Fraternity's debt prompts lawsuit

By E. Bush
Daily Egyptian Reporter

A lawsuit filed by the University against an SIUC fraternity chapter recently may be the first time the University has been forced to pursue legal action in the collection of money promised by a fraternity, Legal Counsel officials say.

The SIUC Board of Trustees filed a lawsuit March 28 against Beta Delta Alumni Association, representing Theta Xi's chapter on campus, in an attempt to collect the $26,093.08 the fraternity has failed to pay in housing and facility use fees, according to records state. Greek Row is an on-campus housing facility dedicated to Greek organizations by the University.

Shari Rhode, SIUC chief legal counsel, said in her tenure representing SIUC, she has never seen a case, in which a fraternity has owed money to the University, get to the point of litigation.

If I had a hammer: Jerry Smith, a mobile blacksmith from Carbondale, leased a horse-shoe into shape to Murphysboro. Smith has been a blacksmith in the area for 20 years.

Proposed 3-percent faculty salary increase improbable

By Lori D. Clark
DE Assistant Politics Editor

A proposal to increase SIUC faculty salaries by 3 percent for next year is inarguable, the Faculty Senate president says.

Albert Kent, president of the SIUC Faculty Senate, said he believes SIUC faculty deserve higher salaries than the $1,070,000 proposed by Gov. Jim Edgar's budget.

"But Kent said receiving more of a pay raise than what is called for in Edgar's budget is improbable because of a lack of available funds. "Since we are below average, it would be nice to have pay raises higher so we can get closer to the institutions we're compared to."

Board removes Arnold's name from trustee ballot

By Sigre K. Skillion
Daily Egyptian Reporter

A student trustee election candidate was denied an appeal Monday to get back on the ballot and might not be recognized as a write-in candidate when election results are tabulated next week. Election Commission members say.

Patrick Smith, Student Trustee Election Commission chairman, said Troy Arnold, a senior in speech communications from South

Student arrested for littering

By Kendra Helmer
Daily Egyptian Reporter

A student, who said she was charged with a parking ticket, tore a piece of toilet paper off the front of SIUC police and was arrested for littering. Ariana R. Rogers, 19, a sophomore in accounting, from Charleston, was arrested for public littering in the 15-minute loading zone in front of Ms. Smith in Brauch Towers.

"I went to my car and saw I had a parking ticket," she said. "I hadn't even been there for 10 minutes. I ripped up the ticket, threw it on the ground and started to walk away. The police said, 'Boo! You're under arrest!' SIUC Police Sgt. Steve Ellis said Rogers originally was ticketed for illegally parking in the loading zone. She did not have a student decal.

"There is a misconception that anyone can park in the 15-minute loading zones," Ellis said. "But a parking ticket was issued."
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Attention SIU students: applications are due Wednesday, April 10 at 11:59 p.m. for the University Hall Invitational Volleyball Tournament. The tournament will be held April 19 and 20 at University Hall. The crossing of the white line in the court and the beginning of the serve will determine the winner. There will be ten teams and the entry fee is $25. The tournament will be held at University Hall. The crossing of the white line in the court and the beginning of the serve will determine the winner. There will be ten teams and the entry fee is $25. The tournament will be held at University Hall.

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School funding: 
A state’s debate

By Donita Polly

Daily Egyptian reporter

Voters should decide how Illinois schools are funded, a spokesman for Gov. Jim Edgar says. However, some Illinois legislators contend that Kentucky funding could be bad for their districts.

Eric Robinson, spokesman for the governor, said it will be a difficult election for legislators in November if they come out that they do not want to let the people have a voice in how education is funded.

Edgar proposed a constitutional amendment initiative in March that would change the way education is funded.

Robinson said the initiative’s present form, there is not enough support in the Senate to let it out of the Rules Committee.

He said the initiative still could be brought before the Senate in a different form, but that remains to be seen.

Robinson said the governor and the Commission on Education Funding, which recommended the amendment, will accept input on the initiative’s wording from anyone who wants to give it.

He said the state legislature should interpret the initiative through the voice of its constituents.

"The vagueness is there for area-

of looking for the same systematic order in the real world that he had in the math world could drive anyone nuts.

Gregory said he hopes people do not think Kaczynski’s behavior is typical for mathematicians.

"I think there are certainly people in mathematics who tend to be loners who have something against society, but most of us are fairly peaceful people," he said.

"Mathematicians are well-grounded because they have background in mathematics and liberal arts. The math community is a nice community to associate with," said William Casey, a graduate student in mathematics, said he thinks mathematicians are like everybody else.

"The actions of the Unabomber have absolutely no correlation to mathematicians," he said.

There can be crazy people in any field, not just mathematics."

He said society should pay more attention to the problems in the world instead of Kaczynski’s career in mathematics.

"As far as I’m concerned, the Unabomber left mathematics before the bombings had ever occurred."

William Casey

Graduate student in mathematics

Police search for robbery suspects

By Kendra Helmer

Daily Egyptian reporter

A search is on for three men after two robberies of three SIUC students that occurred on the Strip, Carbondale police say.

At 10:05 p.m. Benjamin Vogelsang, 18, a freshman in administration of justice from South Charleston, and a 5-year-old boy who was approached by three men while walking on the 700 block of South Illinois Avenue.

"None of the guys come up to me and asked me for a cigarette and asked me if I had any wood. And I told him ‘no,’" Vogelsang said.

"Then the big guy asked if I had any money. They started pushing me and I had a razor on my head, trying to get in our pockets.

"One of them slammed me up against a window, and we gave him the money. They got my wallet, put it in my face.

The other guy punched me in the face. They hit my brother in the head a few times as they were leaving the area.

