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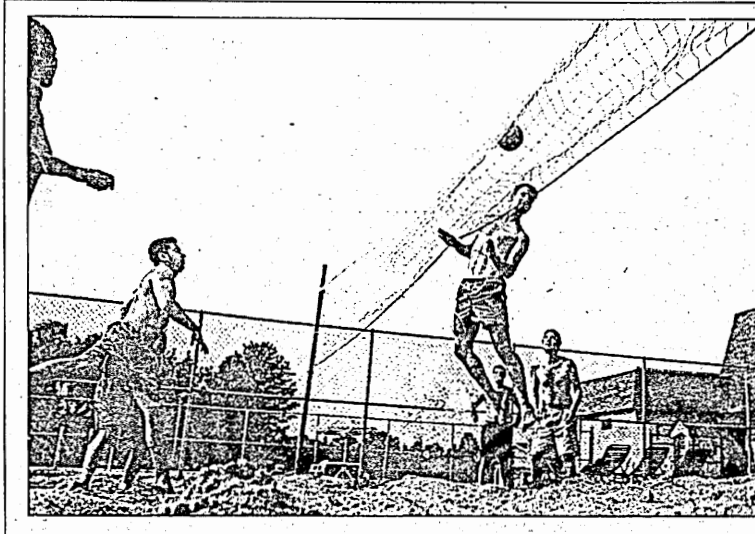
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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

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NET! A group of SIU students enjoyed Tuesday's weather with a heated game of sand volleyball at Lewis Park.

KERRY MALONEY
DAILY EGYPTIAN

South takes hit in remap, supporters look to hit back

Congressman takes fight on the road

MARK LAMBRID
DAILY EGYPTIAN

OLNEY, Ill.— From his bully pulpit, U.S. Rep. David Phelps, D-Eldorado, delivered a message Saturday of saving the South from the self-serving politicians of the North during a week long tour of his district.

During the week, Phelps made stops in nine communities from Metropolis in the south to Olney in the north. In Olney about 40 hard-core supporters came to the Olney City Park to rally around their congressman.

Saturday's event was kicked off by John Hill, superintendent of the East Richland school district. Hill is also the chairman of the Richland County Save Southern Illinois committee.

The Save Southern Illinois committee was formed to educate the public about the new congressional district map and raise funds to fight the new map in court.

"The issue raised by the new map is beyond David," Hill said. "If this map stands, both Southern Illinois representatives will be from the

metro-east area of St. Louis."

Ron House, chairman for Save Southern Illinois, told the audience that this committee was a bipartisan effort with Democrats and Republicans united. House was also bipartisan in placing the blame.

"Make no mistake we are angry at the Republican Senate, the Democratic House, the Republican Governor and the congressional delegation," House said.

Before turning the stage over to Phelps, House said this was a "David and Goliath" battle. Comparing the political machine of upstate to the biblical giant who was killed by the little shepherd boy.

Phelps did not use the stage and microphone that had been provided for him, preferring to get close to his constituents. Immediately Phelps said this issue was bigger than just about saving his job and more about saving Southern Illinois voice in Congress.

The congressman bashed politicians on both sides of the aisle for looking out for their own interests rather than what was good for the state.

"Shimkus (U.S. Rep. R-Collinsville) and Johnson (U.S. Rep. R-Collinsville) ran back and

forth to make sure they kept enough republican votes in their districts to win," Phelps said. "Lane Evans (U.S. Rep. D-Moline) did the same thing in district 17."

Phelps said slow growth in the South during the past ten years was one reason downstate districts lost out in the remap. Southern Illinois grew at a slower pace than the collar counties around Chicago.

Earlier this month Phelps and the Save Southern Illinois committee filed suit against the Illinois State Board of Elections in Saline County Circuit Court. Phelps said it is likely that the case will progress to an appellate court, the State Supreme Court and possibly to federal court.

Before leaving Olney for the next scheduled event of the day, Phelps asked the assembled for monetary support.

