Students protest police behavior

Danny Wenger  
**Daily Egyptian**

More than 40 SIUC students donning black, shirts gathered near Anthony Hall Thursday and marched to protest police brutality.

Students made signs and spoke out against an alleged attack during an arrest Aug. 24. Witnesses said police outside Southern Illinois Nightclub beat Daryl McNeil, an SIUC student from Harvey, as they arrested him. McNeil received four staples in the back of his head to close a wound he received during the arrest.

A majority of the students that attended the protest, including McNeil, were black.

Brandon Williams, a senior from Pocahontas studying journalism, said he hoped the protest would help students unite against unfair police treatment.

“We’re here to lend a voice to the students who aren’t here,” Williams said.

Carbondale Police Chief Bob Ledbetter said they received a call Friday night from the manager of SIN about a customer causing a disturbance who refused to leave. Ledbetter said officers identified McNeil as the customer, who was advised he was trespassing.

“McNeil pushed officers and refused to leave,” Ledbetter said. “He was captured in the parking lot near Pinch Penny Pub where he actively resisted attempts to arrest him.”

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Students react to plagiarism accusations

Amber Fijolek  
**Daily Egyptian**

With SIU President Glenn Poshard knee-deep in plagiarism accusations, students on campus had mixed reactions to Poshard’s inac-

The Daily Egyptian reported Thursday that verbatim text from the Daily Egyptian and the Alumni and Faculty Against Corruption at SIU, the group that has been tied to numerous plagiarism allegations in recent years, for putting too much emphasis on the subject.

“I think he should be desnied of his Ph.D.,” said Anita Reidinger, a former SIU student and president of the Alumni and Faculty Against Corruption at SIU, the group that has been tied to numerous plagiarism allegations in recent years, for putting too much emphasis on the subject.

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Faculty divided over dissertation revelation

Alejandro Gonzalez  
Brandy Oxford  
**Daily Egyptian**

Twenty-three years ago, SIU President Glenn Poshard submitted a dissertation as the final requirement for his doctorate.

Today that document divides SIUC faculty.

Some believe the president should resign before embarrassing the university. Others criticized the Daily Egyptian and the Alumni and Faculty Against Corruption at SIU, the group that has been tied to numerous plagiarism allegations in recent years, for putting too much emphasis on the subject.

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The SIU Board of Trustees knew about accusations SIU President Glenn Poshard plagiarized his doctoral dissertation “several months” ago, the board’s chairman said Thursday.

Board Chairman Roger Tedrick said in a statement that the board was aware the assertions could be released, and the board remained fully supportive of Poshard.

Tedrick told the Associated Press Thursday the issue first arose in a lawsuit involving former SIU-Edwardsville professor Chris DiSulcia.

“Although we take any allegations of this nature seriously, we believe this has less to do with what happened twenty-four years ago and more to do with the current litigation,” Tedrick said in the statement.

In Thursday’s edition, the Daily Egyptian reported it had obtained a report calling the 1984 dissertation into question from an anonymous source close to Alumni and Faculty Against Corruption at SIU. The report identified numerous sections of Poshard’s dissertation that did not appear to be properly quoted or cited.

Poshard denied intentionally using the work of other authors without proper citation, but he said he might have inadvertently made a mistake. Calls to Poshard’s office Thursday were returned by University Communications Director Mike Ruiz.

According to a release sent by Ruiz, Poshard is set to meet with faculty and staff leadership to discuss his perspective on the allegations and to seek their advice.

“He will use the input from the university community to make a determination as to what, if any, impact this matter will have on his leadership role at the university,” the release stated.

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SIU Board of Trustees member Samuel Goldman, right, talks with Chancellor Fernando Treviso at Thursday’s Saluki football game.

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Critical Mass Bike Ride 5 p.m. today. Meet in front of the Student Center. 

Wildlife Society/Zoo Club Meeting 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 4 at Life Science Building, room 305.

• All majors
• Free
• Information on future events

Table (German Conversation Table) • 5:30-7 p.m. on Sept. 4 at Longbranch Hall, room 367.

• Introduction meeting. New members are welcome. 
• E-mail siuczoologyclub@hotmail.com to confirm you will be able to participate.

