Dems eye Strom to challenge Bost in '98

FAVORITE SON: Carbondale police chief tops list of possible state representative candidates.

As the Dec. 15 filing deadline approaches, Democrats in the 115th District appear to be lining up in support of Carbondale Police Chief Don Strom to run against Murphysboro native and two-time Republican incumbent Mike Bost for the Murphysboro seat. Since Bost announced in September his intentions to run for re-election, widespread speculation and uncertainty about who would fill the void left by Carbondale attorney John Rendleman in 1996 filtered through the district's political channels. Several names have been dropped by party leaders and community activists, including John Davis, executive director of the Southern Illinois Cerebral Palsy Health Clinic; Nick Dolce, Perry County city clerk; Karl Maple, political science professor at SIU, A. Leon Collins; and Strom. Each has been reluctant to jump in the race, or even discuss his political ambitions. However, Strom has told local media that he is considering a run for the House, but the bandwagon has been gaining momentum. Strom says he does not want to jump the gun in announcing his candidacy, but has talked to a variety of party leaders in the district and Springfield about the possibility. "I don't want to make any statements now," Strom said. "But, we'll be making a decision by next week. "We're still trying to evaluate the possibilities." Rather than looking at poll numbers, Strom has been consulting his family for input. Any decision he makes will be made collectively. "We're a close-knit family," Strom said. "We look at everything like this as a family decision."

Thieves rob SIUC garden of exotic plants

KAREN MIDDEN looks at the rock hills and beautiful plant garden that greets the SIUC campus near the Agriculture Building and wonders where all of the beautiful trees and shrubs have gone. Midden, an associate professor of plant and soil and general agriculture, is discouraged and angered by plant bandits who recently have targeted the landscape around the Agriculture Building.

"The garden was quite beautiful earlier this semester," Midden said. "There was a walkway in the garden where people could enjoy looking at Japanese maples and rhododendrons, but now they are all gone."

Midden said the thefts, which began in April, still were occurring as of two weeks ago. She estimated about $7,000 in plants have been stolen.

Plant theft is a costly expense to the University, but because it does not interfere with health and safety issues, Midden said it goes largely unpunished and unpunished.

Midden helped organize a purchase of about $2,000 worth of plants in April from a plant wholesale company. The company matched the purchase by donating plants at the same cost of the plant order. When the plant order arrived at the Agriculture Building, trees and shrubs were planted and used as landscaping and design projects by students.

"We've had to replant the remaining Japanese maples in a safe place so they wouldn't be stolen," she said. "After the first three disappeared, I quickly realized that in time they would all be gone."

Surveillance measures to prevent the thefts have been implemented. "We've had to replant the remaining Japanese maples in a safe place so they wouldn't be stolen," she said.

"After the first three disappeared, I quickly realized that in time they would all be gone."

Thieves rob SIUC garden of exotic plants

ROBBED: Karen Midden, an associate professor of plant and soil and general agriculture, stands in the garden, behind the Agriculture building, where several plants have been stolen.

USG president offering questionable financial advice

WRONG SIDE OF THE LAW: Using student loans to invest could get you into trouble.

FINANCIAL advice that Undergraduate Student Government President Dave Vingren offers in the most recent edition of USG's newsletter may be illegal if it's undertaken, a Financial Aid administrator says.

Vingren's Taking Action column, titled in the issue as "Decrease Debt Dave's Way," suggests that students should take out a student loan and invest it in a money market fund. After graduation, the column says that the student can pay off the debt and still have money from accrued interest.

However, Rick Steudel, assistant director of Financial Aid, said if a student acts on Vingren's advice, the student might be subject to a $10,000 fine with a possible prison term.

"Basicallly, it's a matter of intent," Steudel said. "If the investment is on a short-term basis, where the student is trying to make money fast and drawing on the money to pay for living expenses, it's legal."

"But, if your intent is to use the loan money as capital for your investment scheme, that's highly irregular.

