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Old equipment has not stopped the Dairy from winning award of excellence

KELLY E. HERTHLEN
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS EDITOR

For the past six years, a team of students and faculty working at the SIUC Dairy Farm has attempted to win an award for quality milk production in 12 consecutive months, yet dilapidated conditions and worn equipment have obstructed the goal.

Despite the lack of technology and protruding obstacles, the College of Agriculture was awarded the 1999 Premier Dairyman Superior Quality Milk Production for 12 consecutive months Tuesday.

The old buildings and outdated equipment have not hindered the output and working efforts of the farm staff this year. Head foreman for the Dairy Center Dennis Devore said faulty equipment and human error have kept the dairy farm from receiving the award in the past.

"The last six years we've made it 10 to 13 months, and the last years it has been due to have equipment break down or not catching something on time," Devore said.

Dean for the College of Agriculture David Shoup said although at first glance the dairy farm appears shaky, the operations are going well.

"Even though those facilities look a little rough, we've had an awesome second year," Shoup said. "And that says something."

Inadequate parking, rusted tractors, a small yard, occasional lighting and equipment failure are only a few of the problems dairy farm operation contends with each day. A student-faculty run hands-on educational outlet, the dairy farm seems to be in need of renovation and repair.

Devore said a team effort allows the farm to obtain productive goals, but the job would be easier for everyone involved.

If the facilities were updated.

"The conditions have made it harder than what it would be if we had never equipment," Devore said. "It's not been the easiest thing to deal with; things are more prone to breaking down. But you work with the system that you have. It's just like anything else."

Much of the operating equipment of the dairy farm is dated about 15 years, hindering many options and opportunities for the workers. Devore said it is not necessarily the everyday production that suffers from inadequate technology, but the students who work with the equipment.

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USG loses attendance battle to Rams

President attributes low senator turnout to NFL playoffs

GINNY SKALAKI
DAILY EYPSIAN REPORTER

Take 11 Undergraduate Student Government senators and throw them in a football game. Some will get hurt, some will stand up and do what they got to.

One senator of a USG quorum.

Fifteen USG senators were absent from Sunday night's meeting, forcing USG leaders to cancel the meeting. At least 15 senators have to be present to have a quorum, the minimum required number of members present to allow USG to have a meeting.

The meeting was scheduled to follow the USG spring retreat, a mandatory event that is designed to educate senators how to attend a meeting.

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Grad student life claimed by pneumonia

Robert McNeal remembered by friends as friendly, humble

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Jamel Jackson and Robert McNeal both anticipated graduating in May from SIUC, and looked forward to finding schools where they would earn their degrees.

Their plans were disrupted when McNeal's life ended Jan. 13 after a week-long bout with pneumonia. The 24-year-old graduate student in rehabilitation administration from St. Charles was admitted to Mercy Medical Center in Aurora Jan. 9, complaining of chest pains. He died four days later.

Jackson and another close friend, Randall Beamon, both spoke at the funeral service for his friend that same afternoon.

"McNeal was a member of the Black Graduate Student Association, Omega Phi Chi fraternity and members of the local Tau Beta Pi lodge members attended funeral services. McNeal's family and friends all attended funeral services."

"If you looked up the word friend in a dictionary for its definition, his name and picture should be there," said Jackson, a graduate student in business administration. "There are so many adjectives that can be used to describe him. He definitely made a positive impact on my life."

As a graduate student at the University of Illinois at Carbondale, Project 12-Ways through the Rehabilitation Institute. Project 12-Ways is a program that works with and teaches families in 11 Southern Illinois counties the skills necessary to function without abuse and neglect.

Friends are referring to the program through the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

McNeal had an excellent rapport with the families he worked with and enjoyed his job, according to Rosalia Fulia, clinical supervisor for Project 12-Ways. Fulia worked alongside McNeal for the year and a half he spent with the program.

She remembers getting to know McNeal closely on long drives to visit families in the Mount Vernon area who were involved in the 12-Ways program.

"The man never complained," Fulia said. "He never spoke poorly of anyone. He never gossiped. He was an excellent driver. There was nothing not to like about him."

Both Jackson and Beamon met McNeal while they were undergraduate students at SIUC. A week after the funeral,

"I feel him being his usual joke self," Beamon said. "A lot of people just called him a big silly bear. He was the biggest person."
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An SUIC student was arrested and charged with felony harassment by宿舍police. University police reported Monday. Dennis C. Erila, a resident of AJewly Hall, was subsequently taken to Jackson County Jail and held on the charges.

Charles Davis, 20, of Lebanon, was arrested at the Student Center at 6:23 a.m. Friday on a warrant for failure to appear in court. Davis was taken to Jackson County Jail.

Kieran Suryk, 19, of Carbondale was arrested and charged with driving while under the influence of alcohol at 12:37 a.m. Saturday. University police said Suryk was driving in the 200 block of East Grand Avenue.

An SUIC student told University police a license plate was stolen from a car. It was parked in Lot 82 between 1 and 8:40 a.m. Saturday. There are no suspects in this incident.

