USG President to ride on bus with Clinton

By Sigee K. Skakon
Daily Egyptian Reporter

One SIUC student will ride with President Bill Clinton and Vice President Al Gore on a bus trip from Cape Girardeau, Mo. to Cairo, Ill. today.

Tony Allin, Undergraduate Student Gov. for Southern Illinois, said he was surprised when Carmen Sanchez of the president's re-election campaign called Thursday afternoon inviting him to ride on the bus.

"A woman called and told me that I was invited to ride the bus," Allin said. "I don't even know really how I was invited."

"The woman told me someone whose name I didn't recognize had requested I be on the bus," Allin said he will meet the bus at 3:15 p.m., in Cape Girardeau, travel with President to Cairo, where the president is scheduled to speak at 6 p.m.

Allin said he is not sure what he will be expected to do during the trip or where he will sit on the bus. Allin said he is honored and shocked by the phone call.

"I called my mom right after I got off the phone," he said.

Bost says despite funds, represents local interests

By Shawna Donovan
De Government/Politics Editor

Despite the thousands of dollars contributed by state party leaders to targeted local campaigns, a local legislator says he is not obligated to vote that way.

State Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, who received $101,000 (59 percent) of his campaign contributions from state House Republican leader Lee Daniels and $1,000 from State Senator, said he is not in allegiance with the leader.

"I am from Murphysboro and not suburban Chicago," Bost said in a town meeting Wednesday night. "I am obligated to my district and region, not the leaders."

Bost, who admits to voting 99 percent of the time with Daniels, said most of the votes come from maintaining the status quo, which means to call time in on delayed House floor actions.

Bost, along with state Sen. David Luechtefeld, R-Oakville, and Democratic candidate for the 115th district, John S. Stoddertmann, attended a town meeting on reforming Illinois campaign financing at the Recreation Center.

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Bost, who is a member of the USG, said one of the reasons why the discipline has an impact on someone's personal life is the code of conduct. Bost said he was happy to see Bost, page 6
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Today

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- Dept. of Chemistry / Biochemistry Department Seminar, 8 p.m., Neckers 240. Presented by Pat. Freeman.

- Middle Eastern Dance Enthusiasts Club Meeting, 7 to 10:30 p.m., Student Center Ohio Room. Contact Tedi at 542-5012.

- InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Fundraiser. Contact - "What does it mean to be a Christian in the '90s?" 6:30 p.m., Student Center- Mississippi Room. Contact Tricia at 536-3530.

- Soccer Club Practice / Tryout, each Monday through Thursday, 5 to 8 p.m., Arena Fields. Contact Ben at 531-1945 or Scott at 549-8961.

- Interfaith Center Happy Hour, 4 to 7 p.m., Interfaith Center, corner of Main and 3rd Ave. Contact at 549-7307.

Upcoming

- American Red Cross Blood Drive, Aug. 31 - Sept. 7. Volunteers needed to serve refreshments, register donors, etc. Contact Saluki Volunteer Corps at 545-5714.

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CARBONDALE
Bomb prank leads to Brush Towers evacuation

Students in Schneider Hall in Brush Towers were evacuated Wednesday afternoon after police received a bomb threat.

Theresa Mills, University Police office supervisor, said the Illinois State Police received an anonymous call at 4 p.m. stating a bomb was in Schneider Hall and would explode in 10 minutes.

Mills said University Police officers were sent to the building immediately to evacuate the students and search for the bomb.

Kelli Rander, University Housing coordinator of marketing and public information, said the bomb threat was a prank.

She said University Housing deferred all course of action to the police.

Mills said the bomb threat is under investigation. Anyone with any information can call 4 p.m. starting immediately to evacuate the building.

CARBONDALE
Student Government slates weekend retreat

The Undergraduate Student Government is officially beginning its 1996-97 school year today with a weekend senate retreat beginning at 4:30 p.m.

By Chad Anderson
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Earlier this summer, the Alright Blues Band announced its intention to break up, but it seems as though the band is having difficulty in deciding exactly when to call it quits.

In a story in the Daily Egyptian July 18, the band announced its intention to break up following its last three dates at PK's, 308 S. Illinois Ave., Aug. 16-17 and at Bobby's Bar, 406 S. Illinois Ave., this Saturday.

But the group has since added the Cascade of Colors on Sept. 7 to its schedule.

"Amnesty, the last date was going to be the Bobby's gig, but they were offering us this bonus thing for a couple of months and we decided to take it," harmonica player Eric Voss said.

Members of the seven-piece band, which formed 1 1/2 years ago, seem undecided in exactly which direction the group is going following the Cascade of Colors.

