Will it work in Carbondale?

As the City Council begins to explore what type of Human Relations Commission will be an appropriate match for Carbondale, the DAILY EAGLE takes a look at other commissions across the state to see how they could work here.

Brett Nauman
Daily Egyptian

The Carbondale City Council will decide Monday whether to accept or oppose a proposed Human Relations Commission charged with addressing racial unequal should have legal bidding power or the ability to discipline police officers. Critics of the city's plans, which doesn't include a commission that could subpoena witnesses, levy sanctions or address police complaints, voiced them at a recent council meeting by former co-chair of the SIU/Carbondale Task Force on Race and Community Relations William Norwood.

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Appeals court denies Carbondale funds lost from census miscount

Council must decide whether to appeal decision by July 31

Phil Beckman
Daily Egyptian

The city of Carbondale suffered a setback in its effort to recover state funds lost because of mistakes in the 2000 census when an appeals court ruled against the city on July 19.

The Illinois Appellate Court for the 5th District in Mount Vernon issued a ruling reversing a decision by the Jackson County Circuit Court that had ordered the State of Illinois to place the tax money in an escrow account until the Census Bureau corrected its count of Carbondale's population.

Carbondale City Manager Jeff Doherty said he was disappointed by the appellate court's decision.

"The city's attorneys feel the appeals court didn't deal with the real issues of the case," Doherty said.

Carbondale City Attorney Reed Lane said the appellate court decided that the city court did not have jurisdiction because the state was protected by sovereign immunity, from being sued by the city on this issue.

She said the state can be sued for claims, but it must be done through the Illinois Court of Claims.

The census figures released on March 15, 2001, set Carbondale population at 20,681. But the city challenged this figure and initiated an appeals process through the U.S. Census Bureau to have the number recalculated.

In May 2001, the Census Bureau notified the city that they revised the population number to 20,783.

It turned out that 4,322 students living in SIUC campus housing had been placed in Murphysboro when the information was entered into the census.

The state disbursed money every month "voluntarily by income tax" and the motor fuel tax to cities around Illinois based upon population. With the error in the census count, Carbondale would have received less money.

In order to make sure that they would not lose the money, Carbondale sued the state of Illinois in the Jackson County Circuit Court to prevent the state from disbursing the funds. The city court would receive the mistake if the mistake had not been made.

The state issued an injunction July 17, 2001, in the city's favor, ordering the state to place the funds into an escrow account.

The state complied with the injunction but appealed the decision.

Gus Bode

Gus says, I'll hang on to the $400 grand while I figure out what to do with it.

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Kidnapper accused of rape

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The Carbondale man accused of kidnapping two women in Carbondale Saturday also accused of raping one of them were convicted of scenes left in the County Clerk's Office in St. Charles, Mo.

According to the court file, Robert Gibson, 29, allegedly kidnapped two women, ages 27 and 37, shortly before 2 a.m. Saturday in the parking lot of the Convenience Store, located at 315 E. Walnut. The suspect allegedly kidnapped the women at gunpoint and forced them to drive him to their house.

Donovan King, police information officer at the SIU Police Department, confirmed that Gibson is the suspect accused of one of the women when the three reached Jacksonville. He then allegedly raped the same woman again when they reached Effingham via Interstate 57.

According to the court file, upon arrival at the station, St. Charles at about 6 a.m., Gibson forced the women to drive around the town before stopping for food.

At the gas station, Gibson allegedly left the car keys with the women and went inside to pay for the fuel. The women started to drive away when the suspect saw them and struck them.

The women were taken to a nearby gas station and called police, giving them a description of the suspect.

Police began searching the gas station where the women escaped, and Donovan said police officers observed Gibson walking down a street with his gun in a clear view. According to the court file, police then demanded that Gibson turn his gun over, and he put the gun to his head and surrendered to himself.

Gibson is being held in the St. Charles Jail in lieu of a $1 million bond. He is charged with two counts of kidnapping, two counts of sexual assault and four counts of possession of more than 37 grams of marijuana. Additional charges are pending.

The crime was brought on a joint investigation by the FBI and the Illinois State Police. The FBI is still deciding the jurisdiction and state attorneys are awaiting the next state file.

Cu Carbondale police say Gibson has been identified in the trava- nes state file.

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Bosnia mass grave reveals secrets

Washington, D.C. - Bosnia Herzegovina War Crimes experts discovered a mass grave in northeastern Bosnia that may contain up to 100 bodies of Muslims killed in the 1995 Srebrenica massacre.

The remains were discovered near the Serb-held village of Kamenica, 45 miles northeast of Sarajevo. This month marked the seventh anniversary of the Srebrenica massacre of 1995.

The bodies were probably those of Muslims displaced from the village, a missing persons official said. The official estimated that the mass grave contained the remains of 15,000 and fall testing hours the last week of school. The Division has filed Yucca Mountain at a repository site, formally recommending it in February.

World News

Hamas leader's killing spurs criticism worldwide

WASHINGTON - After two decades of study and fervent protests from Nevada, President Bush signed into law Tuesday making Yucca Mountain the nation's central repository for nuclear waste.

The long-awaited completion of the Yucca Mountain project will ensure our nation has a safe and secure underground facility that will store nuclear waste in a manner that protects our environment and our citizens, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said in a statement.