Police said the suspects took $50 from Vogelsang. Nine people are being interviewed in the investigation.

The second suspect is described as a black male, 18 years old, 6 feet 1 inch tall, 160-165 pounds, with light complexion and dark eyes.

"The arrest is described as a white male, 18 years old, 6 feet 10 inches tall, with a dark complexion and dark beard. He was last seen wearing a white jacket, white ball cap and black jeans.

The third suspect is described as a black male, 12 years old, 3 feet 5 inches tall. He was last seen wearing a maroon Starter jacket.

Sex, sports compared in video presentation

By Jason E. Coyne

DE Arts/Entertainment Editor

Sex and how it is compared to sports by society will be the focus of a video presentation and discussion Wednesday, as SIUC graduate students Laura Stengel and Leslie Strattegier will present a program that will look at how sports and women are compared.

"It’s like when a guy says he scored with somebody or slips one past the goalie,” said Stengel.

"It is about how some men keep score and expect for the number of women they sleep with instead of the sexual experience being an intimate thing between two people,” she said.

"The type of thinking is how sexual assault is brought on, she said.

"When it becomes a competition and the women’s desires and choices are being ignored, it reinforces the mentality that leads to sexual assault," Stengeler said.

The program is an advertisement for Upper Deck sports bar, located above Sports Center Bowl at 2125 E. Wabash, will also be broadcast at the event, Stengeler said.

"She said after reviewing the "Sports Sex" video that will be shown at the event, she felt compelled to send a letter to the editor of the Daily Egyptian because of an Upper Deck advertisement that shows a woman, minus her head and legs, dressed in only a small bikini.

Stengeler said the advertisement is offensive because it is for a sports bar that has nothing to do with half-naked women.

"The ad has ‘free shots’ and drink prices ‘posted right above her chest,’ she said."

"It is like saying, ‘come have sex with me’ no matter what her head looks like," Stengeler said.

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Two suspects are being questioned by police in a sexual assault case that occurred on the Strip.
Opinion

Officials should not overreact to SIUC's party-school image

THERE MAY NOT BE TWO WORDS THAT ANNOY SIUC administrators when used together more than "party" and "school," except for maybe "Halloween" and "riot." SIUC's reputation as a party school was plucked once again in the national media recently when Jenny McCarthy, the host of MTV's "Singled Out," associated the two words with SIUC on the Late Show with David Letterman.

Although it's true that the University no longer deserves the reputation that it once did, it may be time to step back and think about how the battle to end the image is being waged.

Should losing the "party school" image be as high a priority as we are making it? Changing the school's image has been cited as a partial reason behind stricter keg ordinances and the attempt to quash Halloween festivities in Carbondale.

The consequences of the image are overstated. There may be a few employers that discriminate against SIUC graduates because of the reputation, but there are other employers that are more interested in educating their students in personal responsibility. A 1995 survey of 442 employers who recruit at college campuses done by the National Association of Colleges and Employers illustrates this. Among the 24 items the employers said they look for were the past 12 months of alcohol use at the school, the majors sought by the employer, the quality of academic programs, the school's average GPA and program accreditation. There was nothing mentioned about a school's lack of a party image.

There may not be much we can do to end the image. No one can stop former students from reminiscing about their wild days in Carbondale. The image can only wear away gradually as Carbondale goes through calmer years than those of the '70s when Halloween and Springfest were in full effect. Even if beer is outlawed in the city, people, like McCarthy will recall their party days in Carbondale, and the image will live on. There's nothing the city or University can do to prevent these comments.

IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT JUST about any campus will have plenty of beer bongs and upside-down margarita diets. College students party, even at universities other than SIUC. Don't forget that many of these partying students stay in college for a short time and leave without a degree — like Jenny McCarthy.

The University should be careful to keep the distinction between ending a party-school image and ending partying. College students enjoy freedom, and it would be unfortunate if SIUC gains a reputation as a school that does not have its students' best interests at heart. The goals of city alcohol regulations should not be making it difficult for SIUC students to party. The intent should be preventing episodes of partiers infringing on other people's rights.

BALANCE SHOULD BE THE FOCUS HERE. As University and city officials try to alter an image that was built up over several decades and riots, they should be careful not to impose too many restrictions on the students who weren't around when the image was forged.

Priorities should be another focus. A "party school" image is not the biggest problem the University is facing. Problems such as declining enrollment deserve a lot more attention than an image most students did not have a part in creating.

Springfest is dead and Halloween is dying. As a result, the party image will die over time. Let's move on to something more important.

Letters to the Editor

Don't force religion on other people

Although I am not an atheist, I must say that I agree with Mr. Linenbergh's letter about the separation of religion and public functions (Daily Egyptian, April 2). I was not at the banquet where the prayer was held but I have been in similar situations where it is assumed that I am a Christian. Despite the pentagram around my neck and my very open discussions about my religion, this happens often. I am not afraid of being called a Christian but it is not my religion, and I don't like to be generalized.

Last year, when they took out the prayer at the graduation ceremony, I was one of the few who supported the decision on television. I would be embarrassed and uncomfortable to hear a Christian prayer or invocation at a state function where I was attending. I also find it very disturbing when Jews are passed in the name of the majority and in the name of Christianity. Believe me, not everyone is a Christian.

It has been said that a quiet time could be put into public schools to be used for pray or whatever gods one may worship, but I doubt that it would be free of Christian dogma for very long. What would the agnostics and atheists do during this period? Take a nap? I believe that worship is a private thing to do during one's own time, and not something that should he forced on others. I also think it is time to teach people the rich and wide religious diversity that makes up our United States. To accomplish this, people must open their minds and eyes, and take a look around.

