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Bush budget proposes defense cuts

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Bush has proposed a $21.5 trillion fiscal 1993 budget Wednesday that proposals to slash defense spending and reignite the stagnant U.S. economy with tax measures to spur new investment.

The budget for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 comes at the end of decades of expensive defense buildup deemed necessary to fight the Cold War and a perceived communist threat but as the nation finds itself mired in a deep recession that so far has been unresponsive to traditional counter-cyclical tools.

The war in the Middle East is over and the threat of communism abated with the dissolution of the Soviet Union, "yet here at home, the euphoria of summer has been displaced by another winter's gloom," White House budget director Richard Darman wrote, describing the recession in his introduction to the annual budget.

Bush administration budget documents show the current year deficit will soar to a record $39.4 billion, falling only to $31.9 billion next year. With interest on the federal debt expected to reach $198.8 billion this year and $213.8 billion in 1993, the Federal Reserve Board will find it increasingly difficult to push interest rates too much lower, shifting more of the burden onto Congress and the president to beat the recession with their limited fiscal policy tools.

Bush proposed the tried-and-true anti-recession weapon of boosting spending for public works and transportation projects, recommending that spending under the 1993 highway bill be accelerated. Bush recommended an increase of 8 percent in capital outlays for major physical capital infrastructure next year, from $46.5 billion fiscal 1992 to $50.4 billion next year. He also asked for $19.2 billion for highway construction and rehabilitation funding to support more than 1 million jobs next year. This would represent a 13 percent increase, or $2.2 billion.

Bush sent Congress a package of personal and business-related tax incentives he said will boost savings and investment and help stem the flagging real estate industry.

The president informed legislators he also is taking administrative action to reduce "excessive personal income tax withholding by an average of $345 per year" for married taxpayers filing jointly by changes he ordered in the Internal Revenue Service's tax withholding tables.

As announced in his State of the Union speech before Congress Tuesday night, the president said he has ordered "$ prudent

Legislators: State of Union Address provides no solutions for economy

By Todd Welvaert
Politics Writer

Local legislators attacked President Bush's State of the Union address Wednesday for not detailing a solution to help the nation's economy.

Bush's worded his moderate position on the severity of the nation's economy in the State of the Union address Tuesday night, but legislator says the plan offers no concrete solutions to domestic problems.

"In public relations terms, perhaps this is the best State of the Union message, but it ignored the huge problem of the deficit," said Sen. Paul Simon, D-

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U.S. relationships with oil suppliers control gas prices

By Christy Gutowski
General Assignment Writer

U.S. relations with major suppliers of oil can cause gas prices to drop or to climb.

The Arabian cartel is one of the United States' major suppliers of oil, controlling 40 percent of the world's usable oil market.

"Tensions rose last year over threatened gas supplies when Iraqi invaded Kuwait," said Henry Kurfth, manager of the consumers assistance section of the Illinois Department of Energy.

The United States' intervention in the war made the perceived threat on future oil supplies a reality, causing the demand for oil to skyrocket, along with its prices.

Crude oil prices soared from $25 to a reported $30 a barrel within days.

The next day when the nation learned of the military's success, crude oil prices dropped significantly to $25 a barrel," said Don Schaefer, associate director for Illinois Petroleum Council.

Several other different factors also influence retail gasoline prices including transportation of the oil to the station, taxes, store overhead and refinery, costs, said Henry Kurfth, manager of the consumers assistance section of the Illinois Department of Energy.

The public will benefit with cheaper gasoline prices as a result of high oil supplies and a relatively stable demand for the product, Schaefer said.

Consumers are seeing this surplus in supply now at the gasoline pumps.

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Gas Bode

Gus says I guess this means it will be cheaper for my roommate to drive me crazy.

Jennifer Pleasants, a freshman at John. A. Logan College in Carterville, fills up her car in Carbondale. She was taking advantage of the low gas prices Wednesday.

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VA center in Marion to receive $23 million

MARION (UPI) — The budget proposed by President Bush contains $23 million to build an outpatient clinic at the Veterans Administration medical center in Southern Illinois, Rep. Glenn Poshard said Wednesday.

"This is delivering on a promise to take care of the men and women who have done so much for us as we country's communities," the Democrat said. "The veterans of this country expect quality care and medical attention, and I am pleased to see my efforts pay off with the inclusion of this project in the budget.

"I have met regularly with representatives of the Veterans Administration and have been in close contact with Secretary Dick Darman during the development of this project."... The outpatient center will provide health care services and ancillary services including clinical laboratory work, nuclear medicine, pharmacy, radiology and medical records.

Poshard said the Marion project is especially important for the southern portion of the state, where medical care can require traveling some distance.

The clinic would allow VA patients to have medical care closer to home.

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Oil surplus causes gas prices to drop

By Christy Gutowski
General Assignment Writer

Gasoline prices are dropping at stations across the state from a surplus of supply in the world's oil market.

Local service station suppliers are offering the lowest gasoline prices many consumers have seen in months.

Most stations are offering a gallon of self-service unleaded gasoline at prices as low as 99 cents and $1.19 for premium.

"We've seen a decrease of 20 cents a gallon in the last week or so," said Mike Riley, service station clerk at Amoco West, 2900 Murphysboro Road.

The oil market follows the laws of supply and demand, said Don Schaefer, associate director of the Illinois Petroleum Council.

"The market is like any other commodity," he said, "the public benefits when there is a surplus in supply and the demand is stable.

With the exception of the Persian Gulf War last year, the demand for gasoline usually is affected only by seasons, Schaefer said.

"There is a heavier demand for petroleum gasoline during summer months," he said.

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Women Salukis to put winning streaks on line

By Norma Wilke
Sports Writer

The SIUC women's basketball team hopes to keep its tournament hopes alive against two opponents it has dominated through several years of Gateway play. The Salukis, 11-4, have never lost to Bradley and have an 18-game winning streak with Western Illinois. Southern also has won 20 straight games on its home court against Gateway foes. The Salukis will return home tonight for the first time since the holiday break. It is 3-1 at home this season. SIUC currently has a five-game win streak in conference play and shares first place in the Gateway standings with Southwestern Missouri, which is 14-2. SIUC is ranked 17th in the latest USA Today poll. Both teams are 6-1.

