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Gunshots nearly doubled in 2001

When the crack of gunshots sounded late Tuesday night around the 400 block of South Washington Street, David Valliant hit the floor. His next reaction was to check on his three sleeping children in the nearby bedroom, who were awakened by the loud noise.

It wasn’t until the next morning that he discovered a bullet lodged in the wall, about a foot above where his 8-year-old daughter was sleeping at the time the shots were fired.

This incident may not be as uncommon as it appears, as 2001 saw a significant increase in the number of gunshots reported to police. Carbondale Police Chief R.T. Finney said about 140 incidents were reported to police in 2001, almost twice as many as in 2000.

Finney attributed the large increase to a “greater number of guns on the street being used illegally.”

“I think there has been an increase in drug activity — anytime there’s an increase in drug activity, there’s an increase in violence,” he said.

Finney said police have not identified suspects in most of the cases where firearms were illegally discharged. Gunshots were fired throughout Carbondale, with the most concentrated activity reported on the city’s east side. Finney said that many of the incidents are not reported until days after the event, any chance of an investigation locating the suspect.

Valliant’s case has fallen into the same rut because he didn’t know his family’s home was struck and didn’t report the gunshots until the following morning.

“All I heard was pop, pop, pop, pop, pop, and we hit the ground,” Valliant said. “The kids are still shook up about it — scared to go to bed.”

Valliant, 46, said he’s lived in the neighborhood for 11 years and his family has heard an occasional gunshot, “nothing has ever happened like this before.”

The Valliant home was struck by two of the five shots fired, one entered the bedroom through a window and another in the basement. Valliant said he didn’t think his house was intentionally shot. Fortunately, there were no injuries.

Finney believes if the community gets involved and supports police efforts and prevention ideas, the numbers of shots fired could fall in 2002.

But the police are combatting gun violence in a number of ways. Finney said the department tries to educate the public and advocates prevention programs such as D.A.R.E.

Finney also said Carbondale will be seeing an increase in probable cause and traffic violations, which stops in which the goal of officers will be to look for guns and drugs.

City manager Jeff Doherty agrees with efforts made by the Carbondale Police Department.

“Obviously one [gunshot] is too many,” Doherty said. “It somehow reflects the large presence of guns in society.”

“We need to be more aggressive and the department needs to be more aggressive at getting guns off the streets,” Doherty said.

Carbondale’s problem with gunshots has touched Valliant’s life in many ways. Cousin Michael Valliant was sentenced to 18 years in prison for the shooting death of a former SIUC student and cousin Cameron Allison was gunned down Dec. 26 in his Carbondale home.

As a member of a family touched by violence, Valliant hopes shooting in Carbondale will subside. The future is something he fears if nothing is done soon to curb the violence.

“I live for my kids. I want to see them get up and go to school in the morning and grow up and go to college someday,” Valliant said.

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Gender gap under debate

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At SIUC, 57 percent of students are male. Forty percent are female. These numbers may change nationwide statistics perfectly with one important difference: Nationwide, it’s women who dominate the University landscape, not men.

Yet SIUC’s campus doesn’t have the tradition­ally outnumbered women here — in the 70s and 80s the percentages were more like 50 to 40.

It’s a statistic that Chancellor Walter Wendler wants to change. He brought up the issue at a meeting of the University Board of Trustees last Tuesday night, May 2, at the first meeting of Southern at 150, a long-term planning process that he hopes will improve SIUC’s quality by 2019, the University’s 150th anniversary.

“If the figures were in balance, most of our problems would be solved,” Wendler said. “If the representation was about 50/50, our image would be different.”

It may be SIUC’s image that is deter­ring women from enrolling on campus in the first place. Wendler said safety concerns and SIUC’s wild image may be pre­venting females from coming to Carbondale.

“Women have traditionally been a place that has been seen as a party school,” Wendler said. “Families with daughters might really discourage them from attending.”

Brandon Batchelor, a junior in radio­television from Flora, said SIUC’s party school image doesn’t necessarily discour­age women, but does encourage more men.

He said he hasn’t noticed the disparity in the classroom as much as the bar scene on a weekend night. Batchelor said it seems like the ratio of males to females at the bars can be almost three to one.

“Shawana Kuhnert, an SIUC employee and SIUC student, went both her son and her daughter to SIUC. While she’s a strong proponent of the University, Kuhnert said she was more concerned about her daughter attending the University than her son.

“It’s just different for daughters when you have concerns about safety,” Kuhnert said.

Margaret Winters, interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs and research, agreed with Wendler’s themes of SIUC’s image and its effects.

She pointed to Chicago media coverage of Halloween riots and Carbondale murders as presenting a negative image to Chicago parents.

Kuhnert said she thinks her perception of SIUC would be altered if she wasn’t a Southern Illinois native.

