Graduation may get four-year guarantee

PENDING: Low rate prompts SIUC to study new warranty program.

By Paul Yechio

A 15.7 percent four-year graduation rate for SIUC students has prompted University officials to study the possibility of developing a program that will help students graduate within four years and improve SIUC's retention rate.

University officials are studying a program called GRADTRAC at this point. GRADTRAC will guarantee that students can receive their degrees within four years, or the University will pay for their tuition for the fifth year in school.

"The administration is looking into the program right now," he said. "We hope the program would encourage students with education option of four years."

An untold state mandate recently was passed by the Illinois General Assembly that states colleges should work harder to graduate more students within four years.

Western Illinois University officials have agreed to implement the GRADTRAC program to help its students. The program will be implemented during the fall 1998 semester and is the first of its kind among all Illinois public universities.

In order to apply to the program, students must declare a major and follow their individual course requirements. Students also must meet on a regular basis with their academic advisors.

SEE GRADTRAC, PAGE 6

AmerenCIPS improvement might force gas rates to increase

PERSONAL REQUEST: City plans to fight costs which would add $4 to $10.50 a month to residents' bills.

By Sara Bean

AmerenCIPS natural gas rates will increase by 11 percent if the Illinois Commerce Commission approves a request filed by the utility company June 30 which cites the need for more than $75 million in gas system improvements.

But the Carbondale City Council plans to approve a resolution opposing the increase. City Manager Jeff Doherty said the council will vote on the resolution but does not know when that will be done.

AmerenCIPS officials said residential customers would see an increase of $4 to $10.50 each month.

The company has over 300,000 natural gas customers in Illinois and Missouri. The proposed increase will not affect AmerenCIPS electric rates.

The last natural gas increase was in March 1992. Ed McDowell, spokesman for AmerenCIPS, said a number of significant investments have been made in the system during the last six years, ranging from piping improvements in sew computer systems. The company has also made improvements to its underground natural gas storage facilities.

The monthly increase for a small residential gas customer using an average of 30 therms per month would be 16.7 percent or $4.06.

A residential customer using an average of 80 therms per month would experience a monthly increase of 12 percent or $6.07.

For a larger residential customer using an average of 200 therms per month, the increase would be 9.3 percent or $10.50.

Commercial customers would realize, on average, an increase of 16.4 percent in their monthly gas bill. Large industrial customers with firm delivery service would experience, on average, a 3.6 percent rate reduction.

Large industrial customers with interruptible service would not see an increase.

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"The number of applicants isn't high because of the challenge in affirmative action and over reliance on test scores. The challenge is to find qualified minority students," McDowell said.

In accord with the Illinois Commerce Commission, the company has over 400,000 natural gas customers in Illinois and Missouri.

Women's Services to sponsor workshop on dream interpretation.

By Ashley L. DuBard

African-Americans, Mexican-Americans, Puerto Ricans, American Indians are four minority groups underrepresented in the SIUC School of Medicine, a medical school official said.

Harold Bardo, director of the SIUC Medical-Dental Education Preparatory Program, said there are a number of why these groups are underrepresented in the medical program.

MedPrep is a post-baccalaureate program that helps prepare minority and disadvantaged students compete on the same level as other students for medical school admission.

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Saluki Calendar

UPCOMING

- Saluki Volunteer Corps, National Night Out is looking for volunteers to set up and assist with games, face painting, and entertaining children. August 4, 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Turkey Track, for more info call Michelle at 453-5714.
- Carbondale Middle School, The CFIB FBAC has concert. August 5, noon, Town Square Plaza, for more info call Joel 529-8040.
- Late Night Studio Fraternity presents live Comedy Jam. July 9, 12:00 p.m. to 12:45 a.m., The Historic 80s, for more info call 1-800-560-8959 or www.dailiegyptian.com.
- SUC Movie Club, program offered FREE movies and club quizzes, August 21, to 5:30 p.m., register at www.thesuc.com, for more info call 664-6534.
- SUC Radio/Television Department is producing a documentary on the History of Southern Illinois Radio. Anyone with any information, or old tapes or any memories, or air checks is requested to contact Professor Johnson at 453-6901 or at home 985-6269.
- Showman National Forest, Plenty and Springs hike, August 23, 10 a.m., Bell Smith Spring, for more info call 1-800-MY WOODS.
- Showman National Forest, Plenty and Springs hike, August 23, 7 p.m., Harrison House, for more info call 1-800-MY WOODS.
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USG spending sparks criticism

TRAVEL TROUBLE: Former senator calls student leaders' overnight stay into question, says they should support van.

