Students count in Census

City officials stress all SIUC students need to be counted in Carbondale

KAREN BLATTER
GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Getting the most accurate count is the goal of the city for Census 2000.

One of the most important parts of the Census in Carbondale is getting college students counted according to Don Money, community services director and assistant city manager.

College students are counted by the Census Bureau as living where they reside when they are in school. If students don't get counted here, they won't get counted at all," he said. "About half of the population in Carbondale are students. They are a separate figure in a detailed report. If they are not counted, it's like they disappear."

Every 10 years, a Census is required by the U.S. Constitution to count the population of the United States. During the middle of March, the Census will be mailed to every housing unit in Carbondale.

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Preparations have already begun for the long running festival

Travis Morse
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Kurush Cantemirov's voice rings out in the train station as he communicates preparing for the long running student-run film festival in this country. The Big Muddy Film Festival is said to be the largest student-run film festival.

Cantemirov, who is the main organizer, said, "We've been extremely busy preparing the films for the festival this year. We're excited to see what our students have prepared for this year's festival.

"The festival is a great way to showcase the talent of our students and to provide them with an opportunity to share their work with the community. We encourage everyone to come out and enjoy the films."
Millennium Initiative may fix or flatten greek life

The Millennium Initiative has officially pounded the last nail into the coffin of Select 2000, opening SIUC greeks up to an ocean of responsibility for their own success or failure and will be forced to depend on the compliance of every member to make the Millennium Initiative work.

The rules for registered social events are very specific, aiming to ensure the safety of everyone involved. Each party must have five sober mentors, five sober drivers and two individuals who are sworn in as CPR. Under 21 must have their hands marked with a non-washable marker, alcohol is not served to individuals who are visibly intoxicated, and the party must be over and vacated by 2 a.m. All members must also be TPIS (Training for Intervention Procedures by Stevens of Alcohol) trained, a program only 31 percent of those who serve alcohol in restaurants and bars must attend.

Guidelines of some kind are clearly in order within the greek system. Just two years ago, a study conducted by SIUC and Cornell University found not only that greek students drink more than non-greeks, but that greek leaders lead the pack as for alcohol drinking. About two a year, a story hits national news about a student drinking himself to death at a fraternity party, and there are so many instances of students drinking and driving each year, it is no longer shocking to hear of related deaths.

So we applaud greeks for their apparent commitment to the safety of their members, but since enforcement is placed predominantly on the greeks themselves, the question inevitably arises: is this realistic? Even if every member of the fraternity follows the rules the letter/what about the leaders? They will have to deal with students sneaking alcohol into the parties and washing the under-21 marks off their hands. This role requires more than obedience, we think.

Soon enough, we will know whether the greeks can police their members. At the beginning and end of each party, a monitor from the Interfraternity Council will fill out a checklist to comply with the Millennium Initiative. The checklists are then filed at Student Development. Obviously, things will go wrong at times, and if these checklists are quarterly coming back as flawless bastions of virtue, somebody's not doing their job.

We have high hopes for this program and it's in everybody's best interest for it to succeed. For it to work, however, there can be no cover-ups and there can be no ambiguity. This is a chance to do away with greek stereotypes and gain freedom for respectable organizations. Greeks historically like to say "greek life isn't fueled on alcohol," which may be true, but if it can be shown to be an opportunity to show that greek life is about accountability and responsibility, or could also be a confirmation that greeks are just drunken losers.

Trouble at Arizona's Big Mountain

On Feb. 1, this year, about 75 Dineh (Navajo) families will be forcibly moved from the Big Mountain area. The purpose of this "voluntary" program is to clear the inhabitants of Big Mountain, Navajo.

According to the Census Bureau of the Navajo, their ancestors have lived in this area since the beginning of the 20th century. Most of the people live on and around the mountain in high elevations when they, their parents and fathers before them, are shepherders.

Their neighbors, the Navajo, live on the plains and lower below where they are dry-crop farmers. They traded with one another for ammunition and sand used areas for ceremonial purposes. They have lived together for centuries.

