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Civil Service Union back to bargaining table

MOLLY PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The contract for some 600 civil service employees expired Saturday, bringing the civil service union and the administration back to the bargaining table.

The two sides met today for a second round of negotiations at 4:45 p.m. at 810 S. Elizabeth St. Ruth Pommier, president of the Association of Civil Service Employees, said the union plans to negotiate for a 6-percent increase and a two-year contract length.

Last year negotiations ended in an agreement for a 5-percent salary increase and a one-year contract after a long debate that almost ended with the union going on strike.

But a strike was avoided when the union voted 9 to 1 in favor of ratifying the final one-year contract, even though it did not meet union demands for salary, sick-leave, vacation days and fair share.

Pommier said that while many aspects of the current contract could be up for negotiation, she was expecting to fight, not get stabbed.

Stabbing victim ‘called out’ assailant

DAVID OSBORNE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Thomas Otto, a 20-year-old automotive technology major, got into an argument with Zachary J. Snll, a junior in philosophy, at the concert in Tinsley Park. When the argument escalated, the two left the park to fight. Otto threw the first punch, hitting Snll in the face. Police say when Snll returned the blow, it was with a knife.

"When he hit me in the stomach, it was pretty weird," Otto said. "I knew it would hurt, but it burned really bad."

"Next thing I know, I looked down, and I was holding all my insides," Otto said.

Otto said in the fight, hitting and kicking Snll. It was after Snll ran off that Otto realized he had been cut.

The SIUC senior stabbed at Thursday's Sunset Concert was out of bed and walking Monday for the first time since the incident.

Poshard reevaluates running in 2002

MOLLY PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Recent polls in favor of Vice Chancellor

Glenn Poshard may be a Democrat candidate for governor after all.

Poshard, the Democratic lieutenant governor in '98, announced last fall that he would not seek the state's highest seat again, but now he is wavering and at least considering a statewide run in 2002.

As recently as April, Poshard, vice chancellor for Administration, told a class of SIUC students that he was not going to run again after coming short of Gov. George Ryan by only a 6-percent margin.

But recently he has been watching polls that show him as a favorable candidate for the election.

Recent polls have put him in front of both the other five Democrat candidates who have said they would seek the party's nomination and also the incumbent Republican governor. Also, he has been contacted by fellow Democrats, some of whom are pushing him to reconsider his decision.

"I have spent my whole life in government," Poshard said. "When polls come out saying that I'm 50 percent above the incumbent governor and 22 percent better ahead than the other Democratic candidates — party leaders are calling, and I can't just tell them I don't want to talk."

Poshard said it will ultimately be a decision between his family and his strength to find the "fire in my belly."

In the 1998 general election, Poshard garnered more than 46 percent of the statewide vote and overwhelmingly received support from Southern Illinois voters. Ryan took office by about 120,000 votes over the financially-restrained incumbent Republican governor.
**POSPhARD**

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For several months now, rumors have swirled among the Chicago media that Poshard is on the verge of making a decision to run, but until Sunday it had been nothing but speculation. However, Sun-Times columnist Steve Neal ran a column Sunday titled "Poshard will make another run," in which he said Poshard has decided to seek re-election and will begin his campaign at the Illinois State Fair in August. When asked about the column Monday, Poshard refused to say the column was true but that he did not want to accuse a journalist of being inaccurate. However, he said that he has made no decision to run or any timetable as to when he would announce whether he plans for a candidacy. Speculation also holds that Poshard asked Chicago Schools Chief Paul Vallas to be his running mate, although Poshard said that he had been in contact, he said that no deals were made to put Vallas on the ticket. In 1994, Poshard served with Vallas on the Labor-Community Committee. Vallas has also expressed interest in running for the top position.

**BARGAINING**

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ACE has decided to open only one article of the contract for negotiation, the one dealing with economic adjustment and contract length. "We hope the administration will cooperate, as the union can operate within the existing agreement until a new contract is approved." said John Schmidt, state Rep. Lou Lang, D-Skokie and Michael Bakalis, "former State Superintendent of Education. Andrew to Pommier, the union has decided to not pursue issues like vacation days and sick leave for this negotiating period. Schmidt was confident on this decision because it felt there were "wounds that needed to heal" from last year's negotiations. She added that the union wanted to give the new chancellor, Walter W. Wlodarczyk, a chance to examine the situation at SIUC before opening up another long, contentious battle between the union and the administration.