“If I lived in Chicago, my perception from the TV would be that SIU is a party school,” Kuhnert said.

But both Wendler and Winters emphasized that the University shouldn’t pin the gender gap on SIUC’s image alone.

There is no magic reason or solution for the disparity, they said. Apart from theories that have been tossed around for years, there is no hard-and-fast reason why women aren’t coming to SIU.

Another possible factor that Winters threw out was geography. About one-third of SIUC’s students are from the Chicago area, she noted.

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Comedian

Epps to bring antics back to Shroyer

Samantha Edmondson

Daily Egyptian

One of Hollywood’s rising comedians is bringing his hilarious fame to SIUC’s stage.

America’s best recognized comedian Mike Epps as DaDa, Ice Cube’s rich, troubled-making comic in the movie “Next Friday.” Despite other starring roles in motion pictures, Epps is returning to his initial love of stand-up comedy here in Carbondale.

Epps will be performing at Shroyer Auditorium at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 6, with opening act, Cal Cal, who often accompanies Epps’ performances.

Making the special appearance in Southern Illinois, Epps, a Gary, Ind., native, is familiar with the University and
Fred was a coal miner who liked to dance and party on Saturday.

Leader Prayers for Peace

ASSISI, Italy — Pope John Paul and world religious representatives gathered in the central Italian city of Assisi Thursday for a special day of prayer for peace.

The peace programming follows the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in the United States, the pope invited representatives of Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Jewish, Muslim, Buddhist and other world religions to meditate and say special prayers for peace.

Participants are expected to read testimonies in favor of peace at the beginning of the ceremony. Later they will pray in their own sites at different places around the Franciscan complex.

The program includes a communal lunch and an afternoon gathering in the main square where the pope will light a symbolic lamp for peace.

In a sign of legal arguments to come, Lindh's lawyer, James Brosnahan, told reporters after the hearing that Lindh was not asked to prepare a statement to the judge about his case.

Turning aside international outcry over the US. operation, the White House called the incident a 'legitmate piece of intelligence and action.'

WASHINGTON — Up to 15 al Qaeda fighters have died and American forces are包围ed in a pre-dawn firefight in Afghanistan which highlight­ed the dangers of the US.-run raid on Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda group and the Taliban govern­ment.

US. officials said the fighting flared about 10 miles north of Kandahar in southern Afghanistan during a "search-and-destroy" mission by US. special forces.

A number of al Qaeda and Taliban were also captured as American troops searched two compounds believed used by former leaders of the ousted government and al Qaeda, according to the officials. They asked not to be identified.

The name of the wounded American and the extent of his injuries were not immediately released, but one official said the injuries were not life-threatening.

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**Law school just says no to grade inflation**

Private schools more prone to pump grades

Mark Lambird  
Daily Egyptian

SIU Law School is resisting the easy out taken by Washington University Law school and will not inflate the grades of its students.

The Washington University Law School, located in St. Louis, has decided to increase their average grade from a B-minus to B-plus. The practice known as grade inflation is common among law schools that want to make their programs and students look more attractive in the job market.

The change was approved by the school's faculty this month and will be phased in over the next two years.

Thomas Guernsey, dean of the SIU Law School, could not be reached Wednesday, but told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch that SIU has no plans to adopt inflation among law schools that want to pump up their grades by ranking each graduate student from a school that inflated grades, it could make a difference.

When I was the hiring partner, I looked at class rank first and then grade point averages. If I caught wind that a graduate student came from a school that inflated grades, it could make a difference.

Those on the other side of the debate say schools who artificially increase grades are taking the easy way out.

Steve Hughes, an SIU Law School alumnus and a partner with Rabbitt, Snodgrass and Pitzer law firm in St. Louis, said when he was a hiring partner he would have looked at people coming from schools with grade inflation more closely.

When I was the hiring partner, I looked at class rank first and then grade point average, Hughes said. "But if I caught wind that a graduate student came from a school that inflated grades, it could make a difference."

According to the Association of American Law Schools, most schools rank their students. Law schools such as St. Louis University, Southern Illinois University and the University of Missouri at Columbia all rank their students from No. 1 and down.

At Washington University, students are ranked in bunches starting with the top one percent, five percent and down through the top 75 percent.

Steve Hughes  
partner, Rabbitt, Snodgrass and Pitzer in St. Louis

Hughes said class rank generally played a larger role in the decision than GPA.

Gean Basanta, a professor at the SIU School of Law, said grade inflation does not mean much for students.

"Grades are just used to rank students," Basanta said. "Ranking is more important when trying to get a job."

He said he would not say the practice is wrong, but said it was irrelevant in most cases. The only difference he said the change could make was that students could be down to programs where the average GPA is higher.

Rui said SIU will keep the straight forward system that is currently used, but would not rule out future changes.

