EXTINCTION? By the time suspension ends, no members will be left at SIUC to rebuild.

TAMEKA HICKS and MIKAL HARRIS
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTERS

Frenzied and appalled at the University’s suspension of their Registered Student Organization status, Delta Chi fraternity members are contemplating their options if their second appeal to reinstate them as a Registered Student Organization fails.

The fraternity has until 4:30 p.m. today to submit its appeal to Jean Paratore, associate vice chancellor for Student Affairs and dean of students. If that appeal is denied, the fraternity may have to leave its house at the end of the semester.

After 43 years at SIUC, the fraternity may not be recognized on campus until the end of spring semester 2003. The loss of the fraternity’s RSO status renders the fraternity ineligible for University money from student fees, and forces the fraternity from their Caldwell Hall chapter house at 105 Greek Row. If Delta Chi is not reinstated by the University, the fraternity also will lose recognition from the national Delta Chi organization.

The University’s suspension will effectively terminate formal Greek activity for all current Delta Chi members.

“A suspension period of four years will provide an opportunity for the current charter membership to graduate,” Nancy Hunter Pei, director of Student Development, stated in a letter turning down Delta Chi’s first appeal, “thus allowing the international fraternity to re-colonize, recruiting and initiating new members who may be more clearly dedicated and committed to ideals of fraternalism.”

As a March 5 administrative hearing, Delta Chi’s RSO status was revoked until the end of spring 2002. Student Development officials discovered the fraternity, which was serving its second probation of the school year, organized a Feb. 13 Valentine’s social at the Student Trustee Election commissioner.

As a result of the fraternity’s suspension, the plaques and wooden paddles that once filled the walls of the Delta Chi house have been removed. The visible nail holes where those items once hung are a stark reminder of the fraternity’s plight.

“This is 45 years of tradition down the tubes,” said Brian Vanselow, Delta Chi rush chairman.

Pat Monahan, Delta Chi sergeant-at-arms,

The hopefuls presented their work on slides to Gus Bode.

The students were competing for a prize of $20,000, which is one of the largest college-level art and design awards in the nation.

RICKERT-ZIEBOLD: Annual award recognizes outstanding graduating seniors in art and design.

Landon Williams
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The School of Art and Design made its yearly transformation into an art studio when student galleries in the Allyn Building housed the art work of 13 finalists in the 24th annual Ricket-Ziebold student art competition Sunday.

The students were competing for a prize of $20,000, which is one of the largest college-level art and design awards in the nation.

The Ricket-Ziebold competition is open to graduating seniors in the School of Art and Design. The finalists were chosen from a pool of more than 25 entries.

The hopefuls presented their work on slides to the panel of judges that is made up of School of Art and Design faculty.

The winners of the competition were announced 3:30 p.m. in the first floor hallway of the Allyn Building. Kirk Louis Williams and Greg Gehner

Competition nabs $20,000 for three artists

with metal smithing and Eva Lavenova Nikolova with printmaking were chosen as winners and split the $20,000 prize.

In the past two years there has been four winners — $5,000 for each winner. The year before artists walked away with a little more than $3,000 each.

Faculty judge Bill Byas, a professor in art and design, said the final decision is always a hard decision.

“I never gets easy, especially when you get a body of good work,” he said.

But faculty judge Kay Zivkovich, assistant professor in visual communication, said the small number of finalists made judging easier than last year.

“When there are fewer people exhibiting, the top half of the work is much more obvious,” she said.

Each judge has more than one vote. The votes were cast for all of the presentations the judges felt.

Once tallied, the presentation or presentations with the highest number of votes are designated winners.

“The prize money is not the only thing that

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Jocluon County warrant for driving under the influence of alcohol. Rodgers was arrested at 2:09 a.m. Sunday.

Castantina was also wanted on outstanding warrants issued by the Jocluon County Sheriff's Office.

Arrested was released into the custody of her parole officer.

Andrew C. Bredoupe, 25, of Carbondale was arrested at 2:09 a.m. Sunday. In the 600 block of South Walnut Street for driving under the influence of alcohol and improper parking.

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Tornado season strikes midwest

DEVASTATION: Mattoon twister could happen here as well.