Tara Nelson
Junior, biology

Scantily clad woman in ad gives wrong idea

I feel compelled to respond to the Upper Deck advertisement that shows a woman draped only in a small bikini. The woman's head and lower legs are adorned in athletic shorts and "free shots" are printed above her bikini bottoms.

This advertisement, which has been printed often in the Daily Egyptian, is a perfect example of the ways alcohol, sports bars (it's a sport bar) and sex are linked in the media. The implication that going to this sports bar, or drinking alcohol, is going to give you 'free shots' at this "sexy, scantily clad woman. Of course, the ad doesn't say that sincerely, but these things are very easily connected in the human mind.

Using scantily clad women in bars to market commercial products and sports-related advertising is quite common. This use of women as sexual bait is related to the morality that makes sexual assault so prevalent in this country.

If you would like to protest this ad, defend this so, or learn more about the issues, I encourage you to come discuss it and spread this idea with others. A video, "Sports Sex," will be in "Get-Up" Wednesdays, April 10, at 12:30 in the Student Center Video lounge. This video shows how sports images are linked with images of sex, and discusses the impact of these images. There will be a discussion afterwards, during which you can share your views.

Leisle Strategier
Graduate student, counseling psychology

Reader: Professor wrong about African unification

In the Daily Egyptian of April 5, it stated that Professor Guthrie of Black American Studies said Africa was unified before the major European colonial thrust beginning in the 1880s. I wonder what is meant by "politically unified? Although there were African nations at different times and different places, especially in West Africa and the Nile Valley, none of these had a common knowledge of Africa as a whole, any more than Germanic tribes knew about Rome as a whole. The states were certainly not united and in fact were involved in frequent warfare against each other. The European "Scramble for Africa" was certainly a disgraceful episode, but it probably resulted in fewer rather than more African political entities. Consider the millions spent on attempts for nations within states such as Nigeria or Ethiopia to become independent in the post-colonial era.

Culturally unified? West African yam agriculturists, Nile fishermen and cattle people, and South African hunters had little in common in ecology, society, and ideology and they were, and are, very different from one community to another. Physical? There is no "African race," rather there is great genetic variation among many local populations.

It is even more astonishing to end that Dolc Orsozegn said that it is a historical fact that Africa will be unified again. How can something which has not happened yet be known as a fact?

M. Lionel Bender
Professor, foreign languages and literature

How to submit a letter to the editor

A: You
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Health care 'guarantee' has little actual substance

A recent item by the news service UPI from former Texas, chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, stated: "You're talking about health care reform we are now, with a new Republican majority, going to enact health care reform." For those of us foolishly enough to have read, heard, and listened to the comments like Archer's and then, we learned, we were led to believe that the Senate Ways and Means Committee, wanted to enact a narrower version of whatever the House passed. Of course, since we had no idea from the article what the House passed, we could only begin to guess what a narrow version would do.

Robert McConnick is a graduate student in Journalism.

For the newly unemployed or self-employed, that would not be much of a guarantee to health insurance. And, with many employees not having any health benefits, what could the House bill mean to them? Health care reform, American style, still resembles cruel and unusual punishment. Frequently, friends showed me Illinois public aid guidelines for receiving medical assistance. My friends, from their families with no children at home, receive only disability and pension income. Their monthly income is about $1,200.

To qualify for medical assistance, Aid to the Aged, Blind or Disabled -- AABD for short. This program provides limited benefits if a person does not receive other assistance from public aid.

However, if my friends forego the spend down, public aid does offer another medical assistance program called Aged, Blind or Disabled. A narrower version, because of a recent amendment by — you guessed what a narrow version laws each month because of a major operation.

The dilemma facing my friends under the spend down is to try avoiding medical bills or accept living on less than $500 each month. Perhaps, though, the ultimate shame is that those reporting the news are filling driven on an issue that deserves considerably more attention and depth.

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Calendar

• TODAY

Library Seminar Series, Interdisciplinary, 4:15 a.m., Morris Library Room 103D. Contact: Undergraduate Desk, 457-2388.

SIUC Symphony Orchestra, concert includes samples from 19th Century, 8 p.m., Shockey Auditorium. 654-5133 public, 513-6742 student. Contact: SIUC School of Music, 556-6742.
German driver’s licenses hard for Americans to get.

The Baltimore Sun

BERLIN—If you’re a newly arrived American who learned to drive in the density disordered rush hour Rome, you’ll have no trouble getting a German driver’s license.

Likewise if you’re a British citizen trained to drive on the left, or a rural Frenchman whose greatest highway challenge up to now has been getting around baguette-banana bicycles. Just a few forms, pay a few Deutsche marks and pick up your German license. No fuss.

But if you’re an American? Well, just ask Daniel Solomon, a young man from Westchester County 10 years behind the wheel on the rough-and-tumble roads of Boston.

Solomon, who came to Berlin in late 1993, studied hundreds of test questions before his all-day first class course, and took hours of driving lessons from two different instructors.

He failed two written tests and three driving tests before finally getting his license last month —11 months and $1,400 after he began.

For other Americans, nervousness often gives way to anger, says Arthur Kallis, a 1993 neighbor who took the all-day first course and is now off on the road test.

“Americans have to spend so much time and money, the chunk asks, when a few German drivers from other countries —six only European Union countries, but not places as Australia and Japan.

But there may at last be hope for exasperated Americans, thanks to changes in driver’s license laws.

In speaking in haste by state, the group recently secured an agreement from German authorities that the state will accept licenses from Alabama, Delaware and Mississippi to now only have to take the written test and not the road test. Kansas and Arizona drivers could be exemptions from both tests, while passing action by Arkansas, Michigan and Wisconsin could pave the way for their expatriate drivers as well.

That will be tough, which long ago worked out, a separate peace on its own, was previously the only state whose drivers were exempt from the tests.