Vingren says using loan money to invest in a money market account technically is no different than using a student's loan money to pay for living expenses and feeding up the student's own money to invest.

For instance, if a student has $3,000 and gets a loan for $7,000, the student could use the federal money to pay for school and invest the other money. It would appear no different.
Gospel concert delivers love

JOY TO THE WORLD:
Gospel concert delivers love

PRAISE: Voices of Inspiration expresses a different religious college lifestyle.

TAMEKA L. HICKS
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Harmonizing to the sway of hands clapping and the thud of feet tapping is how Rukiya Davis expresses her love for God.

Growing up in a Baptist family, Davis, a junior in psychology, said the breakthrough, the religious journey singing as a member of Voices of Inspiration, a gospel organization, as the SIUC Registered Student Organization prepares for its fall semester concert, Davis said she hopes many will support her love and the music that worships God.

The concert, "I Can Feel the Break Through," is at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Newman Catholic Center.

"Music is a universal language, and it's a way of bringing people closer together," Davis said. "Gospel music worships God. It's like having an intimate relationship with Him. It helps me become stronger in my Christian walk. And I love singing for the Lord.

Gregory Gary, president of Voices of Inspiration, said the dedication and love of God is spread throughout the 45 members. "We have students who are trying to make a difference," Gary said. "Here, the average college lifestyle is to party, drink and be in the in-crowd. We're trying to be more spiritual."

"Being a student at a university is hard," Gary said. "Voices of Inspiration is one of the better choirs in the country. The choir released its second cassette tape, "Count Your Blessings.""

Starks pleads not guilty, held for trial

HOMICIDE: Enough evidence offered for probable cause to keep Starks in jail till trial.

SARA BEAM
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

A Carbondale man remains in Jackson County Jail awaiting trial following a preliminary hearing Wednesday, in which he pled not guilty to charges in the Oct. 8 asphyxiation death of Pamela Travis.

Evidence offered in the testimony of three Carbondale Police officers provided Jackson County Circuit Court Judge Thomas I. Jones probable cause to keep Gary Starks, 35, bound over for trial. Jackson County State's Attorney Mike Wepsiec said.

Starks is charged with four counts of first-degree murder and concealment of a homicidal death in the death of Travis, 29, of Carbondale.

Travis was found murdered in her apartment at The Fields, 700 S. Lewis Lane.

Starks faced a murder charge in Chicago in 1993 that later was reduced to aggravated battery.

Starks' brother, Claude G. Starks, 31, is charged with obstructing justice for allegedly providing false information to investigators.

Starks waived his right to a preliminary hearing, Wednesday, and entered a plea of not guilty.

Wepsiec said no additional charges have been filed against either of the brothers.

Gary Starks was a suspect in the murder case within 48 hours of the event.

HOMICIDE: Enough evidence offered for probable cause to keep Starks in jail till trial.
History can provide clues for a better existence

As I stood in my father's house over Thanksgiving break, I took the chance to glance over the framed photos that decorate the walls. I gazed through the photo albums and listened intently to stories of old taken straight from experience. Now, I have always been aware of my family's history and my part in it. But for the first time, I realized the true importance in my life, and how I could be a product of a collective and personal history.

When history is mentioned, the first thing that springs to most people's minds are the names, dates, and significant events that are taught in schools all over the world. Well, this application is too simple. History is more than that. History is tears and pain, laughter and joy. It is what shapes our society, and it is what shapes us.

History can be broken down in two ways: social and personal. Social history is what is taught in schools, it is what we see on the news — it's all those things that students seem to hate learning. What those "don't care about what happened back then" people fail to realize is that "what happened back then" has dictated what is happening now. What happened in the '60s led to events in the '70s,spamming the '80s, which rolled right into the '90s, and so on and so forth.

