Gas price control violated by firm

By Brenda Penland
Daily Egyptian Staff Writer

The manager of a Carbondale propane supply company said Friday his firm has been found in violation of price controls and agreed with complaining customers that even the current price is too high.

Southern Gas Co., 118 S. Illinois, is refunding $2.50 to its customers, said William Eaton, manager.

He said his company raised the price of propane one-half cent per gallon more than the base price established on May 15.

His company missed the revision date of two cents, Eaton explained, still using the base price in effect on Jan. 10.

"We don't feel we have done anything wrong," he said. "It may be a little embarrassing, but we're not ashamed. It was just a mistake."

He said one-half cent per gallon will be credited to the accounts of customers from November, December, and up to Jan. 23.

The amount of the refunds to customers range from a few cents to $3 or $4, he said.

"We're more than happy to make the refunds," Eaton said. "I don't apologize. We'd rather not have made the mistake. But we made one hell of a correction."

He said the price of propane has been raising more than other fuels, which he thinks is unfair.

"We think price control is unfair to us," he said. "And we're notifying people in our industry."

He said he hopes the price of propane will be lowered but he said he is hesitant about pushing the issue too much.

"I don't want to split Kaskaskia residents, he said. "It gives me my gas allotment will be lower," he said.

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Kaskaskia residents

David DeRousse, a third generation Kaskaskian, holds on to his playmate. David and his parents are one of 19 families that have returned to Kaskaskia Island since last April's flood. See picture pages 14 and 15. (Staff photo by Dennis Wakes.)

Raging waters fail to dim islanders' spirit

By Rafe Klinger
Daily Egyptian Staff Writer

As they have for 300 years, people still live on Kaskaskia Island—despite last year's invasion by the Mississippi River.

David DeRousse, 25, is part of a three-generation family that refuses to leave the flat, 17,000-acre island. With him lives his mother Margaret, 60, his son David, 2, and his wife Donna, 21, originally from St. Louis but now a naturalized Kaskaskian.

About 19 families are living on the island, DeRousse said. And another nine are considering moving back.

"The farmland here is some of the best," he explained. "And in the spring, it's beautiful. Nice and quiet, the air is fresh."

The DeRousse family lives in a new, modular home as do most of the families that have returned to the island since the floods of 1973. The 100 original homes, most of them traditional while, two-story, woodframe country houses, were destroyed or rendered uninhabitable by the Mississippi which buried the island under 12 to 15 feet of water.

DeRousse thinks back to the April flood and shakes his black-hairied head. He was a special deputy for the Randolph County sheriff's police and was injured on the levee. He hasn't worked since.

He especially remembers the thousands of SIU students who rushed to Kaskaskia to help reinforce the levee against the rising river.

"The kids last year, boy, they really did a job. One night by Shirley Groggs' where the levee broke, it was cold and raining. Kids with no coats and just tennis shoes, they wouldn't leave. They were remarkable the way they pitched in."

The levee is a pyramid-shaped, 30-foot-high wall of earth and sod. About 7,000 acres of the island lie outside the levee, but are farmed by island farmers.

The Mississippi forced eight breaches in the levee last April. Five have been repaired while three have only been temporarily patched. Last Tuesday one of the patches, a ring levee, broke and 400 acres were flooded before the flow could be stopped.

DeRousse pointed to the large field directly behind his home. Most of it was covered, by several inches of water.

"That's where I spent my life," he said. "Wee the seepage and rain water," he said. "The seepage covering is not unusual. DeRousse explained. But last year's flood was. Florence McDonald, 60, spent her life on Kaskaskia Island, until last year's flood. She lives on the mainland now, in Brewer, Ill.

"There wasn't any major water problem till last spring," she said. "There haven't always protected us. My home is still my house, he said. "It gives me my gas allotment will be lower," he said.

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Kreke said it appears the company is adhering to legal price controls, so consumers will probably still have to pay high fuel prices.

Michael Moore, another organizer of the petition drive, said the main point of the petition was to find out some information about propane prices.

"But the head man at the company wouldn't give us any information," Moore said. "He wouldn't even read it."

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has received "numerous complaints" about the Petrolane Gas Service, according to Mike Lach, action group manager for the Stabilization Division of the Springfield District.

One positive step by the government has been to provide flood insurance.

Last year was doubly disastrous because insurance companies have refused to provide flood insurance for property on the island.

Now, the government provides flood insurance for residents of Kaskaskia, the small town on the island. However, the government insurance does not cover the entire island, leaving most islanders underinsured.

Beyond government help, Mrs. McDonald said there is still plenty of work that can be done on the island. The flood (Continued on Page 2)}
J-Board will announce decision Monday

By Terry Martin
Daily Egyptian Staff Writer

The decision of the student trustee, judicial branch is scheduled to be announced at 5 p.m. tomorrow by John Fuhlmann, coordinator of Student Affairs, Research and Evaluation Center, told the board of the mechanics and technological skills of SIU's first computerized voter.

asked by Commissioner Ralph Rosneck if there were any "gross irregularities" involved with the computer vote, Puhlmann said, "No, I didn't see anything like that at all." He also said as far as he knew there was no way the computer could have made a mistake in the tally.