"For now, things aren't going to change at SIU, but you never know what might change in the future," Rui said.

Rumor has it SIU School of Law has no plans to adopt inflation among law schools that want to pump up their grades.
USG weighs fee increase decision

Jane Huh
Daily Egyptian

The administrators pitched their case for fee increases at Wednesday’s Undergraduate Student Government meeting. By the time they were done, there was no time left for the Senate to get through all the other legislation on the agenda. Cheri Presley, director of Student Health Services, Jake Baggett, assistant director of Student Program, and Bill McIntyre, director of Intramural Recreation Sports all reported to the senators how important a proposed student fee increase will be to the future of merging two student programs.

A new combined Recreation Center and Student Health Services facility has been proposed as a part of the approved land-use plan. And the administrators are hoping for students’ money to help pay for it. USG must pass a resolution about the new fees for fiscal year 2004 before the April 11 Board of Trustees meeting.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for student affairs and enrollment management, asked USG to “embrace the concept of a new building,” especially while the low interest rates last. Still, he acknowledged that there are realistic challenges involved.

“If we’ll be long process before we see a short-term impact,” Dietz said.

Presley took the podium to address needed improvements in SIUC’s Health Services. Aging health service buildings and inefficient space use were among the success Presley voiced. A $22 increased health service fee would help improve the practical use of the facilities and overall student health care quality, Presley said. She also emphasized that the proposal was a “first-time fee request.”

Presley said that with the higher fee, a student’s semester premium would be cheaper than one visit to the doctor for upper-respiratory complications. The average cost for a single visit is $113, compared to the proposed $125 for SIUC students, Presley said.

McIntyre provided the Recreation Center’s fee history and projections from fiscal years 1996 to 2006. The requested fee approval would be a 2.8 percent increase from 1994’s fee totals, McIntyre said. In addition, the Recreation Center’s self-generated revenue comes from charged membership programs and instructional programs and events.

After the presentations, the Senate began with the unfinished business from the last meeting. The expected passing of new funding guidelines arrived with a 20 to four senate approval. Because of time constraints, a motion to table the remaining resolutions was taken.

USG President Michael Perry asked the Senate to get feedback from the student body about their innovation at the graduation ceremony.

The race relations task force recommendations published last semester and the future fees. “It’s far too early to tell on how USG is going with these proposals,” Perry said. “We need a good sense of where these fees are going to, and the senators need time to talk to their constituents about it.”

The meeting lasted until 11:30 p.m. “For the amount of stuff that was on the agenda, I think (the meeting) went really well,” Perry said.

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SCD faculty pumped to hit the stage

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After going on hiatus, the Performance Studies faculty has returned to plan an evening of performances by the Speech Communications Department faculty.

“Our performance studies program often has faculty directing productions as well as students, but it has been five years since the Performance Studies faculty has done an evening of solo performances,” said Nathan Strokey, chair of the Speech Communications Department.

Ronald J. Pelias, coordinator of the performance, is especially excited about the show because it is an opportunity for students to see faculty do what they teach in class.

“Most of our time is involved in directing shows or performing one-person projects. The problem is finding a time when we can all fit it into our schedules,” said Pelias, who is also director of graduate studies in the Speech Communications Department.

The performance called “Evening of Faculty Performances” starts Jan. 25 at the Kleini Theatre on the second floor of the Communications Building. It will begin promptly at 8 p.m. and there is no seating after the performance begins. The show is free and expected to last one hour. The performance is open to the public.

The show has a line-up of faculty each doing solo performances of literary works by well-known authors featuring Suzanne Daughton, doing her rendition of “The Open Window” by Saki (H.H. Munro), Bryan Kelso performing “Songs of Robert Burns,” Nathan Strokey, “Justice’s Obligation” by Lawrence Ferlinghetti and Ronald J. Pelias reciting a monologue from “Keep Tightly Closed in a Cool Dry Place” by Megan Tery just to name a few.

“I hope those who will come will feel that they have spent an hour well,” Pelias said.

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SIU adds Macau to list of student exchange partners

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Macau, China, has become SIUC’s newest exchange program partner for students seeking to travel abroad during the summer.

Thomas Sville, coordinator of Study Abroad Programs and Services, recently traveled to the city, located just south of Hong Kong, in order to discuss the exchange and to finalize details.

The University of Macau will be hosting the summer program and will offer 1L to 102 East Asian Civilization, a University core curriculum course that covers the history of both Chinese and Japanese cultural and political traditions.

Macau has prepared excellent facilities and has set up the program for the accommodation of the visitors. The program is affordable, costing $1,985 for the students, the SIUC tuition and the program fee.

Most people usually wouldn’t consider visiting a place like Macau,” Sville said. “But the price is so affordable that students might have an incentive to see what it is like.”

