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Dems eye Strom to challenge Bost in '98

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

KIRK MOTTRAM
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

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, R-Murphysboro.

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 Orthopedic-Health Clinic; Nick Dolce, Perry County city clerk; Karl Maple, political science professor at John A. Logan College; and Strom. Each have been reluctant to jump in the race, or even discuss his political ambitions.

However, since Strom has told local media that he is considering a run for the House, 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 in 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 inspiration. Any decision, he says, will be made collectively.

"We're a close-knit family," Strom said. "We look at everything like this as a family project."

Shirley Booker, Jackson County Democratic County chairwoman, said that whomever decides to launch a campaign will run uncontested in the March primary. She also indicated that only two people remain in the candidate search, Maple and Strom. But,

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DOUG LARSON/Daily Egyptian

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.

Thieves rob SIUC garden of exotic plants

BRIAN S. EBERS
DE CAMPIUS LIFE EDITOR

Karen Midden looks at the once lush and bountiful plant garden that graced 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 ravaged 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 esti-

mates about \$2,000 in plants have been stolen.

Plant theft is a costly expense to the University, but because it does not interfere with health and

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...one person, or several people, come around and ruin it for everyone.

KAREN MIDDEN
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF AGRICULTURE

safety issues, Midden said it goes largely unpunished and unpursued.

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 to the Agriculture Building, trees and shrubs were planted and used as landscaping and design projects by students.

After the first week of planting the different materials, Midden noticed that two Japanese maples were missing. The maples cost \$80 each. Eventually, after a third maple was stolen, Midden decided to move the trees to an undisclosed safe location.

"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

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THEFTS

•Anyone with information about the thefts can call Karen Midden at 453-2496.

Gus Bode



Gus says: The cops stole all my plants.

USG president offering questionable financial advice

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

TRAVIS DeNEAL
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Financial advice that Undergraduate Student Government President Dave Vingren offers in the most recent edition of USG's

newsletter may be illegal if it is undertaken, a Financial Aid administrator says.

Vingren's Taking Action's column, titled in the issue as "Decrease Debt Dave's Way," suggests that a student 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 Stuedel, 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.

"Basically, it's a matter of intent," Stuedel said. "If the investment is on a short-term basis, where the student is trying to make the money last 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 freeing up the student's own money to invest.

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

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Calendar

TODAY

- Non-Traditional Student Services Information Table, Thursdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Student Center Hall of Fame. Contact Michelle at 453-5714.
- Caregiver Support Group meeting - bring your lunch, new members always welcome, December 4, noon to 1 p.m., Woody Hall B142. Contact Kathia at 453-3538.
- Multimedia Technologies demonstration - Multimedia Showcase, December 4, 2 to 5 p.m., Pulliam 204. Contact Steve at 457-8214.
- Library Affairs "Introduction to WWW using Netscape" Seminar, December 4, 2 to 3 p.m., Morris Library Room 103D. Contact the Undergraduates Desk at 453-2818.
- Wellness Center Body-Mind Connection Workshop addressing problems with headaches, sleep, digestion, and muscle aches through exercise and lifestyle changes, December 4, 3 to 4:30 p.m., Kesnor Hall, free. Call 536-4441 for information.
- French Table, Thursdays, 4 to 6 p.m., Cafe Melange. Contact Alina at 351-1267 or see www.goodies.com/CapitolHill/4051/FC.html. French t-shirt contest now through December 5, various prizes, submit designs to Veronique in Faner 2068.
- SPC Campus Events Committee meeting, everyone welcome, Thursdays, 4:30 p.m., Student Center Activity Room B. Contact Andrew at 536-3393.
- Japanese Animation Club will show Patlabor 2 dubbed in English, December 4, 5 p.m., Faner 1125 Language Media Center Video Room. Contact Jeff at 964-1772.
- Chinese Table, December 4, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Cafe Melange. Contact Paulina at 529-1294.
- SPC Social Awareness, everyone welcome, Thursdays, 6 p.m., Student Center Activity Room B. Contact

- Melissa at 536-3393.
- Black History Month Committee and the Theater Department need African American actors for the new play, "Autumn's Song," audition material will be provided, December 4 and 5, 6 p.m., McLeod Theatre Lobby. Contact Eddie at 529-3399.
- New Canaan Cathedral Intercessory Prayer and Bible Study, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Wesleyan Foundation. Contact Lucy at 549-0263.
- Community Orchestral Ensemble - various instruments wanted, Thursdays, 7 to 9 p.m., John A. Logan College Rm D265. Contact Anthony at (618) 988-1108.
- Civil Airpatrol meeting, Thursdays, 7 p.m., Marion Airport. Contact Wayman at 684-6838.
- SIUC Riding Club/Equestrian Team weekly meeting, Thursdays, 7 p.m., Student Center Saline Room. Call 351-1725 for information.
- Blocks Interested in Business meeting, December 4, 7 to 8 p.m., Student Center Thabes Room. Contact Greg at 453-8269.
- Student Environmental Center meeting, December 4, 7 to 9 p.m., Interfaith Center. Contact Justin at 549-7387.
- Habitat for Humanity meeting, December 4, 7:30 p.m., Student Center Ohio Room. Contact Bridget at 536-8829.
- Sailing Club meeting, Thursdays, 8 p.m., Student Center Illinois Room. Contact Maggie at 529-4694.
- Chess Club meeting, December 4, 8 to 11 p.m., Student Center Activity Room B. Contact Greg at 351-4356.
- Southern K. K.ais Repertory Dance Theater fall concert, Danco Express, December 4 and 5, 8 p.m., Furr Auditorium. Pulliam 42, \$3 adults, \$1.50 children. Tickets available at