Matthew L. Rose, 20, of Carbondale, was arrested and charged with public intoxication at 2:20 a.m. in Lot 25. The arrest was released on a Carbondale party-mail citation.

A 19-year-old Carbondale woman told University police the she was approached by a man with a handgun in Barrington Area at 11:30 p.m. Sunday. Police said the man made no threats at the woman. The suspect was described as a 5-foot-6-inch white male with dark hair and a pierced eyebrow. He was last seen wearing a white T-shirt.

An 18-year-old male student said he was battered in front of Allen Hall at 11:30 p.m. Sunday by an unknown man. Police said the car in which the man fled has been identified. The victim was treated and released from Memorial Hospital of Carbondale.

A 19-year-old Mee Smith residing told University police his keys, wallet and watch were stolen from his room between 2:30 a.m. Wednesday and 2:30 a.m. Sunday. There are no suspects in this incident.

Marcus A. Senky, 18, of Carbondale turned himself in to police after a warrant for failure to appear in court on an original charge of retail theft was issued and he posted a cash bond and was released.

An 18-year-old man was injured when a snowball hit him in the face during a snowball fight in Sam Rossia Field at 1 a.m. Monday. University police said the victim was identified in the incident and the case is being referred to the state's attorney general.

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Steve Samek speaks to students in the newly remodeled room 18 of Rehn Hall Monday evening. Samek, a guest speaker from Arthur Andersen, was standing in front of two blackboards that will function as high-tech blackboards with electronic, interactive projection screens. The high tech classroom also features cameras for distance learning and will eventually house 20 spaces with a PowerUp module allowing students to connect laptops, ipods, modems, printers and computer networks.

HOPE pressures legislators to change board

Group working to incorporate SIU affiliates on board

BRETT SCOTT
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Southern Illinois HOPE's number one concern this spring is to pressure state representatives under Gov. George Ryan to replace the Board of Trustees with members who are related to SIU.

A committee of four from HOPE is lobbying in Springfield, while other members are writing letters to legislators and state representatives wanting to change structure is the board. Beverly Stitt, co-coordinator of HOPE, said about 240 members of the group are each contributing in different ways.

"We are doing everything we can to get people who are committed to SIU and Southern Illinois on the board," Stitt said.

HOPE formed after the June 2001 termination of former SIUC Chancellor John Argensinger. The group seeks to educate the public about the board's actions while legal appeals and legislative initiatives are "on-going," according to its website.

Legal opposition to trustees, including Board Chairman A.D. Van Meter, could open positions on the board next year if judicial action is taken.

"We believe it is needed on campus," Stitt said. "There are things you don't really learn from the book, but you learn from talking to professors that tell you what to expect."

The classroom has been named in honor of its benefactor, Arthur Andersen.

Guest speaker at the event was Stew M. Samek, Arthur Andersen's country managing partner and 1973 SIUC alumnus. With Samek at the ceremony between SIUC and the Arthur Andersen consulting firm, COBA was able to get 83 percent of the funding for this project. The funds were used in supplying all of the electronic media technology and the renovation of the classroom. The University funded the wiring of the classroom and the School of Accounting funded the furniture.

During his speech, Samek spoke highly of his years at SIUC, which played a major part in Arthur Andersen's funding of COBA's projects.

"I wanted to make an investment where I can become successful," Samek said.

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Members of the SIUC faculty divided by bridge

Some teachers feel Necker's overpass is a waste of money

COLE BONHOMMEE
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Members of the SIUC faculty are divided on the idea of the University's plan to build an overpass bridge between Necker and the Engineering Building.

Members of the faculty favoring the bridge think it is needed on campus and can save the University on several different levels, such as lessening congestive traffic in that area and providing student safety.

John Adams, a law professor, said the bridge has important research appeal to students because of the new materials that will be used to build the bridge.

"It is a beautiful combination between research and practical application," Adams said.

While some are strongly in favor of building the overpass, others think the University could spend the money elsewhere.

English professor Mary Lamb thinks the money should be spent on supporting academic programs.

"It's not going to make money in an overpass when the University is losing a lot of traffic to truck faculty," Lamb said.

The overpass, which has been three years in the making, will begin construction in June 2001 and will take three to six months to complete. At least five members of the faculty, five in engineering students, and 10-12 people from the Illinois Department of Transportation will be on hand to ensure the project's success. The bridge will be built from the west end outward, which Adams notes will make golf carts, frisbee grass boats and yachts easier to drive.

Some members of faculty think the bridge will solve other needs of the University but that graduate students involved in the project.

"I think it's a good idea," Ewing, a geography professor, said. "It will be a useful project for the University.

"It's practical use to alleviate the traffic jam and it also includes the students," Ewing said.

Another vocal objector is mathematics professor John Gregory. Gregory is unsure about the amount of thought given to building the bridge.

"The whole thing is just wrong," Gregory said. "They have never been no studies or prototypes.

"Another concern of Gregory is how and why the project will be built and questions regarding whether or not it was actually wanted.

"They seem to like a quasi smooth project that is not ever," Gregory said.

