Students and residents gathered to march in honor of Trayvon Martin Tuesday outside city hall in Carbondale. The group marched down the Strip holding signs and chanting in support of the Florida teen who was shot and killed in February 2012. Patoya Bryant, a senior from San Diego studying advertising, organized the event. "We’re out here for one cause, and that’s to honor Trayvon," she said. "Since one voice is not enough, if we come together and create a big enough voice, maybe other people will be able to hear it.”

**Student files lawsuit against Board of Trustees**

**MATT DARAY**  |  Daily Egyptian

The lawsuit names each member of the board as defendants and seeks an injunction to nullify any votes after July 1 that Cler makes. It also asks for Sharkey to be named the student trustee for the Carbondale campus.

Dunham, who is also an emeritus professor at SIU, said the case bothers him because the Board of Trustees is obviously the governing authority being seated as a board member is, to me, deeply disturbing.” He said the notion that somebody who was not certified by the election authority being seated as a board member is, to me, deeply disturbing.”

Dunham said the decision is required by state law and he thinks the standards for any type of public election should be used in this instance. He said given how much impact a student representative can have on the future of the university, he thinks this case should be treated seriously.

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The lawsuit was filed July 8 by Carbondale attorney Darrell Dunham on behalf of Nolan Sharkey, a second year law student, who claims student trustee Jesse Cler failed to meet the required amount of signatures to be put on the election ballot for the April campus election. The lawsuit alleges Cler was allowed to have his name on the ballot even though he lacked the signatures required and a ruling by the Student Trustee Election Commission showed that Cler’s petitions did not follow the commissioner’s rules.

**Underemployment rampant among recent college graduates**

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Graduating with a degree from a nationally recognized university can help college students stand out, but in today’s struggling job market, most college graduates are settling for whatever they can get. In today’s struggling job market, most college graduates are settling for whatever they can get. The survey reported nearly 120,000 graduates take jobs they are overqualified for, such as retail or restaurant work. The survey said even though graduates are looking for careers in their majors, the rate of underemployment in the job market makes it difficult to find work suited to their majors.

Michelle Garrett, a recruitment coordinator for career services, said the job outlook for recent graduates is strong, but challenging for students who are not willing to make a change for their career. She said the biggest factor graduates need to take into consideration is the willingness to relocate to another location where there are job opportunities available.

Garrett said there are career opportunities open for every major but graduates need to understand not every position will be located in southern Illinois or near their hometown.

"Take, for example, degrees in radio-television or cinema,” she said. “There are not a lot of those kinds of jobs in rural areas, so graduates who come from the country need to move to more urban areas, or wherever those positions are readily available.”

Sam Weber, a cinema graduate from Smithton, said he would be more than willing to relocate somewhere new if he came across a job opportunity in cinema.

Weber said although he has a part-time job working for Jimmy John’s in his hometown, he is still searching for full-time employment anywhere he can find it. He said he has created job search accounts on Career Builder and Monster to try and find a position in his major, but has been unsuccessful so far.

“When you make those accounts, you have the option to share your profile publicly,” he said. “That was the biggest mistake in the world, because now I am just getting hounded for interviews by all these insurance companies and I am not hearing back for any of the positions I actually want.”

Along with a degree, students should also look at getting work experience outside the traditional college setting, such as internships, externships and major-related jobs, Garrett said.

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Blagojevich appeals convictions, stiff sentence

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CHICAGO — Lawyers for Rod Blagojevich filed an appeal just before a midnight deadline Monday that challenges the imprisoned former Illinois governor’s corruption conviction and 14-year prison term, including on grounds the trial judge allegedly committed a litany of errors.

The 100-plus page filing with the 7th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago comes more than two years after the Chicago Democrat’s retrial and 16 months after he entered a federal prison in Colorado.

