Taxpayers get more for their money

Illinois FIRST provides funds for new buildings in Illinois

Molly Parker
Daily Egyptian

Several-of-the-art schools in Carbondale and a research park at SIUC will emerge with funding from Gov. George Ryan's Illinois FIRST plan. However, finding these projects affects taxpayers at the state level with an increase in alcohol tax and transportation fees and on the local level with an increase in property and sales taxes.

Ryan's five-year, $12 billion plan to improve education, roads and infrastructure throughout the state was passed in the General Assembly in May. On Jan. 14, SIUC received a $500,000 grant to help fund a research park to be constructed on new property at the University. Earlier in the year, $350,000 was allotted to the Public Policy Institute, which brings in guest lecturers and works to understand and deal with statewide and national policy issues.

"We are in the process of preparing for environment," said Paul Simon, director of the Public Policy Institute. In addition to Illinois FIRST dollars for higher education, Ryan's 15-member task force found that what Illinois had been long neglected. The state had not built a new road in more than eight years and 74 percent of interstates have surpassed their 20-year design life span, leaving a backlog of 2,400 miles of roads and 750 bridges that need to be fixed.

Roads in Carbondale that are plagued by potholes are receiving state grants for reconstruction. The plan provides $350,000 in funding for the construction of the Mill Street Underpass, along with $3,000,000 to widen and resurface Wall Street, Lewis Lane and the surrounding roads, which will improve the flow of traffic from the undersides all the way out to Giant City Road.

Three months of study by the task force also discovered that 89 percent of Illinois school buildings are in need of repair. Carbondale Community High School, district 165, which has been standing since 1923, received a grant for $11,200,464 for construction of an addition to the East Campus school, which will include two baseball fields, two softball fields, two soccer fields, a tennis court, a football field and a field for marching-band practices. Rep. Mike Bert, R-Murphysboro, said legislators in wealthy northeastern Illinois districts were lobbying for funding for increased technology that, due to the Internet, while schools in Southern Illinois desperately need funding for reconstruction.

"But I argue that if you were ever to drill a well in the wall of one of our schools, the building would collapse," Bert said.

Although the Illinois FIRST plan is providing a portion of the money for the renovation to Carbondale Community High School, the remaining funding will be paid for through an increase in property and sales taxes within the city.

Carbondale City Councilman Brad Cole said the community must approve funding on schools before the project is initiated. A referendum passed in February 1999 that raised property taxes and the city sales tax by 25 percent.

Also, the fire department in the City of Carbondale received $150,000 to construct a classroom equipped with the latest technology along with two classrooms and a library for training.

Fire Chief Bill Bturnan of the Murphysboro Police Department told Murphysboro said the building would be a big asset to the department in Southern Illinois and is the first in the region to begin training facilities.

Bartenstein said the increases that taxpayers have seen in the last two years are providing for real needs in the community, such as training for firefighters and new fire trucks.

Illinois FIRST projects are paid for by the taxpayers and include all increases in funding fees.

The vehicle registration fee for vehicle jumped from $40-$70 at the end of
**Syrup**

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during the drilling process of the brace. Using the spit and a bucket attached to a hook on the spit, sap begins to flow into the bucket. The top spits melodically into the bucket with a hand thump. "Quiet, listen to the tapping," said Wallace. It’s music to your ears listening to it as it soaks into the wood.

Wallace points out that what he is showing is very close to the old-fashioned way that pioneers tapped trees for sap years ago.

Wallace reminds everyone that they will soon get to enter the cabin where a warm fire is waiting.

Another pioneer invites viewers over to discover what is brewing in the gigantic row pot placed on the burning wood. There gallons of sap extracted from the maple trees are rapidly boiling in the row pot.

The pioneer explains the steam is the water evaporating from the sap, and maple syrup is the result of the concentrated sugar from the sap after most of the water is removed.

Without adding anything to the batch of sap, the cooking process takes hours.

As the water evaporates out of the sap it slowly becomes slightly darker and a little thicker.

"It is an honor to offer to a volunteer taste the warm brown of sap."

It tastes like sweet water," said Fowler Stotton, M. of Marquette.

Pure maple syrup is about $8 a pint in stores because of the high energy time and work it requires to make.

