**Banning of recreational activities protested**

**U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service promises public input about Crab Orchard Lake**

- **Antonio Young**  
  **Daily Egyptian reporter**

Campers and boaters at Crab Orchard Lake made their opposition known in person Tuesday to the proposal to ban recreational activities at the national refuge.

In response, officials from the federal agency said they have not made any decisions concerning changes to the refuge.

The changes are part of a plan that may make take up to three years to finish, said Eric Eck, U.S. Fish and Wildlife spokesman.

The proposed plan, mandated under the 1997 National Wildlife Refuge System Improvement Act, calls upon the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to prioritize refuge use in more than 500 locations.

Eck said the agency will not conduct their plan without public input. From Southern Illinois residents in open house meetings this fall, he said the agency's actions have been misinterpreted, leading it to produce press releases to explain the comprehensive conservation plan.

"This was from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service looked at documents at Crab Orchard and gathered information that was needed," Eck said. "We're only in the preliminary stages."

U.S. Rep. Jerry Costello and David Phelps met with Jamie Rappaport Clark, the agency's director, June 20 to discuss the developing plan for Crab Orchard National Wildlife Refuge, which consists of three lakes: Crab Orchard Lake, Little Grassy and Devil's Kitchen.

Costello said he and Phelps stressed their opposition to any ban of boating.

"We made it very clear in the meeting last week that we will not stand for a banning of motorized boats," Costello said. "And that we wanted the plan be formulated with the input of elected officials and the people of Southern Illinois."

Art Shidley, a Carterville resident who has sailed at Crab Orchard Lake for 19 years, said he wants the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service removed from Southern Illinois because he believes recreation is not the agency's priority.

"We don't know what their real objective is, other than they would like to close out all these activities and make it like all the other wildlife refuges," Shidley said. "They're now attacking boating.

We have to fight to keep everything out here, and we're getting nowhere." Jesse Rowan, a Makanda resident who has sailed the lake since he was a child, said the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is slowly trying to eliminate any motorized vehicle use on the lake.

**Gus Bode**

"I think they want to get rid of the jet skis, five years from now, they may be so bold to kick the rest of the boats out," Rowan said. "Yes, they wear us down until we don't have any fighting strength.

Clark, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife director, said in a statement that the plan will provide other agencies and the public with a clear understanding of the refuge's conditions.

She said the plan is in support of the fish, plants and wildlife that depend on the refuge for survival.

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**Supreme Court revokes ban on late-term abortions**

**Making a difference**

The Educated Voter

Range from "very pleased" to "somewhat disappointing."

Of course we were very pleased, but also stunned it was to close," said Daily Egyptian reporter Kelly Dunphy.

On the flip side of the issue, priest Gary Gummehermaine of St. Andrews Catholic Church in Murphysboro said members of his community were somewhat disappointed in the ruling.

"But they have a sense of hope, since one of the swing votes went in their favor," he said.

**Alexa Aguilera**  
**Daily Egyptian reporter**

An SIUC student remembered for his friendly personality was killed June 27 after his car was struck by a pickup truck.

Brian DeCrane, a 23-year-old senior in agriculture from Alton, was traveling in rural Tampico making sales calls for his summer job.

He encountered the blue crane and Habran barn and was hit by the truck. Illinois State police pronounced DeCrane dead at 11:30 a.m. at the scene of the accident.

The accident remains under investigation by the Illinois State Police.

He was employed as a summer intern by Wyffil Hybrids Inc., a seed company in Atokan, though he was eligible to graduate with a degree in agricultural technology and recreation and was planning to return to SIUC in the fall to become certified as an agriculture teacher.

DeCrane was an active member of Alpha Gamma Rho, an agricultural fraternity and was in several executive positions for the fraternity including vice president of membership Development and House Management and Operations.

He was also involved in college FFA and with the AgriBusiness department.

"He was a very personable," Winter said. "I considered him a friend as well as a student."

Winter said DeCrane had a sense of service and really seemed to
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Citizens debate Shawnee Trail planning

Environmentalists, recreation enthusiasts in opposition over welfare of forest

The Shawnee National Forest Trails Master Plan, which is currently under development, has been the subject of considerable debate among environmentalists, recreation enthusiasts, and forest managers. The plan aims to balance the needs of recreation with the preservation of the forest's ecological integrity.

The proposal includes a proposed trail corridor, which will connect several hill areas across the Shawnee National Forest. Environmentalists and recreation enthusiasts have expressed concerns about the potential impact of the trail on the local wildlife and natural habitats.

The Forest Service has scheduled a meeting with interested parties to discuss the plan. The meeting will be held on [date], at [time], at [location].

Recreation enthusiasts from every group just want to work with the forest service and get something done for a change.

Tom Mackey, Trail Planner

The July Fourth weekend, four tickets were sold to citizens riding bumpy horses on unsanctioned trails where fights and gatherings were prohibited. At the July Fourth weekend, four tickets were sold to citizens riding bumpy horses on unsanctioned trails where fights and gatherings were prohibited.

