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For more than a decade, Ruth Ann Carter smoked crack, endangering her health and compromising the safety of her children. From hell and back, she has changed her life: for herself, for her future and ...

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(Above) Ruth Ann Carter and Zebray, 1, meet lesha, 6, as she returns from school Tuesday afternoon

(Top) lesha stands in front of her mother and brother Zebray at their trailer outside

uth Ann Carter was a young mother with an infant son when she moved to Illinois 14 years ago, fleeing a life ridden with crime and tragedy.

Her troubled life began in Gary, Ind., where she lived the first 24 years of her life. When she was 19, her first husband was fatally shot three times in the head. Two years later, her 21st birthday party ended when a bullet ripped through an artery in her left leg, leaving permanent damage.

After ending an abusive relationship, giv-ing birth to a still-born daughter and getting slapped with three battery charges stemming from her involvement in a gang, Ruth packed up her surviving child and aban-doned Gary.

Her original purpose in coming to Carbondale was to complete the community service she racked up from her criminal ren-dencies in Indiana. In 1989, a few years after her arrival, Ruth opened a whole new chapter of her life.

SHE BECAME A JUNKIE. It started with her drug-dealer neighbor in the Carbondale Mobile Homes. Ruth remembers watching him one day as he unsuccessfully tried to

prepare crack cocaine.

I told him he was doing something wrong.

And then he asked me do you know how to do

Ruth picked up the skill from an exboyfriend. It's not hard. Just add a little bak-ing soda and water to some cocaine, throw on a little heat and presto - let the rock foron comm

Her drug addiction started slowly at first, and then snowballed until it was beyond control. The crack was so readily accessible. With the powdery drug simmering as close as the stovetop in her kitchen, Ruth figured she might as well start using herself. She remembers how harmless it felt in those early days, shortly after her arrival in Carbondale.

I thought it was a joke. I was telling everybody Guess what I did last night. I smoked
ceasine. They thought it was talk!

But else a white it.

But after a while it wasn't so cute anymore. Crack became a routine necessity instead of a recreational outlet. The addiction child, a little boy who was addicted to crack the day he was born, Sept. 26, 1990.

As her crack fixation mounted, so did her

As her crack fixation mounted, so did her greed. Bits and pieces from the neighbors stash was not enough to satisfy her. She wanted to make a little money on the deal.

I wanted to get credit. I couldn't afford to keep myself bigh and keep my bills paid.

Her neighbor generously cut her in on some of the sales profit. Later, desperate for more money to pay hills support be chil-

some of the sales profit. Later, desperate for more money to pay bills, support her children and buy drugs, Ruth took to retail theft to supplement her habit. Her career as a petty thief from 1992 to 1999 consummated in a few arrests with minimal jail time.

The short-lived euphoria generated by crack use is usually followed by a "crash" that

SEE HELL, PAGE 2

Request for DNA testing stalls Forcum murder

MURPHYSBORO — The murder trial of Donald Forcum has been delayed yet again — this time for independent DNA test-ing of evidence requested by the defense at a motion hearing in the Jackson County Jail courtroom Wednesday morning.

Forcum is accused of fatally stabbing SIU student Renee N. DiCicco on June 10 at 2 a.m. in her apartment. Jackson County deputies responded to reports of a neighborhood disturbance at 72 England Heights Road in Carbondale and discovered DiCicco dead and her boyfriend, Brett Janecke, seri-ously injured. Forcum was arrested seven hours after police discovered their bodies and charged him with first-degree murder. He contends that he was at a bar on the Strip or on his way home during the time of the

Jury selection for Forcum's original trial was scheduled for Jan. 29, but was postponed so his defense could send state's evidence for independent DNA testing at Genetic Technologies in Missouri. Public Defender

necessary for the defense to compare blood standards of other items gathered by police. Jackson County State's Attorney Mike Wepsiec suspects the motion has other

"This motion is being entered by the defendant as no brious tactic to dely this case," Wepsies said, "We're approaching the 10-month period in this case, which is not overly long for a murder case. But justice delayed is justice denied."

Westies said he wanted to "sin dougs."

Wepsiec said he wanted to "pin down" Gross and Forcum to clarify their request for all the evidence tested, including a boot smeared with DiCicco's blood discovered at Forcum's apartment by police. He said he does not want any lack of defense testing to be used as fuel for future Forcum appeals. Gross said the trial's delays have not been the intention of the defense.

Despite Wepsiec's belief in the delay tactics of the defense, well I think he knows bet-ter," Gross said. "He can say whatever he

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wants for the press." Wepsiec objected to her

On her way out the door, responding to Wepsiec's allegations of delay tactics, C

retorted, "One cheap shot deserves another."
Although Wepsiec's accusation contends that Forcum is trying to draw out the time until his trial, Gross informed Jackson

County Circuit Judge E. Dan Kimmel that the independent testing would only take two weeks. She said the evidence would have to wait until next Monday to be mailed via Federal Express, so that it does not arrive on the weekend when the lab is closed.

Kimmel accepted the defendant's motion with one condition.

"There should be cooperation between both parties to present the foundation of this material," Kimmel said.