In Southern Illinois, there are not many sugar-maple trees compared to corn which is what most of syrup in stores consist of.

"Hot cider awaits participants in the warm fire-heated cabin and one pioneer sings and makes music by using two spoons. A pioneer passes around a bowl with protein-rich dipped in maple syrup made on the Touch of Nature grounds."

Children and parents lick the syrup and savour the light taste of pure maple syrup that is neatly found on snowshoes.

Charles Milton of Murphysboro says he already knew a lot about tree-tapping and the maple syrup making process, but read about the event in the newspaper and wanted to bring his two children.

"This is their first time opening and they were pretty excited about it," he said.

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**TODAY**

- SPCV Meeting for new members, 6 p.m.
- Video Game - 4th Floor Student Center
- Student Alumni Council Business Meeting
- Missoula – Missoula
- Mississippi Reach - Student Center

**Wednesday**

- Balloon Dance Club Meeting and Lesson, 6-8 p.m.
- 2nd Floor / Dimes Gymnasium
- Spring 2011 Student $20 Non-Students $20

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**CALENDAR ITEM DEADLINE**

**MEETING AND LESSONS**

- Business: 4/12, 10 a.m.
- Arts and Sciences: 4/19, 10 a.m.
- Social Science: 4/20, 10 a.m.
- Sciences: 4/25, 10 a.m.
- Languages: 4/26, 10 a.m.

**Admittance**

- Non-Students: $20
- Students: $10
- Spring 2011 Student $20 Non-Students $20

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**WEATHER**

**TODAY**

- Partly cloudy
- High: 54
- Low: 34

**TUESDAY**

- Cloudy
- High: 59
- Low: 39

**WEDNESDAY**

- Rain
- High: 41
- Low: 41

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**POLICE BLOTTER**

**UNIVERSITY**

- At 2:30 a.m. on Thursday Serene Mak, 22, Sarah E. Richardson, 23, Jeanie O. Johnson, 21, and Steven Harold Wiemeler Jr., age unavailable, were arrested and charged with reckless conduct at Neely Hall.

- At 2 p.m. on Thursday a student reported receiving between 30 and 40 harassing phone calls at Bloomer III.

- At 11:50 p.m. on Tuesday Marcus Samuel Thomas, 24, was arrested and charged with theft of more than $200 at the Student Center. He was taken to Jackson County Jail. 

**CARBONDALE**

- At 12:13 a.m. on Saturday Thomas W. Coleman, 23, was arrested and charged with reckless discharge of a firearm in the 400 block of South Graham Street. Police found a 2mm in his jacket pocket and took him to Jackson County Jail.

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Prepaid tuition offers families options

Planning ahead may prevent financial crunch

Anne Marie Tavella

The majority of American families save about $20,000 a year in order to put toward their children’s college, which could present problems for students because the average cost of one year at a public university in Illinois is $4,400.

Students attending SIUC this year paid an average of $4,107 in tuition and fees, not including other expenses such as room, board, books, transportation and housing. With college costs constantly on the rise, signing up for prepaid tuition programs with families with escalating fees is spiraling up the nation.

One such program is College Illinois, a prepaid tuition program administered by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. The program is state-sponsored and was enacted in 1994 to assist families with planning for college expenses.

The program is essentially a contract between the student and his or her family. The family promises to make required payments in exchange for a matching promise from the state to pay for future tuition and fee increases.

Intern Chancellor John Jackson said the program has not been in place long enough to have had a major impact on higher education, but awareness should increase participation in time.

Jackson said people should become familiar with the options before their children reach college age.

“It’s a finer idea for the long term,” Jackson said.

Families apply for the program during a specific period of months and are able to lock in the most favorable price. It is not a lock-in guarantee, but it is the closest the program comes to such a guarantee.

“Once a plan is purchased, anyone — parents, grandparents, friends, relatives — can make a payment,” Best said. “Best said a plan could be a gift for a young child, whose entire college career could be paid for by the time the child reaches college.

This type of programs are necessary because with college so expensive, more and more a requirement for employment, for families, will need to find ways to afford it.

“Have lunch with an author

University Christian Ministries will be sponsoring three lunches this week where interested parties can meet with authors.

The authors will be Rob Johnson, John Striever and Larry Neubert on Feb. 13, 14 and 15 respectively. The dinners will take place at the Interfaith Center and Grand Annex at noon.

