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Conference tackles economy woes

Clinton, 300 citizens discuss U.S. problems

The Washington Post

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—President-elect Clinton Monday got a refresher course in the complex problems of the American economy and hoped for a golden political return: A portrait of a leader engaged in solving economic problems with the advice of some 300 of his fellow citizens.

Clinton, opening his two-day economic conference with a restatement of his fundamental campaign pledge to reform the economy, told the representatives of business, industry, labor and consumers gathered here, "If this were easy, anybody could do it. But I think we can do it. Let's go to work."

Over the next eight hours, all of it televised on C-SPAN, Clinton, Vice President-elect Al Gore and members of their new economic team heard a cacophony of voices on what is wrong with the economy and how it can be fixed.

As he heard from industrialists and small business owners, economists and working women, bankers and agribusinessmen, Clinton engaged in a running conversation that emphasized his thesis that long-term economic restructuring is as important, if not more important, than the short-term fixes.

"We are here because our nation and our people must prepare for global competition," Clinton said in his opening statement, "We must revitalize and rebuild our economy. A thriving economy is the foundation on which every citizen stands.

Conference organizer Mickey Kantor said these sessions would help Clinton "put meat on the bones" of the economic plan he outlined during the campaign. But it was unclear how dozens of disparate, often contradictory, voices would help the new president make the basic decisions needed to put into detail the broad campaign pledges.

Nobel Prize-winning economist Robert Solow from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, a conferee, called the sessions "an absolutely fascinating symposium." And Iowa Governor Tom Branstad, who moderated the afternoon session on regulatory reform, said the sessions "were the best discussions of the conference."
Amaya named Player of Week

Senior scores 71 points against EIU, NIU
By Karyn Viverito
Sports Writer

After racking up 71 points, 26 rebounds, 4 blocked shots, and 3 assists with only one quarter left on the clock of the week’s game, the senior forward Ashraf Amaya was able to bring home the Missouri Valley Conference Player of the Week award.

In the two games, the senior forward picked up career-high totals, tying his high of 32 points at Eastern Illinois and besting it at Northern Illinois with 39 points.

EIU head coach Rick Samuels said he was overly impressed with Amaya’s performance against the Panthers.

“I knew he was a strong post up player that plays with finesse around the basket, but what I really was impressed with was his ability to run the floor,” he said. “He created a lot of problems for us defensively because of his determination to get down the floor quick and create.”

NBA scouts were present at both road games to take a look at Amaya, and found the chances could look to be good for him.

Samuels said, “He is a very competitive player with a huge heart and work ethic this is already good enough to make it,” he said. “With a little adjustment to his game and the proof that he can play away from the basket as well, his chances could be right on the money.”

Amaya was 12 of 16 from the floor and 8 of 11 from the line against EIU with 11 rebounds.

At NIU, Amaya shined defensively with four blocked shots and 15 rebounds and along with a performance of 15 of 20 from the floor and 9 of 9 from the line.

Saluki head coach Rich Herrin said the better chance of him hitting the ball.

The same with bowling, tennis, basketball. He doesn’t get any

NFL observers see return of middle linebacker
The Sporting News

Like many old-time players, Ray Nitschke is disgusted with pro football of the 1990s. Too much passing, too predictable and, worst of all, not enough playing time for middle linebackers. But Nitschke, the former great middle linebacker of the Green Bay Packers, senses things might be changing with the impending game and the position he loves.

“The good teams always were balanced and I think more and more today a rebuilding to realize that,” he says. “It has been so easy to tell when they were going to pass that it became easier to defend. They are going to have.to run more to set up the run. When that happens, defenses are going to need strength up the middle. So they better have a middle linebacker who can pass rush, 10 sacks a year, and you are going to see middle linebackers who can be great.”

But hand him a game plan and plenty of videotape to study, encase him in football armor and challenge him to play well—and watch him change into a re-marvelous middle linebacker. One of the best in NFL history. He is a classic example of what would be great. He has worked so much to greatness through hard work and determination and the best study habits in pro football. And when he walks away from a 12-year career, after this season, he will leave a man’s book. He is a slow man is the last of the great middle linebackers. He is the end of an era that began with the Bears’ Bill George and stretched through Ray Nitschke and Joe Schmidt, Sam Huff and Dick Butkus. Jack

Amaya

Will to succeed applies to Bears’ Singletary
The Sporting News

CHICAGO—To truly grasp what Mike Singletary has accomplished in his career and the legacy he is leaving, you first have to understand this: He is—and always has been—a terrific athlete. The pits.

"Just awful," says linebacker Ron Rivera, one of Singletary’s closest friends on the Chicago Bears. "You name the sport and he can’t play it. Fat, old Buddy Ryan beat him in racquetball. I saw him tee off one day and told him he could have brought a helmet instead of golf clubs and had a

Beuerlein near freedom
Zapnews

DALLAS - Freedom may be less than two months away for quarterback Steve Beuerlein.