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CORRECTIONS

HELL

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can cause anxiety, depression, irritability, extreme fatigue and paranoia. Generally thought to be the most addictive street drug, crack's social consequences on an addict are extreme. Users become overtly suspicious and alienate their loved ones, further plummeting into a hellish exis-tence, haunted by the demons only they

During this time in her life, Ruth describes herself as an "addict in denial."

THE PARANOIA HIT.

I thought currybody was the police. I would imagine I put drugs and hid them somewhere. Sometimes I actually had But other times, I just wanted to think I had. I mitability and exhaustion followed.

You can't go to sleep because you want more. I wasn't for real about anything. I can't describe it. You feel stupid. But you want more and more because you want to keep feeling stupid."
The lies began.

Everything was a joke. I made excuses for a lot of stuff, Like I don't want to go to work today, my son is sick' But he wasn't sick I was sick. I just didn't want to admit

RAISED BY A PRESCRIPTION-JUNKIE MOTHER and an alcoholic stepfather, Ruth has been exposed to substance abuse since she was a small child. But

witnessing the effects of drug-abuse first-

witnessing the effects of drug-abuse hist-hand did not act as a, determent for her. Instead, she glorified the lifestyle.

I remember the first time I smelled it. Where we lived, the windows would always be open in the summer. We lived right next to

be open in the summer. We lived right next to a liquor store, people were always smoking joints outside. The small would come into the bouse through the small would come into the "Ithought it was cool. This girl came over one time, and she was so high. She was dressed rath inc. All the gays wanted ben! had no idea she was a booker. But I wanted saw her she was in a nice car and I thought that was so neat. She wore the best clothes and her hair was always done. I just loved everything about her."

RUTH SAID SHE'S BEEN CLEAN SINCE AUGUST. Now, it is difficult to reconcile a crack addict with the placid, 38-year-old

crack addict with the placid, 38-year-old woman perched on the corner of her couch in her cramped living room.

But she wornes history will repeat itself. Ruth's daughter, lesha, has seen and felt the effects of drug use.

"It makes me wonder," Ruth said glancing at the floor winer the 6-year-old sits watching cartoons. "What path will she take?"

Her breaking point came Dec. 2. In the aftermath of an emotional breakup with the father of her youngest son, Zebray, Ruth became drunk and wrecked her car. The day after the accident, the apartment where Ruth and her two ungest children had been living was raided by the police. Zebray's father was arrested after drugs were recovered in the

The police intervened and warned Ruth they would have the Department of Children and Family Services take cus-tody of her-children if they were not removed from the Carbondale apart-

Beside the tribulations any recove drug addict and single-mother faces, Ruth is a diabetic. The disease has left her with waning use of both hands and difficulty speaking. Unsavory eating habits, cigarettes speaking. Unsavory eating habits, cigarettes and drug-use further compounded her dis-ease, leaving the arteries in her left leg so clogged doctors were forced to amputate from the knee down. It was the same leg that intercepted a bullet on her 21st birth-

In early January, Ruth permanently traded the roach and drug-infested tenement she had been occupying on Carbondale's Northeast side, for a doublewide trailer outside the city. She located the trailer with the help of an outreach worker from the Good Samaritan Home, a shelter at 701 S. Marion St.

Now, in the more subdued atmosphere

Now, in the more subdued atmosphere of the trailer park, Ruth has begun dedicating her life to raising her children and receiving the word of God:
"I saw the light," Ruth said. "I look forward to going to church on Sunday even though it lasts a long time and they want you to keep standing up. But I look forward to it because its like our outing. It's the right thing to do, to bring my kids up believing in

God."
"Since I've had him," she says awkward-

iy balancing Zebray on her prosthetic leg.
"This is the longest I've stayed off crack."
But temptation lingers. And Ruth is fighting it the only way she knows how—isolation.

"I don't want to even have a personal conversation with a user. I'm not strong enough. I've said no before. But then I think about it. Should I try to call them back? I wouldn't even invite people here to use or people that I know use. If they're not in the people that I know use. It they is not in the church I really don't want to be bothered with them. Users are beggars and I got nothing to give."

Ruth can never regain the years she lost

as an addict, jeopardizing her own health and neglecting her children. Her 10-year old son lives with his father in California, battling the long-term side-effects of being born a crack-baby. Her oldest son, now 15years-old, lives in Carbondale with his aunt.

But the new year has brought new

With a little help from her sister and a local thrift shop, Ruth acquired a few pieces of furniture to decorate her new home with just last week, ending a two-month stretch of living off the floor. She still has no crib for her infant son, nor can slie get a tele-phone until she pays off her outstanding bills and all those bad checks she wrote. But she's finally on her way.

Looking around at the disarray of unopened boxes and furniture stacked to the ceiling, Ruth offers a tiny smile. "It's just like starting from scratch."

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Mess at the Rec

Crowded Recreation Center to cool down soon

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Sweaty students scurrying to tone up in the final days before spring break may think the Recreation Center is overrun with children and visitors, but it won't be much of an

More than 3,000 people flock to the Recreation Center each day from January to March to toil on tracks and treadmills in an effort to keep New Year's resolutions and brave the beaches on spring break, according to assistant director Brian Lukes.

While this increase in traffic may be an inconvenience to some, the number of patrons traditionally decline by the end of March.