In addition to the trail system, the Forest Service is planning to improve and develop new recreational opportunities, such as camping, picnicking, and wildlife watching.

The Forest Service is also working closely with local communities to ensure that the new recreational opportunities fit with the overall forest management plan.

The Forest Service is committed to ensuring that the Shawnee National Forest remains a valuable resource for all Americans, balancing the needs of recreation with the preservation of the forest's ecological integrity.

In summary, the Shawnee National Forest Trails Master Plan is a joint effort to balance the needs of recreation with the preservation of the forest's ecological integrity. The Forest Service is committed to ensuring that the new recreational opportunities fit with the overall forest management plan.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

SIUC summer enrollment up for eighth consecutive semester

SIUC had an enrollment increase of 142 students this summer for a total of 7,978, a 1-percentage point increase from last summer.

The increase is encouraging to SIUC interim Chancellor John Jackson.

"This marks the eighth consecutive semester where we were up in enrollment," he said. "I believe this is a sign of the economy improving and that awareness of the university's value is increasing." The increase is encouraging to SIUC interim Chancellor John Jackson.

The off-campus enrollment increase is considered primarily of classes taught at SIUC's future military campus across the street. The enrollment increase is considered primarily of classes taught at SIUC's future military campus across the street.

Reggae band to play at Sunset Concert

Dred J Drumz, a reggae band, will play tonight at 7 at Sherwood Amphitheater. The band is known for its upbeat, positive music and is expected to draw a large crowd.

The event is free and open to the public.

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UNC Duke form scholarly partnerships under grant

The University of North Carolina and Duke University are happy recipients of a $600,000 grant that will benefit both schools at New York. New York investment manager Julian Jacobson, Jr., and his wife, Joan, are providing $6 million for the two schools.

The schools, who are known for their friendly rivalry, are working together on a project that will recruit and support "outstanding undergraduates at both campuses.

The proposal for the project, called "UNC-Duke Summer Program," is expected to begin in the summer of 2000.

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College freshmen at greater risk for meningitis

Study shows increased risk for dorm residents

CHRISTIAN HALL

Daily Egyptian reporter

College freshmen should be more informed about the possibility of contracting meningitis, according to a statistics of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention.

The CDC reported that between 1998 and 2001, the number of meningitis cases among college freshmen increased by 243 percent.

The increases were particularly significant in the first three years of college, with the risk highest during the freshman year.

"The increases in meningitis cases during the past few years have led to increased awareness and improved prevention efforts," said Dr. James Goodrich, a specialist in infectious diseases at the University of Oregon.

Dr. Goodrich added, "There is no better way to prevent meningitis in college students than to be informed about the disease and its risks.

Meningitis is a potentially fatal bacterial infection that inflames the membranes surrounding the brain and spinal cord. It can cause fever, headache, and neck stiffness.

The CDC recommends that all college students get a meningitis vaccine, either the meningococcal vaccine or the combined meningococcal vaccine.

Meningitis symptoms include:

- Fever
- Headache
- Stiff neck
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Seizures
- Confusion
- Drowsiness
- Dislike of light
- Hallucinations
- Disorientation
- Coma

If any of these symptoms occur, the student should seek medical attention immediately.

In addition to the vaccine, other measures can be taken to prevent meningitis, such as washing hands frequently, avoiding close contact with people who have meningitis, and staying away from crowded places.

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Investigation found...
Don't ignore the lessons tragedy has to teach

Don't drink and drive. Wear sunscreen. Just say no. Be an organ donor. Give blood. Wear your seat belt. Recycle. All very good advice. But it's advice you hear so often, it becomes easy to tune out. Sometimes, there is no advice that counts. Sometimes, that's the thing that you've heard a million times that can save a life.

Almost a month ago, a young woman was brutally stabbed to death and her boyfriend critically wounded in her home. Her boyfriend, who survived the attack and died the next day, didn't identify the killer. Others — friends — said she had been feeling threatened, but she thought she could handle it.

But friends and family members were the last woman, the rest of us are left to try to understand what went wrong — a question that will probably never be answered clearly. And while we may never understand why events unfolded the way they did in the early hours of June 10, we can work to ensure the scene is not repeated.

The most dangerous element of youth is the feeling of invincibility. Why ages 15 to 24 are more likely to be victims of homicide and more likely to be killed in car accidents than any other age group. Recklessness comes easier, assistance tougher to accept, as death seems too distant to consider. Too often, victims know and fear their attackers long before any crimes are carried out.

In Carbondale, there are many men and women to look to when they feel threatened. The Carbondale police, the SIU police, SIU Legal Services, the Women's Center and the Counseling Center are all populated by individuals interested in helping to stop people from becoming crime victims. Don't assume you can handle a person who makes you feel threatened for your safety — you just can't afford to be wrong.

Perpetrators of violent crimes against others can also avoid tragedy by seeking help when it is available. Sexual assault issues, like bumper stickers only because they are not as often seen, are dedicated to helping women in areas that are considered their number one predator. Crime is everyone's problem. There is no issue so small that cannot be addressed.

