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City Council to meet with full agenda

Jacey Cain

The Carbondale City Council is set to discuss and possibly amend a 14-year-old ordinance that allows the city to abate property taxes during its monthly meeting.

The Council will meet at 7 tonight in City hall to discuss a number of ordinances, including the Enterprise Zone ordinance, which was adopted in 1999 and allowed to participate in the Jackson County-Murphysboro-Carbondale Enterprise Zone.

The ordinance allowed the city to set property taxes on improved and unimproved property made to land within the Enterprise Zone. It is also approved for tax incentives among Jackson County, the city of Murphysboro and the city of Carbondale that formally established the Enterprise Zone.

Other tax incentives agreed to share their property taxes in the Enterprise Zone, according to city councilmember Steven Haynes, the ordinance was set to continue to expand and grow.

"It allowed businesses in the Enterprise Zone to pay a reduced rate of taxes with a gradual increase over time," Haynes said.

Enterprise Zone incentives include 100-year abatement of real estate taxes for five years and 50-percent abatement for the following 15 years.

The ordinance also included a graduated funding formula that allowed businesses to help local governments and waiving construction permit fees.

However, there was no provision in the city's ordinance and the intergovernmental agreement that addressed the taxation of a Tax Increment Financing District being formed throughout the city.

Although an Enterprise Zone shares property tax, the city has not seen a significant increase in the property taxes, putting the tax override in their budget.

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Varsity group picks up steam to save theater

Community making connections to save downtown theater

Geoffrey Ritter

They've got their feet under them, and they're ready to run.

At least that was the prevailing feeling at the July 2 meeting of SAVE (Save Arts and the Varsity for Everyone) at the Interfaith Center, where 18 members had a seriously progressive meeting for two hours and made plans to canvass the community for support in saving the Varsity Theater, located at 435 S. Illinois Ave., which closed in May.

And individual members are showing no sign of feeling like the group knows an active mode.

"I'm in this for the long haul," said SIU professor Jay Needham, ending the sentiments from all around the table. "I'm looking forward to it.

And what the entire group has to look forward to is the coming weeks in a full slate.

"That campaign begins tonight, then members plan to go before the Carbondale City Council at its 7 p.m. meeting to petition for the state's support in the expansion and at the group's meeting at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Interfaith Center, members plan to meet with representatives of a handful of local groups to find out what involvement each of them would like to have in the resurrection of the Varsity.

Among the groups SAVE interested in inviting to its meeting Wednesday inviting are the Carbondale Community Arts, the Stage Co., the African American Museum of Southern Illinois, the Big Muddy Film Festival, the Greenlight Theater, Carbondale Main Street, the SIU Theater Department and the SIU Public Policy Institute.

Also still in progress is a petition drive through which the group hopes to gain 10,000 signatures from community members by Aug. 10.

Several thousand have already accumulated, and although members aren't sure how they will use the signatures in the end, they are positive that such a broad network of support will be used to fully define plans to reignite the theater.

"10,000 is a lot of signatures," said Carbondale City Council member Steven Waisn, who has attended the last of the group's meations, "but if we can get it, more power to us." A petition will be aloud.

In addition, community member Jim Syfert, who chaired last week's meeting in the absence of Interfaith Center Director Hugh Muldoon, brought a figure from the county assessor office of $144,322 — what members believe is to be the most appropriate for the Varsity.

While several elements, such as the value of theater seats and other furnishings that may or may not be included in a potential buyout of the building, are neither included in that figure, Syfert asserted that the number gives the group's "time to think on.

And as the group moves into an active phase of examining possibilities for the deserted theater, lines such as that one could be a feasible option.

"We just want to make sure the building doesn't die a quiet death," Syfert said.

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SAVE will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the Interfaith Center.

The public is invited to attend.

Blagojevich’s veto cuts $222 million from state budget

Katia Davis

Gov. Rod Blagojevich enshrined his veto power Thursday to trim $222 million from the 2004 state budget — $25 million from the Illinois Department of Corrections, including $17.3 million of which was to fund inmates’ positions throughout the state.

He also vetoed legislation to open or re-open a 300-speed juvenile detention center in Nashville and a 200-bed youth camp in Paris.

Blagojevich did not release a press release that the General Assembly's first step was important, but he was still seeking changes to the bill, more so than the state could live within its means.

"We were faced with facing a $5 billion budget hole entering the 2004 fiscal year. In April, the governor announced his plan for the budget, which included more than $1 billion to select state departments, including the Illinois Department of Transportation. Many of the corrections positions, including those in worker positions, that look at the rolling public, were cut to the point where we put them on the line," said Brian Fairchild, spokesman for the governor's office.