John Bleyer, a sophomore in dio-television from Carbondale, has worked at the Recreation Center for a year and a half. As a senior administrative student supervisor, he oversees many of the center's activities and has learned to gauge its

"This is always the busiest time of the year, but people tend to fade out once spring break is over," Bleyer

While families and guests generally utilize the Recreation Center on weekends, they may also do so tively new policy in the build-ing's 23-year history. The revised standard, coupled with field trips, birthday par-ties and instructional classes. often result in large crowds, particularly in the evening and

However, there is a conscious attempt to ensure that the proper are using the center, guests must show picture IDs before purchasing a one-day pass for \$5. Students who forget or misplace their student IDs must also purchase a guest pass without exception, which is a common source of dis-

In an attempt to preserve the Recreation Center largely for stu-dents, an unlimited number of student family members may purchase guest passes, but only two non-family guests are allowed, even if they are willing to pay for passes. In addition, guards monitor both



The recent increased use of the Recreation Center's facilities will most likely begin to decline after Spring Break, say Recreation Center employees.

entrances and verify IDs during the center's busiest hours from noon until 9 p.m. But as the center is open from 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. through-out the week and 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on weekends, some individuals may take advantage of the early hours to sneak into the building or use a friend's ID.

While this scenario is rare, Lukes acknowledged that numerous people have tried to find alternative ways into the center throughout the years "It's always been a problem,"

Lukes said. Despite the seasonal crowds and nal vigilantes, the majority of SIUC students aren't overly concerned with others taking advantage of the Recreation Center

Bleyer estimates he has received complaints on perhaps two occasions concerning overcrowding during his employment. Otherwise, he said the center runs smoothly throughout the

"It's generally not that bad, except

it always gets hectic these last couple of months," Bleyer said. Lukes explained that the center's impressive features and solid reputaalways attract more than just

"I think you're always going to have other people wanting to use a nice facility like this," Lukes said.

NEWS IN BRIEF

CARBONDALE

WIDB seeking new positions for next year staff new

WIDB. Carbondale's student-run radio sta tion, is seeking staff members for the 2001-2002

Applications must be turned into the station's graduate assistant by 5 p.m. on March 21. Interviews will be conducted from 3 to 6 p.m. on March 23.

For applications and more information, visit the website at www.widb.net or contact Slimb or Scott at 536-2361.

Murphysboro

Upshaw burglary pleads guilty to

An SIUC student charged with residential burglary pleaded guilty Wednesday to a reduced charge of burglary.

In pleading guilty to the reduced charge, Christopher Upshaw, 19, was eligible for prob tion. Upshaw was originally charged with two counts of residential burglary, a Class 1 felony. Burglary is a Class 2 felony and is a probational offense. He also faced two counts of theft.

In a plea agreement with the State's Attorney Office, Upshaw pleaded guilty to the amended charge and the state moved that the other three charges against him be dismissed. In return for his guilty plea, the prosecution recommended 30 months probation, a fine of \$200 plus costs and restitution in the amount of \$383. With costs, Upshaw will owe a total of \$833.

Illinois cracking down on drinking and driving

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Secretary of State Jesse White released a traffic-safety proposal Tuesday aimed at getting tough on repeat DUI offenders and people who drive excessively drunk on Illinois

The new proposal would increase penalties for repeat DUI offenders or those found driving at twice the bloodalcohol legal limit of 0.08 and require mandatory jail sentences.

Under current law a person who is issued a DUI can be fined up to \$2,500 and one year in jail. Although left under the jurisdiction of the courts, a first-time offender is typically sen-tenced to pay \$500 and court supervi-

SIUC Police Lt. Todd Sigler said the most important aspect of the new proposal is the penalty for those found driving in exces sive drunkenness, since almost one third of all fatal traffic accidents are attributed to drivers with a blood alcohol content of 0.16 or

There were 35 DUI tickets given in 2000 on the SIU campus and surrounding area. There was only one "Zero Tolerance" violation, which revokes the license of an individual under the age of 21 found with any level of alcohol in their blood. Sigler said this was a low figure for a college

According to a 1999 study by the According to a 1999 study by the Secretary of State's Office, males age 21-24 had the highest DUI arrest rate, accounting for 27.7 in every 1,000 licensed crivers. This is four times greater than all other drivers arrested vith a DUI.

The National Transportation Safety Board reports that only 1 per-cent of drivers on the road have an alcohol level above 0.15 percent. But more than 27 percent of all fatal traffic accidents are a result of drivers with a blood alcohol content at 0.15 or above.

White introduced a similar propos-al in September but it was met with some disagreement by law enforce-ment officials, said Dave Druker, a spokesman for the Secretary of State's Office.

The original proposal mandated

that officials confiscate cars of repeat DUI offenders but questions arose about the feasibility of storing cars for a long period of time.

[The law officials] main concern

was if you confiscate a car and it is in their posses-sion, what would they do **Gus Bode** with it," Druker said.

Under the new proposal, Druker said cars will be locked with a "Denver boot," which is a device attached to the hubcap to wheel. The proposal also gives a judge authority to immobilize vehicles of persons caught driving on a suspended or revoked license by seizing the license plates or installing a boot device.

Although the intent of the proposals are similar, Druker said the small changes in the new proposal has gained the support of anti-drunk

driving groups, Itw enforcement offi-cials and the alcohol-beverage industry. Druker said this is the first time that a group of this size has come together in support of a traffic-safety proposal, including groups such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Illinois Sheriffs Association,

Associated
District Distributors of Illinois. Anheuser-Busch Brewing Company, Miller Brewing

Company and Coors
Brewing Company.