SARA BEAM
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

A former Undergraduate Student Government senator criticized USG President Kristie Ayres, saying her use of student funds is hypocritical.

Former USG Senator Chet Lunsford accused Ayres of spending $300 on a hotel room at the last Board of Trustees while refusing to help the Graduate and Professional Student Council fund a van to take students to board meetings.

In a memo to Ayres, Lunsford said that she should cooperate with GPSF and encourage student involvement. Lunsford also said that she had spent over $300 on hotel rooms and expenses for herself, USG Chief of Staff Christian Schonover and USG City Affairs Commissioner Connie Howard. Ayres said that these claims are ridiculous and ununiformed.

"The amount spent was not just hotel, but mileage, which is 31 cents a mile and a meal allowance," Ayres said.

"I also never said I opposed funding a van to take students to Board of Trustees meetings," Ayres added.

"My goal is to get the minute to take action on issues, not just the executive committee," Ayres said. "That is why I want to put things like this before them."

Ayres said that at a meeting one year ago, the Dutch-Richmond Economic Center, 16th Carbondale, vans were reserved to run from campus to the center on Pleasant Hill Road. Ayres said that only one of the three vans reserved were used only by a few students. "And most of these were USG senators."

Travel expense invoices in the Student Senate office showed that a total of $301.85 was spent for Ayres, Schonover and Howard for their overnight stay at the July 9 board meeting at the SHI Edwardsville campus. Ayres said that she, Schonover and Howard stayed in a hotel the evening prior to the meeting so they would be able to arrive at the meeting on time. She said they only had one hotel room.

Ayres received $151.34 for mileage reimbursement, lodging, and per diem allowance. Schonover and Howard each received $75.34 for hotel and per diem allowance.

Per diem travel allowance provides receipts for every hour on tours at starting midnight.

Funds for trips to events like board meetings will be funded from a USG travel budget, paid for through student fees.

"Lights Up!: Electricity Provided

"Alspaugh, a senior in theater from Chicago, focuses light on the second floor of McLeod Theater for the upcoming play. The live children's event, "Children's Rock Live," runs both Friday and Saturday at McLeod Theater. Dave Murr/ Daily Egyptian

Workshop focuses on realizing dreams

DREAM WEAVING: Presenters suggest taking notes on nightly journeys.

ASTRA L. DILLARD
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

About a dozen women gathered in a small, intimate setting Thursday night at McLeod Theater to share and express how they feel about dreams.

They participated in the final workshop of the Brown Bag Series, "Working with Dreams: Moving Toward Self-Understanding." The presentations were given by Carol Sommers and Theresa Sharpe. During the workshop, the group discussed dreams and how to interpret their meaning.

Sommers, a campus safety representative at Women Services, gave the group a few pointers on how to recall their dreams.

"Wake up really gradually after the dream, try to remember something from your dream, like music, characters or the setting," Sommers said.

Sommers also said that you should try to remember how you felt waking up from the dream and keep a tape recorder or notebook by your bed to record the happenings in the dream. Until you have recorded the dream, it should be rehashed.

"Try to re-enter your dream and revise several times," Sommers said.

Sommers said that when writing down the dream, the important people, the events and the setting should be highlighted. They should also be written in the present tense.

"Everything that happens in dreams is there for a purpose," she said.

Sharpe, a counseling and administrative assistant at Women Services, said it is important to be able to interpret your own dreams.

"Some dream books and dictionaries can be useful as an example, but don't rely on those solely," Sharpe said.

"Only you can truly interpret your dreams," Sharpe added.

Sharpe suggested the group record the dreams that they remember for the next six weekends and find a meaning to them.

"After discussing dreams, the group began a symbol interpreting exercise.

The objective of the exercise is to tell the group a recurring dream and the symbol involved with the dream. Then each person in the group tells the person what they think the dream and the symbol in the dream mean."

The person is supposed to listen and the other to feel for a message that the body might be giving them.

"Many people left the group feeling satisfied with the events that had just taken place," Sharpe said.

Lynne Galas from Herrin, said she really enjoyed attending the workshop. She said she knows how beneficial all three topics can be.

"All three of these have been helpful," Galas said. "I think what they've done most for me is motivated me to start focusing more on myself."

Standing in the audience Thursday night, Corinne Manno said she enjoyed the workshop, as well.

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HOLLYWOOD — On the day he made the announcement, Frank Johnston, the American photographer best known for his work in Vietnam, was in New York and Los Angeles. Warren Beatty subjected himself to a publicity road show in 45 cities and towns, aiming in exchange for access to the estimated 17 million people who listen to him daily.