Bradley, the No. 4 pick in the Gateway preseason poll, has bounced back from a 0-4 start in conference play with three consecutive wins. The Salukis have to contend with 6-3 senior center Eileen Yerkes, who leads the league in rebounding and blocks. She was in double figures in all 15 games and is leading the league in rebounding and blocks. Yerkes is ranked 19th nationally with 11 boards a game.

Coach Cindy Scott said she does not put any stock in win streaks and expects Bradley to be tough. "Yerkes scares me to death," Scott said. "Bradley is a very, very good team, and I picked them to finish higher in the preseason poll. They're coming off three games in a row, and they shoot well from the perimeter. "We've picked up on our defense in the past three games, and will have to keep our great defense to keep up with Bradley." Bradley coach Lisa Boyer said she expects her team to keep up with the Salukis.

"Every time we play Southern we play a good game," Boyer said. "I don't think it makes much of a difference playing on the road. It's always better to play at home, but we have an older group who are accustomed to Southern's court."

Bradley's senior point guard Andrew McAllister ranks in the Gateway's top eight in free throws and 3-point shooting. Her 33

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On track
Men's track team sprints to No. 14 in first NCAA poll

By James T. Rendulich
Sports Writer

For the first time in Bill Cornell's eight-year coaching career, the SIUC men's track team has been ranked in the top 25 in the nation by the NCAA.

The ranking, which was the first of the year, was compiled by the Collegiate Track Weekly, and Cornell did not expect the Salukis to be ranked No. 14 in the nation. "It was kind of a surprise to turn up on the ranking and we are very excited to be a part of it," Cornell said. "Considering there are 232 other teams in the NCAA Division I and we are considered to be in the top 25, this is a great honor."

Cornell said the award stands as a testament to the depth and balance of his team. But, he still sees room for improvement on his squad.

"In order for us to hold the No. 14 spot or at least stay in the top 25, we mean that we will have to continue to work hard and get the third of this team that is in horrible condition in shape," Cornell said. "I hope the team will use this honor as an incentive to work harder."

Cornell said that he will not let the team get over confident and slack off because of the early ranking. "I've really been getting on the team recently by having to continue to work harder and get better," Cornell said. "We take this ranking as a great honor and we are going to do our best to show that we deserve it."

This is the first year the NCAA has initiated the format of ranking teams weekly from the beginning of the year. In the past the teams were ranked at the end of the year and teams were unsure where they were throughout the season.

Cornell said the new system is a step by the NCAA to revive interest in track and field, which has fallen behind other sports in recent years.

The track team has reached as high as 19th as No. 9 in outdoor and No. 9 in indoor in prior years. However, both of those rankings were under former head coach see TRACK, page 18

Saluki junior Jay Merchant warms up for practice at the Sports Center tennis courts. Merchant is the No. 1 player for the men's team, which worked out Wednesday in preparation for the team's spring season opener Saturday. The men will play Miami of Ohio and Western Michigan in dual meets this weekend.

Six-man tennis squad set to start season

By Norma Wilke
Sports Writer

The SIUC men's tennis team is small in numbers, but it expects to finish in the top half of its conference in the spring season, coach Dick LeFevre said.

With limited indoor court time, only six players have practiced and will play for the Salukis. SIUC begins its season this weekend at Notre Dame, where they will play Miami of Ohio and Western Michigan in dual meets.

The n etters split the last two matches against Miami of Ohio in the past two years, and SIUC has not played Western Michigan the past two seasons.

LeFevre said the team has come back from break in better shape than they have in previous years.

"Most of them played tournament tennis over break," LeFevre said. "We anticipated to get two more players in January, but neither of them came through. We ought to acquire ourselves well this weekend."

In the Missouri Valley Conference, Drake has the odds in its favor, LeFevre said.

"Drake has a transfer from Southern California who is one of the top five players in the country," he said. "Wichita State should also be tough. They won the conference last season when SIUC finished second, and they have their entire team back."

Junior Tim Derouin, who will play the No. 2 sport this weekend, played in the Milwaukee Classic during break. He lost in the first round, but made it to the finals of the consolation round. He was 4-5 for the fall and placed second at the Husker Invitational Oct. 5.

Freshman Alaf Merchant, who was the No. 1 ranked junior in Indiana before he came to SIUC, played in the Orange Bowl Dec. 15 in Florida with the top junior see TENNIS, page 18

Senior swimmer to compete in Olympic trials

By Cyndi Oberle
Sports Writer

One SIUC swimmer may see her dream come true. Senior Nancy Schmidtkofer is on her way to the Olympic Trials in Indianapolis during the first week of March. Schmidtkofer, who will try to make the U.S. Olympic team in the 100-yard freestyle, said it is every swimmer's dream to go to the Olympics.

"I can hardly wait to go," she said. "I have worked hard all these years, and I am closer to my goal than I ever thought I would be. I am very lucky to go." The freestyler from Spokane, Wash., started swimming when she was 7.

"My oldest sister swam, and it caught on from there," Schmidtkofer said. "All my brothers and sisters swim.

"The coaches at SIUC are great for the trials, but it will not worry about if she does not win.

"I want to finish in the top 16, but I realize only the winner or the top two go to the Olympics," she said. "Over the years I learned it doesn't take a lot to be at that level, and if you keep that in mind you'll be okay."

Assistant coach Rick Walker said Schmidtkofer will bring a positive trait to the trials—nastiness.

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Nancy Schmidtkofer

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Sales tax increase could eliminate need for other sources of revenue

By Teri Lynn Carrick
City Writer

An increase in the city sales tax could eliminate the need for other taxes as sources of revenue, a city official said yesterday.

