Poets express feelings on sexual assault

SOCIAL ACTION: One student says more men should attend events, speak out against assault.

Gregory Wendt thought his evening would be spent supporting his friend at a women’s poetry reading. Little did he know he would be educated and reminded about sexual assault against women.

“Actually, I came to hear the poetry,” said Wendt, a graduate student in telecommunications from New York. “I didn’t know this (sexual assault) was the issue. On one level, I’m sadly reminded this is such a big problem for very young women and girls. So it saddens me that this is so prevalent.”

As a part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, SIUC Women’s Services presented Poetry Night Wednesday evening to a crowd of about 30 people.

The public was invited to Melange Cafe, 607 S. Illinois Ave., and share or enjoy poetry relating to the empowerment of women.

Lorna Batra, campus safety representative at the Women’s Center, said poetry attracts a large and diverse audience. The event was new and different way to enthrall the public while raising awareness about sexual assault.

“I think through this medium, it draws more people,” she said. “People enjoy sharing their work and they enjoy the process of writing their own. Poetry is entertaining and it educates more than just giving a lecture.

“I was so pleased to see the turnout. I feel we are getting across that this is a serious issue. The community can get together and it can be a group effort. It’s possible to take social action, and not just say, ‘Oh, what can I do about it?’ Everyone can do something.”

With that train of thought, Women’s Services sponsored an essay contest, “What can Carbondale men do to organize a group of men to join the fight against sexual assault?”

The essays were judged on whether or not a specific plan of action was outlined. There were no winners of essays submitted.
In Tuesday's article "Adoption plan to restore woodlot," the following individuals were omitted from a list of supporters: Jim and Kathy Fralick, who donated $4,000 for the purchase of bait and trees; Robert Reid and Ken Dinburg, who both adopted patches; the Cash Checking Service in the Student Center; employees from Dr. David Lightfoot's Laboratory in the Plant and Soil Science Department; Sigma Xi; and the Forestry Honorary Society.

The DE regrets the omission.

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University to provide stress relief for students

UNDER PRESSURE:

Head and neck massages offered Monday and Tuesday of finals week.

TAMARA L. HOGH


After he receives a head and neck massage in Grinnell Hall next week, Brian Samuels says studying for the Finance 330 final exam will not be as stressful.

Grinnell, Lentz and Treehouse halls are providing the massages Monday and Tuesday for on-campus residents who want to relax and take a break from final-exam cramming.

Pro fruit, cookies, coffee and juices, along with free headband and neck masses, will be provided by Residence Hall Dining and the Housing Programming Office from 9 to 11 a.m. on a first-come, first-served basis.

Samuels, a junior in business management from Cincinnati, Ohio, believes he needs the study break every year and said it is nice to know that there is concern for his study habits.

"It's a stress reliever," Samuels said. "It gives me time to recoup between study sessions."

Paulette Curkin, coordinator of Housing Programming, said that three years ago, officials decided to provide a program for on-campus students during finals week.

Providing free food and five-minute head and neck massages is one of the best ways to relieve stress.

"We recognized that students are under a lot of stress during finals week," Curkin said.

So we tried to provide programs that will help them, like study breaks.

Before entering any of the three cafes, teachers at the self-serve food stations, students must present student identification, but the snacks will not be counted on the students' meal plans.

While some students stand in line for cappuccino and Danishes, Jeremy Griggs, a resident of Bailey Hall in Thompson Point, said he will watch the professional massage therapist at work in Lentz Dining Hall before considering having one.

"I don't know about the massage," Griggs said. "I'm just trying to paint a picture of what's going to be available to the students, so that's not on the menu plan.

"It's not going to cost me anything," Griggs said. "I can get it free."

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Latinos create fraternity, sorority

GOALS:

Group focusing on serving community, eliminating stereotypes.

JANET ALLEN

DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Gabriel Cedza says creating a Latino fraternity and sorority at SIUC has been a long and arduous process. But with their newly-acquired Registered Student Organization status, both groups are working to eliminate Latino stereotypes.

"We're here to do a job," he said. "We want to promote Hispanics in a positive way."

