Airport waiting to land FAA grant

By David Sheets
Staff Writer

Southern Illinois Airport and the Illinois Department of Transportation are at odds over roughly $350,000. The airport is supposed to get the money for the 1987 federal fiscal year from the Federal Aviation Administration for airport improvements, said Gary Shaler, SI Airport manager.

But Roger Barcus, airport engineering director for the Illinois Department of Transportation, Aeronautics Division in Springfield, said he has no record of any 1987 fiscal year FAA grants for the airport.

"They applied for the funds," Barcus said. "But I don't know of any grant that's been awarded yet." Shaler said the Southern Illinois Airport Authority was working with engineering firms already selected and are starting on preliminary work.

"We've got access to a loan from the FAA and the state that we would get the money," Schaefer said. "They say they will get the money," Barcus said. "We can all hope they get the money but I haven't seen anything about it yet.

The money is part of the FAA's $1 billion nationwide Airport Improvement Program for this year. About $1 million of that will come to the FAA's Great Lakes Region, but Illinois is a part out of that Great Lakes Region. See FAA, Page 5

Swap being planned to aid U.S. hostages

BEIRUT, Lebanon (UPI) — Moslem Shiite militants said Tuesday they were working to engineer the exchange of a captived Israeli for 400 Palestinians jailed in Israel, a deal aimed at winning freedom for three Americans and an Indian held by Moslem extremists.

The Shiite Moslem Amal militia had no official report on efforts to arrange the deal, proposed by Amal leader Nahib Berri. But militia sources said "some feelings" have gone out to the International Committee of the Red Cross, which indicated it could act as an intermediary in the swap.

The Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine had threatened to kill the four captives unless 400 Palestinians were released from Israeli jails.

But the group postponed its midnight Monday deadline for killing the four and demanded clarification of "positive points" in a statement by Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Peres said Sunday that any request presented "in a proper way" could be considered by the Israeli government.

Also Tuesday, other kidnappers released a Lebanese-American businessman in Moslem west Beirut after his family paid a ransom, ending his four days in captivity. British officials said they also hoped for the release of hostage negotiator Terry Waite, a Church of England envoy last seen in Beirut Jan. 18 and believed to be detained by another group of pro-Iranian Moslem fundamentalist kidnappers holding American and French hostages.

The extension of the kidnappers' deadline eased tension in Beirut, Damascus, Jerusalem and Washington and led to hopes for a negotiated settlement without bloodshed, diplomatic and military sources said, and speculation a deal was in the works.

Drug abuse 'entrenched' in students; stress cited

"... consider the misuse of alcohol and drugs, perhaps the greatest problem in the country today," said William D. Rankin, dean of the

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Gus Bode

Gus says higher education means different things to different people.

GPSC to rehash fee increase for day care

By Tracy Bartoni
Staff Writer

A proposed resolution suggesting a $1 per semester fee increase to help finance Rainbow's End Day Care Center is expected to be discussed by the Graduate and Professional Student Council tonight at 7 in the Student Center Mississippi Room.

Rainbow's End, a facility that provides for the care of students' and faculty members' children, will have a

fee increases. Council members also argued that students with children should not have to bear a monetary burden for a facility they will not

use.

Those supporting the fee increase say that the University has an obligation to lessen the financial burden that SIUC-student parents have trying to make ends meet and child-rearing at the same time.

In other business, the GPSC is expected to discuss a bill passed by Congress that will allow outside firms in the operation of the University Bookstore and Transcript service to reap graduation application fees.

Guest speakers at the meeting are John Yopp, dean of the graduate school, John Corker, director of the Student Center, and Dave Muddeon, a candidate for the Carbondale City Council.

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140 dissidents released as Soviets soften stance

MOSCOW (UPI) — The Soviet Union, relaxing its policy against dissent, has freed 140 political prisoners in the past eight days, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Tuesday. The spokesman said about 140 more cases are under review and more releases are expected in line with the Kremlin's decision to have "fewer people behind bars and barred wire" for political crimes. "This is in line with our policy of more democratization of Soviet life," spokesman Gennady Gerasimov said.

14 killed as Philippine troops, rebels clash

MANILA, Philippines (UPI) — Government troops and communist rebels clashed Tuesday for the first time since the end of a cease-fire, killing 14 people and sending panic-stricken villagers fleeing for their lives. The military said the firefight killed 11 guerrillas, an army lieutenant and two civilians who were caught in the crossfire. As the threat of widespread fighting mounted, President Corazon Aquino urged a three-day truce with the 250,000-member military, assuring that she has no communist sympathizers in her government.

Arms talks stall over test-ban dispute

GENEVA (UPI) — U.S. and Soviet negotiators, blaming each other for blocking any substantive progress, called a five-week recess Tuesday in the latest round of talks on limiting nuclear testing. The negotiations have bogged down over U.S. insistence that the talks focus on ratification of test-limitation treaties reached in 1974 and 1976, and Soviet demands for discussions on new, lower limits and an eventual ban on testing.

Reagan won't order Poinsettia, North to talk

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Reagan rejected a request from his special panel investigating National Security Council operations to force answers from two top-line figures in the Iran-Contra affair, the White House said Tuesday. White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Reagan, advised that military officers could not be ordered to abandon their constitutional rights, refused to order the testimony from former aides John Poindexter and Oliver North.

McFarlane recovering from drug overdose

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Robert McFarlane, who testified that President Reagan approved arms sales to Iran from the start, was released from a hospital Tuesday to return to his home in Virginia. McFarlane, 49, told investigators that President Reagan approved arms sales to Iran from the start.

Missouri fugitive captured without incident

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (UPI) — A fugitive wanted in the killing of a state trooper was caught hiding in the attic of a friend's house and captured Tuesday by a SWAT team, ending a massive two-day manhunt. Glennon Paul Sweet, 31, of Squires, Mo., did not resist police who stormed the house in west Springfield at about 1:30 a.m., Greene County prosecutor Thomas Mountjoy said. About 100 law officers hunted for Sweet in south-central Missouri since Sunday evening when Trooper Russell Harper, 45, was found dead in his cruiser.

Dozen N.Y. teens charged in attack on blacks

NEW YORK (UPI) — A dozen white teenagers—including three accused of murder—were charged Tuesday in a mob attack on three black men, one of whom was drowned in a Hudson River inlet by an all-white New York City enclave in December. The charges apparently were the result of new information provided by an alleged participant in the night of violence Dec. 30 in Howard Beach, a witness who was charged with murder but released on his own recognizance at arraignment in state Supreme Court in the borough of Queens.

Farmers need continued aid, senators say

OMAHA, Neb. (UPI) — The nation's farmers, devastated by faltering land prices and a sharply lower number of bank failures, need continued government support and adequate credit to survive, the Senate Agriculture Committee was told Tuesday. The committee, on a three-day swing through the Midwest, focused on farm credit at a hearing headed by Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., committee chairman, and Sen. Bob Dole, R-Kan. The committee said it is more active than ever in seeking solutions to the next generation of farmers.

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By Laura Milbrath  
Staff Writer

A small crowd gathers around the public water post in the center of the Nicaraguan village of Waslala. The faucet only runs for an hour each day and everyone is anxious to refill their buckets with what they described as "rare and precious" clean water.

Nearby, muddy pools of water that has trickled down from a river lie on the ground. The contaminated puddles hold disease and death to many who drink from them. If not for the public water post, these puddles would be the only source of water for the village.

In other villages there is no water at all. These scenes are common sights in many areas of Nicaragua where water is not available, said Scott Renfro, project technician for Puente de Paz (Bridge of Peace), a non-profit project sponsored by the Arkansas Peace Center. The project's goal is to bring water and sewer projects to resettlement communities in Nicaragua's Central region.

The Western Washington University graduate is traveling the United States in hopes of raising money by recounting his experience of working to bring fresh water supplies to the estimated 3,500 people in Waslala.

Speaking at the Interfaith Center Tuesday, Renfro explained the gravity of the water situation by saying, "The concept was not of clean water vs. dirty water but of any water vs. no water."

"I'm helping people struggle for the real things in life—food, shelter, health and education. I wanted to try and bring these people into a situation where they can have a livelihood themselves."

The water system he helped to develop in Waslala is gravity fed and requires no pumps or electricity to keep it running. The system's simplicity is desirable for the future, when the people of the village will be maintaining it themselves, Renfro explained.

Often, Americans are willing to help people in underdeveloped countries but they aren't willing to donate to the smaller projects, Renfro said, because they want to help with the huge projects that provide immediate results.

"People want to do something large and significant. They want to be able to see the results of their labors," he said. "But what is important is that they get educated and active. The world is very complex and you've got to do a little bit of digging."

Renfro said he admired the Nicaraguans and recalled meeting a group of them in need of food. Despite the despair in their situation, "They are still kind and generous and warm to you," he said.

He contrasted their attitudes with those some Americans who become furious and rude when faced with such a problem as a machine breaking and said, "They become unreasonable even though their problems are not life- or death-oriented."