- Student Center Ticket Office and at the door.
- UPCOMING**
- Disabled Student Recreation - Interested in working with people who have disabilities during the Spring 1998 semester? Contact Kathy Hollister at the Rec Center, 453-1267, by December 9.
- Voices of Inspiration Gospel Choir Fall Concert, December 6, 7 p.m., Newman Catholic Center, \$5 advanced, \$7 at door. Contact Gregory at 549-7329.
- Forestry Club Christmas Tree Sale, 6 to 8 ft. quality trees, December 5, 6 and 7, all day, under east side of stadium bleachers. Contact Matt at 529-3910.
- Library Affairs "Intermediate Web Page Construction (HTML)" Seminar, December 5, 10 a.m. to noon, Morris Library Room 103D. Contact the Undergraduates Desk at 453-2818.
- Organization of Paralegal Students Luncheon, December 5, noon, Student Center Old Main Restaurant, free for members, \$6 for others. Contact Bridget at 687-2280.
- Library Affairs "SilverPlatter Databases" Seminar, December 5, 1 to 2 p.m., Morris Library Room 103D. Contact the Undergraduate Desk at 453-2818.
- Russian Table - open to students of Russian, speakers of Russian, or anyone curious about Russia, Fridays, 4 to 6 p.m., China House at 701 S. Illinois. Contact Sarah at 453-5029.
- Spanish Table, Fridays, 4 to 6 p.m., Cafe Melange. Contact Dimitrios at 453-5425 or 536-5571.
- Japanese Table - informal conversation in Japanese and English, Fridays, 6 to 8 p.m., Cafe Melange. Contact Shinsuke at 457-6884.

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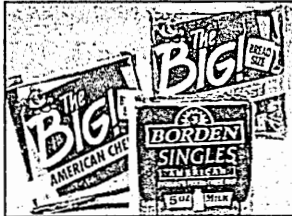
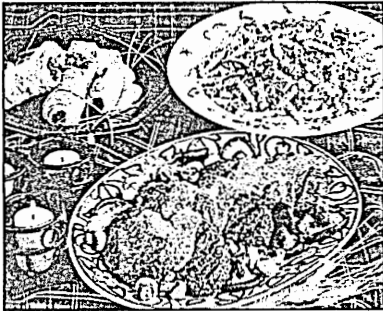
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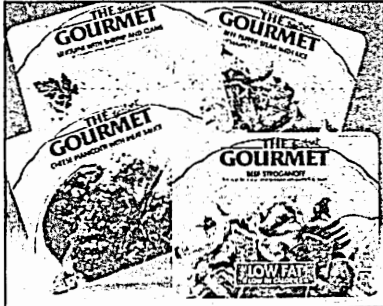


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JOY TO THE WORLD:

Voices of Inspiration singers rehearse for their concert, "I Can Feel the Breakthrough," Tuesday night at Algeld Hall. The concert will be performed at 7 p.m. Saturday in the Newman Catholic Center.

DOUG LUSON/
Daily Egyptian



Gospel concert delivers love

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

TAMEKA L. HICKS
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Harmonizing to the pat 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 from Park Forest, said she is continuing her 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 Breakthrough," 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. He said most of the members enjoy singing and spreading their joy to others.

"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."

Davis said being a member of the choir has helped during her college career and that it is a valuable sense of strength for others as well.

"Being a student at a university is hard," she said. "And if you praise the Lord, you can get through your problems. You will be blessed."

Gary said Voices of Inspiration is one of the better choirs in the country. The choir released its second cassette tape, "Count

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Starks pleads not guilty, held for trial



Starks

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

SARA BEAN
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 testimonies of three Carbondale Police officers provided Jackson County Circuit Court Judge Thomas H. 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.

Claude 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

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Gubernatorial candidate to address gang problems

John Schmidt, former associate attorney general in the U.S. Justice Department and Democratic candidate for Illinois governor, will discuss his plans on dealing with gangs at 9:30 a.m. today at Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Ave.

His plans include placing 200 probation and parole officers into community police beats to target prison-released gang leaders.

—William Hatfield

CARBONDALE

Commission fines nightclub; council denies zoning change

The Carbondale Local Liquor Commission issued a \$250 fine Tuesday night to Stix Bar and Billiards, 517 S. Illinois Ave., for allowing a patron to leave with open liquor.