Men please not guilty to murder charges in deputy’s death DECATHLON — Two Chicago men have pleaded not guilty to murder charges in the shooting death of a central Illinois sheriff’s deputy.

William B. Thompson, 26, and Yoof Kareem Brown, 23, are charged with shooting Douglas County Chief Deputy Tommy Martin during a string of crimes on June 21. Martin, 35, died of his wounds on July 4. Authorities said the crimes began when Brown and Thompson fled a traffic stop on Interstate 57. The two then allegedly robbed a house and stole a truck and a van before one of them shot Martin — who was responding to the burglary — in the face as they drove past him.

The suspects then abandoned the truck and drove away in the van, authorities said.

After a high-speed chase, Brown was arrested, but police said Thompson went into the First Mid-Bank and Trust in Ava and took hostages. Thompson released four hostages over seven hours, then peacefully left the bank with the last hostage.

Police search for man who attempted to rob Chicago bank CHICAGO (AP) — Police locked down schools, blocked streets and ordered businesses to close Thursday as they surrounded a Chicago bank where they believed a gunman had held up workers — only to discover hours later that he had escaped and had never held anyone inside.

An employee apparently opened the back door of the First Mid Commercial Bank around 9:45 a.m. after beating a knock, and a man wearing surgical scrubs and a mask that covered his mouth and nose stepped inside, FBI Special Agent Tom Simon said.

“Some witnesses said he brandished a handgun and announced the robbery,” said Simon. “Chaos ensued,” he said, with many employees running out of the bank and others hiding inside. 

Investigators believe the gunman fled the bank and returned to his vehicle, then drove away in the vehicle with his money and ended up at an unknown location.

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State budget cuts burn colleges

Brandy Oxford
DAILY EAGLE

Although SIUC faculty knew there would be less meat on the table this year, state budget cutsbacks and decreased enrollment have left many of the university’s colleges hungry for funding.

Many questioned the politics behind Gov. Rod Blagojevich’s Aug. 23 veto of a $463 million cut from the $59 billion budget sent to him by lawmakers. Administrators across the board said unfilled positions and expenses such as travel and equipment were among the items cut to make way for the governor’s proposed health care incentives.

Colleges were instructed to prepare possible scenarios for 2, 4 and 6 percent budget cuts in May. Months of disagreement between the state Senate and House members delayed passage of the budget weeks after the previous year’s budget expired. When the budget was finally released, college leaders said they were prepared to absorb their portion of the cut.

However, preparing will not stave off enrollment declines and retention decreases, according to College of Education and Human Services Dean Kenneth Tettelbaum.

Tettelbaum’s college saw a 3 percent cut that totaled more than $389,000.

“It’s like a chicken and the egg kind of situation,” he said. “With enrollment down, there isn’t as much tuition money coming in, and with tuition dollars and state funding, we can’t do things that would probably help with issues of recruitment and retention.”

Universities have four major sources of income: state funding, tuition, grants and gifts. Interim Dean of the College of Mass Communications and Media Arts Gary Kolb said he knew the university would suffer from cuts but looked forward when he found out enrollment was down 500 students, totaling about $2.5 million in tuition dollars.

The average cut from each college was around 3 percent.

Kolb said his college saw a 6 percent cut, totaling approximately $450,000.

“The colleges said one of their goals was to make the necessary adjustments without firing employees. This meant tenure track faculty, or permanent continuing faculty doing for their college, said Osborne.

“Budget cuts may soon expand

David Lopez
Daily Egyptian

Carbondale’s business owners on the west side of town may soon enjoy the same perks as their east side brethren.

The Jackson County Board is scheduled to meet Sept. 12 to discuss the expansion of the Carbondale and Murphysboro enterprise zones. Businesses located within these zones would receive several benefits such as no property tax on new improvements for five years, sales tax exemption on building materials for eligible projects and state income taxes credited for qualified property.

Among the areas proposed to join the enterprise zone are the Murdale Shopping Center, the area around Carbondale Memorial Hospital, Bleyer Field and the undeveloped area north of Lowe’s and Wal-Mart.