"Point-eight [bloodalcohol-content] is a good law, but the concept here is to give more teeth to the law enforcement and get tougher on repeat offenders and people driving while drinking excessive-ly," Druker said.

Gus says: This Thursday, Jesse White will hold a public forum gives new meaning to the term for discussion and testi-"double shot." mony on his proposal dur-

ing a Judiciary Committee on Criminal Justice at the Stratton Building in Springfield.

The bill was sent before the House

cutive Committee on Wednesday and Rep. John Fritchey, D-Chicago,

one of the legislation's main sponsors, said it received a favorable report. The legislation, drawn from White's motorsafety proposal, was introduced into the House on Tuesday and is awaiting House discussion and a final vote.

Fritchey said it was a substantial improvement to the law and makes
Illinois a forerunner in its attempt to
crack down on repeat DUI offenders.
He said one of the most important

aspects of the traffic-safety proposal is the strict rules it applies to those dri-ving under the influence with children in the car. When you hear that a child was killed in a drunk-driving accident was knied in a drunk-driving accident it is a common misconception to think they were hit by a drunk driver, but in two-thirds of fatablies children are pas-sengers in a car with a drunk driver, Fritchey said.

"It strengthens the penalties and makes people think twice, especially about getting behind the wheel drunk when they have a child on board," Fritchey said.

veen 1985 and 1996, more tisan 3,500 children have been killed in the United States while riding with a

Maximus never fought like this

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James Potter is looking forward to entering the Battlebox and fac saws, pulverizers and hell raisers. nd face kill

Potter, a sophomore in mechanical engineering from Paducah, Ky., and other members of the American Society of Mechanical Engineering ar SIUC are building a robot to compete on Battlebots, a robot combat program on Comedy Central. Potter and his cohorts are going to San Francisco from May 24 to 28 to compete in the

tournament.
Potter said he got the idea while watching the show, which puts robots against each other in one-on-one combat in a hazard-filled arena. He decided that he and members of the society could compete in the tournament.

Potter plans to take himself, and anyone else who works on the project, to San Francisco, saying the attempt to destroy all the competition will take a team effort.

"It's a competition where it pays to be aggressive," Potter said. "Tinse strength takes on a whole new mean ing when you're facing a 50-foot ax-

To battle these obstacles, their robot will be armed with mechanical claws to grasp the other robots and carry them to hazards. If no hazards are in sight, the claws can pull the other robot toward it and ram it into the spike that will be positioned on the

To maneuver, the robot will have two wheels that swivel around, making

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Mechanical Engineering students represent SIUC, gladiator style

> Tom Ingrim, James Potter Lloyd Bantner and Karl Stahl discuss how to assemble the parts to their robot, "Nibbler." The group will enter the robot in the May 24 through 28 **Battlebots** tournament in

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Herrin history to air on WSIU

Southern Illinois town's 100 years incapsulated for Public Television

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There is a small town in Southern Illinois that once liad a massacre, as well as several problems with gangsters and bootleggers back in the 1920s.

The documentary depicting this era, "A History of Herrin, Illinois," will be aired on television for the first time at 7 tonight on WSIU. Herrin, Illinois,"

Monica Tichenor, coordinator of WSIU/WUSI-TV otions, said WSIU wanted to air the documentary as art of its March Membership Drive to bring in support from local residents.

"We decided to air it because it's a good show. It's about the region, and it was directed by two SIUC employees,"Tichenor said

The documentary chronicles the 100-year history of

Herrin. The town has about 10,000 occupants, and is located about 15 miles northeast of Carbondale. The town's history is told through video interviews with long-

time residents, vintage photographs and archival film.

Although Herrin is a town full of rich history, there was an ulterior motive for making the film. Gordon Pruett, a resident of Herrin since the second grade, volun-Pruett, a resident of Herrin since the second grade, volun-teered to make the film in honor of Herrin's Centennial celebration.

Pruett, who is also involved in marketing at SIU Press, co-directed the film with Mike Covell, an assistant pro-

fessor in Cinema and Photography.

During the past 100 years, Herrin has been a town of rich Italian culture, law enforcement problems, coal mines and was once a thriving urban area.
"Herrin has a very colorful and checkered past with the

relationships between labor and management in the coal

reasons up between law enforcement and gangsters and bootleggers in the 1920s," Pruett said.

"We talked to an old Italian resident who was a witness to the aftermath of the Herrin massacre in 1922," Pruett

Herrin was also a staple to the Southern Illinois region the 1920s and '30s.

We found film footage of 40,000 people attending a arade in Herrin. It was a vibrant urban area at that time ovell said.

The small town was also visited by former President Harry S. Truman and baseball legend Yogi Berra in the 1940s. Truman made a stop in during his presidential campaign in 1948. Berra visited the town along with for-

er legend Joe Garagiola to see a childhood friend. Pruett and Covell also found some charming archival footage of a water park that once existed in Herrin.

"White City Park was an old amusement park in

Herrin that rivaled any town in Illinois' parks -- except hicago," Pruett said.

Even though this documentary is solely about the history of Herrin, it is of value to everyone in the United

"After working with this, I've seen that it's a microcosm of the national history of small towns in the United Covell said.