At the regular City Council meeting, the council voted 4 to 1 to deny a rezoning request by Brian and Julie Bird for 100 W. Glenview Drive, from R-1-8 low-density residential to PA-R, professional administrative office-residential. The Birds had planned to turn a residence/professional office completely into a chiropractic office.

—Jason Freund

World

ROME

Italian authorities begin deporting Albanian refugees

Italian authorities Wednesday began closing refugee camps inhabited by thousands of Albanians since last spring and deporting the immigrants, some of whom staged hunger strikes to protest the expulsion order.

The estimated 5,000 immigrants, who have been living in hotels, barracks and camp grounds across Italy, were among about 17,000 Albanians who crossed the Adriatic Sea last spring fleeing violence at home. The others have either returned to Albania voluntarily or were sent back earlier because they had criminal records. Some refugees who decided not to stay in the camps, where charity workers fed and clothed the immigrants, dispersed and are living in Italy.

—from Daily Egyptian news services

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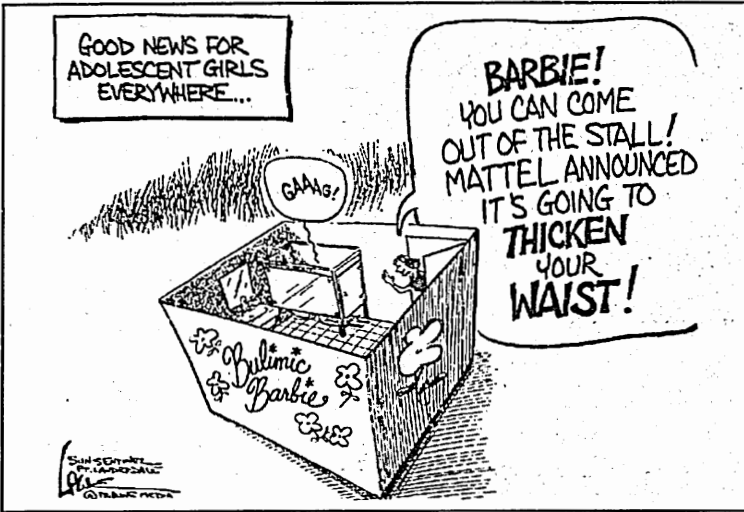


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Our Word

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Nation of Islam student group deserves RSO status at SIUC

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT granted SIUC's Nation of Islam Student Association Registered Student Organization Oct. 15. That action met with strong opposition from some members of the SIUC community. Opponents believe the RSO espouses violent, racist rhetoric toward whites and Jews and discriminates against these groups concerning its membership.

This block of opposition believes NOISA does not deserve RSO status. But they are wrong, because this RSO only provides the same service for its members that other RSOs provide for their members.

USG Internal Affairs Committee Chairwoman Connie Howard says there is nothing in the group's constitution that would prevent it from becoming an RSO. In reviewing the group's constitution for RSO consideration, USG did find that NOISA members were bound to one of two exclusionary stipulations: 1.) A registered NOISA member must subscribe to the teachings of Elijah Muhammad through his representative Louis Farrakhan, or 2.) NOISA members can act as patrons who study, sympathize with and pledge to support the Muhammad through Farrakhan, as well as support the Muslim program, the teachings of the Qur'an and the truths of the Bible.

NOTE THE ABSENCE OF EXPRESSED RACIST ideology in the group's membership guidelines.

Still, those opposed to the NOISA's RSO status maintain that Muhammad's support through Farrakhan — which is specifically stressed — is enough to signal the group's true racism-fueled violent beliefs.

David Waren, a regional director of the Anti-Defamation League, acknowledges there are no known incidents of violence by the group. But those opposed to the NOISA 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 — and forever may 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 SIUC students — 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 other special interest organizations — all are 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 Democrat 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 this guideline. And in accordance with that Illinois guideline, there also are 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 Word" represents the consensus of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board.

History can provide clues for a better existence



Jonathan Preston

Harsh Realities

Jonathan is a sophomore in English education. Harsh Realities appears every Thursday. Jonathan's opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the Daily Egyptian.

As I stood in my father's house over Thanksgiving break, I took the chance to glance over the framed images 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 its true importance in my life, and how I — like everyone else — am 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 classes 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 "I 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, spawning 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 read a paper, what 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 a role to play.

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 — and in some parts tragic. Although my family contains some of the greatest people that I will ever know, those people were parts of lives and stories that I obviously had to act in. I don't care for my unborn children to continue those stories.

I have learned some great things from my parents, but I have 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's history, 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 — they 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.