The project had been studied for more than 20 years, and Bush signed the measure with no fanfare, reporters were barred from the bill signing.

The House and Senate voted earlier this year to bury thousands of Yucca Mountain waste shipping containers near Las Vegas.

Opponents of Yucca Mountain have said they will rally their colleagues against the Yucca waste dump, argued that the federal government could not pay $150,000 for the girls return. All $150,000 was given for the girls return, police Inspector William Carroll said.

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Playwrights Workshop kicks off this week

Arlin Thompson & Jaki Platt
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All the hard work will finally pay off.

After months of writing, planning and preparing, graduates in the Theatre Department will get the chance this week to showcase their plays in full production for the first time at the Playwrights Workshop.

The annual workshop presents three plays every summer written by graduate students studying theatre.

Fully staged in the Christian H. Moe Laboratory Theater in Communications Building, these productions are a part of graduate thesis work. The workshop was put on its current basis in 1972. Friday, July 25 and Saturday, July 27.

Tickets can be purchased for $5 at the box office in the Communications Building. For more ticket information, contact the box office at 453-3901.

Guilt Comes After

Play examines dark side of human sexuality

When a man spends his whole life lying to himself, his life just might spin out of control.

"Guilt Comes After," a play by Marc Herb, will try to expose those tender feelings on July 26 for the Playwrights Workshop at the Moe Laboratory Theater.

"Guilt Comes After" is a two-act play that follows a married man, Alex, who is secretly gay and has an affair that could stand to destroy his whole life. The man, with Alex, has an affair with a mysterious man named Chris, turns out to be his sister Drew's fiancé.

Melissa Alberto, a junior in theater and speech communications, said: "Drew, plays Drew. This is a great script, so I was lucky to be cast in this one," Alberto said. "It's abstract, it's not necessarily dark, but the theme is called a man of many words."

"Guilt Comes After" focuses on inter-personal relationships and how people treat each other and themselves.

"It is about a man who ends up alienating himself from everyone he loves because he can't be honest with himself," Bright said. "The play deals with the traps that people get into if they don't accept who they are.

"Guilt Comes After" is a play with a message, but it's not said outright. According to playwright Marc Herb, it can't be put into words, and the play will do that on its own. "It's a good dose of drama if you're looking for your fix," Alberto said.

"Guilt Comes After" is slated for opening on Friday, July 26, and it will also show again in the Moe Laboratory Theater on Aug. 3.

Virtual Roses

The many stages of Internet love hit theatre

Emily wants to write, but she can't seem to harness her male voice. So she ventures to that place where no one would know — the Internet, where she beats up her writing skills as a man.

"Virtual Roses" was work-shopped as part of last summer's script camp and has now developed full production. One of the actors in the original script draft was Don Barnett, the current director.

"Virtual Roses" has only two scenes, and the rest of the action takes place in computers. There are five computers set up on stage.

"It goes through all aspects of an Internet romance," Barnett said. "From flirtation to courtship to becoming intimate to when the time comes to finally meet.”

Emily is a fiction writer and doesn't feel that she can write believable male characters. To combat her problem, she goes online and poses as a male in chat rooms and, as a result, falls in love.

"The male part of her persona starts to clash with her female persona and tries to take over her life," Barnett said.

Margie Pignaturo, a graduate student in music with a minor in communication, said: "I'm not a man, I'm a woman and I don't want people to recognize that I'm a man."

"Virtual Roses" is not a play suitable for children to attend. It will open at 7:30 p.m., July 25 at Moe Laboratory Theater and it will be performed again on Aug. 2.

"Even though the Internet offers many opportunities, there is still the emotional attachment of a real relationship," Barnett said. "Emotions aren't to be trifled with.

"It's not a play with a message," said Bright. "It's a world that doesn't exist."

"It's a world that doesn't exist," Pignaturo thae with the ill-fated duo. "It's an improvising and finishing the second act of the Playwrights Workshop."

Resurrection Man

True-tale grave robbers mix comedy, horror

"Resurrection Man" digs deep into the lives of two infamous grave robbers, William Burke and William Hare, compelling the audience to sympathize with the ill-fated duo.

The play explores the dark side of 19th century medicine. It is one story that mixes crime and horror to bring to life the clumsy pair as they procured anpscs for their grassroou style to offivc cousins and two scu.

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Price began working on "Resurrection Man" in September 2001. The play is still in the workshops stage, and this production will be a step towards improving and finishing the final product.

This play is the latest work from Price, who is also known for plays such as "Light on the Acre" and "Helpless Hearts."

He graduated from Ball State University and is working as a graduate student at SIU in the Theater Department.

Price spent six weeks in Minnesota performing in commercials and local television shows before coming to SIU. He teaches Acting 217 in the Theater Department and hopes to continue teaching college after he graduates.

"My main goal is to write, produce-play and continue to teach at a university," Price said.

Sunset concert season ends Thursday with Big Smith's Ozark sound

Arlin Thompson
Daily Egyptian

They all call the same gene pool home, and it all began in the Ozarks.

The band Big Smith from Springfield, Mo. will bring their high energy to the Skybox at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 25 as part of this year's summer Sunset Concert Series.

Early on in the band's career, someone asked what the name of the band was before they even had one. Mike Williamson, the bass player, looked down at his overall for the answer.

"Big Smith," joked Mike, tilting the head of none of his jeans.