Another unrecognized facet of social history is that when we turn on the TV or listen to the radio, we observe is a direct reflection of who we are as individuals and who we are as a society. People don't seem to like that fact. No one wants to think that they personally have a part in how society is. Most would rather point fingers and sling words of blame than claim the responsibility that we all have.

The second type of history is personal history. This is what is taught to us at home. Just how society as a whole is a reflection of us all, we — as individuals — are reflections of our family. I don't know about you, but I'm not afraid to admit that I'm not too proud about my family's history. It's dark — and in some parts tragic. Although my family contains some of the greatest people that I will ever know, those people are a part of a history that I obviously had to act in. I don't care for my unknown children to consume those stories. I have learned some great things from my parents, but I also learned many things that will go no farther than me. What is important about all this is that I became aware that I was a product of my family and my society — and if I wasn't careful I would unconsciously pass that on to my children.

When I look at the world around me, I see a world that is full of people who hate — hate themselves, and they hate others. I see blinding violence. I see a lack of compassion. I see a world full of self-centered, egotistical individuals who only want to honor themselves and the almighty dollar. You know what, though? I'm not surprised. These states of mind is this world's sick gift to us through history. Because of a lack of interest, these things — plus countless others — have been allowed to develop and become ingrained in our brains. And now we shall reap what we sow.

Take a look at yourselves and then take a look at the world. Do you like what you see? Then ask yourself whether or not you want your children to endure what we have had to endure. There are millions of stories in the world. I don't think any of them are pretty. Well, it's time to make them beautiful. Namaste.

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USG approved

Nation of Islam student group deserves RSO status at SIUC

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT granted SIUC's Nation of Islam Student Association a registered status last Tuesday.

Still, those opposed to the NOISA's RSO status maintain that Muhammad's support through Farrakhan, as well as support for violence, are reasons for his group not being acceptable. The USG still argue that racist remarks associated with Farrakhan have not been retracted or apologized for by Farrakhan himself. While it is unfortunate that those remarks were said in the first place, they are not to be associated with the Nation Of Islam — Farrakhan, to his credit, is trying to distance the NOI from them. Opponents still believe the RSO's association with Farrakhan should prevent student from becoming members of the group. The NOISA still argue that racist remarks associated with Farrakhan should prevent SIUC student — who are members of the Nation of Islam — from organizing a group that can provide support and spiritual guidance for them away from home. Other organizations — whether they are religious, political, fraternal or ethnic interest organizations — are all regularly permitted RSO status on this campus. All RSOs, including NOISA, have the right to apply for available funding through student activity fees.

MEMBERSHIP TO MOST OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS are exclusive, meaning that any SIUC student can become a member if he or she subscribes to the group's beliefs. A Democat may not want to become a member of the College Republicans. An atheist may not want to join Black Student Ministries. Likewise, a student who does not subscribe to the teachings of Muhammad through Farrakhan may not want to join NOISA.

But it is important that students who do share similar beliefs be afforded the opportunity to join the groups they are interested in — providing that they do not promote violence or racism and do promote equal opportunity. Illinois law requires university RSOs to follow these guidelines. However, the Illinois Guidelines include NOISA chapters at Northern Illinois University, Northwestern University and the University of Illinois. There are more than 25 NOISA chapters at campuses nationwide.

Because SIUC's NOISA meetings are open to everyone, opponents can attend those meetings to find out more about the organization. Educating ourselves this way is better than just espousing more dangerous and divisive rhetoric.

"Our World" represents the consensus of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board.

Jonathan Preston

Harsh Realities
DE needs to check its stance on tobacco

Dear Editor,

The DE has gone on record saying that all of the CEOs of the cigarette companies should go to jail because 400,000 people die each year from smoking-related deaths (Our View, Oct. 21). And the paper is further outraged that something like smoking should cost the taxpayers some $50 billion a year in medical costs. Because of these two things, the DE wants them to pay the maximum price.

There are two problems with this ideology, though. One is that they forgot to point out smoking was not the sole reason why all of these people died. The other is that they failed to mention anything about how alcohol causes the s--t — if not worse — problems in our s--t.