The Sigma Lambda Beta fraternity and the Sigma Lambda Gamma sorority received their RSO status in early April, and both are now part of the Pan-Hellenic Council. Latino students have been trying to organize a fraternity and a sorority at SIUC for the past year.

Having RSO status means both groups can get funding for projects, and as members of the Pan-Hellenic Council, both organizations are official members of the Greek system at SIUC.

Sigma Lambda Beta has seven members and five associate members, and Sigma Lambda Gamma has six members and six associate members. Associate members are going through the process to become active members.

The primary focus of both organizations is serving the community, and the opportunity to do that is something Ralph Cones, a junior in foreign language and international trade from Chicago, said is the strongest aspect of Sigma Lambda Beta.

"We have done eight community service programs," he said. "It is one of our principles, and we want to live by it as a principle.

That commitment is what has driven the fraternity to donate more than 200 hours building houses for Habitat for Humanity. The charity also has collected boxes of food for the Carbondale Food Pantry's "Food For the Hungry," and regularly help the elderly with tasks such as yard work.

But helping the community is not the only focus of these organizations. Julie Flores, a freshman in English, has been a member of the Sigma Lambda Beta since her freshman year at SIUC, and has been a member of the Pan-Hellenic Council.

"I'm here to make friends and get involved," she said. "I can do service projects, and I can do charity projects."

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CARBONDALE

CMCMA senator receives service award from USG

The Undergraduate Student Government presented its outstanding senator award to the Jemal Powell Outstanding Senatorial Service Award at its final meeting Thursday night.

Powell represented the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts as a USG senator for the past three years. He is graduating in May.

"USG also voted to oppose the Select 2000 program, which would have allowed SIUC students to vote for elected officials," he said. "I think it would have been a great way to get students involved in local politics.

"USG also voted to expand the student government," he said. "We need more representation on the Carbondale Clinic as part of the bus service's rerouting process.

HOBBIES

MOSKOW

NATO-Russia charter making little progress

U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will meet with top Russian officials Thursday discussing a proposed NATO-Russia charter with Russian Foreign Minister Yevgeny Primakov, but little progress was reported.

"U.S. officials said it is "an issue of major importance," and that no significant progress was made.

The charter is the centerpiece of Western efforts to allieviate Russian fears about American intentions to expand to the former borders of the Soviet Union.

- From Daily Egyptian news service
L. just Bobbison (Cancel My Subscription), also from what is gloriously called "South of Chicago." Unfortunately, that does not mean that I am any less struck by the death of Chicago's very own literary genius, Mike Royko. When Royko died Tuesday, a part of Chicago died with him. He was just as much a part of Chicago as Billy Goat, the Sears Tower, the army of museums, and the Bulls. He always seemed to be able to comment on things that were not necessarily common knowledge, and you just had to wonder how he knew so much. If he did not understand the way that something worked, you would have never known it. He had a smoothness and coolness about his writing that made you think that he just knew it all. Who would have thought that one man could represent Chicago so thoroughly, yet get so torn apart for it? Royko took hell on earth for voicing his ideas and opinions. Then he took that hell and made it humorous. He made you laugh at yourself and at others. His creative insight made you see things from an angle that you never would have thought of, and whether you agreed with him or not, you had to admit he had a point.

Royko was blunt and to the point. With him, there was no beating around the bush or sugar-coating. He just said it, and it was not afraid to speak his mind. He did not worry about political correctness or what was socially acceptable. Royko took the job as a columnist and defined it. He was Chicago, and he was journalism. He was the stuff movies are made of—a character who charmed his way into your affections. Royko was it. He was the character you could find eavesdropping outside a police office to get information. He was that one character who you always watch with admiration. He was a real-life Clark Kent, Lois Lane, and Jimmy Olsen, all in one—you might not have thought of it, but he was short of Superman. Anyone would have big shoes to fill if they tried to take Royko's place, but I would prefer if they didn't. Those shoes need to be braced and on display so that every journalist, every Chicagoan, every man, woman, and child, can remember this legend.