Bob York, director of labor and employee relations, chose not to comment on the upcoming negotiations, except to say that "the administration is optimistic and hopes that a consensus can be reached," York said. A new contract is not ratified by Saturday, Dembrait said that he "hopes" that the union can operate under the existing agreement until a new agreement is reached.

Civil service represents clerical workers, building service workers, receptionist, secretaries, and other such University employees not considered faculty or Administrative and Professional staff.

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Ryan gives coal industry a shot in the arm

Billions and billions to aid region's coal industry

Mark Lamberg & Molly Parker

Amid the silent and politics of the moment that once was Carbondale Coal Mine, Gov. George Ryan signed a bill Friday meant to resurrect a dying industry.

Old coal mines, now mostly filled in, dot the landscape. In the days of the back-breaking work in the coal mines, jobs that kept food on the table and put many small cities on the map.

Amidst the dinne of “coal talk” already being heard, this new effort is to be in Southern Illinois, a feeling of electricity rush through the crowd of old miners, managers and legislators. They gathered to watch the rebirth of an industry promising to once again thrive in this region.

Although the effects of the bill will be felt most immediately in this area, Ryan said the assembled crowd that the signing of the bill was an important day for not just Southern Illinois or the state, but the entire country. “This is the most comprehensive energy package in the United States,” Ryan said. “People will look to Illinois to see how we are going to meet energy challenges.”

Republican and Democratic politicians across the aisle united to support the new legislation and affirm Ryan’s leadership in bringing all sides together to get the bill passed. State Sen. William O’Daniel, D-Vernon Hills, one of those present who praised the initiatives of the governor. “It takes someone like Gov. Ryan to get a bill like this passed when there are 55 senators and 116 representatives who all think they are authorities on everything,” O’Daniel said with a laugh.

However, this is not the first time a bill had been toasted as the cue-off for the coal industry. In 1991 a bill was signed into law to rejuvenate the coal industry but was later deemed unconstitutional by the state Supreme Court. When the bill was voided, the coal industry continued to plummet.

William Hoebick, an international representative for the United Mine Workers of America, was encouraged by the plan but said it was success was all up to utility companies.

The state in bill No. 1440 is up to the power companies to take advantage of “what has been given to them,” Holsock said.

The bill Ryan signed includes $3.5 billion in tax and financing incentives. The legislation is designed to encourage the construction of new power plants at the mouths of coal mines.

Illinois has a 250-year supply of coal which Ryan believes can provide energy for the entire nation in the wake of an expected energy crisis. As well as being a stable source of energy that is considered of the environment, it will bring well-paying, good-paying jobs to the economically struggling region, Ryan said.

Major provisions of the plan include:

- designates coal industry as a high-impact business allowing coal mines tax incentives for building materials and equipment,
- creation of a $500 million financial assistance program for bonds;
- $1.7 billion in revenue bond for providing financing for electric plants that create Illinois coal mining jobs;
- up to $300 million in revenue bond to upgrade transmission lines;
- up to $500 million in revenue bonds to add scrubbers to reduce air emissions for existing coal-fired power plants.

A front end loader works to move coal at the Knight Hawk coal mine near Ava Monday. The coal from this plant goes to Chester to be taken up the Mississippi river.

Environment may suffer from revived coal industry

Environmentalists are concerned.

The high sulfur content of Illinois coal has emerged central to the debate on the bill. George Ryan signed Friday that extends to the coal industry. As politicians intend to supply jobs and electricity for the state, many concerned environmentalists and environmental agencies are asking if people has been neglecting the effects of burning coal like acid rain, acid runoff from carbon dioxide - responsible for global warming - and ash, which is extremely toxic and dangerous for the environment.

Crag Rhodes, vice president of the Regional Association of Concerned Environmentalists (RACE), is concerned with the revival of the Illinois coal industry. He thinks that the state and nation set themselves more than the burning of fossil fuels for energy. Rhodes admits that there is no perfect solution for creating energy and jobs. He said the state should look to other alternatives like natural gas and energy conservation, which are environmentally friendly and when compared to burning coal.

According to Rhodes, coal factories use a closed-loop system where all toxins are taken out and turned into fertilizer. But he believes there is no such thing as a closed-loop system because some toxins always escape into the environment. “I fear this,” Rhodes said. “I think from Kentucky. I saw the copper-tainted water drain off the mines and kill everything in its path, the deforestation and not to mention the strip mines that are extremely dangerous.”