"I lose hope when I see people demoralized by non-life or death situations," Renfro said, "and I get a lot of hope seeing people who are struggling with life or death situations but are still moving forward."

Renfro said he feels inspired by the Nicaraguan people for the courage they show in facing hardship each day. "I don't feel sorry for them," he said. "I'm said at times but they are free and emancipated. They are in a situation like the U.S. was 200 years ago. They are building and working for the future but they are having to make big sacrifices, which is sad."

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Technician seeking $5,000 to aid Nicaraguans

Scott Renfro, project technician for "Bridge of Peace," talks about projects to aid the Nicaraguan people.

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SFC films should stay the alternative

ONE OF THE SADDEST bits of news this semester is the cutback in SFC films shown at the Student Center Auditorium. But what really makes it sad is that the few films that will be chosen to represent our popular movies that were in all the commercial theaters last year.

What a disappointment. We understand that the Student Programming Council, now $6,500 in the red partially because of low student ticket sales, may be forced to cut total audience. This is a college town with a diverse and supposedly successful auditorium and give us back our fees.

But the SFC films, which have included such controversial selections as “Hail Mary” and David Lynch’s “Repo Man” have been the only alternative to the big-budget spectacles shown at every theater in town.

Not that Kerasotes and AMC theaters do not frequently show good movies. But the interesting and unusual rarely last long in Carbondale. The only way they rarely appeal to the general public. Witness the short stay of “Mona Lisa” and “Desert Hearts” at University 4, or “Something Wild” at the Saluki. The life of “Crocodile Dundee” and “Star Trek IV,” however, must soon be measured by taking carbon isotope samples from the projectors.

SOLVING THE FINANCIAL PROBLEMS at SFC is a tough job, especially considering the rising cost of renting movies and the declining number of movie patrons in an age of video rental. But the SFC can avoid becoming a pale and tarry clone of other Carbondale theaters with a little imagination, a little sacrifice and an eye to sponsors outside the SFC.

SFC films chair Howard Subperez says the biggest problem with last year’s film program was the lack of publicity. Advertising can get expensive, but from the looks of the display in the North end of the Student Center, the SFC is not making effective use of its last semester’s movies. Maybe Dave ticket when the films are scheduled should be given under the movie poster. The Student Center crossroads is illegible and sloppy—the display must be cleaned up in order to grab any attention. SUC’s own unique advertising methods like pinning ads to bulletin boards should also be fully exploited.

The SFC ‘MUST ALSO REMEMBER’ the wide appeal of cult films like “The Rocky Horror Picture Show,” “Mony Python and the Holy Grail” and “Pink Floyd: The Wall.” These films bring in large audiences, are less expensive than contemporary popular films, and are still an alternative to what is shown in area theaters.

While being open to foreign and unusual films, the SFC should also avoid the absurdly obnoxious offerings like “Donna Flor and Her Two Husbands” or “Woyzeck,” which were shown last semester. The SFC should find a medium between the utterly foreign and the drearily familiar.

Finally, some of the blame for SFC’s troubles must fall on the SUI audience itself, which sometimes seems totally blind to the cultural opportunities available around campus. Students who want a variety of films in Carbondale must patronize the very affordable SFC films. Students also should be willing to sit up and read a few subtitles instead of waiting to be spoonfed with more 1980s Eddie Murphy mush.

CUTTING SCREENINGS TO WEEKENDS is a practical way to cut expenses, but showing last year’s commercially successful movies negates what SFC films should be—an alternative to GC that serves a university rather than a general audience. This is a college town with a diverse and supposedly educated student body. The SFC can screen classic, experimental films or masterpieces like “Casablanca” or “Duck Soup” that movie lovers want a chance to see uncolored and in a bigger screen than the usual megaplex shows. Last year’s movies already played in commercial theaters, they might as well close up the auditorium and give us back our fees.

Letters

Speak like a ‘good ol’ boy’ or else

In his Viewpoint of Feb. 6, Dave Wrothe writes that receiving a low grade in math was a “horror of considerable magnitude.” He states that his instructor spoke “pathetic” English.

First, let me suggest that receiving a 70 percent is the ultimate tragedy only if you are in the 20- to 25-year-old college group weaned on Roger Reagam and the shallow materialism of the “Risky Business” attitude that anything short of getting into Princeton or making straight A’s warrants thoughts of suicide.

Second, it does not follow that if you receive a grade lower than you expect and you have a foreign instructor that there is necessary and sufficient causal connection. In fact, I might argue that since I received lower grades than usual in college algebra and symbolic logic from American professors and higher grades in language, literature and linguistics from a variety of foreign instructors, it would appear that the cause of my low grades in math and logic is the fact that my professors are of course not speaking English—or maybe it was the paid suits and striped ties that logicians favor which account for my poor performance.

All Mr. Wrothe has told us is that he as well as I and a large number of students have difficulty with math, whether we have American instructors or not. Those students having foreign instructors jump to the unwarranted conclusion that they would do appreciably better with instructors whose English is close to that of an American speaker of English.

Mr. Wrothe chides the education systems of many countries for failing to meet his high levels of English proficiency while admitting that his own system fails to provide training in mathematics and foreign languages.

When the Illinois legislature wants to set internal procedures for qualifications of instructors, we should cast a jaundiced eye at their attitude that “we must find a medium between the utterly foreign and the drearily familiar.”

Language law protects America, its culture

The new fluency law has been described as discriminatory and an example of overlegislation. In a recent letter, a law student stated that there is no problem of significance with the English skills of our foreign-born students. And a DE editorial stated that a problem may be student laziness instead of the instructor’s fluency. If all foreign-born instructors are as fluent as they are alleged to be, what is the problem with taking and passing a fluency test?

However, let’s not fool ourselves. Passing the test does not automatically make someone fluent in English. Some of these instructors have lived in the U.S. for several years, some of them are residents or citizens of the U.S. but their English skills leave a lot to be desired.

On the national level, some lawmakers are trying to enact a legislation that would make English the official language of the U.S. Again, would not this discrimination. This country has given shelter to a lot of foreigners, but they refuse to learn to speak English fluently. In fact, some states have made it illegal for employers in Florida will not hire someone who speaks no Spanish. So, who is discriminating? The least these immigrants can do in return is speak the language.

Language law protects America, and the country.

Wake up, Americans, defend your country and culture. The language matter may seem harmless, but it has the potential to become a very big problem. Lawmakers are trying to enact a legislation that would make English the official language of the U.S. Again, would not this discrimination. This country has given shelter to a lot of foreigners, but they refuse to learn to speak English fluently. In fact, some states have made it illegal for employers in Florida will not hire someone who speaks no Spanish. So, who is discriminating? The least these immigrants can do in return is speak the language.

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By Garry Trudeau

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Senator does turnaround urges day care fee boost

By William Brady
Staff Writer

An Undergraduate Student Association senator who once opposed a $1 student fee increase to support Rainbow's End Day Care Center plans to bring a bill urging a $1.45 fee increase this week.

East Side Sen. Corey Luhala introduced a bill opposing a $1 increase in the student activity fee to aid the Rainbow's End care center, will face the fee increase proposal tonight's USO senate session.

Luhala had the opposition bill withdrawn at the last USO meeting after Bruce Swinburne, vice president for student affairs, said that Rainbow's End faces a possible $2,500 rent increase when its lease expires May 15.

The $1.45 fee increase would allocate $1 to pay the center's rent and $0.45 to reserve fund for the center and 25 cents to the student organization activity account, according to the proposed resolution. Students now pay an activity fee of $1.60.

Swinburne assured the students that the increase would only benefit students, and that money left over from the increase would eventually be used to build a campus-based child care center.

Luhala's new bill states: "Whereas the present site of Rainbow's End, Lakehead School, is owned by the Carbondale School District, and that it is graciously expected to raise the lease by $10,000; and whereas this new situation would likely mean a new, university-owned facility placed on campus for the expected trend of non-traditional students, be it resolved that the Undergraduate Student Organization oppose the renewal of taking the proper steps toward a new child-care facility."

Also on the senate's agenda are bills to seat a new senator, fund 10 registered student organizations and recognize two organizations as RSOs.

The senate will vote to seat Robin Lloyd to represent American "Key" Only at General Academic Programs.

The funding requests total $254,000. The requests are from Zeta Phi Beta, the American Advertising Association, Sigma Phi Pi, SIU Malayarian Student Association, Social Sciences Association, Southern Illinois Latin America Solidarity Committee.

Seeking RSO recognition will be the Rainbows End Association for Excellence and the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers.

The current senate meeting begins at 7 p.m. in Student Center Ballroom B.

Poor diets seen in aerobics fans

By Paula Kurtzwell
Staff Writer

A tendency to develop eating disorders is seen among some women who participate in aerobic dance, a SIU nutrition expert says.

Leila Saldanha, visiting professor of nutrition, conducted a survey of participants in the center's intermediate and advanced aerobic dance classes to identify the types of persons participating, their weight-loss practices and their weight-loss practices.