According to the Jackson County Board, was to vote on the proposal Aug. 8, but a mistake in the mapping caused a delay in the process.

Kevin Bauty, the Carbondale director of economic development, said Bauty was an error in my part, somehow when I was making that map I inadvertently left that off,” Bauty said.

After the Jackson County Board votes on the expansion, the proposal goes to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development where it would be either passed or vetoed.

The current enterprise zone includes businesses along the strip, the U.S. Highway 51 area, the east side of Main Street, the industrial sector on North U.S. Highway 51 and the businesses along the intersection of Illinois Route 13 and Reed Station Road.

The expansion of the enterprise zone is intended to help bring business and investments into the west side of Carbondale, which has seen less success than the more commercialized downtown.

“We hope it’ll spur some new development, but we also hope it’ll spur redevelopment or new investment in the new area on the west side,” Bauty said.

Businesses wishing to take advantage of the enterprise zone benefits must first obtain a building permit, for which the fee is waived, and a certificate of eligibility from the city’s Building and Neighborhood Services Division.

“What we’re losing is the smart answer,” William Osborne, dean of the College of Engineering, said. “I hate to say this, but people are next,” Osborne said. “And I don’t want the people in this school thinking they’ve been singled out to get laid off if we get hit again, but we’ve lost five unfilled positions. Sooner or later, that’s the smart answer.”

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Troops see good and bad in Iraq

A soldier photographs a man who was killed during a late-night raid that was part of a massive sweep to root out Sunni insurgents in the neighboring city of Musayyib. The man holds a card with identifying information below his chin.

Chris Collins/Pentagon Press

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Banks borrowing more from Fed after credit flap

Martin Crutsinger THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Banks increased their borrowing from the Federal Reserve after a credit crunch two weeks ago, as they sought to return to a more normal level of borrowing. The Federal Reserve reported that the daily borrowing average had risen to about $1.3 billion for the week ending Wednesday. The average has been relatively stable in recent weeks, but the central bank has been more active in recent months. The central bank provides direct loans to banks. Fed officials announced Aug. 17 that the interest charged for discount window loans had been raised by half a percentage point, and they noted that several banks had already raised their rates.

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"If you’re looking at a document and you see it cross-referenced to something else, it’s a problem," said Professor James A. Goldman.

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**Faculty**

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"It’s really a shame," said Professor Mark D. Fields.

"It’s important to do this," said Professor James A. Goldman.

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"What I saw was (McNeil) walking away, and we saw a whole bunch of officers behind him," said Professor John B. Carson.

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**Protest**

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"I was disappointed to see that the university was not upset with plagiarism," said Professor Mark D. Fields.

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Stacking up the truth

Lesson one: If the boss screws up, don't count on a quick fix. We at the Daily Egyptian feel some matters are still in desperate need of attention when it comes to SIU President Glenn Poshard's dissertation. Something tells us it might be awhile before any plagiarism acquisitions against Poshard are confirmed or waived.

Roger Tedrick, chairman of the SIU Board of Trustees, told the Associated Press that he is "very comfortable with the situation as is." The board has known about this for some time, Tedrick said. Experts were employed to investigate the matter, and it was determined plagiarism had not been committed.

Yet according to Mike Ruiz, university communications director, the board simply loaded Poshard's dissertation on the popular plagiarism detection program, Turnitin.com. When the search yielded no matches, they literally closed the book on the case.

What the board failed to consider is that Turnitin.com has only been available for 10 years. More importantly, the books that contain the uncited text found in Poshard's dissertation were published in the 1960s and '70s — long before the Internet.

For these reasons, we begin to question our confidence in the Board of Trustees. What seems like common sense to some has not yet appeared to strike the BOT as relevant. Perhaps this is one headache the board wants to avoid.

According to the SIU Student Conduct Code, punishment for a student committing plagiarism can range from simply failing an assignment to expulsion. And coming before the Judiciary Committee to determine one's fate is common practice.

We wonder if forming such a committee is a step in the right direction.

It is difficult to overlook the fact Poshard called for a similar action after former Chancellor Walter Wendler fell under fire for lifting parts of a plan he wrote while at Texas A&M University and applying it to Southern at 150, a campaign to make SIUC a top-75 public research institution by 2019. A three-member panel eventually determined Wendler had committed "academic dishonesty."