A proposed city sales tax increase would generate about $1.1 million for Carbondale. If Carbondale's sales tax is increased from 6.25 to 7 percent, Illinois and Jackson County would receive the same amount of revenue. But the city would increase its yearly revenue from $3.1 million to $4.4 million.

The city then could consider dropping the 1 percent food and beverage tax that provides Carbondale with $306,000 a year, said City Manager Jerry Reno. The city might also decrease the gas tax from 2 cents a gallon to 1 cent.

"Currently 1 cent goes into the city's Northern Connector fund and the other 1 cent goes toward a stress improvement fund," Hoffer said. "And the Northern Connector fund will expire this summer.

The 2-cent gas tax brings in $1,300,000 a year. Carbondale residents also pay a 10.8 percent property tax with the inclusion of the 1-cent state multiplier. This year the state is lowering the state multiplier for the Carbondale area for 1992 payable in 1993, said George Everingham, Carbondale township assessor.

"The state multiplier is used to making everything equal in this county," he said. "But with the decrease, if your house is worth $100,000 you will pay $49 less every month of the year.

A state multiplier of 0.9 percent is a negative multiplier, and anything above 1 percent is referred to as a positive multiplier, Everingham said.

"If your state multiplier is 1 percent, then that means your property is selling for more than it is appraised for," he said. "And a 0.9 percent multiplier means it is selling for less than it is appraised for.

The goal for towns and cities is to maintain a 33.3 percent assessed value. Everingham said.

"Owners can figure the assessed value of their property by taking the appraised figure and dividing by three. Eligible persons also can subtract a $3,500 homestead exemption and senior citizens receive a $2,000 exemption.

The final property tax can be figured by multiplying the assessed value by the state multiplier.

Carbondale township's average assessed value is 32.5 percent.

"It has been going up in the last year, and the major reason is because most commercial property (and some houses) are selling for more than they have been appraised for in the past," Everingham said.

Residents within the city limits of Carbondale have the highest assessed rates. Carbondale residents who live outside city limits have lower rates because they do not use the city's services as much, Everingham said.

"Depending on what services you are in, your rate will be different," he said.

Hoffner said city officials think a real estate transfer tax is not feasible for Carbondale.

A real estate transfer tax enables the city to receive revenue when a house is sold.

"It was not recommended by the staff as a revenue source at this time," he said.

Sorgen said the real estate transfer tax is not suitable for Carbondale.

"Residents in suburbs in Chicago have it," Sorgen said. "But it does not work very well in a college town."
Clintons sex scandal obscures real issues

IF THE UNITED STATES HELD a one-day purge of its politicians on the basis of marital infidelity, the streets of Washington would run red before sundown. Pervasive to follow as distinguished as John F. Kennedy and Franklin R. Roosevelt reveals rumors of extramarital affairs carried on while in office. But then, they never had to combat the "media morality" of the 1990s.

EVEN NOW, WEEKS BEFORE the presidential campaign will begin in earnest, illicit sex has made headlines from supermarket tabloids to the New York Times. Gary Hart was targeted in 1988, Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton is the latest victim and the media brouhaha has done nothing but eclipse the real issues of the campaign.

SEX SELLS; IT ALSO TARNISHES CAREERS. America tunred in religiously to see Supreme Court candidate Clarence Thomas fend off Professor Anita Hill's charges of sexual harassment, and the William Kennedy Smith rape trial was the media circus of 1991's declining months.

But because sex sells, the media tend to focus on it as though there were no other news to be gathered. The main concern of the Thomas debacle was not Justice Thomas' qualification to sit on the high court; it was whether he had ever pressured Hill for sex or made reference to porn star Long Dong Silver.

IN CLINTON'S CASE, the issue of the day is not his record as governor or his agenda for the presidency, but whether he carried on a 12-year affair with nightclub singer Gennifer Flowers which ended in 1989.

Gone from the public eye is Clinton the governor, who suspended the driver's licenses of high school dropouts as an incentive to keep them in school.

GONE IS CLINTON THE CANDIDATE, who promises a middle-class tax cut at the expense of the rich and wants to restructure the federal college financial aid program.

Here for now is Clinton the purported adulterer, and that media-fueled perception may cast a shadow over the rest of his campaign.

CAMPAIGN STORIES WITHOUT DIRT can be dry, tedious pieces in the hands of poor reporters, but the issues dealt with are issues that will affect the lives of America's citizens for at least the next four years.

It may be that there are such poor political analysts that their primary impulse is to dig up the supposed sex scandal, the alleged cocaine use, the impeding divorce, in order to sell papers and draw viewers. Is it tasteful, or honorable to follow the lead of a tabloid like the Star, which paid Flowers for the right to break her story? Sex sells, but it also obscures the vital issues.

Politicians are public figures, and as such they sacrifice a certain amount of privacy when they enter the political arena. But when the question of whether Bill Clinton uses a condom receives more press attention than his stance on the death penalty and abortion, something is seriously wrong with the media's focus.

SOMEWHERE IN SOME DARK CORNER where journalists have not looked since the Star exposed, the real issues are gathering cobwebs. If the press cares at all for the public welfare, it will dust off those issues and bring them to light.
The Fixed Meals will play at 6 tonight in Beyond the Tractor. The exhibition includes works of art and photography. The show will run through Saturday, March 11. Please call 430-6505 for more information.

The monthly art exhibit at the Agriculture Building will feature work by students on the second floor. The exhibit will run through the month of March.

The Environment will present a two-day conference on the environment. The conference will be held on March 10 and 11 at the Hotel. The conference will focus on the impact of environmental policies on the economy.

The calendar item for March 10 will include a meeting of the Environmental Committee. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Hotel.
Study: Antibiotics can cut surgical risk

The benefits of giving antibiotics prior to surgery were apparent even among patients at higher risk of developing infections, such as those with chronic diseases that could reduce their bodies' immune defenses, the researchers reported in The New England Journal of Medicine.