While Voss said the group may stay together and work on new material, guitarist Andy Gerzel said the group members are going their separate ways after Sept. 7.

The band said the loss of Voss following his graduation was one of the reasons the band decided to call it quits.

But Voss said he is not exactly sure what his plans are for the immediate future.

"I might be sticking around a little while longer, so it's still kind of up in the air," he said. "It's really undecided, but we want to work on some new material and focus more on a settled sound. With seven people in the group, everyone has their own ideas about the sound of the music."

Voss' comments about the band sticking together seemed a little surprising to Gerzel, but Gerzel said he did agree about having too many ideas about how the band should sound.

"Tweaks all the time (when the band plans to break up)," Gerzel said. "We all plan to go our separate ways and do our own things. We're all still good friends, but, musically, we don't see eye to eye. For the most part, Alright Blues Band is pretty much over."

Voss said after the band announced its intentions to disband in July, the group began to have second thoughts about the reality of what they had said in.

By Tracy Taylor
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Posters of Jimi Hendrix plucking his guitar, throw pillows as big as couch cushions and favorite teddy bears are all things that some students say make their dorm rooms feel more like home.

"Dorm room is your home away from home," Kelli Rander, a senior in education from Peoria and resident advisor in Wright Ill in University P~

Rander said student's dorms should not be like jail cells, and that students are more comfortable in an environment that is familiar to them.

"I tell residents to decorate as if they would at home," she said. "I tell them to think of their dorm room as their first apartment."

After living in the dorms for the past three years, Rander said she knows how to make her room comfortable and cozy.

"If I'm going to live here nine months out of the year, I want to feel as comfortable as home as I do at home," she said.

Rander said most of the things in her room were purchased in Carbondale and she leaves them in storage when she goes home for breaks.

"I just try to accessorize the way I would if I was at home," she said. "I use throw pillows, area rugs and see HOME, page 7.

That's a mouthful: Al Jackson, from Carbondale, enjoys a slice of watermelon at the annual Watermelon Fest at Pullman Hall Wednesday.

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**Opinion**

**Students: Clean up after parties, please**

THE FIRST WEEKEND OF THIS SCHOOL YEAR brought an ongoing problem back to the surface in student-populated areas of Carbondale: the mess students are leaving behind after keg parties.

It is hard to see a herd of drunken students from throwing their trash around. But that does not justify making a neighborhood look like a giant waste basket — which is how much of the area around West College and Ash streets appeared last Saturday.

This raises two questions for students: 1) Do you want to live in trash? 2) Why do you think it is acceptable to act in such an immature manner?

This kind of behavior gives the non-student population of the city more reason to view students as insconsiderate, heinonicst and spoiled. It is a false stereotype, but the litter-situation lends it a hair of truth.

The city administration's reaction to this problem could have been better, however. Writing tickets in the early morning hours after a party is not fair to students because it does not give them ample time to clean up after the party. Saying the messes should be cleaned up immediately after a party is edging towards intolerance. Students are, after all, the economic backbone of the community. Telling them to clean up after the last sip of beer has been downed is too strict.

Students, even messy ones, do not deserve to be given tickets at 8 a.m., only a few hours after many parties end.

**A BETTER APPROACH WOULD BE TO KNOCK**
on the doors of party houses and let people know the mess is not acceptable. Then give the party-thowers a couple of hours to clean up the mess. We realize many residences were only given warnings about their mess, but 28 others were given tickets. By taking a more hard-line approach, officials should only expect to create more animosity between students and the city. We all know there is enough of this already.

Students can take a few simple steps to solve this problem too. A person smart enough to be in college should be smart enough to understand the concept of trash cans. Party hosts could save themselves trouble by strategically placing a few around their parties.

Higher bar-entry ages are leaving underage students with fewer entertainment options which will logically lead to an increased number of parties. Students and city officials should take care of the trash problem now before more tension is created that could be avoided by a less stand-offish stance by both parties.

**Edward should release computer funds now**

SIUC IS ONE STEP FROM A NEW COMPUTER lab to Quigley Hall that will provide 120 new computers for the University. Gov. Jim Edgar merely needs to release $4.2 million, or a $1 million fund established by the General Assembly to finalize the project. The money has already been earmarked by the Illinois Board of Higher Education for the lab.

Edward should act on this quickly. SIUC needs "computer classrooms" in nearly all departments. The sooner Edward releases the money, the sooner SIUC's needed facilities will be improved. We need these, Gov. Edgar. Please do not make us wait when we should not have to.