Although terms of a proposed collective bargaining agreement will allow teams to protect certain players and have a right of refusal on others, plaintiffs in current lawsuits against the NFL’s free-agency system may be exempt from those restrictions.

Beuerlein said his agent, Tony Condon, a former NFLPA president and current union adviser, told him that exemptions on the 16 plaintiffs are a possibility.

"It’s something the two sides will have to work out, but he said they’re talking about no restrictions on the named plaintiffs. Since they’re talking about having to pay millions of dollars to settle those suits, I think that could be a

Nets salute paralyzed Byrd in ‘world’s largest get-well cheer’

Newday

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J.—The Nets bilt the it the “world’s largest get-well

Jr. It was he. Before the opening kickoff Sunday at Giants Stadium, Jets defensive end Marvin Washington led the 48,120 fans in a salute to partially paralyzed Dennis Byrd, who was watching from Manhattan’s Mount Sinai Hospital.

Washington, Byrd’s closest friend on the team, stood at midfield, surrounded by both teams. He started by saying, “A teammate of mine is fighting a tremendous battle. And with your love and support, we can help him fight the battle.”

Then, on a count of three, Washington led cheers of “Get well Dennis!”

This was the Jets’ first home game since Byrd broke his neck in a freakish collision with Steve Murenza two weeks ago. Byrd, who fractured his fifth cervical vertebra, will remain at Mount Sinai for at least two more weeks, undergoing intensive rehabilitation. After that, he may be transferred to another facility.
INDONESIA DEATHS AT MORE THAN 2,000 — The death toll of the earthquake in Indonesia has risen to more than 2,000 people, officials in the stricken area said Monday. About 900 of the newly found victims were from the small island of Bali off the coast of Flores, about 1,240 miles east of Jakarta, authorities said. Earlier, the news agency APTN reported some 900 people were missing and feared dead on two nearby islands.

IRAQ STILL STALLING ON INSPECTIONS — Baghdad is continuing to stall on handing over information on chemical and biological arms production and their use in the war against Iran, a U.N. inspector said Monday. "I am extremely disappointed and disappointed," said Johan Santesson, head of the latest U.N. inspection team. "I had hoped that Iraq would finally present the full and comprehensive picture of their chemical and biological weapons program."  

ITALY'S RULING PARTIES SUFFER LOSSES — Italy's ruling Christian Democratic Party (DC) and Socialist Party (PSI) suffered heavy losses in local elections Monday, first results showed. Italy has been plagued by a series of corruption scandals affecting the established parties since the general elections. Observers government made up of the DC, PSI, Liberals and Social Democrats led by Socialist Premier Giuliano Amato has a small majority.

YELTSIN ALLOWS NEW PRIME MINISTER — President Boris Yeltsin replaced a doped-up premier, Yegor Gaidar Monday, allowing the Russian parliament to approve Energy Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin as new prime minister of the Russian Federation. Chernomyrdin, 54, won on a vote of 731 to 172, with 48 abstentions, giving him the necessary absolute majority in the 1,040-member body. Ratification of the nomination marked a concession by Yeltsin.

SARAJEVO CEASEFIRE POSTPONED — A Sarajevo ceasefire due to resume today was again postponed Monday, a United Nations spokesman said in Zagreb. The decision came as heavy fighting continued throughout large parts of Bosnia, only a day after the warring parties had agreed to begin on a new ceasefire framework that his commander of the Bosnian army, Colonel Sipan Abuhi, accused Serbs of signing the ceasefire agreement because it was at a tactical disadvantage.

LEADER ON TRIAL HAS SIX MONTHS TO LIVE — Former East German leader Erich Honecker has only six months to live at the most, his lawyer said Monday citing a cancer specialist's report. Lawyer Wolfgang Ziegler told the German Press Agency the specialist's report on Honecker showed that the former East German leader suffers from terminal cancer.

CABLE RATES STILL GOING UP — Two months after Congress took action to combat rising cable television rates, cable prices have resumed their upward spiral, with some companies announcing increases well above the inflation rate. The size and timing of the rate increases have angered consumers and aroused concern among some municipal regulatory officials, who said cable operators may be trying to beat the April 1 deadline for the imposition of new federal price restraints.

CENSUS COUNTING MORE BUSINESSES — The U.S. Census Bureau is counting businesses again, but the event will involve a number of firms never tallied before. As in past business censuses, taken every five years, questionnaires are being sent to businesses in the retail and wholesale trade sectors and the service, transportation, manufacturing, mining and construction industries. For the first time, the economic census also is measuring activity in the finance, insurance, real estate, communications and utilities industries, according to Census Bureau officials.

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Solving a crime for credit

Forensics class offers hands-on experience to students

By Jonathan Senft
General Assignment Writer

A forensics class that began this semester at SIUC offers a hands-on opportunity to solve crimes.

Three SIUC chemistry students are learning how to solve potential situations which may approach them in the field of forensics. Although SIUC does not offer a specific forensics program, students now have the chance to get into the field.