"As a gospel singer we are good at passin' the hat," Phelps said.

FIGHT FOR THE LAND

To support the Save Southern Illinois committee, send donations to P.O. Box 552 Harrisburg, Ill., 62946.

Family awarded record settlement

Chicago to hand over millions in wrongful death suit

BRETT NAUMAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The family of an SIUC alumna killed by police two years ago is on the verge of receiving \$18 million from the city of Chicago — the largest amount ever awarded by the city for a wrongful death case.

The Chicago City Council Finance Committee approved the proposed settlement Monday after they were informed that six mock juries established by city officials returned verdicts awarding between \$34 and \$42 million to the family of LaTanya Haggerty.

The unarmed Haggerty was shot and killed on June 4, 1999 after her friend, Raymond Smith, led police officers on a 31-block chase through Chicago's South Side. Patrol Officer Serena Daniels has admitted to the media that she fired the fatal shot, but claims that she thought Haggerty had a gun.

Daniels said she thought her life was in danger and the mistook Haggerty's silver padlock for a gun. Witnesses to the incident said the only object they saw Haggerty holding was a black cell phone and police were unable to find discernible fingerprints on the padlock.

The Chicago Police Board has fired three police officers, including Daniels, since the incident and has suspended a fourth.

The City Finance Committee approved the landmark settlement only after they were told that Haggerty suffered during the last moments of her life and was actually handcuffed after she was shot by police who were unaware that she was fatally wounded.

Haggerty graduated from SIUC in 1996 from the College of Applied Science and Arts. At the time of her death Haggerty was a computer analyst for Prudential.

Chicago Alderman Thomas Murphy (18th) told the DAILY EGYPTIAN Tuesday that he questioned the settlement mainly because of the precedent the city is setting by agreeing to such a large proposal.

"The largest previous settlement was \$7.5 million," Murphy said. "I asked what made this case different from any other case."

Murphy voted to approve the settlement, but questioned why the Chicago Police Department did not just admit their guilt for the incident. He was informed that the police were unable to do so because Daniels refused to admit her liability for the incident, thus subjecting the city to punitive damages in a lawsuit.

The city has stated that the lawsuit is unwinnable and expressed their interest in settling the case without a trial. Lawyers for the city attempted to have the trial moved from Cook County, but the change of venue was denied.

Hours after Haggerty was killed, former Northwestern football player Robert Russ was killed by police in a routine traffic stop. Just like Haggerty, he was unarmed.

The two incidents sparked criticism of the Chicago Police Department resulting in protests in front of Chicago City Hall in summer 1999.

Library serves students with IM

On-line chat
reference, quick help
for students

STACEY ROBINSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC students who need help with research or library information can now contact a librarian with just a stroke of a few keys.

The library has installed a new on-line instant messaging system to help students chat with librarians. The system is a chat reference system where students can contact and chat live with a librarian and have their questions answered via the Internet.

Jodie Fagan, a social sciences librarian, said the idea has already been initiated on most college campuses. Fagan and other administrators began the program in

January 2001 and started using it at the beginning of the summer semester.

"The reason we thought it would be a good idea is that people do so much work on computers, we decided why not let them ask questions on-line," Fagan said.

The program is in its testing stages for the summer and will not be available to students until the fall semester. The future of the program after the summer will depend on its support and acceptance by students and administrators.

The program works when a student sends a question or comment to a librarian through the application. They can just click on the "Chat with a librarian" link and type a question in the input box. Through the instant messaging system, a reply is returned within 30 seconds. If the question is too difficult or requires more time, the librarian will request a visit to the library or refer the stu-

Civil-Service union strikes tentative deal

ALEXA AGUILAR & CHRIS MARCUM
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The second meeting between the civil service union and the administration ended in a conceptual agreement Tuesday night.

Ruth Pommier, president of the Association of Civil Service Employees, was tired yet satisfied at the end of the three-hour meeting with a contract she said "will most definitely meet the needs of the members of the union."

She refused to release the specific numbers of the contract, saying that the terms of the new contract will be released at their next meeting on July 26.

