Drivers who crowd bikers could see jail time

LAUREN LEONE
Daily Egyptian

The state recently followed suit in a matter that SIUC has already learned the hard way.

Gov. Pat Quinn signed a bicycle safety bill July 5 to increase penalties for drivers who overcrowd bicyclists, but Todd Sigler, director of the SIUC department of public safety, said the university has already made strides to insure bike safety.

"We don't want to see any injuries," Sigler said. "With our population trying to travel on campus, you've got a lot of things coming together in just about any form of transportation."

The bill, which will take effect January 1, will make it illegal for drivers to crowd or threaten bicyclists by unnecessarily driving too close to a cyclist, according to the Illinois state website. Depending on whether serious injuries occur, it is either a Class A misdemeanor or a Class 4 felony. The misdemeanor is punishable up to one year in prison or a $5,000 fine.

In 2001, Anne Goltman, a student in the Dental Hygiene Program, was killed in a crosswalk, when a vehicle struck her bicycle on SIUC's campus. Following the death, the campus speed limit dropped from 25 mph to 20 mph, Sigler said.

Police issued 414 more warnings and tickets to motorists caught speeding in spring 2002 — the spring following Goltman's death — as compared to spring 2001, according to a DAILY EGYPTIAN report. Fines for speeding increased from $15 to $50 to $200 but have not increased since, Sigler said.

Sigler said if a driver had intentionally tried to run into a bicyclist with their car, it was only classified as reckless conduct before. The new law is an addition to the Illinois Vehicle Code, which allows for penalties for violating the law to be attached to one's drivers license, he said.

Sigler said department records show there were five accidents involving bicycles on campus in 2009. Two of the five involved a car with minor injuries to the bicyclist. In 2008, six of 19 collisions involving bikes also involved a car, Sigler said.

In 2007, two of the eight bicycle accidents involved a car, with minor injuries to the bicyclist. SIUC had one one-car collision this year, with injuries to the cyclist's hand, knee and elbow. The cyclist declined an ambulance, Sigler said.

The consequences of overcrowding bicycles were hit or miss before the bill was signed, said Anne Johnson, vice president of the Carbonade Bicycle Club and board member for the League of Illinois Bicyclists.

"A car would do something by accident, and nobody did anything about it most of the time," she said.

Although the law increases penalties for drivers, Johnson said bicyclists should ride responsibly, too.

"You need to ride as if you were a car," she said. "If you're coming to a sidewalk to cross the street, stop."

The biggest distinction between campus and city regulations is bicyclists are required to walk through the crosswalk on campus, Sigler said.

Phillip Kaszubski, a senior from Carbondale studying criminal justice, said he didn't know he had to walk through the crosswalk, but does stop before he rides through it.

"I don't think the rule is really enforced," he said.

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Student Services Center constructs parking questions

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

Plans for the construction of a new student service building, have taken a turn, which could turn people to scramble for fewer parking spaces.

Steven Bates, vice chancellor for administration and finance, presented plans for a new student service center to the Board of Trustees on Thursday, which would be built at the site of the two-story parking garage on Lincoln Drive, next to the Student Center.

SIUC President Glenn Puskar said construction of the building, which would house departments such as Undergraduate Admissions and Financial Aid, is vital to appealing to prospective students — as well as making life easier for current students.

"There's no question of how great a need this had," he said. He said the "the Woody Hall Shuffle" process where students go around the former dormitory looking for different departments, has been an issue since he was at SIU in the 1960s.

"This building is so inadequate to meet the needs for our students that it's not even funny," Puskar said.

The building, which still needs the approval of the BOT before construction, will cover 75,000 square feet and cost about $17 million, said university spokesman Rod Stevens. He said it would be paid for through student fees already in place and issue revenue bonds.

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Chicago police to fingerprint handgun owners

CHICAGO — The Chicago Police Superintendent Jody Weis (WES) says the department will fingerprint anyone who wants to legally own a handgun in the city. Weis outlined at a news conference Monday how the department plans to implement the handgun ordinance that just went into effect. He says the cost for a Chicago f热rmara permit will be a flat fee of $100, and registering guns will cost an additional $15 per gun.

Weis also says the department will soon provide information about where residents can get the ordinance's required training — a four-hour class and one hour of gun range training.

City Council passed the ordinance ten days ago, after the U.S. Supreme Court issued a ruling that effectively invalidated Chicago's 28-year-old handgun ban.