All this would mean that, before long, drivers from nine U.S. states will be off the hook from a process requiring weeks of time, and costing anywhere between $500 and $600 according to David Eiger, the chamber’s manager of trade and investment policy.

It would be cheap and easy. Americans simply trained in their own state to get a German license for a German one.

But when the member nations of the European Union standardized their license requirements in early 1993, “a side effect was that a lot of countries which had previously swapped licenses suddenly received scrutiny from German bureaucrats,” Eiger said.

Faculty

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bypassed,” Hodel said.

Hodel said more than half of the institutions SUIC is staffed with higher salaries.

Hodel said a number of factors are involved when determining how much a university receives for faculty salaries. Those factors include the type of research performed at the university and how many PhD professors the institution has and the cost of living within the university’s land.

Hodel said that three factors of a university’s budget go toward employee salaries. Allian Kama, a SUIC Faculty Senate member and administrative professor, said pay raises were a part of the University that had not addressed.

“Two hundred employees have made faculty salary a higher priority than our university has,” Kamis said. “We tend to get what the state gives us, and that is it. Other universities supplement what the state gives them,”

Kamis said that the faculty SUIC is undercut, the blame cannot be placed solely on the administration because the state has raised their salaries.

“This administration has tried to do the best it can,” said Hodel.

“People have been involved in determining how much a university receives for faculty salaries. Those factors include the type of research performed at the university, how many PhD professors the institution has and the cost of living within the university’s land,” said Hodel.

Littering

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Student who do not have a SUIC devalued cannot park anywhere on campus.

This includes the 15-minute loading zones.

Ellis said Rogers was arrested and charged with littering, a civil ordinance violation, but was not taken into custody.

She was released with a notice to appear in court on Wednesday, April 10, 1996, below everything way out of proportion,” Rogers said.

Ballot

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have 226 nominations. The Election Commission wants to sit in their tiny tower and throw these students out of the election process.

Smith said the petition was invalid because some student’s Social Security numbers did not match those on the petition.

Student trustee election bylaws state that a candidate must submit a petition with 200 printed signatures, signatures, and addresses of Social Security numbers of currently elected SUIC students.

Adolf had 226 signatures, but only 195 were validated by the commission.

The student trustee represents the SUIC student body at SUIC Board of Trustees meetings.

Adolf appointed the Election Commission candidates to the Student Contact Review Board, which is the body to hear any appeals on student election issues.

A review board chair, committee, majority rule, and student, demand his appeal.

The student trustee said in a motion that the Student Trustee Election Commission was not error but gave no reason. However, Sarah Committee members were unanimous for error.

However, the student trustee said that the student trustee election bylaws be amended to “provide for correction of mistakes outside the control of the candidate” to prevent future problems with student entities.

Jean Passaro, assistant vice president for communications and public relations, said the decision of the committee is final.

Passaro said the committee’s responsibility is to clarify the election guidelines which will take time to implement.

SMY GADE

DIRECTOR, ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

11:00 A.M.

Wednesday, April 10, 1996

LESAR LAW SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
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and other schools spent $12,000 per student. But, according to the school district, money would be saved if the students were trained to perform their own work. The percentage of money spent on training funding is lower than expected.

However, Fainy Schach, a spokeswoman for PHS, said there was no more at fault with Edgar's initiative than its rigorous and possible tax increase. She said even with increased funding, there is no guarantee that education will be improved.

Education funding has doubled over the last 10 years, but there’s no evidence of great improvement, she said. “Just getting more money on the books does not necessarily mean an improvement in the quality of education of children.”

because he had a successful career through hard work and dedication. 

The vehicle was seen as being a threat to public safety. Smokers were seen as a similar group to public safety, but they can usually go off deep end like the “unarmed public.”

“it’s a sad situation that the universe is in motion by himself and not communicating with anyone,” he said.

mgs to worry about in the world than these acts.”

Mucasey said the ad did not draw a single review from the Advertising Review Committee, which is responsible for deciding whether not to run potentially controversial ads.

An Upper Deck representative could not be reached for comment. Mucasey encourages people to join him in viewing this video as a way of discussing the Upper Deck advertisements in the Student Center Video Lounge on Wednesday at 12:30 p.m.

The video is taken down.

On April 7, police responded on a call of a newborn boy that was not breathing at 405 E. 6th St. Upon arrival, they found the 23-year-old mother in bed and the 31-year-old father in the room. The parents were able to follow several medical signs by their own child in the baby. The baby was taken to Memorial Hospital and was pronounced dead. Police said the mother had suffered an early labor and was in the room when she was born at approximately 5:00 a.m. the mother and father had arrived at approximately 6:00 a.m. The father immediately called the police. A autopsy was conducted later that evening. The coroner reported that the baby died from natural causes and there is no indication of foul play.

A 23-year-old man reported that on April 2, someone damaged his vehicle while it was parked in Lot 18.

The vehicle was keyed down and there was damage to the vehicle. The estimated damage is $2,165. The vehicle was propped dead. Police said the man thought the car was in motion.

A 19-year-old student reported that between 5 p.m. April 6 and 9:50 p.m. April 7, someone damaged the carport of a vehicle that was parked in Lot 106. Several items were removed from the carport. The estimated value of damage and property loss is $1,750.

Carbondale Police

Tichunda L. Rowe, 29, of Carbondale, was arrested April 6 and charged with possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting a police officer and driving with a suspended driver’s license. Rowe, who was wanted on a Jackson County warrant for vehicle theft, was arrested by the Carbondale police.

Shirley Rogers fled from officers on foot to her residence at 307 S. Lake Heights Ave., where she was apprehended. Officers said they found rock cocaine and a cigarette smoking pipe in her vehicle. She was charged with possession of a controlled substance and driving on a suspended license.