The goal of the class is to solve crimes, said associate professor John A. Koropchak. Students are faced with simulated crimes that they approach later on the job.

"The class offers students with opportunity to work specifically in the field of forensics," said Koropchak. "The advantage is the state crime lab has facilities here in Carbondale, and students can work in the presence of professionals.

The class is only designed to accommodate four students a semester, so entrance can be competitive. Students must meet certain requirements, Koropchak said.

"More than thirty students have already said they would like to take the course so far this semester," he said.

Although not quite professionals yet, the students learn to be as thorough as possible with their investigation, just as in the field.

Evin Pearsall, a chemistry major from Du Quoin, works in the field of forensics." said Pearsall. In class, "there's none of this 'well it should have worked, but we have to move on now.' There's no such thing as scraping it in forensics," Pearsall said.

Koropchak said, students need to get a feel in the door at the state forensics science lab, because it is a great place for them to market their skills.

Telephone book recycling

Project aims at collecting 30 tons of used phone directories

By John Rezanka
Environmental Writer

Carbondale residents will have an opportunity to dispose of old telephone books in an environmentally safe way during a major telephone book recycling project next month.

Andrea Stader, coordinator of Carbondale Clean and Green, said SIUC and communities throughout Southern Illinois will participate in the recycling effort.

There will be drop-off points in Herrin, Marion, Benton, West Frankfort, Carbondale and other communities, Stader said.

Flyers giving the location of drop-off points will be distributed in the new GTE telephone books beginning Dec. 27.

Stader said Carbondale and Marion combined efforts last year to collect about 30 tons of telephone books.

"Our goal this year is to collect more than 30 tons," she said.

Patrick Glisson, University recycling manager, said the pollution control workers will pick up books from offices on campus Jan. 11 to Jan. 15.

"Recycling telephone books is a good idea," Glisson said.

"Phone books have been a rapidly increasing part of the waste stream since the break up of Ma Bell," Glisson said. "There are more books out there than ever before."

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Take time to reflect on past semester

MEMORIES OF THE SEMESTER are being pack
up with take-home luggage for the winter break, and what
memories they were.

Experiences of fear, frustration, joy and, presently, the confusion of final examinations will be running rampant in the minds of those reflecting on the last four months.

Confusion of the events of the semester may weigh upon everyone's mind until hindsight makes them clear.

LOCAL NEWS PARALLELED national news, though on a smaller scale: the Illinois Board of Higher Education and the administration proposed restructuring ideas for SIUC and Bill Clinton proposed an economic recovery plan for the United States; moral values of the Teletrack Betting Parlor and Bush's veto of the family-leave bill were discussed; having gays in the military was disputed; letters denoted racism along with Spike Lee's "Malcolm X," Hillary Clinton visited campus and Perot re-entered the race for presidency; Clinton became our 42nd president; Playboy augmented SIUC's party image and Madonna released her book, "Sex," perspective was regained of Columbia Day and the cable-TV rates; a local fire claimed the lives of five students and Florida lost 20 residents to a hurricane while the Midwest lost 25 to a tornado.

Moral conflicts, financial disputes, politics, racism, civil rights arguments, crime and death, SIUC has experienced it all. Are we so fortunate to have what the world has?

INCLUDED IN THE MAJOR NEWS of the semester was how sexual assaults doubled on campus, President John C. Gwynn proposed hotel, Earvin "Magic" Johnson retired from the Los Angeles Lakers, the Toronto Blue Jays become the first non-U.S. winner of the World Series, Mike Singletary retired from the Chicago Bears, Whitney Houston's version of "I'll Always Love You" made the fastest climb to No. 1, Bram Stoker's "Dracula" returned to the theaters with Anthony Hopkins and Madonna released her book, "Sex," perspective was regained of Columbia Day and the cable-TV rates; a local fire claimed the lives of five students and Florida lost 20 residents to a hurricane while the Midwest lost 25 to a tornado.

International news kept headlining with an oil spill off the coast of Spain, the whole Somali situation, the nuns killed in Liberia and the earthquake in Indonesia that claimed about 1,300 lives.

What has been learned? That depends on the point of view held prior to any news event. Is there anything else one can learn other than how history repeats itself?

As people reflect on the news of the semester and evaluate the causes and effects, a maturing takes place in the mind and attitude.

WHILE CATCHING UP on relaxation or working to save up rent money, one should reflect on the events of the past four months to learn from the mistakes and events of the fall.

One should also reflect on personal performance in the classroom to make any improvements for the upcoming semester.

Rest during the academic break, but do not shut off the mind.

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Opinion & Commentary

Clint on plans to transform Japan relations must consider competition, politics, security

Los Angeles Times

As the first U.S. president born after World War II and the first to have served during the Cold War, Bill Clinton faces the challenge of transforming asymmetry, deteriorating and outdated relationships with Japan into one that is genuinely equal, constructive and befitting the 1990s and beyond.

Japan itself can contribute to this long-overdue change, but for the United States, at least seven actions are imperative.