"This video could be about any small town in America," Pruett added.

WANNA WATCH?

"A HISTORY OF HERRIN, ILLINOIS" WILL AIR ON WSIU,
CHANNEL 8, AT 7 P.M. IT WILL AIR AGAIN SUNDAY AT 6 P.M.
AND I 1:30 P.M.

NIBBLER

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it possible for the robot to move forward and backward. The robot will be piloted via a remote control which cost \$300.

The only thing that is not com-pletely decided about the robot is its name. Potter said the only idea right now is "Nibbler," because the robot takes little bites.

"I don't think the name's important right now. It's just important to get the thing built," Potter said. "It's not the name of the robot that matters, but the amount of butt it

The original names of the robot included more morbid titles like "Anubis," being the Egyptian god who escorted the dead to the afterlife. But students working on the project like Tom Ingrim, a junior in electrical engineering from Winfield, said the name could be more original.

"Every robot's got a name like Anubis," Ingrim said. "We need a name like Rog." While the robot's name is not

confirmed, the team's name is. The name it will use is SIU Robots Team. The SIU will stand for both Southern Illinois University and Savage Ins Robots Team Innovations Utilizing

To build the robot, the engineers are using various parts like wind-shield-wiper motors from a 1985 Ford Escort and a power wheel-chair. First, they will build a wood version of the robot so they can test its effectiveness and figure out its

strengths and weaknesses.
"We just have to make them and learn from our mistakes," said Lloyd

Bantner, a junior in mechanical engineering from Carbondale, who is also behind the project. If their robot is successful, the

team could win a cash prize, which has yet to be determined, and the large "Golden Nut" trophy. The award for lightweight robots like Potter's in the past have been about

However, Potter said the award would not be his, but the people behind it and the society's.

"It doesn't matter who holds the nut because it's all a team effort," Potter said.

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ability in keeping its finances in order and giving them another \$10 per student for each semester is "simply increasing the scale of their financial mistakes rather than solving any problems."

Although a majority of the council supported the \$5.50 increase, GPSC President Bill Peters still was not

convinced.
"Whether you like the [Fine Arts] fee or not, it is a new fee," Peters said.

Peters informed council members the Illinois Board of Higher Education has typically required that there be a student referendum before a new fee is implemented

"This is not a law," Peters said. "It is not written specifically that there has to be a referendum, but typically there is. It is board policy and if there isn't [a ref-erendum], there can potentially be an uprising."

Hageman said without a student referendum, it

ould set a precedent that allows for possible increases in the future without student input.

"With the way it is being introduced in this back door way, it's sort of like a test," Hageman said.

The fine arts increase is being tacked onto the back of Archer's proposal instead of being introduced on its own as a separate and new fee. If introduced on its own, there would be the need for a student referendum to fol-

low IBHE policy.
USG had passed the \$10 and \$5.50 increase proposals separately in mid-February in separate proposals. These same proposals were introduced in previous GPSC meeting PSC meetings. However, the motion written for Tuesday night's

council meeting combined the two proposals amounts as one and had to be voted upon as one proposal.

Council member Keith Prufer said while both pro-

osals were introduced separately, the SIU Board of rustees will only see them as one increase of \$15.50.

However, a resolution will be introduced at the next

seeting requesting a \$5.50 increase to the Student Activity fee since most GPSC members support the Fine Arts fee.

T.J. Rutherford, interim director of the Student Center, attempted to explain the fee increase to the council.
"There's the \$10 increase, and I don't know what you

all that, and then there's the \$5.50 increment for the Fine Arts fee, said Rutherford, who works with the Office for Student Affairs.

Rutherford then said GPSC could and were encou aged to vote on each increase independently, but "they

aged to vote on each increase interpendently, out they will all end up being the campus activity fee." Following the motion to reject the total \$15.50 Student Activity fee increase proposals, the council voted to table discussion on either increase proposal, both of which they plan to address at the next meeting in two weeks.



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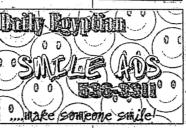
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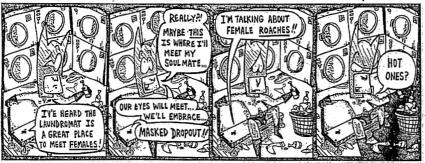
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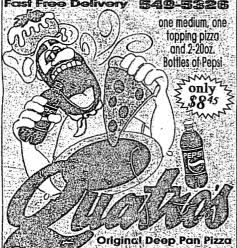


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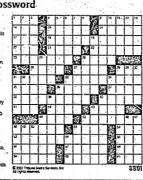
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Bandy operating with little time

Women's advocate continues continues helping students even after dismissal

> JOSEPH D. JOHNSON DAILY EGYPTIAN

Nancy Bandy has dedicated her life to causes she believes in, but her time to dedicate to SIU

is dwindling swiftly.

Bandy, SIU's assistant athletic director, whose job responsibilities center around Title IX and compliance issues, was placed on waivers this aut August by first-year Athletic Director Paul

Her 19-year career of serving as a ger, der-equality watchdog and compliance officer at the top of the athletic department will end effectively this autumn.

Paul Kowalczyk came to my office at 8 a.m. one day and told me that he was restructuring and that he wanted to bring in his own people," Bandy said. "[He said] it had nothing to do with b performance.