In a commentary on the research, Dr. Richard Wenzel of the University of Iowa School of Medicine in Iowa City noted that although antibiotic use has cut surgical risks, at least 920,000 of the 23 million people who undergo surgery each year in the United States develop post-operative wound infections.

Although deaths from infections related to surgical incisions are thought to be low, sickness and disability among those who develop them result in excess hospital stays that probably cost over $1.5 billion annually, Wenzel noted.

He said the new study and other research indicate that by getting high levels of antibiotics into a person's bloodstream before the start of an operation, the drugs can prevent bacteria from getting a foothold in surgical wounds once an incision is made.

Classe said the study also found that antibiotics lose some effectiveness in fighting infections if they are given more than two hours before the start of surgery.
Music classification system
sour note for easy shopping

By Ronn Byrd
Entertainment Writer

That old time rock and roll is not so easy to find these days.
The music industry is expanding its classification system, subdividing
once familiar categories of music into unfamiliar sub-genres.

Only a decade ago, music was
divided into simpler categories: country western, rock, pop and jazz.

But today, even the people in the
industry itself are having trouble
finding uniform definitions for the
new categories of music.

Patricia Kiel, spokeswoman for
Rolling Stone magazine, defines
alternative music as those who
call themselves the elitists. It
changes all the time.

But Jala Merritt, supervisor in
single sales at Disc Jockey in the
University Mall said alternative
music is a catch phrase—
"something that's new and fresh.”

Twenty years ago, when there
were just rock, things were simpler,”
she said. “Now the nation has
become a more complex in general.

The kids these days are more
educated. These categories are
a reaction to what's happening.”

Michael Kucik, a sophomore in
journalism at SIUC and bass player
for the Chicago band Shock Value,
said the division is the media's
fault.

"I think the media is forcing the
music industry to promote more
kinds of music,” he said. “The old
classes are coming to a dead end.
There's not much more you can do
with rap or metal. They're looking
to their roots.”

But WCCL-FM Operations
Manager Tony Waineta said the
trend in creating more music
categories is insipid.

"I think it's just overzealous
music critics," he said. "The
dverage Joe on the street doesn't try
to classify thr music so much.

Philip Brown, SIUC professor
of music, said the new division is a
result of two distinct factors.

"On the one hand, I think it's
kind of marketing play,” he said.
"And it's also that nobody wants to
be a part of the mass culture. They
try to distinguish themselves by
creating new titles, and say 'We're
like that, but different.'

Record companies, once hesitant
to sign on new acts that were risky,
now actively search out the lesser
known bands.

"It seems the independent labels
are almost a farming system for the
major labels,” Kucik said. "Once
the bands start making money, a
major label will come in and sign
them on, making them mainstream.

Bands on tour also are starting to
bring together sounds from
different music categories.

Thrash Metal group Anthrax
covered with rap group Public
Enemy last year, making a stop at
SIUC's Arena. The tour melded
the two diverse styles together.

"I think it's the best thing that's
happened to music in a long time,”
Kucik said about the tour.

"Instead of grooming bands toward
how much of an audience they can
call, it's just two bands who like
each other getting together to have
fun and make good music."

The more complex classification
system may even be bringing the
groups closer, Dionata said.

"It's a merging of different kinds
of music and styles," she said. "A
group that was called hard rock a
few years ago can be alternative
now because their being influenced
by new sounds. I think the
(Anthrax—Public Enemy) tour was
a perfect example of that kind of
merging."

The classification systems are
not so bad, she said.

Jesus Jones

Amy Dionata, manager of east
campus public relations and artist
development for Electra records
said alternative music is "anything
not mainstream—that kind that top
40 radio won't touch.”

The old staple heavy metal has
been subdivided into thrash metal,
speed metal and death metal.

Rap now is divided into house,
hip-hop and the heavier sounds of
the colored phone, gangster rap.

Kiel said the changing music
scene and the resulting classification
system is just a sign of the
times.

The Fabulous Thunderbirds

"It will last for awhile,” Dionata
said. "But then there will be all
these new things they'll call bands.
You can't stop people from
labelling. When you hear a new
band, the first question you ask is,
'what do they sound like? People
need that.”
GPSC: Provisions to GSLs unfavorable to student rights

By Casey Hampton

College student leaders say changes slipped into the Stafford Loan program defeat the purpose of a guaranteed student loan.

The Graduate and Professional Student Council voted Wednesday night to send a resolution to congressional members urging them to support an amendment to abolish provisions changing the guaranteed student loan.

President Susan Hallesty, who as a lawyer last November is $5.3 billion bill excluding unemployment benefits.

But behind closed doors, legislative groups attached provisions to help pay for the benefits, said Taji Shah, president of U.S. Student Association in Washington, D.C.

Student groups nationwide are concerned with the provisions requiring students to sign a waiver of responsibility in the event of a default.

The provision allows guaranteeing a defaulter’s wages up to 10 percent without prior court approval. This is extremely detrimental to most older students, said Simon.

"The credit check is problematic," Shireman said.

"They can reach an interest rate as high as 50 percent because of clerical errors, such as someone having a similar name," Simon already has introduced legislation to the Senate calling for the repeal of the provisions affecting the loan program.

But in the meantime, for students such as Colleen Rennison, the program changes hurt the people who most need the loans.

Rennison is a Carbondale resident working for her master’s in public affairs, but she has a bad credit history.

"Under the new legislation, I’m not entitled to a guaranteed student loan," Rennison said.

Her husband of 31 years left her penniless in 1986. The divorce left Rennison with nothing but responsibility for her husband’s debts because he wiped out their assets, she said.

With no other option, Rennison filed for bankruptcy the same year, taking her credit for 10 years.

"I survive on an assistantship and a student loan. I’m fighting to hang on and in every corner I have some stupid politician making up my mind for me."

Colleen Rennison

Rennison said.

Shah said the provisions not only represent an erosion of student rights, but a contradiction to the loan’s purpose.

"The guaranteed student loan is exactly what—guaranteed," she said. "By requiring a credit check, it is a non-guaranteed loan."