HAROLD G. DOWNE, DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

A vicious tornado unexpectedly swept through the central Illinois city of Mattoon to the pre­
dusk hours of March 28, devast­
ating houses and leaving citi­
eness across sections of the area.

The twister, spawned by a series of severe thunderstorms that punctuated the Midwest that weekend, was the first to hit this city of about 20,000 since 1971.

The tornado reportedly touched down several times, cut­
ing streets and causing widespread destruction before dissipating. It narrowly missed a high school and a hospital, but it killed several customers. It lasted about seven minutes, with the twister tearing apart several homes.

Every tornado strikes portions of the United States with ferocity. The start of the tornado season usually falls in March. However, many areas do not see a tornado until the hot summer days. For Mattoon, however, the season came early this year.

The response was quick.

A tornado touchdown triggers a chain of responses within the state. Such a disaster springs the Illinois Emergency Management Agency into action.

Christine Tammings, spokeswoman for the IEMA, said the process begins locally and funnel­
s through the state government. The agency has managers in every county that provide 24-­
hour contact with the Springfield headquarters, and they are responsible for requesting help from the main operations center.

At that point, we assess the damage and determine what assistance and state resources are available.” Tammings said. “We look at public health and safety issues and whether we have Environmental Protection Agency issues.

We are always in contact with the governor’s staff in order to determine if a state disaster declaration is necessary. We are there only to assist local units of government.

The state disaster declaration, which Governor Jim Edgar issued for Coles County after the Mattoon tornado, requires the area must require additional or local authorities can supply. At that point, Tammings said, it is up to the governor to declare the county a disaster area which he can do in two ways. Either by lis­
tening to the damage status given by the IEMA or by personally surveying the area.

Assets and resources are prov­
ised with no expense to the local government.

“Anything that can be provided as state of Illinois that will enable local units of government not to have to utilize their own

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Amendment to help fund problems

FUNDING: Finance Committee currently governed by four vague guidelines.

TRAVIS DEVLAS
DE POLITE EDITOR

Undergraduate Student Government has only until Thursday to way the Finance Committee han­
dles funding of Registered Student Organizations. If a new reg­
resolution may create better guidelines, some members say.

Jayne Newby, chairwoman of the Finance Committee, has writ­
ten an amendment to USG’s con­
sent that seeks to create con­
sistent funding procedures for the community.

In the current constitution, the Finance Committee is governed by four vague guidelines, and Newby said it is the past.

Her amendment, she said, may prevent USG fund­
ing problems in the future.

“The reason I did this is I felt that the Finance Committee is open to do whatever it wants to concerning fund­ing,” she said. “We don’t want to have a repeat of the problem we had last year, which carried over into this year.”

Last year, the Finance Committee overestimated the amount of funding available to some RSOs, which temporarily left USG without money to fund groups last spring. This year, Newby said the funding pool was restored, USG ended up having a small surplus balance in its general fund account, which is used to fund sponta­
eneous requests.

Newby, though, does not want future Finance Committees to continue to build up an overspending. The first part of that goal was to fund RSOs less expensively in the annual RSO fee allocation process.

Now, Newby plans to intro­
duce the amendment for consid­
mered Wednesday at the Student Senate meeting. The provisions are somewhat stringent, Newby said, which should prevent the Finance Committee from recom­
mending too much funding to organizations.

For example, USG will no longer pay for items such as food and beverages or computers for RSOs. If an RSO needs items, she said, it can pay for them with membership dues or fund-­
ing from outside sources.

We had a lot of groups apply for general funding sim­
ply because they don’t want to go through the process,” Newby said. “In the past, we had some groups who got so much money from filling out a two or three page form as opposed to the 10-­
or 15-page paper form.

In addition, Newby’s amend­
mend provides the Finance Committee to release fee allocation forms. Before, the forms were not available on a consistent basis each year. The amendment rec­
mends the forms be made available the first week of the spring semester.

USG President Dave Vincent said he will talk to the senate and RSOs will be content with the amendment.

“We will get a better picture of expectations and sponsors of RSOs will be able to present their requests in the amendment,” Vincent said. “We will get a better picture of how much RSOs can expect to receive in a year.”

Bill Weatherly, forum chairman, recommended funding process. “That is another amendment that would be an improvement from the spring semester.”