"But there is a potential that no one will lose their jobs in the next several years," Fairchild said.

Some of the positions, the governor is taking additional staff out of the Varsity, according to both inmates and inmates.

"These are not just paper pushers," Fairchild said. "These people are involved in the coordination of all block moves.

Blagojevich also blocked pay raises for legislators, judges and himself. In the General Assembly, he proposed $3.7 million in cost-of-living raises for Supreme Court Appellate judges. The Illinois Supreme Court would also receive $79,000 for pay raises for the governor, lieutenant governor, attorney general, secretary of state, comptroller, treasurer, auditor, general, adjutant general, superintendent of public instruction and legislators.

"I don't think anyone should be surprised with the bill like this," Bonino said.

State employee health insurance was cut $20 million, Department of Human Services grants were cut $22 million, student assistant grants were also cut $6 million and $5.5 million was cut from the Department of Public Health.

The governor is also expected to veto $22 million from the construction of new prisons, as well as $15 million in cover state building projects and the budget for secondary and elementary education.

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NATIONAL NEWS

Troop homecomings are a mixture of happiness and anxiety

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Mike Dobbs got what he wanted, what everyone seeking the sands of war wants, his phone home.

He used to be an officer in the air force and had no idea what to expect when he called. He thought he would feel only relief. He was wrong.

It started with a call from an Air Force emergency room in the desert. First came the news that one of his family members had died in a family gathering in Kabul. He didn’t know who it was.

Minutes later, the same emergency room called to say his wife was seven months pregnant and had been in a car accident. She was in surgery. He thought he would feel worry. He didn’t.

The anxiety was only beginning. The phone call ended with news that his son had been killed in a small plane crash in a neighboring country. He thought he would feel grief. He didn’t.

Instead, he felt a mixture of happiness and anxiety. This was ‘Sidewinder’ winds down after a young British journalist was killed outside a hospital in a heficopler where purchased propelled grenades, according to a st~atement believed to be behind the attacks on American sok!iers. U.S. soldier finally shot in Iraq.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. soldier fatally shot in Iraq as ‘Sidewinder’ winds down

BAGHDAD — A U.S. soldier was shot in the head after buying a Pepsi in the cafeteria of Baghdad University Sunday, a day after a young British journalist was killed outside a Baghdad hospital in a copler where purchased propelled grenades reportedly were behind the attacks on American soldiers.

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WASHINGTON — President Bush joined the growing debate over gay marriage Wednesday, saying that he isn’t sure if he’s ready to endorse constitutional amendments to ban gay marriage.

In the July 2 international news brief "Six British troops killed in Iraq" it should read that the six deaths and an additional two wounded occurred on Tuesday and Thursday, July 12. The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

The Daily Egyptian, the student-run newspaper of SIUC, is committed to being a trusted source of information, commentary and public discussion while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.
New broadband purchase to ease Internet congestion on campus

Slow Internet service to be thing of the past with purchase

Nicole Sack
Daily Egyptian

Internet users on campus and in the residence halls this fall may finally receive some relief in the severe bandwidth congestion caused by the increased number of file-sharing applications.

The Information Technology Center has tried to resolve the bandwidth ability to handle the tremendous growth and use of peer-to-peer applications such as Napster, Gnutella and Kazaa. These file-sharing programs have affected the bandwidth ability to handle the download speeds on campus and have made it difficult for some students to do classroom work and other work-related activities online.

Information Technology has tried to limit and regulate bandwidth utilization since 2001. Now, a solution may have been found by purchasing more bandwidth.

Currently, SIUC resident halls are limited to 10 megabytes of bandwidth between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. and 30 MB between the hours of 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. The bandwidth will be expanded to 40 MB during the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. and 40 MB to 60 MB during the hours of 7 p.m. and 7 a.m.

The cost of the bandwidth increase is $15,000, and the project will be completed during the second week of August, according to Charles Campbell, the associate director of network engineering at Information Technology.

On Wednesday, SIUC received 29 MB of bandwidth from the Internet service Illinois Century Network. Based on enrollment numbers, SIUC receives 29 MB by summer and must pay for the additional bandwidth cost.

Too many downloads and peer-to-peer transactions are using up so much bandwidth it is slowing down the entire system. It does not matter if a computer is on your floor to slow down Internet speed.

"Someone in Morris Library can affect the Internet speed in Mc Smith or Thompson Pain," Campbell said.

Internet users off campus can use SIUC bandwidth by using peer-to-peer applications and file sharing.