One aspect of Macau that may make students from SIUC more comfortable is that it has both Asian and western influences.

Because Macau was a Portuguese colony for more than 400 years, from a cultural perspective it is a little different from mainland China, according to Sville.

“In Macau, you may see a Catholic church on one street, and right around the corner there will be a Buddhist temple,” he said.

Also, there will be people at the program who are American and speak English as well as Chinese, so the needs of English-speaking students are accommodated.

Sville said for this exchange, applicants do not need to have any background in Asian studies or anything of the sort.

“It really is for people in Asian studies,” Sville said. “This program is for people who want a challenge and an interesting experience. That’s why it is a core course.”

SiU Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management Larry Dietz set up the agreement between SIUC and Macau University.

“This program is terribly valuable, not only for the students from Macau, but for American students to interact with people from Macau,” Dietz said.

As of now there are also six students from Macau studying at SIUC.

“I met the young women from Macau, and I think they will make a valuable contribution to the University,” Dietz said.

The major focus of the University is to have more diversity and cultural influence in the student population, and the exchange will most likely help to accomplish that task.

According to Dietz, the University has been involved with international education for more than 50 years.

“This University is already well known in other countries, and with this program, we have another part of the world to add the SIUC Study Abroad,” he said.

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Macau is an island off the east coast of China. If enrollment goes well SIU will be sending exchange students to study at the University of Macau.
Concrete pillars once lead blind on campus

Brian Peach Daily Egyptian

Thirty years ago, students could not walk across campus without hearing a familiar popping noise. Harvey Chaloupka, a former student, remembers the noise well.

In the days when SIUC was known as one of the nation’s most accommodating schools for students with disabilities, Disabled Student Services installed concrete pedestals that emitted what Chaloupka described as low popping noises every couple of seconds. The sounds helped deaf students find their way around campus.

A few of the original 12 concrete devices built in the fall of 1971 can still be seen around campus.

Two of the more noticeable ones are located on the north side of Morris Library and on the south side of W. W. Education Building, but because they have not been used in more than 20 years, some have been removed and buildings or other structures were built in their place. Phil Garrison, director of the Physical Plant, said the devices are still intact because their removal would be a waste of time and money.

Michael Mangan, an electrical engineer in the Physical Plant Engineering Service office, analyzed drawings and notes about the devices to find out specifics about how they were installed.

“They had to be facing south when the person was looking at them so the person could think of a clock and the buildings would be at different hours,” he said.

When a student approached one of the structures, he or she could read the brass plate placed on top of each one.

The plate explains, in Braille and text, where the person is and where nearby buildings are by using a clock-type directional method.

During the past 30 years, the plates have become weathered and blind students, such as SIUC student Rob Hobson, would have a hard time interpreting them if they were in operation.

“The Braille is eroded and hard to read,” Hobson said.

Hobson, who uses a yellow Labrador named Vigil to get around campus, said that when he studied at SIUC the devices may have been useful, but now he wouldn’t use them because he knows where buildings are and learns the path to his classes in a matter of weeks at the beginning of each semester.

The round concrete pedestals received power from a nearby building they were connected to, and the sound was transmitted through four speakers in each device.

Mangan said they were never disconnected, just deactivated upon Disabled Student Services request in the late 70s. They didn’t serve a good enough purpose and were confounding for students, therefore, the University was asked to abandon them.

Mangan does not know how much the hearing devices cost in the ‘70s, but said that if they were installed today they would probably cost between $500 and $700 each.

“The Braille plate would probably be the only thing that would be expensive,” Mangan said. “But workers would still have to bury and connect wires to the nearby buildings, which costs more.”

There are currently 30 students on campus with visual impairments and three who are completely blind. DSS workers have made no plans to attempt to revitalize the devices and said blind students are familiarized to the campus with guides who walk them around and explain where places are located, instead of letting them rely on these machines.

“They’re really interesting,” Mangan said. “I’ve seen these things around here for years and never paid any attention to them.”

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On the day set to honor the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., people of all backgrounds came together to live out a piece of his dream in our community.

Hundreds joined hands as their voices carried the Civil Rights anthem "We Shall Overcome" through the Carbondale Civic Center. At the end of the day, Carbondale had raised $1,000 for the Center for Nonviolent Social Change proving that its citizens are committed to seeing King's dream continue outside of his holiday. When Coretta Scott King spoke on campus in November, more than 4,000 people crowded the SIU Arena to hear her wise words and remember the legacy of her late husband.

While people met to live out his dream over the weekend, a different sort of vision plan started to take shape: Southern at 150. The sessions, designed to draw the blueprints for SIU's progress, were the first step in a long-term plan that will culminate in the University's 150th birthday, 2019.