Big Smith was a clothing manufacturer that made clothes dressed at the "Big and tall" and "grandpa's were the brand." "Just kind of fit the spirit of the band." Big Smith said.

The band formed professionally in 1996 and is composed of the core members and two sets of brothers. Since then, the group has accumulated a following playing raucous acoustic music that resonates from their native Ozarks.

"We have a long extended musical family," said Mark Bilyeu, guitarist and primary songwriter. Growing up, Mark and Jody Bilyeu, Jay and Mike Williamson, and Rick Thomas all spent time making music with their siblings, uncles, parents, and grandparents. Big Smith is composed of Mark's family, family members of Big Smith take some of their style from their parent's love of gospel.

Music is the basis around the four founding members, acoustic guitar, a bass fiddle and a washboard. Since all the band members add their own flavor to blur-guitar and drums. One of their major strengths was playing with Enyelous Harris, a country/folk musician, according to their website bigsmithband.com.

"I like to rock out myself," Bilyeu said, "It really is just a big mix of all types of music."

Big Smith's new double CD, "Gig" encompasses the band members' musical careers. The album brings their style full-circle. The first CD is full of acoustic tracks that are stories of what the band likes to call a "strip-down" sound. The strip-down sound is derived from when the boys would all sit around with family members and jam by loose with guitars and vocals, creating truly raw music.

The second disk, features their more rocking sounds with drums, electric guitars and pianos. The same instrument can be expected at the show Thursday night.

"Lately, we've been starting out with more tradition strip-down stuff," Bilyeu said. "Then we rock out."

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Math 113 continues to better students with the basics of probability

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Students who have math are learning to like it this summer.

The class Math 113, is part of the core curriculum requirement and maintains some students who are forced to pass it to get their degree. Honor students have been impressed by the teaching of Gregory Budzban, associate professor in mathematics and SIU mathcer since 1991. Many courses have been impacted by his love for the subject.

"He takes out time when you get to the class session to go over the homework where the other teachers don't go over the homework," said Monique Walker, majoring in health care management.

Budzban's students say they are less likely to get frustrated and feel the class beat.

"I really suck at math and after two math classes, I feel like he's the best," said Tonya DeVos, a Junior majoring in English.

The extra effort and vigor Budzban brings to the classroom takes his students closer to the subject many of them didn't particularly care for, he said.

"Instead of just looking to get his paycheck, he wanted to teach," said Rebecca Jones, a West Frankfort native majoring in social work.

Budzban is careful, explaining to his students the problems they may be facing to assist them in planning to make a correct decision in the next steps.

Although Budzban said she will offer the potential professional advice, he admits fear was not the number of people volun tarian enough to go.

"There's no pressure, there's no magic wand for keeping these kids here," said Budzban.

"Dudubin's main priority is that his class does not end and that it never does well," Budzban said, "and if a student doesn't do his homework and come to class, I have about 15 percent sympathy.

Most students in his math class said they can't find a good math at math in the past. Fixing the problem is not as acepted as many students fear, though.

"There is a sure cure of the problem and we can cure it," Budzban said. "You just get people who have phobias, and if you can just get them less anxious.

While growing up in Tampa, Fla., Budzban was part of his high school track club. He earned a band scholarship to the University of Illinois in 1975.

"I used to do a track sign every Sunday morning. The Hurd vault had a 1972 Cherry Pickup, and he would hit Moss. The truck left the side of the road, causing it to flip. It's side and burst into flames. His vehicle hit a tree and caused major injuries to both him and his passenger, Alonzo Debose, 21, of Eldorado. The Hurd family was pronounced dead at the scene.

Moss, who remains in good condition at Baptist Memorial Hospital in St. Louis, died of an extensive criminal history. At the time of the accident, he was awaiting trial for several felony charges, including two counts of armed robbery that year that involved high speed chases with police.

Saline County Sheriff's Deputy Bill Duncan, who was called to the scene of the accident, said Moss had been involved in a domestic incident earlier that evening. He said police were searching for the suspect at the time of the accident.

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Number of Peace Corps volunteers on the rise with increase in foreign interests

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Baton Rouge, La. (UPI) — Throughout the past four years, Americans have become increasingly more involved in foreign countries and other countries and have taken a greater interest in worldwide events.

The more that people realize they are a member of a global community, people seem to want to get involved with the people and areas around American borders.

"The world is becoming a smaller place, and it is a very small world among students can be attributed to a greater awareness of worldwide events," said Jesus Guitre, the Southwest regional public affairs specialist for the Peace Corps.

"American are beginning to see how what's happening in other countries affects us domestically."" Maria Bivens, a 23-year-old University of Illinois graduate, has taught theater classes at LSU for the past two semesters, but signed up for a Peace Corps training class last year.

"The training class was designed to prepare her for the Peace Corps," said Bivens.

"I think it was the time to do it," said Bivens. "I feel I'm mature enough now, I'm ready to go out and make a difference before I've made any major commitments in my life.""

"I really have limited and narrow interests and helpings about other people and said even though she is just one person, she feels she can have an impact on the people she comes in contact with."

"I'm always interested in the fact that I get to help people out on a personal level, and I can make a positive difference in other people's lives," said Bivens. "I usually make a positive difference, and I know other people who appreciate the more things I have."

As a Peace Corps volunteer, the best part of the job is being a part of the position teaching English wherever the ends up.