Information Technology began to receive complaints about the slow speed in the fall semester of 2001, and the complaints gradually became more frequent.

Other ways that Information Technology is trying to improve the system is by identifying greedy users.

One method is a hardware system designed to identify bandwidth junkies who are making frequent downloads and slowing down the Internet speed for the rest of the campus. Once these users are identified, their service can be disabled, Campbell said.

The Internet bandwidth demand is high, the entire system slows down. When the system is slow, sometimes the users will become irritated with the slowed system and will start to click, click, back up the system further and even lock-up their computers.

Once these computer freezes, the Internet user can become even more frustrated and may even begin to hit the "T" button instead of clicking "pause." When that happens, it has been no surprise that there is a "pause" on our part," Bussington said.

"We followed the physicians' orders and provided care for that particular individual," said Bussington.

According to the report, the department was notified of the death of a resident. The department investigated the death and determined no wrongdoing.

The report said Hopper had a history of seizures and was known to have a history of seizures and was considered to be a resident in the residence halls.

The student judicial board has also notified and if subsequent reports of copyright infringement are reported, the user will be disabled and the board will review the case and handle it according to the Student Code of Conduct or University policy.

"Downloading copyrighted material is not only illegal, it is also the main cause of Internet speed slowdown on the SIUC campus," Campbell said.

The Information Technology has also dealt with the headache and frustration of one malfunctioning computer, Campbell said. The Information Technology Center has to deal with 8,000 bandwidth.

"We are looking to get the bandwidth in the residence halls this fall and will increase in the evenings if needed. These increases will go into effect in August of 2003," said Bussington.

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**Ology from a different perspective**

This week I would like to introduce you to my new friend and today's guest columnist, Kadee Kennings. (So I guess this will be a column inside a column.)

Kadee has become a friend of the DAILY EGYPTIAN and an inspiring writer. She has adopted a few of us here, and we are very happy to be a part of her life. She and her father's adopted brother, Matt, and his wife, Collen, along with their young lads, Kadee and I hit it off when we met, and we talk on the phone occasionally about life, softball and anything else she's curious about.

She is interested in what my column is about, and I gave her a brief description, and from this, the young aspiring writer came up with a column of her own and sent it to me... so without further ado I present to you —

Since ology is the study of something, Jack made it the study of him. It is called Plattology. Nice work, called Keslingology! There are a hole bunch of ologies in the world they all mean something to study. Jack tells every one its way of thinking, in his column, it's not to hard even those ones old. I've been here for years so I'm not complexes like grownups.

But in all these years I've listened a hole bunch of important things.

Like you can't get mice in the dryer and expose them to cancer then purposely a root number 4 do this. And if you do then your dade thinks it's something wrong with the dryer and makes it apart. Then you go to table. I'm sorry to just put these as jewels only a few people can do this. And if you do that then your dad thinks it's something going on in the dryer and makes it apart. Then you go to table. You are so sorry to just put these as jewels only a few people can do this.

Dirt can't get frozen in the freezer. But even more important is if you go to try to freeze it then you should put it in a bag first and never put it in the freezer. Trust me on that one.

When you see a kid you get a lot. Growings always leave their kids don't get it. When I get big I'm never going to live. I'm going to live in a tree so I can always get frozen.

And you know sharks look friendly but they aren't. They sneer if you get too close. Then you have to take a bath for four hours.

And your going to have your gig jis well on the moon. The lamp cant be the moon. The line hotel is not a good place to pretend its the moon. The gig just went into black scary stuff and the whole detector goes off. Then you have to throw them away. But it is cool, ty my doll.

That are just a few things I've listened in eight years. And mistakes are ok to make you just make them more right.

Plattology appears every other Tuesday. Jack is a senior Advertising. His views are not necessarily reflect those of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

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**COLUMNIST**

Plattology

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**OUR WORD**

What will they think of next?

If the final decision in the Governors State University case goes to university officials, the entire process of college newspapers will be destroyed.

For a college administrator to review and approve every piece of material to be published would be a travesty. It will change the information being given to the public and how. Most importantly, it will show students they have no say in the matter of what is published, which hurts free speech.

Think about it. If a paper were censored by a university official, stories about misconduct within the university would not be printed.

Better yet, think about it. If it were happening here on the campus of STUC.

During periods of negotiations between the University and faculty, the DAILY EGYPTIAN wrote stories almost everyday about what was going on, focusing on both sides of the table. It's University officials were granted permission to preview all material, these stories would have had a slim chance of being published, as they did make it to print, the information may have had to be changed to show the University administrators as the good guys in the fight.