Mowry also tells us that witchcraft is "a work of the flesh or lower nature and is no way a part of the spiritual or supernatural realm." Witchcraft IS a spiritual path. It is religion with beliefs in deities and higher powers. It is also the fastest-growing religion in the free world. This has a lot to do with the reclaiming of our responsibility to the Earth which sustains us in every way.

Witches also do not stay away from the pleasures of the flesh. Sexuality is seen as natural and necessary not only for health but to keep the species, any species, alive. Sex is not seen as evil, and witches are not evil. This is a common misconception held by many that and many others are trying to change by education.

Mowry says "good witchcraft." I consider myself a witch and a "good person." I do not kill anyone and maybe even a healer. I pity your inability to see your beliefs and allow others the right to practice their chosen ways.

Tina Nelson Senior, zoology

THE UNDERLYING PROBLEM FOR THESE new teaching assistants is the inconsistency of training programs across the campus. Some departments have their own training sessions for their teaching assistants, which include a mandatory sexual harassment and disability session. For example, the English Department requires that each new teaching assistant attend a rigorous two-week session and a 500-level, three-credit hour teaching class. Those new English teaching assistants learn how to become effective teachers, plus they have mentors who supervise their performance in the classroom.

IF A DEPARTMENT DOES NOT HAVE A training program, its new teaching assistants are required to attend the uniform Graduate School training session, which only lasts a few days. But some new teaching assistants only attend a mandatory sexual harassment and disability session, which is required by state law. This inconsistency in training affects the new teaching assistants, who did not get enough training to become effective instructors, and the undergraduates—especially in the core curriculum classes—that are taught by under-trained assistants.

EACH SEMESTER, MORE THAN 3,000 undergraduates are taught in the 60 sections of core curriculum speech classes. One way of ensuring that all teaching assistants in speech communication take advantage of the department's intensive training program would be for the University to step in and take core class sections away from those instructors who choose not to attend all the training sessions.

THE UNIVERSITY SHOULD ENFORCE AND create stricter guidelines for training session attendance and instruction for new teaching assistants by making the session part of the assistants' contracts. The University also should have a longer, more intensive training program for new teaching assistants whose departments do not offer such programs. Better training would help many assistants with grading papers, making up tests and dealing with students.

TEACHING ASSISTANTS INTERACT WITH undergraduates more than professors and administrators do. They are the first instructors many undergraduates have when they arrive on this campus. With the extra training, assistants might teach a little better, and undergraduates may have a more positive experience in their core classes and would want to stay at SIUC. It is common sense to enforce and expand training sessions for teaching assistants.

"Our Word" represents a consensus of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board.
Mailbox

Dear Editor:

Wes, the members of the Thompson Woods Management Committee, would like to thank all of the Adopt-a-Patch groups and all of the other volunteers for their efforts in removing exotics, planting more than 1,200 seedlings and more than 74 tall stock trees in Thompson Woods this spring. We also would like to thank Jim and Kathy Frank for their donation of $4,000, which was used to purchase the trees that were planted. Gratitude is extended to the Physical Plant employees who helped disperse the tall stock prior to planting. Without this volunteer effort, restoration of the woods would be difficult to achieve. 

Philip Robertson
Chair, Thompson Woods Management Committee

Cycling renewable alternative to driving cars around town

Dear Editor:

Area environmentalists, bicycle enthusiasts, and concerned citizens gathered and staged a street carma to celebrate the most energy-efficient mode of transportation, the bicycle, which is non-polluting, healthy and fun. Tuesday, April 22 was Earth Day and International “Critical Mass” Day. City streets in more than 60 cities worldwide were occupied by hundreds, if not thousands of bicyclists showing support for this movement.

Critical Mass seeks to liberate cities from auto-racy: rule the road.

The goals of the gatherings are to try to transform Carbondale into a sustainable community, with bike lanes, car-free zones, better transit and clean air for all.

One thing: Critical Mass is not a gang-bang anti-car crusade. Many are opposed to the present level of motor transport and the advance of the automobile in student society. To highlight its shortcomings and show people an alternative. But most people face the same general problem everywhere: dangerous cycling conditions due to a lack of bike lanes, inadequate facilities for bicyclists and the arrogance and recklessness of motorists. Add to this the number of people opposed to our fossil-fuel dependency and the ecological havoc caused by automobile pollution, and the inefficiency and helplessness felt by our cash/cash economy and there is a great potential for these “organic coincidences” that rate awareness and creativity in improving conditions for our cities and environment.