For more information, call 549-7887 or visit umsl.edu.

Sponsors and teams needed for AIDS walk

The Southern Illinois Regional Effort for AIDS is looking for volunteers for positions to help with the AIDS Walk, which will take place on Sat. 21.

Positions include event co-chairs and volunteers to help recruit teams and sponsors.

To volunteer, call SIREA at 549-9941, or Wally Paynter at (800) 886-4297. Paynter is also available by e-mail at paynter@midwestnet.com.

Daily Egyptian wins awards

For the second year in a row, the Daily Egyptian took home more awards from the Illinois College Press Association Convention than any other college newspaper in the state.

The Egyptian left the 19th Annual ICPA Convention in Chicago this weekend with eight first-place awards including in-depth reporting, fallduto page, advertisements, sports feature story and feature photo. The paper also took home seven second-place awards, seven third-place awards and 12 honorable mentions.

The competition consisted of 950 entries from 27 college newspapers and six other daily college newspapers spanning from Dec. 2, 1999 to Dec. 1, 2000.

Rare plant could clean up crops

SIUC plant researcher closer to discovery

Carly Hendphill

A gene from an English plant may help area crops resist contaminants in the soil and water.

Stephen Ebbs, an assistant professor with the department of plant biology, is researching Thlaspi Caerulescens, a small green plant that resists a house plant, in hopes that its genetic material can be transferred to other plants to help crops safely grow in contaminated soil.

The plant, which Ebbs has been researching for six years, can store contaminants from soil that other crops normally kill. He is researching the genes of the plant to find out how it is storing toxins so that it can be adapted to help crops, such as corn and soybeans, grow in contaminated soil.

“Scientists are beginning to understand why the plants, more commonly known as Alpine Pennycress, are able to store much of this waste. The plant does not know when it has enough nutrients, or do it does not stop taking up the toxins in the soil. Of the four groups of Thlaspi Caerulescens, there is one that is better at storing the toxins, and Ebbs is trying to figure out why.

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Once the questions are answered, Ebbs said the plant will help clean up heavy metals in soils because it takes up more toxins and stores them there.

The plant takes up the contaminants in the soil through 10 or 20 gales while normal plants only use one or two gales. The gales allow for the nutrient to be in the soil and not by the plant. This is a major factor for the Alpine Pennycress to clean the soil in area crops.

Although the plant can take up high concentrations of contaminants, it is not large enough to plant in fields to get rid of large amounts of heavy metals. Ebbs hopes that once he understands the workings of the plant, he can transfer this knowledge to larger plants, and in turn, clean the soil.

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By learning how the plant can take in and store the minerals, Ebbs can figure out how to make some crops more nutritious. When a plant has enough nutrients, it stops taking up the metals, such as zinc and iron, which are nutritious in small amounts.

If Ebbs can discover how the Aspen Pyrethrum is taking up the minerals, then this discovery will result in new crop varieties, each to contain more nutritious while they are growing.

In addition to working with professors from Cornell University, Ebbs teams up with geologists, geographers and molecular biologists from around the world. The group

Most romantic place on campus ... the Student Center

Codrie Rodriguez

Jackie Williams uses her artistic flair to help others show their love.

Williams uses calligraphy which is an artis­ tic writing style, to give students another way to show their appreciation.

Williams, a West Frankfort native, will be setting up shop along with other exhibitors from the Craft Shop in the Student Center Wednesday through Friday. She creates other works outside the Student Center in displaying a Valentine’s theme.

Williams, whose fancy writing has also been seen at SIU’s Law School certificates, will use it to write anything from a few words to a poem.

She said her calligraphy offers a romantic alternative to the usual dinner and boxes of candy.

“IT’s not like a meal where you go out and get it,” Williams said. “It’s something you get to keep.

Those who want something a little less per­ manent will have plenty of options. The Information Station will sell boxes of candy and the ever-popular dozen roses. The roses, which cost $22, have to be pre­ ordered by T-day.

There will also be roses, along with jewelry, beaded hair bands, baskets, paintings, candles and homemade soaps available at the Craft Shop.

Ron Dunkel, coordinator of the Craft Shop, said the gifts for sale at the Craft Shop and elsewhere in the Student Center are convenient for students who wait until the last minute to buy a gift for their sweethearts.

