Long struggle brings Africana major to SIUC

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He said it was his goal to leave something that others after him can enjoy.

"I really want to leave something that other people can benefit from. It wasn't about me, it's about some other individual. It's about a program that has merit," Brown said.

"It's the accomplishment of having this major and making sure everybody can enjoy it — the concept of putting it to a recipe so the next person can take it to the next step."

Brown said the difference between Black American Studies and Africana Studies is that Africana Studies focuses on the African culture's impact on the world, not just America.

"The more we see the elements of West Africa culture all across the planet, the more we realize that there are some commonalities and similarity of culture that we really need to be studying as opposed to having it segregated by geography," Brown said. "We want to make sure people know it has a global reach."

Ward said the existing Black American Studies program would be expanded to become the Africana Studies major. He said he anticipates additions to the program, and brown said he anticipates additions to the staff and curriculum, but many existing courses will still be offered.

Ward said the program's approval would not have been possible without the dedication of faculty, students and alumni.

Brown said though it is Africana Studies, students of all races is welcome to take courses.

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State schools shy from loans

Five of 6 state universities choose tuition increase instead of borrowing

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Though Gov. Pat Quinn has authorized universities to borrow money, not every university will resort to loans.

The state of Illinois owes the nine state universities more than $600 million for fiscal year 2010. University of Illinois' debt is owed more than $350 million, according to the Illinois Statehouse News website. FY10 ends Wednesday but the appropriation deadline, which was originally set in August, has since been moved to January.

The bill — Senate Bill 642 — was signed by Gov. Pat Quinn on June 8 and allows state universities to borrow up to 75 percent of payroll and other expenses owed to them through state appropriations for FY10.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said SIU could borrow as much as $75 million of the $90 million still owed to it.

Eastern Illinois University President Bill Perry said the Chicago Tribune's university would borrow up to $7 million of the $15 million owed to it by the state.

But not every university is set on loans to replace state appropriations.

Northern Illinois University spokesman Brad Hoey said the university, which is owed more than $39 million, would only borrow money "as a last resort" and would continue to wait for money owed by the state.

"We got the authority just in case we needed it," Hoey said. "We don't believe at this day we will need it, but it's good to know we have it there just in case."
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**STATE OWES**

- **$366.5 million**
  - Southern Illinois University
- **$96 million**
  - Northern Illinois University
- **$431 million**
  - Northern Missouri University
- **$30 million**
  - Illinois State University
- **$211 million**
  - Eastern Missouri University
- **$19.5 million**
  - Western Missouri University

Source: Illinois Statehouse news website

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Philosophy to avoid debt

"It is the philosophy of our president (of the university) and everybody else that we will not put ourselves more into possible debt with borrowing, but rather get the money which the state owes." — Brad Hoye

Northern Illinois University spokesperson

**Borrowing**

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Groves said Illinois State is in a better situation than other universities in the state because of its approach to budget preparation.

"We have less debt than many other universities," he said. "We have been very frugal when it has come to getting our budgets ready for the upcoming year. I think we'll be OK."

Paul McCann, director of business services at Western Illinois University, said his university has also approved the authority to borrow money, but does not expect to have to use it.

"We think it's going to be very close," he said. "We think we're going to make it through until tuition starts coming in. We would just as soon not do any borrowing."

McCann said the university, which is owed more than $11 million, would look into establishing a line of credit "just in case."

**Africana**

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I see it as an incredible opportunity for students in all sorts of majors," he said. "I have never maintained that you had to be black to be a Black Studies major. — that make no sense whatsoever. If you're going to be dealing with a multicultural and diverse clientele, no matter what your business of profession, you need to know something about the people you're going to be working for and with."

FATHER JOSEPH BROWN

director of the Black American Studies program

"I really do believe that all of us should have a legacy," Brown said. "Learn the world a better place than you found it."

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Area residents dash for forgotten cash

Joyce Reed was curious. That curiosity led her to the Jackson County Courthouse, where her name was entered into a database of the forgotten.

Reed, of Murphysboro, is one of many Illinois residents with unclaimed property at the hands of the Illinois State Treasurer's Office.