“Given that 60 percent of all car journeys are less than four miles, cycling is an alternative for most people which should be encouraged.”

Travis Clark
Junior, zoology

Highly sensitive fire alarm system causes problems in SIUC dormitory

Dear Editor:

True to its reputation as a party school, this University’s housing department decided to add a giant disco ball to the campus last summer. If you have not seen it yet, just walk down to Mac Smith hall any night at about 3 a.m.; it’s the dorm next to the nine fire trucks. If you have not noticed, I’m thinking about all of the fire drills that Mac Smith residence hall residents have had to endure this past year. Last year, I would sit in my upper dorm room and watch all the smoke and flames from the streets several times each week.

Now I was wise, or at least I thought I was, as a stand for what seems to be an eternity outside in the cold, to be let back into my building. But the Housing decided to put this new system in Mac Smith over the summer. It is not only more sensitive than the old system, but it also provides the campus with a highly amusing light show from its dozens of strobe lights.

On paper, I’m sure this was a great idea, for this system delivers the quickest possible warning to the hall residents. Instead, it has put the dormitory staff in a constant state of panic and avoidable stress.

“Because we have had so many fire drills, most residents have become conditioned to take their time as they evacuate the building.”

Matt Plett
Sophomore, mechanical engineering

The committee hopes that this spirit of volunteerism will continue throughout the year and into the future so that in 20 or 30 years, Thompson Woods will be a beautiful example of an upland sylvic forest for the campus to enjoy and from which to learn.

We plan to continue planting seedlings and trees to encourage exotic removal for the next few years. There are still portions of the woods that can be claimed for Adopt-a-Patch management should any group be interested. Interested groups should call 483-3236.

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HEAVY DREAMS: Larry Millard, a senior in art and design from Evanston, has to support the vase from the bottom with a punting rod as he takes the large vase from the working bench to the reheating chamber. This way the top can be heated and opened up. He works diligently to perfect the craft of making glass artwork, which will be his career.

PRESSING MATTERS: Millard applies color to the murrini by rolling it in powders of glass color in Pulliam Hall. The murrini makes designs and patterns within the glass.

GETTING ATTACHED: One of the many projects Millard and his assistant work on is a 26-inch plate. They are attaching a punting rod to the bottom of the platter so it can be opened up into a plate.

HEAT IS ON: The bottom of the vase is being torched as the mouth of the vase is being opened and shaped. Cameron Smith, adjunct instructor (right), turns the vase to keep the soft glass centered. If it is not turned, the glass will collapse and fall on the floor.

OOPS: After all his hard work and time, the vase that Millard was working on broke.

SMOKIN': Here Millard flattens the murrini by rubbing it against a wood block.

PHOTOS BY KORIETTA SPENCER
President finds Mexico's anti-drug efforts positive

Los ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON—President Clinton said Thursday he considers "very encouraging" the news that Mexico is replacing its corrupt anti-narcotics unit with a force filled only with rigorously tested agents.

In a telephone interview just days before his departure to Mexico, Costa Rica and Barbados, Clinton said he expects to see additional progress on drug-control issues during his visit.

Clint on said Mexican President Ernesto "Zedillo and his team are committed to trying to work with us," adding that both countries have "a huge stake in this anti-drug effort.

"Obviously, we're trying to keep drugs from being imported into the United States," the president said, while Mexico is "trying to keep the narco-traffickers from undermining the integrity of their democracy and the long-term success and stability of their society."

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since they are protected by federal law," she said. "This is a loss to potential students."

Rhode said she has not spoken to SIUC officials about the court's decision.

"This is a big case for public institutions," she said. "Especially, how the court interpret the Freedom of Information Act."

Lieber said he plans to file a lawsuit in the Court of Claims for damages against the University.

"None of the money will go in my pocket," he said. "It will go for legal fees and to create a scholarship fund for students of Sigma Chi."