The amendment is expected to be up for a vote at the Student Senate meeting Wednesday.

Neckers closes Monday after fire consumes room

PATTERN? Second fire in two weeks causes smoke, water damage.

COHIME MANNING
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

At about 12:30 p.m. Monday SIUC police and the Car­
bondeale Fire Department evacuated the Neckers Building in the aftermath of the second fire there in two weeks.

The fire, started when sparks from a construction worker’s welder severely damaged Room 501, SIUC Police Sgt. Steve Ellis said. Other parts of the building sus­
tained smoke and water damage.

Ellis said the east side of the Neckers building remained closed for the rest of the day because of smoke damage. It is not expected to reopen.

Hary Terekhfield, assistant fire chief of the Carbondale Fire Department, said there is always a hazard when using welding devices around combustible materials.

The Neckers building has chemistry and biochemistry laborato­
ries in it that contain hazardous and highly flammable chemicals.

A March 23 fire started in the basement of the Neckers building when sparks from a construction worker ignited stored material.

That fire did not cause any injuries or damage to the build­
ing.

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Carl Anderson
Pension plan still needs some work

When PA0-0065 (HB110) became law Jan. 1, the state of Illinois broke its commitment to 40,590 employees covered by the State University Retirement System (SURS). As a result of this legislation, SURS employees who were promised full health care benefits at age 62 completed five years of service or were active for after eight years service were to learn they would have to work 12 to 15 years longer to meet the same coverage. Many of these employees took substantial salary cuts to work at SIU but balanced the lower earning as a trade-off for better retirement. For some, working for the University constituted a second career. Many were women returning to the work force after raising their children or were individuals who found themselves primary bread-winners through the loss of a spouse. The faculty union staged an informational picket by the campus administration proposal was not presented to union members, each trying to show it was not the other. All the events seem to be the priority, the priority, the priority. They passed the civil service exam, scoring competitively among others in the process. They were selected for their expertise and friends cried foul when changes were legislatively imposed on active employees, and an aggressive drive was waged to have HB110 amended during the fall veto session. Though facing opposition, University administrators and powerfiil lobbyists representing other state employees, HB1296 was introduced in the Senate by David Luechtfeld, R-Olottesville, and came within five votes of realizing the three-fifths majority for passage. With the General Assembly reconvened for the spring session, it is important we let Gov. Edgar, SURS officials, University administration and legislators know that the leadership of the House and Senate and lawmakers statewide know we look to them about a remedy for those adversely affected by PAS0-0065 (HB110). Publishing has changed significantly. It was to have had HB110 amended during the fall veto session. The issue in November and the issue now is one of fundamental fairness. The state of the State Address, and again in his Budget Address, Edgar reviewed with pride the accomplishments of his administration, stating that with a $750 million surplus Illinois can now meet some of its obligations. Our Word represents the consensus of the Daily Egypt, an Editorial Board. Our Word

STUC contract negotiations should be the priority, not public posturing

The current contract negotiations between STUC administration and the faculty are expected to be occurring in closed meetings. Or at least the ground rules set at the beginning of the bargaining process stated there would be no bargaining in public. In recent months, however, there have been a lot of public actions by administrators and the faculty which have been to the public. At the risk of heading off the members ourselves in the foot, the Daily Egyptian questions why the negotiations have become so public. Numerous letters to the editor from faculty members, administrators and students have filled the newspaper with a wide variety of opinions and solutions. Administrators have appeared throughout the paper as well, including some that were a full-page in length. The faculty union staged an informational picket, which seems to be more of a publicity stunt than informative display of unity. And most recently, three press conferences between Thursday and Saturday, the first at which STUC President Ted Sanders presented a package offer to the union. The faculty union countered with its own offer Friday, and Sanders and another press conference to announce the rejection of his proposal. Finally on Saturday, Faculty President Jim Sullivan called a press conference to announce the union would seek a mediator for the negotiations process, the first of a four-step union process toward a strike. It seems both the faculty union and administration seem intent on making every action public. What will this accomplish? All the action that occurred at the end of the week, really accomplished nothing. The administration proposal was not presented to union members for a vote, and the sides are now further apart with a mediator being sought. The publicity simply appears as posturing by both sides, each trying to show it is stronger than the other. All the events seem to be provoking division within the media and around campus, but nothing seems to be moved ahead at the bargaining table. The Daily Egyptian supports a quick, yet fair resolution to the negotiations, but this latest round of stunts has hampered that process. Using the media as a way to bump checks and stand up against another is common, but when it begins to affect the negotiations and lead to the possibility of damaging students' ability to get an education or residence, it has gone too far. Stop the public posturing and make real progress, before the students become an innocent casualty. The words written and spoken in the media may not have our confidence, but they do not provide a solution.