Results of the study show that while 40 percent of female respondents cited weight loss as the primary reason for starting aerobic dance, less than 10 percent reported a significant decrease in overweight according to their reported heights and weights.

Saldanha said: "This indicates that weight loss may be an unrealistic goal for some aerobic dancers to strive for."

Saldanha said: "For some, it may be a tendency towards perfection which is true of anorexic and bulimic people."

Anorexic people are those who suffer from anorexia nervosa, a disorder in which the victim has a distorted body image and marked anxiety about weight gain that results in an abnormal handling of food and consequent weight loss. Bulimia is a condition of excessive eating followed by induced vomiting.

According to the survey results, the typical aerobics dancer is a white female between the ages of 18 and 22 who participates in aerobic dance four times a week. Because 95 percent of respondents were white females, Saldanha said she focused on the nutritional habits of this group in interpreting the data.

Saldanha, who is a registered dietitian, said less than 25 percent of white female respondents reported using a dietitian or nutritional source of information for weight-reducing diets. Newspapers, magazines, friends and relatives, and books were the most cited sources of information.

"Students are not using the resources on campus," Saldanha said. "They can get proper nutrition information at the Wellness Center, and they should use that resource."

Saldanha plans to present the survey results at the annual meeting of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology next month in Washington, D.C.

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Illinois Board of Higher Education, in opening the one-day session, said: "It is conceivable to me that this conference, exploratory as it may be, will be significant thing in which you and I have ever been involved," he told the educators.

Flaherty said 90 percent of drug users start using drugs regularly between the ages of 16 and 24, with alcohol use beginning at age 18 and cocaine use beginning at age 19.

"The pattern of usage really gets established and firmly entrenched in college," Flaherty said, "and that alcohol and drug abuse is often seen as an escape from the "dead end" world... that are very prevalent on college campuses."

Cocaine, which has only recently been recognized in its severity, is readily available on most college campuses. Flaherty said: "It's easy to get. Almost 65 percent of college students claim they can get it on campus," he said.

 allocation, about $32 million, will go to Illinois.

The SI Airport portion will go toward a 20-year master plan for airport development and improvements on the concrete airport taxiway and parking surface surrounding the airport terminal.

Margaret Kri. spokesman for the FAA's Great Lakes Region bureau, said he wasn't aware of any discrepancy because "the state is the custodian for money for commercial service airports" distributed by FAA.

Barrus said both SI Airport and Williamstown County Regional Airport would fall under the commercial service category.

He defined a commercial service airport as those that service at least 2,500 passengers per day or not more than 0.5 percent of the total number of passengers in the way of service for the same fiscal year.

Shale said the FAA's Springfield office probably doesn't know about the grant yet because the grant won't be issued until "sometime between May and September."

He explained that the federal government keeps funds it allocates for FAA projects in treasuries until the fiscal year ends, and that it can earn interest on the money before handing it out as grants.

"It's usually the case that we give grants until the last quarter of each federal fiscal year," Schater said. The 1987 fiscal year started Sept. 1, 1986 and will end Oct. 1, 1987. The Illinois 1986 fiscal year started July 1, 1986 and will end June 30, 1987.

Barrus said the difference in fiscal years may be the reason for the information discrepancy concerning the federal grants. He said the SI Airport Authority spends most of the money according to state fiscal guidelines, not federal.

Correction

The Guardian and Advocacy Commission has two members: the magination editor and a staff attorney. The legal advocacy program serves 700 people, 628 of those people as a result of court appointment. A Daily Egyptian article published Feb. 6 incorrectly reported the size of the commission's legal staff and the number of people it represented.

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‘Platoon’ takes gutsy look at ‘grunt’ of Vietnam War

By Steven L. Basso
Student Writer

The Vietnam War, as seen through the eyes of the men who fought it, is the subject of “Platoon,” an extremely gratifying yet controversial film.

Unlike films of the “Rambo” genre, which depend on cartoon heroes and villains, “Platoon” creates a very real world—a world at war.

The characters aren’t pretty. They won’t adorn the walls of googly-eyed pre-teens and we won’t have to look for “Platoon” action dolls. The soldiers here are true to life.

“PLATOON” IS SET in 1967-68 Vietnam, complete with jungles, insects, snakes and fear. Searing heat and torrential rains make the characters’ long days seem longer still.

The plot focuses on Chris, a young idealist played by Charlie Sheen, as he endures his four in ‘Nam. Chris is introduced to the horrors of war when he steps off the plane and is greeted by the sight of body bags. The horror intensifies when he experiences his first night ambush.

Chris begins to regret having dropped out of college as the tugging reality of how hopeless the situation is starts to dawn on him.

CHRIS FINDS himself torn between the two, who battle for his soul. He must ultimately decide whether to become a Barnes-like avenger, or an Elias-like forgive.

“Platoon” was written and directed by Oliver Stone, a Vietnam veteran. The characters and events in the film are based on Stone’s actual encounters and the people who shared them.

Stone explores his personal questions about Vietnam through graphic portrayals of situations that involved the soldiers and the Vietnamese civilians. The portrayals allow the audience to learn more about the war through the eyes of the men who fought it.

THE FILM IS NOT an uplifting salute to patriotism. It is a gritty and gutsy look into the world of the “grunt” in Vietnam. Survival is the grunt’s main objective in a confusing mire of death and corruption. Living through another firefight, Staging a successful ambush. And finally, making it back to the world in something other than an olive drab-canvas bag.

“Platoon” is a must-see film. It is a gritty, hard-nosed look into the Vietnam War. Survival is the grunt’s main objective in a confusing mire of death and corruption. Living through another firefight, staging a successful ambush. And finally, making it back to the world in something other than an olive drab-canvas bag.

The film is perhaps the best American film in years. It is defiantly the best look at the war since the television network brought it into America’s living rooms in the 1960s and 70s.

The graphic images and ethical questions that arise in “Platoon” will remain with audience members long after the film is finished. But the actual war will live with men like Oliver Stone in a clearer, more terrifying sense than possible in any film portrayal.

Auditions slated for Sartre play

Auditions for Jean Paul Sartre’s “No Exit” will be held Thursday and Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. in Room 108 of the Communications Building. Auditioners are asked to reserve a 15-minute time slot on a signup sheet outside the Calise Stage door.

No Exit, which is scheduled to run April 3 and 4, has parts available for two men and two women.

Group callbacks are scheduled for Feb. 17 on the Calise Stage. The time will be announced at a later date.

Scripts are on reserve in the Speech Communication Office. For more information, call James Van Dostling at 433-2291.

‘Platoon’ takes gutsy look at ‘grunt’ of Vietnam War

By Steven L. Basso
Student Writer

The Vietnam War, as seen through the eyes of the men who fought it, is the subject of “Platoon,” an extremely gratifying yet controversial film.

Unlike films of the “Rambo” genre, which depend on cartoon heroes and villains, “Platoon” creates a very real world—a world at war.

The characters aren’t pretty. They won’t adorn the walls of googly-eyed pre-teens and we won’t have to look for “Platoon” action dolls. The soldiers here are true to life.

“PLATOON” IS SET in 1967-68 Vietnam, complete with jungles, insects, snakes and fear. Searing heat and torrential rains make the characters’ long days seem longer still.

The plot focuses on Chris, a young idealist played by Charlie Sheen, as he endures his four in ‘Nam. Chris is introduced to the horrors of war when he steps off the plane and is greeted by the sight of body bags. The horror intensifies when he experiences his first night ambush.

Chris begins to regret having dropped out of college as the tugging reality of how hopeless the situation is starts to dawn on him.

CHRIS FINDS himself torn between the two, who battle for his soul. He must ultimately decide whether to become a Barnes-like avenger, or an Elias-like forgive.

“Platoon” was written and directed by Oliver Stone, a Vietnam veteran. The characters and events in the film are based on Stone’s actual encounters and the people who shared them.

Stone explores his personal questions about Vietnam through graphic portrayals of situations that involved the soldiers and the Vietnamese civilians. The portrayals allow the audience to learn more about the war through the eyes of the men who fought it.

THE FILM IS NOT an uplifting salute to patriotism. It is a gritty and gutsy look into the world of the “grunt” in Vietnam. Survival is the grunt’s main objective in a confusing mire of death and corruption. Living through another firefight, Staging a successful ambush. And finally, making it back to the world in something other than an olive drab-canvas bag.

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The film is perhaps the best American film in years. It is defiantly the best look at the war since the television network brought it into America’s living rooms in the 1960s and 70s.

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Suicides, accidents plague Vietnam vets, study shows

HOLLYWOOD (UPI) — War romance and heartache were the favored themes going into this year's Oscar nominations with "Platoon," "Room With a View," and "Children of a Lesser God" expected to compete for best film.

Entertainment writers gathering from around the world left early wake-up calls for Wednesday, with the film industry's eye on the morning television news and interview shows.