The provision also mandates a $25-fee charged to the applicant to cover the cost of the credit check.

If the applicant has an adverse credit history, the person also must get a credit check for the co-signer.

This charge defeats the purpose of applying for a loan, Shah said.

"People apply for a loan because they don’t have any money," she said.

"It doesn’t make sense to charge them for a credit check when it shouldn’t be necessary in the first place," Shah said.

The gamishing of wages and fees for credit checks are supposed to guarantee the money to cover the unemployment benefits, when in actuality they will only pull in $15 million.

"The changes to the loans were all in the name of money," Shah said. "And they’re not near to solving the problem."

For more information regarding immunizations and the necessary documentation contact the Student Health Program Health Service Clinics at 453-4454, 453-4437, or 453-4448.
Hot shots

Tom “Dr. Cue” Rossman, World Masters trick shot champion, shoots for the nine ball during a game of pool at the Student Center. Rossman visited SIUC Wednesday as part of his Traveling Trick Shot Show. Eight months out of the year Rossman travels around instructing those who are interested in playing pool, as well as entertaining those who just want to watch the champion shoot pool.

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SIUC purchasing director to retire after 36 years of praised service

By Brandi Tipps
Administration Writer

Neal Spilman is an employer's dream—he loves his job.

But after 36 years of service to SIUC, Neal Spilman, director of purchasing, will retire Jan. 31.

By all accounts, he is a good buyer and was promoted 11 years ago to director of purchasing.

As purchasing director, Spilman is in charge of the direct purchase of materials, equipment and services for every department on campus.

"I enjoyed my work and never agonized about getting up and going to work," Spilman said. "Not many people can say the same thing."

Raymond Yarbrough, assistant director of purchasing, has worked with Spilman for more than 20 years.

"He has been an excellent supervisor for years. There's not a single soul on campus who doesn't know Mr. Spilman, and no one would have anything bad to say about him." —Raymond Yarbrough

McNeil said.

Spilman always makes time to discuss any problems or ideas, he said.

In the span of his career, Spilman worked at SIUC during some untimely times.

During the 1960 war demonstration on campus, he helped several other employees stand guard for five-hour shifts in which his office was housed.

"Those scare and uncertain times and nobody knew what to expect next," he said.

When Old Main burned, Spilman was supervisor of insurance.

"I just went to the site and watched it burn. It was not a pretty thing," he said.

William S. Capie, vice president for financial affairs, said he and Spilman have worked together for seven years.

"He is a class individual," Capie said.

Spilman has managed to build bridges and good relations with many people, Capie said.

"Although Spilman takes his job very seriously, he does not take himself too seriously, Capie said.

Spilman has a good sense of humor and brings class and professionalism to his job, he said.

After his retirement, Spilman said, he will continue to enjoy the same type of lifestyle he always has enjoyed.

He will continue to go fishing and work in his garden of tomatoes, onions, and zucchini, Spilman said.

He and his wife, Patricia, plan to take some time for traveling and Spilman said he hopes to get to see the Grand Canyon.

"It would really be a delight," he said.

But for the most part Spilman just wants to spend his time at home in Carbondale, he said.

Spilman was raised in Benton and has lived in Carbondale since 1951.

Spilman attended SIUC from 1946 until 1948. He served as a Tech Sergeant in the Air Force during World War II.

Spilman now serves as vice chairman for the SIU Credit Union Board of Directors.

Dow Corning faces breast implant investigation

Former Attorney General to examine production, development of implants

MIDLAND, Mich. (UPI) — Former Attorney General Griffin Bell will conduct an independent investigation of Dow Corning's development, production and marketing of silicone breast implants, the company said Wednesday.

Dow Corning said it had retained Bell, a former federal judge, to also examine the appropriateness and timeliness of management judgments and decisions over the life of the product line. The Food and Drug Administration launched an inspection of the action in a letter dated Jan. 22.

The action was announced on the heels of a $100 million suit filed against Dow Corning by a Florida woman who claimed her figure-enhancing implants made her health seriously ill.

"We have taken this action to provide an independent objective forum for a reasoned examination of events regarding Dow Corning's conduct in the development and marketing of this device," said J. Kemitt Campbell, Dow Corning Corp. group vice president.

Bell will choose independent scientific and medical experts to assist him and have free access to all of Dow Corning's records, resources and people, Campbell said.

"We are committed to follow the recommendations that Judge Bell develops, and we will share those recommendations with not only the FDA, but the general public," Campbell said. "We can not precisely predict how much time will be required to complete this investigation, but we anticipate it will be completed over the next few months."

Campbell pointed to Bell's "long and distinguished career not only in the jurisprudence but also in conducting similar investigations for other companies."

E. F. Hutson hired Bell when the brokerage was accused of illegally shifting money between banks and accounts.

Dow also said Wednesday it will release documents identified by the FDA in its "new information," which already are in the hands of the FDA, during the week of Feb. 10.

"While our files have always been open to the FDA, they have asked us to release to the general public just 90 documents related to silicone breast implants," said Dan M. Hayes, president of Dow Corning Wright.

"Of these 90 documents, 10 are scientific studies, and many of which are already in the public domain," Hayes said. "The balance of the request for documents that do not relate to the scientific evidence supporting the safety of breast implants."

Hayes said the company announced Jan. 23 it would release the documents "in about 10 days." He said the company wants to make clear that they are cooperating to meet the needs of the FDA, as we always have.

"In each case, we are doing everything possible to ensure that Dow Corning Wright provides an accurate context in which to understand the purpose and intent of the memo," he said. "We have also sought clarity in the world's scientific literature that relates to these memo's."

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**Taxpayers file suit, claim law on property tax limit not fair**

**CHICAGO (UPI) — Opponent of tax cap legislation filed suit Wednesday, saying the law that imposes a limit on taxes in the collar counties around Chicago and forcing townships in Cook County outside the city is unconstitutional.**

The suit, brought in Cook County Chancery Court on behalf of three taxpayers challenges a law that went into effect in October capping property tax levies for non-home rule units of government at 5 percent of the previous year's levy unless voters approve a higher increase. It froze taxes in Cook County.