"Teaching English is not such a big deal for me, but my family and friends are a little more confident of me. The Peace Corps has to take a look and decide what's the best thing for me."

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Bivens said she will go the country where she can be the most productive, the Republic of Georgia in the Peace Corps.

"I've always loved Eastern Europe, I have a fascination with Russia and its culture," Bivens said. "I also speak French, and I enjoy the French language, so I may get sent to a French-speaking country. The placement committee will take a look and decide what's the best thing for me.""

McMillan said, "These types of skills are very enticing to employers."

Throughout the past four years, the number of students and alumni from LSU who requested a Peace Corps application has increased dramatically.

The number of applicants increased from 2 in 1998 to 149 in 2001.

"We've always received tremendous support from LSU," McMillan said. "There's always been a lot of interest, and we look forward to recruiting with the Peace Corps.""

Although LSU regions of the world are extremely volatile, Bivens said, "We've always recruited from France, the Euro area, and we look forward to recruiting with the Peace Corps.""
Spy v. Spy

Tales from Oz

DAVID OSBORNE

I'm typing this in the last of one of those Southern Illinois muggy nights when the air conditioner struggles just to knock the humidity out of the air, so it's cool and the house. It's in part the hot muggy weather that led to the odd scene at the dinner table tonight: my daughters were uncharacteristically boisterous and laughing. "Don't ask, I don't pretend to understand," thought I. There's no tattling allowed in my house, so that means my daughters were disapproving and loudly to the one, them. The other serves the same purpose: an adult is sure to intervene to at least quiet the irritating noise.

My kids have a distinct tendency to mind other people's business, so the "no tattling" rule is mostly ignored at getting them to be on their best behavior. First, I would be inundated with reports of imaginary or imagined offenses. No parent would want to spend their day being informed of imagined offenses. No parent would want to spend their day being informed of imagined offenses. But coming from my kids, that's the rule that is the most broken.

Just last year, I was informed about a student sending an email to a fellow student as part of a war on terrorism and homeland security silliness. Operation TIPS will set up a central reporting system for such workers as cable installers, phone and utility technicians to report suspected activity not normally caught on their radar.

It sounds like a good idea, the pilot program calls for a million eyes on the same night, let alone cool the house. It's in part the hot muggy nights when the air conditioner struggles to knock the humidity out of the air, so it's cool and the house. It's in part the hot muggy weather that led to the odd scene at the dinner table tonight: my daughters were uncharacteristically boisterous and laughing. "Don't ask, I don't pretend to understand," thought I. There's no tattling allowed in my house, so that means my daughters were disapproving and loudly to the one, them. The other serves the same purpose: an adult is sure to intervene to at least quiet the irritating noise.

The Justice Department's TIPS program will have potentially millions of eyes on them providing our neighborhoods looking for "unknown or suspicious activity." Sounds good, but what does that mean? The 9/11 hijackers attended flight school, a highly suspicious activity. About 400 hotel bookings and other travel accounts were labeled as "TIPS in 2001. On the other hand, not long ago, a TV series reported on the PETTY THIEVES who went from a local hardware store and called it, "the first step in making a pipe bomb." Under that rationale, any business with a supply full of half-finished electrical projects, any do-it-yourselfer with a bin of convoluted wire, is likely to be an entry in the TIPS database.

The American Civil Liberties Union, among others, opposes the idea based on privacy concerns. I don't agree often with the ACLU, but in this case I'm with them all the way. Now, to be fair, the idea of the government's program is that the reports are based on what they see in public areas. The concern is that people report seeing suspicious items in the same neighborhoods and are likely to notice things that suddenly appear out of place. These reports are supposed to be on their fellow Americans.

Let's be realistic; that is exactly what this program will do. No doubt there will be a few things that are not, say, small plastic bags in someone's pantry. Especially when the people the program is looking to report are the people who are responsible for constructing our own homes and yards for other, legitimate reasons. It may seem like a useful way to get around that the program is a Fourth Amendment requirement for a search warrant.

And how much useful information is this program going to get? No doubt there will be a few useful suggestions among the tons of red herrings. It's very likely to be less likely to be as useful as the people from your neighborhood are. The whole country is on heightened awareness and alert since 9/11. The government frequently issues things keeping the public aware of the threat of terrorism.

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Our Word

In 2001, former SIUC linebacker Teddy Sims attended training camp with the NFL's Indianapolis Colts, and even though he didn't make the final cut, he opened scouts' eyes to the SIUC football team. Now, both Bart Scott with the Baltimore Ravens and Jon Propper with the Seattle Seahawks are on NFL rosters and hope to stay there throughout the season.

These players are out to prove that they don't have to go to a big-name football school like Notre Dame, Nebraska or Michigan to watch a good game on Saturday. People can watch quality players here at SIUC.

While SIUC isn't known for producing top-10 sports teams, the Athletic Department is producing quality athletes and attracting national attention.

Professional scouts notice SIUC's players, and they get the chance to play pro sports even though they don't receive the same national media attention as players such as Eric Crouch (2001 Heisman Trophy winner) and Jay Williams (former Duke point guard and Chicago Bulls first round pick).

Sims and Propper are not the only Salukis from last season to make it to the professional level.