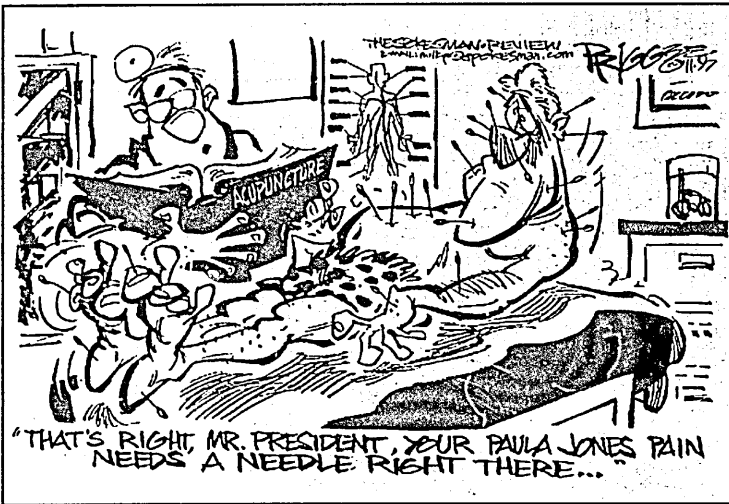
You know what, though? I'm not surprised. These states of mind is this world's sick gift to us through history. Because of a lack of interest, these things — plus countless others — have been allowed to develop and become ingrained in our brains. And now we shall reap what we sowed.

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 billions of stories in the world, and I don't think any of them are pretty.

Well, it's time to make them beautiful. Nameste.

Most would rather point fingers and sling words of blame than claim the responsibility that we all have.

Wanted: Your name, face and opinion here Tuesdays and Thursdays. Bring typewritten, double-spaced columns, with your ID and phone number, to the Communications Building, Room 1247. Students provide yearmajor, faculty include rank/department and non-academic staff include position/department. Community members include city of residency. All columns are limited to 700 words and are subject to editing. The DE reserves the right not to publish any Guest Column.



Mailbox

DE needs to check its stance on tobacco

Bring letters to the editor to Communications Building, Room 1247. Letters must be typewritten, double-spaced and submitted with author's photo ID. Include student's year/major, faculty member's rank/department and non-student staff's position/department. All others include author's city. Letters limited to 350 words and subject to editing. Letters for which verification of authorship cannot be made will not be published.

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 each year suffer from smoking-related deaths (Our World, 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 they never mentioned anything about how alcohol causes the same — if not worse — problems in our society.

And everyone knows the DE advertises an array 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 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 bars within

this region be so hard on those who manufacture and distribute cigarettes? Isn't that hypocritical? Are they saying the money from advertisers talks louder than their integrity?

To quote the paper, "cigarette companies' profits will continue to soar as more children acquire the habit made possible by these 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 holier-than-thou when it comes to cigarettes, but when are you going to be that way with alcohol, too?

Quit 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 a joke. Who knows? They may even take your articles and editorials seriously.

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

Brad Davis
senior, journalism

Vivisection at SIUC is immoral

Dear Editor,

I 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 articles dealt mainly with the researchers' ideas about their own work — with very little discussion of what they're actually doing to the animal, and no attempt to answer any of the ethical questions raised by this type of work.

Proponents of vivisection usually justify the use of non-animals in painful experiments on the grounds that humans receive 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 reason animals are used in experiments is because they so closely resemble people.

A normal chimpanzee obviously has more intelligence and self-

awareness than a human in an irreversible coma — or even a human infant. Why do we not use these people in experiments as well? The reason is 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 cease if we are to make this a moral and compassionate society.

Sean Whitcomb
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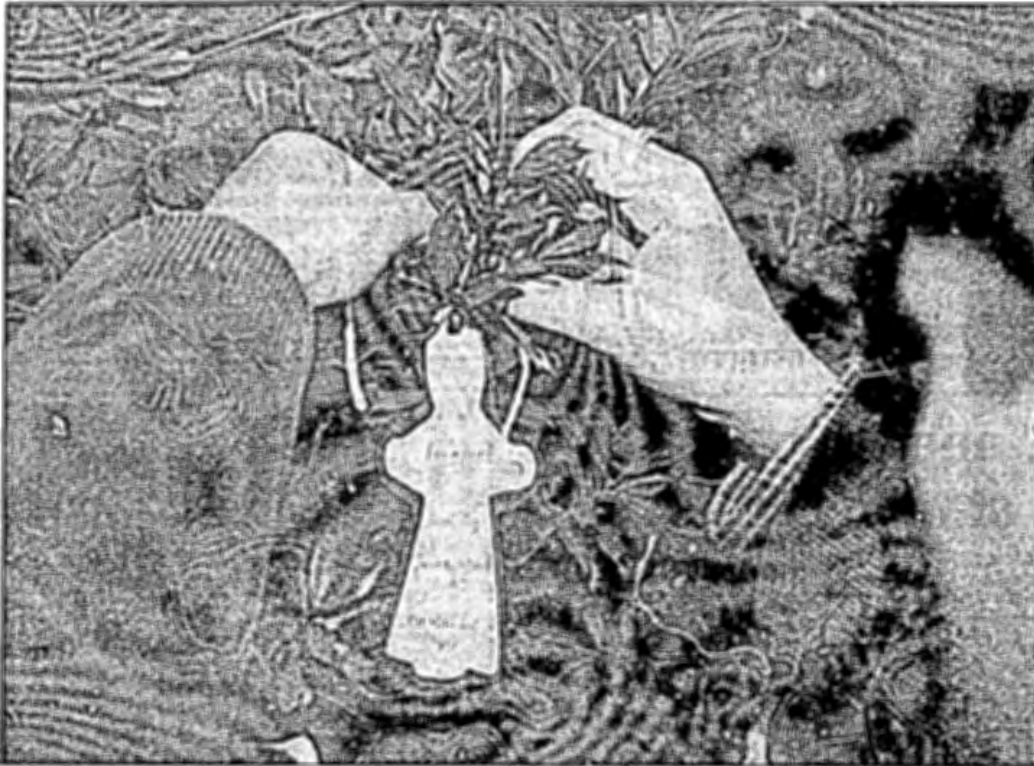
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LEFT: Students from the Health and Recreation Department placed angels on the Angel Tree in Turley Park Tuesday afternoon. The angels were made by the children at the Erma Hayes Center.