Ms. Day point out that 2,623 votes were tabulated in the election and another check of the computer tape on Thursday yielded the same results.

Fullower Michael Newton testified that a "closed leaver on certain that when they were hauled out of the door, a small box onto the floor to be counted.

"They weren't at the bottom or the

Council sets formal hearing

Charges against board to be heard

By Dan Haar
Daily Egyptian Staff Writer

The Carbondale City Council will hold a formal hearing at 7 p.m. Monday on charges that the Board of Fire and Police commissioners refused to comply with a city ordinance.

Mayor Neil Eckert asked the council Monday to hold the hearing on removal of the board members for not complying with an ordinance transferring board administrative functions to the city manager.

Eckert has asked for formal action by the council at its next meeting.

Eckert said he was notified by the mayor that the council would be held the same day the court case would be heard.

I don't think that's a good day for the council to hold a hearing while the issue is before the court.

The appeal will appear before the Jackson County Circuit Court Feb. 14 to present its case before the court on the writ of mandamus issue.

The board's plea to dismiss the case pending the outcome of the council's hearing.

attorney H. Carl Runge, will also be heard then.

Rosemary Hawkes, a member board member, said the council met with committee Monday at Eckert's refusal to delay the hearing.

Ms. Hawkes said the board hoped the council would postpone the Monday hearing as the court hearing was over.

She said the board could either not appear at the hearing, appear under protest or obtain an injunction to stop the hearing.

The board's decision on what it will do will be made over the weekend after members consult with Runge.

Ms. Hawkes said.

One topic on the council agenda include: Proposed new for the new industrial park north of Carbondale along Route 130.


Consideration of a request for a fire increase by Yellow Cab Co., Inc.

Consideration of a request for reclassification of Cedar Creek Lake by prohibiting the drilling oil for gas in the area surrounding the lake.

SIU guests visit campus

Students who are thinking of transferring to SIU will have a chance to see the campus for "instant admission" Saturday during annual Guest Day.

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday in the Student Center Auditorium.

After a multi-media presentation, "Sketches of SIU," a panel of former transfer students will discuss their experiences and answer questions of transferring to SIU.

After the panel discussion, students will meet with representatives of the academic units they hope to enter.

Eligible students who present official transcripts of their college career can be admitted on the spot.

After a lunch break students can obtain information on admissions, registration, advisement, housing, financial aid and evaluation of transfer credit.

Most of the students are expected to come from community colleges "north and south of Illinois, who are interested in finding what's available at the four-year colleges in Illinois."

Guest Day housing is available at Wilson Hall for $4.50 per person the first night and $3.50 the second.

Islanders return to battle waters

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left debris all over. Homes, heavily damaged or destroyed, spew oil over the land laced by pieces of cars, bicycles, home appliances, farm machinery and other wares.

"I saw part of some those students that helped before could come back," she said.

DeLousand agreed. "Even the workmen on the levee aren't enough," he said. "The levee needs fixing, the roads need fixing, the island needs cleaning."

With all this work to be done and the fragile levee repairs still medecated by the Mississippi. DeLousand and Mrs. McMillin felt the island deserves a second chance.

"It's something that gets in your blood," he said, "like trying to get a squirrell out of a hickory nut tree."

Islanders return to battle waters

The weather

Partly cloudy

Saturday: Partly cloudy and warm with the high temperature in the low 50s. Precipitation remains unlikely and temperatures will be 30 per cent and increasing throughout the afternoon.

The wind will be from the SW at 8-18 mph and gusting to 25. Relative humidity will be 50 per cent.

Saturday: Partly cloudy and mild with the high temperature in the upper 30s to lower 40s. Precipitation probabilities will be holding at 30 per cent tonight and falling tonight.

Sunday: Partly sunny and mild with the high around 45 degrees.

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CIPS supervisor sees no energy crisis threat

By Jimmy Mann
Student Writer

The energy crisis poses no immediate threat to Central Illinois Public Service (CIPS) in Carbondale, Fred Davis, CIPS office supervisor said Friday.

"All the heat and power companies are complaining about the natural gas and propane shortages, but we rely on coal," Davis said. "Right now there isn't a coal shortage in the Midwest.

"We are located in Southern Illinois are heated either by gas or by electricity. What we do is just what we do," he said. "We can still provide all new users of our service to electricity so that the problem of natural gas not working will not be solved by any further," he said.

Davis said many customers have been complaining about high bills.

"If a house is properly insulated then the electric bill number of the month," Davis said. "Many people think that gas is cheaper but the only reason is because the energy pinch becomes more expensive."

"In our office we have to put all business people, homeowners, and apartment dwellers on the best possible rate plan, so we can be cheaper when they," he said.

Davis said most complaints about high bills were on the January charge which covers the period from Dec. 5 to Jan. 10.

"People get their January bill and come to us," Davis said. "This is the biggest month to month increase throughout the whole year. December has no credit and it is hard to keep a desired level of heat."