We at the Daily Egyptian feel it is only fair that Poshard be subject to the same justice system he deemed fair that pattern was set for another and of similar administrative stature. A committee should be created, preferably with members unaffiliated with SIU.

It might not be a quick resolution, but it certainly is a start.

Kali Hofer

We are more than just letters

As I begin my third and final year here at SIUC, I can't help but notice that bitter sweet feeling that comes with graduating. No, I am not a huge over-achiever who decided to graduate in three years; I transferred as a sophomore from Parkland. Upon arriving at SIUC I decided to become involved since I was already a sophomore and didn't know anyone. This decision led me to a unique experience some ladies choose to be apart of. I decided to join a sorority.

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Who are the members of AFAC?  
**Dear Editor:**
I read every word of the article concerning Dr. Poshard’s alleged plagiarism. It was excellent journalism. Your editorial urges the public to decide whether Poshard has committed plagiarism. I have decided I don’t know. Your article quoted two or three independent “experts,” and none of them could agree on what constitutes plagiarism. One of them admitted there was no academic integrity on the committee. What I do know is that the Alumni and Faculty Against Corruption at SIU seem to me to be an anonymous group that doesn’t have the guts to tell the taxpayers of southern Illinois who, exactly, they are. They have made ridiculous, petty accusations against Walter Wendler and now Poshard. Since this group will not identify who they are, I must assume, from their group name, that there are currently SIU faculty in this group who are being paid by my tax dollars. This group’s agenda is ridiculous to the normal taxpayer trying to find and educate their families. I totally understand that honesty and integrity are very important in any institution in this country. However, I intensely resent these self-righteous, self-appointed watchdogs for corruption being paid with my tax dollars to dig up 24-year-old papers and then try to tell me that in all their knowing brilliance that quotation marks aren’t exactly where they want them to be. Here’s the corruption you are accusing: “I am paying your salary to teach. Knock off the witch hunts. I want my tax dollars spent on our women and children, building our schools and feeding the hungry. Final word – get a life.”

Charles Garnati  
Carbondale, Illinois

The next course of action  
**Dear Editor:**
Thursday’s DAILY EGYP TIAN shows the charge often made against it, “lack of investigative journalism,” is now proven to be false. The Poshard case raises very serious implications for SIU’s reputation as an institution for academic integrity. Obviously, the next stage should be temporary suspension until a full board of inquiry appointed from outside Illinois (with no connection to our current SIU Trustees) investigates this serious situation. What is the outcome, a change must be made in evaluation of graduate and undergraduate work. In the United Kingdom, all students’ final papers go to an external evaluator. Any doctoral committee is chaired by an outside expert. This means important objectivity and the avoidance of the plagiarism problem that often affects internal American university evaluation. Furthermore, any Ph.D. student is expected to give 10 percent of their time to gaining this important qualification. Excess concerning family life, work or running for political office are not accepted. This may explain the obvious problem that have afflicted our president’s original dissertation. However, no higher administrator (even one originating from the smoke-filled rooms of politics) should be seen to be above “the law” of academic honesty and integrity. So far, it is very important a full investigation be made, preferably by experts outside of SIU and Illinois.

Whatever the outcome, these revelations are very serious. Perhaps the next stage following Poshard’s temporary suspension should be his replacement as acting president by former Chancellor Jo Ann Arrasmith. She was never allowed sufficient time to show how she would have rescued the continuing decline of SIU since the days of President Delony Moms and may be a suitable replacement in this time of trouble.

Tony Williams  
Student professor

The DE should have waited  
**Dear Editor:**
After reading through sections of the paper today, I think it’s pretty interesting that there are at least eight pages that I could count that seem to refer the Gholz Poshard situation. Eight pages of the 20-page paper, to me, seems very unusual. I feel that the DAILY EGYP TIAN took too much into their own hands and exposed too much information that may set people in suspicion over someone who has not been charged yet or really proven correct.