From the SIUC baseball team, two players were picked in the recent Major League Baseball Draft. Luke Nelson was taken by the San Francisco Giants, and Jeff Stankewitz was picked by the Arizona Diamondbacks. Even more recently, former SIUC center Rolan Roberts from the basketball team competed on summer league teams in both the NBA and the British Basketball League. He is hoping to be signed by an NBA team for the upcoming season.

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Youths from across nation visit SIUC for religious conference

Participants say Christ in Youth conference helps them better understand God

Jessie Yeomans  Daily Egyptian

The high school students that visit the Student Center at least once a year are known to many as "the group." Aside from the trays holding their meal of choice, they also carry a copy of the Bible and a question for God.

Each year, more than 1,000 students from all across the country participate in the Christ in Youth conference, which features dozens of seminars, devotionals, and activities to help students better understand God and their faith.

"These students are a part of our family," said Robin Sigler, associate director of conferences for Christian Youth in Illinois. "They're always eager to learn more about God and his word."
Various issues that may exist among complaints in housing, employment have the consentual fashion disagreements and deals primarily with discrimination commission to tackle on issues it doesn't look into.

Commission is more punitive in nature, members including a student, according to Denise Gordon, assistant to the city manager.

Doherty said, "If you're accosted by someone who has more complaints that are negative or derogatory in his file, we would then bring that to the attention of the police chief." Gordon said.

The new power caused the commission to draw criticism from various segments of the community. When statistics showed that racial profiling complaints weren't as prevalent as some had expected, the commission was accused of covering up the truth and being an arm of the city. Gordon said in the last three years, members of the commission have consistently worked to promote harmony between minorities and police in the community to combat these allegations.

"Perception is everything," Gordon said. "If I think it's going on, then in my mind, it's going on. So you're not going to do something to let me know that my perception is just that, that it's not real," said Gordon.

The creation of a Human Relations Commission was first suggested by the SIUC-Carbondale Task Force on Race and Community Relations last October. The task force was formed after Carbondale Police arrested 18 black SIUC students with Maize at a black party in April 2001. The commission was supposed to be formed by the university recently backed out of it, leaving the city to create the commission. This University stood firm and couldn't give us authority to a commission because it's funded by the state.

Other members of the task force, besides Norwood, have expressed that the city's plan works towards so that it doesn't have to investigate complaints, such as people filling frivolous complaints, because the problem, such as protecting the civil rights of citizens, outweigh them.

Doherty said people already have avenues locally through the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners and at the state level with the Illinois Human Rights Commission to appeal his rulings on police complaints.

Velda Clark, staff member for the Urbana Human Relations Commission, said the Department of Human Rights, the agency that investigates discrimination, is swamped with complaints and that it takes more than a year for a citizen to receive a resolution to an allegation. Clark said that is unlike the local Human Relations Commission which investigated its complaints the same day.

The creation of the Human Relations Commission is comprised of a 10-member board, including a student representative from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, which deals primarily with discrimination complaints in housing, employment, and public accommodations. While the city's commission doesn't investigate police complaints, Clark said plans are being made for a joint citizen oversight group with the City of Champaign.

Clark said police oversight groups are essential to a community because they give citizens a venue to voice against mistreatment and injustices. She said Carbondale's civic leaders shouldn't worry about the negative aspects of a police oversight group, such as people filling frivolous complaints, because the problem, such as protecting the civil rights of citizens, outweigh them.

Decatur's Human Relations Commission takes an approach similar to what Carbondale has in place to deal with police complaints. Jackie Williams director of community relations, said Decatur's commission has no interest in handling police complaints and refers anyone who wants to file them to the Illinois Human Rights Commission. Williams said the city thinks it's a conflict of interest to have members appointed by the mayor investigating complaints against the city.

Williams said 13 citizens make up Decatur's commission and that the commission has the power to subpoena witnesses and issue sanctions. The city says the state had to accommodate discrimination in all cases and that since the commission was created in 1963, it has been up against the public hearing stage.

"We count it as a failure if we have to go to a public hearing," Williams said.

The group of citizens that sit on the commission, which is comprised of the Decatur community, said Decatur's commission has goals that are narrow and that many times people want the commission to take more action that it doesn't have the power to address.

The city of Champaign didn't have the power to resolve the police three years ago when local allegations of racial profiling surfaced. To address concerns of activists, the Champaign Human Relations Commission took on the task of auditing police complaints.

The commission now looks at police complaint records to look for trends, according to Denise Gordon, assistant to the city manager.

"Say if there's one particular officer who has more complaints that are negative or derogatory in his file, we would then bring that to the attention of the police chief," Gordon said.

"You must be the change that you wish to see," Gordon said. "If you're afraid of what people might think or what they might say, you'll probably never get the work done you're trying to do."

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When the state began using the incorrect census figures, and May 2002, when the new population figures went into effect.

The Carbondale City Council has until the end of July to decide whether to take the case to the Illinois Supreme Court.

Gordon said the city must file an affidavit with the appellate court stating the intention to appeal to the Supreme Court by July 31 and must initiate the appeal by Aug. 14.

"We have more work to do," Doherty said, and "there must be a steady process for a correction to be made."
Wrestling for Hope

Attitude Championship Wrestling league organizes event to raise money for cancer victim

Study finds gender a factor in memory

Bill Hutchinschon
New York Daily News

NEW YORK (KRT) - A man of psychology has concluded that what most couples, already known, women remember better than men after some time.

