the audience — whom he called his “choir” — to sing “Come together, yeah” over and over.

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"I took part in a photo shoot that was supposed to be 'artistic' and now, seeing the photographs and reading the story I feel embarrassed and blindsighted in an official statement Sunday. What do you think of the child star's controversy?

--Devin Vaughn

"It's been way more personal than on a show, how do you not realize how hurtful photos were going to turn out? You'll just go and do something more appropriate, like chewing bubble gum or painting your nails.

Alicia Wade

Look, there are way more important things to worry about than other than Miley Cyrus and her inability to understand when you're naked or look naked during a photo shoot it's going to come off as provocative. Hello, 'Grand Theft Auto IV' comes out today. I hope you've made your decision on what to do as you won't be around for the next few weeks.

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Referee Todd Frederickson rushes to stop the fight as Steve Campbell, top, looks to finish his opponent, Donald Bell. The bout was Campbell’s first match in the heavyweight division and he plans on staying in that weight class for his next fight, he said.
Salukis take on Illinois

Offense hopes to continue surge with bid in mind

Matt Hartwig
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU baseball teams offensive numbers are finally translating into wins.

The Salukis won two of three from Missouri Valley Conference foe Northern Iowa during the weekend and now head to Champaign with plenty of inertia.

Illinois hosts SIU (23-18) at 6 p.m. today at Illinois Field.

In the second game of a doubleheader sweep of the Panthers Saturday, the Salukis rallied off 18 runs. Even in a losing effort Friday, they clubbed 13 hits and 13 runs.

In Saturday’s first game of a doubleheader, senior shortstop Owen Mackedon doubled while senior outfielder Chris Crank blasted his fourth home run of the season in a 7-5 win.

“We know we can play with any team when we play the way we can.” — Dean Cademartori, senior outfielder

Senior outfielder Dean Cademartori celebrates with junior second baseman Scott Elmendorf after scoring during the 10-9 victory over University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee April 4. The Salukis look to avenge their loss to University of Illinois when they travel to Champaign Tuesday.

Illinois. But after taking two of three from Northern Iowa and upsetting Wichita State and Missouri within the last week, each game becomes more important in regard to an NCAA Tournament bid.

“We beat the fourth and fifth ranked teams in the country over five days,” Saluki coach Dan Callahan said. “I thought that would create some momentum going into the weekend.”

Rayscom projects Wichita State to host a regional series while placing the Panthers as the No. 4 seed in Nebraska’s regional.

The Tigers are projected to be the No. 2 seed in the Region regional.

Luis Medina contributed to this story.

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**Salukis split up, clean up**

Team shines at separate events

**Luis C. Medina**

With the SIU track and field team split between two meets, it was a mission of divide and conquer. The Salukis did just that, capturing four titles and 17 top-5 finishes at the SIU-Edwardsville Twilight Saturday while posting five top-10 finishes and capturing one meet title during the final day of the Drake Relays.

Coach Connie Price-Smith said she was impressed with how the team performed at both meets. “We had a lot of good competition and lots of personal bests and it’s really nice to see that at this time of the year,” Price-Smith said. “But it showed us we’ve got some work to do in other areas.”

Senior thrower Brittany Riley picked up the team’s lone title at the Drake Relays with a victory in the hammer throw. Riley defended her title, which she set last season with meet and stadium records, with a throw that measured 217-5. She also finished 20th in the discus.

The women’s 4x100-meter shuttle hurdles relay team of Meredith Hayes, Nicole Thompson, Tereznia Williams and Toni Whitfield to post an eighth place finish at the SIUE Twilight Saturday and run a time of 44:44.85. Hayes also teamed with Gabbi Menefield, Kandice Thompson and Tae Whitefield to post an eighth place finish in the 1,600-meter sprint medley relay.

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Sophomore Jeff Schirmer posted a personal best in the 5,000-meter run, giving the Salukis their best long-distance finish. Schirmer finished seventh, crossing the finish line in 14:44.85. Hayes also teamed with Gabbi Menefield, Kandice Thompson and Tae Whitefield to post an eighth place finish in the 1,600-meter sprint medley relay.