"At what age did you lose your virginity?" Johnston asked, getting a point. "You had to be, like, 12." And later, when the subject turned to Beatty's routine of eating oatmeal for breakfast, Stern was moved to ask: "Do you move your bowels regularly in the morning or...?"

But in an interview even when he's not heading Toward dawn — the customary time for massed enemy attacks — Johnston, a self-taught photographer, had escaped from his hotel room and ducked into a nearby building.

"We were in a house of God, and we were going to die."

JOHNSTON, BUSY WITH OTHER "the feared attack didn't come. They'd been waiting for the proverbial knockout blow. 'I'm hoping you made it,' he'd say, 'I hope you made it.'"

"I don't know how many kids you'll be in California," Johnstone said. "He was like a soft, cuddly teddy bear."
In retirement, gays and lesbians forge new communities

GENERATION: Housing options reinforce community spirit to seniors.

JULIE CART
LOS ANGELES TIMES

PHOENIX — As the largest group of senior citizens over new barriers into old age, it’s clear that things are going to be mightily different. On the coming edge of that generation are gay and lesbian senior citizens who are helping to define the new rules, starting with the housing market. Nationwide, there are the beginnings of a move to develop and inherit retirement communities for gays — and lesbians, a generally well-heeled segment of the senior population.

“Part of what’s driving this, as lesbians and gays are getting older, they’re looking for community,” said Terry Kaether, director of Senior Action in a Gay Environment, a New York City social service agency.

“Community is important. This generation of seniors who have been labeled as sinners by the religious leaders and sometimes by their own families, have slowly built an appreciative audience. The comedy debuted with a 9.7 rating. “It’s a little bit more than usual,” actress and comedian Maya Giacco, said. “Everybody in their right mind at 9 p.m. Thursday slot. “I think the audience of 17 million,” added Segal’s publisher; “It’s a good momentum will help us” come fall, Born, in West Orange, N.J. Giacco, said. “It’s a nice progression.”

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TOXIC: Citizen runs group which helps others living with environmental hazards.

WASHINGTON Post

In a simple linen shirt and brown sandals, she seems spiritedly fragile for a woman who has spent an accumulative intensity of 23 years fighting industrial pollution. You'd be hard pressed to challenge her. She is all ferocity, that deep voice, the staring, green eyes. "If we're going to take our country back, we've got to pay attention: the little people, and they are big business and big government. This is war." You can see how this woman could cause a media meltdown in a small town and across the country.

"You think you of the Love Canal woman?" "Oh, the dump lady." (She has an easy, husky laugh, a character she is.) "It's not very flattering, is it?"

This month, Gibbs will give a tour of Love Canal to legislators, ex-homeowners and the media.

Love Canal has left her with enduring suspicions. "I always understood that if you had a problem, the government was supposed to help you," she says. "They taught you that in school." These days she believes that there are few people in power, "who want to go around the circle, you keep coming back to those same few people.

The film she questions as a dine. Gibbs spent two years in the belly of the Love Canal. She puedes the fears that swept the country, the confusing health studies, the state's conclusion about a plan of action, the Hooker Co.'s denial of wrongdoing. "Truth is, yers later, no long-term health effects on former residents have been proved. More studies are in the making, but none addressing Love Canal's main point: that it was a toxic dumping site, and that it has been there for two decades. One of those studies is a 10-year epidemiology study on the "Love Canal which Gibbs..."

For the state and the Environmental Protection Agency, "it was new ground. ... When you work on a problem that hasn't been resolved before, the sanctions are not there."

"I always understood that if you are good, even if it isn't always good," says Clark Heath, who was director of the governmental Centers for Disease Control's chronic disease epidemiology department for 23 years and worked on the Love Canal crisis. "People are good. People are..."

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"You were in the media... Falls was growing. The board built an elementary school on land bordering the..."

In 1995, high precipitation caused the torrent to rise and migrate to the surrounding soil and water. In 1978, the state identified more than 80 chemicals in the area. Some of which arc known carcinogens. Gibbs' spirited and brave self-advocacy catapulted industrial waste hazards into national attention. Gibbs believes the state, the federal government, and Love Canal ex-homeowners in recent years, without admitting any wrongdoing or negligence. TheMother of the Superfund birthed more than legislation. Gibbs' spirited and very public campaign created industrial waste hazards into national attention. Gibbs' grassroots self-advocacy became a model for hundreds of mad-as-hell housewives who followed. Something in the bedrock of American civic life shifted.