What many people don't understand is that the pipes can freeze if the heat is not turned on, he said. If the temperature hits the 30's the bills will freeze. Leaving your thermostat at its lowest possible temperature to avoid freezing will still generate a high electric bill," he said.

Although CIPS is a monopoly in the area, Davis said the rates will be subject to the Illinois Commerce Commission.

"Because we use co and not in any trouble," he said. "We don't have to worry about our rates that the Illinois Commerce Committee (ICC) will have to put in action. Do we have to worry if we're the least bit uncertain whether a rate increase or decrease is in order.

Davis says CIPS is trying to conserve on energy even though they are in no danger of running out.

"We still ask our customers to conserve on energy so our excess can be used by other companies who are in trouble," he said.

Davis said heat is the main culprit in the energy crisis.

"There are lots of ways that people could lesson their bills if people would keep their thermostats on a constant temperature and not move it up and down it would help tremendously," Davis said. "Lights and kiln, heat is the biggest that big of a factor in the total bill."
Highway bids come in higher than estimates

Bids for three highway projects in Jacksonville were over 16% higher than IDOT estimates, Ray Owen of the Bureau of Design at Springfield, said Friday.

Bids for 74 highway projects in Illinois were over 5%, but over 10% in seven other Thursday received no bids.

E.T. Simonds Construction Co. of Cadillac submitted the only bid for improvements at the Route 51-Pleasant Hill Road intersection, the lowest of several improvements on Main Street in Cadillac.

Simonds bid for improvements at the intersection was $234,911.03. A bid of $101,261.86 was bid by Simonds for improvements on Main Street.

Burd's bid was $1,430,831.83 compared to IDOT's estimate of $1,078,000.

Burd's bid was within 25% of the amount projects amounted to $64,388,132.12. Owen said that most of the bids received were lower.

Once bids have been examined, Owen said, bids will be compared to hold to see which bids should be accepted.

Any recommendations made at the meeting will be forwarded to IDOT Secretary of State Jim Thompson, whose office makes the final decision.

DST early bus schedule generates letters of protest

The Carbondale Community High School board met Tuesday night to review a letter and two resolutions concerning school's early bus schedule.

One of the letters was from the Parents of the Carbondale Purchase, PTA, Council, Theresa Saporschenko. William Holder, superintendent, read the letter and was present at the Thursday night board meeting.

Ms. Saporschenko expressed a concern that the part of the bus that school children were forced to wait outside in darkness for school buses in most cases as the temperature was reinstalled.

Mr. Saporschenko stated that the plan was disfavored by the board as the late starting schedule developed by the Carbondale elementary teachers.

The elementary schools now start at 9 a.m., rather than the 8 a.m. start time to compensate for the early morning darkness.

Board President Charles Derner said

John Austin

Mediator opens talks at CCHS

A mediator from the American Arbitration Association arrived in Carbon­

dale Friday to participate in negotiations between Carbondale Community High School (CCHS) teachers and school district.

The mediator, Allen Harrison, of the University of Illinois, closed an ac­

tion, who was to meet with the CCHS Learning Center.

The action, the local of the SIU school of business, is representing the board of education, and Bill Sander­

t-to the state of education for the teachers.

In the event of a problem or a decision in the processing of the talks, an emergency executive session with the administration and the teacher's representatives will be held.

Soybean expert to deliver speech

Harold Kuehn of DuQuoin, will be the guest speaker at the Jackson County Young Farmers Day at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Community Center in Jacob.

Kuehn, president of the American Soybean Research Foundation, will speak on the topic of foreign markets for American soy beans.

Kuehn operates a 900 acre grain farm in Jackson County, and has been a guest speaker at the soybean dinner in Munich, Germany.

Gaffner hopes to pedal to Congress

By Randall R. VonLiski

Daily Egyptian Special Writer

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Ferries
Letters

New home on the range

To the Daily Egyptian:

Unfortunately, while pursuing its Manifest Destiny, our nation found it necessary to eliminate vast herds of American buffalo and an almost uncountable number of Native Americans: they stood in the path of Progress and Progress must ceaselessly press forth. It is heartbreaking to know that the modern purveyors of Progress adopt a broader and more tolerant attitude toward such divers things as buffalo and Native Americans.

Ta-Wy-Mon of Makanda, for example. He plans to populate his "tourist attraction" with "real Indians and buffalo." Truly, this makes greater sense than killing them off. I'm quite sure that many of the inhabitants of our reservation ghettos would welcome the opportunity to flee from their present misery and squalor. Mr. Presley may have a more difficult time rounding up the buffalo. I'm confident the Main Behind The Cross will succeed, however.

Indeed, Mr. Presley may have stumbled upon a solution to our Indian problems. We can simply empty the reservations and stock all of our nation's parks with magnificent "tourist centers," Disneyworlds, and "tourist attractions" with real live Indians. Perhaps, if this plan proved successful, Mr. Presley would then apply his All-American entrepreneur's creative imagination to our Black and Chicano problems. There must be a better place for these than our urban slums where, to quote Garcia Lorca, "Occasionally, coins in furious swarms-perforate and devour abandoned children."

