City officials scrambling for Census recount
Alleged student undercount may cost city thousands

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Carbondale is heading toward becoming a ghost town, according to the United States Census Bureau, but city officials think the population's disappearance is not the result of a massive undercount of residents in student housing on SIUC's campus.

The city could lose nearly $1,000,000 in state and federal funds due to the alleged mistake, said City Manager Jeff Doherty, but a recount will likely be necessary. Federal and state funding that would be decreased includes the motor fuel tax, which is dispensed based on the city's population. Money for the city's infrastructure would also be considerably less because of the alleged population drop.

"It wouldn't be the loss of the money in one year, it would be over the long term that would hurt," Doherty said.

Assistant City Manager Don Monty said Carbondale has had problems with census numbers before, but never to this extent. He said anyone who knows Carbondale knows the numbers in the report cannot be correct.

After the numbers were released Wednesday, Monty said the city received an e-mail from a Census worker, who believed tract 113, which is predominantly SIUC student housing, had been undercounted but the numbers were not added to the report.

The Census Bureau divides areas of the city into different tracts in order to organize counting areas more efficiently. The population in tract 113, which includes the SIUC campus, dropped from 6,729 in 1990 to 4,975 in 2000.

Monty said this oversight could be blamed on the bureau misplacing the numbers.

"In 1990 we found a similar mistake at Thompson Point, but this year we were unable to review the numbers until they were released last week," Doherty said.

Doherty was concerned that the city might not be correct.

"We don't think he was there to do anything at that apartment," Pecky said. "We're still investigating how he ended up there.

Police have not identified the shooter, nor the location of the shooting, and are continuing to investigate the incident.

The resident of the apartment refused to comment about the incident when contacted by the DAILY EGYPTIAN on Monday.

"I'm still having a real problem with someone showing up dead in my house," she said.

Thomas, an undecided junior from Manhattan, lived at 300 E. College St., which is less than two blocks away from where his body was discovered. The house is situated on the corner of South Martin Street and College Avenue. A trail of blood is smeared between the front of his house along the South Martin Street sidewalk and 300 feet south down the road.

Tammy and Trisha Wooley live in different apartments located between the Thomas home and the crime scene. Both said they were woken at 3 a.m. by gunfire. Trisha said after the shots were fired she saw a figure running south through the front yard of her sister's apartment.

Brian Lawrence’s unwavering dedication to his school and city is just one reason he’s headed on his way up.

Brian Lawrence is an SIUC student and a firefighter — among other things.

"I grew up in the firehouse," said Lawrence, a senior in biological sciences from Decatur. His father is the assistant chief for the Decatur Fire Department, where Lawrence volunteered for eight years before college.

But Lawrence, who has volunteered for the Malinda Township Fire Department for the past six months, does not want to be a firefighter for life. The danger and lack of financial security keep him studying medicine to become a physician's assistant.

"It’s very rewarding though, and I definitely be a firefighter as long as I can," he said.

Lawrence thinks he will have more impact on people's lives working in the health profession.

"So far all I’ve done [here] is two cats up a tree," he said, laughing.

But Lawrence, one of five students being recognized by the DAILY EGYPTIAN for making a difference in the community, is impacting the area in more than one way.

"Any student that comes down [to SIUC] should get involved in what they can because they’re going to get more out of being here at SIU and they’ll give more back," said Lawrence.

"That’s what I’m trying to do — to give back," Lawrence said.

Lawrence also begins volunteer work today in an emergency medical technician with the Jackson County ambulance service, where he will also be on call. He also devotes his time as a student worker for Health Services.

But his busy calendar, required to keep track of Lawrence’s busy schedule, is covered with more ink, outlining on-campus responsibilities. Lawrence is involved with the Student Alumni Council, a Registered Student Organization, the Marching
PROUD

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Sokola, a music fraternity, Health Services and volunteers as a firefighter and ambulance staffer in addition to 20 hours of classes each week.

"Every hour there's something going on," Lawrence said. "I'm always busy. I love living out in the community." As the public relations officer and Old Main alumni committee chair for the Student Alumni Council, Lawrence has been working on a memorial for high school students. The bronze plaque will sit on a bed of stone and Lawrence hopes to have it dedicated by Homecoming.