And everyone knows the DE, with its arm of booze in every issue — sometimes these ads seem to account for nearly half of the publication — this means that the newspaper — if you want to call it that — is a successful business-wise because of the excessive sale of hard liquor and beer.

So why would a publication that always acts as a guide to the bees within this region be so hard on those who manufacture and distribute cigars? But isn’t this hypocritical? Are they saying the money from advertisers talks louder than their integrity?

To quote the paper, “[cigarette companies] profiteer will continue to scare more children acquire the habit made possible by those companies.” That may be true, but isn’t the same true for the alcohol merchants who advertise in your paper every day? You guys seem to be all hogwash when it comes to cigarettes, but when are you going to be that way with alcohol, too?

Quitting trying — as this publication always does — to give only one side of the truth and not the other. If you do this, maybe people on campus will stop finding your newspaper lies. Who knows? They may even take your articles and edit them seriously.

And by the way — thanks for telling me where I can get the cheapest beer with every fresh publication you put out. You do a good job.

Brad Davis
Senior Journalism

Vivisection at SIUC is immoral

Dear Editor,

Was glad to see the articles on animal experimentation — otherwise known as vivisection — on the front page of the DE (Nov. 21). Vivisection is an important and controversial issue that few people think about or are even aware of. However, the subject was presented in a somewhat one-sided manner. The article dealt mainly with the researchers’ ideas about their own work — with very little discussion of what they are actually doing to the animal, and no attempt to answer any of the ethical questions raised by this type of work.

Propositions of vivisection usually justify the use of non-animals in painful experiments on the grounds that humans can get great benefits from these experiments.

For example, new medicines, surgery techniques and floor polishes are developed and safety-tested on animals. But if one is to accept the sacrifice of other species for the improvement of our own species, one must show beyond a doubt that human life is more valuable than that of “lower” animals.

Characteristics such as intelligence, ability to communicate and self-awareness often are used as benchmarks to distinguish humans from non-human animals. But these qualities exist along a continuum, with some animals being more intelligent and self-aware than some humans. In fact, the research animals are used in experiments because they are so closely resemble people.

A normal chimpanzee obviously has more intelligence and self-awareness than a human in an irreversibly comatose state — or even a human infant. Why do we not use these people in experiments as well? The researchers argue that animals are seen as “other.” They don’t look like us, they don’t talk like us, and they don’t act like us. This is the same sort of thinking used to justify cruel experiments on Jews in the Holocaust and the infamous syphilis experiments on African-Americans earlier this century.

Just as we would not allow such cruelty to happen to our children, we must not allow it to happen to other species. Alternatives to animal experimentation exist. Vivisection must come to an end.

Sam Whitcomb
Senior, Plant Biology
**DONATING DREAMS**

Erma Hayes Center sponsors the Angel Tree, which provides ideal gifts for children in Carbondale.

Christine Jenkins remembers Christmas during her childhood when she would wake up long before the winter morning just to run to the Christmas tree to shake the boxes and envision what she had received from Santa.

Jenkins, a senior in recreation from Joliet, has seen how desperately the children of the Erma Hayes Center need her help to have the same kind of Christmas they did.

One way Jenkins hopes to fulfill the children's dreams is through the Angel Tree.

The Angel Tree stands in Turley Park with paper angels scattered throughout. Each angel is removed from the tree by a community member, a child in the Erma Hayes Center is assured he or she will receive a gift of his or her choice for Christmas.

As part of REC 301 Leadership in Recreation class, Jenkins volunteers her time at the Erma Hayes Center, 441 E. Willow St. The Erma Hayes Center is a public service that provides child care and health care.

Working with the children from the Erma Hayes Center made Jenkins realize that not everyone shares the same childhood experiences as she.

"You always think of things in your own context," she said. "I remember being excited about the holidays, and these kids don't feel that way. They are asking for simple things like gloves and shoes."