Is the silver less tainted, the jingle less obscene in Southern Illinois than it is in Chicago?

Francis E. Kazeme
Graduate-Instructional Materials

The Justice Said

By M.R. Williams

The year is 1973. Members of the shipping industry and owners of oil fields sued a state to have an oil-spill control law declared unconstitutional. May a state have laws regulating pollution by oil spills? Yes, held the U.S. Court. Mr. Justice Douglas said:

"Perhaps the most noticeable damage caused by oil pollution is the fouling of recreational beaches and shorefront property. One-half million tons of oil are washed ashore each year, rendering beaches unfit for swimming and filling the air with unpleasant odors. Yet, that is only the beginning. A vacationing public seeking relief from urban life, economic loss may be considerable."

It is estimated, for example, that a serious oil spill off Long Island during the summer months would cost New York City alone $50 million dollars. Oil spills also create navigational and fire hazards in harbors, ports and marinas. (Askew v. American Waterways Operators, 36 L.Ed.2d 280).

Editorial

Pity our poor oil companies

By Arthur Hoppe
Chronicle Features

The end of odr beloved free enterprise system began when the oil companies made a desperate attempt to change their image. Hitherto, through glowing annual reports, full-page ads and sumptuous office buildings, they had strived to impress everyone. Now they want to be smaller. But now, under investigation by a dozen Congressional committees, they panicked and drastically revised their tactics.

Typical was the scene in the Board Room of the Surefire Oil Conglomerate, Inc., as Chairman Earl Williams took the gavel to announce inspections for an inspection by Congressmen.

Well, the right, you men with the sandpaper, keep fraying that carpet till the money's all gone. We've got the Treasurers over those windows you just broke. Saw a leg off that rickety office table, yes, something solid. Look, Mr. Wells, you mouse ready to stagger in and pretend to drop dead from starvation.

Aide: Yes, Mr. And here's the proof of that full page ad we took in the New York Times asking them to include us in their 100 most pleasant Protests this year. Wells: Good. I see you got the crystal chandeliers down. Okay, light the candle stump. And can't you pretend the heat? It must be 52 in here.

Aide: Excuse me, sir. Congressman Bagley Boodle is here.

Wells: Show him in. Ah, Mr. Congressman! I was afraid you'd get here ahead of me. The patch on my lapel, you know. The firemen?

Boodle: Look here, Mr. Wells, I understand your annual profits jumped 72.3 per cent last year due to the oil shortage.

Wells: Yes and it was a godsend. With the extra little bit of money we've been able to double the ration of breadcrumbs that we're so grateful for at our weekly Board luncheons.

Boodle (freshly ironed): You consider the oil shortage a godsend, Mr. Wells?

Wells: Oh, no, sir. While we executives of Surefire have never been able to afford cars, of course, we deplore the inconvenience to the wealthy motoring public. I just meant that if we made a little bit more money, I could some day afford an apertif for my son, Tiny Tim, so that he might walk again.

Boodle (wiping a tear from his eye): I'm sorry, Mr. Wells. I didn't realize...

Wells: Oh, that's all right, sir. No one understands us poor oil companies. You see, we're using the little bit of money we've made from the oil shortage to go find lots of oil for the rich motoring public so there won't be an oil shortage—even though not having an oil shortage will make us desperately poor again.

Boodle (snuffing): Your noble sacrifice shouldn't go unrewarded, Mr. Wells. Please accept twenty off-shore drilling leases, three pipelines, two depletion allowances and a quarter for a cup of coffee.

Well, the trouble with the oil companies' poorer-than-thou campaign was not that it failed but that it succeeded too well. Public sympathy was aroused. "Bundles for Exxon" and "Baskets for Mobile" brigades were organized.

But while the companies won the public's sympathy, they lost their confidence. Who, after all, would invent a plug needle in founding concerns like these? The Government had to take them over when they all went bankrupt.

Marilynn Sine
Student Writer

Pity our poor oil companies

Monorail: A high priority

Priority is a dirty word around Washington and SIU. The danger in discussing priorities lies in trying to satisfy immediate needs without regard for future problems. For too long, public transportation has been a low priority in government planning and finance.

Weighing the merits of a campus system seems like a difficult task when the federal government is talking about a fuel crisis and the University is lamenting its financial woes. Yet the development of a monorail system is an opportunity to place a high priority on the future.

This innovative approach to transportation was suggested in 1971 by John Lonergan, former campus planner and now professor of design. Developed by Personnalized Rapid Transit it has been described by George Skelos, president of the company, as a "horizontal elevator." A series of small cars are suspended by air support and magnetic levitation from a narrow track.

As proposed, the monorail will run from a central parking area, around and through campus. The tracks would also extend another quarter of a mile around Carbondale and one half mile down Illinois Ave. to Main St.

The proposed system offers an opportunity for the government to experiment with a mass transit system on a small scale. For a long time, the government has placed a higher priority on space and military technology than communication and transportation.

"The United States needs basic technologies that are more efficient (less wasteful of energy and materials) and that meet the needs of society," Lawrence Lesting said in an article for Fortune magazine on our inefficient technology.