Assistant Athletic Director Mike Perkins s effectively released along with Bandy. Both of their contracts will expire on Aug. 7. Under University regulations, Kowal

valczyk has to give administrative and professional personnel within the Athletic Department a one-year notice before he can terminate their employ-

"I'm going to try and take a look at some things and bring in some people whom I might be more comfortable with," Kowalczyk told the

be more comfortable with, Anomaczyk told the Daily Egyptian this past August.

Kowalczyk has recently refused to comment on anything related to Bandy.

"It's unfortunate for someone who's given that much to the University," said former Associate Athletic Director Charlotte West of Bandy. "She's been a tireless proponent of equi-ty. We need more people like her."

Bandy doesn't necessarily believe her position

"I'm sure there were some political reasons involved," Bandy said. After her contract is up at SIUC, Bandy is opeful that she will be able to stay involved

with education. In addition to being a part of the gender-equity committee, Bandy has written countless appeals for student-athletes. One appeal Bandy wrote was a national precedent at the NCAA level, helping students to change majors later in their academic careers. Admissions/Records officer Larry Frailey has

Admissions/Records officer Larry Frailey has worked with Bandy on the eligibility of athletes. "Everything I've seen has been excellent," Frailey said of Bandys job performance.

dy has been noted to have good relation

ships with students.
"One of her greatest assets is her advocacy for students," West said. "When a student her an to. They turn to her with personal problems, as well as coach problems.

"Through the years, students have always"

spoken highly of her."

Bandy has continued to rally for gender equi-

ty even up to her final few months.
"We haven't been in Title IX compliance since I've been here. I don't know of any institu-tions in the country that are," said Bandy. "We've uous in the country that are, said Bandy. We've made some significant gains, given that the new softball field is going to be built, but there still are other things that need to be addressed. Martin Luther King Jr. said, Justice too long delayed is justice denied."

To see generation after generation of the said of

To see generation after generation of student-athletes go through and not get equal opportunities [is hard]. This is something that I'm passionate about and tried to work within I'm passionate about and tried to work within the system to correct."

the system to correct.

Bandy's brutal honesty may have factored into her dismissal. She has at times been on outspoken critic of her own department.

"She's probably one of the most honest people I've worked with," West said. "Speaking out so strongly has probably been a factor in people not respecting her to the degree that they should."

Title IX's impact feit at Indiana

INDIANA DAILY STUDENT (INDIANA U.)

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (U-WIRE) — For four years, senior Tania Hults wrote e-mails to set up field hockey tournents. For four years, she washed uniforms

she bought with her own money. So when the athletics department decided to elevate her team to the varsity level, she elected to stay at IU for a fifth year.

elected to stay at 10 for a fifth year.

Hults was the president of the women's field hockey team. Now, because of Title IX, she focuses on being a varsity athlete.

"Thank God for Title IX, because it's given women a chance to be college athletes," Hults said. "But it's sometimes difficult because

there's often not so much money involved."

Title IX. a clause of the 1972 Education Act, requires all educational institutions that receive federal funds to follow requirements receive federal funds to follow requirements that include providing scholarships and facilities to female athletes and promoting their sports in a way that equals the men's sports. While Title IX has provided more opportunities for female athletes like Hults, some men's clube teams are being held back from achienion

clubs teams are being held back from achieving varsity status. IU has retrained from cutting any men's varsity sports, but no men's teams will be added in the near future. They also want to avoid cutting rosters in the men's varsity teams remain competitive in the Big Ten, associate athletic director and compliance coordinator

athletic director and compliance coordinator Mary Ann Rohleder said.

In the last four years, the university has elevated women's field hockey, crew and water pole to varsity status to comply with Title IX, Rohleder said. The promotion of women's water pole and women's crew to varsity status status and the complex of th has increased the percentage of IU athletes who are women from 40 percent in the 1997-98

are women from 40 percent in the 1997-98 school year to 46.6 percent in 1999-2000.

Hults petitioned the athletis department promotion to variity status four years ago, but water polo was chosen over field hockey because of expenses and the water polo teams

She had to wait another four years to get her

"Ever since I was a freshman, we kept trying

was so happy they did because I was so happy to see the program built and add another play-er in the Big Ten. It will grow rapidly from

For Coach Barry King and his women's ater polo team, attaining varsity status in 1997

has been a blessing.
When they were still a club team, the water polo athletes had to pay for their flights to away games. They slept on floors in friends houses when they traveled to tournaments and begged parents to pay for hotel rooms. Now the athlet-

parents to pay for hotel rooms. Now use aumerics department pays for the team's swimsuits, goals, balls and other expenses.

"Certainly the athletics department needs to be congratulated for the decision to add these sections of the pays onts." King said. "It's sports and not cut men's sports," King said. "It's about inclusion: — not exclusion. That's what Tide IX is about."

Besides opportunities, promotion to varsity Besides epportunities, promotion to varsity also means tough beginnings. Field hockey coach Amy Robertson left behind an assistant coaching position at the nation's third-best field hockey team at Wake Forest to start IUs proin August. She struggled during her

eam's first year at varsity.