**Letters to the editor**

**Welfare bill is the right step**

President Clinton displayed a great deal of moral courage when he enacted the recert bill to "end welfare as we know it." It was a cornerstone of his 1992 presidential campaign and one of the reasons that he won himself so strongly.

Apparently the president understands that governments do not raise families and that people, do, I am disappointed that the DE failed to recognize the true motivation behind the president's actions.

Under our system of free enterprise and participatory democracy, individuals are given the freedom to succeed or to fail. Individuals are the products of their decisions, and freedom allows them to either turn or to swim.

President Clinton realizes that a nation cannot tax itself into prosperity, nor can the visages of degeneracy continue to mar our national landscape. This administration is attempting to reverse the bad decisions that this nation has been making since Lyndon Johnson.

This recently enacted bill has the net effect of recognizing that southern conservative. Democrats have known all along: economic equality cannot be legislated — that is tyranny. However, continued freedom must be allowed to prosper, by giving the people the tools that they need to control their own lives.

Like most Americans, I look forward to this campaign. President Clinton and Vice President Gore have my unyielding support.

I urge all Americans to look into the President's motivations in signifying this law. Then we can all say as Senator Chris Dodd, D.-Conn., echoed, "Mr. President, you did the right thing."

Brain K. Clarkly
Doctoral student, history

**More integration needed at SIUC**

I am trying to help Jack Hoy's letter in the Aug. 26 Daily Egyptian. Mr. Hoy, I feel that you have a misconception of the message that I was trying to convey to the general public.

First, I would like to say that, yes, SIUC is indeed a diverse place racially because of all the international students. But that is not what my letter was about. It was about the Indian in the SIUC population interacting more with other races.

I was not saying that interaction does not go on, but that I have not seen much of it. For example, let's take a look in the cafeteria and examine what we see. We mostly have tables consisting of only blacks, only whites, etc. have been eating there since the past two weeks, and it still remains the same.

The problem of the previous administration is the lack of understanding that the breakfast table, it also ends there. For example, if you do not want to interact with the Indians, then they definitely won't be apart too often.

Mr. Hoy, I am not the type to blast people away because I am a multicultural person. I feel that we all have the right to believe in our point of view and at the same time, listen to others to gain knowledge. But at the same time, I cannot agree with why you have to mention what you appear to look like.

Color is an illusion that creates glass ceilings for some and fertile, an open road. Look from the inside and become color blind. Don't tell me what people look like or what they are doing. The proof is in the pudding. When I see true interaction, I will be satisfied.

I am so proud of you, however, for voicing your opinion, and also telling me to give this place a fair chance. Your town is just like the world. Because of our personality, but I see a true friend in heart.

Jeremy Thompson
Fresenius, political science
Everyday useless technology

It happens at least once a month that I get out of my car with the keys still in the ignition and then realize that I need to open the trunk. The car does not cooperate, however, because there is a little button on the steering column that must be pushed before the keys can be removed. But I have solved this mystery.

As one of my friends here in Carbondale pointed out, the button is an anti-theft device. On the surface it seems odd. How, I asked my friend, would this keep someone from stealing a car? He had no clue, but he was on the right path.

John Jelinek, the Product Development Public Affairs manager at Ford explained to me, the little button locks the steering when it is depressed to release the keys. "Oh," I said, feeling a bit confused. "But, uh, what about the cars that don't have the button. Don't those steering wheels lock when the wheel is turned without the keys in it?"

Jelinek admitted this was true and pointed out that Ford is using the button on fewer of its models every year. "The customers are telling us that it's one extra step that they don't want to take when they're getting out of their cars," he said.

Well, that's no surprise — other people probably drop their cigarettes reaching into their ears like I do — but isn't a steering wheel that locks without the button a simpler, more convenient design? Of course it is, and the button is just a two-hander, so I stick my torso into car, curse as my cigarettes fall out of my shirt pocket and wonder at Ford explained to me: "But don't expect the buttons to disappear altogether just yet. Jelinek said the expense of re-engineering the steering wheel does not always justify the added convenience. It's going to take time.

My new knowledge made me think of the truth of a Zen proverb: "If you don't understand things, things are as they are. No kidding."
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SIU School of Law Wednesday:

The meeting, conducted by the Illinois Campaign Finance Reform Project, highlighted a study of certain state campaigns, including Bost’s 1994 election. The study pointed out the large contributions
made by state leaders and interest groups and the overall increase in campaign expenditure throughout the local 115th state district.

This election year, the 115th district is once again a key race by Daniels and Minority Leader state Rep. Michael Madigan, D-Chicago. Rendellman said he is receiving
some campaign funds and staff members from Madigan.