Cash Dash events like the one held at the Jackson County Courthouse return lost cash and assets to their rightful owners, and have been overseen by Illinois State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias' administration since 1999.

To help people like Reed, Cash Dash representatives search the state's online database for any unclaimed property. Unclaimed property could be anything from old bank accounts, forgotten savings accounts, insurance policies, stocks and bonds — even a deposit on a rental apartment, said Kari Phillips, treasurer spokesperson.

Reed wanted to find out the exact amount before it was mailed, but Reed chose against it. Cash Dash has returned $238 in the last two weeks.

"I want to be surprised about the money by the state, and I don't feel like I'm being cheated," Reed said.

Phillips said the treasurer's office holds onto unclaimed property indefinitely.

"It belongs to the people of Illinois, and we do everything in our power to get it back to them," Phillips said.

The average claim is $200, but the largest claim given to a single individual has been more than $2 million, Phillips said.

"Pulmat Incorporated, which is now dissolved, is our largest claim, worth more than $1 million," she said.

A Cash Dash representative notified Reed of herMurphysboro, the day before the event, that she had more than $100 of unclaimed property.

Phillips said many people fall into the "over $100" category, which could range from $100 to thousands of dollars.

"It's surprising," she said. "You would think people would keep better track of their money, but a lot of it falls through the cracks."

Reed said she should receive her claim in six to eight weeks. Phillips said the treasurer's office has collected and completed additional paperwork.

"I don't expect it to be large amounts," she said. "It will be divided between my sister and myself.

Phillips said the Illinois administration has returned $228 million to claimants — more than what was returned in the first 19 years of the program — with $33 million in 2009, $75 million in 2008 and $88 million in 2007.

Phillips said there are people who know the state treasurer's office has money for them but don't file a claim.

"That's one of the reasons the state of Illinois has so much money owed to people, because the little dollar amounts add up," she said.

Debbie Teghtoff, right, of Du Quoin, speaks with Courier-Post editor, of Glen Carbon, during Cash Dash, a program hosted by Illinois State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias, which aims to return lost and unclaimed property back to the residents of Illinois.

"People are generally happy when they find out they have money coming to them because they don't even realize they're lost," Phillips said.

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Though Reed said she wanted to be surprised when the check comes in the mail, she said she already knew where the money would wind up.

"With the price of gas, I have a feeling it's not going to last too long," she said.

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BP spends $2.65B on oil spill

NEW ORLEANS — BP's oil spill costs for capping and cleaning up the Gulf of Mexico spill have reached $2.65 billion, it said Monday, but the oil giant denied reports out of Russia that CEO Tony Hayward is resigning.

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It was a rocky start to the week. After BP PLC stock fell 6 percent Friday in New York to a 14-year low, BP has lost more than $100 billion in market value since the explosion April 20, killing 11 workers and starting the massive leak that has fouled the coastline in four states.

British-based BP, the world's third-largest company, has been lambasted by U.S. lawmakers over its handling of the spill. It had operated the blowout of a well that's gushing 90,000 barrels of crude into the Gulf of Mexico per day.

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After the meeting, a spokesman for Schlichen said the Russian joint venture TNK-BP, which Hayward would finish his term, was still on course to become a "leading player" in Russia.

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Transcontinental race stop point shines light on aviation program