Deborah Miller, spokeswoman for the Fair Tax Partisan Committee that represents a number of units of government, said the tax caps in DuPage, Kane and McHenry counties and the tax freeze in Cook County are political but not realistic solutions to rising property taxes.

"The tax caps unfairly restrict funds for education, libraries, fire protection districts, park districts and social services that people have come to expect," Miller said.

The Illinois Education Association said the caps this fiscal year will cost school systems alone $150 million.

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**AT&T offers service to help free long-distance 'blocking'**

BASKING RIDGE, N.J. (UPI) — American Telephone & Telegraph Co. said Wednesday it has introduced a program that will make it easier for "consumers to reach the long-distance company of their choice when they call from telephones in hotel, college, university and hospital rooms."

The company said milleu of telephones in these locations do not let consumers reach their preferred long-distance company — a problem known as "blocking."

"Consumers problems with blocking were a major source of complaints to the FCC (Federal Communications Commission) in 1991," AT&T said.

The FCC last year ordered the unbundling of all pay telephone and in-room telephones.

"This offer allows AT&T to work with hotels, colleges, universities and hospitals to provide an unbundling solution that's right for them and for consumers," said Mark Evans, national market manager of AT&T's unblocking service.

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AUSTIN, Texas (UPI) — A former Internal Revenue Service official and his wife were indicted Wednesday by a federal jury on charges they conspired to defraud the government of more than $446,000 through false income tax returns.

Charles Michael Robertson, former branch chief of the IRS Austin Compliance Center, and his wife, Melanie Dean McDowell Robertson, both 34, are said to have filed their own tax returns.

"They wee curiously fugitives and are being sought by the IRS and federal marshals," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Greg Lehman. "We have not been able to locate them since executing a search warrant on their home just before Thanksgiving," Lehman said.

"Robertson filed tax returns for 1989 using his social security numbers of two people he knew would not file returns that year.

Through these false claims, Robertson obtained refunds totaling $550,240.

"Robertson was charged with one count of conspiracy, three counts of filing false claims and two counts of making a false return of a U.S. Treasury check.

Lehman said the federal investigators received a tip that led to search warrants of $446,298. That amount includes the $582,000 the couple actually obtained.

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Boat manufacturers call for repeal of luxury tax

MIAMI (UPI) -- Buoyed by President Bush's call to eliminate the luxury tax on yachts, boat manufacturers urged Congress Wednesday to swiftly repeal the tax that industry leaders say has put thousands out of work.

Bush has asked Congress to repeal the law as it applies to yachts costing more than $100,000. The 10 percent excise tax, which became effective January 1991, applies to any portion of the yacht price over $100,000. Bush also asked for an appeal of the luxury tax on airplanes but did not include the similar tax covering expensive automobiles.

Jeff Napier, president of the Washington-based National Marine Manufacturers Association, said the repeal should be enacted row -- before the lucrative winter selling season has passed.

"Nearly 25,000 boat workers nationwide -- as many as 5,000 of them in Florida -- have lost their jobs because of drastically reduced summer sales," he said. "We've lost a lot of companies on the edge of permanent shutdown if business doesn't pick up in the next few weeks."

The tax has forced companies to seek Chapter 11 protection under federal bankruptcy laws, created bad loans for banks, and increased payroll taxes paid to the government, Napier said.

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On April 4, Bush joined with congressional leaders to renew their call for the luxury tax repeal. After a series of meetings over the next few weeks, they agreed to ask Congress to repeal the luxury tax.

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Democrats blast Bush's proposal, call 1993 budget plan 'crude hoax'

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- Congressional Democrats criticized President Bush's 1993 budget proposal Wednesday, accusing him of using 'smoke and mirrors' to mislead the public.

"At a time when the American people are looking for some real and sound solutions to our long-term problems, this budget is a return to the smoke-and-mirrors, buy-now-pay-later budgets of the 1980s," House Budget Committee Chair­man Leon Panetta, D-Calif., said in a news conference.

The budget summit set five-year spending ceilings for domestic defense and foreign aid with no transfer of funds allowed between the three.

Panetta charged the budget proposal "falls short of the mark.

"Panetta said the budget does not "produce any immediate stimulus.""The total amount of "gimmicks," in the budget, in the proposal, and in the program, and discretionary spending programs, would "exceed $1 billion over five years," Sasser said, based on a quick reading of the president's plan.

Chairman Dan Rostenkowski, D-Ill., of the House Ways and Means Committee, who will open hearings on the Bush budget proposal Tuesday, said he agrees with Bush that the economy needs a boost.

"The president is absolutely right when he says our economy needs some help," said Rostenkowski. "Now we need to examine the details to see if the president's plan is adequate to get the job done."

"I'll be asking our witnesses a series of pointed questions. I plan to do will help people who are in the program," Sasser said. "I will reject any plan that fails that test," Rostenkowski added.

Rostenkowski's panel has jurisdiction over all of the nation's tax laws and many social welfare programs.

Rep. Les Aspin, D-Wis., chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said Bush "has taken some steps in the right direction, but we are not going to see a lot of savings for defense as well as why we're cutting."

"The president has recognized that we can reduce our overall defense spending. He's recognized that we can reduce our strategic weapons. He's recognized that we can reduce our strategic weapons, and then we can cut back on non- nuclear roles, as many of us in Congress have been advocating for some time," Aspin said.

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NASA unveils 1993 budget, eliminates funds for rocket

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (UPI) — The space agency NASA unveiled to its $15 billion 1993 budget request Wednesday, eliminating money for an advanced shuttle rocket booster and a probe that would have sampled the dust of a comet.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration also released a new shuttle launch schedule, listing eight flights per year through 1996 and nine flights per year thereafter. NASA officials said the changes would lead to up to 14 missions per year using four shuttles, but under the new "minimum" schedule, only 10 flights would be eliminated between now and 1998.