Gus’s Westown Shell Service, 221 N. Emerald Lane, was burglarized between midnight and 4:53 a.m. April 8. An unknown suspect parked the vehicle by breaking it and then entered Gus’s Westown Shell Service, 221 N. Emerald Lane, in a burglarization.

Gay Wedding, Shyock Videos: TheInterestingly

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City development plan organizers seek input

By Brian T. Sutton

Daily Egyptian Reporter

Getting additional SIUC student and citizen input is necessary for the next step in creating a comprehensive development plan for Carbondale, plan developers say.

Tom Weber, of Camiros Ltd., the Chicago planning firm hired by the city to create the comprehensive plan, said that in a meeting scheduled Wednesday for the firm to hear what Carbondale citizens think are important issues.

The meeting is at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the City Council Chambers, 607 E. College St.

The comprehensive plan, titled Complan, is a development plan designed to assist the city in improving economics and city appearance during the next 20 years.

The plan will replace the previous plan adopted in 1979, Complan 2000, in 1993, GLBF started a speakers bureau where members would go to classrooms and other events to educate people on gay and lesbian issues. The PrideLine also became a recognized organization.

Clabough said when the school joined the group, membership was struggling to grow, and minutes from both the heterosexual and gay and lesbian communities changed.

"We lightened up a lot," she said. "We would still have our meetings, but we tried to integrate socially with the rest of the campus community. The rest of campus responded positively to those efforts.

Curtin said the longevity of the group is because of the students who are involved.

"The group has changed a lot," she said. "A large part of that is due to the students. We really are an invisible minority. The only true way a person will know if someone else is gay or lesbian is if they are told."
A Question of Faith

A look at some of the traditional arguments concerning Christianity on campus.

3 Local shelter gives homeless a fresh start

8 A new heart gives student a second chance at life
Letter from the

Something has happened to the world of today. We all seem to be living in a time where personal opinions are conducted with universal laws of the land. And why not? One person believes so strongly in one thing that they would be willing to die for it, their shouldn't it naturally be assumed other people might believe in it as well? And all of this brings us to religion. Religion — the very word has become synonymous with controversy. And just when the argument over one thing begins to die down, someone finds something else that makes the arguments come back with a vengeance.

Care and point — scientists are now beginning to say the historical Jesus was actually born in 4 B.C., which may not make that much of a difference except that calendars would be thrown off a little. But the point is people have just found something else to argue about.

With this OASIS, I have tried to explain some of the beliefs people may have been dealing with when they have found something else to argue about. It also tries to make the arguments some groups may have with one another a little clearer.

Don't pretend to hold me up on some moral standard higher than other people that allows me to say who is right and who is wrong. Quite the opposite, really. If there is a God, I think she/he/gave up on me a long time ago. We have also tried to deal with a little hope and hopelessness in this issue. Homosexuality has become an increasing problem in America, and most people only seem to associate it with large cities. The problem, however, is universal. It has hit home for many of us, and it might be the time when people should no longer ignore something as tragic as this.

As a result, we have tried to shine a light onto the problem by presenting a story with people helping other people regain a stable place in society.

Also, in a time when people may have a difficult time finding something to be thankful for, one student finds hope by gaining a new lease on life through medical technology — which may have considered his own personal miracles. We all have differences, and that is not going to change. Perhaps those differences are what make us all a little dazed, and stubborn when dealing with another.

But that may not be such a bad thing. I think those differences, while somewhat annoying, make it easier for us all to have a little more interesting.

Table 'O Tents

making a new life from scratch
Marc Chaire

Oasis photographers
new lease on life for slu graduate student
Erik Bush

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FRENSZY
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Free Forum Area, 12-4pm
Free Admission

Concert:
FIVE-EIGHT AND JUDGE NOTHING
Shriver Steps, 9-11pm
Free Admission
Life goes on...

Area's homeless make new lives from nothing

Story by Marc Chase - Photos by B. Antonio E.

If it was not for J.D., a 16-month-old boy with a big smile, round rosy cheeks and wavy blonde hair, the child's mother says she would be wandering the streets of Southern Illinois, alone and homeless.

And if a service of goodwill in Carbondale did not exist, the mother may not have gotten the opportunity she now has to find a better life for her son.

Brandie Alexander-Perry, 20, J.D.'s mother, says she is no stranger to life on the streets.

She first became homeless at age 14 when she says her parents asked her to leave the house. She later married, J.D. was born, and again she found herself homeless - this time with a child - after a fight with her husband.

With the help of the Good Samaritan House, 701 S. Marion St., a homeless shelter that serves Southern Illinois and neighboring Kentucky and Indiana, Alexander-Perry says she is trying to get back on her feet for the sake of her son.

The Good Samaritan House is an emergency shelter that allows homeless people, many of whom have temporarily found themselves without a home, to stay for about two weeks.

If the resident does not meet a demanded rate of housing and training to live in the outside world.

Alexander-Perry is one of the lucky ones; she has found a place to stay with people who are willing to give her the opportunity to get back on her feet.

But many homeless people in Southern Illinois never get help because they are harder to reach.

Susan Metcalf, executive director of Good Samaritan, said:

"It is next to impossible to even get statistics just because of the nature of homelessness in Southern Illinois," Metcalf said. "The homeless are not as visible here as they are in the big cities."

"Most are out-of-the-way rural areas or in cases in the woods. You can't see them everywhere you go like you do in the city, but they are here just the same."

Metcalf is in charge of the facility, which can house up to 25 people at any one time. Though Metcalf said it is hard to determine exactly how many homeless people there are in Southern Illinois, the more than 2,000 homeless facility has served since 1985 proves that homelessness is an issue in the region.