Blago judge: Defense questions 'a waste of time'

CHICAGO — A judge says Rod Blagojevich is not stopping the ousted governor's former deputy about alleged plans to appoint Attorney General Lisa Madigan to President Barack Obama's old Senate seat.

Judge James Zagel told attorney Aaron Goldstein on Monday the questions had become a "waste of time" because former Deputy Gov. Robert Gec绝大多数 didn't know much about the issue.

Goldstein had been questioning Gec绝大多数 without much in an attempt to develop evidence that Blagojevich had been planning to name Madigan as part of dea to get state legislative approval.

Prosecutors say that claim is false and what Blagojevich really wanted was a Cabinet position or high-paying job in exchange for the seat. Blagojevich has pleaded not guilty to all charges.

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Get heard with Voices

Kaufman said no one should be held more responsible than the other. "You're up against a couple-thousand pound vehicle, so bicyclists need to pay attention too," he said.

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University receives nearly $800,000 in research grants

LAUREN LEONE
Daily Egyptian

University research projects will collectively receive more than $770,000 in grants.

For the third time in three weeks, the university has been awarded a research-based grant. The most recent grant of nearly $125,000 will support Michelle Kirby, assistant professor of psychology and her project titled "Are Frontal Lobe Size and Executive Dysfunction Contributors to ADHD and Dyslexia," according to a news release from Congressman Jerry Costello.

"This is great news for the institution," Chancellor Raja Cheng said. "It's a testament to the quality of our faculty and research."

"I believe Michelle Kirby's research will be of great impact to students; Chancellor search will be of great impact," Costello said. "This is great news." Cheng said in the release. "It's just a great example of all the work that is being done in the Eliseus Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development."

Research and development provides tremendous benefits to not only the university but all of society," Costello said in the release. More than $360,000 was awarded to a research project under the physiology department, June 29. The grant money came from the National Institutes of Health and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded the grant.

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**Guest Column**

Front-page photo sent wrong message

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SIUC graduate, PhD

I am an SIUC graduate with a doctorate degree from the Department of Psychology some years ago. I also work and reside in the Carbondale community. This is the first time I’ve written to the Daily Egyptian regarding the content of your usually excellent newspaper.

I think it was a very poor decision on the part of the Daily Egyptian editors to place a large and colorful photo on the front page of the July 5 edition of the newspaper of a student “chugging his drink using a beer bong.” The caption reads “On-campus debauchery!” The quote from a named SIU senior included by the Daily Egyptian writer Jess Vermeulen with this photo goes on to state: “I love going to sunset concerts because they are like one big party.” The rest of this brief paragraph went on to say that the best part of the concerts is the fact that “spectators may drink on campus.”

The SIUC community, which includes the town of Carbondale and surrounding residential communities, has worked long and hard over at least the past 30 years to combat the reputation of SIUC as a “party school” and to emphasize its academic excellence and success of its graduates. Over the years, I have been told by numerous parents that they would not send their children to SIUC because of “all the drinking that goes on there.”

Your front-page photo of a beer bong and the accompanying commentary creates as an indelible image of the university as a “party school” which serves to decrease the number of qualified applicants seeking admission to this university. As the enrollment decreases, the financial situation worsens and the quality of education currently provided is threatened. The other damaging thrust of this photo and accompanying article highlights that a senior at this university is proud to share his immature opinion that the best reason to go to the sunset concerts is to drink on campus. Nothing is mentioned about the quality of the music and the fortiness this fosters among the attendees or any of a myriad number of other healthy and educational reasons one might gather with others to enjoy music outdoors.

I strongly urge the editors of the Daily Egyptian to become more aware of the academic excellence of this university as well as the regional mores of this extended community in which they live and study. It is incumbent on you to take your responsibilities seriously in portraying this university a leader of education in this geographic area and the positive impact the institution makes on its students.
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- **HITRHE**
- **CRION**

Answer: **AND** **TO** **WHER** **AND**

**THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME**

You look tabby,

It was grunting,

But I lost 50 pounds.

There are 12 words in the puzzle. Use each letter once and only once to complete the sentences.

**SUDOKU**

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3x3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Break**

For the answers to today’s puzzles, check out dailyegyptian.com!
RECRUITS

"I really love Audra and the entire SIU team; I love SIU. The campus was beautiful and the academic reputation," a freshman from Las Vegas, Nev., won the Nevada high school state championships in singles and doubles. The network ranked her as the No. 1 high school player in Nevada. She is ranked 126th nationally and is a three-star player. During her senior year, she was 10-9 against four-star players.