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Mowing responsibility: whose is it?

Last month the city of Carbondale passed a resolution that would attempt to recover more than $170,000 in unpaid lawn-mowing fines, some of which span back more than 20 years. While this may at first seem no concern of students, it becomes very important when one considers how the biggest fines are owed by people who rent their properties to students. Once the fines are paid, some landlords will likely pass that cost on to students in the form of higher rent.

Henry Fisey, owner of Home Rentals, holds the dubious honor of owing the greatest amount of what the city refers to as weed fees. At $42,476, Fisey is far ahead of the next largest delinquent, Burton Bell, with $3,082. These figures are important because Home Rentals is one of the SIUC community's biggest landlords, and also the only company that has publicly stated that rents will have to be raised to cover the costs of mowing the fines.

So who is to blame? And how can students avoid higher rents in the future? The answer to both questions is simple — read your lease. This sounds like a simple edict, but it is one too often ignored. Many tenants assume they know what a lease says, since many have the same kind of wording, along with the same types of limitations and tenant responsibilities. But the issue of lawn care and who is responsible for it may not be so apparent.

As a prospective tenant flips through the lease looking for the lawn care section, it may be surprising to find the mowing and lawn care entered as a “tenancy and property improvement expense,” meaning a separate subsection for lawn care and the monthly fee. The student tenant is then responsible for the payment of these fees, and must follow all the rules and regulations set forth in the lease.

Kowalczyk lauds student body's school spirit

Dear Students,

You were great! The best FAN-tastic On behalf of the men's basketball team, Coach White and I want to say thank you. Your spirit, enthusiasm and solidarity were clearly evident to the entire student section. I have never seen a more enthusiastic and unified student section. Yes, the loss was disappointing, but with the support you provided we will win a lot more than we will lose.

Did you have fun despite the outcome? The most disappointing thing to happen to our team was that Coach Porter was forced to leave. It was a heart-wrenching experience for all of us, and we hope that you understand the magnitude of our heartbreak and that we will work harder than ever to make you proud.

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Can SIU survive? Will Kel doom us?

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International students share their cultural heritage

Four-day celebration comes to campus

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Students have the opportunity to see the world while leaving their problems behind.

The International Festival will take place Wednesday through Sunday on the Student Center. Ethnic foods and cultural traditions will be shared through different countries representing the world to Carbondale community and SIUC students. More than 15 countries and 20 organizations will be represented.

This year, the International Festival has been featured as an Official Travel Treasure by the AAA according to its website. The festival has a four-state circulation.

Bendi Erim, a senior in finance from Istanbul, Turkey, and president of International Student Council, said the festival "is a very good way to taste all the culture to the whole world, to politicians, that we as the whole world can come together in peace and achieve something.

Local students can benefit from so much more with the help of Debbie Ten, a junior in advertising from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, and president of Asian Student Association and International Festival. The festival begins Wednesday with a parade of international flags through the campus, followed by an opening presentation at 11 a.m. in the Student Center Grand Lobby.

An international food fair will follow from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Student Center Ballroom D. Students may purchase tickets for $3 each at the food fair and use them to sample traditional dishes from around the world.

"After Life," a Japanese film with English subtitles, will be shown at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Auditorium Thursday. Thursday’s events include Italian Cuisine at Old Main Buffet, an African culture presentation at 6 p.m., followed by an international coffeehouse at 7 p.m., both in the Student Center.

Cultural exhibits will be shown at Student Center International Lounge. The showcase will feature videos and videos from students' home countries, as well as demonstrations. An international craft exhibit will be going on concurrent with the 9:30 p.m. at the Student Center Hall of Fame.

Friday’s events include a Taste of Latin America will highlight Friday’s events. The dinner will take place at 7 p.m. in Student Center Ballroom D. More than 11 Latin American countries will be represented.

You can also accompany the card with curse word. Victims, to whom were silly enough to have e-mail, but you can do without the added discomfort of accidentally stick to your chest, from Trailer Trash Trash to Norman the Know-Curses or Remix.

The Provincetown, Massachusetts, website of the Friday night that it will no longer flag the test scores of students who take standardized tests with special accommodations for their disabilities.

For more information, contact the College Board at www.collegeboard.com.