Lawrence is also the president of the Pre-health Professionals Association, an ISO. The group keeps members informed of tests such as the MCAT, sponsors open houses and trips to schools. They also volunteer their services for the Special Olympics and cleanup campaigns.

Lawrence is the president of the Marching Salukis band council. Lawrence, who has played the sousaphone for five years, said music is one way to get away from his hustle-bustle life.

"Music is my stress relief," he said.

Thomaz, the band's director, called Lawrence "an amazing young man."

"He's a leader in the truest sense of the word," Thomaz said. Bough is especially impressed with Lawrence's effort to promote music. Lawrence was the Male Honors Music Award, awarded by his peers for his enter-

"He's the first to arrive, the last to leave," Bough said. "It's been fun to work with him and we're really going to miss him." Lawrence's music interest extends to the Alumni Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia music fraternity. The group sings for the community and organizes the music and motion competition for high school marching bands.

"I love helping people in any way I can," he said.

Lawrence will graduate in May and plans to work for an ambulance service, building up experience before attending school to become a physician's assistant. Because of his time in Carbondale, Lawrence loves to work in the area.

"I love the people," he said. "I've created a big life down here."

"Although he had not planned on getting involved in so many activities, he said his involvement has made him balanced.

"I'm just happy that someone sees me as making a difference."

DEATH

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I could see his face," Trisha said. "It was dark and I was standing outside looking out my window."

Her son, Tomaz, saw the four shots fired in succes-

She said the way his voice treated comforted her his communication that he was reaching toward the apart-

Thomaz said that the death was "tragically" and blames what he considers to be a poor living environment for it.

"500 East is a bad neighborhood," Stewart said. "Look at this place. It's on De Plaines. There's no garbage on the land there. These people just don't care."

Avenue apartment. He said he was in Chicago when Thomas was killed and decided whether he will stay at SIU to finish his degrees.

"Marines was a good guy," Stewart said. "He was outgoing and he always smiled. He didn't do any drugs."

Stewart said that Thomas planned to play basketball and work out at the Recreation Center. He said Thomas was excited about MarchMadness and the NCAA Tournament that week at place during the weekend. He and friends would get together at night, watch basketball games and "just be.

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Gov. Ryan stalled on SIU Board appointments

Mt. Vernon resident considered to fill vacancy

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

Gov. George Ryan skipped SIU during a spree of trustee appointments last month, and still has yet to fill the four empty spots on the SIU Board of Trustees.

On Feb. 28, appointments were made to the Board of Trustees of Western Illinois University, Eastern Illinois University, Northern Illinois University, Illinois State University, Chicago State University and the University of Illinois at Chicago. However, no movement has been made to stabilize the current transient state of the SIU board.

The terms of Trustees Molly D'Eppe, who lives in Norwood, expired in January, but the members are permitted to fill their duties until reappointments or new appointments are made. The fourth open space was vacated by former Trustee Celeste Stith last September.

D'Eppe's former residence in Norwood told the Daily Egyptian in January they will reappoint if approved by the student body. But before that happens, the Board of Trustees has suffered health problems recently, so could not be reached for comment.

A new twist involving the SIU board appointments developed last Friday, however. A local public official reported that from 1998 to 2000, Withers was listed in the directories of both META County Colorado and Mt. Vernon, but has not been charged by local authorities for what would be considered a Class 5 felony.

Withers could not be reached for comment.

State records show that Withers, owner of several radio stations, has made campaign contributions to former U.S. Sen. Ned Mitchell, D-Illinois, Ryan and Sen. William Donald, D-Mt. Vernon.

The Governor's Office declined to comment on Withers, or as to why Ryan was listed in other SIU appointments. The Office of the President said they have no input in matters involving trustee appointments and could not comment.

Diste, a friend of the Withers family who was raised by Withers, said he has not been in contact with him for several days and refused to comment as to what he called "yellow journalism," directed at Withers in recent media reports about his multiple addresses.

"I do not want to contribute to that," said Diste, an SIU alumnus.

"But if I just want to say I think he should be a great addition to the SIU board."

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New Proposal to Conduct Code establishes broad jurisdiction over student behavior

ANDREA DONALDSON
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The Student Conduct Code Review Committee, which has been working for the last year to revise the language of the code, told the Board of Trustees March 1 to give the University board jurisdiction on campus and off campus.