Make your vote count - don't vote for cheese

America has just recently celebrated yet another birthday, and though it is well over 200 years old, all the nations of the world still look to it for diplomatic leadership and contemporary culture. (Which is so very, very sad.)

Anyway, new town seems to be as good a time as any for a little politics commentary from your truly, an individual who not only cannot, but will not check his hickishness, be checkered, be incorrect or produce a confederate (I assume it's the real confederate.)

As usual, it's an election year, before it or after, and the race is on to see who gets to replace Clinton and whether the two are playing chess. To begin with, the Republican candidate, George W. Bush, doesn't impress when it comes to his knowledge of domestic affairs which is a sad thing that was his father's strong suit. And George just finished eight years of trying to figure out how to accomplish himself with Clinton's supposed economic legacy while distorting himself from the President's Right.

Neither candidate looks particularly worthy of the title, "Mr. Powerful Guy on Earth." But that isn't what bothers me the most. The real issue in this entire political debate is that ultimately, no argument, worthwhile differences exist between those two candidates. It's about the same as going to see Arnold's Market and trying to decide whether to buy a block of cheddar over a wedge of sharp cheddar. Both taste about the same, neither is particularly good for you, and both are of either will and one will be consumed.

Remember, it's not just the choice of assuming the election of either one of these individuals will make a significant difference in the standard of living of this nation. In our peace time, peaceful existence, The Machine has just been aimed too close to worth it. They are both set to go on to go on and on and on as long as for so long that both of these candidates cannot be seen as anything but products of The Machine. They sure as hell aren't going to go on to give any great threats or the potential wheel around in an effort to stop it or even slow it down; I assume both will simply attempt a bumbling.

That's not a protest against democracy, or even capitalism, per se. I'm going to vote this November, but not for either one of them. I understand, though I'm not sure, that if I don't vote for one or the other, that I'm no better off. (I assume it's the real confederate.)

As usual, we have to vote for someone.

JOSH ROBINSON

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Diane Henry, associate director of the Children's Advocacy Center, said the camp is an excellent opportunity for the children to have hands-on experience with nature.

"The camp is a good way for children to learn about their environment," Hollister said. "They see how everything affects everything."

He was very personable. I considered him a friend as well as a student.

"I was so happy," James said. "I was so happy, always happy," Leavell said.

Abortion CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

groups with a point around which to rally supporters to vote for Vice President Gore," Denning said.

And since one or two or three positions will be up for grabs in the coming presidential term, both candidates have an opportunity to mold future abortion rulings, he said.

"If you're just as liberal as me, you might have sufficient votes to overturn Roe v. Wade," Denning said. "The abortion controversy had died down in the last few years. But this decision probably ensures that we are in for a resurgence of activity."

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Exploring nature
Children from the city enter the outdoor world

A camping trip to Giant City State Park is 9-year-old Jaren Campbell’s favorite part of the Nature Adventure Camp in Carrier at the Southern Illinois University at Carbondale campus.

"I like the camp because we do fun activities and learn about different animals and plants," Campbell said.

When Campbell’s grandmother, Phyllis Khasig, an employee at SIUC’s Rehabilitation Institute, found the brochure for the camps offered by the Office of Intramural-Sorority-Sports, she immediately thought of her grandson.

"He lives in the city and doesn’t normally get the chance to do things the camp offers," Khasig said.

Three days a week from June 19 through July 7, children between the ages of 9 and 14 have taken time out of their city life to explore nature through the SIUC camp.

This summer, the campers have learned how to use maps and compasses, how to track animals, explore outdoor areas and how to build a team for trust and survival in a camping situation. They have also visited a wetland and grassland to compare the plant and animal life that flourish in those habitats.

Douglas Meadows, right, 10 years old from Carbondale, and Patrick Nitchchak, left, try to find a frog and a snake from a small creek as their friend Pat Skiersch watches at Giant City State Park during the Nature Adventure Camp Friday afternoon.

Men’s sports dropped at two universities to meet Title IX
The U.S. Supreme Court declines to review athletes’ case

The nearly 30-year debate concerning Title IX made its way to two more universities after court appeals mixed in favor of Illinois State University and California State University-Bakersfield last week in lawsuits filed by male athletes against the institutions.

Illinois State and California State won the right to reduce the number of male athletes and even drop sports to meet requirements of Title IX. The male athletes claimed their rights were violated on the basis of reverse discrimination when their sports were dropped.

Illinois State discontinued men’s water and weightlifting programs to allow the number of male athletes to be proportional with the number of female students.

Both campuses have men’s and women’s baseball and women’s softball, and men’s and women’s basketball teams.

Both universities to meet Title IX governmental mandates. The Carbondale native finished his junior year on the

Cross not selected in NBA draft

Christine Rollin
Sports Editor

SIU men’s basketball team forward Josh Cross was not drafted in the 2000 NBA draft last Wednesday. On May 15, the 6-foot-6-inch junior announced his decision to enter himself in the draft. He was one of 35 college and high school players in the mid west States who applied for early entry.

The Carbondale native finished his junior year on the