"I am so elated that we were able to come to an agreement so expeditiously," Pommier said, adding that she had expected a tougher battle to reach an

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INSTANT MESSAGE

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dent to e-mail. The program offers help to students doing research, writing papers or trying to find quick reference to books, articles or other library materials.

"It's really convenient for students," Fagan said. "With e-mail it takes a couple of days to get a reply; with this service students get a message instantly."

If a reply is not given in that time, the question will disconnect and skip to the next available librarian.

"We do have a lot of preformatted answers for common questions, so we're not constantly retying," said Michele Calloway, an undergraduate librarian.

Calloway said the service is good for students as well as for the librarians, and they are using the rest of the summer to test its acceptance and mechanics. In the meantime, both librarians said they have received at least one message from students using the service.

"The library always wants to keep in contact with people who use our resources," Calloway said. "There's always competition to get computers in the library. People don't want to leave their seats so that's one benefit of having the program."

Keith Vandave, web programmer for the On-line Chat Reference, said maintaining the site is not complicated.

"It's dedicated just for library reference work," Vandave said. "People don't need any particular software, it's just for students to have contact with the library staff."

Students can get help and use the service while at home or elsewhere through the SIU domain or with any other computer that is connected to the SIU network. Fagan said the system is saving the library nearly \$1,000 since it has written its own program. Most programs cost more than \$1,400 to create.

The new on-line chat reference is available to students from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Plans for the fall semester are still being considered and will depend on the support and acceptance of the system among other things.

"We can make life a lot easier and this is just another way how," said Ruppel.

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The settlement will wrap up two years of legal action between Haggerty's family and the city of Chicago. The family hired O.J. Simpson defense attorney Johnnie Cochran to negotiate with the city.

The end result will bring closure to the family, according to Haggerty's brother-in-law Norman Frye. He said he sees his wife Barbara and her parents suffer as they have to deal with reliving LaTanya's death through legal battles and unwanted media attention.

"This is a step for the family so they can put things in perspective and move on with their

lives," Frye said. "You just have to move on. You can't keep reliving things over again."

Frye said the large settlement will give the family some sense of retribution, but added that it still isn't enough.

"You can't put a price on anyone's life," Frye said. "I've watched my mother and father-in-law and they grieve every day. My heart goes out to both of them."

The family is looking to set up a foundation in LaTanya's name to provide scholarships to those that can't afford an education, Frye said. He said she was thinking about going back to school to pursue a career as a schoolteacher.

"She loved children so much," Frye said. "We want her

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agreement. "It shows there was a real willingness of the University to listen to the needs of the union."

"This contract is fair and it is equitable," she said.

Pommier said Monday that the union wanted to open one article of the current contract, the section dealing with economic adjustment and contract length. Going into the meeting, the bargaining team was preparing to ask for a 6 percent salary increase and a two-year contract length.

Bob York, director of labor

and employee relations and University spokesperson, was also pleased with the result of Tuesday's negotiations.

"It was a successful session," York said. "There is a conceptual agreement in place and there are just a few details to work out."

York added that the issues surrounding the negotiations had been agreed upon, now numbers simply need to be crunched.

This seemingly simple agreement stands in direct contrast to last year's seven-month debate that nearly culminated in a union strike. The final agreement included a 5 percent salary increase and a one year contract.

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Low: 66

POLICE BLOITER

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• Yu Wang, 30, was arrested and charged with reckless driving on Monday at 10:24 a.m. at 711 E. Park St. He was taken to Jackson County Jail.

• On Monday at 9:45 a.m., SIUC police were called to Lawson Hall because of reports of disorderly conduct. A 21-year-old female alleges that an unidentified black male rubbed her feet without her permission. The suspect is described as 6 feet tall, 200 lbs, and between the ages 23-25.

• Michael S. Endicott, 47, was arrested at the corner of South Washington and East Mill streets and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol Tuesday at 1:55 a.m. He was unable to post the required bond and was taken to Jackson County Jail.