Metcalf said many of the people who stay at the shelter are Vietnam veterans, women with children whose husbands and fathers have left, people who have been released from prison and have nowhere to go, or people who are down on their luck.

She said it is difficult for many homeless people to get an entry-level job in Carbondale because of a job shortage and competition from students for minimum wage jobs.

But the Good Samaritan House offers incentives to homeless people to clean up their lives and get back on track.

Although it can be discouraging for homeless people when they can find a job, J.D. Chapman, 42, a resident at Good Samaritan, said the shelter's staff pushes the residents to keep trying.

Unlike many residents that stay at the shelter for only a couple of weeks, Chapman, who has been at the shelter for more than a month since he was released from prison, was allowed to stay for a special reason.

"They had seen that I was trying, so they let me move upstairs into the Transitional House for Men," Chapman said. "I do maintenance and yard work - the house, and I've been drug and alcohol free."

The Transitional House offers homeless men housing for up to two years with activities and programs to teach them independence. Men in the program are required to perform chores everyday, such as cooking from a prepared menu, to teach them how to live on their own, Chapman said.

The program also offers substance abuse counseling, something Chapman said has greatly helped him.

"I was in jail for seven years for drugs - drugs and alcohol," Chapman said. "It's hard when there isn't a morning where I wake up and think how I'm going to bed."

"Rules for staying in the program include remaining completely sober and showing a desire to get back into society."

Chapman said while he was incarcerated for a year in Menard Correctional Center, his wife sold their house and left town.

"With no place to go, Chapman showed up at the door of Good Samaritan."

"The guard drove me right to the shelter," Chapman said. "Before I went into the house, I remember being just as scared if I was standing outside Menard, waiting to go in for the first time. I remember I said to myself, 'I don't deserve to be here. I deserve better.'"

"Chapman said the shelter turned out to be a gift - one he says he will never forget.

"I worked maintenance before I went to jail," Chapman said. "With the warm weather around the corner, jobs should be opening right up. I appreciate this chance these folks have given me.""
The controversy surrounding the existence of a god has gone on for centuries and will probably go on forever more. The arguments concerning whose religion is right range from worldwide disputes to right here on campus. SIUC is sometimes the first place different students with different religious backgrounds meet for the first time.

As a reflection of society as a whole, there are times when these different groups, inspired by the passion they hold for their different beliefs, will confront one another and disagree about whose religion is the one true religion.

The disagreement between who is right, however, is where the paradox lies. When dealing with such a metaphysical concept, people attempt to discuss an infinite entity with finite knowledge. People have come under attack even though many religions in the area seem to be experiencing an increase in student involvement, the distance between those groups is getting larger.

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TheRev. Kevin Hopkins, of the SIUC United Methodist Student Center, said he views religion almost like a pendulum that swings back and forth. He said the pendulum was at its farthest point during the 60s, but now it is swinging back and forth.

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Many different philosophical questions have been asked when dealing with God and the world. For example, can God make a four-sided triangle?

These types of questions usually lead into the more formal argument of why evil exists. Evil exists, and some philosophers have argued that either God can't eliminate it, or won't eliminate it.

Jeff Uhlerka, a sophomore in zoology, describes himself as having an open philosophy and calls himself an agnostic.

"I would more than anything like to believe in a God," Uhlerka said. "But if I can't see it, and I can't sense it, then I can't pretend to believe in it."

"If there is a God, then why is there evil in the world?" he asks. "Why would a God let some of the things that have been happening in the world happen? Why would a God, a just and kind God, allow such pain to exist?"

Dr. Jeffrey Scott, pastor of the University Baptist Church, said it is important to ask questions but not to the point where you lose sight of the larger picture.

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Kyle J. Isma'il, president of the Muslim American Student Association, said his beliefs differ slightly from traditional Christian aspects.

"I believe in the Bible, but not the Holy Trinity," he said. "Part of my faith lies in how I believe Jesus was only a prophet and not actually the son of God."

Some or not question Christianity with philosophical questions why evil exists, or why bad things happen, but if God is all powerful, then little questions like these seem insignificant.

Scott said personal choices are the important thing when dealing with faith.

"In the long run, it all comes down to faith," he said. "Our job is not to convert people. Our job is to show them God's grace and let them make their own choices. People have a choice. If they did not question that choice, then a simple yes would be meaningless."
Hopkins said SIUC is a good example of society as a whole when talking about religion. He said the issue of political correctness has gone a little overboard in society and some of that can be felt here.

"This is a place of higher learning," he said. "People are naturally going to get offended by some things, but it seems they take religious differences a little more to heart than other things."
The longer the cold weather stays around, the bleaker everyday surroundings seem. So we decided it was time to take a look around and try to show the SIUC campus in a slightly different light.

A photograph of the statue of former SIUC President Delight Morris in front of Shryock Auditorium has been elongated, and a view of Altgeld Hall is shown as a negative version of the original photograph.

The Campus Lake boat dock is illuminated at night by the lights from Thompson Point. A double take of Faner Hall contrasts a look from a Student Center window with a bird's-eye view of the side near Morris Library. And scampering about are a few furry friends from around campus.

-Shirley Glass, photo editor
Students dabble with Tarot cards and palmistry

By Melissa Jakubowski  
OASIS Writer

As a college student, Mike Niblo says he has an abundance of questions regarding life, love, and happiness, and at about 3 o'clock in the morning, television psychics seem to hold all the answers. Niblo, an incoming SIUC freshman from Pearl City, said he was sitting around one evening watching various psychic hotline infomercials when his curiosity got the better of him.

"I was really curious to see if they actually worked," he said. "I called them up and asked about my love life. The woman who read my cards described the person and the place we were going to meet. I got pretty hooked after that.