“Our Word” represents the consensus of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board.
Art Award

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makes the competition great but quality of work presented as well,” chairwoman Karen Johnston said. “Both of these elements combine to make the Rickeith-Ziebold competition highly prestigious.”

The judges chose the finalists by the strength of the pieces and the best represented work of the various disciplines. This was a decision Johnston calls a formidable task. “It was a very strong group of competitors,” Johnston said. “The only thing harder is going to be voting on a winner.”

The strength of the individual pieces was the final criteria of judging. The work displayed demonstrated a variety of diverse styles, complex design and quality craftsmanship.

The 13 finalists represented the areas of painting, metal smithing, industrial design, fiber art and visual communications.

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is hoping for the best but expect­
ing the worst. Although they may have to vacate their charter house, Monahan said the fraternity will continue to fight together.

"I'm going to miss this house because of the tradition," Monahan said. "I'm just not going to split up. We're always going to be together in spirit, and we will continue to fight together."

Jay Curtis, Delta Chi presi­dent, said the fraternity has been receiving overwhelming support from other Greeks as well as Delta Chi alumni. But Curtis said sup­port has not been found in the national chapter.

"We have weakened national involvement," he said. "They're not helping us at all. We haven't heard from Bill Tallman [director of Delta Chi chapter development] since a fast hearing [March 5]."

Their priority is to make sure Delta Chi will be here at [SIUC] in four years. He's working more with the University.

Tallman said from his Iowa City office that he has been working to help the chapter by consulting with the University, and with fraternity alumni mem­bers throughout the appeals process.

"We've been monitoring the case by talking to Student Development and members of the alumni board," he said. "We're helping local alumni to help the chapter.

But even while monitoring the local chapter's troubles, Tallman was unaware that the fraternity has retained a lawyer. He is not cer­tain that the lawyer -- who Curtis said was working on the case -- would actually be involved in fighting the fraternity.

"I don't know anything about that," he said. "I'm not exactly sure that a lawyer will be helpful in the final outcome.

We have to let the wheels of justice turn."

Tallman was unaware of the lawyer's involve­ment in the case, Pei said the fra­terity has a right to seek legal counsel.

"The St.-Cath Conroe Code provides for students and students organizations to have an adviser present to assist in the appeals process," she said. "That adviser certainly can be a lawyer.

But Pei said retaining a lawyer is not a guarantee that Delta Chi will be reinstated on campus by the University. Advisers cannot be involved in actual decision making.

"The adviser is not an actual participant in the process," she explained. "The University, Advisers cannot be involved in actual decision making.

During the appeal process, however, the formal University appeals process is over. The fraternity can consult with other advisers -- including Chancellor Don Beggs, with whom Curtis already has consulted.

Diggins has said he cannot and would not accept the "tornado alley" term that is misused, he said.

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The SIUC men's track and field team, honored for academic excellence Monday.

The Salukis posted a 3.16 overall grade point average during the 1997-98 academic year and were ranked 27th out of 46 schools in the nation for their efforts in the classroom. The academic selections were made by the U.S. Cross Country Coaches Association.

Teams were required to maintain at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA and compete at their NCAA district qualifying meets while maintaining a minimum of five full-time students.

Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville topped the list with a 3.55 team GPA. SIU took 2nd place, followed by Montana State University, the University of Dayton and Weber State University rounded out the top five.

Tennis

Helen Johnson were the only two women's coach, Judy Auld said. "When we play 110 percent, it's not good with her. She never is caught off guard and she never has a foul situation.

The Salukis' strategy.

The SIUC men's tennis team

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SIUC will miss Scott's desire for the game

SIUC women's basketball coach Cindy Scott has been described as intense when she coaches, but she brings a high level of enthusiasm to the court. It was never an uncommon occurrence for her to vocalize her objection to a bad call or how disappointed when her players made a mistake on the court.