Jenkins created the idea for the Angel Tree in the recreation leadership class. SIUC's Health and Recreation Department and the Erma Hayes Center are sponsoring the Angel Tree.

This is the first year for the Angel Tree project, and about 90 children from the Erma Hayes Center will be provided with gifts for Christmas.

Shelby Hudson, an 11-year-old Carbondale resident and student at the center, is thankful for the gifts that she may receive.

"I'm happy because my angel had gotten picked," she said. "I'd like to meet them (the people who took her angel), and I'd say, 'Thank you very much.'"

About 30 SIUC students taking the recreation leadership class made the angels last week to put on the tree. Each angel has a child's name on it with the gift of his or her choice. The angels were hung on a tree donated by the Carbondale Park District at Turley Park Tuesday night.

Members of the community have the opportunity to take an angel off the tree and buy a present for a child. On Dec. 18, the Erma Hayes Center will have a Christmas party for the children to present the gifts that were donated from the Angel Tree.

Delores Albritton, director of the Erma Hayes Center, was pleased with Jenkins' idea.

"Christine wants to do it," she said. "She was so excited by it. She put a lot of energy into the project."

Jenkins is hoping for local vendors to donate gifts if not all the angels are taken — that way all the children can be provided with a gift.

"We hope that we have community support and that this will be an ongoing tradition," Jenkins said.

Albritton said the community is very giving at Christmas time.

"People like to give at Christmas," she said. "The community as a whole will be able to give gifts."

Jenkins wanted to be able to give to the children and show them that they are important.

"I really wanted these kids to have a present to open on Christmas," she said. "The kids think that no one sees them. This is a way for the community to say that everything will be OK and to have a merry Christmas."
Thompson Point gets head start on holiday

PARTY: Residence halls celebrate Christmas with SIUC Head Start.

TRACY TAYLOR
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

James, a 3-year-old SIUC Head Start student, smiles at the anticipation of decorating a Christmas stocking with colorful gold glitter. He carefully squirts glue onto the green felt stocking to make sure that the glitter will stick. James intensively places the glitter along his lines of glue, and then looks in awe at his completed masterpiece.

James was just one of the many children from SIUC Head Start who got a head start on celebrating the holidays on Wednesday. The smiles of happy children, the "Ho, ho, ho" of Santa Claus, a spirited elf and perfectly wrapped gifts were special treats from Thompson Point residents to the SIUC Head Start children.

Decorative Christmas colors turned a plain college dining area into a wonderland for more than 30 children to start celebrating the Holidays early at Wednesday's annual Thompson Point Christmas Party. The Head Start students who attended the party were chosen by drawing names from a hat.

Tony Garles, the coordinator of residence life for Thompson Point, said the holiday party helps remind people what Christmas is really about.

"It's not about what you can get, it's about what you can give," he said.

Young children are rarely seen around residence halls and most students have younger brothers or sisters or nieces and nephews. It's just nice because it is something that you don't anticipate of decorating a Christmas stocking with colorful gold glitter. Julie Cohenz, a senior in elementary education from Effingham, said the funds for the presents for children's presents came from hall councils.

"This is a community service project that gets everybody in the spirit," she said.

We went shopping last week and stayed up late and wrapped presents. I think everybody got really boosted into the Christmas spirit," Garles said.

"They told us about it in Smith Hall, and I thought it would be a really good idea," Cohenz said. "Everyone gets paired up with a child and they get their picture taken with Santa Claus."

"It's been going on for the last few weeks with getting the glitter and having Santa practice for the party," he said.

Garles said the holiday party is just the tip of the iceberg because preparation work started more than a week ago.

ABOVE: Patricia Stevens (left), a freshman in pre-medicine from Milan, has a 4-year-old Head Start child who participated in the Holiday Party Wednesday sponsored by the Thompson Point Hall Council in Lentz Hall.