In the 1900s, it took around the mountain was discovered to hold the continent's largest supply of raw coal, including a thick and extensive high-grade, low-sulfur coal belt. It wasn't long before corporations began mining with the thought of profiting from America's growing energy consumption.

After Peabody Coal Company agreed to strip the coal from lands under Navajo control and were denied in the 1930s, efforts began to make a new "windmill" program. This 1977 campaign would be recognized by the US government and by FCC as one of the largest "windmill" and decision-making bodies in the tribe, despite the fact that none of the traditional Navajo leaders was involved in it. In a manner consistent with lay select patronizing rights was challenged. As for the coal mining operations expanded to the public domain and members of the tribal government who participated in the decision making on coal was under its control.

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Two walkers cross a bridge over campus lake on a recent evening.

Drew Larson
Daily Egyptian

Did You Know?
22,028 students
4,077 faculty
13,753 Carbondale residents
Total 39,858 D.E readers daily

Registration Info:

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Jan. 18

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Jan. 26 at 8pm

Schedules Posted:
Jan. 27 at 12pm

Tournament Begins Jan. 28
And Runs Through Jan. 29
Five-year-old Stetson Lane Fox of Creal Springs practices his lasso skills with his lariat while his father, Johnny Fox, competes in the rodeo.

**The cowboys say there's nothing quite like the thrill of the ride. They love every minute of it—from the ropes and the reins to the joy and the pain...**

**And they call the thing RODEO**

*Photos by Kerry Maloney*  
*Story by Burke Speaker & Rhonda Sciarra*

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Steve Coelm positions himself atop a more than 1,000-pound muscular bull, waiting for the metal gate to fling open. In previous years, bull riders have grazed him with a hole in the face, cracked ribs, broken arms and several concussions.

Coelm signals that he's ready, and the gate flings open.

**One... Two...**

In the lighted indoor arena, with country music blaring, about 30 cowboys participated in three stock events: bull riding, bareback riding and saddle bronc riding.

Coelm, a junior in agriculture education from Altamont and member of the SIUC Rodeo Team, is one of the cowboys competing in the small-scale rodeo. Sunday afternoon at Harmony Hill Stables, 3167 N. Reed Station Road.

Terry Bailey, the rodeo producer and contractor with TNT Rodeo company from Vienna, and his wife Darlene own 38 bulls and 11 horses, some of which were used Sunday. Bailey has supplied the live stock for rodeos across the Midwest for the past six years.

"It keeps getting bigger each year," Bailey says of the rodeo business. "As long as these boys want to ride, we'll have a rodeo."

And it looks like at least the Southern Illinois boys want to keep on riding.

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See Rodeo, page 7
competing in bareback riding. In bareback competition, riders mount unbridled horses—a stance which describes horses that have never been trained.

Bareback riders use a riggin—a piece of leather fas­
trend around the body of the horse. On the riggin is a 
handhold the cowboys use to hang on to, which looks much like a suitcase handle. Ruhmann says bareback 
riding is a constant struggle between rider and the 
horse.

"You have all of this power underneath you," he says, 
"only this power has a mind of its own."

It’s a power that many find hard to control. Johnny 
Fox, an electrician from Creal Springs, was the bare­
back riding competition and narrowly escaped injury. As 
he tried to dismount, Fox caught his hand in the hold 
and the bucking horse flung its body around and 
dragged him for about 30 seconds.

"It was a good ride til the end," says Fox. "I might be 
seen in the morning."

Three ... Four ... Five ...

Tony Aren, a junior in forestry from Altamont, has 
dabbled in bull riding, but mostly follows Codm around 
and the matador-in-paint walked away with a couple 
of iiow well the horse or bull bucks and spins, and how 

"They also call us matadors in grease paint," 
Langford says, putting on shin guards, knee pads, elbow 
pads and a protective vest. "Our only job is to protect 
the cowboys, the secondary's entertaining the crowd."