Jurors convicted Blagojevich, 56, of engaging in wide-ranging corruption, including that the two-term governor sought to profit from his power to appoint someone to the U.S. Senate seat that Barack Obama vacated to become president.

Blagojevich’s most shocking crime in the eyes of most observers was no crime at all, the appeal contends. Blagojevich was merely trying to secure a U.S. Senate appointment for his good friend Valerie Jarrett to the Senate, it says. Neither Obama nor Jarrett have ever been accused of any wrongdoing in the case.

“The record shows that Blagojevich’s proposed exchange was an arm’s length political deal, described by Blagojevich as a political ‘horse trade,’” the appeal says. It wasn’t criminal “because the political deal proposed by Blagojevich was a proper and common exchange under our democratic system of government.”

The appeal also points to what it says was a lack of evenhandedness by U.S. District Judge James Zagel throughout Blagojevich’s two trials.

It alleges Zagel gave Blagojevich little choice but to testify at his retrial after repeatedly ruling arguments the defense viewed as crucial could only be broached by Blagojevich himself from the witness stand. Once on the stand, Zagel prohibited many of those statements, including Blagojevich’s attempt to tell jurors he believed at the time that his actions were legal, it contends.

“Had Blagojevich been permitted to present his good-faith defense, it would have been a powerful defense, likely to produce an acquittal,” his lawyers argue.

The appeal also blames Zagel for allowing a juror who allegedly expressed bias against Blagojevich to remain on the jury despite defense attorneys’ objections. The appeal only referred to the panelist as Juror No. 174, saying he said about Blagojevich during jury selection, “I just figured him, possibly, to be guilty.”

The appeal also raises longstanding claims that Zagel barred FBI wiretap evidence that might have aided the defense, that he sided overwhelming with prosecutors and that he miscalculated the appropriate prison term for Blagojevich.

The appeal was filed about 30 minutes before midnight.

Blagojevich was convicted on 18 counts over two trials, jurors in the first deadlocking on all but one count. Taking the stand in the second, decisive trial in 2011, Blagojevich insisted his talking about wanting to sell Obama’s seat was just that — talk.

Zagel imposed a lengthy prison term at a sentencing hearing later in 2011, telling Blagojevich he had abused voters’ trust and undermined the democratic process “to do things that were only good for yourself.”

Many observers at the time said Blagojevich’s best hope on appeal wasn’t that a higher court would overturn his convictions but that appellate judges would agree his sentence was too harsh.

Appeals can take years to play out, and defendants rarely prevail. Another Illinois governor convicted for corruption, George Ryan, filed multiple appeals over years and lost every key ruling. The former Republican leader was recently released after more than five years in prison and seven months of home confinement.

Secret wiretaps of an often foul-mouthed Blagojevich eager to earn big money were at the core of prosecutors’ case.

“I’ve got this thing and it’s free —— golden,” jurors heard Blagojevich exclaim in one wiretapped conversation about Obama’s vacant seat. “And I’m just not giving it up for free —— nothing.”

As Inmate No. 40892-424 in the Federal Correctional Institution Englewood in suburban Denver, Blagojevich’s life is highly regimented, including frequent head counts and having to wake at dawn.

In a Facebook posting this year, Blagojevich’s wife, Patti, said her husband is spending time in prison teaching Civil War history and learning to play the guitar. She added that he frequently jogs around a quarter-mile prison track.

“All that we have been left with is a aching hole in our lives,” she added about herself and the couple’s two daughters.

After the then-governor’s Dec. 9, 2008 arrest, Blagojevich hit the talk show circuit to declare his innocence and to rail against prosecutors. He even appeared on Donald Trump’s reality show, “The Apprentice.”

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Jon Knobelock, a photography graduate from St. Charles, Mo., said his work with the Botanical Gardens in St. Louis was invaluable to developing his talents with photography work.

Knobelock said although he is working at Home Depot part-time, he hopes to impress employers with his freelance work and hopefully start a career in photography. He said even though he does not have a full-time position in photography yet, his time working with the university helped open him up to many photo opportunities he might not have had otherwise.