Lieber said the ruling is a victory for students, because now they can have the information to decide whether they want to live in on-campus housing.

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but Buros said she would have liked to have seen more.

The winning essays were read aloud to the audience at the event. The winning authors were Paul Hitchens, a teaching assistant for the English department; April Knopp, a junior in social work; and Jigsi Toju Sijger from the SIUC Department of Public Safety.

During the evening, poets recited poems that grasped at the conscience of audience members.

Rachel Robinson, an 18-year-old Carbondale resident, said she dedicated her poem to herself, her best friend and others who have been raped.

She read three personal poems including, "When They Think They Can Get What They Want," "Barbie - A depiction of the Perfect Woman," and it made me realize that a lot of society accepts and almost embraces a woman who could be raped for hours and for her rapist's face. People won't even believe her.

"I hope (after people leave) they have an awareness. The ones who have been there, I hope their spirits aren't broken and I hope they don't blame themselves because it's not their fault."

As audience members were moved into a somber yet celebratory mood, they clapped in appreciation and urged other poets to step up for a seoum on the stage.

Wendy's friend, Melinda Yeomans, a Carbondale resident, said she is aware of the pain inflicted by sexual assault, one of society's biggest problems. She shared her poems because it is a way to communicate and heal people's wounds.

"Poetry is an art that comes from the heart, and because poetry comes from the heart, it speaks to wounds of the heart," Yeomans said.

"It sheds light on what we're most afraid of, whether it be sexual assault, murder, sexism or homophobia. Through this communication we can heal. Good poetry is where the mind and the healing meet and this kind of real communication is a force for change.

Wendt walked away from Poetry Night with a lot on his mind.

After the night ended, he said he believes more men should attend events, such as Poetry Night, and come forward to speak out against sexual assaults.

"I'm disgusted that so much of society accepts and almost advocates the abuse of women, particularly through the media," he said.

"But I'm encouraged to live in a community where there is support of activism to prevent this from happening."

Herb may cure depression

MOOD BOOSTER: Yellow-flowered herb makes transition to American market.

Karin Taylor's black moods were often accompanied by insomniac bouts of insomnia, crying and institutionalization. "I feel so low I didn't care if I lived or died."

But when bullied when her physician suggested a common anti-depressant she didn't feel comfortable taking drugs. Fortunately, she says, a friend visiting from California suggested a natural herb called Saint Johnswort. Within three weeks, Taylor's depression had lifted.

"I feel motivated," said Taylor, 28-year-old Toronto accountant.

People have been ingesting Saint Johnswort, a yellow-flowered plant with the Latin name of Hypericum perforatum, for some 2,000 years. Some believe it is mentioned in ancient Greece to drive away evil spirits. It's been popular for about 15 years in Europe as a natural remedy for depression. In Germany, that country is currently the leading producer, physicians write some 7.7 million prescriptions a year — 25 times the number they write for Prozac.

Now, thanks to a spate of books and articles touting the herb's properties, its popularity is quickly spreading on this side of the Atlantic. American health-food stores now peddle a panoply of mood-enhancing supplements.

What's the evidence for this claim? Last August, the British Medical Journal published a review of 23 controlled studies involving 1,757 depressed patients. In that analysis, researchers from the United States and Germany found that Saint Johnswort worked nearly three times better than a placebo.

The herb shows "definite promise," says Dr. Philip McEwen, a University of Texas internist.

John A. Logan College would like it known that the CALCI 22 ad which ran Wednesday April 30th was not authorized.

The College regrets any inconvenience or embarrassment it may have caused the university.

Don Middleton
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As Mark Undesser nervously lowers himself onto an argny, 1,000-pound bull, the small brown feather in his cowboy hat shakes as if a gust of wind just blew into the arena.

"I still get nervous," said Undesser, a freshman in animal science from Yorkville. "It's just something that you need to ride. I think it helps me.

Undesser and other members of the SIUC Rodeo Club have been practicing bull and bronc riding since January in Vienna.

Brian Taylor, president of the SIUC Rodeo Club, started the club with the help of a few other members last fall.