She had to learn how to tolerate losing, as her team was outscored 73-8. She had to tolerate nights at the office past 7 with no paid assistant coach. She had to tolerate weekends on the control of the contro

"When I was younger, there weren't half the opportunities there are with field hockey," said Robertson, 35. "In schools, women always had the second slot. We had to pay for our own shoes and sticks."

Now IU's athletics department pays around \$170,000 for her team's equipment and facilities. But Title IX has not meant a sudden infusion of money or scholarships for first-year var-sity teams. The three newest women's sport teams were not given the maximum amount of scholarships in their first years. The field hockey team was given three scholarships — nine less than the maximum — f 4 the 2000 season.

But like the coaches of the other first-year varsity teams, Robertson does not feel slighted. letics department, adding that it would have been unrealistic to give her rookie team full

"I think it was really fair with the scholar-ships," Robertson said. "They gave me exactly what I asked for I feel very confident that it's

Roileder explained that a new team should not get the full amount of scholarships in its first year because the entire first recruiting class would graduate in four years, leaving little money for future recruits. "You can't build a team in one year," she

The three newest women's teams have not had immediate success. The field hockey team lost 11 of 12 games, and the women's crew team finished last in the Big Ten in its first sea-son. But the teams' coaches remain hopeful for

There are seven teams in the conference this season, and we hope to be in the top three, crew coach Mark Wilson said. "We've got real istic goals. We want to improve on all fronts et to make sure the girls are rowing well

and make sure they're all strong."

Wilson was a volunteer assistant coach for the women's club team before he was promot-ed to head women's varsity coach in 1999. He now gets paid and his team can compete and practice on the revamped Lemon Lake, with its nesy dock and boathouse.

But the crew team's costs have accumulated to more than \$350,000 in the past two years, straining the athletics department's budget, associate athletics director Harold Mauro said. The outdoor AstroTurf field for the field hockey team, which will be ready for the 2001 sea-son, adds another \$1 million to the already

strained budget.
Robertson's team might be the last to attain varsity status for a while. The athletic department does not plan to add any varsity sports in the near future to comply with Title IX and avoid further strain on the budget, Rohleder

"We watch our rosters," she said. "In a peri-od of four years, we just added three sports, so we need to now step back and see what our plans for the future would be."

STREMSTERFER

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"[Erins] very fun, very easy to get along with. Even if she throws a bad pitch and they get a hit, she's still up."

After three seasons of falling short of a Missouri Valley Conference title, Stremsterfer realizes it is now or never in obtaining her goal of reaching the NCAA Tournament. But she's not putting any added pressure on herself. If positive karma is true, she knows this is the sea-

But following the season, another chapter in Stremsterfer's life will be concluded — her soft-Stremsterfer's life will be concluded — her soft-ball career. An avid player since she was seven-years-old, Stremsterfer is a bit puzzled about what she will do to fill the void.

"I'll always need some sort of softball fix in my life," Stremsterfer said. "I'm still going to try to play summer ball, but the fact of having to have a job and that whole ordeal, it's going to be

Stremsterfer already has a job lined up as a sales representative at IKON office solutions in St. Louis starting in June, following her gradu-

"Tiat'll give me plenty of time to win the conference championships and get to the NCAAs," Stremsterier said.

TENNIS

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While Marsh's return is going to help the team, he is by no means the Salukis' only

weapon.
Senior Val Epure, sophomore Alon Savidor and freshman Peter Bong have all played well thus far and are expected to continue produc-

"It'll probably be a pretty close match, but we should be able to pull it out," Carpenter said. "They're notoriously a pretty weak team, but they're going to be better than they have been in a lot of years."

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Senior pitcher Erin Stremsterier sets back to throw during practice Wednesday afternoon. Pitching her last season for the women's softball team, erfer has proved herself to be an outstanding asset to the team with a 4-1 season.

Pitcher throwing heat on, off field

Hurler Erin Stremsterfer off to a solid start in senior season

COREY CUSICK DAILY EGYPTIAN

If everyone bookmarked the chapter in Erin Stremsterfer's life on confidence and positivity, that utopian society philosophy buffs prattle endlessly about would become more of an actu-

ality than apparition.

The SIU senior softball hurler is no philosophy major by any means, but has found har-mony in a game that taught her a vital lesson in the game of life: Erin Stremsterfer doesn't have

bad days.
"I've developed [confidence] through soft ball, I've figured out the more confident you are, the more positive you think about life, Stremsterfer said. "You are just always in good moods. Being positive, you get more out of life.

"If you focus on the negative, you just miss so many things in life."

Sticking to the theme of philosophy, while those brilliant minds, snicker if you please,

think endlessly, Stremsterfer credits her success

"I'm at my best when I'm not thinking," said the Manchester, Mo., native. "I think that's why I work so fast in between my pitches, because I

ont tunk.

'I'm just one of those players that doesn't like to think very much. Just go with the flow.'

Easy concept. It works too, as evidenced by her 4-1 record this season, including her teambest 0.46 ERA and 63 strikcouts.

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Stremsterfer has allowed just three earned runs in 45.1 innings of work, while firing a nohitter and being one out away from a perfect game this past Saturday.

"By my senior year, I hope I should be doing like this. It's expected," said Stremsterfer non-balantly.

chalantly.

While Stremsterfer takes success in stride, her Saluki coach can't help but salivate over her

"She's one of the most consistent players I've ever coached," said SIU head coach Kern Blaylock. "She comes to practice everyday ready to play. Good things happen to people like that."

that.