The revised proposal is worked to give the University jurisdiction on campus and off campus. At University, functions anywhere, and "potential or incidental to the conduct of the student and reasonably peculiar to the student's conduct vulnerabilities within the University's educational mission.

The committee gave examples of misconduct including stalking, persistent harassment, threatening behavior or other illegal substances or any other serious criminal conduct. The revised language also explains that the University will consider the seriousness of the alleged offense.

Interim Chancellor John Jackson said he agreed with the new recommendation and plans to present it to the President by the end of the week.

"We have the committee in agreement and we're going to accept it and send it to the president," Jackson said.

The revised language is to generalize jurisdiction over the student and provide for any area where students are involved. The point is major and serious misconduct.

As the Conduct Code stands right now, conduct on campus can only be brought up on charges of social misconduct off campus if it) they harm people, harm of the campus community anywhere, 2) the action results in personal injury or property damage within City of Carbondale limits.

The review committee made a proposal last spring to make changes to the off-campus jurisdiction level, recommending the code's wording be closer to "that substantial extent satisfies the University's interest, including not limited, to conduct against person(s) or property involved.

In a memo to Jackson, vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and E r n l l n C e I n l a t Ions Larry Dietz said the current guidelines unreasonably restricted the University's jurisdiction.

"I think the new language will satisfy the University's need to act on conduct that is located while balancing the students' concern that the University not become overly intrusive in their private lives," said Dietz in the memo.

However, Dr. Waltermire, under graduate representative on the committee, said he and other students on the committee did not agree with the revised language.

"There's a lot of language in there that is supposed to alleviate worry... but the discretion is way too expansive," Waltermire said.

Waltermire said his main concern is with the amount of jurisdiction given to the University.

"The more the University gets involved in the student's life off campus, the more the students will focus on education therefore," he said.

Waltermire said he would suggest not to adopt any jurisdiction revision and that the conduct code remain as it is. Waltermire also said that he plans to bring up legislation, at Wednesday's Undergraduate Student Government meeting regarding the issue, "Hopefully they will take action," he said. "It is important that someone will want to consider it.

Jackson said that he understands that the University will not have support from 100 percent of the student population, but he will send the revision on to the president.

"We're looking at being responsible when there are serious matters students are caught up in," he said.

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More wait to skate

Long-awaited skateboard park opening pushed back

CRAIG JOHLLS
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Craig Johlfs stood outside with several of his friends, drinking beers and pats, holding skateboards, waiting impatiently for sentence to show up with the keys.

Johlfis, a senior in geology from Carbondale, and his cohorts waited for the opening of the new skateboard park outside Lenz Law Building, unsure that the opening date was pushed back from Friday.

"We're all a little disappointed," said Johlfis, who also founded the Division of Skateboard Enthusiasts, a Registered Student Organization. "I'm supposed to work from 7 to 10 tonight."

Johlfs is going to work as a supervisor. He and the other skaters waited outside. Skating the park was going to open at 4 p.m. because of tickets telling them same day. The park was going to be delayed because the Recreation Center is still lookin-

"Nothing's really changed so far."

While the park was delayed, Brian Lukes, assistant director of facilities at the Recreation Center, said he is not worried about the delay and nothing is really wrong.

"We're right where we want to be," Lukes said.

While Johlfs is happy that skateboarders now have a legal facility to skate in, he said some of the rules are a bit strict. Johlfs is opposed to the requirement to wear full padding. He said the padding is unnecessary for skateboarding. He also wants more than 3 inches of padding. He said the requirement would also be a problem wearing the pads during warmer weather.

"Full pads in summertime?" Johlfs said. "No one's going to want to do that.

While Johlfs has found a few things that he and the park will be a great addition to the campus and is worth the extra wait.