Some 200 media types were expected at the pre-dawn 5:30 a.m. ceremonies to announce the nominees at the Beverly Hills headquarters of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

The 59th annual Academy Awards will name the five finalists in 22 categories for the 1986 Oscar competition.

Polls closed Jan. 30 for nominating the best of the 284 eligible motion pictures. The nominees were selected by the academy's 4,300 members.

Reading off the list of nominees will be academy president Robert E. Wise and last year's two supporting performer winners, Angelica Huston, "Fatha's Honor," and Don Ameche, "Cocoon." Oscars will be presented to the winners at the Los Angeles Music Center on March 30, following secret balloting to be conducted later this month.

The directors of the five favorites were nominated for best director of the year by the Directors Guild of America Jan. 28.

All five—Woody Allen for "Hannah and Her Sisters," Randa Haines for "Children of a Lesser God," James Ivory of "A Room with a View," Oliver Stone for "Platoon" and Rob Reiner for "Stand by Me"—were favored to win Oscar nominations as best director.

Front-runners for nominations for best actress award were Marlee Matlin from "Children of a Lesser God," Anne Bancroft for "Night Mother," Farrah Fawcett for "Extremities," Kathleen Turner in "Peggy Sue Got Married" and Sissy Spacek for "Crimes of the Heart.


CHICAGO (UPI) — A major government study showed Vietnam veterans suffered a much higher death rate than those who served elsewhere during their first five years after discharge, particularly from drugs, auto accidents and suicides.

The study, to be published Friday in the Journal of the American Medical Association, was praised by Vietnam veterans' groups Tuesday as a validation of their contention that the Southeast Asian conflict left permanent scars on soldiers who were further damaged by a less-than-warm homecoming.

"We THINK its a very very useful and worthwhile study," said Mike Leaveck, spokesman for Vietnam Veterans of America. "This validates what we've been saying all along.

But researchers from the federal Centers for Disease Control said their results followed a pattern similar to those found in combat veterans of other wars, and except for the drug-related fatalities, there appeared to be little that was unique about post-Vietnam mortality.

"Although the influence of factors specific to the Vietnam experience cannot be completely ruled out," the researchers concluded, "our findings and previous studies suggest that the post-service excess of traumatic deaths among Vietnam veterans is probably due to unusual stresses endured while in a hostile fire zone."

THE STUDY did not address the possible effects of Agent Orange on increased mortality, and one CDC researcher said efforts to determine exposure to the defoliant continue to be mired in scientific difficulties.

"Right now we're in the middle of a pilot study to see if we can measure exposure, we're not even sure we can do that," said Dr. Robert Worth, head of the the centers' Agent Orange project. "We've had the same problem from the beginning, which is to find one combat group that almost surely was exposed to Agent Orange and one that almost surely wasn't.

The CDC's "Vietnam Experience Study" is the first of several government investigations into the long-term health and psychological effects on the men and women who served in that war. Further studies specifically addressing cancer and Agent Orange are under way.

IN THE CURRENT study, the post-service histories of 9,324 Army veterans who served in Vietnam were compared to 2,889 veterans who served at the same time in Korea, Germany and the United States. As of 1983, mortality in the Vietnam group was 17 percent higher than for the other veterans.

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"2" ALL SHOWS BEFORE 8 P.M. DAILY
new york (upi) - nbc won its 17th week of the 20-week-old season and raced to an impressive early lead in the all-important february sweeps, where ratings determine future advertising rates, figures showed tuesday.

nbc led on the strength of its thursday night situation comedies once again, with "the cosby show," "family ties," and "cheers" finishing in the first three spots and "night court" at no. 5.

also proving bountiful for nbc was its two-night mini-series, "the two mrs. greenwells." the first two hours on sunday night finished no. 9, beating out abc's sunday movie "romancing the stone."

in the first four days of the february sweeps, nbc led by a 19.6 rating and 31 share, according to the a.c. nielsen co. cbs had a 15.7 rating and 25 share while abc had a 14.1 rating and 20 share—more than seven ratings points behind nbc but abc's epic 14.1-hour mini-series, "amerika," is still to come.

the only down side for nbc seems to be the "cheers" spinoff, "the tortellis," which plummeted in the ratings.

for the week ending feb. 8, the 21st week of the season, nbc won with a 17.9 rating and 28 share. cbs had a 15.6 rating and 24 share and abc had a 14.1 rating and 22 share.

in news, "nbc nightly news" with tom brokaw was back in first place with a 12.9 rating and 23 share. "cbs evening news" with dan Rather was next with a 12.3 rating and 22 share and "abc world news tonight" with peter jennings had an 11.3 rating and 20 share.

nbc leads the season-to-date ratings with a 17.9 rating and 28 share. cbs has a 16.1 rating and 26 share and abc has a 14.2 rating and 23 share.

each ratings point represents about 874,000 households and a share is the percentage of operating sets tuned to a particular show.

winner of the week: nbc's "valerie," a situation comedy which broke a network taboo against mentioning the word condoms and scored its highest ratings since nov. 9.

losers of the week: the two nbc stations—one in albany, n.y., and the other in north platte, neb.—which refused to run the "valerie" episode.

the 10 top prime-time shows for the week ending feb. 8, according to the a.c. nielsen co. were:

1. the cosby show (nbc)
2. family ties (nbc)
3. cheers (nbc)
4. murder, she wrote (cbs)
5. night court (nbc)
6. 60 minutes (cbs)
7. golden girls (nbc)
8. moonlighting (abc)
9. nbc movie: two mrs. greenwells, pt. 1 (nbc)
10. growing pains (abc)

briefs

sul-bike racing team meets at 7 tonight in student center Mackinnaw room. there will be a movie after the meeting.

international business association's new member night is at 6 tonight in student center activity room d.

john a. logan college will be closed thursday and friday.

women's services is offering a women's support group which will address various issues of relevance to members. the group will meet from 9 to 10:30 a.m. on thursdays. call 453-3655 to register.

computing affairs will offer a two-part workshop, "improving your memories and concentration," from 11 a.m. to noon today in woody b-142.

career development center will offer a workshop, "introduction to music," from 11 a.m. to noon today and friday in paner 102. call 453-4361, ext. 260, to register.

priss-pyramid meets at 7 tonight in parkinson 202. deadline for dues is friday.

eyptian divers scuba club meets at 7 tonight in pulliam 23.

beta beta beta beta biological sciences honor society will meet at 7 p.m. thursday in life science ii, room 430. new officers will be elected.

uso senators will meet at 7 tonight in student center ballroom d. yearbook pictures will be taken in the gallery lounge before the meeting.

career development center will offer a workshop, "improving your memories and concentration," from 11 a.m. to noon today in woody b-142.

center for basic skills will conduct a free, one-hour workshop on lecture note taking at 2 p.m. today in woody c-10.
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Megadeth defies the norm in calls for peace, not war

By Ellen Ellefson

Some people think of heavy metal musicians as airheads, rockheads or deathheads, but the members of Megadeth don't fit these stereotypes.

In a phone interview, Dave Ellefson, the group's 22-year-old bassist, said the members of Megadeth, who open for Alice Cooper at 7:30 tonight in the Arena, are aware and concerned of what's going on around them.

"We support the system, we pay our bills. We know what's going on," Ellefson said.

ELLEFSON SAID that the title track from their second album, "Peace Sells," but Who's Buying?" is a modern-day "My Generation," but that doesn't mean Megadeth is a group of angry youths.

"We don't have a bad attitude about life," Ellefson said. "We're happy with what we're doing."

Despite the band's name and the song titles as "Good Morning-Black Friday" and "Wake Up Dead," Megadeth isn't a group of Satan worshippers. The song "Bad Omen" puts down devil worship, and other songs from "Peace Sells..." indicate that the band is more concerned in world peace than world destruction.

THE BAND members also seem concerned about their audience. Megadeth and Capitol Records made a conscious effort to include a warning label on the "Peace Sells" album, Ellefson said. The label, which reads "Explicit Lyrics-Parental Advisory," has received both praise and criticism, but Ellefson said, "I think it's fine myself."

Because the warning label alerts teens to the fact that the album contains some objectionable material, Ellefson said the label might help increase record sales.

"A KID GOES out to buy a Hustler or Playboy just because he's not supposed to," he said.

Ellefson and guitarist Dave Mustaine formed Megadeth in 1983 after Mustaine left the heavy metal/band Metallica.

"We had the same idea and direction for the band," Ellefson said.

After several personnel changes, Ellefson and Mustaine recruited drummer Gar Samuelson, and the band played as a trio until guitarist Chris Poland was added.

Ellefson said neither he nor anyone else can pigeonhole Megadeth's music into one category.

"WE DON'T classify our music as speed metal or thrash metal," Ellefson said. "We play music that we feel hasn't been around."

The band is touring as an opening act for Alice Cooper, and although the two acts have different musical styles, they've proved to be a "real good match," Ellefson said.