Langford is one of two bull­ 
fighters at the rodeo. In his 
third year donning the clown 
attire, Langford says his love of 
the sport keeps him enthuseu 
about riding his safety for 
another cow-boy. But... 

"I had my nut sack ripped 
open summer before last," 
Langford says unabashedly. "I 
get bruised up every rodeo."

And not surprisingly. According to statistics from the 
Professional Rodeo Cowboys 
Association, which is not affil­ 
inated with amateur rodeos, about 
20 deaths occurred in the past 18 years and countless 
injuries.

But for the die-hard rodeo cowboys, the injuries arc all 
part of the sport. "Cowboy on a rare breed," Dury says while watching 
the bull ride. "They have what it takes — they're set apart 
from the rest."

Eight.

The buzzer sounds, and with uncontrolled effort, Coelm 
manges to dismount by falling to the ground — the 
fastest and safest way riders usually get off the hull. Coelm 
is helped by the bullfighters and the three pick-up men on 
horseback, who then round the bull back into the pen.

Coelm walks away from the ride with the third-place 
score, which is now referred to as rodeo’s bull­ 
fighters.

"We are all very scared of 
the bull," Coelm says. "This is a 
wild and rough sport, and many wonder why 
these guys: take the risk.

"Every little kid grows up playing cowboys," Coelm says 
grimacing. "By doing this, we get to keep on playin'."
SIUC School of Social Work receives grant from DCFS

Three year contract struck for over $1.5 million

Cecile Rodriguez
Daily Egyptian Reporter

SIUC, along with five other universities in Illinois, has received a three-year contract with the Department of Children and Family Services for more than $1.5 million.

- The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services entered into a partnership with SIUC, Austin University, Loyola University, University of Chicago, and University of Illinois campuses in Urbana and Chicago's schools of social work.

The grant comes from an agreement formed in 1997 that DCFS may receive help from social workers from one of the universities in the contract. Similar partnerships have been formed in California, Texas, Florida and Maryland.

Martin, Trup, director of SIUC's School of Social Work, said the grant will provide professional training to social workers who work in DCFS offices. At SIUC the training will be given by 10 field teachers. Each teacher specializes in a different field such as sexual abuse.

There will also be a month-long instruction and on-the-job training to new employees assigned to downtown offices. There will also be seminars and workshops for new and veteran caseworkers and DCFS supervisors over responsibilities that come with the job.

To achieve this goal, the partnerships have been formed to help the School of Social Work prepare caseworkers and child welfare workers for the child welfare licensing exam.

This new exam, which is given to caseworkers and child welfare administrators, demonstrates the workers' knowledge of the field.

Shari Selander, director of the DCFS training partnership, said the grant helps to provide what is most needed. Selander said the most important factor benefiting from the grant is the people the DCFS is there to help.

"Training provides additional resources to provide knowledge and skills for their workers," Selander said. "The DCFS is very committed to providing quality services to children and families..."
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Carbondale police uniforms changing colors after 15 years

Department makes switch from brown to blue

DAVID FERRARA
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Like a slow-moving chameleon, Carbondale police will fashion a new color.

For more than 15 years, Carbondale officers have been wearing brown uniforms.

The switch might still be months away; however, officers may soon be sporting a blue colored uniform, Chief R.E. Finney says.

Though blue has been agreed upon as a color, Carbondale police are in the midst of selecting a new style. Unlike a chameleon, police cannot simply dip into a new look. They will have to alter the color of their coats, patches, badges and name tags. And that could take months.

The Carbondale Police Department had the semblance of a fashion show a few months ago, when distributors from various companies had officers sample uniforms.

Among police authorities, brown is commonly worn by state troopers and county sheriffs. Blue uniforms are typically worn by city police, which has also been a factor in the change.

Finney said the brown color is hard to get and the blue might be more cost efficient.

The Carbondale Police Department decided it wanted to switch the color of its uniforms during the end of retired Chief Don Strom's reign (from 1991 to 1998), but Finney has taken steps to stitching the idea to the department.