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SIUC needs student input

Undergraduate Student Government has vacated in at least 10 of 41 senator positions. The loss of seats and eight commissioners positions to start the semester this year. Keeping with the current pattern of SIUC leadership, perhaps we should appoint an handful of intern senator in those places until students begin to take an interest in their school.

USG President Sean Henry insists a surplus of chairs in the first few meetings of every semester is not unusual and nothing to worry about. But in a time easily characterized as a transitional period for our University - a time marked by low enrollment, state funding, discord among faculty and administration, and a veritable leadership crisis - maybe lack of student enthusiasm is something to worry about.

Any day of the week, you can walk into a classroom or through the Student Center and know that students do notice and even care what is going on around them. "It took me three full days and a parking space for class today," they’ll say, "to find a parking space for class today.” These places, along with many more everyday issues are discussed in USG meetings every week. Granted, USG does not report directly to the President and it is state funding that means the most influential force on campus, but what does it have a voice?

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Columnist to visit SIUC campus

Sun-Times writer to share insights on politics and journalism

Antonio Young
Academic Affairs Reporter

Known by avid readers for his short, quick introductions, Steve Neal, a renowned author and columnist for the Chicago Sun-Times, is stepping onto campus for the third- consecutive spring semester to share his insights on political and governmental reporting with journalism students.

Mike Lawrence, associate director for the Public Policy Institute at SIUC, and a journalism professor, is welcoming Neal to his classes at 9:35 a.m. today in the Communications Building with the intent to educate students on professional journalism.

"He has a very good grasp of American history, and he is certainly very much on top of current events," Lawrence said. "I think it is good to have people who are doing it professionally to come because it brings different perspectives."

Steve Neal, a political columnist for the Chicago Sun-Times since 1987, is also working with the SIU Press who published his book, "Rolling on the River: The Best of Steve Neal," a collection of columns on various topics including politics, sports, movies, literature, and film.

"Steve is a very influential person in Illinois politics and people really pay attention to what he writes in his columns," Lawrence said. "He's a good writer and 'Rolling on the River' may have something to catch your eye."

Neal's book contains a foreword by former Senator and political science professor Paul Simon, who is also having Neal speak on the Abolitionist's Movement in one of his classes today. Neal, as well, is the author of "Dark Horse: A Biography of Wendell L. Willkie," cited by many in the political science community as one of the most notable books of 1984.

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investigated Gov. Ryan. HOPE is also questioning the Jan. 13 appointments of interim President Frank Horton.

Shin and Martin Kleinau, professors emeritus, believe Horton was selected as interim president at a meeting in Springfield months before Horton was actually appointed.

Kleinau, in Springfield at the time of the meeting, said a personal contact — who he refused to name — told him that Horton was selected at that meeting.

"It doesn't surprise me that they didn't ask for input from anyone," Kleinau said.

But according to Diana Exner, an SIUC alumnus, trustees denied the accusation at the board meeting Dec. 9 that the attended.

"They were belligerent and felt personally attacked when someone at the meeting asked if an interim was already selected," Exner said.

Other HOPE members were still disappointed in the immediate selection of Horton and the way in which he was chosen.

Randy Hughes, HOPE treasurer, said the board did not provide a quality search for Horton and he knew he could serve SIU the same capacity.

"I believe his name came up because President Sanders knew of Horton and knew he could serve SIU at the interim capacity," Kaiser said.

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After canceling the meeting, Miller expressed his disappointment to the senate about the attendance rate.

"We're going to have to pull together and work really hard because we have a bad situation here, and we need to retain some dignity and integrity in this senate," Miller said.

Currently there are 11 vacant senate seats.

Henry said the number of filled senate seats usually drops at the beginning of each semester because of students graduating or not meeting grade point average requirements.

In addition to the senate seats, there are three open commission positions.

"The government right now is at a really weak point," Miller said. "Everyone needs to get together to bring (USG) back to where it needs to be."

Because USG meetings are scheduled in advance, Henry said he was disappointed senators could not find time in their schedules to attend.

"As a senator, you're supposed to be a student leader," Henry said. "If you don't come to the meetings you're not doing your job."

Miller is also concerned that because of the low attendance and vacant positions, the student body is not getting full representation from its student government.

"It's having students unrepresented and that's not really fair to the students," he said.

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Nikki Giovanni

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Nikki Giovanni
January 29, 2000, 7:00 pm
Student Center Ballroom B

There have been cameras installed in the front and back of the room to give both the student and instructor angle. The plasma boards and cameras will also allow companies to conduct interviews with students without having to meet in person.

Some companies use these distance rooms to interview students rather than fly down or fly students to them," said Fisher. "They'll interview a face-to-face interview without ever actually having to be in the same place."

"We have the kind of opportunities that none of us had when we were in school," said Karnes. "By finding common grounds with outside partners, we can move forward."

There will also be 48 workspaces installed in the classroom. Each workspace will have PowerUp modules allowing students to connect laptops, phones, printers, and computer networks. This furniture has not yet been installed, but it should be by mid-semester.