“With my major, I suppose you do not really need a degree to be great at what you do, but it never hurts to have a degree,” he said. “For me, learning all the tips and techniques from my professors at the university and having the chance to intern at the Botanical Gardens definitely helped me improve my work.”

Garrett said off-campus education helps build professional networks for finding jobs and reinforces important career skills such as teamwork, leadership and communication skills.

“One thing companies look at when hiring a new employee is being able to easily communicate with co-workers and clients,” she said. “Working hard in a setting outside of college can help establish that you have initiative to a potential employer.”

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Architecture camp celebrates 25 years of service

An architecture camp for kids is celebrating its 25th year of service to the community.

Kid Architecture Camp is a summer camp at the university which allows children to learn about the built world around them. Students from all over the country travel to the camp to attend the camp, which is held every summer. The visiting students, who traveled from all over the country to attend the camp, were using broken pieces of tile to create mosaics on top of the concrete. Davey said it is important to hold camps like this to visually educate kids at a young age. "Architecture is ubiquitous, you live with it all the time," he said. "To have an understanding of the built environment around you is critically important."

Davey also hosts two other camps: Middle School Architecture Camp and High School Architecture Camp.

Camps last one week and are structured for three different learning levels: grades fourth through sixth, seventh through eighth, and ninth through twelfth. Students travel from around the country to the camps to learn about the design of the built environment around them.

Nick Lach, a senior from Murphysboro, said he attended the camp when he was in middle school and his favorite part of the camp was when Davey gave them an opportunity to put their knowledge into practice. He said he would lecture and then have the students participate in an activity relating to the topic at hand.

Lach said he enjoyed the projects they did such as building a bridge out of watermelons and walking across it after using elements from Davey’s lecture and instruction.

“I was small enough that the high school kids put me on the watermelon bridge and it held my weight,” he said.

Lach said he didn’t realize what an impact Davey and the architecture camps had on him. He said he enjoyed the camp so much that he soon began working with Davey at the camps.

Davey has great knowledge about his field, but more importantly, he has a passion for it and wants people to understand the world around them, Lach said.

“We go from eight in the morning to eight at night just looking for that teachable moment,” Davey said. "I believe most people are visually illiterate and it’s critically important for young people to understand the built environment around them.”

Current camp students are getting the same type of experiences that Lach had ten years ago.

Fritz Cuhn, a middle school student from San Diego, Calif., said he enjoys building and is excited about the projects they are going to make throughout the week. Some projects include building a model house using Exacto knives and cardboard, making Egyptian art by carving hieroglyphics into clay and pouring cement into molds to make mosaics.

The camp also encourages students to explore the world of architecture as a possible career.

Sophia Davie, a middle school student from Herrin, started her first year at architecture camp and said she thinks it’s a fun way to know if it’s something she would want to pursue as a career.

“Dr. Davey is really inspirational and he’s someone to look up to,” Davie said. “Learning about architecture really inspires me because I like art and I think the way buildings are built is pretty cool,” she said.

Jemes Perez, a middle school student from Chicago said he is very interested in becoming an architect and thinks this camp will help him decide if this career choice is a good fit for him.

"The architecture camp is very educational for students. It helps us get a look into college life as well as architecture in a college," he said. "It helps us know what we need to do in order to improve our skills in architecture. It also helps me think about the pros and cons of architecture as a career.”

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Zimmerman cleared; attorney says safety a concern

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After a year and a half of living as a hermit, George Zimmerman emerged from a Florida courthouse a free man, cleared of all charges in the shooting of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin.

His brother said the former neighborhood watch volunteer was still processing the reality that he wouldn’t serve prison time for the killing, which Zimmerman, 29, has maintained was an act of self-defense.

Late Saturday night, a jury found him not guilty of second-degree murder and declined to convict him on a lesser charge of manslaughter.