Opponents of the monorail argue that SIU has simply too small a campus to efficiently utilize a monorail. Yet walking from the Communications building to the Home Economics building is virtually an impossible task in the ten minutes allowed between classes. The monorail would circle the campus in six minutes thus alleviating this problem.

Realistically, people prefer to ride rather than walk. According to Lenergans, 14,000 cars are now registered on campus. And in spite of the fuel crisis, the number of vehicles on campus hasn't diminished. Obviously, a monorail is a more efficient and cleaner way to utilize scarce energy than the wasteful automobile.

As President David Derge has said, "Any system which will allow me to get from Anthony Hall to the barracks in less than 18 minutes is personally appealing."

One of the definite appeals of the proposed program is the federal government's role in its construction. An application for Department of Transportation funds is presently in the process of being completed, according to T. Richard Mager, vice president for development and services. If approved the plan will cost the University only $28,000, the cost of its design.

A monorail is not a panacea for the nation's fuel crisis or its pollution problems. It will not solve forever the University's transportation problems. However, making such a system a top priority is in the right direction.

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Recipe for oligopoly

Arnold Miller
In The Center Magazine

(The author is president of the United Mine Workers Union. The Center Magazine is published by the Center for the Study of Democratic Institutions, Santa Barbara, Calif.)

I was born in the mountains of West Virginia, and my views are the views of a coal miner. Coal mining is hard, dirty work, and when you have time to think on the job you mainly think about your survival.

I have spent most of my life just trying to survive, and what free time I had left over I spent on trying to reform the union I belonged to. That is hard work, too. So my views are generally geared to getting from one day to the next. Our union is now getting serious about democracy. The industry we work for is totally undemocratic. The state legislatures that it controls pay lip service to democracy, but that is as far as they are willing to go. There are a few congressmen and senators from coal states who are a credit to democracy, but most of them are not interested in it unless the price is right.

Then there is the White House. The people there are supposed to know about democracy and they also have a great deal to do with policies affecting coal miners. But based on what I have seen and heard from there, especially since Watergate, the idea of "democratic institutions" doesn't impress them much.

You can't talk about coal without talking about energy. You can't talk about energy without talking about oil. You can't talk about oil without talking about politics. You can't talk about politics without talking about corruption, without talking about companies that are so big that they can give half a million dollars to a politician without it even showing up on their books. You can't talk about companies like that without talking about energy, because they supply it. And you can't talk about energy without talking about coal.

More than half of the coal we produce goes to electric utilities. We deliver about 150,000,000 tons to the steel industry. We export about 57,000,000 tons. We deliver about the rest to a wide variety of other industries, particularly those producing chemicals, which rely heavily on coal and coal byproducts.

Mainly because of mechanization and the high productivity that results from it, the price of coal traditionally has stayed low. That is the price to the consumer. The hidden cost of coal is the one we pay—the people who mine it. It is a high price. We get killed.

Since the Bureau of Mines started keeping records of such things back in 1910, about 88,000 of us have been killed. No other industry comes close to that. And we get black lung, from exposure to fine coal dust in the mine air. That problem has been with us through the history of the industry, but the companies and the company doctors have denied it even existed. They were all denying it in 1969 when the Public Health Service finally got around to releasing a study it had been sitting on for 16 years that showed that 100,000 or more miners and retired miners were afflicted.

We have learned from bitter experience that when you fight the coal industry, there are terrible odds against you. The concentration in the industry is extreme. Of course, the industry says this is ridiculous. The industry spokesmen are always pointing out that there are 3,000 mines and 1200 mining companies. And then they ask how any industry with that many companies in it could possibly be concentrated.

They get away with this question because so few people know anything about the industry. But the simple fact is that 13 companies produced 301,208,359 tons last year, which was 51 per cent of the total. The top 50 companies combined produced 400,000,000 tons—two thirds of the total. I am not an economist, but you don't have to know that any industry which has half of its production controlled by 13 companies is concentrated. It is more concentrated, in fact, than those figures indicate. And what is really important to know is where the concentration goes—where the puppet strings lead to, to put it another way.

You realize very quickly that the coal industry is not what it seems to be at first glance. You have oil companies controlling two of the top three. Kennecott Copper controls the biggest of them all—a company which produced nearly 72,000,000 tons last year and plans to double that by 1980. This one company, which gets about 40 per cent of its coal from strip mining, produces about 12 per cent of the industry total.

In fact, Peabody alone outproduces the combined effort of the seven companies at the bottom of the top 15 list.

In the coal industry a very small number of very large companies not only sets the pace for the rest but also has the power to swamp them financially. What other industry has this same pattern? Everybody knows: oil. But not everybody knows that the coal industry is effectively controlled by the steel industry. It shares that control to some degree with other industries—with Kennecott, with the steel people and with utilities. I don't deny that they have their differences of opinion from time to time, and may be even a little competition. But I see a very much competition, and less of it every day.