"Niblo is an all too common example of the side effects of psychic guidance, a practicing Tarot card reader says.

Tarot is a special pack of playing cards, which some say can be used for foreseeing someone's future. Anne Daniels, an SIUC graduate in political science from Harrisburg who reads Tarot cards, said people depend on the wisdom of a psychic to answer all of their questions.

"Daniels said people assume that fortune-telling outlets such as Tarot cards, astrology, and palmistry will give them specific answers to the future. She said those outlets usually provide guidance to specific choices, not answers.

"People think they can find all the right answers in a deck of cards," she said. "Unless you're a true psychic with insight, you won't be able to tell someone their future. I always tell people that I can show them what choices they should make."

In England, during the mid-1500s, fortune-telling was equated with witchcraft and was punishable by death. But the popular devices that are used to perform the readings have even older roots.

The origin of Tarot cards is the subject of disagreement. According to the Encyclopedia of Occultism and Parapsychology, Tarot cards originated in Europe and spread through Gypsy migrations. The Tarot cards themselves are supposed to tell the story of the spiritual enlightenment of humankind. The pack includes 78 cards, broken into two different decks.

Some of the more popular cards with their meanings are as follows: the Lovers, choice; Death, change; Sun, success; and the Devil, suffering.

Daniels said a popular form of laying down the cards is in the Celtic cross. She said the basic directions for shuffling and laying the cards in the cross design come in two packs.

"It's not the most detailed, but if you don't want to spend hours reading books, it's an easy way to ask a question and get answers," Daniels said. She became interested in fortune telling when she experienced a psychic flash on the eve of her 15th birthday. She said she could not shake the feeling that someone in her family was in trouble.

"We received a call from the state police saying my sister got in an accident," she said. "After that happened, I knew I either had some type of intuition or psychic ability, or was just plain lucky.

Daniels said she is not 100 percent accurate, but she does have faith in her fortune-telling abilities. She said before she ventured into Tarot cards, she practiced palmistry. Palmistry is an ancient science that says a person's future can be told by marks on their hand.

"Fortune-telling is more of a technique than an actual ability," she said. "If you read the right books and keep practicing, you can develop your abilities. I'd say I've been pretty accurate in my readings.

As with any trade, the price of catching a glimpse of one's future is not always inexpensive.

Niblo said he spent $44.4 on a psychic hotline.

"I called so much, they gave me a free 800 number," he said. "Now I can call and get a free reading once a month."

Niblo said he learned to read Tarot cards about three weeks ago to save money. But he said he will probably keep calling as long as the psychics are on target.

"So far they've been correct with everything," he said. "Since I dropped out of John A. Logan, I asked if that would hurt my chances at SIUC. They told me no, and SIUC accepted me. I think I'm pretty sold."
Speaking from the heart

SIUC student Edgar Hopkins reflects on his second chance at life

By Erik Bush

Edgar Hopkins reflects on his second chance at life through his ongoing fight against heart disease and transplantation. He writes about the physical challenges of taking numerous pills daily and the social stigmas associated with having a transplant. Despite these obstacles, Hopkins finds hope in the support of his family and community, particularly his son, who attends to him as if he were dead, and the community's willingness to accept him as he is. Hopkins emphasizes the importance of fighting for one's life and the significance of cherishing the second chance at life granted by transplantation. His story highlights the personal and societal implications of organ transplantation and the ongoing struggle to overcome the challenges associated with it.
Rostenkowski to plead guilty

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON—Former Rep. Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., has agreed to plead guilty to two felonies in return for a 17-month prison sentence and a $100,000 fine, according to a source close to the case. Rostenkowski, 68, who was chairman of the powerful House Ways and Means Committee, could make his guilty plea to two felonies as early as today, if he does not change his mind, something he has done repeatedly in the past few months.

Official acceptance of the deal would require him to admit his guilt before a federal judge.

Rostenkowski is scheduled to go on trial May 15 on charges that he engaged in a pattern of corrupt activity that included accepting and using campaign funds to benefit personal business interests. He is accused of misusing the House fund to benefit his own business, and of commingling campaign funds and House funds.

His lawyer, Dan K. Webb of Chicago, declined to comment.

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By Buster Olney
The Baltimore Sun

The Yankees' handling of Kenney Rogers had been laughable. They signed the left-hander to a $20 million contract in February. It was conventional wisdom that Rogers' psyche isn't particularly durable compared to the high intensity of the New York market. He pitched poorly in spring training, and instead of addressing his situation carefully, the Yankees allowed it to fester during the season, for example, refusing to grant Rogers' requests for the personal grief he was experiencing before the 1995 Masters started, which led to his being demoted to the bullpen.

Predictably, Rogers was angry. The next day, the Yankees reversed themselves, saying that Rogers was back in the rotation, because bone chips in the elbow of Melido Perez had reduced Perez's velocity to the point where he needed surgery. What the Yankees have done is bring a big red flag for all New York to see, and attacked it to Rogers.

Rogers said, "The fact that I'm back (in the rotation) doesn't make everything all better. I still don't understand a lot of things. I'd like to get some answers. This whole thing is on-our-words, I don't know how to react to it. I just figure this is the way things go on around here."

Rogers isn't seen yet.

"Every year, there are about a half-dozen dumb moves in baseball that have nothing to do with logic, moves that you know immediately are going to be a disaster. The Yankees' decision to sign Rogers is one of those."

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Crenshaw wins
Masters despite personal grief

By Thomas Bork
Los Angeles Times

AUGUSTA, Ga.—Four days before the 1995 Masters started, Ben Crenshaw's oldest friend died. The day before the Masters started, Crenshaw limped his way through a practice round at Augusta National with a sore foot. The day the Masters started, Crenshaw shot a 70 and was four shots from the lead.