The reasons have more to do with biology than with stereotypes, said the study's lead author, Turkish Cardi of the State University of New York, State University.

"The reason is the hormonal environment and the way that experience is formed in the mind," he said.

"The memory of emotional experiences and the coding of that experience into memory is much more stable in women than in men," said Cardi, assistant professor of psychology.

Cardi and his team tracked the results after showing men and women a series of provocative photographs, such as a naked man with a penis.

Three weeks later, the same people were shown the photographs again and asked to pick out the pictures they remembered.

"For pictures that were highly emotional, men recalled 56.1 percent and women remembered 78.1 percent," Cardi said.

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Consolidation may not answer debt problems

Mary Kuehn & Chris Maks
Kaleidoscope
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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (U-WIRE) — According to recent statistics released by Nellie Mae, a national provider of student loans, at least 45 percent of college students now have at least one credit card. That’s a 23 percent jump since the study done in 1998.

Nellie Mae publishes its annual report on student credit card use to underscore the importance of educating college students on future credit.

"It is interesting to note that while 34 percent of freshmen students own a credit card, only 23 percent have a student loan, which is much less expensive and often considered a more positive investment in one’s future," said Nina Prizaksky, vice president of operations at Nellie Mae. "For many entering college today, their first credit experience is a student loan. 10 years ago it was with a student loan.

Lastly, it’s not just the number of students with credit cards that is concerning, but also the number of credits each student owns that has risen.

In just one year, the number of cards covered by one student increased from three to 4.5 each.

The percentage of students with four or more credit cards has doubled in the past three years.

Lastly, the percentage of students with credit card debt over $7,000 dollars has decreased steadily over the past four years.

"The fact that average credit card debt has declined is a promising indicator," Prizaksky said. "The expanded availability of financial management programs on campus, increased publicity over the dangers of carrying large credit card balances, and the fact that the economy is not as peak level may be factors encouraging some students to change their credit card habits.

While credit cards and college students seem to go hand in hand, Nellie Mae does offer online assistance to students interested in debt management.

A host of innovative services from debt management tools and calculators to online student loan applications are available on their website at www.nelliemae.com.

A new, simplified process allows students to apply for student loans, and get approval within minutes.

For students renewing loans, borrowers can access their own pre-populated applications, which can bring them as close as four clicks away from a new loan.

Nellie Mae reports that online student applications have nearly tripled in the last year.

With more than half of freshmen owning at least one credit card, it is no surprise that many college students find themselves in over their head with credit.

Many of these students seek relief by buying into credit consolidation offers by various financial companies.

These companies offer to transfer all of your existing debts onto their card at a lower interest rate.

However, UAB economics professor Brian Young argues that consumers should not fall prey to such advertising gimmicks.

"The terms line companies issuing credit cards are profit seeking entities, not entities concerned with the welfare of consumers," Wilson said.

Many of the companies offering consolidation have only one goal: increase loan interest rates. In other words, if you do not pay off the debt in full by a certain date, they raise the interest rate back up to the average rate of 18 to 20 percent.

"Many students do not realize this when they sign on, and find themselves in a situation that is equal to or worse than their previous dilemma.

"These companies know well full University of Illinois Chancellor Michael Aiken sent an e-mail for bidding contact with potential athletic recruits made without the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, a strategy ordering to pay $5,000 for it.

In 2001, at the ACLU pressed its lawsuit. On May 24, Mihm ruled that the e-mail bid infringed free speech rights and Aiken could not be granted immunity in the trial, Yoshoka said.

On Monday, Mihm ruled that the university spokesman Bill Murphy said he was not preparing to comment on studentsight that Aiken did not return phone calls Monday night, and the mass e-mail in March 2001 requesting students and faculty members to consider potential athletic recruits to first get permission from the Division of Intercollegiate Athletics, the National Collegiate Athletic Association rules. This was based on several suit filed by the ACLU's professors' plans to contact prospective athletes and discourage them from attending the University.

Experts recommend students attend some type of debt counseling, Consumer Credit Counseling Services get paid down any time soon, but

"It was a vindication of their abridged free speech rights and the limitation of their free speech "cd in its lawsuit. On May 24, Mihm awarded the University $1,000 each, in damages for sending a file speed of 30 seconds in a Peoria, Ill., court on Monday.

"It was a vindication of their rights and a final chapter on this," said Ed Yokoka, director of communications for the Illinois chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, the organization that represented the student protesters. The ACLU's professor Frederick Hoaile, Professor Stephen Kaufman and Professor Frederick Hoaile, Professor Stephen Kaufman and Professor Frederick Hoaile, Professor Stephen Kaufman and Professor Frederick Hoaile said he would not be surprised if the University appealed the decision.

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NIU baseball coach leaves to take over at the University of Evansville

Jeff Golucke
Northern Star

DEKALB-EUROPE-The recent resurgence of Northern Illinois' baseball team occurred under a new coach, Todd Schrage.

Schrage was a former Intercollegiate Baseball Coaches Association All-American and a three-year player for the Fighting Irish. He led the team to a 40-17 record last season, including a 26-5 mark in the Mid-American Conference.

Schrage takes over for Jeff Evans, who was named interim coach for the 1999 season after the death of former NIU coach Mike Stull.