You can also copy-and-paste those insane sayings into the College’s admission process. "This is usually not a big deal," McGrath wrote in an e-mail. "Tests play a useful, but limited, role in our selection." She estimated that Harvard currently only receives "perhaps a hundred or so" applications with flagged scores.

The College Board only requires that there be "appropriate documentation on file in school," in order for students to be considered eligible for special testing accommodations, according to material on its Web site. The College Board also suggests that students who have "received accommodation for tests he or she took in school," consider taking tests with special accommodations.

A high school administrator at Harvard Medical, a prestigious private school in California which routinely sends students to Harvard College, said yesterday he was concerned that uniform test scores will now pass unnoticed when students are considered for admission.

Christopher Gragg, the SAT administrator at Harvard-Westlake, said unmarked scores will give "an unfair advantage to some students."
FINDING THEMSELVES: Adam Meyer (left to right), a graduate student in rehabilitation counseling, Dave Ricci, post-doctorate in microbiology, Mike Burghoffer, a freshman in computer science and John Scarano, Director of Newman Catholic Student Center, take a walk during a break from the retreat sponsored by Newman Catholic Student Center on Saturday. The retreat took place at Lake Benton Baptist Camp from Friday night until Sunday morning.

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effort is necessary because there are so many different pieces to the research, Ebbs said.

"It brings people from a lot of different disciplines together," he said. Although it has taken Ebbs and his team six years to make these small leaps, he believes the discovery will be applied to improve crops soon.

"We're on the tip of something big," Ebbs said.

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at Old Main Restaurant and chocolate-covered coffee beans and chocolate-raspberry mocha at Jaguar Java.

Dunkel said the Valentine's Day items in the Student Center will be perfect for those who need to buy a gift for loved ones, but they are good for any occasion.

People are usually in a panic because they wait until Valentine's Day to buy gifts," Dunkel said. Valentine's Day sales in the Student Center induce personalized gifts. "People are always spontaneously spending money on their loved ones," Dunkel said.

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Oklahoma State U. fraternity takes steps to prevent drinking deaths

Ryan McNeihl DAILY O'COLLEGIAN

STILLWATER, Okla. (U-Wire) -- Members of the Oklahoma State University fraternity community are taking steps to prevent the same type of tragedy that took the life of a freshman in California, a Greek Life official said.

According to an Associated Press report, three members of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at California State University-Chico were sentenced to 30 days in jail in connection with the drinking death of 18-year-old Andrew Heideman.

Police reports show that Heideman, a first-year member of the fraternity, died after trying to drink a bottle of brandy.

Whit Culver, president for the OSU Interfraternity Council, said OSU is working to prevent similar tragedies from happening in Stillwater.

"That tragedy really hit home with me," Culver said. "I was a fraternity president before becoming IFC president, and you always have that fear. When the executive members took office at the beginning of the semester, we knew we needed to address the alcohol issue. Especially in the greek houses.

Culver said the IFC has not enacted new rules, opting to increase enforcement of current rules instead.

"We have really stepped up our enforcement," he said. "Enforcement has gone from nothing to pretty substantial."

The biggest change, Culver said, has been spot checks.

"We are going around and doing some spot checks in an effort to keep alcohol out of the houses," he said. "In the long term, it provides many benefits, including helping and the university stereotype that the greek system is drunk all the time. That is really not the case and is just not a part of the greek system at all."
Ritalin, may be on the rise among college students, according to a recent survey of students in Madison. Researchers gave a 10-question survey to more than 1,400 students asking about their use of Ritalin, and about a third of them acknowledged that they were using it. Researchers also reported having a prescription for the drug, 16 percent reported using the drug "for fun" at least.

Paul Dore, a UF pharmacy professor, said Ritalin has come back into use because of its many uses. Three decades ago the drug was used for recreation and many found it had side effects and often created dependency, Doreing said. Ritalin is one of the top-10 prescription drugs using, with such use normal for $5 to $6 on the open market, said Jeremy Kenndahl, health educator at the UF Student Health Center.

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BOYLING GREEN, Ohio (U-WIRE)---Some environmentalists are worried about how the protection of the environment will be affected by the administration of President George W. Bush.

Gary Silverman, professor of environmental health, said that the three biggest environmental issues now are global climate change, forest protection, and international population control.