Not only would that have crippled the newspaper, it would have crippled the readership because they would have been receiving skewed information and not the whole story, so they would be able to make a positive decision for themselves.

There is a difference between high school and college newspapers and the students employed. In high school, the newspapers are funded by either student fees or from money allocated through the yearly budget. But no matter how the papers are funded, the most important thing is that high school students need to be advised on some issues to be published, because they are at an age when their judgment might not be fully developed to handle a situation.

On the other hand, college students are more mature and able to make decisions on what is appropriate to be published. No matter how the paper is funded, college students are on a different level than high school students and don't need as much supervision.

College papers provide a service to students and community residents alike. There is a responsibility to these groups to give them accurate, unbiased information, and if someone is appointed by the university to review that information, that responsibility will not be met.

The overt that has reopened the case should think of college papers as being on a higher level and as a step above professional papers and not as a step above high school papers.

If the final decision is in favor of the university reviewing material, what will be the difference between high school and college newspapers? It would be the way it is occurring presently, the papers and not as a step above high school papers.

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Governor signs legislation to improve road safety checks

Children, teenagers the primary focus of new seatbelt laws

Amber Ellis
Daily Egyptian

In an attempt to improve traffic safety, Gov. Rod Blagojevich has signed a bill that will increase fines for drivers who violate seatbelt laws. This legislation is part of the governor's overall plan to improve traffic safety in Illinois. The new laws will be effective immediately.

The new seatbelt laws will increase fines for drivers who fail to buckle up, affecting both drivers and passengers in vehicles. Drivers will face a $50 fine for the first offense, $100 for the second, and $200 for each subsequent offense. Penalties for passengers will be $50 for the first offense and $100 for the second.

The governor believes these new laws will help reduce traffic fatalities and injuries. "This is an important step in our efforts to keep our roads safe," Blagojevich said. "We want everyone to buckle up, no matter where they are going."

The new laws also include increased enforcement measures, such as increased checkpoints and traffic stops. The Illinois State Police will receive additional funding to implement these new measures.

The new laws have been met with mixed reactions. Some critics argue that increased fines will be unenforceable. Others believe that the new laws will be effective in reducing traffic fatalities.

The new laws are part of a larger plan to improve traffic safety in Illinois. The governor has also signed a bill requiring the Illinois Department of Transportation to develop a comprehensive traffic safety plan, which includes the enforcement of existing laws and the development of new laws as needed.

The new seatbelt laws are a positive step towards improving traffic safety in Illinois. While there is still work to be done, these new laws will help keep our roads safer for everyone.
The Spirit of Attucks

Alumni of Attucks High School held their annual reunion during the Fourth of July weekend, bringing people back to Carbondale from all over the state. This year marks the 23rd year in which the reunion has taken place.

All alumni were invited, regardless of the year they graduated. Former Attucks students wishing to revive the spirit of black community members in Carbondale formed the Spirit of Attucks in 1980.

Attucks High School, previously known as East Side School, was the school district for the black community in Carbondale.

The school closed in 1964, fully integrating Carbondale's school system.

Nettie Hayes Morgan helps Melvin Macklin with records. Macklin had old unidentified pictures of Attucks High School classmates, and Morgan filled in the blanks for him. Both Macklin and Morgan were born and raised in Carbondale, and Morgan's mother, Eurma Hayes, was a civil rights leader in the Carbondale area. Hayes' legacy still stands in the community with the Eurma Hayes Center that serves the African American community.

Roszena Mosleq (left) sets down hot dogs while Deborla Albritton maintains the grill. Although Mosleq never attended Attucks High School, she and another park worker helped out for the day. Albritton, one of the organizers of the event, is a Spirit of Attucks board member and is also director of the Eurma Hayes Center. The food was sold to raise money for the "Spirit of Attucks" organization.

Wendell Denvers contemplates his next move. Wendell and his brother, Burnett, involved themselves in a lengthy game of dominos during the reunion. Many other events took place at the reunion such as music, dancing, eating and catching up with friends that have not seen each other in years.
Are you a metropsychosomatic kind of guy?

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Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO (KRT) -- Somewhere between a man who never clips his nose hair and one who is so fastidious that his pedicure techs are booked a year in advance, the Botox user is in between.

Sports section in hand, golf clubs/basketball/soccer ball at the ready, these Metrosexual men are "your-socks-off" pasty frost while discussing the merits of wines and wondered an evening's selection -- but probably would steer clear of anything too strongly tacking his way to a new body.

The Metrosexual male, at least according to a newly released study, doesn't worry too much about becoming, say, a major league sports star or head bunch at a major corpo- ration as he does about growing old with his woman, looks and having healthy kids.