Denis McMurry, of the Environmental Protection Agency said the EPA is setting up procedures and additional restrictions for coal-fired plants for the Illinois EPA to award and maintain levels of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides.

“New coal-firing power plants will have to meet all the current emissions under the Clean Air Act. The issue of controversy is over the older plants that at this time don’t have to meet the current requirements of strict emission limits,” McMurry said.

SIUC is at the forefront of clean coal-burning technology. SIUC Coal Research Center director John S. Mead said that, in terms of new state government projects, the University is advanced of commercial companies. He also said the legislature will expect SIUC to have an indirect role in clean coal-burning technology for the future.

“We do work that is being designed at the environmental aspects,” Mead said. “If we concentrate on finding ways of burning coal with the least amount of pollutants, we emphasize environmental technology.”

Despite efforts to eliminate toxins, Rhodes is somewhat skeptical of the regulations on coal burning. His main and immediate alternative to any kind of fossil fuel energy is conservation. But for the future he hopes toward the sun and solar cells that are now making for homes. Aiding other alternatives, he says a person would no longer have to pay a utility company, they would control their own electricity and protect the environment in the process.

“We should be trying to do whatever we can to move away from fossil fuel,” Rhodes said. “We as a state have the chance to lead the nation to a better way of finding energy.”

Meet the candidates for Student Center director

The candidates for Student Center Director will meet with students in the Student Center Versallion Room beginning with Bruce Mininery on June 21; Celene Fulcher on June 22; and T.J. Rutherford on June 28. All meetings are from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Recent Census finds 4000 inaccuracies

City is awaiting correct data

Mark Lambird
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The latest data released from the 2000 Census showed that 4,000 students living in dorms disappeared. However, recent figures show that they could have reappeared in a single block in Murphysboro.

Assistant City Manager Don Monty said new figures show more than 4,000 residents living in dorms in one block of Murphysboro. Monty said it is possible that the 4,000 extra people in Murphysboro are the same 4,000 students who are missing in Carbondale's census count.

"When the latest numbers were released, we confirmed our suspicions they were wrong when it came to group housing," Monty said.

The data for Carbondale shows only 284 students living in the dorms on campus. However, according to University figures, more than 4,000 students live in the dorms, pinpointing a large undercounted area within the city of Carbondale.

The city has been fighting to increase the final count since the numbers were released early this year, but the Census Bureau would not start an official inquiry until this month.

The shrinking population is a concern to city officials because of federal and state funds that are allocated based on population. If the numbers stand as they are now, Carbondale could stand to lose more than $800,000.

Monty said the city is still awaiting data and directions from the Census Bureau so the city can begin its investigation. The bureau has two years to address complaints and rectify problems that have come up in counts.

Another concern is the effect census numbers will have on the redrawing of the state legislative districts as they are redrawn this fall. Southern Illinois has already lost once when redistricting cut one district out of the south and left the remaining two congressmen from the St. Louis Metro-east area.

Rep. Mike Boit, R-Murphysboro, raised concerns that his district could be reshaped when redistricting cut one district out of the south and left the remaining two congressmen from the St. Louis Metro-east area.

"Southern Illinois districts are going to be reshaped like it once was," Boit said.

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A former GHB user, who did not want her name used, has tried the drug a few times. She now realizes the dangers for the drug as many people think it harmless.

"The first time I took it I was fine," she said. "I felt drunk, a different kind of drunk, but I was having fun. But then the second time I took it, I was puking in the toilet all night long."

"It's sick. I don't know why anyone would want to do it." The drug can be made out of anything and by someone.

Makers of GHB usually just mix up common household chemicals, and a great deal of them do not know what they are doing.

"It's effects are so unpredictable because you never know who made it or where it came from," she said. "I remember my friend's sister was in a coma for like two weeks from using it."

The use of liquid GHB has transformed in the past few years. Once used by sexual predators, it is now being taken by the everyday college student for personal pleasure.

"They just think it's fun, but GHB is a very addictive drug and what the college population doesn't realize is that its use can evolve very quickly into an addiction," Culton said.

GHB recreational use on the rise, studies say

The once "date rape" drug now has new use

LIE GUARD
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Ammonia, bleach, rat poison and other household chemicals — that's what more and more people are taking to get "high."