"That's what is impressive about them," Nothwehr said. "They already have a good ranking but they should be ranked even higher."

Butoy, a freshman from Bucundu, Africa, trained at the International Tennis Federation academy in South Africa with Saluki Anastasia Simmons and 2009 MVC Tennis Player of the Year Fadiala Newhore. Nothwehr said Simmons and Newhore told her about Butoy's talent. Butoy is ranked No. 1 in Kenya.

COLUMN

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The Heat could possibly win three to four championships in the next five years, but the Bulls could provide the toughest challenge to the Heat. In the conference, the Boston Celtics, who signed Paul Pierce and Ray Allen, are too old and will not be able to run with the Heat. Orlando has the athletic ability and shooters, but it has not shown the winning drive needed to beat a team with three players who came together with the sole purpose of winning multiple championships.

As a Bulls fan, I was upset when the Bulls didn't get one of the three big name free agents, but with their other moves they quickly went from summer losers to winners.

But in order for James to save his image, the Heat will have to win at least three consecutive championships.

James killed his positive image with NBA fans when he decided to go on ESPN to announce his plans. The way he handled his contract negotiations is unprecedented in sports. He made sure all lights were always on him. James had the right to choose where he wanted to play, but he didn't have the right to make himself more important than the NBA Finals or to verbally disrespect the Cleveland Cavaliers and their fans.

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STAFF COLUMN

Three is company, five is a team

The old adage 'three is company, five is a team' has been redefined in the NBA free agency predictions. The self-proclaimed kings, LeBron James, and Shaquille O'Neal, have joined the Miami Heat. The team has spent most of its money on James, Wade, and Bosh. The result is the beginning of a dynasty. The championship parade will be happening in South Beach as members of the Miami Heat.

Wade and James are two of the three all stars in the league. Bosh is one of the best scoring big men in the NBA and all of them are in their prime. Add them together and the result is the beginning of a dynasty. On paper, this is the best trio in the league and arguably of all time. Championship parades will be happening in Miami if the Heat can survive one major problem — they have to field a minimum NBA active roster.

Miami Heat President Pat Riley has only Mario Chalmers on his roster besides the big three and the NBA requires at least 12 players. Miami spent most of its money on James, Bosh and Wade. Anybody else who joins the team will have to take minimum contracts. Usually, the only players who will take a pay cut to win a championship are the veterans.

The first one who comes to mind is Shaquille O'Neal. The 38-year-old is only going to be in the league for one or two more years. Why not go out on top? Bosh, who was a center by default in Toronto, has stated many times he wants to play his natural position. O'Neal is the big body the Heat would need to make Bosh's dream come true.

Another possibility is forward Mike Miller. Miller is a glue guy, meaning, he can do a little bit of everything statistically and the intangibles such as extra passes, court vision and hustle — not in box scores — but helps the team play better.

If not O'Neal or Miller, the Heat will probably sign second or third year players for small contracts such as QO or two-way contracts. If the Heat fail to surround their holy triumvirate with solid veterans, the Chicago Bulls may be contenders.

BIllDING THE BODY Melvin Williams chooses from an array of dumbbells in the weight room Monday at the Recreation Center before he conducted a workout focused on his biceps. Williams, a senior studying exercise science and information systems technology, said he participated but lost in a bodybuilding competition Sunday. He competed on the professional card and lost to someone who had 30 more pounds of muscle, he said. Now, instead of eating jars of peanut butter to burn off and make weight, he's focused on working out seven days a week, he said. "I'm getting leaner, eating fruit and chicken, rather than trying to gain weight fast," Williams said.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

Salukis boast 13th ranked recruitment class

BRANDON LACHANCE

Daily Egyptian

SIU women's tennis team has added its highest ranked recruiting class in the last decade to the program.

The Tennis Recruiting Network ranked the Salukis incoming class 13th among mid-major teams. No other Missouri Valley Conference team finished in the top-20.

Head coach Audrey Nobleski said she is excited about her three new players: Kiley Love, Anita Lee and Aziza Butaud.

"It's really exciting, because I think the returning players know they're going to get pushed by these freshmen," Nobleski said. "Usually it takes freshmen, some time, a year or so, to get acclimated to the pace of college tennis, but I really think this class is going to come in and make a statement right away."

Anita Blackstock, an assistant coach and graduate assistant in sports studies, said players are

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