"Todd is a fantastic person who cares deeply about the game of baseball," said NIU baseball coach Jeff Evans. "He was a great addition to our program and he will be missed.”

Schrage's success was a result of his hard work in the classroom as well as on the field. He helped guide the Fighting Irish to a 40-17 record last season, including a 26-5 mark in the Mid-American Conference.

"He is a great coach and a great person," said Evans. "He is someone who always puts his players first and he will be greatly missed by our program."
Risks & Benefits
of hormone therapy during menopause

The Women's Health Initiative reports
HRT may increase the risk of heart attack and breast cancer

STORY BY MAUREEN JOHNSON

Menopause often brings hot flashes and night sweats in its wake, but Jill DiMeo has managed to get through it unscathed. DiMeo, 57, from Mt. Laurel, N.J., was approaching menopause, and began to have sporadic menstrual periods. As part of a hormone replacement therapy, her doctor put her on estradiol every day and a progesterin for eight years. DiMeo decided to discontinue the therapy.

"There was just so much controversy about it, the benefits and all, and I suggested to my doctor I might go off of it," DiMeo said. "She didn't really keep people on it long, maybe six months. I didn't feel a particular difference when I went on it, and I don't feel a particular difference now that I'm off of it." DiMeo said she was on a low dosage, so "something had something to do with it."

Hormone Replacement Therapy, or HRT, is commonly prescribed to women for minimizing the symptoms of menopause. However, the findings of a 15-year study by the Women's Health Initiative, reported that the risks of HRT might outweigh the benefits.

Jennifer Hays, one of the principal researchers in the Women's Health Initiative, is an associate professor at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. She explained the Women's Health Initiative is a large study of women's health after menopause, with most women between the ages of 50 and 79.

"What was surprising to those of us participating in the study as researchers was that many of us were told it was an unethical study at least unnecessary," Hays said.

Prior to the study, the assumption was that women should be on hormones after menopause. This assumption was made on the basis of earlier data that just looked at women who happened to be on estrogen for a longer period of time and compared them to women who were not.

"The women who were on estrogen seemed to be healthier. They had fewer heart attacks, and they lived longer. It was presumed estrogen was the reason," Hays said. "When you find women who have been on estrogen for 20 years and you find a group that hasn't and you try to compare them, there are differences in those two groups," Hays said. "Women who are on estrogen for a long time tended to be pill-takers. They had access to medical care, and they controlled their blood pressure and their diabetes. They exercised.

"In every study, they were a healthier group to begin with. And those who had had breast cancer or maybe had a heart attack in the past...those women were no longer in the study anymore."

However, the trial was stopped 5.2 years into the study because the number of breast cancer cases reached the predetermined number of cases at which the investigators felt they could stop the study. There was also an increased risk of heart attacks observed rather than a decreased risk. There was also an increased risk of stroke and blood clots in the women using estrogen and progesterin. Furthermore, it was seen that the women who used the hormone longer had an increased risk of breast cancer.

"Overall, the benefits, which are to lower our rate of fracture and osteoporosis, are not outweighed by the risk," Hays said.

Lynn Chard-Petrinjak, communications manager of the National Osteoporosis Foundation in Washington, D.C., said HRT has been shown to prevent osteoporosis in women by increasing their bone density.

If you have someone who has no risk for stroke, heart disease or breast cancer, but they're at high risk for osteoporosis, they might talk to the doctor about going on it," Chard-Petrinjak said. "But there are other medications approved by the FDA for the treatment of osteoporosis. A Selective Estrogen Receptor Modulator, which is what they call designer estrogen has an effect on bone tissue, but it doesn't have an effect on breast tissue."

Chard-Petrinjak said the best prevention for osteoporosis is diet and exercise.

"Calcium and Vitamin D are so important, as well as getting weight-bearing exercise," Chard-Petrinjak said. "They're the best things you can do for your bones. Working against gravity will help maintain your bone mass."

Chard-Petrinjak said the study only looked at one preparation, so there may be more recent preparations that are lower in dosage but do not have as many side effects.

"The study, with women who have had hysterectomies and are only on estrogen replacement therapy, have not seen the same kind of risk to date they've seen with the combined HRT," Chard-Petrinjak said.

Hays said the study is only a start in looking at the effects of hormones on a woman's body. She explained it might prompt more research in the future.

"The next question is why," Hays said. "Was it the progesterin? Was it the combination of estrogen and progesterin? Are there other safer ways to deliver these medicines, such as through skin patches? Is the lower dose as effective and safer? We don't have those answers yet, and I think what's that's what we as women ought to be demanding."

Hays said oral contraceptives also contain estrogen and progesterin, but they are different forms and in higher doses than those used in Hormone Replacement Therapy, or HRT. The effects of oral contraceptives on the body are different from those of HRT.

However, the effects of oral contraceptives on the body are different from those of HRT. Women who have taken them have a lower rate of ovarian cancer, and there is even some evidence that they protect women from breast cancer.

The only concern researchers have about oral contraception is the risk of blood clots. The package insert tells women not to take them if they're over the age of 40 or if they smoke. Oral contraceptives can cause clotting in the deep veins in the legs, and possibly in the lungs.

"Frankly, I find it unacceptable that we don't have more information about how women's bodies function during phases of their cycle pre-menopausally and then after menopause," Hays said.

DiMeo said that she was not concerned about the findings of the Women's Health Initiative.