Let’s let the people who are really investigating the situation be the ones to decide if he is guilty first. But to commit eight pages of a newspaper to possibilities seems very harmful and a great way to cause separation and create an unpleasant suspicion in the SIU community. I think it really does the community harm and is very unfair to do things like this and bring up all those possibilities before things are really known or decided. I think it would be better to wait until it’s decided or until things are further figured out before making an eight-page explanation.

Skylar Venema  
Javier studying aviation maintenance and flight

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Guest Column  
The Poscard Case: Why do we do now?  
**Ron Fields**  
Guest Columnist

Given the evidence the Daily Egyptian has provided regarding Gholz Poshard’s apparent plagiarism of his 1984 dissertation, there are many questions that confront the students, faculty, and trustees of SIU. Did Poshard in fact plagiarize portions of his dissertation, and if so, what do we do next? More importantly is the question of what we are going to do about the ghosts of our past are allowed to haunt us. Did Poshard plagiarize portions of his dissertation? The evidence says yes, but we must consider all aspects of this serious accusation. Was there a malicious intent to deceive? As a composition instructor and graduate student, I must ask myself the question: if one of my freshman students had turned in an essay without quotation marks where they clearly should have been, what would I do? I would write: “This seems awfully close to what the original. You need quotation marks here.” Would I fail him? No, because he is young and seemingly doesn’t know any better. I would use it as a teachable moment. If he did it again, I would probably give the paper a failing grade.

Poshard’s excuse, when confronted with this evidence, was that he had a family, he was busy the next semester, he had a job... There was an obvious pattern, he did not have to finish his dissertation in a hurry. This is callous reasoning. You cannot expect the students and faculty of SIU to believe that, of all the Ph.D. candidates in the world, he was the only one suffering such unbearable hardships as a family and a deadline and must, therefore, be held to a lesser degree of accountability. Accidental or intentional plagiarism appears to have occurred in this particular case. The words are verbatim and there are no quotation marks. This was required by MLA and APA formats in 1984, when Poshard was writing his dissertation, and is nothing new to writers of any caliber. If Poshard had merely attempted to summarize the information presented, he felt too close to the original. That is ultimately plagiarism. So in short... Poshard’s mistake was made almost 25 years ago, not recently as in the case of Walter Wendler. His mistake seems to have been to steal phrases that were invented by another person, and then pass those phrases off as his own. Legally, most states have statutes of limitations that prevent prosecution for theft after five or eight years. If a theft of words occurred, it was well beyond any reasonable period for prosecution. These laws exist so that the mistakes of the past—in Poshard’s case, the distant past—do not continue to haunt us throughout life. At present, we must let bygones be bygones. Just as the law in 2007 cannot prosecute Poshard for theft of property in 1984, we must not allow students to plagiarize for the same trivial reasons we have worked so hard to in the past. Poshard must abandon any attempts to justify what he did and admit, freely—by making a mistake in 1984. We must then say “we forgive you” and go on with our merry lives.

Field is a graduate assistant for the English department.
**Bradley students accused in soccer player’s death allowed to enroll in classes**

**The Associated Press**

PEORIA — Three students accused of setting off fireworks that led to the death of a Bradley University student will be allowed to enroll for the fall semester, the university said Thursday.

“Bradley University is following its published policies and procedures that have permitted disobedience of the local police,” the school said in a statement. The students could have been expelled or expelled.

The four are free after posting $50,000 bail each, and are scheduled for preliminary hearings Sept. 13 in Peoria County Court.

The Associated Press

**Ace is the place for a for-profit corporation**

**Dave Carpenter**

CHICAGO — Ace Hardware Corp. hopes to convert from retailer-owned cooperative to for-profit corporation by the beginning of next year as a way to compete better against industry behemoths, President and CEO Ray Griffith said Thursday.

Griffith said in an interview that the goal is to have shareholders vote in late December on the plan, which would become effective Jan. 1 if they approve it.

He said the Oak Brook, Ill.-based company is preparing a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission that will outline further details, which also will be shared with the company’s retailers.

“The reasons are basically it will provide the corporation and the board of directors better tools to compete against the publicly funded competition that we compete against — Home Depot, Lowe’s, and the like,” he told The Associated Press.