Trouble in academia

Stringent economies and improved management have saved a number of colleges and universities—though by no means all—from what not long ago seemed a threat of imminent collapse. Regrettably, efforts to deal resolutely with the fiscal depression have been matched by no similar determination to reverse the universities' "dependence on the state." The prevailing mood of pessimism and retreatment has led to renewed strife between the public and private institutions. Representatives of the public sector argue that their institutions should be kept "competitive" by forcing the public colleges to charge higher tuition. Such prescriptions of protective tariffs as an aid to the private colleges have spurred a counter-offensive by leaders of the public institutions.

Howard R. Bowen, chancellor of Claremont University Center in California, an economist who specializes in the financing of higher education, urges that the private institutions lend their support to low tuition in the public sector, in return for support from the public institutions of government grants to offset high tuition at the private colleges.

This eminently sensible recommendation—and a plan along just such lines is currently under consideration in Pennsylvania—is clearly preferable to solutions which have the effect of limiting, rather than expanding, educational opportunities. It takes the confident view that the nation is best served when the campuses welcome all those willing and able to learn instead of rationing higher education "by tuitions, means tests and willingness to go into debt."

To the argument that some high-income families may benefit from low tuition, Mr. Bowen replies persuasively that this is a matter to be dealt with by effective taxation, "not by trying to convert the educational system into a device for redistributing income." Other industries have this same pattern: they are at once diverse and inflationary should be viewed by all elements in higher education as a challenge to shape a new sense of shared responsibility in safeguarding its future.

The New York Times

Meaty dog's life

Why do people own dogs? Because, says a New York City psychologist, families are so small that when the members look for love, all they find are frustrations. Dogs, unlike Cousin Anna, give you love and affection. The doctor says people should really pay their dogs' salaries for all they do for their owners.

A dog salary would come in pretty handy at one Manhattan gourmet restaurant featuring such delicacies as shrimp cocktail and liver pie as hors d'oeuvres. chicken supreme, beet salad, kidney ragout, poached fish filet and Swedish meatballs. The dishes are served in a display of plates and napkins. And, who are the customers? They're rich people's dogs. Sometimes it seems that we have a shortage of just about everything in this country but insanity.

The Commercial Appeal, Memphis
Proposal to make Wildlife Refuge a wilderness area to be discussed

By John Russell
Daily Egyptian Staff Writer

A proposal has been made by the U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife to establish part of the Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge as a wilderness area.

A public hearing on the proposal will be at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday at the University Union. Adams, manager of the refuge, said attendance will be encouraged to attend the meeting.

The wilderness area would prevent the commercialization and exploitation of resources in the area.

Land in a wilderness area is totally restricted. From any development and management, Adams said. An example, Adams explained, would be no planting or cutting of trees would be permitted in the area.

A wilderness area, Adams explained, "leaves the land in its natural state, to evolve back to what it was." Also, the land in the Crab Orchard area may erode to a natural climax forest or a vegetation area.

Protest is in the majority, Adams said, regarding public response to the proposal. He said he has been in contact with many individuals and local groups who have reacted favorably to the idea of the wilderness area.

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Ph.D. residency requirements adopted

By Linda Lipman
Daily Egyptian Staff Writer
An option allowing Ph.D. candidates to fulfill their residency requirement in four years, rather than five, was passed by the Graduate Council.

Under existing regulations to earn the Ph.D. a student must be a full-time student on campus for a minimum of three consecutive quarters.

The proposal, passed unanimously by the council, would give the student the option of completing the residency requirement in three consecutive quarters or opting for a longer period under the following conditions:

- The residency may be satisfied by earning over a period not to exceed four calendar years at least 24 semester hours of graduate credit will be counted toward the residency requirement each term.
- A student who is to be employed more than half time must submit to the graduate dean an outline of the duties of his employment showing them "relevance to his doctoral studies.
- The proposal must complete at least one substantive graduate course other than individual study each term for at least three semester hours credit. A maximum of six semester hours of graduate credit will be counted toward the residency requirement each term.
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Thomas Mitchell, dean of the graduate school, said master's work residency at SIU would not apply to his Ph.D. residency requirement.

"A Ph.D. is not just master's work and dissertation. This would be contrary to the spirit of the policies of Ph.D. candidates set here," he explained.

The student may take one semester or readings course in addition to the "substantive graduate course" to meet the total of six semester hours in the option set by the proposal.

The proposal for the addition of the Continuing Education Unit also was approved unanimously.

A resolution presented Jan. 11 to encourage candidates to research out new outside monetary sources to maintain graduate studies and calling for the revitalization of the SIU Foundation was not voted upon. Action was delayed because Jeff Tilden, who presented the motion, was not at the meeting.

A review of the microfilming of dissertations presented for Ph.D. candidates was referred to the educational policies committee.

With Atty. John Young, a teaching assistant in chemistry, said the Graduate Student Council "appears to be considerable disagreement on the policy of microfilming dissertations." The present program is for Ph.D. candidates to have their dissertations microfilmed at no charge, then sign over to Xerox Corp. the copyright privileges. Administration, said, Appleton added that "this was the procedure as the graduate students understand. If this is the policy, the council should analyze it.