Shari Lewis, puppeteer who created Lamb Chop, dies

LOS ANGELES TIMES

LOS ANGELES — Shari Lewis, the perky ventriloquist, puppeteer, singer and dancer, who for four decades grilled the television screen, has died. This week she was under going chemotherapy for the past six weeks.

The entertainer amassed a dozen Emmys, a Tony award, the 1993 Daily Mirror Award for Excellence and Creativity, seven Parents' Choice Awards, the Action for Children's Television Award, and in 1995 the distinguished Emmy, which has been taped. ON "Lamb Chop Loves Music"

She wrote more than 60 children's books and created 24 home videos, including the award-winning "101 Things for Kids to Do." A consummate musician, she played violin and piano and conducted major orchestras, including the National Symphony in Washington. Symphony. Her programs, which educated and entertained generations of children, were most often produced for PBS. Her current show, "Lamb Chop's Holiday Special," was the most-enduring and endearing and known to children. Shari Lewis Enterprises Ltd.

In the early 1990s, Lewis created the PBS series "Lamb Chop's Play-Along," which she dubbed the "anti-coach puppet show." It encouraged sluggish youngsters to get up and interact with the program.

"There is no way to continue the show because Shari was everywhere," said Laurel Lambert, a spokeswoman for KCET. She said the series will air repeats through the fall and that three new episodes for the fall season have been taped.

Shari Lewis' manipulation of puppets, her original Lamb Chop, was the most enduring and endearing and known to children. Next most famous were Charlie Horse and Hush Puppy.
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**Age-discrimination suit tarnishes coaches, mystique of Notre Dame**

**BILL BRUBAKER WASHINGTON POST**

For eight decades the University of Notre Dame has presided over the nation's most celebrated football program, driven by athletic success (77 all-Americans), academic achievement (99 proven graduates since 1962 for players who stayed at least four years) and financial acumen (the only college team uncomfortable position of having to settle out of court for $1.3 million). But Notre Dame has been known for its mystique: The Fighting Irish became a cultural icon after the 1940 Ronald Reagan movie about coach Knute Rockne and his emotional sendoff to the 1928 Rose Bowl.

But, in July, the legend of Notre Dame football became the stuff of a Jerry Springer show when 66-year-old Mickey McGriff, the erstwhile Dodger defensive line coach from San Bernardino, was pushed out of locker room tell-all that was published the previous year.

"Moore, the Dodgers offered his managerial position to recently deposed SIU coach Jan Quarless. SIU has being Montréal's Felipe Alou at 63.

"The Sycamores will be tested by the Illinois State squad, who finish last season's dismal 3-8 overall record last year.

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**SOUTHWEST MISSOURI**

The Bears will possess a young and talented defense with only eight seniors on the roster.

The team finished 5-6 last season and 2-6 in the Big Eight. Head coach Travis Brumfield will continue to be a welcome addition. Look for a big improvement this season.

"We will have 18 players with some starting experience," said coach Ryan Moore. "Kevin Glenn was named to the Preseason All-Gateway team this season. There is no reason to think he won't perform at a high level in the Gateway."
**Racing**

Speedway extends safety fences to protect spectators

**BOONWICH, Mich. — Michigan Speedway will erect taller protective fences around its grandstands in an attempt to prevent another spectator tragedy such as the one that killed three fans at the track on July 26.**

The improvements will begin in turn three, near where Adrian Fernandez’s Indy-car shuttle hit a wall on July 26. The accident launched a wheel into the stands.

The improvements will continue through the front stretch and finish between turns one and two. The top portion of the fence, which angles over the track, will be lengthened by 4 feet.

“The addition will add about 2 feet to the fence’s height, for a total of 17 feet,” said a track official. “It is continuing as we speak,” said Gene Haskett, president of Michigan Speedway. “Our staff will work around the clock if necessary to complete the job prior to the DeWalt 400 NASCAR Winston Cup race scheduled for Aug. 16.”

The speedway has canceled test sessions for race teams and driving schools held on the track to free up more time. Haskett said Michigan Speedway has hired a consulting firm from Columbus, Ohio to study the matter and make recommendations. He said he was unsure when it would be finished or how much the work on the track will cost.

**NBA**

NBA union to resume negotiations Thursday

**NEW YORK — At least they’ll talk.**

NBA officials and the players’ union Thursday will resume negotiations to end the lockout, which started July 1. It will be the first formal discussions between NBA commissioner David Stern and union director Billy Hunter since June 22. Stern and Hunter spoke by telephone the night of July 23, a few hours after the union filed an unfair labor complaint with the National Labor Relations Board, the government agency that helped end the baseball strike in 1995.