"The placement center is in a prominent place in the college, so it would show the importance that we put on placement of our students, and it would help our prospective students, recruitment of students and our current students," Cavarrarita said. "It would help us build better ties with employers who want to come in and meet with our students."
Exten program is a reminder to think ahead

Students are shown the benefits of planning for life after college

Anne Marie Twelley
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORTER

Traditionally, spring break brings thoughts of lounging on beaches and trucking down highways, but for Kevin Guesbert the week brings a chance to step into his future. Guesbert, a junior in agriculture from University, has been selected for the Alumni Association's Exten 2000 Program. He will spend his spring break working at the Monsanto Co., in St. Louis.

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Across from the [University] Museum, the dairy farm is probably the second most visited place on campus. Shoup said, "It is a popular spot on the campus tours." Because of its popularity and resources, Shoup said: "If any problems, it's the same as any other farm." The dairy is currently milking about 35 cows twice a day, at 5 a.m. and 5 p.m. Each cow produces about 20,000 pounds of milk a year.

In regards to funding, the dairy farm utilizes money pooled from the income of each of the farms: dairy, beef and swine. Devore said the system is devised to act as a balance between operations, meaning if the dairy farm failed to make a profit one year, the beef and swine farms would likely supplement its income.

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Saluki center gets a true ‘shocker’ after Wichita State loss

CHRISTINE BOLIN
DAILY EAGLE REPORTER

After last Saturday's 61-39 loss at Wichita State University, SIU women's basketball center Kristine Abramowski received something from her boyfriend that eased her pain stemming from the loss — an engagement ring.

Abramowski returned home from Wichita early that Sunday, she was surprised to see her long-distance boyfriend of two-and-a-half years, 28-year-old high school teacher Paul Everding, at her apartment.

"I was going to him his birthday gift, and he died me if I would give him a favor. He got down on one knee and he me if I would wear this (ring) and marry me," Abramowski said. "It was a total sup-
prise to me. No one knew he was going to do it. It was out of the blue."

It was quite the surprise to Abramowski's teammates as well. Junior forward Courtney Smith, who lives with Abramowski, was the first person on the team to find out the news.

"I was shocked when I found out," Smith said. "With all the juniors on the team having boyfriends, we were surprised that she was the first one out of all of us."

Assistant coach Les Robinson, along with the rest of the Salukis coaching staff, found out when Abramowski brought Everding to the team on the bus on road trips, said Smith, a member of Abramowski's home-town of Freeport, seven hours northwest of Carbondale, Abramowski's home-town.

"Paul is very much like Kristine. I always say there is no better match for her," Smith said. "Their personalities are very compatible. They are the epitome of a couple."

"We haven't had any problems. He knows basketball is my life," Abramowski said. "He comes out to watch as much as he schedule allows him to, and he's been a true support of the way games."

Smith, who has lived with Abramowski since their freshman year, has watched Everding and Abramowski's relationship grow throughout the years. Both are described as warm and dependable.

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"The couple plans to tie the knot sometime during the spring of 2002 after Abramowski graduates from SIU in the fall of 2001.

Even though the 6-foot-3-inch Abramowski is only 20-year-old, Robinson thinks his maturity and leadership instincts and maturity will make her a good wife.

"Kristine is one of the most mature 20 year olds I know," Robinson said.

"She is the mother hen of the team. On the bus on road trips, if anyone needs anything, she always has snacks in her book bag for everyone, or a band-aid, or something. I think she knows what she is doing."

Cornell only content with distance runners

Parks, Shunk and Zebert finish first in respective events at Illinois

CHRISTINE BOLIN
DAILY EAGLE REPORTER

The Missouri Valley Conference pentathlon meet is still a few weeks away, but SIU men's head track and field coach Les Robinson is already alarmed with the performances from his team.

But though Saturday's Illinois Open, was not scored, Cornell kept his own score with certain members of his team. "I am happy with the distance runners," Cornell said. "However, I am very concerned with the rest of the team. We can't win conference with those kinds of performances."

One of the 16 Salukis who traveled to Champaign produced first-rate, freshman, distance runner Joe Zebert, junior high jumper Aaron Shunk and senior distance runner Joe Parks.

Zebert had the best race of his career in the mile run (4:11.14). Senior Matt McClelland finished fourth in the race in 4:12.17.

"Matt was leading most of the race — there is always more pressure when you lead," Cornell said. "Near the end of the race, Matt went ahead a little too fast and Zebert kicked in a great time and won the race."

Parks also tossed his share of victory by winning the 1,500 meter run. His time of 4:28.45 is currently the fastest time in the Missouri Valley Conference. He also now holds seventh place on the all-time list in the 5,000 meter at SIU.

Shunk, who recently transferred to SIU from Ball State University, took the high jump title with a jump of 6-10 3/4.

Shunk and the rest of the Saluki jumpers will receive a boost this weekend with the return of senior All-American long- and triple-jumper Brad Bowen, who missed the first three meets of the indoor season recovering from back surgery.

"Bowen is coming back gradually," Cornell said. "He's been looking good in practice, but it might take him a while to get adjusted."