"I'm not too disappointed, but all my friends are really disappointed," said Johlfs. "But I think that we can wait another week if we've waited this long."
Keep the smoking age at 18

When a person turns 18, it is generally agreed he or she is an adult. A 18-year-old can vote, serve in the armed forces and no longer needs year won't stop teens from smoking or easily ask to get them cigarettes. The bill, which recently passed the Illinois House of Representatives by a vote of 105-6, would raise the legal age for purchasing tobacco products from 18 to 19 Jan. 1, 2002. It is laced by its proponents as a good way to crack down on teen smoking, and a way to limit tobacco accessibility to younger children. But is raising the smoking age to 19 really make a dent in teen smoking? We don’t think so. Thirteen or 14-year-olds eager to get their hands on cigarettes will get them any way they can. Raising the smoking age a measly year won’t stop teens from smoking or easily ask to get them cigarettes. And the bill isn’t fair to 18-year-olds. Illinois allows 18-year-olds to vote, women to protect their country, but they don’t want them to have the right to have a quick nicotine fix? Many 18-year-olds are in college, married, or working full-time. If older adults are allowed to have the personal freedom to ingest harmful nicotine, then all legal adults should have the same right. Nicotine kills and it’s an unfortunate habit for anyone to pick up. It’s harmful, it’s deadly and one out of every five deaths in America is tobacco-related. As long as smoking remains legal in Illinois, it should remain legal for all adults.

We commend Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, for voting against the bill. Bost said he feels that if a person is 18, he or she has the right to make the decision to smoke and said he wishes Illinois would be more focused on educating teenagers on the dangers of smoking. We agree. More emphasis should be placed on letting teenagers know the deadly consequences of smoking, instead of just raising the smoking age a year.

By informing teens about smoking, and keeping the smoking age 18, Illinois would be allowing 18-year-olds to maintain their rights as adults — the right to determine their own fate.

Columunist

Now that the stock market has taken the worst part of downturn, and the economy is feeling shakier by the day, people in High Places are wringing their hands wondering where the money is going to come from to keep things going in the future. In addition to these economic questions, there is the impending renewal of tens of millions of Baby Boomers, who will drain Social Security and Medicare, and everyone in Washington is suddenly seeing red — or, that is.

What began as hard work for every recipient, Social Security is headed to a point where there will be only three or four workers for every recipient. This raises an important dilemma, since to maintain solvency, the program must either increase the number of workers or decrease the number of beneficiaries. Because the former has always been a real Herculean task for any government, the solution may yet be the latter, and thus forms the basis for my humble proposition.

Big Tobacco has fueled many a political protest, from recouping health-care costs to filling gaps in states’ operating budgets. Aside from the $206 billion settlement between the tobacco companies and 46 states, those same states collect around $7 billion a year on tobacco sales taxes. If the number of smokers increased, that figure would necessarily rise, and could ultimately eliminate any budgetary gaps.

As for the cost of treating tobacco-related illnesses, I believe there is a long-term savings for the government, not an expenditure. Suppose the average smoker dies 15 years earlier than the average nonsmoker. That means, for the government, a savings of 20 years worth of Social Security payments, 20 years of Medicare payments, and 20 years of age-related illnesses can. Add to that the taxes the smoker paid over the 30 or 40 years of habitual smoking, and the savings quickly overcome the cost. If politicians want to ensure that projected surplus materializes, they could come out from behind the curtain and embrace the economic good tidings this miniscule调控 can bring. Keep raising the compulsion, they’ll pay (more pork to pass around). Keep raising the point, smokers will pay (consumer spending soars). It’s a win-win for politicians hoping to look high while keeping a hawk’s eye on the bottom line.

The federal government can pay in part as well. During World War II, public support for the war effort was aided by a massive propaganda campaign. Big, bold posters were everywhere, with mottoes like “Loose Lips Sink Ships,” and “Uncle Sam Wants You.” The same strategy could be used to promote tobacco use, with catch phrases such as “Light Up for a Better Tomorrow,” and “Tobacco Is the Tops.”

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Middle school study shows youth taking health risks

Local health education programs may be behind

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A survey given to San Francisco middle schools yields results that local researchers say can apply to Carbondale schools.

The Youth Risk Behavior Survey-Middle School (YRBS-M), headed by Joyce Fetro, SIUC health professor, shows that young adults are participating in health-risking behaviors at younger ages than parents think.

Activities such as sexual behavior, drug and alcohol use, eating fatty junk foods, initiating fights and suicidal thoughts place youth at great risk, according to researchers.

Fetro said that these types of studies are the latest in the country.

"People are afraid to ask these kind of questions at the grade school level," Fetro said.

Some questions presented on the survey involve sexual intercourse and the number of attempts at suicide.

The high percentages for some questions did not come as big of a surprise compared to responses about suicide, said Fetro.