LEFT: Participants of Carbondale's Head Start program play during the Holiday Party at Lentz Hall Wednesday afternoon.

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Happy Holidays from SPC
WASHINGTON POST

LONDON — In September 1943, officials at the Bank of Italy were certain the Nazi forces that had seized control of much of their country would soon show up at the central bank to count off its 110 tons of gold. So a plan was hatched: hide half the gold and create false documents indicating it had been shipped to a safe house. Falls in the Alps.

An underground vault was prepared and the gold was placed there. Workers built a nine-inch-thick wall in front of the door and plastered it over, using fans and electric lamps to dry it quickly and make it look real. This account, offered by the Bank of Italy, was one of several presented here to the first global conference on Nazi gold that revealed the pains many nations of Nazi-occupied Europe took to evade Germany's systematic effort to plunder the continent's gold. Some countries demonstrated remarkable pluck in defending their gold, using subterfuge and eleventh-hour shipments abroad. Others tried legal means, using letter-writing campaigns and court rulings.

They rarely succeeded, however, generally losing their gold to the German Reichsbank, where it was used to finance the Nazi war effort.

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investigation, police said following the Nov. 20 arrests.

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TOUGH CALL: Debate in case is whether harassers would have treated women the same.

WASHINGTON — When Joseph Oncale was working as a roustabout on an offshore oil rig in 1991, his boss and two co-workers sexually taunted and abused him. What was unusual in this case was not just that the victim was a man, but so were his harassers.

"You know you got a cute little ass," his supervisor allegedly said. "I'm going to get you." It went far beyond aggressive horseplay or male hazing, said a man who claims he was victimized by other men and was the first to complain to a company official of Sundowner Offshore Services about abuse that included threats of rape, but the company supposedly did nothing about it. At one point, the men grabbed him in the shower and forced a bar of soap between his buttocks.

After the shower incident, Oncale, then 21, quit and sued under a federal law prohibiting sexual harassment on the job. But a lower court threw out his case, saying a man who claims he was victimized by other men cannot rely on a law that was written to protect women from men.

Wednesday, in one of the most closely watched disputes of the term, the case went before the Supreme Court for a decision that will establish whether same-sex harassment is covered by the country's leading federal statute barring sexual discrimination in the workplace.

A majority of the justices seemed inclined to find that civil rights law applies even when the victim and harasser are the same sex. But several noted that, even if the law covers same-sex misconduct, an alleged victim still must show how the harassment occurred because of his sex.

Army fears disclosure of names in nearing trial

LOOMING: Pre-trial information could be disclosed in court martial.

WASHINGTON — The upcoming court-martial of the Army's former top enlisted man is sending shudders of anxiety through the service because of a growing possibility it will force public disclosure of the names of dozens of others— including generals — who have been accused of sexual infractions.

In an attempt to prove their client has been unfairly treated, defense attorneys for former Sgt. Maj. of the Army Gene C. McKinney have compiled a list of six generals who have allegedly escaped punishment for sexual violations.

They have forced the Army to provide names of some 30 other senior service members — officers and senior non-commissioned personnel — who have been formally investigated on such charges in the past two years. So far, the judge in the case has ordered the names and other pretrial information held secret. But with McKinney's court-martial now just one month away, news organizations and other interested parties are considering filing court papers seeking release of the names.

Army officials, already in agony over the 10-month-old case, fear disclosure of the names could harm innocent people and renew the painful debate over whether the brass are treated more leniently than their subordinates in such cases.

The issue has distracted Pentagon leadership for the past year. The debate began with sexual misconduct cases at Maryland's Aberdeen Proving Ground and continued with the case of former Air Force bomber pilot Lt. Kevin Ryan, who — accused of soliciting and disobeying orders — eventually accepted a general discharge rather than face court-martial.

In June, the scandal reached the top ranks with the disclosure that Air Force Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, once conducted an adulterous affair.

"You can imagine how disruptive this would be," one Army official said of disclosing the names: "And unfair."