JACKSON COUNTY

• The Jackson County Sheriff's Department is investigating a vandalism incident that occurred at Giant City Grade School late Monday night or early morning. Vandalism spray-painted graffiti on the front and rear of the building. Police believe the incident might be related to several similar acts of vandalism reported to the Carbondale and SIUC Police Departments in recent weeks.

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DODGING THE Easy credit hard way out

New Bankruptcy Reform Act may make it harder for students to get out of debt

ANDREA PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

When Lenore Davis graduates in December, she will take with her a bachelor's degree in marketing and the confidence knowing that she survived college and \$1,500 worth of credit card debt.

The Chicago native arrived in Carbondale in 1997 and was lured by several credit card vendors, who appear each year in diverse spots on the SIUC campus. Davis was instructed to fill out "harmless" credit card applications in order to receive free gifts like shirts, phone cards, key chains and soda. She believed if she received the plastic in the mail, she would just tear it up. But Davis' idea didn't go as planned.

She used it immediately. "I thought that if I kept it, I would just use it for emergencies," Davis said. "But I ended up going to the mall."

After breaking in the first credit card, Davis found it second nature to use plastic instead of cash to buy clothes, train tickets and books, and applied for three more credit cards in less than two years.

"Credit cards are very addicting," Davis said. "They are like drugs, and everyone who gets a credit card needs to read the fine print because there are so many things that the companies don't tell you."

She was surprised to learn that when she did not make her minimum monthly payments on time that her annual interest rate climbed from 18 percent to 24 percent. Now, after accumulating debt she said was unnecessary, Davis said she learned her lesson and hopes incoming freshmen will not follow her footsteps.

Although Davis does not plan to file for bankruptcy after graduation, the thousands of students that do may have a hard time because of the new Bankruptcy Reform Act. The act, supported by President Bush and credit card companies, will limit options for students who borrow too much.

The revised law would make it more difficult for consumers to declare Chapter 7 bankruptcy, where personal debts are erased. More people would have to file under Chapter 13, which requires repayment of debts over five years. Some consumer advocates say that Congress should not make it harder for students, but rather take a closer look at credit card companies.

Davis agreed the criteria for freshmen receiving credit cards should revert to how it was two decades ago when lenders required parents to co-sign credit cards for students under 21.

But during the past years, students have been the major cause of success for

credit card companies. According to a 2000 survey by major student-loan provider Nellie Mae, undergraduates carried an average credit card balance of \$2,748, which is more than twice the amount it was in 1993. The study also showed that nearly one in three students has at least four credit cards, and one in 10 will graduate with balances exceeding \$7,000.

Many credit card companies know students will pay at least the minimum balance of their credit card, an average of 18.9 percent. Therefore, if a student has a credit card balance of \$8,000 and makes minimum monthly payments at an 18 percent interest rate, it will take that student 25 years and seven months to pay the debt. The student will pay an additional \$15,432 in interest charges, almost twice the balance, bringing the total to \$23,432.

On some U.S. campuses, universities make deals with credit card companies. The University of Oklahoma received \$13 million from First USA for the exclusive right to market MasterCard and Visa cards to students, alumni and employees over the next 10 years. The bank will also give the school 0.4 percent of every purchase charged with the cards.

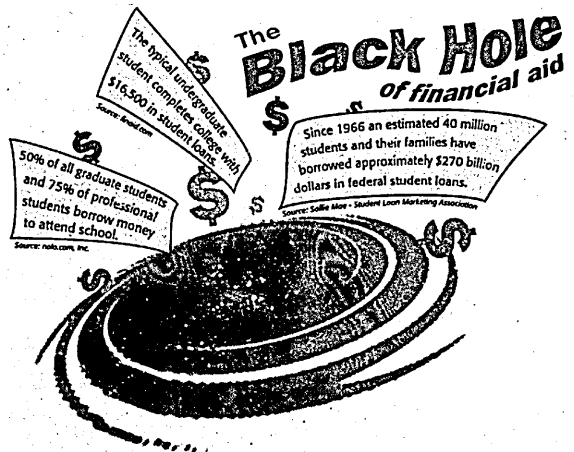
Although SIUC has not made those kinds of deals, Registered Student Organizations receive payment for credit card vendors who want to set up on campus. All they would have to do is go to Student Development to receive a permit and schedule a time slot.