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While planes soared, so did attention to the aviation department.
The 34th annual Air Race Classic, an all-women transcontinental air race, began June 22 in Fort Myers, Fla., and concluded June 26 in Fredericksburg, Va., spanning 1,157 miles.
This year, the classic celebrated 100 years of licensed women in aviation, while the SIUC aviation department celebrated its 50th year as a program.
The Southern Illinois Airport in Murphysboro was the fifth of eight stop points in the race, giving SIUC three two-person teams in the collegiate division a chance to showcase the department.
The race allows the skills they have learned through the program, said Mike Robertson, an assistant professor in the aviation program and coordinator of the Southern Illinois stop point.
Cheyenne Gonzalez, a flight instructor for the aviation department who competed in the event, said the team's goal at time to display the facilities at SIUC, use and for herself and other flight instructors to show a competitive side.
"I have never had a competitive aviator," she said. "This is pretty new to all of us except one." 
Zeiler said the event was a good experience for many reasons, one being the certainty shared with pilots throughout the country.
"The most important thing about the race is to learn from this is to take things back to our students," she said.
Rick Christiansen, a senior from Marion studying aviation management, said he was glad to know his instructors were gaining new experiences to teach future students.
"It is good to know they are involved in a competition that spans the country," Christiansen said.
Robertson said the race was a welcomed challenge to the team because different geographical areas are more difficult than the area it used to be.
As conditions found in southern Illinois were not as much of a challenge as flying over the Appalachian Mountains.
"The decision is higher and the air will perform much differently than usual," he said.
"The race brought out hundreds of volunteers from across the country, which Robertson said made the event mean more to him and the team.
"It is neat to be a part of this because we see how much all these pilots are coming through appreciate what we're doing to make their experience that much better," he said.
Robertson said the event was great because pilots from across the country found themselves in southern Illinois, where he said few people ever fly.
"You do not know that any of these people would have ever come through this part of the country had it not been for this air race," he said.
"This is beneficial because it allows for people from across the country to get exposure to the great facilities that the program will provide.
"A lot of people get exposure to Carbondale, our university and our program," he said. "This not only benefits our program but the entire area overall."
This is one of the best independent teams around as far as the pitching program and just the overall program.

Jeff Hike
director of productions for the Miners

In the past, the Miners have signed 33U graduates Kain Koski and Tyller Lahn before the players on this season’s roster in Kelly Joy and Stalter. And of those five, three Salukis with a 2-0 record: Bmndon Lain in the bullpen, Stalter said he is excited.

Stalter, a shortstop who signed with the Miners on June 15, played in the minors, the Miners have two seasons with the Salukis. He hit .356, 11 home runs and had 62 RBIs

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The Los Angeles Clippers could appeal to James as they have a solid roster with veterans Baron Davis and Chris Kaman, plus young athletic talent in Eric Gordon and Blake Griffin. But James would have to share Los Angeles with Kobe Bryant and James could be as big as his game 40 that will not happen. The New Jersey Nets, Washington Wizards, Minnesota Timberwolves and any other team with money to spend on one big contract player have no chance of signing James. Their lineups are just as bad or worse than the Knicks. The Nets have Deron Williams and Brook Lopez, but not enough to kill him there.

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Chicago Bulls best destination for James

The speculation that started two years ago could come to an end in the next few days — what jersey will LeBron James wear next season when the 2010-11 NBA season tips off? That question has been asked constantly after the Cleveland Cavaliers failed to win a championship in James’ first seven seasons. They have made trades for better players, fired their head coach and asked their general manager to resign in pursuit of a championship — they understood one will even know Cleveland has an NBA team without James.

The moves came immediately after this year’s early exit in the playoffs, head coach Mike Brown was fired, general manager Danny Ferry resigned and owner Dan Gilbert said the moves had nothing to do with an effort to appease James — yeah right. Everyone in the NBA world, including Gilbert, knows the Cavaliers would have one of the worst records during the regular season and would never even play a playoff game without James. It is the reason why Gilbert has tried to pull out all the stops to keep James.

The only reason James would stay in Cleveland is if they could land a trade in which they would receive a couple of star caliber players, but the Cavs do not have the cap space to resign James and another max- contract all-star. This means the two-time Most Valuable Player will be in search of a new home and there is no better place to build a legacy than in Chicago.

The Bulls have a young, talented nucleus with Derrick Rose, Joakim Noah, Taj Gibson and Luol Deng. They also made a draft-day trade sending Kirk Hinrich and the 17th overall pick, Kevin Seraphin from France, to the Washington Wizards, for a future second round pick. The Bulls dumped Hinrich’s $9 million contract so they would have somewhere around $3 million to shop with in the free agent market. Chicago can now afford two maximum salary players. It is a dream situation for James. He would have a pure point guard in Rose who is going to create open looks for James and be able to score himself when needed. He also has an option to play with another elite talent as the Bulls are expected to sign another top free agent.

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