As of 1994, the 115th district race was targeted by the two parties as being key in determining which party would control the state House. Party leaders also continued a campaign
to persuade the races to run for re-election.

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In 1994, Bost received 20 percent ($225,000) of his contributions from individuals in district.

Bost agreed with the project researchers that said more needed to done with reforming campaign financing.

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"When we talked about it, we all kind of realized that it was finally over," he said.

So after growing from an unknown, nontraditional, college blues band over the past few years, the final chapters in the Altair Blues Band's novel seem to have come to a close.

In the band's short life, it accomplished just as much as some local bands that have been around Carbondale for decades.

From winning the award as "best new band at the Southern Illinois Blues Fest July 20, the Altair Blues Band has left its mark on the Carbondale music scene.

"I encourage my residents to do more like they want to make their rooms more home-like, as long as it doesn't destroy University property," Kelli Rander, Resident adviser.

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"I think if you don't feel at home, you'll be miserable," he said. "If you're comfortable here, you'll feel more comfortable spending time here."

Although some students find creative ways to decorate, others said they just use what they have. "I had mostly black and white stuff anyway, so I decided to stay with black and white," Kimberly Long, an undecided freshman from Dolton who is living in Wright III, said.

Long said she doesn’t have a lot of things to make her feel at home. "I have no textbooks and my pink blanket," she said hugging her comforter. "My special pink blanket." Although the dorms are not what most students are used to calling home, the things that they bring into them, whether it be a blanket or a throw rug, can make their stay a lot more pleasant.

On the idea of making their room look comfortable, most students are trying to make their room look as much like home as possible. "I have a lot of things that I've found on the Web to decorate my room," said one student.

"Although some students find creative ways to decorate, others said they just use what they have. "I had mostly black and white stuff anyway, so I decided to stay with black and white," Kimberly Long, an undecided freshman from Dolton who is living in Wright III, said."

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- Stanley Park itself is a major attraction, a large open space of beaches and trees jutting into the Strait of Georgia at the edge of the city. It is a place of ecological preservation and plans to renovate the zoo, but when the complaints grew loud enough, the city held a referendum, and voters chose in 1993 to close what was seen as an outdated, unattractive, and very political,
News

New Internet RSO forms

by William Hatfield
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Students who spend hours online surfing the Internet can now learn how to create their own World Wide Web page by joining a new Registered Student Organization called SIUEDU.

Cary Desmon, founder and president of SIUEDU, said the organization is Internet related.

Desmon, who created web pages for University Housing and Plans and Service Operations, said SIUEDU will teach beginners basic Internet technology.

The group is looking for advanced users to mentor the beginners.

He said the organization will fill a gap students have limited knowledge and ability concerning the Internet. They don’t know how wonderful it is or how it will affect their careers.

Desmon said students of all majors are encouraged to join.

Desmon said the organization will be sponsored by the Fortinet Center for Management of Information, a center to study and implement disaster recovery, located in Rock Hall.

He said the center will provide funds for technical manuals and periodicals.

All interested students can view a web page, which was already created by the organization, at http://www.siu.edu-siu.edu.

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is the second fall in a row where we have members of USG and SIUC interacting with the president, and that definitely reflects well on the University,” he said.

Hamilton Arendsen, USG senator and president of the College Democrats, said he is happy for Alim but believes others also deserve the honor.

“I just think there have been a lot of students who have been involved and contributed quite a bit to the Democratic National Committee and the Clinton Gore campaign, and I would have to think they get left out over.

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"I don't think it matters what they play. I know we're ready to play anybody,"
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New Luce will test his arm in front of the home crowd at McAndrew Stadium this week against Division I-A power Wisconsin. Last season, the Bears went 7-4 under coach Mike Leach, barely making the NCAA playoffs, which is now in its seventh season with the Bears. The team has compiled a solid 4-2-1 record this year.

This season, UCA is just as strong as last year, Sports Illustrated ranked the Bears 18th in the nation among Division I-AA schools, which is a well-known fact among the Saluki football team.

"We have the utmost respect for their program," Watts said. "I believe this football team that we're going to play can compete in any Division I-A conference."

Watts said the Bears possess a lot of depth and talent at quarterback, a good quarterback, plus a solid offensive line.

"We're going to play a very good football team Saturday afternoon, and we're going to have to be prepared," he said. "They are nationally ranked coming into the season, and they probably play in the best Division I-AA conference in the country."

Butch Alabama, UCA's rival in the Gulf South Conference, has won the Division I-A national championship three years running. Luce also is aware of the UCA brings to McAndrew Saturday, but he said Southern is ready for it.