However, it was the 10 committees planning SIUC's future who were remarkably lacking in color. When one such committee began to address the issue of minority students dropping classes, a member realized everyone in the room was white. In many of the committees, there was only one black member. We do not believe the implementation of a quota is necessary, but one lone voice should not have to speak for his or her entire race.

There is mounting concern about diversity issues in the University and area. Race issues surface routinely on this page and in Carbondale, as illustrated by the creation of a task force for race relations.

Already the University is light on minority faculty. SIUC's 2000 figure showed the percentage of minority faculty at about 11.5 percent, while 18.78 percent of undergraduate students were minorities.

With these concerns in the spotlight, the administration should be especially vigilant in ensuring that people of various backgrounds and their ideas are aided in the critical role of defining the future.

"No matter how sensitive to race they may be, whites alone are ill-equipped to address the complex issues that arise from our diverse student body. How then can they create a vision for the future as even greater than that of blacks, Hispanics, Asians and others take their seats next to white students? Creating balanced committees from the various colleges and constituency groups, as well as securing minority representation, is no easy task. But ensuring diversity within the groups should have been a top priority."

Those committees would have greatly benefited from the input of prominent, respected black leaders in our area and University. This lack of representation cheated the University from needed direction by the many people of color who have a stake in this future.

We are proud of the community response to Martin Luther King Jr. Day, but it is clear that the University has work to do in order to bridge the racial divide of which King spoke.
HASSENBURG— What you are to do is to get back on your feet, to the best of your ability. You must not lose hope or become discouraged. Keep your mind on the task at hand. Remember, you are not alone. With the help of your comrades and the support of the people, you can overcome any obstacle.

Tradition, Religion and Revolt

Rebellion seems to be spawned from a desire to live in individual rights and human values. At the rebelling of the oppressed, the oppressed are noticed, in a sense, as the voice of the marginalized and the voice of the suffering. They seek to enlighten others of their situation — a rebel's final goal. In this manner, the oppressed rebel against the oppressor, to understand his maltreatment is death. In death, he has fulfilled his promise of ultimate risk for the means of enlightenment. His pursuit of freedom is the stone of the oppressed for another generation. Those who attacked the World Trade Center, those suicidal bombers in Palestine and the assassins in Gaza are all fighting for some sense of freedom: a freedom they are trying to hold or liberate for others. Rebellion is the method for reaching this end. We either allow or not, the rebel struggles for liberation, for it is a cause that propels as their own, the others.

The terrorists that we have come to fear over these last months are ordained heroes in areas of the Middle East. Make no mistake, we are the enemy even though many of us are innocent in our hearts. Our government has contributed to the suffering of their freedom. The political machine that we live under has used its influence as a weapon, whether it be smuggling guns, our own terrorist organizations or our involvement in Iraq. Our country has not worked for the common good of mankind, but rather the common good of America. It is this vain epistemological approach, stemming from our prominence as a world power, that has turned other nations against us. For years, we have enhanced the grandeur of America. Our bravado and wanted luxury has made us a target. What has begun is the beginning of a war — the new World War. It has not come from the idea of America, it has come from the idea of power crumbling down. Rather it has been spawned from those quiet sufferers who have wished for a better future for their children. These terrorists haunting America are by no means innocent either. They behold tradition instead of human values. Through their strength they believe they are cleared of all wrongdoings yet they cause suffering. Past terrorists were

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Sloppy people have every intention to someday put everything in its perfect place. Unfortunately, time taunts them. If this asso­ ciation in stealth should ever cease, everything would be square for their children for which they kill. It is the for value of men and not God. Religion serves as their justification for countless murders enacted for the sake of suffering men. Compassion for men is the contradiction being exploited. Terrorism has escalated because of the so-called condition of unhappi­

Letters

Botkin has Bush all wrong

DEAR EDITOR:

Josephine Smith-Bec Botkin should apply for a job with Fox News or some similar venue for media spinsters. He appears to have the classic Bumbling skills intact.

In the first paragraph of his purported review of George W. Bush's court-sanctioned year in office, he applies the typical right-wing technique of "bush president Clinton regardless of the facts." Botkin conveniently forgets U.S. History. He surely knows Andrew Johnson, not Clinton, was the first impeached president.

Next, Botkin praises the Electoral College. Had Bush won the popular vote and Gore the electoral vote, a possibility the GOP feared about before the election, he would now be whining that the Electoral College subverted the will of the people. He proceeds by dismissing the elderly Democratic voters of Palm Beach as stupid. He ignores the fact that had the name Bush, not Gore, appeared next to Pat Buchanan's on the butterfly ballot, the "flawed" Bush voters would be furious.

Our building Bush-taxi next praises the president for his tax relief for the wealthy. Not too many multi-millionaire entrepreneurs or their loved ones attend SUV. If Botkin is not one of this small band, his delight at Bush's tax relief defies logic. His failure to mention its budgetary impact avoids burdensome facts.