“Without a doubt, it would unlock the value of the stock.”

Griffith outlined the plan to about 250 Ace retailers at a meeting in nearby Schaumburg earlier this month, and is scheduling visits to 32 cities to share it with others.

In an Aug. 23 letter obtained by Crain’s Chicago Business, which was first to report Ace’s plan Thursday, Griffith said the board and management have been exploring the change “as part of our efforts to boost Ace’s competitiveness and ensure long-term success.”

“We believe that becoming a traditional corporation is the best path for our retailers and the company,” he wrote, without disclosing details.

Griffith said the plan got a positive reception in Schaumburg. Asked about opposition, he said, “There would be opposition to anything that a cooperative does.”

**Most worn-out keyboard keys in Carbondale.**
Assassins come alive

Philadelphia museum to showcase remains of presidential killers at musical

Marycaire Dale
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — Call it theater of the macabre: A jar containing a small piece of tissue from the body of John Wilkes Booth, President Abraham Lincoln's killer, will be on display when the musical "Assassins" opens in Philadelphia.

In fact, it will be a twin bill: theatergoers will also be able to view a piece of the brain of the lesser-known presidential assassin Charles Guiteau, the man who killed President James Garfield in 1881.

The specimens will be on loan to the Aiden Theatre from Philadelphia's Mutter Museum, which boasts a large collection of medical oddities. They will be on display in the lobby for one night, the opening of "Assassins" on Sept. 19.

"People know who they are, but to see them in the flesh — no pun intended — to me is exciting, it's unusual, it's interesting and it's educational," said Anna Dhody, a spokeswoman for the Mutter Museum.

The musical is run by the College of Physicians of Philadelphia. Dhody said the samples were acquired long before she did not know the circumstances.

Lincoln was shot on April 14, 1865, at Ford's Theatre, and died the next morning. Booth was killed by pursuers 12 days after shooting Lincoln. Guiteau was hanged — after an insanity defense failed — on June 30, 1882.

The tissue fragment from Booth is believed to have come from his neck, Dhody said.

"Assassins," a Stephen Sondheim musical that explores the nine people who have taken aim at U.S. presidents, won five Tony awards in 2010.

"When you have the first two — successful assassins in U.S. history in a city, and you have this wonderful show going on, how do you not combine the two?" said J. Nathan Bazell, a Mutter Museum docent who came up with the idea.

The specimens are preserved in small, vintage glass jars. If a few patrons find the display in poor taste, organizers hope most will appreciate the chance to connect to history.

"We prefer to think of it as we're showing our tangible evidence of very, very important parts of American history," Dhody said. "So we're hoping people would approach it from more of a historical than a macabre viewpoint."

Debit Cards 101

Susan Tompor
MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE

DETROIT — Joseph Rizk, 20, figures it was one trip to Taco Bell that sent his checking account over the edge.

"When he was a senior at Wayne State University, Rizk pulled out his Chase debit card to get some fast food. He spent about $5 more than he had in his checking account. He didn’t spot the trouble early enough and had to cover it with about $350 in banking fees.

An overdraft, and they pretty much pummel you with fees, said Rizk, who graduated this summer with a bachelor's degree in biological sciences.

This is one story that's smart to share with anyone who is heading off to college. The debit card — no matter how cute all those commercials are — is not necessarily your best friend.

And at a time when many parents are struggling to cover higher tuition bills, the last thing a college student needs to do is trigger hundreds of dollars in needless overdraft fees, too.

The fees add up quickly at $25 to $35 per fee.

Overdraft charges are costing people about $17.5 billion each year, according to estimates by the Center for Responsible Lending, a consumer group that analyzed data on overdrats. Banks have made it easier for consumers to overdraw their accounts and rack up big fees.

Young consumers who prefer paying with plastic, instead of paper, are vulnerable.

About 45 percent of overdrafts are attributed to using a debit card or paying for cash at the ATM, according to the center.

Pulling out a debit card to buy fast food has turned into a financial tripwire.

"In the past you couldn’t overdraft at McDonald’s, now you can," said Eric Halperin, director of the Center for Responsible Lending’s Washington office.