"Hopefully more schools will institute the survey," she said. "We used younger ages than parents think.

Some results that Fetro found most interesting were that 25 percent had considered killing themselves, 50 percent had tried alcohol, with half of these doing so at age nine or younger and one in seven had experienced sexual intercourse, with almost 40 percent of those doing so before age 11, and 45 percent having three or more partners.

"We presented the results not for shock about the content, but to help meet the needs of children and make people aware of what is going on," Fetro said.

Fetro believes health education programs concerning decision-making skills about health risks should be implemented at early ages.

Health education programs that tackle issues of suicide, sexual behavior and drug use in detail do not occur until high school and are often too late for students by this time, said Fetro.

"We want to institute programs that require more than just reading about health risk in books because this will not get the job done," she said.

The new health education programs desired will be skills-based, allowing students to respond to situations that would occur in reality.

Midsey Gavy, health instructor at SJUC, is the parent of a 10-year-old and is familiar with the health education system in Carbondale.

"They are behind in health education here in Carbondale," she said. "Girls are getting pregnant and even experience menstruation as early as age 16."

Gray also said the health education realm for the Carbondale area has too much evil and politics.

"This is a really conservative area and you have to get permission for everything," Gavy said. "This is why the surveys they do have are so watered down."

A consent form for parents must be signed before students are allowed to participate in such health education programs, which can often hinder the process for new programs.

LARRY Barnett, principal of Lincoln Junior High School in Carbondale, said studies involving these kinds of questions are hard to validate.

But students have taken similar surveys at Lincoln Junior High School given by the Jackson County Health Department.

The health education curriculum at Lincoln is more student-based with appropriate videos and facts, along with Drug Abuse Resistance Education and Violence Education and Gang Awareness programs.

"We are pretty confident with our kids," he said. "Not to say they are not at risk, but most of our students are involved and so are their parents."

January Issue of School of Health has Fetro's findings. The study took place in 1995 when Fetro and colleagues surveyed almost 3, 600 students between ages 11-14 in San Francisco-area middle schools. The population of students included Asians, Latinos, blacks, and white students. Here is what was found:

• 53 percent had engaged in a physical fight within the last year.

• 25 percent had seriously considered killing themselves.

• 50 percent had tried alcohol, with half of those doing so at age 9 or younger.

• 1 in 7 had sexual intercourse, with almost 40 percent of those doing so before age 11, and 45 percent having 3 or more partners.

• 36 percent had tried cigarettes.

More than 1 in 3 described themselves as overweight.


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Dietz to recommend $10.50 increase in Student Activity fee

Student Affairs cuts Archer proposal 50 percent, leaves Fine Arts proposal alone

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A proposed $10.50 per semester increase for the Student Activity fee will be recommended to interim Chancellor John Jackson later this spring.

The recommendation will be given to Jackson by Larry Dier, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, following a study initiated by Dier. The earlier proposed $15.50 increase, passed by Undergraduate Student Government, has been defeated by the Graduate and Professional Student Council.

Jackson will consider Dietz's recommendation before making his own to the Board of Trustees at the April board meeting. Dietz is approaching everything he is doing this spring as a proposal and he has reduced that down to $5," said Dier. Dietz sent Bill Archibald, "The Fine Arts fee is staying at $5.50." The earlier proposal of $15.50 was reduced from an $18 increase, proposed by Archer and a $5.50 increase proposal, which has been communicated to him as the Fine Arts fee.

Dietz said a concern was the combining of these two proposals and possible rescinding of the fee, which was under the student referendum on the USG spring election ballot.

A number of questions had been raised by some USG members and nearly all APCO members concerning the support expressed for the fee.

Archer's proposal alone would have raised the activity fee more than 50 percent. It also contained a sub-proposal to increase the Fine Arts fee, which would direct funds from the Student Organization Fee to hire two accountants and an office manager in Student Development, a division of Student Affairs which handles financial accounts for Registered Student Organizations.

The Fine Arts fee, which was placed as an attachment to the Administration, will decrease from its $5.50 per semester, if passed by the board later this spring.

The intent of this increase is to provide a pool of money to bring in national level professionals to speak on different areas of fine and applied arts. The money would be allocated by a council consisting of ten faculty and ten students.