In one example of her intensity at a game, she famously grabbed a ball that bounced out of play next to her. She held onto the ball and pulled some of her players next to her and began explaining the next play. In the meantime, the referee was signaling for the ball, and the players were returning to the court to set up the play.

Scott ignored the official. The official kept looking at her and motioning for the ball. Scott just kept coaching. Finally, the official had to walk over and personally get the ball from Scott.

Scott's desire extends beyond the court. Women's basketball at SIUC - nothin' but a thing. Scott's desire to vocalize her objection to a bad call or her disappointment when her players make a mistake is a testament to her dedication to winning.

But SIUC will miss Scott's desire for the game. Scott's resignation from her coaching position was announced earlier this month. Scott has been the head coach at SIUC for 59 years. Scott has been the head coach at SIUC for 59 years. Scott has been the head coach at SIUC for 59 years. Scott has been the head coach at SIUC for 59 years. Scott has been the head coach at SIUC for 59 years.

Despite effort Salukis still fall to Shockers

DISAPPOINTING: SIUC men fail to show more intensity, but play better tennis against MVC champ WSU.

Paul Wilekens

The SIUC men's tennis team failed to show much in the challenge Saturday but stepped up in play Sunday.

SIUC fell to defending Missouri Valley Conference champions Wichita State University 7-0 Sunday. The Salukis continued MVC play Sunday, losing to Southwest Missouri State University 9-2, in their first home match of the season. The Salukas overall record stands at 3-10 and 0-3 in MVC play.

The Salukis were without their No. 3 play er Jack Oxtor when they faced Wichita State University Saturday. Oxtor and sophomore Rick Smyth pulled out a 6-0, 6-0 victory in No. 1 doubles.

"We came out flat against Wichita," Itoor said. "I was really disappointed with our intensity level." SIUC opened its match with Southwest Missouri State University with a renewed desire and intensity level it did not have against Wichita.

SIUC began the day by winning two of the three doubles matches to enter singles play up 1-0. Freshman Kenny Itoor and senior Nick Eskin handled SMSU's No. 2 team 8-1 while Oxtor and sophomore Rick Smyth pulled out a 6-0, 6-0 victory in No. 1 doubles.

Leading 1-0, the Salukis needed to win three of the six singles matches for the victory. Oxtor won the 2-3 match over Kenny Itoor defeated SMSU's player Zelko Gakouz, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4 in the No. 1 match. Gakouz was named to the MVC All-Conference team a year ago.

"I am satisfied, but I am not thrilled with..." (see TENNIS, PAGE 11)

IT'S A HIT: Saluki tennis player Michael Smith, a sophomore in marketing from Australian, returns a serve during a match against Wichita State University Saturday at the SIUC Tennis Court.

Hoosier state shows no mercy to Saluki golfers

UNFO: GIVING: Women's golf teams finish in 11th place out of 15 teams.

Devin Miller

The University of Notre Dame (953) led other competitors in sixth place, while Missouri Valley Conference rival Illinois State University finished 13th with a 996. Senior co-captain Jamie Smith led the Saluki effort with a three-round total of 234. Smith recovered from an opening-round 83 to post scores of 77 and 82 in capturing SIUC's top honors and finishing 37th overall.

Senior co-captain Stacy Skillman finished right behind Smith with scores of 84, 81 and 81 for a 246 and 43rd place.

Freshman Elizabeth Ufford added an 85, 82 and 82 for a 249 and 49th while孢Copiere Andrea Walker finished 56th after shooting rounds of 85, 80 and 85 for a 250. Senior Jama Zimmerman rounded out the Salukis' efforts with a score of 88 and 126th place.

Indiana's Jennifer Seger and Erin Causer led four Indiana golfers in the top seven and six of the top 20 individually. Seger finished the field with a 71, 80 and 70 for medalist honors at 221. Carney shot rounds of 77, 74 and 75 for a second-place tie with Purdue's Stacy Oerlach at 226.

Michelle Hatfield finished in fourth at 229, Jenny Gray in seventh at 231, Inga Snyder in 10th at 236 and Sami Montgomery in 20th at 39.