One day this fall, though, Blaylock actually had to yell at her star pitcher. Stremsterfer was late to one of the first practices of the season, and Blaylock, true to form, didn't give

Stremsterfer any special treatment.

Blaylock said it was the hardest thing she ever had to do. After talking it over, Stremsterfer explained she was caught by a train, and that she would never be late to prac-

"So she beats me to practice most of the time [now]," Blaylock said. Stremsterfer is the epitome of a team leader

she can do it vocally and by example. The speech communication major takes command of the game on the mound, and can do it with the bat too, as she proved with a two-run University Sunday.

But it's her presence on the mound that fires

her team up the most.

"It sets the tone for a game right away," said freshman shortstop Haley Viefhaus. "If we're out on the field first, and she strikes out three in a row, we get to go hit right away. That sets the tone for us that we're going to dominate."

That positive five face we generally also

That positive fun-loving personality also rubs off on her teammates. "Perfect example of a team leader," Viefhaus

said. "She doesn't get down on herself, she always tries to pick everybody up.

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It's time for me to go

Jan Quarless, Harold Bardo and John Jackson

Jan Quariess, Harold Bardo and John Jackson
— you've all got your wish.

After nearly two years of irritating the SIU
Athletic Department, I've decided that now is the
night time for me to find something else. WhilI'll remain around Carbondale until I walk
through graduation ceremonies in August, it's come time to hang up my recorder and reporter

After spending much of my time around athletics in the past four years I've been at SIUC, my own career didn't end without some major highlights (or lowlights, whichever way you want to look at it).

No single incident overshadows a five-minute stretch on the sidelines at Murray State University when SIU lost its opening football game last scason. It's one of those stories you'll always reniember like it was yesterd.

The unforgettable former SIU football coach
n Quarless was already on the hot seat entering his fourth season, sporting an 11-22 record. Just a day before the game, another DAILY EGYTPTIAN columnist wrote a column stating that four years was enough if Coach Q didn't produce some wins.

Coach Q is not exactly media-friendly to begin with, and you could only imagine his reaction. As it turned out, he relayed his message through me after the game.

As Coach Q screamed and berated me, pointing his finger inches away from my face several times on the sidelines in the middle of a few other members of the media, I simply tried to figure out

what exactly was going on. During the During exchange, if you can even call it that, I didn't exactly have time to fully explain DE operations, and got in about

For those who don't know him, Q prides himself on not using vulgar language, and you have to give him credit. He didn't cuss once. If fact, he had enough tact to tell me that I could go to "H."



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But in all fairness, Q apologized the following week in his soft-tone, mobster-like voice. That

week in his solf-tone, mouster-like voice. That was enough in itself to get blood pumping and a stream nearly running down the side of my leg.

The five-minute period, and for that matter, the whole season, felt like a bad dream that

seemed to go on and on.
That wasn't the only awkward situation I've been in since I began working for the DE. Former interim SIU Athletic Director Harold Bardo and interim SIUC Chancellor John Jackson are not big fans of mine either. But compared to Quarless, nothing to even sneeze about.

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The reason I got into journalism in the first place was to make a contribution to society and make it a better place than before. After all, losers talk about problems while winners talk about solutions. solutions.

One of my former journalism professors wa One of my former journalism professors was trying to get my classmates, who were mostly DE reporters, to be more aggressive with news cover-age after he cited example after example of inci-dents where the paper let a big story slip away. In the middle of the tirade, I was never quite sure if he was complimenting me or insulting me when he said, "You guys pick on poor Quarless," as he continued his lecture.

Throughout my efforts, I've always tried to play by the rules and out-hustle my competition through good old-fashioned hard work. For my reward, several members of the SIU Athletic Department occasionally asked me what I'm going to stir up next when I'm walking to an inter

I feel like I've been at SIUC a lot more than four years as my collegiate career has dragged on long enough. In a way, I feel like Al Gore in the last presidential election.

As Gore wisely concluded when he knew his time was up, "It's time for me to go."

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Dawgs ready to defend home turf

SIU men's tennis team to host Eastern Illinois University today

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Although the SIU men's tennis team is off to a 1-3 start, it hasn't

Institution of the second seco

Marsh, fresh off a suspension for violating team rules, admits he'll be a little nervous when he steps back onto the court, but feels it won't

take him long to loosen up.

"It's a little nerve-wracking because I want to do well, especially

coming off a suspension, but I'll be fine," Marsh said. "Once I play doubles and get a couple of games in, it'll be just like normal again."

Marsh's addition will enable some of the other players to fall back

Masshs addition will enable some of the other players to fall back into their natural spots instead of having to step up a slot or two.

"It moves me down a spot, so that helps, said senior Chris Carpenter. "I've been playing four, so Tim will move in and I'll play the five. I shouldn't lose too many matches at five, so if we can count on five as a soid win for every match that'll help throughout the season."

SIU head coach Missy Jeffrey said the return of Marsh helps the teams depth in both singles and doubles since they now have two solid doubles teams.

"It'll just give a lot more strength to the line-up because the top three have been winning, but they've only been good in one of the two doubles," Jeffrey said. "The addition of Tim could mean the addition of two more wins per match, it'll definitely strengthen the line-up."