With the fee increases awarding administrative and board approval, student government members are beginning to feel the crunch as election deadlines creep closer.

Spring elections for student government are coming and candidates, as well as their parties, are jockeying for position in the top spots in next year's executive board.

USG Senator Valerie Clinton said her recent visit to the USG listserve revealed usual business has been done by the applied arts money. The money has tilted to members trying to gain support or show how other candidates won't fit the bill.

USG will be meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Student Cancer Research Room.

SIUC employee survives illness to receive public service award

Pansy Jones battles breast cancer, is now serving the community

STACEY ROBINSON
DAILY EDITION

A wall decorated with colorful postcards and the memento letters you upon entering Pansy Jones' office, which is a warm comfortable space for a woman who survived a traumatizing illness.

Joan, an administrative assistant in the College of Liberal Arts, was the hero of her colleagues and the 2001 Lindell W. Sturgis Memorial Public Service Award. Jones will be presented with the award for her service to the community and her active role in the fight against breast cancer.

The Sturgis Award, presented annually by the SIU Board of Trustees since 1979, recognizes SIUC employees for public service efforts unrelated to their current positions.

Jones, a native of Murphysboro, said she was happy to be nominated and she appreciated the support from the colleagues.

"It made me feel wonderful. I really didn't think I would receive it," Jones said. "I don't feel like I've accomplished much, but I'm delighted." On Wednesday, SIUC interim Chancellor John Jackson announced Jones as the winner and presented her with a very valuable member of the SIUC staff.

"She is very deserving and continues to make a difference through many activities," Jackson said.

Jones graduated from SIU in 1991 with three degrees, including a masters-degree in higher education.

Jones has also managed to survive breast cancer for eight years. She decided to lend her services to the Liberal Arts, wrote one of the nominating letters.

"The most rewarding thing has been someone will talk to her about the illness to receive."

"I became involved with the American Cancer Society in April. I was always involved with the ACS because I wanted to help others testimonials," Jones said.

Jones continues to do all she can to help others, and intends on remaining active with the American Cancer Society.

"I am involved with the ACS because I wanted to found some way to help others testimonials," Jones said. "I feel like I'm really blessed to be a survivor."
The pen is deadlier than the sword

SMITH alumni to give lecture on writing and murder

EMILY OSTENDORF DAILY EAGLE

It is a long journey "home" for Craig Smith who is scheduled to arrive on campus today.

Smith, an SIUC alumna, has traveled halfway across the globe from his home in Europe to share his expertise with writing suspense and murder mysteries. He will meet with student writers at 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. in the student Center for an informal question-and-answer session.

"I hope to talk to students about what they can do with their writing and how they can achieve what they want," Smith said. "Perhaps I can give them ideas to take some chances."

Smith will also deliver a lecture titled "The Crime of Passion: Writing About Murder" at 1 p.m. in the Student Center Auditorium. The lecture will address the problem of traditional academic literature versus popular commercial fiction.

Smith grew up in Tees, France. He earned his undergraduate degree in English education and later two masters degrees in English and humanities from Indiana University. In 1984, the university awarded him a doctoral degree in English in 1988.

Smith said he was excited to be back in Southern Illinois, and he remembered the area with fondness. "The setting is beautiful and the people are friendly," Smith said.

It was this beautiful atmosphere that would form the setting for Smith's first published fiction book, "Silent She Sleeps.

When Smith was a doctoral student working on a degree in English, he took several Greek courses taught by Frederick Williams, the current director of the University Honors Program. University Honors is sponsoring Smith's first lecture as part of the Charles D. Tenney Distinguished Lecture Series.

Williams remembers Smith as "professional, thorough, and unceasing in his search for understanding." Richard Peterson, professor of writing, once described Smith's ability to write murder mysteries as "amazingly inventive and creative."

"I had no idea that he was going to go on and write murder mysteries," Peterson said. "Craig was always seen to be a little different... a little more inventive and creative."

Smith's first book was published in 1989, and his second book, "The Crime of Passion: Writing About Murder," was published in 1991. He has received many awards and honors for his work, including the prestigious Edgar Allan Poe Award for his book "Silent She Sleeps."

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Legislators, administrators brainstorm SIU's involvement in education funding

MOLLY PARKER
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CARTERVILLE — School chiefs, who say their districts are inequitably funded, last week Robert Leininger was working to provide each student across the state with an equitable education.