However, with many critics angry over his acquittal, his freedom may be limited.

“This is going to be looking over his shoulder the rest of his life,” Robert Zimmerman Jr. said during an interview on CNN.

Demonstrators upset with the verdict protested mostly peacefully in Florida, Milwaukee, Washington, Atlanta and other cities overnight into the early morning Sunday, but some broke windows and vandalized a police squad car in Oakland during protests in four California cities, authorities said.

Churches also made note of the verdict Sunday morning, with many leaders speaking about the case and urging peace in the aftermath.

“We’re going to be looking over our shoulder the rest of our lives,” Andrew Perkins, 55, a black resident of Sanford, angrily asked outside the courthouse: “How the hell did they find him not guilty?”

“I killed somebody and got away with murder,” Perkins shouted, so angry he shook, looking toward the courthouse.

“Trayvon Martin’s brother, Jahvaris Fulton, said on Twitter: “Et tu America?” known as an expression of betrayal.

In a Sunday afternoon statement, President Barack Obama called Martin’s death a tragedy for America but asked that Americans respect calls for calm reflection.

“I know this case has elicited strong passions,” he said. “And in the wake of the verdict, I know those passions may be running even higher. But we are a nation of laws, and a jury has spoken.”
Pick up the Daily Egyptian each day to test your crossword skills.
SIU head football coach Dale Lennon celebrates with his team Nov. 17 after the Salukis defeated Western Illinois University 35-0 at Saluki Stadium. The Missouri Valley Football Conference announced that 40 SIU football players placed on the 2012-2013 honor roll. SIU is one of only three schools in the conference to place at least 40 student-athletes on the list.

More than three dozen Saluki football players received credit for their academic effort last season.

The Missouri Valley Football Conference announced 40 student-athletes to the honor roll for the 2012-2013 season. Jason Stegman, a graduated long-snapper, earned the President’s Council Academic Excellence Award. Stegman is one of only 17 student-athletes in the MVFC to be chosen for this honor. To be chosen for the award, a 3.5 grade point average must be held and a student must be within 18 credit hours of graduation, along with a minimum of two years in athletics.

Head football coach Dale Lennon said his students need to have success in the classroom and his first goal with an athlete when they enter SIU is to get them to graduate.

"The student part is still a major component of college athletics," Lennon said.

Luke Thuston, a junior from Eureka, Mo., studying physical education, is one of 18 football players to be named to the Commissioner’s Academic Excellence Award. It is Thuston’s third appearance on the list overall. To be recognized for the Commissioner’s Academic Excellence Award, a student must maintain a 3.2 grade point average for two consecutive semesters. SIU had the second highest number of students named for this award in the conference and was one of only three universities to have at least 40 on the honor roll.

Thuston said his parents always told him that athletics would be over one day and he’d need to be successful in life.

"They made sure I was good in school so I was able to continue my life after athletics," Thuston said.

Despite having a pick-six and blocking punts, Thuston said his academic performance has been his largest accomplishment during his time at the university.

Thuston played both sides of the ball at Eureka High School, where he was a two-time all-conference first team defensive back in the 2007 and 2008 seasons. He was also the South Suburban Conference offensive player of the year in 2008 as quarterback.

Taylon Hunter, a junior from Rometown, Ala., studying radio television, is one of the 40 players on the honor roll. This is Hunter’s first time on the honor roll.

"It’s a big accomplishment knowing I can succeed on and off the field," Hunter said.

Hunter played in all 11 games last season as inside linebacker and also played special teams. He also had more than 370 tackles in his high school career and was an all-state selection his senior year.

Hunter said it’s challenging being a student and an athlete, but he doesn’t think it’s too difficult and both can be done. Hunter said he is getting back to the level where teammates can count on him to make a big play like he did in high school.

"It makes me feel good again knowing that I’m someone they can count on," Hunter said.

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