The drug GHB, also known as liquid g, is made from these common items, but manufacturers can add whatever they want.

Recent studies indicate use is on the rise, and it's not being used like it once was.

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"Jay Jay" jets to WSIU/WUSI-TV
Creator from Anna produces award-winning animated character

Stacey Robinson
DAILY EDITION

More over, Barney and Thelma the Tug-Engine, a small blue jet airplane flying into PBS stations in Carbondale.

Created by David Michel of Anna, "Jay Jay the Jet Plane" was a favorite among children who have fun and learn basic life lessons. As a parent, Michel was inspired to build a program of animated life lessons seven years ago in June. Daughters, Michael, who still resides in Anna, "Jay Jay" is getting out of the age range now, but he is still very pleased that his dad did it," Michel said.

The animated series has received awards and honors from the Parents' Choice Foundation, The Family Seal of Approval from the Foundation and The Film Advisory Board's Award of Excellence, among others.

"I enjoyed it very much, but I do believe this could have been called the next Barney," Michel said.

The show provides information as well as lessons to educate children and their families. "It is also on a site on which interactive games and music for kids and educational guides for parents can be found," he said.

"This has a two-part educational agenda for adults that reinforce the lessons of each episode on family life, security and nature.

"We feel PBS provides quality children's programs that not only entertain but also educationally stimulate children," Lyon said.

The program airs Monday through Friday at 7 a.m. and 2 p.m. on WSIU-TV and WUSI-TV.

"We're never seen a pre-schooler who didn't love it and want to see it over and over again," Michel said.

WEBSITES
Visit "Jay Jay" and friends at www.pbs.org/jayjay or www.jayjay.com

Roller coasters in the sky

Three SIUC students win top-aerobatic honors

ROBIN GARDNER
DAILY EDITION

A gentle horizontal roll precedes a screaming skyward climb. The vertical edge is reached and then followed by a downward-diving spin.

Although this sounds like the latest gut-wrenching roller coaster ride, it is actually a typical day for three SIUC students who all received top honors last weekend at the Illinois State Aerobatics Open at the Southern Illinois Airport.

"We are in control of our own roller coasters," said Ty Engelhardt, a senior aviation technology student. "It's the greatest feeling to fly upside down.

Engelhardt and his two colleagues and teammates, Sean Luxey and Matt Bochn, competed against 35 aerobatic pilots from around the country. They were the only college student pilots taking part in the event. The International Aerobatics Club competition requires pilots to fly a set routine within a skysward box marked at the corners: above the circle, below the circle, ahead, behind, left, and right.

Engelhardt was first in the toppearing category, flying a red, white and blue Firma Special biplane, and acted as the course director. Bochn and Luxey placed first and third respectively in the basic aerobatics category, flying a Super Decathlon, a single-engine aerobatic trainer. Both planes are owned by Engelhardt's father, Allen, and are hanger at the Southern Illinois Airport.

"We could fly planes, before we could drive," said Bochn, 19-year-old junior in aviation technology. "It's the craziest thing. I can't rent a car, but I can rent a $140,000 airplane and fly it across the country."

The Illinois State Aerobatic Open is usually held at Maroon, but when scheduling difficulties arose, the three aviation maintenance technology students decided to run the competition at SIUC. Klein Tools, which provided free tools to the aviation technology students, and 11th Street Bar & Grill, which supplied the food, were two main reasons for the overwhelming success of the weekend, according to Engelhardt.

The whole event was heavily supported by volunteers from the SIUC Aviation Maintenance and Technology Department.

"It was a great weekend," said Luxey, 20, an aviation technology senior. "It was fun to spend time flying and hanging out with all the aerobatic enthusiasts."

All three pilots, who plan on becoming professional aviation pilots, intend to compete throughout the summer. Engelhardt is pursuing the National Collegiate Award after receiving top honors in two competitions this summer.

"We all love to fly," Engelhardt said. "Getting paid to be the best part of the dream in becoming a pilot."

UPCOMING EVENTS
Next Aerobatic Competition: Salem, Ill., July 21-23, 10 p.m.
Northwest Airshow with Ty Engelhardt: June 30 & July 1: Thunder over the River. Airshow over the Ohio River with the Blue Angels.