"I don't think it matters who we play. I know we're ready to play anybody. We're good on offense and defense. Either way, I said we're not going to go anywhere," Watts said. "We're going to get the capabilities of going to the Bowl with Steve Luca's arm and with our defense as well. We've got the capability to get to the Bowl."

"We'll definitely dial up some deep stuff," Watts said. "Senior quarterback Phil Shellums of Rockville, Md., will also see some action on Saturdays."

Along with his announcements of starting Luca, Watts said Shellums also announced that he was starting Shellums in the game as well.

Shellums said the combined quarterback attack will help to keep the offense, not hinder it in any way.

"I think it's helping the whole team offensively," he said. "Like coach Watts said, there are two people here that can do the job."

"I think it's going to make us a lot better—mentally and physically," Shellums said.

Shellums has spent two years with the Salukis and said he has never seen an offensive unit as meticulously prepared for its season opener in his time here.

"I've been here for two years now, and this is the most comfortable I've ever been this off-season," he said. "Our defense has also been playing awesome."

"I think everything is going to come together real well," Watts said. "It's going to be a fun year for us."

"They are that good. They are going to be 11 people out there, and we are going to have 11 people out there," Shellums said. "They are going to have 11 things we have to do."

"It's going to be a fun year for us," Watts said.

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Low seed in MVC motivates women

By L. Bruce Luckett
Daily Egyptian Reporter

The skeptics pick the SIUC women's volleyball team to finish at the bottom of the conference, but head coach Sonya Locke says that just adds to their motivation for this season.

Presseason polls have the Salukis picked sixth in the Missouri Valley Conference, but Locke has her eyes on a slightly better finish.

"Presseason polls do give you something to fight for and it kind of fuels our fire," Locke said. "Our goal is to finish in the top half (at least fifth) of the conference."

The squad will set off its season in Pullman, Wash., at the Washington State Cougar Challenge. The Salukis will face Gonzaga University at 2 p.m. today and Idaho State tonight at 7. On Saturday, the Salukis will play Tulsa at 5 p.m. and host Washington State at 9 p.m.

While critics expect a less than impressive season, Locke and company said their young club is ready to play.

"The players that have just come in are very skilled," Locke said. "It's just a matter of adjusting to our style of play. We have a good foundation."

While the down to win atmosphere of Davies Gym has fostered impressive play from the Salukis, their first 10 matches are on the road, and Locke said the squad's success depends upon how well they play "way from home."

"If we're going to learn how to win on the road, we'll have to do so with a good home court advantage," Locke said. "This (road trip) will be good practice for us."

Marlo Moreland, a sophomore middle blocker from Lancaster, Texas, agreed with Locke.

"We want to come home from Washington at least 50-50," Moreland said.

Gonzaga finished last season with a 6-25 record in the West Coast Conference and won the last nine games ever played against SIUC. With four of the Bulldogs' six starters returning from last season, polls favor the Cougars.

Moreland said the Salukis are hoping for a different outcome in Washington.

"We are the underdogs," she said. "We are going to Washington with positive attitudes because we want to upset people and prove everybody wrong."

The Salukis hope to break the 1-4 season series against the Bengals of Idaho State, who, like SIUC, have a great number of starters returning (four of six).

"We are definitely ready to play," said Revoir, a senior attacker from Oakdale, Minn., said. "We couldn't be more excited."

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Championship athletes to be inducted

By Kevin DeFries Daily Egyptian Reporter

Two former SIUC sports greats who led their teams to battle in championship games will be among seven people inducted into the SIUC Hall of Fame at Saturday's football season opener.

The inductees include Steve Middelton, basketball; Amy Rakker, volleyball; Pat Nicholson, baseball; Tom Lindaer, gymnastics; Mitchell Parkison, former director of women's sports information; Mary Jo Finbach, softball; and Rey Dempsey, football.

All of the athletes contributed to the memories of students and alumni. But only Finbach and Dempsey hold championship experience at SIUC.

Finnbach played on the 1991 softball team, which won the Gateway Conference championship and went on to the NCAA championship at Iowa City, Iowa. The team lost to the University of Iowa and the University of Missouri, dashed any hopes of winning the College World Series of softball.

Among the memories is Finbach's performance during the Gateway Conference Championship game. "She was one of the seniors who never showed any signs of discouragement," Brechtleibbauser said. "She was a hard-nosed player who was not going to be denied." But unlike Finbach and the 1991 softball team, Dempsey's team won the whole ball of wax in the 1983 national championship game.

"There are so many memories of Dempsey's most notable accomplishments, the term topped off the 1983 season with a 13-1 record by crushing Western Carolina 43-7 in the Division II championship game."

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