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, whose expertise is in sex discrimination law, said it might be hard to know whether a man was singled out for harassment because of his sex when the workplace is composed entirely of men, as in the situation on Oncale's old rig in the Gulf of Mexico.

"There was no other sex involved in this case," she said. "... How can we know how these gross people would have treated women?"

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INTERACTIVE:

Computer products are on display for SIUC public.

J. MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ
DAIY EKYPNN REPORTER

With interactive multimedia technology use on the rise, a class in the SIUC Workforce Education and Development program is working to educate SIUC students about the equipment's importance.

Students in Workforce Education and Development 501 are sponsoring their third annual Multimedia Showcase in Pulliam Hall today. SIUC faculty, staff and students can view and use the technologies at six stations in Pulliam Hall rooms 201, 204 and 206 from 2 to 5 p.m.

"Interactive multimedia is the wave of the future if students take these kinds of courses," Lori Bronder, a graduate student in workforce education and development from DeSoto, said. "This showcase will be able to show everyone that interactive technology is used and will be used in the future." Bronder is one of six students putting on the program.

Steve Etcheson, a graduate student in workforce education and development from Harrisburg (right), and Tom Herb, a graduate student in workforce education and development from Washington, D.C., demonstrate one of the multimedia programs for the third annual Multimedia Showcase in Pulliam Hall.

This showcase will be able to show everyone that interactive technology is used and will be used on a bigger scale in the future.

LOIS BODNER
GRADUATE STUDENT FROM DESOTO

The station will have video conferencing between rooms 204 and 206 where students are able to see what is going on in the opposite room.

Interactive video phones is another of the technological toys that students will be able to view. A video phone allows someone to talk to another individual through his or her computer and see the person on a computer screen while the two are speaking. A camera is used to capture the person, and the image is transmitted over the telephone lines.

One station will feature a digital still camera that can take a picture, transmit it to a computer screen and then copy it to a disc. The class also will showcase a digital video camera, which is similar to a still camera but allows the person to transmit the image to the Internet where it can be viewed live.

Dr. Fred Reneau, professor in workforce education and development, said this presentation has something to offer everyone.

"Anyone that has an interest in training materials can gain information by going to this presentation," Reneau said. "Everyone can gain insight on what can be done. This kind of information can be used at any setting: at the university level, the junior college level and at home."

Etcheson said this is a great opportunity for students to be introduced to the technology of the future. "Here is a way," he said. "to take a look at some technology that some people have just heard of and have never seen or dealt with."
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Japan unveils restructuring plan

TOKYO — A chorus of critics and observers, Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto’s political reform commission Wednesday unveiled its long-awaited plan to streamline Japan’s unwieldy, government bureaucracy.

The plan, which has been hailed as a key to Japan’s economic future, has long been awaited by analysts and international investors.

"Hashimoto’s reform plan flopped," declared political analyst Taro Yamasaki, calling the package a "Blind-Aid" instead of the surgery that is required.

Others commented that the prime minister’s once-ambitious reforms had been deflected by the various bureaucracies, lobbyists and civil servants who have resisted the changes.

But the once-skeptical observers have recently become more optimistic, with evidence of greater efficiency and better management in the public sector.

Still, skeptics remain, noting that the plan is unlikely to produce the desired results in the short term.

"It seems like they’re just reshuffling the numbers of ministry and agencies," said a government official.

But experts agree that the plan is a step in the right direction, even if it is not a complete solution to Japan’s problems.

"You’re supposed to be investing in your educational future, not your financial future," Steudel said.

Vingren said a student should be able to invest in his future without the need for loan money.

But Steudel added that if a student is unable to get a loan, he should consider other options, such as working part-time or applying for a scholarship.

"You can’t expect a loan to be the only answer," Steudel said.

Vingren agreed, saying that students should consider alternative sources of funding.

"There are other options available, such as federal loans or private loans," Vingren said.