Hidden camera anger plagues workers

MICHAEL TAYLOR
DAILY EDITION

AUSTIN, Texas (U-WIRE) - Employees ran high Friday afternoons when employees in a paint shop at the University of Texas-Austin's J.J. Pickle Research Engineering Center discovered a hidden camera placed in their workplace.

"We weren't spying on the men, we were watching a desk of some one who has her desk vandalized," said Allan Michel, father of Allen, who didn't like it and want to see it over and over again," Michel said.

"We ran all of the PBS children's programs," Lyon said. "They have the biggest audience than any other distributors including Disney and Nicklelodeon."

Jay Jay and his friends "Rennie Evans, the Fast Flyer Trudy," "Old Ozark, the Clever Biplane," "Big Jake," and others, are three-dimentional computer graphics animated onto miniature sets in their3D animations in the University of Texas-Austin.

Curiosity that often leads them into mischief, but the stories ultimately teach a program that small children can enjoy and be proud of.

Trina Lyons, program coordinator for WSIU/WUSI-TV, said that Jay Jay and his friends cater to children who can relate as the small child-like airplanes. The young airplanes are full of enthusiasm and curiosity. Their curiosity is not real, but the storyline ultimately teaches a happy lesson in values.

"We believe in a small child who deals with issues other children deal with, like being scared of the dark and being lonely and things like that," Lyon said.

The animation was distributed to WSIU/WUSI-TV by the Public Broadcasting Station, which provides the top five or six children's programs nationally, according to Lyons.

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JAY JAY, and his friends at www.pbs.org/jayjay or www.jayjay.com
**Ads for Sale**

- **Cars & Trucks**
  - Acura MDX, 2010, 82,000 miles, $14,800
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  - Refridgerators, Frost free, $135, dual control, 26 cu ft, $375
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**For Rent**

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  - Furnished room available in downtown M'boro, w/d, $220/mo, call 151-229-3346

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  - Office space, 1000 E. Park, 151-272-0775

**Services**

- **Cleaning**
  - Professional cleaning services, 151-272-0775

**Miscellaneous**

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  - For Sale: 40' x 60' pole barn, 1000 E. Park, 151-272-0775

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**Roommates**

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**Apartment for Rent**

- 2 BDRM apts and Efficiencies, some unfurnished, $300-

**For Sale**

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**For Rent**

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EXTRA NICE 4 BD RM, 2 baths, with furnace, garage, near SIU bus stop. 8pm - 5pm, $430.

467-7969.

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1-2 BD RM, 2 full, 1 bath, close to SIU, in between campus and Memorial Coliseum, Furnished, good for students. $430.

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A challenging schedule awaits volleyball team in 2001 season

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The Saluki volleyball team started strong in 2000, winning six of seven matches before going on to lose 21 out of the next 22.

In 2001, the Salukis will try to regroup as a challenging schedule awaits, beginning with their first stop on the West Coast.

Playing in the Oregon State Showcase in Corvallis, Ore., against two NCAA tournament teams from 2000, should provide enough incentive for the Salukis to get revved up for the upcoming season.

Saluki head coach Sonya Locke envisions the opportunity to be capitalized upon.

"If we get to these opportunities, it's really good for your program," Locke said. "They are going to be great measuring sticks for us.

In an effort to be prepared for conference action, the Salukis will continue to measure themselves early.

The Salukis will host the Saluki/Best Innitational, which also features two NCAA tournament teams from 2000, the University of Missouri and Southeast Missouri State.

"Anytime you get a Big 12 team to come here it is going to be fun," Locke said referring to the Missouri Tigers, who finished second in the Big 12 in 2000. "We also have a great rivalry with Southeast Missouri.

But setting up the home tournament was no easy task.

"People have no idea how difficult it is to get a home tournament," Locke said. "I feel very blessed."

The Salukas jumped to their home tournament directly into conference action against the University of Northern Iowa, whose team was ranked 24th in the nation last season.

The Panthers are 22-7 against the Salukis and have dominated the Missouri Valley Conference for the past three seasons.

Because of exigency of scheduling, Locke hopes her team will be prepared.

"Our teams in our conference are good," Locke said. "When you play competition that prepares you for that, your chances of winning are better."

SIU will face Missouri a second time during a non-conference match later in the season.

Locke summed up the tough schedule, noting the increased number of NCAA tournament opponents and the unusual amount of out-of-conference matches.

"It's great whenever the girls make it," Locke said. "I think it will be exciting."