Leininger, chairman of the Education Funding Advisory Board, said Monday that SIUC could be instrumental in creating a new formal possibility. He has worked with similar centers that addressed issues, worked through it and became a major source of policy guidance for legislators.

But a center at the University, perhaps located at the SIU Public Policy Institute, could take the pressure off of legislators, Goldman said.

The formula that the board is looking to change relies too heavily on property tax says Leininger, who has spent more than 37 years in the education business. This provides inequality among districts because northern districts generate more property taxes because of a large commercial base and a growing population.

Southern Illinois has the Shawnee National Forest in its backyard, which does not generate any property tax. The burden falls largely on farmers, small businesses and local residents.

Carbondale Community High School spends approximately $6,000 per student compared with more than $12,000 in some northern districts.

Funding education affects every­one who owns property. In Carbondale, local tax dollars, mainly property tax, fund nearly 50 percent of education.

"The proposal will involve a new revenue source and that is the big issue," said Steve Sabens, superintendent of Carbondale Community High School.

But changing the current state­aid formula and lessening the burden on property tax owners will cause an increase in other taxes, such as income tax.

Legislators are apprehensive about raising taxes, which often does not sit well with constituents. The legislators in the south want more money for their schools, while legis­lators in the north are unwilling to send the money downtown.

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Smith seems to contrast with the university setting in which Smith is familiar. After he obtained his doctoral degree, he taught English and later had an administrative position at the University of Northern Colorado. But Smith left the academic world in 1993 to pursue a career in writing.

"I had always wanted to do it," Smith said about his motivation to pursue fiction writing full-time.

He thought of writer Henry Miller for inspiration, an author who, like Smith, moved to Europe in his 40s to begin a writing career. Smith and his wife sold their home and most of their posses­sions, packed their things into a couple suitcases and moved to Switzerland. There he composed his first work, "Silent Screams," first published in 1997 and origin­ally in a German translation in 1999. The suspenseful tale can be compared to "Gone with the Wind," which does not sit well with constituents. The legislators in the south want more money for their schools, while legis­lators in the north are unwilling to send the money downtown.

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SIUC has had its 402 Cessna airplane since it was brand new in 1969. Thirty-two years later, aviation and University officials have decided it is time to upgrade.

The SIU Board of Trustees approved funding to purchase a used 1981 Cessna 421 airplane at its March 8 meeting.

“It had a lot of hours and a lot of time. It was just time to replace it,” said Ron Reeder, SIUC’s director of flight services.

The cost of the new plane is $585,000.

“It’s a very good price for what we are getting, a completely refurbished airplane,” Reeder said.

Interim Chancellor John Jackson said it was cheaper to buy the 1981 Cessna than to maintain the 1969 model, which had 11,000 air hours on it.

The plane is typically used for a variety of trips. The Board of Trustees often uses it to fly to meetings in Springfield. For a fee, any SIUC department can rent the plane for travel.

The departmental trips also provide an academic benefit for students. Experinced aviation students co-pilot the trips in order to gain practical experience.

“It gives them more experience which makes them more saleable in the job market,” Reeder said.

The new plane was purchased on an open bid from Aurora Aviation Inc. in McGregor, Texas.

The 1981 Cessna is completely refurbished with a new engine, new propellers and new avionics, said Reeder. The avionics are instruments on the plane and include radar and the global positioning system. He is confident that it will not have to be replaced for a long time.

Reeder said that they wanted a plane that carried the needed amount of passengers.

“We went with the largest thing that Cessna had,” he said. “It should make a good airplane for quite a number of years.”

It will accompany the other plane that is used by the school, a 1981 340 Cessna that carries two to three passengers and typically is used to fly to Chicago.

Reeder said that the smaller 1981 airplane will probably have to be replaced in another four to five years.
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**Saluki Sports Notes**

Judge and Ziebert take first place at Snowbird Track Invitational

Adam Judge and Joe Ziebert took first place at the Snowbird Track Invitational hosted by Florida International this past weekend, as the SIU men's track and field team opened the outdoor season in Miami, Fla.

Judge placed first in the hammer throw by just under four feet with a throw of 178 feet. Ziebert won with a 200.00-meter mark, edging out a string of names, including Bryant Zephyrin of Florida by .11 seconds with a time of 55.22.