Finney arrived at the department in April 1999. "The new chief comes in, and he wants to put his signature on things, and one of the things is uniforms, and traditionally city police departments wear blue uniforms," said Don Elliott, Carbondale police community relations officer.

Like many of the city's officers, Elliott has been wearing the brown uniform since he began work at the police department. There are about 60 officers on staff at the department now, and Finney said it may take months to process the orders and get the uniforms issued.

The Carbondale Police Department decided it wanted to switch the color of its uniforms during the end of retired Chief Don Strom's reign (from 1991 to 1998), but Finney has taken steps to stitching the idea to the department.

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Students haunted with fire memories

Four fires give freshman anxiety about living in dorms

By Ryan Scott and Ginny Balki
Daily Egyptian reporter

Zack LaMonte rests his head on his pillow every night with one fear lingering in his mind — Burning to death.

LaMonte's sense of home was ripped away from him by a student he thinks is an arsonist, living in his dorm.

LaMonte, a freshman in music business from Sorento, Ill., believes the incidents from B-lobby, have recouping thoughts about the four fires that occurred close to their residence hall row in Bowser Hall.

"I remember the smell of charred plastic in the bathroom," Daily said. "I woke up on my 19th birthday to a fire alarm." The events in Bowser Hall seem to resemble the recent events that led to a fire at Seton Hall University in South Orange, N.J. At Seton Hall, a fire started and killed three residents in Bowser Hall, a freshman residence hall, last week. Investigators have yet to determine the cause of the fire, but think it was arson.

At both Bowling and Bowser Hall, about 18 false fire alarms have been set off this school year, and the university is offering rewards for information leading to arrests for false fire alarms.

Although the cause of the fire at Seton Hall University is still under investigation, one possibility that the incident was a prank is not being excluded. A threat in both cases is frightening for some Bowser Hall residents.

In December 1992, SJUC was transfixed when four students died in a fire at the Pyramid Apartments, 304 S. Rawlings St. Rawlings St. was reported down in the case, but no one was ever arrested.

Daily, prompted by the recent fires, has begun seeking in print and keeping his seat near his hall door in a pair of socks in preparation for a real or false alarm.

Although LaMonte plans to work at the Valentine's Day Bachelor's "Silent Bid" Auction, his goal at 62 percent for this year's annual event at SIU is to let the government and community learn about itself. It provides a possible motive for the arsonists.

"I just hope the rest of the faculty and administration take this as seriously as it is," Daily said. "And the person who turned in the suspect should be commended." Banks, who said the fires were probably college pranks, was shocked to know that the case be just of Judicial Affairs disclosure laws, said the arrest was set off this school year, and the university is still under investigation, the possibility that arrests for those responsible are likely to be made.

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National pilot program brings professionals to SIUC

Broadcasters will visit

Department of Radio and Television this spring

APRIL DONALDSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Radio and television students will get the opportunity to work with professionals in their field this spring thanks to the Broadcasters-In-Residence Program, a national pilot project for radio and television students. SIUC was chosen from an elite group of universities as one of seven to participate in the program.

Kenneth R. Keller, head of SIUC's broadcast news service, said the Broadcasters-In-Residence Program will provide the University with four separate, week-long visits from professionals in Milwaukee. These professionals will give workshops, seminars, sessions and one-on-one suggestions to SIUC radio and television students.

"It's an opportunity to learn from people who have been in the field," said Austin Gammage, a sophomore in radio and television management from Champaign. "With the new technology that's out there, you learn more from the people in the profession who are using them daily."

The Broadcasters-In-Residence Program was made possible by an $11,000 Association of Schools of Journalism and Mass Communication grant funded by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

"The goal of the program will be to cover the visiting professional's lodging, travel and expenses," Journal Broadcast Group President with four separate, week-long visits station working in close proximity, according to Keller.

"This is the first year that the Knight Foundation has made these kinds of grants available to broadcast journalism programs," Keller said.

The Department of Radio and Television teamed up with the Journal Broadcast Group of Milwaukee in submitting a proposal for the program.