Mitchell said the council had reviewed the policy two years ago and accepted it. "But it is quite appropriate that the educational policies committee review it at this time, he said.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 1 in the Mississippi Room of the Student Center.

New pastor wants to reach students

The newly appointed pastor of Bethel African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church, Reverend M. Thomas Harrell, said his greatest potential is to have a church that reaches out to those who are away from home.

"I want to try and reach out to more SIU students to get them to attend this church and participate in its activities, because they are the greatest part of Carbondale," he said.

The Rev. Harrell moved here on Feb. 20 from Edwardsville, where he had been the pastor of Wesley Chapel AME church for two and a half years. He delivered first sermon Bethel AME Church on Nov. 18.

And Reverend L. W. Wilson, former pastor of Bethel AME Church, merely exchanged church, the Rev. Harrell said.

Other potentials for the church are to dissolve the mortgage on the parsonage and initiating some type of program that will help increase membership and enhance spiritual awareness within the church, he said.

Besides having the regular brotherhood services, traditionally held during the second and third weeks in February, maybe each Sunday bulletin can contain some history on the AME church, the Rev. Harrell said.

"I hope to get a child care center in our church, too," he said.

Comparing Bethel AME Church with Wesley Chapel, the Rev. Harrell said it is larger, has better

Rev. M. Thomas Harrell attendance, more young people and more activities. "I feel this is a little bit of a promotion, because it is a larger church, the Rev. Harrell said.

He has not had much time yet to get involved with the Carbondale community activities, but hopes to meet with city officials and community leaders in the very near future, the Rev. Harrell said.

Most of his work since moving here has been focused on the church, he said.

The Rev. Harrell is a graduate of the Mineral Institution in Chicago. He also attended Payne Theological Seminary in Wilberforce, Ohio. He has practiced ministry in Wisconsin, Indiana and other parts Illinois the Rev. Harrell said.

The Rev. Harrell resides with his wife at Bethel AME Church parsonage in Carbondale.

Southern Singers set concert for Monday

Preluding a tour to Winston-Salem, N. C., the Southern Singers will perform their program of popular songs at 8 p.m. Monday in the Home Economics Auditorium under the direction of Robert Kingsburg.

In addition to old standards such as "Never My Love," "The Trolley Song," and "Proud Mary," the mixed vocal ensemble will perform a medley of George M. Cohan songs with soft shoe dancers Mike Jones, Shiloh Kane and Lester Holmes. The solo vocal performances will include Sharon Maseking on "Sunlight" and "Come Saturday Morning," a duet with Diane Faint, Mike Jones on "Willow Wind," Jan Paerman on "Sunny," and Patty Durhal on "I Wander as I Wander.

On a more serious side, the Southern Singers will sing Bach's "Passacaglia No. 9" and "Song of Galilee" with Anne Furuya on oboe and Kathy Moore on flute. Following the program will be Burt Bacharach's "Living Together Growing Together," Up With People and "Kansas City."
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By Gary How Daily Egyptian Staff Writer

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Newman Center: Prayer Meeting, 10 a.m.
Crisis Intervention Center: No program today; opens daily 8 a.m. to 2 a.m., 425-3366.
Triage: Student Association Meeting, noon to 7 p.m., Student Activities Room A.
Strategic Games Society: Meeting, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Student Activities Room C.
Men’s Intramural Swimming and Dive Meet: 2 p.m., Pulliam Pool.
Continuing Education for Women: Starting Your Own Business, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Student Center B, 197-5000.
Transfer Guest Day: Meeting Registration, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Student Center Auditorium.
Black History Week: 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Student Center River Rooms and Black Fire Dancers and two Guest Speakers (time to be announced), Student Center Ballrooms Carol D.
SGAC Children’s Film: “Kid-napped,” 7 p.m., Student Center Ballroom D. Free.
Basketball vs. SIU vs. Illinois State, 7:30 p.m., SIU Arena.
SGAC Film: “Blade Runner,” 9 and 10 p.m., Student Center Auditorium B. Free.
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Sunday
Recreation and Intramurals: Pulliam gym, weight room, activity room 1 to 11 p.m.; Pool 6 to 11 p.m.; Women’s Gym 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; SIU Arena 6:30-11 p.m.; Pool 6 to 11 p.m.; Women’s Gym 4 to 11 p.m.
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2—Concert of the Week; 3—BBC Promenade Concert; 4—News; 4:15—Music Room; 5:30—Music in the Air; 6:30—WSIU Expanded Evening News; 7—Music America; 8—First Place Poll; 10:30—WSIU TELPHO Meeting; 11—Muncie-gna (The Music Man) Part II; 1:30 a.m.—Nightwatch.

Monday
6:30—Today’s the Day! 9—Take a Music Break; 11:30—Hummus: 12:30—WSIU Expanded News; 1—Afternoon Concert; 4—All Things Considered; 5:30—Music in the Air; 6:30—WSIU Expanded Evening News; 7—Free Game Music; 7:25—Salki Basketball; 8—Center of Tomorrow; 9:30—In Recital; 10:30—WSIU Late Night News; 11—Night Song; 1:30 a.m.—Nightwatch.
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Workmen reinforce the temporary ring levee with sandbags and plywood. This ring levee spans a 300-yard gap in the permanent levee.