Ziebert, a sophomore from Lombard, was an All-MVC performer in the 400-meter run and the Saluki cross country MVP this past season.

Dan Horrell continued the success he had during indoor track. He also won the shot put fin-

The Salukis host their only home event of the outdoor season Saturday when Indiana State and Central Michigan come to town.

SIU divers finish season at Zone D Diving Championships

SIU divers Jake Sinclair and Joel Hanger competed at the Zone D Diving Championships March 9 to 10 at College Station, Texas, however both divers did not qualify for the NCAA Championships at College Station.

Sinclair finished ninth in the 1-meter diving event and 11th in the 3-meter, while Hanger finished fifth in the 3-meter diving.

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...and 26 hits.

Ard (1-2) was responsible for the only run last week. He came in for senior Billy Hardin in the ninth inning. The Salukis got back-to-back singles, a double, a walk and a sacrifice fly.

"Hopefully that's a positive sign," Henderson said. "We thought we still win the ball still all year long. Hopefully that's a positive sign, so maybe we're starting to come out of it.

"We've obviously found some things we need to work on and work on them. I believe we've got to get better. We thought that our strength earlier in the year, but they didn't play well against Louisville or Western. We've got to get back to making outs, and our pitchers have got to have some strikeout.

"While nobody is happy about the losses, the overall morale seems positive.

"It's very frustrating," said. "But we still have a lot of the season left and we can't get down on ourselves. The team has to find a way to come together and, we have to get it done.

"They're talents on this team," freshman pitcher Joel Deiting said. "It just hasn't all come together.

**Salukis place ninth at tourney in the Big Easy**

The SIU men's golf team spend spring break at Bob Brown/Sportscore Classic

Jen Deju

**DAILY EYPTIAN**

Seventeen seemed to be the magical number at the Bob Brown/Sportscore Classic March 16 to 18 when the Salukis and 40 other teams fought for their positions. In the end, there was 15 teams in attendance. The second round through 10th teams were separated by only 17 strokes.

The SIU men's golf team finished in ninth place with a two-round score of 644 at the clas-

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

The Salukis return to action at the Eastern Kentucky Spring Intercollegiate tournament in Richmond, Ky., Friday and Saturday.

Four other members of the team competed as individuals, which meant their scores didn't count towards the team score.

The top individual finisher was freshman Juan Pacheco, who tied for 33rd with a score of 154. Rounding out the individual scores were Tim Hoss (134-152), Mike Hudek (138-159) and Jim Smith (138-159).

"We went down there and had fun, but we also went down there obviously to play well and try to win the tournament," Pfaff said. "We got some good competition undefeated our belt, some tournament experience and everybody got to go on the trip. That was great, we were going so well in the first round in the bad weather, that helps our confidence."

**Salukis ward off inferno, competition**

Women's golf takes second place at Northern Illinois University Snowbird Intercollegiate

JAVIER SERNA

**DAILY EYPTIAN**

The Salukis returned to action at the Northern Illinois University Snowbird Invitational March 11 to 13 defeating the Shockers on Saturday. 11th vs. UC-Santa Barbara on Thursday after winning off dehydration via an easy win.

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**TAMPA, Fla. — Even the geese couldn't

**DOMINATE**

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"When we went out to New Mexico (Feb. 23-

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**SPORTS**

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The Saluki softball team played seven games during spring break with an upset victory over a ranked team. The team bounced back to the No. 4 and No. 5 rankings in the polls.

In a fashion indicative of the way things went this spring break, the Saluki baseball team scored enough in 11 games to win eight of 11. The Salukis' winning ways continued with a three-game sweep of Drake University in the Missouri Valley Conference season-opener. Senior hurler Erin Stremsterfer picked up six of the Salukis' eight wins for the week and has a 1-6 record throughout the year.

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Stremsterfer's only defeat throughout the week came in a 2-0 decision to No. 4 ranked University of Louisville on March 11. The Cardinals (22-9) had little trouble defending their home turf. They swept the Salukis in the three-game set that started March 9. In the series, the Saluki pitching staff gave up 23 runs in 18 innings of work. Aird took the decision for Drake in the opener of the San Jose State National Invitational Softball Tournament in Sunnyvale, Calif.

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