HOUSTON (UPI) — Police who arrested a part-time airport baggage handler on charges of swapping a suitcase belonging to actor Clayton Moore said Tuesday they expect soon to recover a silver belt buckle and two Lone Ranger costumes taken from the luggage.

A $10,000 pair of silver Colt 45 pistols, the originals used by Moore in his Lone Ranger television series in the 1950s, were returned to Moore last month by a collector who learned they were stolen after buying them for $900.

Edward Louis Young III, 43, of Missouri City, Texas, was arrested Friday and charged with felony theft in the Christmas Eve disappearance of Moore's suitcase. He remains free after posting $2,000 bond.

Moore's baggage was stolen at Hobby Airport as he prepared to return to California after appearing at a benefit.

Young was working alone as a baggage handler when Moore's suitcase was sent down an airport ramp. police Sgt. Larry Mikael said Tuesday. Young admitted selling Moore's pistols to a pawn shop.

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Bone specialists question
calcium supplements' value

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Bone specialists called Tuesday for more research on the value of calcium supplements to slow bone loss, citing studies that have come up with different answers for the bone loss problem facing millions of Americans.

"The role of calcium in osteoporosis is an area of great concern," said Dr. Winfield B. Riggs, a Mayo Clinic physician who led the discussion at an international conference on osteoporosis sponsored by the National Institutes of Health.

However, he added, some studies that osteoporosis becomes less dense and more susceptible to breaking in this country, 15 million to 20 million people - primarily women - over 45 have the condition, which causes more than 1 million bone fractures every year.

Research reports five years ago indicated calcium supplements could slow bone loss, but more recent research has indicated the supplements have little effect. During this time, however, there has been a boom in calcium pill sales and many food manufacturers have started adding extra calcium to products.

"We need more research at the consumer level," said Dr. Louis Avioli, director of the Division of Bone, Mineral, Metabolism and Endocrinology at Lawrence University in St. Louis, "Everything's being supplemented with calcium. There is not enough information out there."

Avioli said some of the products being sold contain a type of calcium that is not readily absorbed by the body. Robert Recker of Capital Creighton University in Omaha, Neb., said leafy vegetables, which have also been touted as a source of calcium, may have almost no calcium in its form the body can use. He said only 5 percent of the calcium in spinach is taken up by the body.

"Other plant sources of calcium are suspect until further studies are performed," he said.

Recker said different calcium compounds are absorbed at different degrees, and some on calcium pills could make them almost useless as supplements.

"Other researchers said there was a lot of variation on how different people respond to supplements," Recker said.

"Calcium is different for men and women, for women of different ages and changes if a person continues to take supplements," Recker added.

A study presented by Danish physician Claus Christiansen showed supplements of the hormone estrogen were more effective in preventing bone loss in women 50 to 60 years old than were calcium supplements, but the calcium slowed bone loss.

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Child psychologist testifies
against surrogate mother

HACKENSACK, N.J. (UPI) - The surrogate mother fighting for custody of Baby M suffers from personality disorders that make her unable to raise the child or even to see her, a child psychologist testified Tuesday.

Psychologist Lee Salk of Cornell University said he found William and Elizabeth Stern "far and away more capable of raising the child than surrogate Mary Beth Whitehead.

"The best interest of the child is complete termination of contact with Mr. Whitehead and Baby M," Salk testified. "Anything but termination of parental rights would cause continuous turmoil and confusion in the child's life."

Salk, an expert witness hired by the Sterns, said he based his findings in part on the report of a psychiatrist scheduled to testify later in the landmark Baby M case.

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The psychiatrist concluded that Whitehead suffers from a "mixed personality disorder" that includes self-centeredness, impulsiveness, unpredictability and paranoia.

"The psychiatrist, Dr. Marshall J. Sechrest, hired as court-appointed guardian for the baby, all three recommended that custody go to the Sterns.

Salk testified that the disorders noted by the psychiatrist might impair her ability to tend to the child's needs and recognize the baby's desire for independence as she grows up.

Whitehead, who testified Monday in the first phase of the Baby M custody fight, was scheduled to undergo further cross-examination later Tuesday. She was not in the courtroom as Salk testified.

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Congressional panel favors TV condom ads

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Surgeon General C Everett Koop, asked by government officials about advertising commercial sex acts and media malpractice on condoms advertising to prevent sexually transmitted diseases, said Tuesday he would call a bone-dry, bookish health heed.

"I don't think the issue is whether it's true or not, but how it's told," Koop said.

"It's not a question of whether it's accurate or not, but how it's done. How we handle it is important. If we don't handle it right, we could have the opposite effect, which is what is being said," he said.

"If we handle it properly, we could have a positive effect," Koop said.

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The panel said the government should take a serious look at the issue of advertising to prevent STDs.

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Pilots go to top of world in record-setting flight

FAIRBANKS, Alaska (UPI) — Two pilots flew to Alaska Tuesday on their way to the frigid top of the globe in their quest to be the first to circle the world by way of the North and South poles in a single-engine plane.

The Arctic Tern left Honolulu, after a brief stopover, at 4:48 a.m. EST for the 13-hour flight to Fairbanks, where pilots Richard Doane and Calvin Roselli planned to get their last night of sleep on this side of the Arctic.

Federal Aviation Administration officials in Alaska confirmed that the feat, if successful, would be the first pole-to-pole flight by a single-engine plane.

After breakfast Tuesday, the men plan to climb back into their propeller-driven six-seat Piper Malibu and fly north until the world dips south of 90 degrees and leave Fairbanks.

The Arctic Tern is expected to reach Bodo, on the northeast coast of Norway. Norton, 48, is a commercial airline pilot from Philadelphia. Roselli, 56, is a warning engineer from West Germany.

FAA watch supervisor Bob Butler said Fairbanks is accustomed to unusual flights, but he acknowledged that no one has accomplished the pole-to-pole flight. The attempt was the buzz of the FAA quarters, one worker said:

"The weather's beautiful. There's not a cloud in the sky," said Tim Defler at Larry's Flying Service, where the Arctic Tern was to be serviced during the Fairbanks layover.

The high temperature in Fairbanks Tuesday was expected to reach 10 degrees, a stark contrast to the balmy Hawaiian weather the men left after a day in Honolulu.

Scotland's oldest gator

HELENA, Mont. (UPI) — The leaders were tightly bunched and running partly on slush caused by unseasonable warmth on their way toward the midpoint Tuesday of the five-day Governor's Cup 500 sled dog race along the Continental Divide.

Trail conditions provided a complaint from musher Frank Teasley of Jackson, Wyo., who said they were the worst he's experienced in 15 years of sled dog racing.

However, Linwood Fiedler of Helena, barely holding the lead after 200 miles, said he found better snow conditions further north on the course. Fiedler made it to the 200-mile checkpoint in 29 hours and 16 minutes. That was 15 minutes ahead of Mark Nordmann of Grand Marais, Minn.

All 13 mushers, with their teams of Alaskan and Siberian huskies, were still in the second annual 500-mile race from the state capitol in Helena to Holland Lake and back.

They set off Sunday on the country's longest sled dog race outside Alaska. The course takes the teams through dense timber, creek crossings and along the spine of the Continental Divide.

That contrasts with the longer and better-known sled dog race in Alaska, the Iditarod, which is run over a flat course annually in March.

Third on the first 200 miles was another Grand Marais musher, Arleigh Jorgenson, in 30 hours and 19 minutes. Three minutes behind Jorgenson was Ray Gordon of Rock Springs, Wyo.

Brad Pozarsky of Bozeman, N.D., checked in at the 200-mile marker in 30 hours and 32 minutes.

Sleddog

America's Cup crew sails up Fifth Avenue

NEW YORK (UPI) — The skipper and crew of the America's Cup champion Stars & Stripes sailed up Fifth Avenue Tuesday in a stiff wind that failed to chill the enthusiasm of 100,000 spectators.

Riding on the crest of a week-long high that included a visit to the White House Monday, skipper Dennis Conner, wearing a fur coat, gave a thumbs-up sign to cheering spectators atop a Statue of Liberty float.

Following close behind was a long line of other victorious Stars & Stripes on a flatbed truck.

Confetti and paper strips rained on the parade and office workers pressed their noses against windows along the route up New York City's most famous shopping avenue.

A large contingent of police officers kept enthusiastic fans behind barricades. Many shivered in a cold wind.

Animal rights advocates don't get 'kick' out of 'dog'

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — Animal rights advocates aren't getting a kick out of a new stuffed dog toy that adults are supposed to have fun booting around to rid them of anger and frustrations.

The idea of kicking a dog—even a toy—is one that only "people who enjoy perpetrating pleasures" would find amusing, said Richard Carstens, president of the San Francisco Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Inventor Mike Murphy, 29, of Larchmound in New Jersey, said how toy KickDog has been a big hit with wholesalers at the San Francisco Gift Show, where he is showing it off this week through Wednesday.

The black-and-white, grinning KickDog, which looks like a combination fox terrier and pit bull, comes with pointers on various ways to kick it to rid their owners of their anger. The instructions are supposed to be light-hearted.