Kaskaskia Island families continue flood fighting

Burlap sacks are filled with mud, the ring levee's primary substance. The ring levee, patching a gap caused by last April's flood, is the island's fragile protection from another flood.

Bag lines transport reinforcement to weak sections of the ring levee. Last Tuesday, the Mississippi River broke through this section and flooded island farmland for eight hours.
Water is a Kaskaskia crop. This field was part of 400 acres flooded Tuesday when the temporary levee broke.

Staff photos by Dennis Makes

David DeRusse, a Kaskaskia resident, indicates the high water mark from last April's flood. The building is the rectory in Kaskaskia, the island's only town.

Farm machinery bakes in a field. The water is seepage which comes up through the soil in the rainy season.
Boilermakers risk record

Purdue-Mich. St. meet

Purdue's Boilermakers risk their perfect Big Ten record and a chance to make modern school history in a road joust at formidable Michigan State as the Conference basketball race hits the halfway mark Saturday.

Purdue will be striving to post a seventh straight league triumph for the first time since Johnny Wooden and Stretch Murphy led the 1930 Boilermakers to an unblemished 10-0 Big Ten record.

Four prime games involve two once-defeated clubs, second-place Michigan State, which is 9-1 in the Big Ten, and third-road Indiana State, which is 4-1, facing host Illinois 1-4 and invading Iowa 1-4 respectively.

Saturday's two remaining conference tilts send last-place Northwestern 1-6 to Ohio State 4-1 and Wisconsin 5-2 to Minnesota 1-4.

The regionally-televised Purdue-Michigan State battle finds the Spartans 5-2 itching to knock off the league's only undefeated club and avenge an earlier 77-75 loss at Purdue when the Boilermakers won that loop season opener on John Lambert's 18th uğ奋斗目标, seven seconds left.

The Spartans, led by defending scoring champion Mike Robinson with a 21.1 point average, pace Conference team scoring with and 83.6 average, a shade better than Purdue's 82.3.

Current scoring leader, Campy Russell 22.5, leads Michigan against slumping Illinois which seeks to break an overall six-game losing streak.

Iowa also takes a six-game losing streak against Indiana's strong Hoosiers who appear to have remedied a scoring problem with last Saturday's flight's 82-73 rout of Northwestern.

That was 10 more points than scored in Purdue's earlier outing played on the Hoosiers, who two weeks ago scrapped past the Hawkeyes at Iowa City 55-51 after trailing 46-42 with five minutes left.

Women's intramural cage games planned

The following women's intramural basketball games are scheduled for Monday:

At 7 p.m. - Abie vs. Wilson Hall, court one.
At 9 p.m. - 212 Friends vs. Squirrels, court two.
At 9 p.m. – Neely Knockers vs. The Potusnami, court one.

Veteran NFL quarterback says may coach in WFL

MIAMI (AP) – Veteran Miami Dolphins quarterback Earl Morrall may turn to coaching in the new World Football League next year if current talks with two of the league's franchises pan out.

"I've talked with people in the WFL in Toronto and Detroit," said Morrall, the 39-year-old second-string quarterback of the Super Bowl champions. "I'm interested in that type of offer in the right place."

A veteran of 18 years in the National Football League, Morrall talked to Dolphins' Coach Don Shula "about whether I'll come back to Miami next year but I did not elaborate.

Morrall came off the bench following an injury to quarterback Bob Griese in 1972 to lead the Dolphins to 12 straight victories and helped them to their first Super Bowl win. But he saw little action last season.

Shula acknowledged that he had talked to Morrall about Morrall's future with the Dolphins but said, "He didn't say anything that was being offered a head coaching job."

"He said he's not ready to make a decision whether to return just yet," Shula said. Morrall said he never had "the kind of coaching offer which you would call a long-term ambition to go into coaching."

"If I decide to go into coaching, I think I could do pretty well," he added. "I know what is involved. I've been with enough coaches for enough years now to know who goes into successful."-

Morrall, an All-American at Michigan State, has played for San Francisco, Pittsburgh, Baltimore and the New York Giants.

Muir, a Pennsylvania State, has been interviewed just before he was honored at the annual Chicago Bears 49ers GameBoozer Friday night.

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Aaron nears 40 years old

ATLANTA (AP) — For Henry Aaron, "Life begins at 40." Just a few days but the Atlanta Braves Superstar refuses to act or look it.

Just returning from a strenuous, cross-country banquet tour during the month of January a trim and smiling Aaron said Friday, "Thinking about my daughter keeps me young."

Aaron, who needs just one home run to tie Babe Ruth's all-time record of 714, was referring to the youngest of his four children, Terrisa, who will be 12 next Tuesday—the same day he famed the No. 44 mark his 40th birthday.

"What keeps me going," said Aaron, "is my daughter. She'll be 12 and I'll light 12 candles on our birthday cake."

I'm just pretend I'm her. I think about her all the time.

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