The NBA also was involved in the 1995 NBA lockout when the players voted to accept a new labor agreement rather than continue the dispute.

When the NBA and union last met, talks broke off after 30 minutes. Players said they no longer want to listen to any new proposals that included any weakening of the Luxury Tax exception, which allows teams to exceed the salary cap to re-sign their own free agents.

Owners want a “hard” salary cap in the new labor agreement.

“We feel that with a hard cap that we cannot make any money,” union president Adam Silver told a New York Knicks told the Madison Square Garden network. “The NBA is doing extremely well with the new电视 rights money, the players are making money. Why can’t they do the same?”

Ewing added, “I’m not sure what kind of compromise we’re going to have to make.”

The stalemate is now being fought on several fronts. Aside from a new round of talks and the NLRB filing, the dispute is in federal court and before arbitrator John Feick.

**PostGame**

Young cagers prepare for '98 season

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Saluki women’s basketball coach Julie Beck symbolizes the youthful change occurring in the program.

The women’s team will have a young squad this season with a roster of five sophomores and four freshmen. The team only lost three players from last season’s 10-19 campaign.

The addition of four talented freshmen will greatly enhance the team. Beck signed Geotta, Woodard, a 6-foot forward from Jackson, Tenn., and former Woodland High School star Hussey.

Beck, who takes over the helm after an assistant coach the last 17 years, said the recruits will help the team but she has learned the transition from high school to college is much tougher on student athletes.

“Freshman year is hard socially and academically,” Beck said. “You throw in a new system of basketball, it can be hard to find your groove.”

Beck is counting on upper-class leadership to help the team through the rough period. Beck named senior Fesate Phillips and junior Melanie Bassett captains.

“I’m looking for the juniors and seniors to step up their game and take pride in what they are doing,” Beck said.

The team will have more motion on offense and try to emphasize a controlled break in transition.

“Our team is young and we will keep the offense simple but the key is to be smart,” Beck said.

Beck said the strengths of the team will be quickness and athleticism. Beck said the team possesses some of the quickest 5-foot-5 players in the conference.

Beck’s goals for the program include fighting for a championship on a yearly basis.

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**Following Ex-Salukis’ paths to professional success**

**BRANDON LEWIS**

**DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER**

Numerous former Salukis are establishing themselves in professional sports this summer. Here is a quick update on the noteworthy accomplishments of some alumni.

With the NBA in the midst of a month-long lockout, the USA World team now consists of non-pro players, thanks to the departure of star Saluki Michael Finney.

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**Previewing the upcoming Gateway Conference season**

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The Gateway Football Media Conference Preview took place last week with the usual optimism and enthusiasm. The season was held in St. Louis and each team was represented by their football coach and a player.

Many coaches regard the time of the year when hope fills each team and reality is obscured until the first game. Instead of the usual art of football by the unspoken, the Daily Egyptian will preview each team in order to give the readers a look at the conference, which has Southern Illinois University in last place.

**YOUNGSTOWN STATE**

The Penguins last year won their fourth Division I-AA title this decade, earning Gateway’s first national title. The team lost 17 seniors, including Gateway Defensive Player of the Year defensive tackle Hany Defilippi and quarterback Demond Talwell.

The strength of the team will be the running back position with Mike Andrias returning after a career-best 1,069-yard season.

The team will have a tough nonconference schedule with the likes of Central Florida and Heisman trophy candidate quarterback Taupe Colquitt on the slate this year.

**NORTHERN IOWA**

The Panthers enter 15 starters from last year’s 7-4 team, including 37 returning letterman.

The team will be stockpiled at wide receiver with all-American Mike Furry (62 catches for 1,291 yards) and Eddie Berlin (41 receptions for 500 yards, leading the way.

Kent transfer Todd Goebel will be the new quarterback, with Gateway Preseason team selections offensive lineman Matt Neals and Brad Moosier providing the protection.

**WESTERN ILLINOIS**

The Gateway defending champions are gearing to pull last year’s perfect 6-0 conference record. The team returns running back Aaron Booker, who is picked by several pre-season publications as National Player of the Year.

The Leathernecks lost three-year starter Jeff Heckelkandi and will replace him with junior quarterback Mark Zander. The team will be solid in the defensive secondary with all-conference selection Mike Carter and Derrick Varanllo returning.