"In October, if you would have told me we would have been practicing, and we would have had a team, I would have laughed at you," said Taylor, a junior in public relations from Cary, "But that's how far we've come.

Although this is the first rodeo team he has been on, Taylor has been riding bare-back ponies seriously for three years.

"I just do it because I really like it," Taylor said. "To be able to say, 'I just got on a wild horse and rode it,' it's great. It's a blast.

In the fall, the club will join the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association and participate in 10 to 12 rodeos sponsored by the association.

Because of the expense, Taylor said the club only will be able to send about five people to the intercollegiate rodeos. There are about 15 members in the club.

"Rodeo's all about saving money because you could spend it real quick on traveling and entry fees," he said.

"Rodeo is the easy sport where you pay to play. Football players don't pay to play their sport.

And just as some young boys dream of becoming quarterback, others dream of becoming a bull rider.

"I've always wanted to be a bull rider since I was a little kid, after going to rodeos with my parents," Undesser said.

About a year ago, Undesser was able to fulfill that dream when he climbed onto a 300-pound bull, and he has been hooked ever since.

"Bull riding is definitely addicting," he said.

"After that first bull, I was hooked.

"I played football for six years, and I loved that. It used to give me a big rush. I've been bungee jumping and that was a big rush. But bull riding, that's the best rush I've ever had.

Even after having a tooth broken, a leg trampled and his memory lost for two hours after his head hit the side of a bull, Undesser keeps going back for more.

"You can't really think about getting hurt or else you won't," he said. "When you're out there, you don't really think about nothing. It's just reaction. It's becoming second nature to me.

However, Undesser admits there is more than the adrenaline rush that keeps him climbing back into the chute.

"I think it's just part of the Western tradition," he said. "I like trying to keep it alive doing this. The Western tradition is really dying, and rodeo sort of keeps it alive."
BUCKING OUT
Bursting from the chute, Pearce attempts to ride a bull for eight seconds during the SIUC Rodeo Club practice. He succeeded in riding the bull a full eight seconds.

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Bursting from the chute, Pearce attempts to ride a bull for eight seconds during the SIUC Rodeo Club practice. He succeeded in riding the bull a full eight seconds.

CORRAL: John Nadler, a junior in agriculture business economics from Wheeler, helps corral one of the bulls after a practice ride.
Sexual activity in teens declines

SAFE SEX: Survey reports contraceptive use increases.

WASHINGTON POST

WASHINGTON—After climbing steadily for more than two decades, sexual activity among American teenagers has declined, the first drop since the federal government began tracking the information in 1970, according to a new government survey released yesterday.

Among girls aged 15 to 19, the proportion who reported having sexual intercourse had fallen to 50 percent in 1995 from 55 percent in 1990, the last time the study was conducted. A separate federal study showed the figure for boys had dropped to 55 percent in 1995 from 60 percent in 1988.

The national studies also found that teenagers who are sexually active are more likely to use contraceptives than those who are not—confirming why the birth rate among teenagers has fallen since 1991, researchers said. 

“We welcome the news that the long-term increase in teenage sexual activity may finally have stopped,” Health and Human Services Secretary Donna E. Shalala said in a statement.

While researchers cautioned that teenage birth rates in this country remain disturbingly high, they said the studies show young people are responding to programs urging them to delay sex and avoid pregnancy and AIDS.

That message is a common component in sex education courses, AIDS awareness programs and other community efforts aimed at reducing teenage sexual activity and births.

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GPSC votes down fee increase

OPPOSED: Group votes against $20

athletics increase.

WILLIAM HATFIELD
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The Graduate and Professional
Student Council voted 18-1 in
opposition of a proposed $20 athlet­
ic fee increase that would have
SIUC students paying $156 per year
by 2002.

Darrell Shoop, a GPSC member,
said the fee increase could hurt new
student recruitment.

"This is an unreasonable fee
increase," Shoop said. "It helps a
clear minority of students rather
than a majority."

The 1997 annual athletic fee for
full-time students is $106.

The SIU Board of Trustees is
scheduled to vote on the proposed
fee increase in June.

In other business, GPSC
approved a resolution asking the
Graduate School to enforce the pol­
icy that teaching assistants attend
mandatory training workshops.