He added that students should research their options carefully and choose the one that best fits their needs.

"It’s important to understand the terms and conditions of each loan before applying," Vingren said.

"I think financial security is a valid living expense even for a student," Steudel said.

Steudel added that students should also consider the long-term implications of taking on debt.

"When considering student loans, it’s important to think about how much you need to borrow and how you will repay it," Steudel said.

"It’s not just about money, but also about your future financial stability," Steudel said.

But Vingren said that students should also consider the impact of taking on loan money on their future financial situation.

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Women’s swimmers hope to reclaim MVC title

Shandel Richardson
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Junior Kat Flannery was not too thrilled about giving up a portion of her Thanksgiving break.

But Flannery knows her sacrifice can be a huge factor in the success of the SIUC women’s swimming and diving team this weekend’s Missouri Valley Conference Championships, which begins at noon today at the Recreation Center.

"It was tough being the only one on campus, but I think it will pay off at the end, definitely," Flannery said.

SIUC coach Mark Kluemper had his team put in a few extra hours of practice over the holiday break.

After winning the MVC meet in 1994 and ’95, the Salukis will try to rebound from last year’s second-place finish in the meet. Illinois State University is in first place in the conference standings and is the favorite to win.

"I’ve been trying not to think about what I’ve done this season," she said. "I know I can do better."

"Winning a title is one that we have to get," said Sarah Flannery, a junior on the SIUC team. "But we all know we have to swim well, and that’s what we’re going to do."

Kluemper’s ability to rebuild the team is extraordinary, last year, the Salukis lost six seniors to graduation.

"Rebuilding was tough, but we didn’t know how well it was going to work, and we got more and more people," Kluemper said. "It just mushroomed into a big class."

Senior Klidi Sidiropoulos and Karla Gerzena are the lone seniors on the SIUC squad. Sidiropoulos set a new MVC record for the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:50.85 in the preliminary heat.

Sidiropoulos and Gerzena have served as the inspirational leaders in trying to prevent another disappointing second-place finish.

"The upperclassmen have had that theme all year long," Kluemper said. "They feel that title is one that we have to get back."

For Flannery to help her team achieve its goals, she said she is going to have to control her emotions and stay focused.

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care of the ball, but we did make an effort to come back and had an opportunity to win the ballgame."

SIUC fell behind from the opening tip against a smaller St. Mary’s squad and never overcame the early slump. St. Mary’s took advantage of 11 Saluki turnovers and 34-percent shooting in the first half to take a 39-29 lead into halftime.

SIUC opened the second half with a 7-0 run on two baskets by Shane Hawkins, a three-point basket by Monte Jenkins to lead the Salukis 39-36. But the Gaels responded much like they did to every Saluki basket in the first half on a basket by Eric Schneider, Schneider finished the game with 11 points and three three-pointers. St. Mary’s opened the lead to 64-55 with eight minutes left on a three-pointer by Schneider on Saluki forward Thassios Topouzis, but Topouzis returned the favor on a basket that keyed the Salukis’ final run.

SIUC drew to within 64-62 on two free throws by Rashad Tucker with less than six minutes remaining. The Salukis appeared to tie the game on the next possession before Jackson was called for offensive goaltending for touching the ball on the cylinder. St. Mary’s responded with consecutive three-pointers by Schneider to open the lead to 70-62 with three minutes left.

"He was unguarded both times, and there’s no reason for that," Harris said. "We’re in a good position to win another MVC title."

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Swimmer Liam Westolch said the team is focused and ready to repeat its championship.

"We’re fully rested and ready to go," Westolch said. "Our main goal is to go in and do what we need to do and just win."

Westolch said the team is not worried about the mounting pressure of winning another title.

"It puts a little pressure on us," Westolch said. "But we all know we have to swim well, and we all know we’re capable of winning the MVC title."

The men’s swimming team begins action today with the preliminaries at noon and finals at 7 p.m.