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Senior pole vaulter Jaqcue Menke practices April 16 in McAndrew Stadium. The team picked up one meet title and five top-10 finishes during last weekend’s Drake Relays.

**Mixed Martial Arts**

Visinia keeps championship in Carbondale

Former Saluki retains championship title

**Jeff Engelhardt**

For Natu Visinia’s opponents, it only takes one hit to quit. Visinia retained his Kage One Heavyweight Championship title Saturday at Battle at the Blast III when he scored a technical knock-out victory over Danny Stoner 12 seconds into the bout. Combined, Visinia’s two victories at Battle of the Blast events have lasted 19 seconds.

The victory came unexpectedly to Visinia as he was hit by a leg kick to open the match but then threw a right hand to set up a leg kick of his own. The right hand was all it took, though, as Stoner went down and the referee ended the contest.

“I knew it landed solid but I meant for it to set up my next move,” Visinia said. “It was nice to fight in front of the fans again and earn the title.”

Visinia’s dominant performances have led him to consider a permanent jump up to bigger shows as he said Saturday could have been his last fight for Kage One. He will have his chance to make his name known on the national level June 14 when he fights for Adrenaline MMA in the 11,800-seat Sears Center in Hoffman Estates.

If Visinia, a former offensive lineman on the SIU football team, makes a home in the pay-per-view events, he would likely vacate his Kage One championship.

That’s where teammate Steve Campbell comes in.

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**Kage One heavyweight champion Natu Visinia defended his belt Saturday night at the Battle at the Blast III when he defeated challenger Danny Stoner in 12 seconds. Visinia will have a chance to average one of his two losses in a June 14 pay-per-view event in the Sears Centre in Chicago hosted by Adrenaline MMA.**

**15 MINUTES WITH...**

Shawn Joy

**Megan Kramer**

SIU senior pitcher Shawn Joy has made an impression in the bullpen in just two seasons wearing the maroon jersey. Joy became only the second Missouri Valley Conference pitcher to throw a complete-game shutout this season when he led the Salukis over nationally-ranked Wichita State April 19. He was also the first Saluki named Missouri Valley Player of the Week for the team this season.

Joy sat down with the Daily Egyptian to talk about his love for wrestling, his ear for David Bowie and his fear in the shower.

**Daily Egyptian:** What major league baseball catcher would you want to throw a game with?

**Shawn Joy:** I’d like to throw with A.J. Pierzynski (of the Chicago White Sox) because I think we’d both be hungry. Who do you call?

**Daily Egyptian:** Do you have a favorite sport to watch besides baseball?

**Shawn Joy:** MMA. OK, it’s late and you’re hungry. Who do you call?

**Daily Egyptian:** Don’t you choose your roommates, who fues me dinner all the time?

**Shawn Joy:** What’s the most-played song on your iPod right now?

**Daily Egyptian:** “Let’s Dance” by David Bowie.

**Shawn Joy:** If you could have dinner with any three baseball players, who do you choose?

**Daily Egyptian:** Mickey Mantle, Frank Thomas and Dan Callahan.

**Shawn Joy:** All right, I’m going to list a few of your teammates and try to describe them in one word. Scott Elmenhorf.

**Shawn Joy:** Loud.

**Daily Egyptian:** If you had to play another position besides pitcher, where would you choose?

**Shawn Joy:** I’d be the bullpen catcher.

**Daily Egyptian:** What’s your favorite sport to watch besides baseball?

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**Daily Egyptian:** What is your least favorite sport?

**Shawn Joy:** Baseball.

**Daily Egyptian:** Baseball is your least favorite sport?

**Shawn Joy:** (laughs). No. I guess I’ll say football.

**Shawn Joy:** What is your biggest fear?

**Daily Egyptian:** Being cut by the SIU baseball team.

**Shawn Joy:** Last question. Who is scarier after a loss, coach Callahan or coach Medina?

**Daily Egyptian:** Mark Kelly. Especially when he’s in the shower. (laughs)

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