But Aventino isn't laughing.

"We spend tens of thousands of dollars a year trying to teach children kindness to animals.

Budget cut fell world's oldest gator

GOTEBOB, Sweden (UPI) — Smiley, reputed to be the world's oldest alligator in captivity, died here Tuesday at the Maritime Museum after the city turned down the heat in her pond in a cost-cutting move.

She was 65.

The elderly lagoon, born in the wilds of the Mississippi River in 1922, was brought to Sweden as part of the 300th anniversary of the city in 1923, museum director Gordan Sundstrom said Tuesday.

He said Smiley died Monday after becoming sick two weeks ago as a result of a city cost-cutting campaign in which the heat was lowered in the museum's aquarium from 81 degrees to 72 to save energy.
Generation gap narrows, study finds

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Little inter-generational tension exists between the elderly and the young, and what little does is linked to classes, work and education — rather than age, a new survey said Tuesday.

The survey, conducted for the Daniel Yankelovich Group for the American Association of Retired Persons, was looking for possible tension between the old and the young based on media reports portraying younger workers as being bitter at the amounts of benefit the elderly receive.

"The survey also revealed two emerging issues of importance to the people surveyed — the plight of children in poverty and the cost of long-term medical care for catastrophic illness," said Madelyn Hochstein of the Yankelovich Group.

SURVEY RESULTS showed that 80 percent believe the government is not doing enough for children in poverty and 75 percent favor expanding the Medicare program to include the costs of long-term health care that otherwise would be borne by the family.

Both issues have become the center of political debate over the domestic policy agenda during the last two years of the Reagan administration.

The cost of long-term health care and catastrophic illness is now seen as the single most worrisome burden that affects the elderly. "Most elderly — must face in living up to their responsibilities," the survey said.

On inter-generational tensions, the survey found, "Compared to the days of 'don't trust anyone over 30,' Americans appear to be moving toward shared values about the positive contributions of both young and old. The anti-elderly values that do exist are tied to lower income and, most significantly, educational status, not age."

SPECIFICALLY, only 8 percent of those under 40 favor early retirement to create opportunities for young people to enter the job market, the survey said.

The report also found continued support for government-funded social programs for the elderly.

"Almost seven in 10 believe in increasing government spending for Medicare for the elderly, the most widely supported program," the survey found. "This support is particularly strong among young Americans, 21 to 29 (77 percent)."

Respondents also said increased funding should be available for the following programs: shelter for the homeless, 67 percent; Medicare for the disabled, 66 percent; cancer research, 65 percent, and aid to farmers, 62 percent.

BY CONTRAST, the least amount of support went to national defense.

Reagan to support health plan for elderly

WASHINGTON (UPI) - President Reagan, following the lead of Health Secretary Otis Bowen, Tuesday launched a plan to provide insurance against catastrophic illnesses for the elderly. Rep. Willis Gradison, R-Ohio, said Tuesday, Reagan's agreement to endorse the Bowen plan and send it to Capitol Hill would end a simmering disagreement among administration officials over whether to build on Medicare by insuring in part for catastrophic illnesses.

Gradison, in a memo to GOP members of the House Ways and Means Committee, said Tuesday, "While we have a significant problem that has agreed to support a plan very similar to the original Bowen plan and their timetable is to have their recommendation ready for Congress by Feb. 20."

Gradison is the ranking Republican on the Ways and Means health subcommittee.

Last year, at Bowen's request, Bowen produced the plan, which would require Medicare recipients to pay an additional $4.90 a month in premiums. This would increase the current monthly cost of $17.90.

Student gains mixed, education head says

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Education Secretary William Bennett said Tuesday that achievement held steady in the 1985-86 school year after four years of steady increases.

While noting, "A year is less significant than a trend and the trend is still very encouraging," Bennett said, "It does appear we have basically held steady. Test scores have improved nationally and the graduate rate has declined slightly," he said.

Bennett's report card compares the latest available data from state comparisons and rankings with the benchmark year of 1982 - the year before the department's first report, "A Nation At Risk," launched the current state of school reform efforts.

Key findings of Bennett's report card were:

-Graduation rates decreased 1.5 percent in 1985-86 in 33 states, affecting 7,000 additional students who failed to graduate. Overall, the graduation rate dropped from 76 percent in 1985-86 to 74.6 percent in the 1986-87 school year. The 1982 benchmark figure was 69.7 percent.

-Several White House officials have endorsed it but others, including budget director James Miller, have opposed it.

-Hiller was not immediately available for comment Tuesday. As part of the Bowen plan, each recipient's out-of-pocket medical costs for Medicare-covered services would be no more than $2,000 annually and Medicare would cover an unlimited number of days of hospital care.

-White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater said Tuesday that Reagan was given an options paper on the health care issue over the weekend and has not made a decision.

-But The New York Times reported Tuesday that other administration officials expect Reagan to endorse the plan because it would be futile for him to oppose it.

-Several catastrophic health insurance plans are circulating on Capitol Hill this year, from Republicans and Democrats, and it appears Congress is ready to approve some kind of plan this year and send it to Reagan.

An aide to Gradison said the congressman's impression that Reagan was ready to approve the plan came at a White House meeting last week.

Bennett also asked Bowen last year to come up with a plan to protect the elderly in times of severe illness. Bowen submitted his plan to Reagan in January but the president held off his decision whether to endorse it while his aides took different sides.

Congressional sources said it was not immediately clear whether the plan would be opposed or supported by Democrats, and there was no indication that it would be dropped.

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**Billionaire plans to televise recovery of Titanic artifacts**

ABILENE, Texas (UPI) — Billionaire adventurer Jack Grimm has completed plans to retrieve artifacts from the mile-square debris field surrounding the sunken Titanic and televise the operation to a national audience.

The eccentric oilman, who also runs a search for Noah’s Ark and the Loch Ness Monster, said Monday night he plans to open three safes from the luxury liner on live television to a national audience.

Thus far, Grimm has pumped $3 million into the project, with the French Institute for Research providing submarine equipment.

"IF THOSE (artifacts) aren't lost from the ocean floor, they'll be lost forever because they'll be covered with sediments from the ocean," Grimm said. "Then they'll be lost from mankind forever, so they better be lost from the sea while they can still be seen."

And Grimm wants to make sure the artifacts are seen. He has signed a contract with the production company that produced "Juno," a popular film that won an Emmy.

Producer John Joslyn of WCI, Inc., said Monday night he has no idea how many viewers will see the live broadcast of the submersible bringing up the artifacts.

"We're doing Indiana Jones, except it's the real thing," Joslyn said.

Grimm said he has no idea what is in the safes. Some reports say the safes were emptied when the ship started taking on water on April 14, 1912.

The oilman also said he plans to retrieve only articles from the square-mile debris field, not from inside the ship. He said those artifacts include silver plaques, silver flatware, a jewel-encrusted book of Persian poems, unopened bottles of champagne and wine, and statues from the Roman Empire being shipped to U.S. museums.

The safes are in the debris field, he said.

** TODAY'S PUZZLE **

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ACROSS

1 Punch (4)
2 Undecorated (5)
3 Human finger (11)
4 Pianoforte (11)
5 Astronaut (13)
6 Legal plea (10)
7 Holy Roman Emperor (12)
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11 Vital (11)
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13 Inject eggs (11)
14 Act of sill (11)
15 Storm (11)
16 School type (9)
17 Doggy name (11)
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** "We’re doing Indiana Jones, except it’s the real thing." — John Joslyn **

**camera with a satellite dish.** Some of the camera equipment to be employed never has been tried before, Joslyn said.

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**FIVE YEARS ago, Grimm videotaped what he thought was the propeller of the ship, although oceanographers from Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute in Massachusetts said Grimm’s tape was actually of a rock far north of where the ship was found. The Woods Hole group made the first photos inside the ship last summer after the wreckage was located in September 1963. Canada has opposed the salvage operation, claiming that the sealed 400 miles south of Newfoundland belongs to that nation. However, Grimm said he has consulted maritime lawyers who say the wreckage is fair game because it is in international waters.

Grimm said a three-man submarine provided by the French Institute will be used for the nine-day expedition.

"The French offered me the submarine a year ago because they wanted to show the world that their equipment was state-of-the-art," Grimm said.

Some of the dives during the nine days will be televised live, and on the 10th day, the safes will be brought up and opened, Grimm said.

The oilman said he hopes to finance the project through sales of the telecasts to television networks.

The Titanic, a British luxury liner thought to be unsinkable, struck an iceberg 400 miles south of Newfoundland on its maiden voyage and sank, killing 1,513 of the 2,224 people aboard.

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Roses not just for women, 1 in 3 bunches go to men
By Tracy Barton Staff Writer

Sending and receiving flowers on Valentine's Day is fun for males and females because these days flowers are not for women only.

Women place 30 percent of all orders for Valentine's Day flowers, at least from this year's trend shop, say Lavern Jacobs, owner of Flowers by Lavern in Carmel.