"The shuttle will remain the workhorse of our space transportation capability with this budget providing $3.115 billion for eight missions in fiscal 1994," NASA Administrator Richard Truly said at a news conference. "Our current plans assume a flight rate of eight missions per year through fiscal 1996 and nine annually thereafter."

The launch rate reflects a decision to cut back some $1.8 billion out of the shuttle budget over the next five years, resulting in the loss of about four 1997 and 1998 shuttle flights that would have occurred under the "minimum" schedule.

For the fiscal year 1994, NASA analysts insist will not be compromised and that improved efficiency and job combining will account for most of the cuts.

NASA's $14.93 billion fiscal 1993 budget, eliminates funding for the advanced solid rocket system known as the booster, expected to cost $4 billion and be ready for 1996, but canceling it, in part, to fund NASA's planned space station.

"The single most descriptive word I could think of this morning was the description the mission is obsolete," said mission manager Robert McBrearty. "We're bringing home more than 100 crystals, cells and hundreds of plants. The status of the mission is excellent. It's not obsolete."

The flight originally was scheduled to be ended Wednesday with a Majeski Desert mission but NASA managers decided Monday to extend the mission one day to give the astronauts more time to return home before reaching the launch escape system. The crew was promised a lighter load, but the schedule remained intense.

Flight director Wayne Hale said it is difficult to balance the demands of science and the limits of the crew, adding that more responsible hours be planned expected once NASA's planned space station goes into operation later this decade.

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SCHMIDLKOFER, from Page 20

"Nancy has never swum in an Olympic Trial meet before," Walker said, "and that makes her subject to the winds. She'd get there and analyze everything." Schmidlkof er has an insatiable drive that is rare in people, Walker said.

"She has a willingness to compete for the fun of competing, and she has the speed," he added.

Schmidlkof er may be on her way to the zenith of her career, but she said she was not always visible to her.

"I started to swim at an early age, but I quit for three years along the way," she said. "I tried other sports, but I had more opportunities in swimming.

Even though Schmidlkof er said her goal is to place in the top 16, Walker said everyone who makes it to the trials has a legitimate shot of making the team.

"Everyone has a chance," he said.

"But even if you don't win, the honor of qualifying and being at the meet is comparable to actually being at the Olympics."

Schmidlkof er will be competing against the top swimmers in the country, but she said she is not scared of the challenge.

"It is real easy to get scared," she said. "But everyone there belongs there. A swim meet is never worth getting scared for."

Unlike many athletes who repeatedly try to make it big in their sport, Schmidlkof er said this season she will not always swim competitively.

"When it's over, it's over," she said. "I have a good four years at SIUC, and I am living out my dream of trying out for the Olympics. I think I'll quit while I'm ahead."

Schmidlkof er said after she graduates with a degree in exercise science she plans on going back to the Pacific Northwest.

"My ultimate plans include grad school and a degree in physical therapy, but after all this I am going to take it easy for a while," she said.

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tennis players of the world. Mechan, who will play the No. 3 position this weekend, lost in the first round. He was 5-4 for the fall and will play at the Redbird Classic in Flight 3 Sept. 21.

Junior Angie Rougeau, who will play the No. 1 position this weekend, played in tournaments in India during break. Rougeau, who was placed last season by tendencies of the wrist and elbow, said his injury is much better, and the tournament play during break has improved his game. Rougeau will play this weekend.

T. L. Merchant, 2-2, won the consolation title in the first division of the Notre Dame tournament in the fall while the top two players from every team played. He also won first place in Flight 2 of the Redbird Classic.

Freshman Uwe Classen, who won the singles title in the fall Redbird Classic, will play the No. 4 position. Sophomore Keri Kramer, who was Flight 6 Missouri Valley Conference champion last season, will play at No. 5 and freshman Steven Seaver will play at No. 6.

Seaver plays Miami of Ohio at 8 a.m. Saturday and Western Michigan at 8 a.m. Sunday.

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points against Wake Forest Dec. 7 remain in place. Western, 7-9 overall and 3-4 in the Missouri Valley Conference tonight before playing SIUC Saturday night.

Mary Fish, Glen Dinkins and Amy Houseal, all returning starters for the Westerwinds, comprise a trio at the line. The three have tallied 79.5 percent of their free throws this season.

SIUC junior center Kelly Firth, the Gateway's No. 3 rebounder and No. 4 field goal shooter, has had double-doubles in her last four starts and averages 12.4 points per game. Senior guard Karrie Redeker, the Gateway's No. 2 three-point shooter, has an average of 13.4 double digits in six straight games.

Junior guard Anna Scott, the Gateway's No. 3 assists, lead the Salukis in scoring, assists and steals. Firth and senior Angie Rougeau and senior Amy Horstman round out SIUC's probable starters.

The Salukis play Bradley at 7:35 tonight and Western at 7:35 Saturday night at the Arena.

TRACK, from Page 20

Lew Hartung's reign. Hartung was formerly athletic director and is the current men's golf coach.

In 1981, Cornell's initial "run" at SIUC, he was left with only six returning athletes and only seven of 14 scholarships.

In the year's since, Cornell said his program has gone through a slow growing and maturing process to be in the state it is now.

SIUC is the only team in the Missouri Valley Conference ranked in the top 25, but Cornell expects that Illinois State, Indiana State, and Northern Iowa are not far behind.

Cornell's squad steps back into action next Saturday at home against against Memphis State, Murray State and Southern Mississippi. The meet will begin at 2 p.m. at the Recreation Center.
**Jury selection finished, Tyson trial to proceed**

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — Jury selection was completed Wednesday in the rape trial of former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson, but opening arguments were delayed an additional day to allow the judge to decide motions on the case.

Six jurors and three alternates were seated during Wednesday’s session, then Marion County Superior Court Judge Patricia Gifford dealt with motions the defense had filed earlier in the day. Tyson is charged with rape, confinement and two counts of criminal devise conduct for an alleged attack on an 18-year-old Black America commuter in his room at the Canterbury Hotel early last July 19. If convicted on all counts, he could face up to 63 years in prison.