"It also requires that the English
Proficiency Exam and other poli­
cies for teaching assistants be
included in the Graduate Catalogue,
which is being revised."

"The purpose is to specify this
requirement with more than just the
small paragraph that is currently in
the catalogue," Paul Leffhine, GPSC vice president of Graduate
School Affairs, said.

"This will make graduate stu­
dents more aware of what the rules
and procedures are."

The GPSC also voted to support
the development and renovation of
the Student Health Service Facility.

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review their graduate programs and
propose ways to fund them.

On Wednesday, GPSC voted to
approve the document after
amending it.

"The GPSC gratefully admits
that graduate tuition should be
higher," Ed Ford, a GPSC member
said. "However, we are concerned
about the general issue of afford­
ability."

GPSC amended the document
to state that graduate tuition
should not be raised until the out­
of-state tuition rate is twice the rate
of in-state tuition.

Now, it is three times that rate.

They also recommended in an
amendment that the University
consider the overall cost of
graduate education and explore a
user-ppfed fee system.

However, the GPSC’s re­
commended amendments were voted
against in Thursday morning’s
Graduate Council meeting.

However, members of the council

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DARRL WILSON
HISTORY PROFESSOR

proposed their own amendments.

The document on tuition stated
that 80 percent of the money
resulting from the tuition increase
should be assigned to the depart­
ments where the students are tak­
ing classes.

David Wilson, history professor
and a council member, said that
statement could discourage inter­
disciplinary activities because
departments would compete for
students.

"This could lead to all types of
potential abuses," Wilson said.
"It could lead to recruiting mar­
ginal students just to increase
 tuition dollars."

The council amended the
document to state that 20% of the
increased tuition dollars should be
used to improve graduate pro­
grams.

The amended document now
will be combined with the
February graduate review that
resulted in the elimination or
merger of five doctoral programs.

The final document then will be
sent to the IBHE in August.

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scholarships has made it harder to recruit male athletes.

"At our high school boys have a legistance drop now," he said. "For the boys in track and field, the quality, availability, to them than there are for the females. To try, that is reverse discrimination within the sport.

Whether or not it is fair, it is Title IX compliance for the Athletic Department.

"SIUC is in full compliance with (financial assistance)," Charleston, West assistant athletic director, said. "I think it is import ant to show when we have done the job, because in other places we haven't.

The benefits the Athletic Department must equally provide include travel and lodging, meals, tutoring and academics, academic training and benefits for coaches.

West called this benefits the "bunacle line." The SIUC Athletic Department complies with some Title IX requirements, but not others.

The Athletic Department's biggest discrepancy within the benefits is the mode of travel, meals and lodging.

However, the Athletic Department provides equal tutoring and academics and academic training.

"We are not there yet with mode of travel by any means," West said. "We are almost there in per diem for lodging and meals. It is an area we haven't really gotten very much in the last five years." In fiscal year 1996, each male athlete received $1,700 per day of travel and each female athlete received $1,650, a difference of $50 between the two. In fiscal year 1997, each male athlete received $1,597 per day of travel and each female athlete received $1,557, a difference of $40.

"We look across time, we don't look at any one trip, when we finish up the season," West said. "We look back, look over all sports, take the average for meals and average for lodging, and if there is a big difference, then we look.

There also is a discrepancy in the modes of travel of the men's and women's programs. Though West said the Athletic Department does not examine individual programs, and the men's basketball and women's basketball teams share buses.

"The men's basketball team takes a lot of charter flights, very convenient, they come and go as they want," West said. "They get back here for school earlier.

The women have an occasional flight, but they are all commercial, and most of the trips are bus trips.

For example, earlier this semester, the women's basketball team took an 11-hour bus trip to the University of Northern Iowa. The men's basketball team took a charter flight to the same school, which one women's basketball player said showed favoritism.

"I think it should all be equal," freshman Melanie Bardley said. "We play at the same places, so however they get there, they should get there.

Despite the discrepancy in modes of travel, Bardley said there is no animosity between the two teams.

"I don't think it causes problems, because most of the time it isn't like it, but it's obvious it is there.