Three years ago, Halperin noted, most banks routinely denied debit card purchases at the checkout lane if you did not have enough money in your checking account.

"The fact that you can overdraft with a debit card is relatively new," said Halperin, who favors legislation that would require banks to, among other things, disclose the minimum balance required on what consumer groups call overdraft loans to consumers. (Banks would call the charges overdraft fees.)

In the last few years, banks and credit unions began allowing more debit card purchases to go through at checkout as a convenience to consumers, even if there is not enough money in the checking account. Most customers are routinely enrolled in so-calledbounce-protection programs that, according to consumer groups, are not explained well and turn out to be expensive.

In many cases, consumers would pay less in fees if they went to the bank and set up a system to link the checking account to a savings account, a line of credit or a credit card to cover an overdraft.

For young consumers, the rules can be particularly tricky.

Some think they’re in the clear because they’ve just checked their balances with tellers or online.

But that account balance often does not reflect how much money there is available to spend.

"We don’t have real-time transactions. There will always be outstanding transactions that the consumer has authorized but have not hit the bank," said Nessa Feddis, senior federal counsel for the American Bankers Association in Washington.

"It’s easy to forget that the debit card is really just a plastic version of a checkbook.

"You’ve got to keep track of what you’re spending, just as you did in the old days when you wrote checks," said Mary Kay Bran, a spokeswoman for Chase in Detroit.

And if you wait until you see the next statement, it’s too late.

"The debit card is really where it’s a serious problem," argues Ed Mierzwinski, the consumer program director of the U.S. Public Interest Research Group in Washington. "It’s harder to keep track of your balance because of the tricks banks use.

Say you write a $100 check to cover books — and then put $5 on an overdraft for coffee. $15 on the debit card for dry cleaning and then write a check for $60 to cover a phone bill.

That’s $180 in transactions and checks. Say you had $158 in the checking account. You’re $22 short.

Would you face one bounced check fee of $34?

Probably not. The bank must likely would clear the $100 check first. And then, the bank would attempt to clear the $60 check. Whomp, you don’t have enough to cover that check.

So then you’re looking at three overdrafts — the $60 check, the $5 debit card and the $15 debit card. At $35 a pop, that’s $105 in fees.

At some banks, there are extra fees if an account continues to be overdrawn for five or more business days. "Everybody advertises free checking, but it’s only free at the front end," Mierzwinski said.

Many consumers, of course, do not pay any fees for checking accounts.

About 65 percent of consumers spend $3 or less in monthly fees for bank services, such as checking accounts and ATMs, according to a survey of 3,000 consumers. The American Bankers Association released the survey last week.

Consumers who don’t get hit with the fees typically balance their checkbook better. They don’t make deposits, keep plenty of money in savings and checking and avoid using debit cards for every whim.

Yet consumer groups argue that overdraft fees often hit those who can least afford them. A small group of consumers typically pays most of the overdraft fees.

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spokeswoman for the Mutter Museum
Audra Ord  
**DAILY EDITION**

**‘Ghosts’ return to Carbondale**

Ghosts on Fire is not an average band, something evidenced by the fact that they draw most of their inspiration from zombie movies. “I would liken the film kind of describe us, actually,” Jeremy Sukalec said, Ghosts’ frontman. “There’s the gore and the intensity, but there’s a little slapstick in there.”

The local metal band will be playing their first show at Mugsy’s Entertainment Center Sept. 8 after a three-month hiatus. The band took a short break from performing while Sukalec interned with Warner Bros. in Nashville, Tenn., during the summer.

Doors open at 7 p.m. with the show starting at 7:15 p.m. Admission will run for $8 per person at the door. While Ghosts is headlining, Adam D’Amuz, O’Fallon, Hope for the Devil, Average the Ghost and Aursyn will be opening the set.

As they work toward their Sept. 8 show at Mugsy’s, Ghosts is determined to remain abnormal.

For starters, Ghosts on Fire has managed to retain all the original members even after two years of playing together, an anomaly for most local bands.

“Most of the bands around here play musical chairs,” Jeremy said. “Every six months they all switch, at least in the metal community.”

Also impressive is the fact they all get along — for the most part.