BELOW: Demarcus O'Dell, 4, of Carbondale, helps string up one of the angels for the Angel Tree.



DONATING DREAMS

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

STORY BY KAREN BLATTER
PHOTOS BY CURTIS K. BIASI

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 needed her help to have the same kind of Christmas she 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 it. When one of the angels 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.

Shrikka 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 Jenkin's idea.

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

Irma Odell, assistant professor in health education and recreation, is pleased with the Angel Tree.

"(The class) needed more hands-on experience," she said. "This will help students to see the running of a community recreation event. It shows that what we learn in class will work in community recreation setting."

Eileen Eiden, a senior in recreation from Des Plaines and student in the class, said the project is a way for students to show they care about the community.

"There are so many times when the community helps out students," she said, "and this is a way for students to return the help."

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."

Angels remain on the tree until Dec. 17. Presents can be dropped off at the Erma Hayes Center wrapped or unwrapped, by Dec. 17 for distribution to the children on Dec. 18.



Marcus Capone, a junior in commercial recreation from Long Beach, N.Y., ties an angel to the Angel Tree in Turley Park.

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 intently 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 Earles, 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 see."

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

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

Amelia Tapp, an undecided freshman from Granite City and a Thompson Point resident, said she volunteered for the party because it would be fun to help children.

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

Julie Cohorst, 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."



ABOVE: Patricia Stevens (left), a freshman in pre-medicine from Wilnett, shows a 4-year old Head-Start participant how to decorate a stocking during the Holiday Party Wednesday sponsored by the Thompson Point Hall Council in Lentz Hall.

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

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Banks recall methods to evade Nazis

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 cart off its 119 tons of gold. So a plan was hatched: hide

half the gold and create false documents indicating it had been shipped to a city about to fall to the Allies. 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

old. 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 pilfer the continent's gold. Some countries demonstrated remarkable

pluck in defending their gold, using subterfuge and eleven-hour shipments abroad. Others tried legal means, using letter-writing campaigns and court filings. They rarely succeeded, however, generally losing their gold to the German Reichsbank, where it was used to finance the Nazi war effort.

GOSPEL

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It All Joy" last year and performed for local churches and St. Louis University. With three pianists and a saxophonist, Gary said the choir also consists of a well-balanced soprano, tenor and alto section. Performing 12 songs,

including "Changed" and "From Whence My Help Cometh," the choir plans to bring people closer to God. They will be accompanied by special guest choirs, the University of Missouri and St. Louis University. "Our main purpose is to help draw people closer to Christ," Gary said, "not only for ourselves, but the audience we're singing to." Arthur Porter, pianist and a

sophomore in business administration from Springfield, said it is inspiring to hear a group of students enthralled with spirituality. Porter has played the piano for choirs for five years, and he said it is something he will continue to do to produce "that special feeling" he gets. "It's a happy feeling because I enjoy doing it," he said. "I've been into gospel all my life, and it kind of inspires

me to see young students really into it, singing it and believing it." Davis said believing in God is the best way to live. She said gospel music provides everyone a sense of having a friend in God. "It is a great feeling when I know there are people who worship God the way I do," she said. "It makes you feel more comfortable with your beliefs."

THE WORD

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investigation, police said following the Nov. 20 arrests.

Travis' 22-month-old twin daughters, who have been placed in the custody of their aunt, suffered smoke-related injuries from the fire, in which Travis' body suffered burns. Evidence from the scene sug-

gested that Travis and Gary Starks used crack cocaine. Police do not believe that the two were romantically involved. Wepsiec would not comment on a motive or any additional evidence presented in the case.

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Court hears same-sex harassment case

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

WASHINGTON POST

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 Oncale. He complained 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 sex 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 the harassment occurred because of his sex.

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 was the situation on Oncale's oil 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?"

Army fears disclosure of names in nearing trial

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

LOS ANGELES TIMES

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 formerly investigated on such charges in the past two years. So far, the judge in the case has ordered the names and other pretrial informa-

tion held secret. But with McKinney's court-martial now 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. Kelly Flinn, who — accused of adultery 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."