According to Silverman, while Bush was campaigning for president he said a global climate change is not occurring for certain.

Silverman disagrees, and said "the scientific community is confident of a phenomenon affecting our planet and our health." He said Bush has failed to acknowledge it.

Karen Schmitt, a Bowling Green State University graduate assistant in environmental programs, said that in his campaign for president, Bush spoke of giving more power to the states for conservation.

Schmitt said Bush seems to be "more for business than for the environment." According to her, there is concern about the environmental impact of opening up of Alaska for oil exploration. Bush is also affecting the environment through his policies toward international aid for population control, Silverman said.

United States government aid will not be given to organizations that offer abortions, which could have a harmful impact on international population control.

According to Silverman, the Secretary of the Interior does not support the conservation of natural resources.

A problem with environmental programs, Silverman said, is "selective enforcement," which means that laws do exist to protect the land but are not consistently enforced.

He also said that President Bush is postponing the implementation of forest protection measures. These measures, signed by former president Bill Clinton before he left office, would help conserve national forest lands.

Silverman said that part of Bush's environmental approach is voluntary conservation by companies, and that in Texas have been poor.

Schmitt added that Bush could be beneficial for the environment because he "does want to clean up waste sites."

She said that Bush could "help, or could not help the environment," and it is "up in the air" right now.

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National Condom Day

National Condom Day promotes safer sex

According to Christina Nulty, director of the Bradley Health Center, STDs do not seem to be a large problem on campus, and Bradley ranks near the STD national average.

But she said she supports ASHA campaign to lessen the problem even further.

"I think it's a good idea," Nulty said.

Some Peoria officials are less optimistic about STD rates, though.

Peoria's STD rate is above the Illinois average, and Peoria enforces more cases of STD infections than the surrounding counties, according to Randy McCallum, coordinator of healthy lifestyles for the Peoria health department.

And those numbers only include reported cases. Most carriers of STDs do not know they are infected. 

For example, an estimated 45 million Americans have genital herpes, but 80 percent of those don't know they carry the disease, ASHA Director of Media Relations Michael Stalker said.

High rates of infection and low levels of awareness combine to make sexual promiscuity riskier than ever.

"Many people do not talk openly and honestly with their sexual partners about the sensitive subject of condoms as a way to reduce the risk of STDs," ASHA President and CEO Linda Alexander said.

Fortunately, Bradley University students seem to be listening.

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last year. Large truck and trailer registrations increased 25 percent and title-transfer fees increased from $53 to $65.

Ford was against increasing the transportation fees, one of the main funding increases that supports Illinois FIRST, because he said there were other options available to fund the needs of the state.

He said that the license fee in Illinois could be increased but that doing it in such a short period of time would harm the trucking industry and be a “shock” to those who pay to register vehicles. “I come from the trucking business and I knew this would harm business,” Ford said.

“It is also paid for by you in increased alcohol taxes. According to the state of Illinois, the alcohol tax increased 6 cents per six-pack of beer, 10 cents per bottle of low-alcohol-content wine, and 3 cents per bottle on high-alcohol-content wine since July 99. With the money generated from the increase in taxes and fees, the state can give communities money in the form of bonds for Illinois FIRST projects. The state pays off the bonds with tax money. The state giving bonds to zero communities is like a person buying a car, you take out a loan for $1,000 and you know that you are going to get $100 a week and will be able to pay the loan back in 10 weeks,” Cole said.

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Both Sabatho, a graduate student in business from San Pedro, Sula, Honduras, said she hopes “to share a little bit of our very diverse Spanish culture through the most common things, food and dancing. The program features a served meal, exhibits, traditional dances and music. Prizes will also be awarded. A $10 donation per ticket will benefit the survivors of the El Salvadorian earthquake. Taste of Latin America is in memory of William Rodrigues, a SIUC graduate who died in the Jan. 13 quake. The International Festival concludes on Saturday with an international buffet, international milestone reception and international cultural show. The milestone reception will be at 5 p.m. at the Student Center Gallery Lounge. The program will include a history of International Students and Scholars, including acknowledgment of the first international student to come to SIUC in 1947. The finale will be an extensive program of music, song and dance during the cultural show, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Student Center ballroom.