But as one Saluki returns to action, another is lost. Junior pole vaulter Dan Snow suffered a stress fracture last week in practice and is not expected to compete in the remainder of the indoor track season.

"We thought (Snow's) fracture was going to be OK, but it wasn't," Cornell added. "We didn't know how serious the injury was until the minute we left for Champage."

Cornell would like to see better results at the Salukis' next home meet, the McDonell's Invitational, Saturday.

"We need to hit on all cylinders," Cornell said. "We have to get the team together and get down to business."
Brandon Mells: basketball's atypical athlete, by Jay Schwab

Brandon Mells is the magical element in the Saluki's attack that makes the team go "snap, crackle, pop.

Mells is the driving force behind the Salukis' offense, and is one of the key reasons why the team has managed to stay competitive in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Mells' scoring ability is one of the most unique aspects of his game. He is able to get to the basket with ease, and has a great touch around the hoop. His scoring ability is not just limited to the paint, however. He is also a great three-point shooter, and has the ability to get hot from downtown.

Mells is not just a scorer, though. He is also a great passer, and is able to set up his teammates for easy baskets. This is one of the reasons why the Salukis are able to move the ball so well, and why they are able to maintain a high scoring offense.

Mells is also a great defender, and is able to guard any player on the court. His quickness and agility allow him to move around the court with ease, and he is able to get in the face of his opponents when necessary.

Mells is a key part of the Salukis' success, and is one of the most important players on the team. His ability to score, pass, and defend makes him a valuable asset to the team, and he is a key part of the team's success.

Mells is a true team player, and his commitment to the team is evident on the court. He is always willing to do whatever it takes to help the team win, and his dedication to the team is a great example for his teammates.

Mells is a rising star in the world of basketball, and his ability to play at the highest level is something that is sure to impress anyone who watches him play. He is a true athlete, and his ability to combine athleticism, skill, and determination makes him a special player.

Mells is a great example of what it means to be a true athlete, and he is sure to have a bright future in the world of basketball. His ability to combine athleticism, skill, and determination makes him a special player, and he is sure to have a bright future in the world of basketball.
Looking Back On 1999

By: Jeff Doherty, City Manager

As we begin the new millennium, let us reflect on the past year and the accomplishments of our City and Community. The year 1999 has been the beginning of several projects that will serve our community well into the 21st Century. In addition, new and exciting changes occurred during the past year while others continued.

Finally, and just before the end of the century, the Mill Street Underpass construction began. This long awaited project will provide a highway under railroad grade separation in the downtown area and will relieve traffic from Grand Avenue, Main Street, and Walnut Street. Construction will continue throughout 2000 and will be completed in 2001. Another major street project, Grand Avenue, was completed. The reconstruction of Grand Avenue from Lewis Lane to Giant City Road will accommodate the increasing vehicular traffic volume and make it safer for pedestrians, bicyclists, and drivers. The construction of Grand Avenue was a little difficult because of street construction. Progress has its inconveniences at times. I can safely speak for the Carbondale Community High School Superintendent and the Carbondale Elementary School Superintendent when I say that 1999 was extremely exciting, challenging, and rewarding for all of us. The development of the Super Block into an educational and recreational complex for the Carbondale Community continued at this past year. At the beginning of 1999, we knew that the new Middle School was funded and would be constructed and that the recreational fields would be developed. But it was the completion of the Carbondale City Council, in approving a 1/4% sales tax, and the voter of the high school district, in approving a $14 million bond referendum, that resulted in approving a new high school. This satisfactied the Super Block development with two new major educational facilities as anchors and new baseball, softball, and soccer fields connecting them. The intergovernmental cooperation involved in the Super Block is unprecedented in Carbondale, and while there have been some rocky times, everyone is committed to providing the finest facilities for our youth.

The Mill Street Underpass and the Super Block highlight the 1999 accomplishments. They are projects for which our community will be proud when they are completed in 2001 and 2002. There were other projects, events and accomplishments in 1999 that impact our community.

A municipal election was held. Neil Dillard was re-elected to his 4th term as Mayor. Mike Nett was re-elected to his 2nd term as Commissioner and Bred Cole was elected to his 1st term as Commissioner.

The City of Carbondale experienced changes in its Public Safety leadership with the appointments of Jeffrey A. Martin as Fire Chief and R.T. Finney as Police Chief. The development of the regional fire training center continued with the receipt of a state grant to construct classrooms at the Carbondale Regional Fire Training Center near the Southeast Wastewater Treatment Plant. The old City Hall at 609 East College was demolished and the property sold to Southern Illinois Regional Social Services to accommodate its plans to construct a new facility. The redevelopment of the Town Square was finalized with the completion of the Audio Tour and the Southeast Quadrant with its Veterans' Memorial.

Housing issues were prominent during the past year. The City completed the first round of the Mandatory Rental Housing Inspection Program. A Task Force on Residential Leasing, comprised of hundreds of workers in Southern Illinois. It is very important to the City of Carbondale that local residents are Census workers. If you would like to work full or part time on a temporary basis this would be a good opportunity. The Census Bureau pays its workers well above the minimum wage. To apply for a job with the Census Bureau call (618) 905-0661.