The joint application showing how it would benefit both parties was reviewed by ASJMC, which administered the program.

Keller said that they chose to team up with the WTMJ station in Milwaukee because the school had to choose someone in the region. A broadcast station that had both a radio and a television station working in close proximity, Keller said, and there are SIUC alumni at WTMJ.

Keller said the first visit will be the week of Feb. 14. This visit will include Dan Shelley, news director and assistant general manager of WTMJ radio, and Cheryl Preston, anchor and reporter at WTMJ radio.

"All the students who have been in the field," said Keller, "will be able to come for several days and get the opportunity to work with professionals at WTMJ radio and television.

"It's a great change in the policy we did have," said Patton, who was on the Knight Foundation task force. "What the students have done is an awful lot of work."

"I think it has the potential to be successful. I think it can work with the right leadership. And right now we have excellent leadership in the ASJMC program.

Sean Henry, Undergraduate Student Government president, believes the success of the Millennium Initiative is a matter of time.

"Students are adults," said Henry, a new member of the Alpha Phi Omega chapter. "They can be trusted to do this.

Disobedience can result in probation or suspension or even loss of the "We have classes, and we have classes, and we have classes," said Covell. "With students running the festival, we have classes, and we have classes, and we have classes," said Covell. "With students running the festival, we have classes, and we have classes, and we have classes, and we have classes," said Covell. "With students running the festival, we have classes, and we have classes, and we have classes, and we have classes."
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The MVC might not be able to send three teams to the "big dance" again

The Missouri Valley Conference is coming off one of its best seasons ever, but there is reason to believe that success could be hard to duplicate.

After sending three teams to the NCAA men's tournament last season - Southern Illinois, Creighton and Evansville - the league is in danger of having its conference tournament资格 stripped away.

"The Valley was the eighth-ranked conference in the country last season, but it has slipped to 12th this year," SIU head coach Rick Majerus said. "We're going to have trouble getting three teams in the NCAA tournament this year."

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"The bottoms have gotten better, the tops have probably dropped a little bit," SIU Athletic Director Greg后 said. "We're going to have trouble getting two teams in the NCAA tournament this year."

Majerus attributes the drop to the bottoms getting better, Aces going wild: Southern Illinois, Creighton and Evansville "coming off one of its best seasons ever," along with the strong play of the nation's top squads.

"I think the conference tournament qualification could be short-lived," Majerus said. "The last 19 seasons, we've been able to pile up wins consistently with the nation's top squads. But this year, we're going to have trouble getting two teams in the NCAA tournament."

The MVC might not be able to send three teams to the "big dance" again.

Ninth month swimming and diving head coach Brian Winter has led his team to five consecutive conference championships. When asked if he ever imagined his team reaching the top, Winter responded confidently.

"We're in a very good position," Winter said. "We're in a very good position to have a very good chance," Winter said. "We're in a very good position to have a very good chance," Winter said.

Judging from the results of Saturday's MVC Swimming and Diving Championships at Kentucky University, Winter thinks this year will be no different.

Junior swimming and diving team leader, Western Illinois University 166-75, but lost to host Western Kentucky 125-116.

"They were swimming out of their minds," Radostin said. "The whole team was* swimming out of their minds." Radostin said.

Muniz leads swim team in weekend split

Salukis top Leathernecks, fall to Hilltoppers

"I was surprised I won because I was tired and they seemed to be very well rested," Muniz said.

Western Illinois was so well rested that the Hilltoppers broke 11 school records and set seven pool records.

WU's Sydney Smith and Brandi Sodupe won both the 100-yard freestyle and 200-yard freestyle, 200-yard medley relay and the 200 individual medley, respectively.

"They were very well rested for this meet," Smith said. "We had a great week of practice and we were able to make the meet less stressful for the athletes." Smith said.

Despite winning the first-place finish, SIU was able to record some impressive second- and third-place finishes.

Sophomore Cecile Radostin (24.97) finished just short of defeating WU's Megan Zacharias (24.62) in the 50 freestyle. Radostin also placed second in the 200 backstroke.