1) Formulate a Japan policy: Japan is too important to forget each time the trade deficit dips or a Bosnian crisis erupts. Implementing a national competitiveness strategy is a necessary condition to deal with the "Japan problem."

2) Recognize that Japan is different: Economic orthodoxy to the contrary, Japan is different from the United States in its political economy. There are no other advanced industrialized countries.

3) U.S. policy must take account of so-called "unfairness" - in market structure and conduct, the role of the government, the idea of competition, the value attached to domestic control of manufacturing, the desire for self-sufficiency and the deep distrust of foreign suppliers - rather than assuming, as U.S. policy has since 1945, that Japan's economy will automatically come to resemble America's.

"We need a diplomatic game plan for improving Japan relations," says John K. Morita, director of the Japan economic policy center at the American Chamber of Commerce in Japan.

4) Consider the regional and global framework: Japan's economic power is too great and its political power too ascendant to consider it in isolation from the rest of Asia and a broader international context.

5) Cool the rhetoric while solving problems: During the past decade, the two governments have focused on a cold, calculating relationship. It is not true that we are helping Japan to a successful international role, but rather, that Japan is helping to our international role.

6) Avoid stretching our diplomatic resources: The United States must be realistic and take a more balanced approach to relations with Japan, reflecting the importance of the two countries for a balance of power around the world. We cannot afford to break the United States.

7) Utilize expertise on Japan: While the United States needs policymakers who understand Japan - its language, history, psychology, politics, economy and, above all, business practices - as is the case in most other sectors of American society, the government's Japan expertise is woefully inadequate.

Japan must be taken seriously enough to be dealt with by Americans who know that country, just as Japan has the good sense to utilize government officials and business people knowledgeable about the United States.

With the United States and Japan making up 40 percent of the world's gross national product, how these two nations identify problems, resolve differences and work together has profound implications for the international system.

By adopting the seven precepts outlined above, the Clinton administration has a golden opportunity to create a new and truly constructive U.S.-Japan relationship as it prepares America for the 21st century.
enthusiastic about the bill," he said. "Many others said that violence didn't have a great impact on children. Fewer are saying that now." 

The debate over the effects of violence on children, which has taken place for decades, said Alan V. SIUC associate professor of psychology.

"There have been studies done over the last 30 years," he said. "But we have not been able to find anything new since the 1980s." 

Vaux, who taught a violence psychology course for the past two spring semesters, says studies have shown that watching children who watched violent videos and had criminal tendencies in adulthood.

"A violent person could probably do without a bit less of violence," he said. "The brain may not make a big impact." 

According to "Child Development," by Alan S. Vaux et al., aggression is influenced by outside factors, including parenting practices and education.

The effects of TV are often times debated, but the long-term influences are difficult to find, according to "Child Development.

The accepted joint statement of principles have also prompted an industry-wide conference on TV violence.

Sara Lichtenberg, spokesman for the National Association of Broadcasters, said the NBA represents mostly local TV and radio stations. The new stations must comply with the standards.

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Sangamon State University, said Edgar's campaign strategy may be affected by a publicized opposition to the education amendment.

"The campaign is gone during the campaign season, Edgar might take the blame for not raising taxes," John Foster, SIUC political science professor, said the race could be between the three candidates leading in the Democratic mayoral primary election. 

"Illinois Attorney General Roland Burris announced last month he will serve in 1994. "Burris might be a strong candidate because he would be able to utilize the 'It's time for change' platform," he said. "Anyone who Democratic up against Edgar would have advantage in that area.

Republicans have controlled the governorship since 1976.

Foster said Edgar's most popular speculated opposition would come from Burris, Comptroller Dawn Clark Netich, Cook County board member Richard Phelan and Treasurer Patrick Quinn.

John Jackson, dean of the College of Liberal Arts, said Burris would be a strong candidate because he's already won several high-level offices," Jackson said.

"He's been a formidable vote-winner north and in Southern Illinois where his roots are," he said. "He's probably trying to scare off opposition by announcing so early," he said.

He said Burris graduated SIUC and in 1958 with a B.S. in political science.

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Technology, referring to the national projects of the Defense Department. Burrisву said, "I'm not teaching large classes, but this is ridiculous. The 'class' of participants had grown to 336 from what the Clinton team originally envisioned as a group of 100. The goal of 500 was a long shot. But it would look more like a circus than a minor academic conference.

It presented a series of mini-portraits of the economic woes facing the United States. From the theme of recovery to its low investment in infrastructure to its explosive health care costs. 

The economists and business leaders generally bolstered Clinton's office. In general, they concluded that more needs to be invested in America's infrastructure in order to produce prosperity. 

The only way to boost U.S. production, they said, is to increase investment in the country. 

"It's time really to have some small residual forces there for some time," Howard said. And that's where the recent news of the Defense Department's cuts in the Middle East and the Horn of Africa, which has been the source of concern.

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problem" and could be resolved through "clarified consultation," said Clinton.