Students Count: For the betterment of our Community. The future of our students is very important to all of us. Education is the key to the future of our community. It is the future of our children. Every child in the City of Carbondale must have a nearly equal population. Likewise the State House of Representatives, State Senate, and County Board districts must be equally allocated by population. If residents don't return their Census forms, they will be under represented in the legislative bodies.

Census results are used to allocate Federal and State assistance. Many Federal government programs allocate funds to states and local governments based on the characteristics of the population. The Census provides the numbers used to make the allocations. State funds, such as the Illinois income tax and motor fuel tax, are often allocated back to local governments based upon population. If everyone in the City of Carbondale does not respond to the Census, we will be sent on Federal and State government for the next ten years.

The Census tells its citizens as a community and nation. The Census provides hard data on how many of us there are. How old we are, our racial and ethnic background, our education and occupations, our incomes, how, what kind of housing we occupy, the state of our housing, and much more. This information is very important in planning for the delivery of services.

The Census Bureau counts college students as living where they reside while attending school. That is why SIU or John A. Logan College students who live in Carbondale while attending college need to fill out the Census questionnaire in Carbondale. The students' parents who live somewhere else will be directed to NOT include their children who are away at school on the parent's Census form. If you are a college student, you need to fill out the Census form. Otherwise you will not be counted.

CENSUS JOBS

It takes millions of temporary workers to conduct the Census. The Census Bureau needs to hire hundreds of workers in Southern Illinois. If you are a student or a local resident who wants to work for the Census, there is a job for you. If you are interested in a part-time job, you can work all year long. If you are interested in a full-time job, you can work for the Census Bureau.

AM 1620: Carbondale's New Public Radio Station

Carbondale has a new radio station. 1620 on the AM radio band is the location of the City of Carbondale's new public information radio station. This radio station is a result of the City's involvement in Project Impact, a federal program to prepare for emergencies. The primary purposes of AM 1620 is to provide emergency preparedness information, serve as a direct source of information from the City during an emergency, and provide information in the aftermath of and during recovery from an emergency.

Initial programming on AM 1620 will be a continuous rebroadcast of the National Weather Service with interstitial announcements from the City. The City will use AM 1620 to provide information on emergency planning and other important information to the public. During emergency situations, the City's Emergency Operations Center will break into regular programming with special announcements. In time, AM 1620 will provide educational programs on emergency preparedness and contain more information about City programs.

In times of severe weather or other emergency situations tune in to AM 1620 for information directly from the City of Carbondale. Tune in for the latest in severe weather or other important announcements from the City.
CITY OF CARBONDALE AND ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TEAM UP TO HELP CARBONDALE RESIDENTS PURCHASE AND REHABILITATE HOMES

In the last issue of the Carbondale Communicate the City of Carbondale announced a program to provide low interest loans for first time homeowners in the city. This Mortgage Revenue Bond program operated by the Illinois Housing Development Authority (IHDA) through participating local lenders makes 30 year fixed rate loans at 5% interest rate. As an option to the 5% interest rate, the borrower can instead take a 5.25% interest rate and receive up to 15% towards closing costs.

The Illinois Housing Development Authority Board of Directors has approved two new grantees to the City of Carbondale to start additional housing programs in Carbondale using funds from the Federal HOME Program. The following is a brief description of both programs.

Carbondale Homebuyer Assistance Program:

Under this program, the City will be able to assist approximately eight lower income household in purchasing a home. The assistance will be in the form of a forgivable zero percent interest rate loan for needed down payment costs, closing costs and housing rehabilitation costs (if needed). Maximum assistance will be $10,000, depending on the individual's financial situation and the condition of the home to be purchased. The borrower must contribute at least $1,000 towards the down payment. Eligible persons will primarily be first-time homebuyers. Persons who currently own a home that cannot be rehabilitated or which is seriously overcrowded may also qualify. Eligibility is limited by Federal law to persons who are lower income. The income limit is as a sliding scale based on family size. For example, for a family of three persons, the maximum income is $32,900, and for a family of five the maximum income is $35,550. The maximum allowable value for a purchased home exceeds $115,200. All home purchases must be within the city limits of the City of Carbondale. Persons participating in the program will need to apply to the City for the Homebuyer Assistance Program forgivable loan and they are eligible to participate in local lenders for the primary loan for the home purchase. The City cannot accept applications from persons interested in participating in the Homebuyer Assistance Program. However persons interested in participating in the program may contact the City of Carbondale’s Development Services Department at 457-3249 or the City Hall/2nd Floor Center at 200 South Illinois Avenue, R. O. Box 2457, Carbondale, Illinois 62903-2457 to receive future information about the program and to be put on a mailing list.