Interim Chancellor John Jackson said he has noticed the problems that frequent credit card spending can cause students and said it is a national crisis.

"Many freshmen just can't handle that kind of freedom," Jackson said. "But young people do have to learn to manage debt."

Jackson said for the upcoming fall semester, the University may take a look at the credit card vendor policy on campus and see what can be done to prevent young students from diving head first into a pool of credit that they cannot handle.

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Interest rates affect loans

Loan consolidation good option for students

WILLIAM ALONSO
DAILY EGYPTIAN

With Allen Greenspan and the Federal Reserve cutting interest rates like Edward Scissorhands, students will have a better option in dealing with student loans come July 1.

Consolidation loans are an exciting and beneficial choice this year due to a slowing economy and interest rate cuts by the Federal Reserve to spark consumer spending. The low interest rate indirectly affects the rate for student loans.

The interest rate on student loans fluctuates from year to year and can go as high as, but never exceeding, 8.25 percent. Refinancing through a consolidation loan combines all student loans into one loan with a fixed interest rate.

Interest rates for student loans are set once a year, in June, by the Department of Education. The new rates will become effective July 1, and are set for a fiscal year. This year's rate is the lowest it has ever been.

According to Ann Acton, associate director of financial aid, the interest rates will go down by approximately 2 percent on July 1. She said the rates on Stanford Loans are going to be 5.99 percent for the next year.

"When you consolidate, (the new

rate) is a fixed rate based on the weighted average of the rates of all your other loans," Acton said.

Students may be familiar with options such as cancellation, deferment and forbearance. Cancellation of loans is the rarest option usually reserved in case of a death or total disability. Deferment and forbearance are delays in the repayment process based on certain criteria.

According to Rick Steudel, assistant director of financial aid, consolidation loans are a great selection right now.

"This would be an advantageous time for a student to look into consolidation," Steudel said. "The benefits are going to vary from student to student. As a general rule, consolidation is probably an advantage."

Consolidation loans make more sense for upperclassmen and graduates who have accumulated loan debts for a few years. But most students are unaware of consolidation loans.

Vince Stefanelli, a senior with a double major in paralegal and public relations, said student loans bring to mind bills, "lots and lots of bills." He said his plan for paying them back is obtaining a job.

"I have around \$20,000 in student loans," Stefanelli said. "When I graduate I would like to be able to pay it, hopefully with these degrees, I will be able to."

Jay Hendricks, a second-year law student, has a similar plan with his student loans.

"I just plan on getting a job when I get out, and six months later start paying on it," Hendricks said. "I don't know of any other method."

Acton encourages students interested in loan consolidation to take action within the next month. The low interest rate available July 1 will change next year and could increase. In recent years, the rate has been around 7.99 percent.

"The rate will probably go up again as the economy goes up," Acton said. "This is probably a one-time chance to fix in on a pretty decent interest rate."

CONSOLIDATION

Applications and information about consolidating loans can be found at www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov

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Local unemployment rates show good stability in Southern Illinois

DAVID OSBORNE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

While employment rates through Southern Illinois have fluctuated, a steady employment base has helped give Jackson County a stable unemployment rate.

Statistics released by the Illinois Department of Employment Security shows Jackson County unemployment rates unchanged from a year ago. Jackson County had the fifth lowest average unemployment rate in the state at a mere 3.1 percent. Alexander County ranked highest in the state

with an unemployment rate of 9.7 percent.

Mike Vessell, a labor market economist with the Department of Employment, attributes much of Jackson County's stability to SIUC.

"They (Jackson County) run 30 percent of jobs in state government, which is the University," Vessell said.