Red roses, balloons and multi-colored flower bouquets are the most popular Valentine's Day gifts women send to men, Jacobs said.

John Albert, owner of The Flower Box, estimates that 40 percent of the orders for flowers during Valentine's week are placed by women who are sending flowers to men. She said such orders increase every year.

Carole Griffith, owner of Wisely Florist, said about 35 percent of her orders are for people from women with red roses being the most popular item. "Very few send plants," she said.

There is a different color of roses mean different things. A red rose means "love," a pink rose means "embarrassment," a white rose means "I'm worthy," a yellow rose means "friendship," and red and yellow roses sent together signifies "war," said Jacobs.

Say 'I love you' best with a specialty card
By Catherine Simpson Staff Writer

Valentine's Day is nearly here and sweethearts across the country are searching for the perfect card to express their family or loved ones.

Best-selling cards this season vary widely and are typically sentimental or thoughtful cards in addition to humorous cards.

After making initial decisions, one must choose which line of cards to buy. If you choose humorous cards, you want Peanuts or a risque card with a partially clad man or woman behind the iron.

The Trivia Store in the University Mall sells both humorous and sentimental cards. Recycled Products' humorous line of cards is selling best this year, said Perkey Rhonda.

Zoo offering lovebird program
Forget the flowers and candy this Valentine's Day. Instead of giving ordinary, commonplace gifts, be creative. Adopt a love bird. Better still, adopt two from the Broward Zoo for that special love bird.

The zoo's Valentine animal adoption program offers the adoption of two love birds for the price of one $20. Included in the adoption program is a photograph of one of the zoo's love birds, an adoption certificate, information about these small parrots and an invitation to the parents picnic in May.

To adopt two love birds or for more information, contact the animal adoption department, 315-483-0263, extension 322.

Variety of factors raise rose prices for Valentine's Day
By Tracy Barton Staff Writer

Sending a sweetheart or a friend a rose for Valentine's Day could be more expensive than one might think.

The price of flowers, like the price of other peripherals, is affected by supply and demand, says Patricia Tobert, owner of the Flower Box in Winter Park.

A single rose which normally sells for $3 will cost only $1 more Valentine's week, but roses with greenery and baby's breath in a vase will increase from $35 to more than $60, said another florist, who wished to remain anonymous.

According to Valentine's Week Facts and Figures, Valentine's week is the third largest flowers-by-wire occasion, behind Christmas and Mother's Day.

More than 500,000 flowers by-wires are delivered during Valentine's week, according to Florist's Transworld.

Local flower shops may ship as many as 1,500 to 3,000 roses for Valentine's Day, Tobert said.

The reason roses are expensive is because it is very hard to produce so many red roses so soon after Christmas.

The special care roses need also adds to the costs.

"It may take up to 57 days to ship the flowers," Tobert said. "This requires force feeding and special care, which adds to the price.

Roses need a lot of sunlight, and the months of December, January and February have less sunlight than any other months of the year. The climate must absorb the extra cost of the electricity needed to heat and light the greenhouses.

In the winter weather also is a factor that can add to the costs. Flowers are shipped from on-area of the country to another or, from other countries.

Because they are in such high demand, many roses must be shipped from Latin American countries and Europe, which also increases the cost.

When shipped from the greenhouses, roses are hardened, a process in which roses are put on ice in order to keep the blooms from opening, and graded, a process that judges the size and length of the stem.

Roses are bunched, cleaned, inspected, wrapped, packaged and periodically refrigerated and treated with preservatives throughout the trip to market.
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CIA operative reportedly lied to investigators

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Acting CIA Director Robert Gates told Congress last week that a former colleague of his, whom Gates believed was a top official at the agency, told him in private that the CIA had been involved in illegal arms sales to Iran.

Gates said he had been told by former CIA Director James Woolsey that the CIA had been involved in the sale of military equipment to Iran for at least two years, and that the agency had been using drug trafficking as a front to hide the illegal sales.

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President's lunch invite goes to panel

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Reagan chose the excerpts from his notes on the Iran-Contra affair that were turned over Tuesday to the Senate Select Committee, and the excerpts are expected to be made public in the panel's report, a spokesman said.

White House spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said Reagan personally selected the excerpts that were examined by the White House staff and typed up for submission to the panel.

Fitzwater said, "I assume they (the board members) will make them part of their deliberations. I assume they will be made public. The president is the only one who can make that decision."

The board's report is to be delivered to Reagan Feb. 19 and available to the public then.

Tuesday, Reagan prepared for the meeting by holding a third conference with David Abshire, his special counselor on the Iran arms affair, to discuss his recollections.

Security clearances delay Iran probe, officials claim

WASHINGTON (UPI) — House Republicans on the House committee investigating the Iran-Contra aid scandal complained Tuesday that the probe is going "ridiculously slow" and that the government is taking political advantage of the administration's problems.

The House committee, five weeks into its investigations of the Iran-Contra affair, is plagued by lengthy delays in gaining FBI security clearances for staff members assigned to review classified documents.


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Eastern agrees to pay fine of $9.5 million for violations

WASHINGTON (UPI) – Eastern Airlines agreed Tuesday to pay a record $9.5 million for safety and record-keeping violations and to pay $5.6 million to settle an illegal civil penalty ever collected by the FAA and court-appointed monitors.

The agreement, announced jointly Friday by the Office of the Secretary, the Federal Aviation Administration, the Justice Department and the Federal District Court, stems from an investigation of record-keeping violations and safety violations.

In announcing the settlement, which would include a $9.5 million fine levied last year by the FAA and civil penalties of $5.6 million, FAA Administrator Donald Engen said, "Full compliance with federal aviation regulations is the essence of aviation safety. The American traveling public expects nothing less."

The fine—the largest ever levied by the FAA—was imposed last year when the troubled airline, which more than $316 million, was the subject of a multimillion-dollar lawsuit by Texas

At the same time, dozens of Eastern baggage handlers were indicted on charges of smuggling cocaine into the United States on flights from Colombia.

The Justice Department, in announcing the settlement, said the civil penalty was the largest ever imposed by the FAA.

In Miami, Eastern President Phil Bakes said the airline agreed to pay the fine because "the funds get released, and we also blame the previous (Carter) administration as well." AP

Europeans in plan to replace York weapon

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Army may buy a European air defense system in the first phase of a two-tiered effort to replace the canceled Sri Lanka York air defense weapon, the Army’s chief of staff told Congress Tuesday.

Gen. John Wickham Jr. told the Senate Armed Services Committee that a two-phased plan to seek industry proposals on a new weapon system for protecting troops against attack could be ready “after a little later this summer."

The first, he said, would be a system that would rely only on "essentially ‘off-the-shelf’ missiles" that could be fielded by 1996, and the second would include a mix of guns and missiles capable of fielding by 1994-95.

An air defense weapon is important in the battlefields to protect troops from attack helicopters. In Europe, Soviet and Warsaw Pact forces outnumber NATO forces in attack helicopters by three-to-one.

Critics: Aviation funds being held

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Reagan administration’s efforts in aviation taxes earmarked for airport and air traffic congestion expenses, according to critics in Congress and the aviation industry.

These critics contend the administration’s efforts in December to hold a huge surplus accumulate in the Federal Aviation Trust fund to make the federal deficit look smaller.

The trust fund was established by Congress in 1970 to pay for the National Airspace System plan, which was designed to meet future air safety needs such as development of advanced radar and new air traffic control.

The fund gets its revenues from airline passengers who are taxed 8 percent on each domestic or international trip. Lesser amounts come from a $3 departure fee on international travel, a percent on freight, mail and express shipments and a $10 fee on all general aviation—private and corporate planes.

The General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, predicts the fund’s surplus will reach $10 billion in 1989 and $12 billion in 1991 unless spending is stopped.

Rep. Norman Mineta, D-Calif., a leading congressional defendant on aviation, says during the past five years the trust fund has collected for the trust fund. He estimates that the fund’s surplus will be $12.6 billion on Sept. 30, the end of the current fiscal year, and that the $13 billion for the next fiscal year.

The Air Transport Association, a group that represents major U.S. airlines, has called on the administration to spend all the revenues on modernizing airports and improving the nation’s air traffic control system.

The association says the money could be used on such vitally needed safety improvement projects as speeding up development of wind shear detecting radar.

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Possible first-phase systems, he said, include the European Systems known as Roland and Agger.

The first phase, he said, "would be put in Europe and that’s it. That would let us get cracking on phase two."

"The Sri Lanka York, also known as the Divad for its acronym "Division Air Defense" gun, was junked 18 months ago for performance failures after several years of development and an investment of over $2 billion.

Since then, the Army has searched for a replacement and Congress last year ordered it to find a solution by November.

Wickham told the subcommittee no U.S. proposal is being considered but may be in a position to bid on the first phase of the project, although several are expected to be able to compete on the second phase.

On another topic, Wickham said the Army is developing conventional warheads for battlefield missiles.