The women's team works just as hard, they want to be just as good, and whatever we get they should get."

West also said other Missouri Valley Conference schools, such as Drake University and Illinois State University, charter flights for both
**Softball**
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on March 29. “They are one of the stronger teams in the conference,” Bottcher said. “They give us all we can handle.”

SIUC has not seen Bradley yet this season, but Bottcher said the Salukis cannot take any team in the Valley lightly.

“They came in last year fighting to go to the tournament, and then came out of the Valley ranked,” she said.

They will try not to look into the ranking right now,” she said. “Obviously a first-place finish in the conference is great. It helps seeding. But in the end, it’s who wins the tournament. That is really what we are concerned with.”

**Quarless**
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his second year, went 2-9.

Having six of 11 games away from home this season doesn’t help matters any.

Back on the agenda this year is Nicholls State, coupled by newcomers South Florida, which has had two years to prepare for its initial season of football, and Youngstown State, which has three national title troubles hanging in its case.

But that’s a good thing. After all, little good came out of playing Central Arkansas and Winston-Salem.

When Watson packed his bags he left Quarless with few promising rookies and a roster of only 35 returning lettermen, some of whom have yet to make up their minds on whether or not they want to stick around for Quarless’ initial season.

Watson’s departure simply added pressure on Quarless’ challenge of making SIUC a stronger team.

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Quarless has been in the football business for 21 years; he’s got the experience. No coach will outwork him and his staff. He has more patience and enthusiasm in his Pinky than the coach before him had in his entire body. Since arriving on campus back in January, Quarless and his commencement crew have lived in Lingle Hall, assembling a football team.

Quarless is a disciplinarian; the man doesn’t even allow cursing on his turf. It’s “Q’s” way or the highway. He even has suspended himself with a staff that knows him and strives for the same goals. OK, so he has lost the experience, the savvy; he will, the drive, the desire and the enthusiasm. Why him?

Quarless has nothing to lose and everything to gain, that’s why. More like SJUC will not go 10-1. They arc conference championship isn’t right with time.

Two of those wins were “gimmes” over there with lime.

Yep, the Salukis will be lucky to see 4-7 in Quarless’ first year. There will only be 104, which we are unlikely to go 9-2, 8-3, 7-4 or 6-5. They may not even equal Shawn Watson’s eight wins. Which left 47.68 scholarships, which were more divided between them because more than half the men’s scholarships went to football, female more so basketball and field hockey.

The SIUC softball team has moved up in the national rankings, but right now coach Kay Brechtelsbauer is more determined to win the Missouri Valley Conference Championship.

The Salukis were No. 27 in the latest USA Today/NFCA poll; jumping 34 spots.

The ranking is a result of the game against Missouri, Brechtelsbauer said. “We did well since then, and it shows we have a strong program. Now we have to focus on this weekend. The rankings won’t get us the conference championship.”

SIUC swept a doubleheader against the University of Missouri 10-1, 10-5 April 23, when the Lady Tigers were No. 3 of 3 in the nation.

The Salukis, who are 35-14 on the season and 10-4 in the MVC, will take on conference foes Bradley University (23-31, 3-7) Saturday and the University of Northern Iowa (28-24, 7-5) Sunday.

The Salukis, whose 35 wins make them the second-winningest team in school history, have played UNI twice, beating them 2-0 on March 21, and 1-0 this weekend.

Gender equity law ruffles feathers at SIUC

UNFAIR QUOTAS: Coaches complain that Title IX denies male athletes fair share.

Donna Colter
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Editor’s note: This is the final story in a three-part series exploring issues of Title IX and the SIUC Athletic Department’s effort to comply with the law. The previous stories can be found on the D.E. site at http://www.daily­ eg.net.

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According to Title IX’s 1996 NCAA gender equity survey, men’s athletic teams were awarded 104.69 scholarships. Of those scholarships, 37.61 went to the football program, which left 47.68 scholarships for the six remaining men’s teams. The seven women’s athletics teams received 63.88 scholarships, which were more evenly divided between them because more than half the men’s scholarships went to football, female more so basketball and field hockey.

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