“You like having three or four girl-friends all at the same time,” said Dave Sukalec, bass player.

Ghosts on Fire acknowledges there’s always going to be drama, but according to Jeremy, they avoid many issues by feeling each other out before playing together.

The fact Jeremy and Dave are brothers can also be both a help and a hindrance. Although the siblings grew up playing music, Ghosts on Fire is the first band they’ve been in together.

“I was never up to Jerm’s caliber,” Dave said, laughing.

Also strengthening the bonds within the band is the history between the two other members: guitarist James Neff and drummer Doug Sneddon. The two have known each other since sixth grade and have played together previously.

Ghosts on Fire sets themselves apart from other bands with genre elements to their music: metal, blues, hardcore and a little bit of jazz,” Jeremy said.

Sneddon said their new material for the upcoming show is evidence of their progression as a band. As they’ve matured as musicians, their music has become more complicated and technical.

“It’s a little more potent,” Sneddon said.

The band members said what they’re playing now is not only some of their favorite stuff to play, but also their favorite stuff to listen to.

“We’re really proud of what we write,” Neff said.

All of the members said they are anxious to get back on the stage and in front of a crowd.

“It kind of makes me feel larger than life sometimes,” Dave said. “I’m on top of the world.”

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aquarius (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 6 — You may think it's hard to do your best when you're pressured and behind schedule. Don't worry. Actually, you work very well under these conditions.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 6 — You need to be flexible when asking or giving advice. It's going to be quite a stretch for both of you.

Levi (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — The farther out you get, the more you realize you don't know. No need to tell the others. Learn fast as you go along.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Sometimes it's not easy to ask for help from parents and guardians. Asking for advice is a better idea, anyway.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — Let your friends take care of you for a while longer. They're better suited for the task at hand. You provide support of the emotional kind.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Put your heart and back into the task and it's almost easy. Others are impressed by your work, and the pay is good. Postpone fun.

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Despite the scoring gap, Kill said his team showed particular patience, too. "When you're playing backyard football," Hill said. "When you're scrambling around out there, you just got to go out there and make plays — don't be stupid with the ball."

Randle added to his already impressive first half numbers with a two-yard touchdown run with three minutes remaining in the third quarter to give SIU a 38-14 lead. Randle ended the game with 132 rushing yards on just 18 attempts and two touchdowns. After three scoring drives in the first half, the fourth quarter, including two by Junior running back Dwij Karim and one by sophomore running back Neji Shinkala, the Salukis were well on their way to their first victory ever, but the Hawks just first drive score didn't sit well with him.

Jordan said he initially had a little trouble taking down Moore, who is listed at 253 pounds and broke a number of tackles, but he got easier in his later chances. "On that first one, he kind of got me, I tried to hit him kind of low," Jordan said. "But after that it was easy. I kind of had the little first-game butterflies, the first game of the year, but it was a nice experience."

Saluki head coach Jerry Kill said it was hard to evaluate the game right away because it calls the different players used. "It's hard for me to assess everything when you got so many players out there at one time," Kill said. "But it's always good to get a good win, and we'll watch the film and review it, there'll be a lot of things in there that we got to go back and look at near as good as we thought they were, and then there's some things we probably felt we did better than we did."

The Salukis will travel to play at Northern Illinois for a Sept. 8 tilt, and may be without junior safety Derrick Belton, who exited the game early with a knee injury. Freshman Mike McElroy, who had been red-shirted, took Belton's place on the active roster.

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Ex-Duke lacrosse prosecutor faces contempt charge, pleads not guilty

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DURHAM, N.C. — The former prosecutor who led the now-discredited Duke lacrosse rape case has attempted to mislead the court and the public, attorney Neji Shinkala said Thursday during his criminal contempt trial.

Nifong turned over all the information from multiple men was evidence, including as fresh as the inquisition in the final stat sheet. Two of his longest drives — one in the form of a kick return and one in a traditional running attempt — were called back because of holding. Kill said Randle's abilities on special teams, where he recorded 33 yards in one attempt, in addition to his running back duties, made him a great complement to the backfield.

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VOLLEYBALL

A new perspective

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Salukis improve mental approach, confidence

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