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J. MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

With interactive multimedia technology use on the rise, a class in the SIUC's 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 on a bigger scale in the future."

Bronder is one of six students putting on the program.

Steve Etcheson, a graduate student from Canton who is in charge of the project, said it is important for people to learn about various multimedia because businesses and households will rely on them immensely in the near future.

"We're at the door of the information age," Etcheson said. "Things we can't even

imagine are going to happen. For someone who is going to go out there and be a professional, they need to know the equipment."

Multimedia training is one of the six stations that will show attendees what the six students in WED 501 have been doing throughout the semester. The station will display for attendees how the class learned scanning, altering colors, saving on a disc and printing photos and still images using image scanning.

Desktop video conferencing will be one technology featured at a station. Video conferencing is where camera angles capture two different locations and display both images on a dual-screen television. This technology often is used by major corporations for meetings when professionals are in two different locations.

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LORI BRONDER
GRADUATE STUDENT FROM DESOTO

The station will have video conferencing between rooms 204 and 206 where students are able to see what is going



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CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGY: Stephen Roberts, 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., demonstrates one of the multimedia programs for the third annual Multimedia Showcase in Pulliam Hall.

on in the opposite room.

Internet 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 it transmits 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 knowledge 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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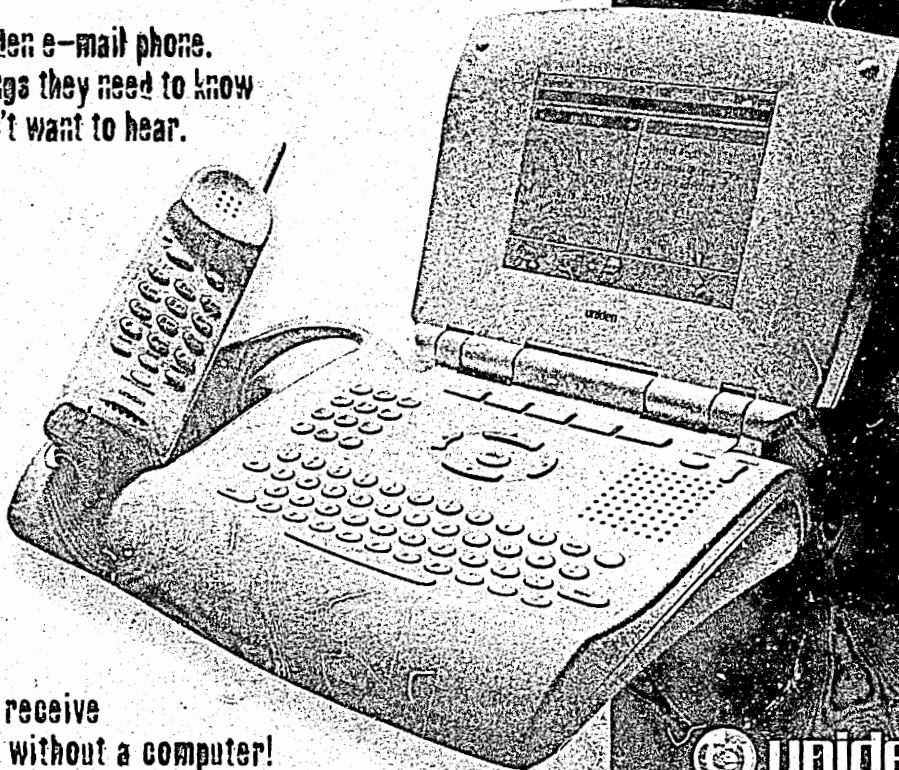
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Booker said she has not heard much from the Maple camp, which may suggest Strom has the edge.

"I'm not sure about Karl," Booker said. "I haven't heard much. But, we'll have one good candidate next year and everybody will support that person."

Booker said Strom would present a formidable challenge to Bost who, for the last few years, has enjoyed immense popularity throughout the district. Booker said that though Strom has a proven record as a law enforcement officer, it is his strong character that will propel him into the General Assembly.

"He's a very intelligent man," she said. "I think he would do very well against Bost. And I'm not saying that because he's a police chief, I'm saying that because he's a good man."

Scott Hays, an SIUC political science professor, confirms Booker's analysis of the race. He said that the party most likely will have one candidate running in the primary — Strom.

Though Hays is not familiar with Strom's ideas, he says Strom would bring much-needed name recognition and experience to the Democratic ticket. He also said Strom maintains the civic-minded, family-man persona that has made Bost so popular.

"The perception is that Strom is the good community member, family man, nice guy, firefighter-police man," Hays said. "I don't know that Maple has that going for him."

"Strom may scare Maple away." Maple was unavailable for comment.

Though Strom has not outlined any issues, Hays is confident that Strom's image as a liberal Democrat with a career in crime-fighting will position him well among the voters of Southern Illinois.