The debate reflected continuing confusion at the United Nations over the role of the United States in the policymaking circles over the nature of the United States' intervention in Somalia. Analysts have been predicting the first time have invaded a country for purely humanitarian goals.

Although Pentagon officials initially described the U.S. operations as providing security for humanitarian relief efforts, they have now acknowledged that the mission is expanding.

U.S. officials in Somalia have already been in contact with other African countries in political negotiations between Somalia's warring factions, and Hol said Monday that U.S. ground troops likely will remain in the country for an extended period — for an indefinite period.

Pentagon officials have said their goal is to attack Somali military operations to multinational U.N. peacekeeping troops in two or three months, the estimated length of time for securing stability in the country.

"It's entirely possible there could be some residual forces there for some time," Hol said reporters at Central Command headquarters at MacDill Air Force Base, Fla.

"There are certain functions that we believe it is important to keep going," he said. "There is no clear way in which our military operations in the Middle East and the Horn of Africa, which have been the source of concern.

Although U.S. officials insist they have not changed their goals in Somalia, the suggestion of a broader U.S. role than originally advertised has raised concerns among some analysts that the United States could be for a long-term presence. Such a move is not as "enlightened," he said. "This is a question that is being discussed as the time of the U.N. peacekeeping force."

Lichtenberg said the NBA made its own set of guidelines in 1991.

The standards issued jointly by the television networks and the antitrust exemption by Simon of Act of 1990 include: 

1. "It's time for change" and or excessive depiction of violence (or redundant violence) is not acceptable.

2. Programs should not depict violence as glamorous or an acceptable solution to human conflict.

3. Scenes showing excessive gore, pain or physical suffering are not acceptable.

4. Violence cannot be a means of violent acts or as an acceptable factor in political negotiations between the two nations.

5. "If we ever have to negoti­ate in this way, we will be able to come up with a program, with real targets."

Clinton voiced his support for a "business as usual" approach to the Federal budget to separate current spending from future spending. He called for a "pay-as-you-go" system. That would not affect current spending but tend to reinforce Clinton's position that current spending should be paid for with current revenues and that long-term deficit problems could be solved by reducing government borrowing.

Marvin Sandler, head of a financially sound savings and loan in California, complained that in a "deficit shock," the participants were "awed by the edges of the nation's most significant problem."

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Musicians get into sounds of Christmas, even Barbara

By Teri Lynn Carlock
Special Assignment Writer

Christmas carols have long been a traditional part of the holiday season, and the music industry participates in the celebration by offering a wide variety of tunes to suit anyone's taste.

By David Hinson

For people who enjoy easy listening music, Neil Diamond, Nat King Cole and Barbra Streisand have sentimental collections of their favorite Christmas songs on record store shelves.

Larry Miller's "Because It's Christmas," and Frank Sinatra's "Christmas Dreaming" also are old holiday favorites.

For those who want to capture a variety of artists in one collection, there's Christmas Wonderland, with old classics like "Silent Night," "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" and "Auld Lang Syne" and "Here Comes Santa Claus."

Kenneth Young, manager of Cameo Music in the Illinois Center Mall in Marion, said most of the Christmas music his store sells is in demand.

"We still sell a lot of Bing Crosby, but Manhatten Stearns is always big, and that's new age music," he said.

The majority of Christmas albums are country, Young said.

"Almost every country artist came out with a new Christmas album this year," he said.


Young said he has customers requesting Christmas music even before Halloween.

"But we don't start selling holiday music until the first week of November," he said. "And we experience the biggest rush of people buying holiday music right after Thanksgiving."

Steve Stewart, manager of Disc Jockey in the University Mall in Carbondale, said among the top holiday music sales in his store are Mannheim Steamroller's '84 and '88 jazz/rock albums.

VOLUME, Issue 11, 1992, "A Very Special Christmas," benefit albums with all proceeds going to the Special Olympics, also are popular this year, Sgout said.

Artists on the first volume include Sting, Whitney Houston, U2 and Bruce Springsteen while Tom Petty, Boys II Men and Michael Bolton sing on the second volume.

Sgout said Disc Jockey sells the most Christmas music the weekend after Thanksgiving.

"Sales are pretty steady because some people are buying already because they want to get the good stuff before it's picked over," he said. "But we usually get a big rush near the end of November."

New releases hitting the stores for this Christmas include Amy Grant and Neil Diamond CDs.

Sgout said he does not notice one type of holiday music selling more than the others.

"It's some of both classical/traditional and then rock and new age," he said. "One does not outweigh the other."

Time for opening gifts matters less than the price of presents

By Michael T. Kuchta
Special Assignment Writer

You may have heard it before. Sit down to watch a nostalgic tearjerker on your favorite mall Christmas movie, and you will hear it. Sit down and watch a cartoon Christmas special with Santa Claus, Alvin and the Chipmunks and you will hear it.

"Cheryl, I'm about more than gifts! Christmas is about more than giving-ho ho ho!"

Yeah, sure.