The day the Masters ended, Crenshaw went for his friend, savored his closing round of 68 and put on the most famous green jacket in sports. In the late afternoon sun, surrounded by tall Georgia pines, Crenshaw claimed his second Masters title. He just lost his best friend.

As far as victories go, this one wasn't much more impressive as it was his putting, which was poor throughout. It was a story of other words, such as destiny and fate. Maybe that's why Crenshaw was so overcome with emotion seconds later; Carl Jackson, Crenshaw's caddy since 1976, came over to console him.

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Darren Daulton pulls out of Phillies lineup for good of team

By Don Bonomo
The Allentown Morning Call

PHILADELPHIA—Darren Daulton has gone from left field to left out. Perhaps forever.

Daulton has taken himself out of the Philadelphia Phillies lineup because he said he was "wearing the team."

The three-time All-Star was placed on the 15-day disabled list after Sunday's game with the Cincinnati Reds was rained out so he can return to Clearwater, Fla., to rehabilitate the anterior cruciate ligament he tore in his right knee last Aug. 25.

There was nothing routine about this announcement. Manager Jim Fregoli fought back tears as he sang Kosovo to "I'm not ready for it right now."

"I'm going to go back to it and we'll know later on," he said. "Right now my knee is not fully healed up, and I don't know if it ever will be."

That's the medical opinion of someone who has been through nine knee operations, a fractured right hand, a fractured right clavicle, a torn rotator cuff and an injured right eye.

"Dutch" knows pain. And how to deal with it. That's why he felt he deserved to be judged and jury in this case.

"I'm the player," he said, "it should be my decision and nobody else's. Sometimes pride can be your worst enemy. It might have been this time. I don't think I've hurt anyone here, except myself."

The Phillies obliged one of their most popular players by allowing him to move from catcher to left field so they could keep his bat that knocked over in 100 runs in 1992 and 1993 in the lineup.

Daulton simply isn't hit bit.

Daulton was hitting .167 (2 for 13) with no extra base hits and no RBI in five games.

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Auld said Johnson did a great job in overpowering a strong bat. "Heil pulled out a bunt of hers, but continued to play better and kept herself in the mound." Auld said.

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"The greatest asset is coming with the in-curve, setting them up with that to go with the over-curve," Schuttek said. "They all think I'm going to throw inside so they back off the plate, then I just take it outside, and they can't reach it."

"This is mentally, kind of pat yourself on the back and then move on to the next match," Auld said. "I started out playing really horrible, and I wasn't moving well at all," Johnson said.

"Johnson said she was not mentally into the game, but once (Auld) talked to her she calmed her down," Judy said. "I needed somebody to tell me I needed to focus and start moving," she said.

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"I'm always shooting for a strikeout, just because I want to be that type of impact pitcher where if my defense doesn't have to rely on somebody else," she said. "I'm not saying anything bad about the team, but once I don't want to have to worry about them hitting it."

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Women's tennis team undefeated in MVC

by William C. Phillips III
Daily Egyptian Reporter

When one member of the team is down, someone will rise to the occasion and that formula has been winning tennis matches all season said SIUE women's tennis coach Joly Auld said.

The Salukis have won eight straight matches and are undefeated. 3-0, in Missouri Valley Conference this spring. Southern raised its season record to 12-6 at home up 6-7 by defeating Indiana State University 5-4, Bradley University 6-0 and Creighton University 5-3.

With the victorious weekend sophomore Susan Bosky extended her match win streak to nine, compiling the team high record of 14-2. Junior Patricia Zihler sophomore Molly Cini both have won five of their last six singles matches.

Auld said the performance of her team's doubles pairs against Indiana State University was excellent.

“One doubles is hard to win when you're playing one of the best teams out there," said Auld. "This is probably the best doubles today that I have seen the number two spots play, and they came through and won, at a crucial time. Because the number one doubles with Patricia Zihler needed to rest, it was just a great team effort overall,"

Auld said she is pleased to start off the conference schedule, but doesn't want her players to feel pressured to win.

"They are important matches, and they determine your seeding, but I never want them to go over their head and I don't want them to feel like it's a do or die situation. It still continues to go on but you do it in the conference," Auld said.

Auld said the matches against see TENNIS, page 15

Saluki Softball

Jamie Schuttek returns from injury to lead SIUC

by Michael DeFord
Assistant Sports Editor

Last year, SIUC softball pitcher Jamie Schuttek was slowed by a knee injury, which forced her to miss playing in April. However, through the month of March, the Salukis are 3-2, and Wisconsin-Oshkosh 3-1 to Wisconsin-Oshkosh 3-1 to the championship game against Indiana State in 15 in 15 appearances, Schuttek has won both the most and confidence of her teammates.

The Saluki softball team, coached by Jody Auld, grew up playing softball alongside Schutte in high school. She said she had her choice of who to put on the mound.

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Gooden rebuilding his life

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ARLINGTON, Texas—The pitcher's mound used to be the safest place for Dwight Gooden. His new baseball life started yesterday as he pitched for the Texas Rangers, but it was far from easy.

The year has seen Gooden's gift to Elster split the plate and wound. It was a difficult season over the last year when he had the injury. He is coming back to the mound.

“Pain is a big difference from last year because I don't have a knee that's burning the whole way through," Schuttek said. "Last year I didn't play half the time. It's so much more fun this year we are winning.

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"I do not consider myself a leader just because I'm the pitcher, but because I'm a pitcher and involved in every single play," a confident Schuttek said. "If you want the other eight players to believe in you, you have to be a leader. When the pitcher is defeated on the field, the whole team is defeated as well.

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