Single Family Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Programs (SFOOR):

Under the HOME SFOOR program the City will be able to assist approximately five owner-occupant households with rehabilitation of their homes. The assistance will be in the form of a forgivable zero percent interest rate loan for as much as $24,999. The amount of the loan will depend on the condition of the home and how much rehabilitation work is needed on it. The homes are to be located in the area that was approved by IHDA. The area includes such areas that are not of Northwest Carbondale and Taunum Heights. The accompanying map for the target area location. The income limits to participate in the SFOOR program are the same as for the Homebuyer Assistance Program described above. The value of the home after it is rehabilitated cannot exceed $115,300. Persons wanting to participate in the SFOOR program will have to make application to the City for the assistance. The forgivable loan mechanism used for the SFOOR program is the same as described above for the Homebuyer Assistance Program. Depending on the amount of financial assistance provided by the City, the loan period will be 5 or 10 years. In the case of a 5 year loan the home will be totally forgiven and essentially have been changed into a grant. Although IHDA has authorized a grant award to the City, it will take until about March 15, 2000 for the necessary grant documents to be received from IHDA. The City cannot accept applications from persons interested in participating in the SFOOR program. However persons interested in participating in the program may contact the City of Carbondale’s Development Services Department at 457-3249 or the City Hall/2nd Floor Center at 200 South Illinois Avenue, R. O. Box 2457, Carbondale, Illinois 62903-2457 to receive future information about the program and to be put on a mailing list.

Carbondale’s Curbside Recycling Program

How can I get curbside recycling? The City of Carbondale has collected recyclables at curbside since 1996. This program serves one and two family residents within the city limits. If you would like to receive curbside recycling contact the City’s Recycling/Food Waste Office at 457-3275 to schedule a pickup.

The following are guidelines for what can be collected.

- Glass bottles and jugs
- Metal cans and aluminum foil
- Cardboard and beverage cartons
- Newspapers and phone books
- Newsprint
- Magazines
- Blue recycling container

You may also take your items to the Attucks Park Recycling Lot or the Lee Park Recycling Lot. The City of Carbondale also has a blue recycling container located in the City Hall parking lot.

Carbondale’s Curbside Recycling Program currently recovers approximately 355 tons of materials annually while the one-week collection totals 100 tons. Approximately 60 percent of the material collected is newspapers.
Carbondale Summit On Africa Day

The Carbondale Summit on Africa Day was held December 4, 1999, at Southern Illinois University. Traditional Ghanaian Chief Nana Bice Kodwo Eduywa IV was honored for his commitment to fostering the development of Africa and its diaspora. The day-long Summit included an official welcome from the University and the City, with Councilman Maggie Flanagan reading the Proclamation declaring December 4, 1999, Carbondale Summit on Africa Day.

During the Summit, panel discussions and workshops were held on the following topics: The African Continent: Geopolitical, Political, and Religious Realities; Education of African Women and Girls; Historic Sustainable Social Development; African Cultural Continuities: Study Africa Perspectives; and Learning About Africa on the Web. Discussion groups focused on the topic of Economic Development, Trade and Investment; Democracy and Human Rights; Sustainable Development, Quality of Life, and the Environment; Peace, Security, and Education and Culture. The keynote address was delivered by Chief Nana Bice Kodwo Eduywa IV on the Importance of Creating Linkages Between Africans on the Continent and African Americans Through Cultural Exchange.

During the Chief's work last year from November 25th to December 7th, they visited Thomas and Parish Elementary Schools as well as Carbondale Community High School. The purpose of the Chief's visits to the schools were to talk to students about their continent's and countries' cultures and to dispel some of the myths. The Chiefs visited with many Carbondale residents. They were given a reception hosted by Rock Hill Baptist Church and a breakfast hosted by Hopewell Baptist Church. The Chiefs also paid the city in homage to Carbondale residents.

To culminate the Chief's visits, the City of Carbondale hosted a reception on Monday, December 6th. Mayor Neil Dillard was the official host and shared information about the City's operations. Chief Eduywa spoke about the government in Elmina, Ghana, and his hopes for the establishment of a sister city relationship between Carbondale and Elmina. The Chiefs were taken on a tour of the building and enjoyed having their photographs taken with the huge street sign made by the Preservation Commission.

In 1999, the following citizens were elected or reappointed to serve on Boards and Commissions:

- **Board of Fire and Police Commissioners**: Cornell McDonald and Mary Walker
- **Building Code Board of Appeals**: William Bolognese, Donald B. Smith, Ed Knight
- **Carbondale Downtown Steering Committee**: Kenneth R. Hughes, Elaine Ginn
- **Carbondale Information and Telecommunications Commission**: Joni Gambril, Reid Marlin, Carol King, Patricia A. Orr
- **Citizens Advisory Committee**: Matthew Bowers, R.C. Boone, Bill Feola, Linda Flowers, Robert Grog, Steven Haynes, Jawanan Kang, Susan Kookerious, Edward Mayberry, Courland Munroe, Charles Simon, Jeanette Stephens, Claudette Thomas, Donna Wilson
- **Community Development Loan and Grant Review Board**: James H. Walker, Bill Whitis, Kevin Elime, Ron Dill, Don Schmemack
- **Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan reading the Proclamation declaring December 4, 1999; Mayor Neil Dillard, P.O. Box 2047, Carbondale, IL 62902-2047. If you have any questions on the functions or duties of any of the Boards, Commissions, and Committees, please contact the Mayor's office at 549-3302.