"There's the perception that he's liberal, and he's got that reputation as being a fairly respected law enforcement man," Hays said. "So, he's got his foot in both camps."

"A lot of people are excited about him."

Hays is dubious about the amount of student support Strom will receive next year. Strom's tough stances on bar entry, underage drinking, Halloween Strip festivities, fake I.D.'s and off-campus parties may not resonate well with student voters, who showed their disfavor with hard-line city council members in 1996.

"He might lose there (in student precincts)," Hays said. "Students and the police aren't best buddies."

Strom has been the Carbondale police chief since 1990 when he was promoted to the position from sergeant — an unusual jump as he skipped the rank of lieutenant. Strom graduated from SIUC with a double major in political science and radio and television.

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ensure against plant theft are too difficult and not feasible or affordable, said Paul Henry, an assistant professor in plant and soil and general agriculture.

Henry spoke with University Police about catching those responsible for the theft.

"When you start talking about setting up surveillance cameras, with all the wires and monitoring, it just didn't sound feasible," Henry said. "About the only way you can catch them is if you hear someone talk about it or catch them in the act digging up the plants."

Neither Midden or Henry have a clue as to who is behind the thefts.

The plants are probably used for residential landscaping when they are taken, Midden said. The theft has deterred the planting of more Japanese maples, rhododendrons, shrubs and azaleas around the Agriculture Building.

"What makes me angry is that we don't have much money for this," Henry said. "And one person, or several people, come around and ruin it for everyone."

Midden's latest report of general plant theft to the SIUC Police Department in November indicated a loss of \$320. Not every theft is reported because it is becoming too common, Midden said. Henry and Midden have noticed that the more expensive plant specimens usually disappear first.

Midden said that if she saw a res-

idence full of thread-leaved Japanese maples, she may be suspicious because that particular tree is not available on the plant market yet. A Japanese maple stands about four-feet tall, has a graceful appearance and has either purple or green lacy leaves that bend over the tree.


Because of the thefts, Midden has decided to abort any more planting as of now.

"I hope we can put in landscapes in the future," Midden said. "When I was a student here we used to put landscapes in and they wouldn't be disturbed. It's a lack of respect that is responsible for the theft."


"It really is starting to look pitiful around here. If anyone wants to return plants they have taken they can return them to me; I'll even replant them."

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TOKYO — To a chorus of criticism and yawns, Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto's blue-ribbon committee Wednesday unveiled its long-awaited plan to streamline Japan's unwieldy government bureaucracy.

The Japanese have been talking for at least a decade about the need for such reform, precisely the kind of structural change seen as essential to retool Japan and other Asian nations for the new century.

But critics doubted the plan released Wednesday would produce a leaner, more efficient or easier to understand Japanese government.

"Hashimoto's reform has flunked," declared political analyst Taro Yayama, calling the package a "Band-Aid" instead of the surgery that is required.

Others complained that the prime minister's once-ambitious reforms had been defeated by the very bureaucrats, lobbyists and civil servants it was to discipline.

The proposal, which parliament must approve, calls for reducing the number of government ministries and agencies from 22 to 13, including a large Cabinet agency that will enhance the firepower of the weak prime minister's office.

But "it seems like they're just reshuffling the numbers of ministry and agencies," said Hiroshi Kamae of Hitotsubashi University in Tokyo. "I don't think it's based on a clear vision to downsize government."

What was stunning about

Wednesday's proposal is that nobody expects it to produce real political change, even though Hashimoto had staked his reputation on it and the "reform" mantra has been chanted by nearly every major leader in Japan as this nation has lurched through five prime ministers in the last six years.

Elite bureaucrats, the cream of Japan's educational and social system, have long wielded much of the real power in Japan.

ernment is to release Dec. 10.

"No one cares," said Merrill Lynch economist Ronald Bevacqua, predicting that meaningful political reform, or lack of it, is "unlikely to affect the market in one month, six months or one year's time."

The latest effort to streamline Japan's government hit fierce opposition from postal workers and other civil servants who are important supporters of the Liberal

Democratic Party.

Another powerful ministry that comes out on top in the reform reshuffle is the Ministry of Trade and Industry, which won a bureaucratic battle to snatch jurisdiction over information and telecommunications away from the Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications.

But Western sources said the bureaucrats in the posts section who regulate telecommunications have already made a deal to move to the trade ministry en masse, and said the move would probably succeed in boosting regulatory efficiency in this crucial sector.

The new reform will do nothing to clean up the mess in Japan's foreign aid, which is handled by 19 different squabbling agencies and ministries.

According to Kyodo News service, a plan to integrate these functions was killed off by bureaucrats defending their vested interests.

Critics said the "zoku-guin," or lawmakers who act as lobbyists for powerful interests that are known here as "tribes," had gutted Hashimoto's reform effort this fall. Hashimoto has been weakened by political missteps and now lacks the both the support within his own party and the public popularity to shove through major changes.