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Danny Hall (42), team captain, rebounds a shot during an exhibition match played at halftime of a women's basketball game at Davies Gym.

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Wheelchair hoops return

Dedicated cagers face challenges, prepare for toursneys

By Greg Huber and Wendell Young
Staff Writers

Wheelchair basketball is making a comeback after a five-year absence from the SIU-C campus.

At SIU-C, the sport features seven eligible players as well as a couple of "able-bodied" who are there for the action and to help add up the team. But only the eligible student-athletes--exclusive of able-bodies or alumni--will be allowed to participate in official road games. With the seven-player roster, the team will be able to field five players on the court with two in reserve during tournament play.

The majority of players include team captain and assistant coach Danny Hall, Brian Connery, Dexter Rheuame, Paul Johnston, Peter Rekunjovitch, Rich Potter and Roy Dave. Noreen Vollbach, an SIU-C alumna who majored in recreation, also plays on the team but can't participate in road games because she is not currently a student.

Wheelchair basketball is played according to NCAA rules with revisions made by the National Wheelchair Basketball Association: "Just getting enough players is a goal in itself, but we've got a lot of enthusiasm under our belt," said Rick Green, Coordinator of Recreation for Special Populations at the recreation center.

Green credits graduate assistant and team general manager Kathie Kurtz for being the "right-hand woman" who runs the show. Green added that he and Kurtz often participate in practice sessions. Although the team has not made an appearance in the Intercollegiate National Championships since 1977, Green and head coach Bill Sullivan are hoping to advance in that direction.

As with all sports, wheelchair basketball has many dangers in various types that are quite formidable. The chairs are not equipped with brakes, but Kurtz said this is no problem for players in a hurry to get down-field--until it's time to stop. Worried more about the shot or a rebound, wheelchair players often collide or careen off the court. The latter action necessitates the removal of spectators from courtside. Other problems encountered include such things as having a single amputated limb, which throws the person off balance. Power machines are definitely out-of-bounds for these players, so people-powered wheelchairs are provided by the SIU-C Recreation Center. Because the quality of each chair varies, chairs are chosen by the team captains after a contest.

There are many reasons for playing, Kurtz said. The workout helps cardiovascular systems and the players get free travel to games. "Basically, they are in it for the fun," Kurtz said.

The SIU-C team will begin season play Feb. 27 through March 1 in a four-team tournament at Topeka, Kan.

The tourney host will field a local team not affiliated with the school. A team from Minnesota will play and the last entry will come from either St. Louis, Mo., or Colorado Springs, Colo.

MVC's Tulsa stays leader; Bradley trails, WSU falls

By Steve Merritt
Staff Writer

Tulsa remains on top of the league standings after squeezing out a third straight game, 55-53 over Drake Saturday, to make it eight of the last nine.

Tulsa faces six more MVC games and so far its only loss came 92-83 to Bradley Jan. 31. Bradley split last week by downing SIU-C 92-86 and losing to Memphis State 82-74 on Saturday.

The non-league loss to MSU did not hurt the second-place Braves, as Creighton upset Wichita State. The Shockers grabbed a win over SIU-C Saturday to hold third place.

Illinois State dropped a 74-73 decision to Indiana State Sunday for a total of four losses by three points or less.

Despite a four-game losing streak Drake managed to hang on to a fourth-place tie with the Redbirds.

Creighton switched positions with SIU-C, which lost a pair after winning three straight.

Indiana State snapped a six game losing streak by knocking off Drake 70-62 on Feb. 5. A 55-53 win over Illinois State followed to keep alive the Screamin' MVC first-round tournament host hopes.

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mind being away from home. "Swimming taught me independence," she pointed out. "Sure I missed my parents, but it was cool that I could do what I wanted when I wanted, for the first time."

But it wasn't all fun and games. Quite the contrary. Irick was recruited to swim, and swim to win.

Her freshman year she took 16th in the 400-yard individual medley at the NCAA meet, and earned All-America honors. Overall, the Salukis finished seventh at the meet.

The following summer, she went to the 1984 Olympic trials, the only native Knoxville swimmer ever to do so. She finished 26th and didn't make the final team cuts.

Irick said her return to SIU-U that summer was "somewhat of a letdown after the Olympic trials." She went on to have what she calls, "a bad year overall."

The Salukis finished fifth at the NCAA meet that year, but Irick was disappointed to take only 11th place in the 100 backstroke, an event in which she was the YMCA champion two years before.

The summer after her sophomore year in college, Irick didn't swim at all, which was unusual for her. But her family life had a lot to do with not swimming. "My family moved that summer, and I really didn't want to swim in the place we moved to," Irick explained. "The only place I could swim was at a pool where my high school rivals swim.

So a somewhat out-of-shape junior swimmer returned to Carbondale before fall term to be greeted by—surprise—a new coach.

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Sports

All America swimmer
Irick wants 'normal person' i.d. after sports

By Scott Freeman
Staff Writer

About 16 years ago, Saluki All America swimmer Wendy Irick made the major commitment that has been a part of her life ever since.

But as her commitment to swimming nears an end, Irick has learned that it takes 45 days less as an athlete. After that, she's convinced she'll be a normal person I can't wait.

After the season ends, the first thing she wants to do is "swim the 200 medley, the first thing that enters my mind."

Since her career in competitive swimming is almost done, Irick's thoughts also turn to graduation in May and her eventual career in marketing.

"I'll probably have to start as a four-leaguer, but I usually hope to become a retail buyer when I get that chance," she said. So the future for this dedicated athlete is in sales, but what about her aquatic past?

"WHEN I WAS SIX, I went to the YMCA for a sleep-over, the service from Knoxville, Tenn. said. "One of the activities that week was swimming, and after the sleep-over, one of the group leaders mentioned to my parents that I should take up swimming."

On May 16, 1971, Irick joined the Knoxville YMCA swim team, and later watched the sport of swimming as a driving force in her life.

But the life of a competitive swimmer has its ups and downs.

"I was good until I was eight," she said. "It went into a slump until I was 13—a bit, but I was still the best in Knoxville."

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"QUITE NATURALLY, her list of athletic accomplishments drew the attention of college coaches from around the country, Irick was offered full scholarships to such prestigious institutions as Nebraska, Louisiana State, Florida State, Georgia and instate schools Tennessee and Vanderbilt, as well as SIU-C.

But all this attention met with some reaction from the young Irick.

"My senior year in high school was terrible," she reminisced. "I dreaded being home because the phone calls from recruiters were just terrible.

"I was supposed to have fun that year, but the pressure to make a decision on what school to attend was really high."

"I'm the only student to never win a 200-yard freestyle and backstroke, and the 200-yard individual medley."

"Finally her decision narrowed to SIU-C and Florida State but that didn't mean the other schools had given up."

"Some of the schools (from other schools) used to call, get upset and then hang up on me," she said. "I got to the point where I didn't want to talk to anyone after a while."

"But IRICK's goals helped her find the right school for her competitive and academic needs.

"My goal was to find a good swim school. I really didn't come here for a better school, but I wanted to have a good college experience, even wanting to find a school that I would feel comfortable in."

"I decided on being a Saluki, because SIU was in the NCAA's that year because (former) coach Tim Hill was the coach for me."

"Finally getting to school in Carbondale was a relief to Irick, and she was one freshman who didn't really

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Wendy Irick relaxes after competing in action at the 1987 Gateway Conference Swimming and Diving Championship.

Cage women face schedule problem

The intercollegiate athletics staff is expected to announce today a new schedule for Arena events which will women's basketball conflict when the program moves out of Davies Gym.

Women's athletics staff members met Tuesday but did not resolve the problem of making room for women's practices and games. Charlotte West, assistant athletics director, said a few phone calls from other Arena users should clear up the issue today.

She said the announcement would explain date and time changes for all events, but would not confirm ticket prices for women's tournament games to be played in the Arena.

"I've sent a tentative budget to the Gateway for the conference tournament at the Arena, but I need to touch base with the staff (before releasing ticket information)," West said.

Although the move to the Arena will cost the program more, West said the additional expense is slight, at about $200 per game.

Cage men set goal: three more wins

By Steve Merritt
Staff Writer

Five games remain on the schedule and Herrin still hopes his cage squad can qualify as host of a first-round Missouri Valley Conference postseason tournament game.

"We match up with three of the teams on our schedule very well," Herrin said. "Three of those games we can and should win.

"If the Salukis take three of these five games, we can and should win a first-round Valley tournament game could become a reality.

"We know what could happen, but we're really only concerned with one game at a time right now.

At this point, it is absolutely critical that we don't look ahead of our next game."

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This season SIU-C beat Indiana State and Creighton and lost to Drake in Des Moines by a narrow margin. Those upcoming opponents make Herrin optimistic.

"We played well at Indiana State and at home against Creighton," Herrin said. "And we could've played a lot better at Drake, even though we lost by only six points. We have to win all three of those games to have shot at getting a first-round tournament game."