Athena Fishel, a senior in management information systems from Nicosia, Cyprus, and president of the Cypriot Student Organization, encourages students to attend events during the International Festival. “Come and see many cultures,” she said. “There’s so much to experience.”

Gunman left warning signs

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INDIANA DAILY STUDENT (INDIANA U.)

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Mells back with Salukis

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Brandon Mells made his first appearance back with the Salukis during Sunday's game against Creighton University.

"I told him that I think he's doubting himself right now. He's embarrassed by the whole thing. It's a shame that it had to happen," Weber said.

"I think we need to get back on track with our game plan. It's going to be tough, but we're going to come out strong tomorrow," Mells declared at practice.

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to 66-51 with 2:43 left in the game.

"We have a big lead and we want to keep it," Taylor said. "We have to be aggressive on the boards and take care of the ball.""We are coming off a big road win and we want to keep it going at home. We have a tough game ahead of us, but we are up to the challenge."

Taylor and Karver combined for nine of Creighton's 12 treys and scored 23 and 14 points, respectively.

The road on the Bulldogs: Drake lost a road contest at the University of Northern Iowa Saturday in Cedar Falls, Iowa, 71-65 in overtime. The Bulldogs battled back from 17 points down in the second half to push the game to overtime, but couldn't pull out the victory. Drake has been a tough team to beat at the Knapp Center this season.

Projected Drake starting lineup:
#2 G - Marco Belcher (Sr.) 6-0
#25 G - Andy Schrader (Sr.) 6-5
#45 F - Justin Ohl (Sr.) 6-4
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The word on the Bulldogs: Drake is coming off a 77-63 home loss to first-place Creighton University just two days ago. The Bulldogs are ranked 25th in the Associated Press poll and have won two home games left on the schedule in their final contests.

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The word on the Salukis: SIU is coming off a 62-56 road loss to Drake on Tuesday in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament.

"I think we need the minimum we need, we're going to get 10 conference games," Weber said. "It's not going to be easy."
**SPORTS BRIEF**

**Sladik track and field breaks SIU record**

Noel Beiler, a freshman for the SIU women's track and field team, broke an 11-year-old record in the 600-meter run Saturday. SIU's Beiler put up a time of 1:31.70 to unseat the previously held mark of 1:31.99 set by Rosanne Vincent in 1990.

With the win, the Braves (14-8, 9-4) move into a second-place tie in the MVC.

**Missouri Valley Conference Recap**

**Wednesday, February 14**

- **Valentines Day**
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    - **Angel Hair Pasta w/Diablo Tomato Sauce**
    - **Empadillas**
    - **Italian Grilled Chicken**
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    - **Dessert**
      - **Flan**
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**Thursday, February 15**

- **Italian Cuisine**
  - **Spiced Lamb**
  - **Spiced Ham**
  - **Empadillas De Pollo**
  - **Ensalada**

**Sunday, February 18**

- **Chesapeake Bay Crab**
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Creighton upstages Salukis

Above: Jermaine Dearman feels the pressure of the Creighton Bluejays defense during Saturday's game at the SIU Arena. The Salukis lost the game 77-63, and are now 6-6 in the MVC with six league games left. Right: Junior point guard Brandon Mells returned to the Saluki team Saturday after briefly leaving the squad before last Wednesday's game versus Southwest Missouri State. Mells returned to the line-up against Creighton University and scored three points in limited action.

Bluejays unleash too much firepower for Dawgs in nationally-televised disappointment.

Creighton University capitalized on a 22-4 second-half run to breeze to a 77-63 win in front of 5,702 fans at the SIU Arena Satunay. The Salukis list the game 77-63, and are now hung with the conference-leading Bluejays for the start of the year.

The Salukis tested character tonight against the Bluejays.

Salukis test character tonight against Drake

SIU travels to Des Moines, Iowa, to battle just two days after 77-63 home loss to Creighton

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Above: Jermaine Dearman feels the pressure of the Creighton Bluejays defense during Saturday's game at the SIU Arena. The Salukis lost the game 77-63, and are now 6-6 in the MVC with six league games left. Right: Junior point guard Brandon Mells returned to the Saluki team Saturday after briefly leaving the squad before last Wednesday's game versus Southwest Missouri State. Mells returned to the line-up against Creighton University and scored three points in limited action.

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