Botkin now associates Bush's popularity after the 9/11 attack with leadership, ignoring that historically a president in a time of crisis or war will receive broad public support at first. Finally, Botkin performs a splendid feat of mental contention by claiming that justifying Enron is a tribute to Bush's independence. Wround one's hands at an embarrassing falsehood is proud ethical behavior, spins Botkin. Others may wonder, "What did Mr. Bush know, and when did he know it?"

Gary S. Beer and Mike Harty

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The bell rings. Kids scurry in and sit at their desks, but they're alone; there's no one at the head of the class to teach.

A classroom without a teacher is the potential scenario facing Illinois schools now and in the future.

In a report released by the Illinois State Board of Education, 2,600 positions were left vacant in Illinois schools last year.

Substitutes had to take over as full-time instructors.

According to the ISBE report, the median salary for a first-year teacher is $29,175. This is one of the reasons that nearly 50 percent of new teachers leave Illinois schools during the first three to four years.

If these new teachers stay on staff, the future salary they can expect is a median of $43,019. This figure accounts for 23 classroom teachers, preschool through 12th grade.

"Teachers can often find work in the private sector [due to better pay], choosing this over public schools," Sevener said.

There are many reasons for Illinois educated graduates to teach somewhere else, according to Sevener. The next big hurdle is to figure out ways to keep them here.

"One possibility is to offer incentives to young people to go into teaching," Sevener said. "Rural and inner-city schools have difficulty getting teachers. One incentive is the forgiveness of school loans to teach."

The SRC College of Education is doing its part to help remedy this problem by creating a new elementary specialization program, which will incorporate distance learning and technical skills to design a middle grades major.

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Another possibility was the result of an education summit, orchestrated by Gov. George Ryan in November. The summit resulted in a "white paper," now referred to as the Universal Plan.

Educational leaders, policy-makers, legislators, members from the Governor's office, community college representatives and state boards of education make up the Joint Education Committee, which came together for the summit to develop the plan.

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There is a dynamic tension between the need for teachers and the new standards they must meet for employment. One of the new requirements is a more rigorous basic skills test for future teachers, enacted by the ISBE.

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Through working together, the state government, education officials and community leaders should be capable of solving this problem.

"We all understand the issue — as well as working conditions," said Don Sevener, director of communications with the Illinois Board of Higher Education. "Young teachers feel they don't have control over classrooms or that the students are motivated."

According to the ISBE report, the Illinois teacher shortage worsens.

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Through working together, the state government, education officials and community leaders should be capable of solving this problem.

With all of the positions unfilled and the prospect of retirement of more than 7,000 teachers there are gaps within the statistics. With the lack of teachers available there is a drastic change in the way classes are held or the selection of them.

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"Even in today's day and age, parents might not be as likely to send their daughters as far away as their sons," Winter said.

Another trend in SIUC's population comes from the Southern Illinois region. Because the region was traditionally more conservative, Winter said families might be more likely to send their sons to college instead of their daughters.

"Warr said another reason might be that SIUC's strongest programs are in traditionally male-dominated fields." For example, in the fall of 2001, the College of Engineering's female enrollment was about 11 percent.

The College of Applied Sciences and Arts, which houses the nationally-recognized aviation program, had about 3 percent female students. On the other hand, the College of Education and Human Services is dominated by females, as is the College of Liberal Arts is about even, with 51 percent male students and 49 percent female.

However, Larry Diets, vice chancellor for student affairs and the chief enrollment management, said that other universities with more equal gender distribution have traditionally male-dominated programs.

Winter said that while SIUC's strongest programs may be in traditionally male-dominated areas, that tradition is inconsistent when you look to other schools.

"Why us and not other schools?" Winter said. "I suspect it is a mixture of things: programs and geography and safety questions."

Compared to the 12 peer institutions that Warr named during the Southern at 150 meeting, SIUC does lag substantially behind.

The peer average was 5 percent male and 49 percent female.

**EPPS**

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John Warr, the fraternity's adviser, said: "That's a big deal to us, getting a producer to make. A lot of people are interested in comedy. Because of a fixed budget, we have a chance to get into something."

Even his fierce, hilarious comedic originality to his performance. Known as "The students would =11y get into a movie."

As someone who is well-known, Epps intrigued Bohn and the SPC about organizing a comedy program on campus.

"When the students would get into an opportunity to get to another school, students jump on it," War said. "It is important for students to get to know what program on campus." With the "Fridays" series, slated to be released in the fall of 2001, Epps became a 1995 member of the now-famous comedic group, headlining a two-hour special in the comedy series and performing in Los Angeles at the Comedy Store. After making his film debut in Van Diablo's "Strap," in 1997, Epps was signed by future film partner Ice Cube during one of the acts at the Comedy Store. Encouraged by the rapper, Epps landed the role of the film's alter ego, Day Day, in the movie "Next Friday," replacing Chris Tucker's role in the original film.