The fight's left survivor, Jameson after jury selection was completed. Prosecutor and defense attorneys agreed to the 12th juror, a white man, at midday.

Half of the jurors seated on the jury are white men, three white women, two black men and one black woman. Eight of the jurors are in their 30s and two are in their 20s. One is 47 years old and another 55.

The racial makeup of the jury has become an issue in the trial. Civil rights groups have said they doubt Tyson, who is white, get a fair trial in Indianapolis because jury pools do not reflect black-white ratios.

**BMI sues Bengals, stadium for copyright infringements**

CINCINNATI (UPI) — BMI, the performing rights organization, said Wednesday it will file a lawsuit against Riverfront Stadium and the Cincinnati Bengals because both are using BMI's license to broadcast its music.

BMI lawyer Mary Weber is new York said the suit will be filed Thursday in U.S. District Court in Cincinnati and will cite seven counts of copyright infringements including Otis Redding’s “Respect,” Isaac Hayes “Theme From Shaft” and Domingo Samudio’s “Wooly Bully.”

A spokesman for the Bengals said business manager Bill Connelli, who is the person who could comment on the suit, was unavailable until next week.

“BMI's standard operating procedure is to explain copyright responsibilities to the music user, demonstrate the need for a blanket music license, and seek agreement before considering legal action,” said Tom Amannas, BMI’s vice president for licensing.

“Our licensing executive in Ohio was diligent in trying to work with the Bengals organization to secure a blanket license. The lack of attention to our requests resulted in this suit,” Weber said. BMI, or Broadcast Music Inc., previously had filed a similar lawsuit against the Dallas Cowboys.

She said lawyers in that suit were in the discussion stages of a settlement, though nothing had been reached yet.

No other suits were filed, she said United Press International.

**Pacer forward fined $5,000**

INDIANAPOLIS (UPI) — The Indiana Pacers have fined forward Chuck Person $5,000 for trying to forcibly remove from the team’s locker room.

“This is problem behavior,” said Pacers president Donnie Walsh. “This goes so far away from the relationship we want two coaches have with the press or anyone. It calls for serious action.”

Walsh said Tuesday he levied the fine following a confrontation between Person and Steve Brunner, a reporter for The Indianapolis News.

“I walked into the locker room to interview L. Siale Thompson,” Brunner said. “Person came out of the shower and confronted me, telling me that the locker room was closed.”

“When I told him it wasn’t his call, he became angry, approached me and tried to forcibly remove me from the locker room. Naturally, I resisted,” Brunner said.

A reporter for The Indianapolis Star had asked him and new Pacers owner James Dolan to participate in a bowl and Person engaged in a heated shouting and shoving match for a few seconds before security Greg Deitch and several other teammates restrained Person.

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**Hull’s 50 goals in 50 games not enough, fans want more**

**Blues’ scorer needs 43 to pass Gretzky**

By Robert J. Murphy

UPI Sports Writer

Now with 50-in-50 out of the way again, Brett Hull, how about 43-in-50?

Yeah, the ever-demanding sports fans always asks for more — bigger, better, faster and more unimagianable records. "What else can you do?" we wonder.

Fifty goals in 50 games. Hmmmm. OK, you’ve gone that two straight years, and only the Great Gretzky has accomplished that. Hull, Gretzky three times has scored 50 goals in 50 games, two of them coming back-to-back.

So next year, the Golden Brett can become the first player in NHL history to reach the 50-goal plateau in 50 games in three straight seasons. But that’s a whole year away. What about this season, quickiy approaching the three-quarter point?

Last season, Hull finished with an almost mind-boggling 86 goals, still only good for the best-three mark in league history. Gretzky notched a seemingly unreachable 92 goals in 1981-82, then scored 87 in the 1983-84 campaign.

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**Sports Analysis**

**Pressure?** Hull always tells us a like it.

"There was an unbelievable amount of pressure," Hull said after picking up goal No. 50 in game No. 50 Tuesday night at the Forum in Inglewood, Calif., ending in a 3-3 tie with the Los Angeles Kings.

After getting blanked in game No. 49, a 1-0 overtime loss at home against Vancouver on Saturday, time was running out. The Blues had fallen behind 3-0 to the Kings and St. Louis coach Brian Sutter had Hull take set-up man, Adam Oates, off his line.

But at 18:22 of the second period, Hull took a blind drop pass from Brendan Shanahan in the left circle and blasted it through the pads of Kelly Hrudey for the goal. All in full view of Gretzky.

"After I did it, we were able to play the way we wanted to," Hull said. "Actually, I didn’t even look where I was shooting — I just shot it."

And the way Hull shoots ‘em, it might have taken an armored truck in goal to keep him off the board Tuesday night.

"We tried our best," Kings coach Tom Webster said. "He did a great job and that should be the story."

In fact, only five players in the 75-year history of the NHL have scored 50 goals in 50 games. Only Gretzky and Hull have done it more than once.

But with Gretzky not depositing the puck in the net like he once did and Mario Lemieux bothered by recurring back woes, Hull has taken over as the game’s most prolific goal-scorer.

Since being acquired by Ron Carol from the Calgary Flames in March 1988 with Steve Borek for Bob Ramage and Rick Wamsley in hockey’s version of the Los Block trade, Hull has become more precise each year.

After scoring 41 goals in his first full season with St. Louis in 1988-89, he reached 72 in 1989-90, then the 86 last year in a season in which he missed two games. He outscored the next closest goal scorer, Brian’s Cam Neely, by 35 goals and fell just six shy of Gretzky’s all-time mark.

This season, one needs to take into consideration he got off to a slow start, scoring just three goals in the first eight games. Since then, he has 47 in 42.

So basic math reveals that a 43-goal outburst in the final 30 games would break the record. Seems likely.

"I got 86 last season, and it’s hard to believe I could get more," he said.

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