"Anytime you put anything chemical into your system, someone is going to have some kind of reaction to it," DiMeo said. "I do believe that we do have a problem in communications through our generation. If I had a daughter, I would just tell her to find herself a good physician and know what she's taking."

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BASKETBALL & FOOTBALL teams working together

Saluki basketball sets new standard
Jack Piatt
Daily Egyptian

The sweet sensation still lingers from last season's trip to the Big Dance, and the Salukis are ready to get footholds one more time.

Last season's success was in part due to hard head the worked in the off-season. This season is no exception, and the SIU men's basketball team is working out with the football team for the second straight summer.

SIU football assistant coach Eric Klein is once again taking charge of the Saluki basketball team and getting them ready for their regular training in the fall.

Klein was happy to oblige SIU basketball head coach Bruce Weber when he was approached about training the basketball team last summer.

The basketball team works out twice a week with the football squad in the morning doing the same workout. The team also works out with Klein two days a week, focusing more on basketball training. They lift weights in the morning at 6:15 a.m. and run in the afternoons at 3:30 p.m.

Klein has great ideas that are new and keep you interested in the workout," said star guard Kent Williams.

"They all have a good attitude," Klein said. "They had to adjust to the workload and learn how to work, and I had to learn how they were. They had to change."

The dedication being displayed by the players paints a good picture of how hungry they are to add to the success they experienced last season.

"These guys could be doing a thousand different things during the summer," Watson said. "They are up at 6:15 a.m. lifting weights and running in 100 degree weather. They are really committed and doing a good job."

Klein said the team is better off for starting training early.

"This will give them the competitive edge they need," Klein said. "Bring good last year is not enough to make them good this year. I want them to work hard, and I have turned up the intensity.

Williams said he is in better shape than he has ever been during the summer.

"The whole team will be in better shape this season," Williams said.

A Saluki forward, Syvester Willis, said the training is similar to last season's workload, but this summer they are focusing more on their explosiveness and quickness.

"This training is good for the team's chemistry," Willis said. "We see a definite change in the team with coach Klein around. The Salukis are legging the ball rolling and moving toward their goal for another appearance in the coveted NCAA Tournament."

Watson said that Weber has always preached to the team about off-season dedication.

"He is always telling the team, if you want to be special, you have to do something special," Watson said.

Assistant coach Rodney Watso'n, in addition to his coaching duties, is also busy taking care of his football squad.

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What will be the new American pastime?

For as long as I can remember, baseball has been the national pastime. Now, between the possibility yet another strike, the lack of parity and the whole steroids debate, baseball seemingly has shot itself in the foot and is reeling for another try.

Baseball's just sitting back and thinking, "Ah, sweet silence." Banl! Bant! Game over. Seasons over. Standing as the national pastime over.

As quickly as a Sammy Sosa home run leaves Wrigley Field, baseball has gone from being a sport most people love to a sport most people just want to grab, hang onto and run away from.

In the early 90's, baseball was on top of the world. Then the strike of '94 came along and nearly killed off the sport.

Once the strike was over and teams came back to the diamond, the fun still isn't over. The new baseball is a world where, "Winning is expected, losing is overrated." The strike didn't ruin baseball. It just made it more "party time." Our television sets are plugged into more than just the Sunday afternoon game. Any team that is good can be on national television. Baseball is on again.

1998, baseball still might not have made comeback.

Now, at a time when fans are fed up with steroids, contracts, and teams like the Tampa Bay Devil Rays, who can barely make payroll, are forced to trade away all their good players while teams like the New York Yankees are closing in on $200 million payrolls and buying everyone they want, the players union is on the verge of striking once more.

I've had several people tell me they can't stand baseball anymore and if the players do indeed go on strike, they will never watch another game.

"Who can really blame them?"

With as much love as little children play the game and with as much money is just how difficult professionals seem to play it. Much of the current explosion of the game is the result of the money in the sport.

The bad news is that the American viewer is barely interested in the sport.

It's because of football.

And unlike the other major sports, football is pretty much only America's game.

Yeah, there are fans in Canada and Europe, but for the most part, the sport is completely composed of Americans.

Football is America's sport. Americans love football and Americans play football. Some people say it is too brutal, but that is most of the attraction.

Just like the story of the Roman Empire, when people were drawn to the brutality of the gladiators, Americans are drawn to football.

Players are modern-day gladiators, except they fight to take yards away from the opponent, not people blood.

Any blood that's taken away is merely a bonus.

Another positive about football is the party atmosphere.

In baseball, you always know it's going to come down to the Yankees. In baseball, it's the Los Angeles Lakers and the Colts, either the Colorado Avalanche or the Detroit Red Wings.

In football, however, there is always the chance that you can be the Super Bowl champions. Before the St. Louis Rams won it in 2000, they were God-awful.

The Baltimore Ravens came out of nowhere to take it the following year.

Last season, it was the New England Patriots who came out and shocked the world.

That look of a truly dominant team leads to added enthusiasm for sports such as baseball and basketball, but not football.

Every team starts out on equal ground and has to earn whatever they get. They're not hand- out sports.

That's why the type has the most Americans. Why shouldn't their sport be the same way?

All these reasons are why I no longer find football to be the national pastime.

As for baseball, I hope you don't pull that trigger yet again, but if you do, it was nice knowing you.