For many people, Christmas is about gifts. It's about the big box of chocolates and peppermint stick. It's about the tree and the lights and the song "Deck the Halls." It's about the religious baggage.

Adam Markiewicz, 18, said people would not enjoy Christmas as much without the gifts.

"Without the gifts, it's not as much. Hell, no," Markiewicz said. "At least the kids wouldn't like it as much."

Giving, he said, is about more than gifts.

Hannah Henderson, 21, said she likes to give gifts and puts some thought into what she gives.

"I like to give things that are for who I'm giving them to," she said. "I like giving gifts, but I feel bad because I can't afford to give gifts and I think it's better to give something than just go to the store and buy gifts for people."

Hennesson is not alone. John Weatherford, 22, thinks too much emphasis is put on the dollar value of a gift instead of the thought behind it.

"Society is too materialistic to begin with," he said. "I sincerely mean that. Most people don't even think of the real meaning of giving." Some people think they should give gifts because they think they have to just because it's a holiday. I give gifts just because I want to."

In an unofficial survey, 28 people described when they tear open presents. Eleven said they opened presents on Christmas Eve and 12 people said they spread them out through the presents between the two.

Two of the 28 people yanked open presents sometime before Christmas.

Some folks do not really pay attention to the religious baggage of the holiday carry on. Andy Armstrong, 20, said his family celebrates Christmas so they can get together and exchange gifts.

"For my family it isn't the big birth of Christ thing, but it's still a big holiday," he said. "I like giving things, because I feel it's a big part of Christmas. It's deep."

Gore influencing Muslims despite traditional images

Zapnews

WASHINGTON — There have been few public sightings of Vice President-elect Al Gore since Election Day. And when he has appeared, he's been standing silently at news conferences in Little Rock, Arkansas. But the traditional running mate whose primary concern was helping his party win — has already been served.

In fact, in relation to the case, he actually relies the image.

According to the De Noto official, they have been ruling the Goy as a key player in Clinton's immigration to power. The officials said Gore has not only been acting as the shape policy but has also exerted considerable influence in selecting top-level administrative nominees.

"This is the case for Governor Al Gore. He has had an impact on every

Cabinet appointment, ... even if it is in a modest form," said Roy M. Neel, chief of staff to Gore, the junior Democratic senator from Tennessee.

Bruce Reed, one of Clinton's principal domestic advisors, made the same point in a separate interview in Washington. He said even when Clinton sought Gore's advice on a policy question or the policy questions, particularly related to foreign affairs and Goy.

Transition officials acknowledged that portraying Gore as a key player represents Clinton well. It sends a signal that the new White House will remain true to the image of Gore that has been identified, they said, and demonstrates that Clinton will be able to give his new No. 2 unprecedented responsibilities.

At the same time, the officials insisted that there is nothing cosmetic or temporary about Gore's influence.
New law to help students adapt to global economy

By Angela Hyland
International Writer

It is becoming increasingly important to be able to function in a world economy, and a new law will help college students fit into this process, said Charles Klaaske, SIU's executive assistant to the president for international and economic development.

"If our college graduates come out of school with a global outlook, it will help Illinois companies compete internationally," said Klaaske, one of three higher education policy committee members.

The policy committee for the law is made up of individuals from business, education, and government organizations.

"The policy is being designed to ensure that all Illinois schools include international education in their mission statements - making it both a focus and a priority," Osberg said.

Attempts have been made in the past to pass similar pieces of legislation. In 1987, Secretary of State George Ryan pushed for a similar bill which gained support of the legislature but failed to be signed by the governor.

Numerous programs that would have required additional funding stopped it from being passed, Osberg said.

"The previous bill attempted to provide programs such as teacher training workshops and training abroad - all of which would have required additional funding," Osberg said. "Just throwing money at the problem isn't the answer. We need to establish international education as a priority of the general budget."

The best way to implement the policies will be to work within the classes that already exist, Klaaske said.

"Our job is primarily to write the policy. We'll be providing the climate to make change possible. We're not interested in just adding courses," Klaaske said. "We want to refocus the courses that are currently available. We'd like to see international components in every course."

Many staying at SIUC for holidays

By Angela Hyland
International Writer

Many SIUC students won't be going home this Christmas.

For international students, the opportunity to explore a foreign country or the cost and distance required to return home causes them to stay in the United States, several students said.

Nicholas Argrotis, president of the International Student Council, said he won't be going home over the Christmas break, but planned on staying in the United States this year.

"I went home last year because the break was longer," said Argrotis, a senior in accounting from Cyprus. "But this year, I decided I wanted to see more of the United States before I graduate and have to leave."

"It's nice to be with family during the holidays," he said, "but I'll have all those years when I'm back home to visit with them."

Argrotis said he plans to visit his host family in Chicago during the holidays and will spend a large amount of time exploring the city. One area he said he would visit is the Greek section of the city.

"It's interesting to meet with people who speak your own language," he said. "It's interesting to meet and interact with other cultures here in the United States."