**CARBONDALE INFORMATION AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**: This Commission monitors the cable television franchise; hears complaints against the cable company and holds hearings on proposed program changes. Seven members serve as: one non-City of Carbondale elected official; one representative from the Carbondale Area Chamber of Commerce; and three Carbondale citizens who subscribe to cable television.

**CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**: This Committee is currently working on the 2000 Census and carries out other general assignments as made by the City Council. Not less than 2 nor more than 30 members must be reelected on a yearly basis.

**DOWNTOWN STEERING COMMITTEE**: This Committee was appointed to work with the City Council and City Administration to implement the redevelopment program recommended for the downtown area. Comprised of various groups that have an interest in Downtown Redevelopment. Fifteen members appointed by the Mayor for one-year terms.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**: This committee gives continuing advice and support to the City's energy program. Seven members, all City of Carbondale residents.

**LIBRARY BOARD**: This Board maintains the functions of the Carbondale Public Library and oversees the Library's budget. Nine members, all residing within City limits.

**LIQUOR ADVISORY BOARD**: This Board makes recommendations to the Liquor Control Commission (city Council) concerning liquor license applications, liquor control ordinances, and other liquor related matters as requested by the City Council. Not less than 2 nor more than 30 members, which must reflect socioeconomic/geographic representation of the City.

**PLANNING COMMISSION**: This Board makes recommendations to the City Council concerning the City zoning ordi­nances (planning, zoning, and subdivision). Eleven members and one ex-officio City Council member.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**: This Board hears appeals of the City Council or Administrative Decisions on the zoning ordinance (planning, zoning and subdivisions). Seven members appointed by the Mayor and City Council.
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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NOTE: City Hall will be closed on Monday, February 17 in honor of President's Day.

**CRITTER CORNER**

By Cindy Nelson, Animal Control Officer

**HARK, HARK, THE DOG DOTH BARK:**

More barking tips...

When all else fails, you can try to desensitize the dog to your presence with "Barking set-ups." Set-ups take time. Be prepared to use a long weekend or several vacation weeks before beginning the program.

First simulate your daily departure routine. Make the dog think that this is just like any other daily departure. Several, while giving him his special goodby toy, get eye contact and tell him in a firm and matter-of-fact manner that he will be quiet until you return. Leave for a brief period of time, but not more than two to three hours. Don't lock your door. You must be able to enter quickly, if the dog begins to bark. If the dog has not barked, return and gently praise. If you hear him start to bark, gently turn the house into "Quiet." Turn them away again.

This time, if the dog barks, praise your command for silence with the word of a shaker can (empty soda can filled with 15 pennies, several fistfuls of sand, or a favorite toy) having to go back in and correct the dog for finally barking. Set goals (5, 10, 15 minutes) and go back in and praise the dog if he remains quiet for the set amount of time. Don't wait for an understood amount of time and only go in to correct the dog for finally barking. Silence must be praised. Appropriate behavior must be acknowledged.

Barking set-ups can be tedious, but they usually work if you take the time to do them properly. Barking problems are easily solved in a day.

**PET PIXS....**

"Hi! My name is Provost. I'm a female American Eskimo. My favorite place to go is my PaPa's food. He feeds me real good food. Then, I won't eat my lucky dog food. My favorite thing to do is dig holes and lay in the grass. I pass time by barking at trains and tearing up carpet. My favorite playmate is Grandma's cat, D.A.C. I chew his ears."

Send a picture and let us about your pet. Send it to Cindy Nelson, Animal Control P.O. Box 2047, Carbondale, IL 62902-2047. Thanks to Jennifer Hall for this edition's contribution.

Recycle Your Old Telephone Directories

Residents of Carbondale can recycle their old telephone directories at the participating businesses listed below until January 28, 2000.

- **El Greco, 516 South Illinois Avenue, Carbondale.**
- **KARCO Recycling, 1350 New North Erad Road, Carbondale.**
- **Kirger, 501 North Giant City Road, Carbondale.**
- **McDonald’s, 13 East, Carbondale.**
- **McDonald’s, 13 West, Carbondale.**
- **Memorial Hospital of Carbondale, 406 East Jackson, Carbondale.**
- **Neighborhood Food Co-op, 704 South Oakwood.**
- **Northern Illinois Telecommunication, 300 N. State St., Carbondale.**
- **Southern Recycling, 1420 South Washington, Carbondale.**
- **Wal-Mart, 1450 East Main, Carbondale.**
- **All residents of Carbondale with blue recycling bins can recycle their old telephone directories along with the regular recyclables through January 28, 2000. Please place the directory on top of other recyclables.**

**NEED WOOD CHIPS?**

We’ve Got ‘em and They’re FREE!

The City of Carbondale has an overstock supply of wood chips available to residents for use in landscaping or composting. These chips are the by-product of the forestry division’s tree work and Christmas tree recycling program and are free. These are available during normal working hours at the public works facility located on Norch Michaels. For more information contact the city forester at 549-5302, extension 332.