That this 21st Century has been a boon for the Metrosexual male, in the work, in part, of Euro RSCG Worldwide, a communications group headquartered in New York.

After conducting a study to find out what men are feeling these days, they found they focus on four areas: "The Future of Men: USA," then radius, and part of their mission is to gain "a sense of who men who have embraced customs and attitudes once deemed the province of women."

It has earned its share of media buzz.

And it reflects, some say, the evolving roles of men and women in the careers and roles during the last 50 years.

Men today, said advertising sales rep Randall Cress, of Chicago, "are more involved with family life, and I think men can now express their emotions more."

"(They) probably use more exfo- liating products than the guys."

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Ron Hines flips through a relic of his past with SIU as color commentator for the Salukis' radio broadcasts. Hines, now Sports Information Director for SIU, is the "iron man" of SIU's in college basketball, going more than 15 years without missing a game.

**SIU freshmen basketball player Randal Falker sits on the sidelines before his workout at the Recreation Center Monday.**

Falker, who is from St. Louis, is one-fourth of a dynamic group of recruits who should energize the Salukis' next season.

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and sports information, Hines started the Greenville Gazette, a newspaper that still exists. He also served as host of the W26 television show "Sports Panorama" and still does color commentary for SEMO radio and football games. This experience on nearly all sides of sports media gives Hines a unique perspective that aids him in his current profession.

"I somewhat know the challenges that a newspaper guy faces or radio or television," Hines said. "That helps me help them and hopefully get publicity for Southeast.

In addition to getting publicity for SIDIO, Hines himself gets a little publicity while broadcasting a football game for the school at Troy State. Failing fans caused the lights at the stadium to fail, so the game was moved one-third mile down a hill to a practice field for the final quartile.

There were no yell lines and, due to an incident at one end of the field, both teams had to move from north to south. Thanks to Hines' dedication, SEMO fans sitting at home were still able to follow their team.

Hines hung his head out the window and watched the game with his television while continuing to broadcast during a rainstorm. He was selected as a "Superintendent of the Game" by the Ohio Valley Conference.

Hines isn't going to miss a playoff football game in favor of an early-season basketball matchup just to keep the schedule.

"You go to the one where you're needed the most," Hines said.

Though he's eligible for retirement, Hines doesn't plan on vacating the Show-Me Center studio table anytime soon.

"There's no particular plan," Hines said. "I think right now I'd like to work at least five more years and then see how my health is and how everything else is and take a look at it."

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avaged more than 15 points, 10 rebounds and four blocked shots a game, but former SIU head coach Bruce Weber said Falker's greatest strength is his ability to come down with the ball.

"He is a rebounding fool," Weber said last season about his former recruit. "He just has a knack."

While basketball is clearly one of the main attractions about SIU for Falker, he is not simply here for athletics. Falker, an engineering major, said the school's strong program had an influence on his decision.

The program is part of the reason Weber's decision to leave was not enough to make Falker want to change schools.

Falker said there were even stronger intangibles making him want to honor his letter of intent and become a Saluki.

"It was the campus, the students, the team, the facilities, everything," Falker said. "It was like everything was perfect."

Another factor which could be perfect is that Falker has several other young teammates he can develop with during the next four years including guards Young and Jamaal Tatum and fellow freshman Randal Falker.

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Despite the familiarity, Falker said the Salukis should definitely be a force to be reckoned with during the next four years including guards Young and Jamaal Tatum and fellow freshman Randal Falker.

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A slice of paradise at Pineview Park

The Clubbers win fourth annual 4th of July Wiffleball Tournament

Pete Spiller
Daily Egyptian

The crack of a yellow plastic bat, the white crack of a ball soaring into the outfield, and the "This is the 75th Wiffleball Tournament..." said Pete Spiller, competition included six teams new to the game and its players in order to attract... Last time, he hasn't used it... Wiffleball. While he may have a last name that sounds like Stiller's characters in the movie, that's where the similarities end. Wiffleball is a hit, and he's a part of it. While White said he is unsure what his role is at this point, he is excited about it. He's a big body who can guard some... SEMO sports info director hasn't missed a game in 23 years

Carterville resident Ron Hines still going strong

Ethan Erickson
Daily Egyptian

Ron Hines is the Lou Gehrig of his field. Hines, a Carterville resident and sports information director at Southeast Missouri State University, hasn't missed a men's basketball game, home or away, since 1980. That's a streak of 664 consecutive games. This past summer, he hasn't even had many close calls. A few years ago, bad weather...