Carbondale has 44 percent of its jobs tied in government employment, compared with 25 percent in Murphysboro. Murphysboro's government employment reflects the jobs created as a result of the county seat and circuit court.

Retail trade and professional services, such as doctors and lawyers, also dominate Jackson

County's economy, each making up 20 percent of the county's employment picture. Jobs like those don't normally see a lot of layoffs or turnover.

"Especially with the University, if a student graduates and gives up a bartending job, another student takes that job and it has little impact on the economy," Vessell said. "With the mall in Carbondale, people often move from one mall job to another."

Jackson County's economy includes less than 5 percent manufacturing jobs, another stabilizing factor. Other counties with a heavier industrial base, such as Alexander County, have as high as 12 percent of the jobs tied to

manufacturing.

Southern Illinois as a whole saw a dip in unemployment rates from April to May, with only six of 22 counties showing an increase. The drop ranged from 0.1 percent in Jackson County to a 2.4 percent drop in Hamilton County.

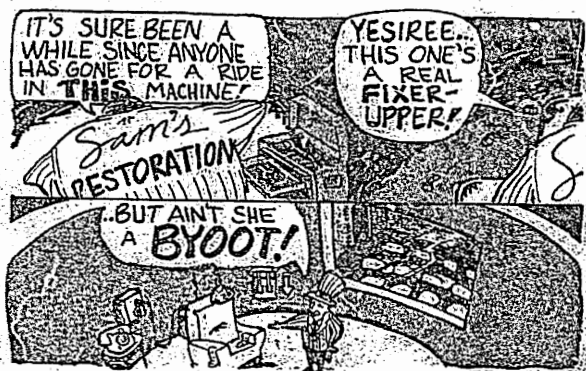
For the counties that showed an increase, Franklin County was the hardest hit with a 1.4 percent increase in unemployment. Vessell pointed out that in counties like Franklin, which is home to three boat factories, the number could easily be a temporary increase as one plant or another experiences a temporary slowdown.

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OUR WORD

Pastors for Peace doing right by aiding Cubans

When someone thinks of Cuba, they might immediately visualize the face of Fidel Castro, the dictator who has outlasted four decades of American presidents, much to the ire of the U.S. government.

But what of the Cuban people whose aid is withheld due to the harmful, ineffective embargo America has against the country? They do not receive the much-needed food and medical supplies U.S. citizens take for granted.

Pastors for Peace, a special ministry of the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization, refuses to let politics get in between them and sending aid to a people desperately in need of food and medicine.

The unlicensed grassroots organization rolled through Carbondale this past weekend and gathered humanitarian aid from locals. The caravan is one of 11 that is stopping in nearly 100 Canadian and U.S. cities. The caravans will converge in San Antonio, Texas on June 29, and travel to Mexico where goods will be shipped to Cuba. Mexico doesn't have an embargo against Cuba.

The 40-year-old embargo, which causes the Pastors for Peace to go to such extreme lengths to give the Cubans aid, is a much harsher penalty than the sanctions against North Korea and China. The two Communist nations have what the United States considers far more deplorable human rights records than Cuba and are far greater military threats to the United States.

We applaud the Pastors for Peace for their dedication and willingness to maneuver around the embargo that is harming the Cuban people.