"We were swimming out of their minds," Radostin said. "That was the best meet of the season." Radostin said.
Big man enjoys under-size advantage

JuniOr forward Josh Cross' may be out-sized when Salukis face Drake tonight, but not out-hustled

Corby Cusick
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Size should be a limitation for SIU men's basketball forward Josh Cross. Instead it is an advantage.

Despite standing only 5 feet 4 inches tall, the sturdy junior does things on the basketball court that keeps opposing coaches furious on the sidelines.

Playing the power forward position, the Carbondale native usually finds himself undersized against the bigger, towering forwards in the Missouri Valley Conference.

But Cross, who averages a little more than 16 minutes per game off the bench, has a knack for out-rebounding 6-foot-9-inch forwards, out-hustling flashy guards and using his deceivingly quick 220-pound frame to get in the painting lane and further agitate opposing offenses.

He does all the intangibles. The things unseen in the box score.

His latest victim was Bradley University, as his presence changed the game on both ends of the court.

Cross scored 12 points, while grabbing six rebounds and swiping two Bradley passes in the 72-59 Saluki victory Saturday night at the Arena. "He's our spark plug defensively," said Saluki head coach Bruce Weber. "He's pretty active on the offensive end also, so he's starting to go."

Cross will attempt to spark another Missouri Valley Conference victory against Drake University tonight at 7:05 at the SIU Arena.

Weber anticipated Cross to put up numbers like he has in his last seven ballgames (9.1 points per game and 5.0 rebounds per contest) all season, but an off-season foot injury kept him out of action for nearly five months.

Cross had limited time to prepare for the season. Overall, cross at the arena are up from last season. The Salukis are averaging 4,572 fans so far, as compared with a srickly 3,345 fans a game last season. Assuming SIU (10-3, 4-3 MVC) keeps winning, the average of its games, coaches numbers should increase for the Salukis' remaining six home dates, particularly among the students.

"It seems like in December, (students) don't start really picking up on basketball," Weber said. "Now, we have a good crowd (Saturday) night...I hope we have some, we're doing better, and we're not doing the stretching."

If not, it won't be for lack of effort.

SIU attempted to give away "Free Calling Cards" at Saturday's Bradley game, but the promotion was hastily cancelled when officials discovered the giveaways because they were "Artificial Drawings.

"With the phone card promotion, SIU wanted to attempt to keep up with the trend in sport marketing, and appeal to a broader group than just in hard-core fans," Weber said. "The very fans are now, they want something; they want just something new." Weber said. "Even the NBA teams or Major League Baseball or whatever, there always giveaways. People expect things, you almost have to trick them into coming, and once you get them here, you make it a special environment and then they come back."

In addition to phone cards, promotions at the arena tonight wereSIU basketball program.

Mary Beth Wehner
Sports Writer

Valley Hoops

The location of what's gone on around the MVC in men's basketball

Corey Cusick
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Kentucky in competition in the Missouri Valley Conference. Today junior does things on the basketball court that Carbondale native usually finds himself undersized.

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Junior forward Joshua Cross dunks the final point of Saturday's game against Bradley University at the SIU Arena. Cross contributed 12 points toward the Saluki's victory.

From long distance...

Students attending game tonight can receive free calling cards

Jay Wehrner
Sports Writer

The SIU men's basketball team covers a loud, lively and intimidating home-court advantage.

Southern Illinois community members, SIU faculty and alumni are all well and good, but nothing gets the SIU Arena rocking louder than a large group of boisterous college students.

In recognition of that, the basketball marketing brain trust has paired up with a five-minute-second- play couple years in hopes of drawing more students to SIU basketball games, including drawings to award free calling.

Yet another attempt to reach out to students has been planned for tonight's game against Drake University. The first 500 SIU students at the Salukis' game at the arena tonight will receive a free 20-minute-long-distance phone card as a gift.

SIU head coach Bruce Weber said he also spends a great deal of time studying opposing offenses prior to a gam...