A large number of students who can't be with family over the holidays will visit friends from their home, Argrotis said.

"Many students know some-one from back home who is staying in one of the larger cities," he said. "They'll visit their friends who are here in the United States studying."

A number of students may choose to see more of the country by taking part in a program that links International Students with host families throughout the United States.

Christmas International House is a program coordinated by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and offered through International Programs and Services. Students who sign up for the program are offered a choice of spending two weeks in one of 50 different cities.

Christmas International House allows students to share in the Christmas experience, said Dianne Wiesinger, Foreign Student Advisor at International Programs and Services.

"It's an opportunity for international students to experience what it's like to celebrate Christmas with an American family," she said.

Kelvin Lai, a senior in finance, said he got a better idea of what life in the United States is like. "When you stay with a host family, you get a better idea of what life in the United States is like," he said.

Lai said the most enjoyable part of the experience was experiencing American traditions.
**GOP vows militant approach in House**

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON—Even as President-elect Clinton courts Congressans an effort to break the legislative gridlock, House Republicans have vowed to take a "militant" approach to 1993 and have elected a more conservative leadership.

"We’re going to be a very militant, forceful force in the House of Representatives," Rep. Richard E. Armey (Tex.), narrowly ousted Rep. Jerry Lewis (Calif.) from the third-ranking post as chairman of the Republican Conference, with freshmen claiming they provided the force Armey said.


Conservative activists see the rightward movement as an effective way to make Republican policy alternatives clearer and "lay the groundwork for a return to the White House. They also acknowledge that if Republicans could become close to irrelevant in shaping major legislation during Clinton's administration.

In dealing with Clinton, Gingrich pledged "cooperation without compromise" from House Republicans. His press secretary, Tony Blankley, said possible areas of cooperation include a proposed line-item veto spending bill and a tougher work requirement for welfare recipients.

"If he has the Democratic votes without us, we’ll be an irritancy," Blankley said. "The (House) Democratic Caucus is more liberal than Clinton’s campaign rhetoric, and he may not have their votes, he does, we’ll provide it on (conservative principle)."

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**TROOPS, from page 1**

C-5 Galaxy jet cargo planes landed at an abandoned airfield on the outskirts of Mogadishu, a new U.S. military presence in Somalia, on Christmas Day.

Over 4,000 U.S. troops have already arrived, and another 550 are due to arrive Tuesday. The Mogadishu Monday, U.S. and French Foreign Legion troops now control Mogadishu’s airport, seaport and tiny enclaves in the city.

The current lack of a Somali police force—and the apparent reluctance of foreign troops to integrate with Somali police on their own territories of control—has left some relief workers and Somali officials wondering that there is a power vacuum in the wake of the former military junta.

A dramatic illustration of the ambiguity of policing jurisdictions both outside Mogadishu and inside the hotel occupied by hundreds of journalists, when a mob attacked a Somali woman thought to have been consorting with French soldiers.

After she was seen riding in a French soldier’s jeep, about a hundred people surrounded the woman, beat her with sticks, and ripped off her clothing. With the woman naked on the ground and screaming for help, some in the crowd repeatedly kicked her—all while a unit of French soldiers watched from behind barbed wire protecting one of their observation positions.

A convoy of Marines also passed by the melee, but did not intervene.

According to the Associated Press, the woman was raped by a man who raised a large knife and led her across the street to the former police headquarters as other men locked arms to hold off the crowd. She was kept in the police station by followers of Mogadishu warlord Gen. Mohamed Farah Aidid.

Col. Fred Peck, public affairs chief for the Joint Task Force, speaking at the daily U.S. military briefing, said the position of American troops here is that "if we see someone who is in danger, physical harm, we have the right to act." But he refused to state a standing U.S. position that American troops in Somalia are "next meant to be a police force.

"We need some kind of reconstituted police force here," Peck said, suggesting it was the job of the State Department to work with former Somali policemen and soldiers to create a new civilian police authority.

According to some relief workers, Mogadishu in the past was violent and guns were visible almost everywhere, but theVarious civilian militias exerted some control in their little fiefdoms.

"Before, we knew how to drive in town, we knew where to go, we knew where not to go," said Nicolas De Meu, of the French group Doctors Without Borders. "Now it’s more confusing."

"There is a vacuum of sorts, in terms of security and in relation to small-scale relief activity," said U.N. spokesman Ian MacLeod.

Relief workers said there have been a number of small-scale robbery and looting incidents against relief agency workers and their vehicles.

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**Police Blotter**

Two suspects in an alleged Saturday night armed robbery were arrested.

James Scala, 20, of Carbondale reported to police that he had been robbed at knife point at about 8:40 p.m. Mt. Vernon Police arrested Jerry Harris, 28, and Gardonc V. Bell, 26, both of Carbondale, in connection with the crime.

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Focu and traditions and being a part of the family atmosphere.

"The traditional 12 days of staying at, when the husband came home from work and we would hug," he said. "At my house, they never did that."