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Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 9 - The action is fast and furious, and you're at the head of the race. Use all the resources at your disposal to stay ahead of the competition. Let your pet one be whatever breaks. Keep your eyes on the prize. Seasons (April May 20) - Today is a 1 - You may feel like hiding out. Take care of a few odds and ends, making sure everything's working properly. Be ready to commute and do what it takes to keep the machinery in motion, the job will take care of itself.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - Today is a 0 - You're extremely curious. The more you learn, the more you realize you haven't seen yet. Make plans to explore the most fascinating place on earth. It doesn't have to cost a fortune. For you, that place could be the library or the Internet.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - Today is a 5 - Mercury is retrograde, in your eighth house of jointly held finances. This has been going on too long, and it continues through the end of the month. All signals consolidate and breakdowns. It's not a good time to take out a loan, do anything off-limits. Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is an 8 - Support a brilliant idea. It has merit. Point out whatever might need to be helped. Check for minor errors. You'll find at least one.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 4 - Let the people in charge know what you need. You may not get a raise, but you could get new tools and equipment. If yours have stopped functioning perfectly, speak up.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 10 - You're jet-propelled! You've got the support you need, so stretch beyond your old limits. Go for something magnificent. You're not the same person you thought it was so difficult. Other tests will come up as you move through. Neat comes a solid foundation that you can build upon.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 5 - Paperwork may seem to dominate your life. Make sure you understand every word before you sign anything. Put together a solid foundation that you can build upon.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - You're breathing through the material. It's getting hard to remember why you thought it was so difficult. Other tests will come up as you use these skills, but nothing so tough as what you've been through. Next comes a planning phase.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 4 - You're faced to become efficient. You don't have time to waste. If you had time to think about it, you'd notice that you've developing good habits. You're pressing forward, and not looking for ways to implement new ideas quickly. You're awesome.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 10 - You should write poetry. Even if you're at work at first, the words you find will be beautiful. Stop trying to "be humorous" once more. Let someone special get close. Abandon your defenses.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) - Today is a 5 - You're keeping to yourself. There's a lot of activity going on, but most of it is inside your head. You may want to sit things out, so nicely at home. You're in the midst of a creative experience.

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Tragedy still weighs on team; Okla. State trying to cope

By Andrew Bagnato

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO (KRT) — For the past year, Viator Williams has worn the uniform of a defensive back. Why did the plane carrying 10 members of the Oklahoma State football team crash in a snowy field east of Denver? "I just know that the question 1 asked," said Williams, a Cowboys junior-point guard. "Why does it have to happen to us? Because you never think that it will happen to you." Sunday, Williams will join his teammates for the first time, marking the one-year anniversary of the tragedy that sent shock waves across college basketball. It's a chance to share fond memories. But it's also a time to relive that harrowing night, and to grapple with still-fresh psychological wounds.

"It hit me a real tough one for us," Williams said. "We lost 10 people that were very dear to us."

On Saturday, Jan. 28, 2001, the 11-seat Beechcraft King Air 200, one of three small planes the Cowboys had chartered to fly them, took off from Jefferson County Airport in Golden, Colo. It was in the air about two minutes when the plane slammed into a snowy hillside, killing all 10 aboard. One 10-year-old died in the crash.

All 10 aboard died: players Daniel Lawton and Nate Fleming; play-by- play announcer Bill Tenney; student manager Jared Wettew; public relations information assistant Will Hancock; director of basketball operations Pat Novy; head coach Eddie Sutton; head equipment manager Rafael Duran; pilot Denver Mills; and co-pilot Bjorn Fahlefin.

The cause of the crash remains under investigation.

Some of the families have reached settlements with the aircraft owner's insurance, but another wrongful-death lawsuit is pending.

The university launched a study of sports travel, which ended with new guidelines expected by March. In the meantime, the school's men's and women's basketball teams usually travel on a 33-seat chartered jet. Other times, they take a mix of smaller jets, but no longer fly prop jobs.

At the request of the victims' families, the university is taking a low-key approach to the anniversary of the crash.

A moment of silence will be observed Friday and Saturday as the Cowboys take on No. 8 Kansas State and No. 1 Kansas, respectively.

Saturday's noon game will be televised on ESPN. The Cowboys are 1-2 in Big 12 play.

"It's a chance to share fond memories. Beyond that, remembrances will be individual and private," said Sutton, who passed away on Friday in Salt Lake City.

"It has been a real tough time for us. We lost 10 people that were very dear to us," said Victor Williams, junior point guard, Oklahoma State.