A Yomiuri newspaper poll last week found 43.4 percent of Japanese surveyed approve of Hashimoto, and that 43.6 percent disapprove.

"By any measure, Hashimoto is on the ropes," said John F. Neuffer, author of the Behind the Screen newsletter on Japanese politics. "The economy stinks. He must now sell taxpayers on the necessity of using their money for the (troubled) banks."

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Hiroshi Kamae
HITOTSUBASHI UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO

But the once-revered administrators have recently come under attack for inefficiency, arrogance, destructive rivalries, interference in the private sector and high-level corruption.

Some blame their bungling for worsening this country's current economic woes.

Still, scandal-plagued politicians, who purportedly rule them, depend on the bureaucrats heavily, because elected leaders often lack the legal skills to write laws or the administrative experience to run government agencies.

With a financial crisis pummeling stocks and the yen, savers and investors are more interested, not in ministerial reform, but in a financial stabilization package that the gov-

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than spending the personal money and investing the federal loan money, Vingren said.

Stuedel said that according to

the financial aid form a student signs, the money must be used for educational expenses during that school year.

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

Vingren said a student should be able to achieve some kind of financial security to keep from getting too far out of pocket.

"I think financial security is a valid living expense even for a student," he said. "You need some money to fall back on."

Vingren said he has not followed his own advice of long-term loan money investments, and he does not think he will get in trouble for his column.

"I really don't have much left over," he said, "after I take care of my living expenses for the year."

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Women's swimmers hope to reclaim MVC title

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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 large factor in the success of the SIUC women's swimming and diving team in this weekend's Missouri Valley Conference Championships, which begins at noon today at the Recreation Center.

"It was tough being the only ones on campus, but I think it will pay off in 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.

Kluemper said the added time in the pool will help the younger swimmers prepare for their first important meet at the Recreation Center. The Salukis have 14 freshmen on the roster, and that inexperience has played an important role in the SIUC's 1-5 record.

"In swimming, you have to put time in practice for a long time before it pays off," Kluemper said. "We're trying to keep their spirits up and show them that it's going to take a lot of hard work. I knew it would take a whole semester before they became ready."

SWIMMING

One of the reasons for the large number of freshmen was Kluemper's ability to do a solid job of rebuilding the team. Last year, the Salukis lost six seniors to graduation.

"Recruiting went really well. It kind of snowballed, and we got more and more people," Kluemper said. "It just mushroomed into a big class."

Seniors Kiki Sidropoulou and Karla Gerzema are the lone seniors on the SIUC squad. Sidropoulou set a new MVC record for the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 5 minutes and 5.27 seconds in the 1996 meet. Gerzema, who also competes in diving, set the meet record with 425.50 points on her way to a first-place finish in the 3-meter diving competition a year ago.

Throughout the season, Gerzema and Sidropoulou 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.

"I've been trying not to be frustrated about what I've done this season," she said. "I have not swam at the best level I wanted to do, but I know I can do better."

BASKETBALL

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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, and a bucket by Monte Jenkins to cut the lead to 39-36. But the Gaels responded much like they did to every Saluki run in the half on a basket by Eric Schraeder. Schraeder finished the game with 25 points and four three-pointers.

St. Mary's opened the lead to 64-55 with eight minutes left on a dunk by Schraeder on Saluki forward Thanasis 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 Schraeder to open the lead to 70-62 with three minutes left.

"He was unguarded both times, and there's

no reason for that," Herrin said. "We're in a zone, and we know that those guys can shoot the basketball. He's 4-for-4, and that's not getting the job done."

SIUC drew to within 71-66 on a layup by Tucker and had a chance to draw within three after a Gaels turnover. But center James Watts and James Jackson each missed putbacks on offensive rebounds. After the Gaels missed a layup, Tucker missed three shots in the lane on the next possession.

St. Mary's could not capitalize with the ball as they missed a free throw, but Tucker was called for a charge after he dished off a pass to guard Josh Cross with less than 30 seconds left. The Gaels then hit two free throws to seal the seven-point win.

Tucker and guard Shane Hawkins led the Salukis with 16 points each. Hawkins, a senior from Pinckneyville, moved into a second-place tie in the Missouri Valley Conference rankings with Bradley's Aaron Zobrist for most three-pointers in a career with 233.

SIUC now heads to Honolulu for the Power Bar Men's Invitational, which begins Sunday. The Salukis play Long Beach State University (2-3) Sunday. Depending on the outcome of that game and the other matchup between Tulane University and the University of Hawaii Saturday, SIUC will play Hawaii Sunday or Tulane Monday.

"We've got a chance to beat Long Beach," Herrin said. "It won't be easy because they've got some good athletes. We need a victory down there. We can't go 0-3, that's for sure."

SWIMMING

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

"We're fully rested and ready to go," Weseloh said. "Our main focus is to go in and do what we need to do and just win."

Weseloh said the team is not worried about

the mounting pressure of winning another title.

"It puts a little pressure on us," Weseloh said. "But we all know we have to swim well, and we all know we're capable of winning the meet."

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