"Too many people celebrate Christmas in Hong Kong," Lai said. "You hardly ever see a real (Christmas) tree. But the main difference is that most Americans go to church on Christmas Day."

Families may invite students to attend services with them, but religion is not forced on the students, Wingesger said. "They don't try to convert the students or anything," she said. "They're very good about keeping that out of the program."

"The program provides an alternative way to spend the holiday," Wingesger said. "It gives (international) students the opportunity to experience another part of the United States."

LAW, from page 7

should provide the motivation and sense of direction, he said. Osberg said that since the new mission statement is developed, changes will automatically start taking place.

"The changes will filter all the way down from the Board of Higher Education to the deans, department chairs and individual professors," he said. "The things that can be changed most easily will be changed first. But it will take time and commitment before students will start seeing the benefits."

Pair of SIUC artists given IAC awards

By Dan Leathy

Entertainment Writer

Two SIUC artists are among 41 statewide who are being recognized by the Illinois Arts Council as outstanding.

The IAC recently announced Artists Fellowship Awards, which are a series of grants of $5,000 and $10,000. The fellowships this year total $210,000.

Thomas Walsh, an SIUC art professor, received a $5,000 grant for his work in the visual arts category.

Sarah Perkins, who received her master's degree in fine arts from SIUC in 1990, won a finalist award in the crafts category.

Walsh said his sculpture is non-representational and made of cast bronze or cast iron metal.

He said he plans on using the money to finish four 20-foot pieces on which he has been working.

Walsh said the grant will help a great deal, but he does not rely on money from the state or federal government.

"Anything an artist gets from the state or federal level is gravy," he said.

"The state helps artists the best they can, but there are other things that need attention."

Because of category concerns, the IAC now offers the Artists Fellowship Program's funding for its 11 artistic disciplines on a two-year rotating cycle, as opposed to every year.

This year the recipients were selected from 720 creative artists working in the disciplines of choreography, crafts, media arts, playwriting and visual arts.

Next year, awards will be offered in the other six disciplines of ethnic and folk arts, performance art, music composition, photography, poetry and prose.

The $500 finalist award recognizes and encourages applicants who demonstrate considerable talent.

Perkins works with silver and copper. She hammers the metal into the shape she desires and enamels it.

Perkins said she might use the money to buy an enameling kiln, a piece of equipment she has been wanting to buy for a while.

Although she was happy to hear about the award, she said she does not think nearly enough is being done at the state or federal level to help artists.

"Arts are very important to the long-term well-being of people," Perkins said.

"To always look at immediate needs is a mistake. It's unfortunate that the arts are usually one of the first things to be cut from budgets."

The IAC, a state agency, provides grants and technical assistance to community arts agencies, individual creative artists, and non-profit organizations that present arts programming.

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“But I’m hopeful things are changing, that coaches are realizing the strengths of a 4-3 and of having a middle linebacker.”

Former Cleveland Browns General Manager Ernie Accorsi says, “It’s coming back, but the middle linebacker still will never be the same as in Nitschke’s day.”

Chicago’s Mike Singletary, the last of the great middle linebackers, had hoped to revitalize the position. “I wanted to show that the middle backer could be more versatile than people thought,” he says. “That he could cover receivers well enough to stay on the field. That he could be agile enough and lightweight enough to keep up with the new quickness in the game.”

But Singletary, who is retiring after this season, concedes he failed in his quest. “It’s ridiculous,” he says about the position. “You play the run hard and you might get a chance to cover the tight end a bit, but that is it. Somebody has to come along and show they don’t have to be that way.”

San Diego Charger linebacker Gary Plummer agrees. “It’s a very cyclical game,” he says. “You’ll see an innovative offense in the year 2010 having two tight ends and two running backs—and the middle linebacker, the dinosaur—will rise again.”

SINGLETARY, from page 16

Lambert and Willie Lasier. He has filled a position that once epitomized the thinking macho about the NFL but has been made nearly extinct by specialization and the advent of 3-4 schemes, which use two inside linebackers and two outside linebackers. Fourteen teams still claim the 4-3 as their standard defense. Even so, the middle linebackers on those teams are shuffled off the field as early as second down, usually in favor of extra cornerbacks.

This is the age of the sleek, pass-rushing outside backer, the Pat Swilling and Derrick Thomases of the NFL. Sacks, not tackles, are the new glamour statistic. Singletary is a square peg surviving in an era of round holes. The man was created for another decade. He loves Frank Sinatra and Tony Bennett, John Wayne movies, “Leave It To Beaver” and “The Andy Griffith Show.” Singletary is mature beyond his years, 34 going on 50, the weight of a new and sometimes-puzzling world hanging heavily on his shoulders. “I should have played in the ‘50s,” Singletary says, leaning back in a chair and gazing at the ceiling. He pauses for a while, and you remember something linebackers coach Dave McGinnis said about him. Singletary still grows nonplussed about playing the Green Bay Packers, particularly at Lambeau Field.

Puzzle Answers