Junior forward Andre Williams was the only team member to attend a memorial service at the crash site last August. He may have been looking for answers. But what he found was simply, "It was hard to see anything."

"It was really hard seeing it," said Williams, who shared an apartment with Lawton. "To go out there and see that there wasn't anything out there, open land was difficult. I thought they deserved more than this.

"Perhaps in the future, the best-constructed Mustangs have sacrificed our memory, the anniversary has approached. The last time I saw them was Jan. 26, 2001."

"They'll never put it behind them," Sutton said. "But they've got a job in trying to focus on the future and what's at present."
Track and Field compete in McDonald’s Invitational

By Johnny Paul
Knight Ridder Newspapers

PHILADELPHIA (KRT) — The letter "K" first appeared in this space about 10 years ago. After watching how these RPI numbers continued to get most of the attention, it is readily available. "The seeding process, however, has become a joke," Cameron Wright, men’s track and field head coach, said.

"The RPI originally was a well-kept secret, but it is now readily available. The power conferences already have most of the RPI. They schedule no-chance opponents at Arkansas. They paint those programs, only four African-Americans and their effect is to get the RPI down. The formula, using a "winning percentage" of 34 at-large bids, and produce some good showings. It is unfair to them either, but that’s their problem. It is all about the big power teams to have any chance to get a bid. Their schedule no-chance opponents to have their own worst lost record. They are the best teams, not fair to them either, but that’s their problem. It is all about the big power teams to have any chance to get a bid. Their schedule no-chance opponents to have their own worst lost record. They are the best teams, but should return for the next competition. They should matter in previous tournaments. It should matter. It is a guideline.

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NCAA Tournament seeding process needs help and other notes

By Dick Jerardi
Knight Ridder Newspapers

Goergas, of course, is the case study for getting into the RPI. The Bulldogs to get a high RPI because their coach is Tubby Smith (West Coast) is weak. The Bulldogs are not afraid to schedule tough opponents, and produce some good showings. It is unfair to them either, but that’s their problem. Their schedule no-chance opponents to have their own worst lost record. They are the best teams, but should return for the next competition. They should matter in previous tournaments. It should matter. It is a guideline.

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The DUKE NETWORK

The Duke-Bryant game was terrific for 20 minutes. It was watched in 3.9 million households, for a regular-season game was also at Duke all the time.

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After many frustrating years, black coaches see ray of hope

By John Paul
Knight Ridder Newspapers

(KRT) There are no signs posted to warn him, but Curtis McDonald recognizes the social ramifications of his hiring at Notre Dame. If he succeeds, he can make that hiring.

"I want to do that, but I don’t want to put my hand on the line," Lamar said. "I can’t see that 100 percent backfiring down the road. I think he can go for it. He wants to do it, and he can break that, but I don’t know about the 100."
Road woes no problem for SIU in MVC game
Jay Schwalb
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DE S M O I N E S, Iowa — If the SIU men's basketball team finds itself in need of a decision from the NCAA automatic tournament committee to make the Big Dance, the Salukis may want to make another one — a vote of their own.

The Salukis started the game off with some much-needed force and moved past Drake University into the committee's views.

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The Salukis have now won in a row and are on pace to reach their lofty goals.

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In professional sports, it is not uncommon for teams to make midseason moves and add the missing ingredient needed for a championship run.

The SIU men's swimming and diving team has made a similar addition in the form of Marcelo Possato.

Possato, a native of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, joined the team at the beginning of the semester and wants to make his presence known.

"I bring a lot of force and power," Possato said. "I want to do a lot of stuff to contribute. I hope I can add a lot to the team."

In his first college meet last weekend in SIU's victory over Western Kentucky, Possato took second place in the 200-yard backstroke, fourth in the 200 freestyle, and was part of the winning 400 medley relay team.

While most athletes get nervous before their first college competition, Possato said he wasn't fazed.

"It was exciting, not nervous," Possato said. "It was really exciting. I'm excited about this next one and the [Missouri Valley Conference] championship too."

His time of one minute, 51.73 seconds in the 200 backstroke was the best time for SIU all season, topping Brent Menghin's time of 1:51.83. The time also ranks as the fourth fastest all season in the MVC.

Possato's addition immediately strengthened the backstroke, an area of concern for the Salukis. While the team had been a strong one for the Salukis last season, the loss of Matt Muzzio had severely depleted the talent level.

"We were needing a backstroke swimmer and he's really good," said sophomore and fellow Brazilian Eduardio Daelli. "He's really fast, so that's good for us. It'll be good for us to have another really fast backstroker."

In addition to Possato and Daelli, there are also two other Brazilians in SIU's program in junior and fellow backstroker Danilo Luna and assistant coach Gustavo Leal.

Luna, another one of us," Luna joked.

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