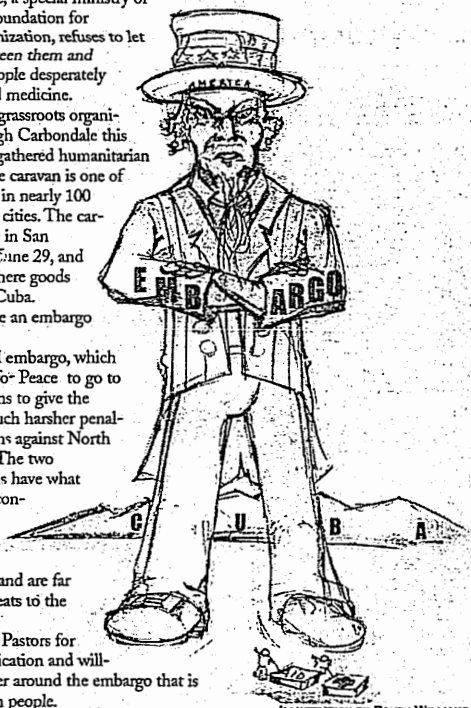


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Everything's Political

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Smoking is getting cooler all the time. Do you remember adolescence? For me, it's fading at a steady rate. I know this because I have caught myself associating positive words, such as carefree, with that absolute abyss of a life stage.

The door to childhood bliss has just slammed behind us and the gate to adult independence is mercilessly locked, social darwinism is quickly evolving into something vicious and petty, utterly inconvenient body changes are laying siege upon us all (or worse, everyone but you) — show me someone who enjoyed adolescence, and I'll show you an incomplete adult.

It's so clumsy and generally embarrassing, but so necessary. Now more than ever, those often miserable little people are the ones the world is desperately trying to separate from cigarettes, and (surprise) it's not working.

As the ridiculous anti-smoking commercials continue to parade fake teens using hip words across our TV screens, more and more young people are lighting up.

Meanwhile, politicians throughout the country are using local regulations to make it more inconvenient for adult smokers to enjoy their vice of choice (smoking banned on public sidewalks, smoking banned in a whole city, smoking banned in bars ...).

The Supreme Court will rule tomorrow as to whether state limits on tobacco advertising infringe on the First Amendment, and additional taxes have almost doubled the cost of the cigarettes in the last several years.

But any time some brave soul says, "perhaps we've gone too far..." the anti-tobacco folks shriek "but the CHILDREN!"

And the chances are as high as ever that if you ask Junior for a cigarette, he'll be able to help you out.

A study released two weeks ago found that kids are responding more to the surviving tobacco ads than the anti-tobacco ads.

The researchers say the only choice left is to ban pictures of any kind in cigarette ads.

Not only has anti-tobacco mania gotten out of control, but the movement has proven itself laughably incapable of learning from mistakes.

Kids aren't responding more to cigarette ads than anti-cigarette ads, they're responding to both. And both are increasing teen smoking rates.

I won't oversimplify young teenagers by saying it's just rebellion or peer pressure, because it probably has less to do with those things than the fervent desire to make one's own decisions, and mistakes.

The greatest achievement of the anti-smoking campaigns is that they have made smoking a deliciously forbidden fruit, and then they remind us all of that fact 50 times a day.

I am not opposed to reasonable health regulations or punishing tobacco companies when they can be proven to have broken the law.

Some of the commercials, like the ones telling parents to talk to their kids, probably are effective.

But it is downright un-American for the government to impose restrictions on adults for self-destructive habits.

The truth is, most of the adolescents who smoke would smoke lemon grass or snort confetti if they were deluged with commercials that said not to.

THEIR WORD Grade inflation

(U-WIRE, Knight-Ridder Newspaper editorial)

Grades are controversial on many campuses these days. We refer not so much to the gloomy topic of bad grades, an old, contentious problem, but to the relatively new issue of too many good grades!

Few would seriously deny that the inflation of grades has become pervasive in American higher education over the past couple of decades. It is said that the Gentleman's C — long considered an acceptable grade by students of both sexes, faculty and tuition-paying parents — has turned into the Gentleman's B, or even the Gentleman's A.

Grade inflation in its various guises can be seen at nearly all campuses. In grading, as in so many areas, student-consumers are getting more of what they demand, rather than what they need or deserve. Attempts to deal with the problem by enforcing institution-wide standards tend to run up against faculty members' characteristic insistence on establishing and policing the academic substance of their own courses.

There isn't too much that lone faculty members can do about the overall trend, but some continue trying. One is Harvey C. Mansfield, a distinguished professor of government at Harvard. He has long had a reputation as a tough (but not unfair) grader; some wags refer to him as Harvey "C-minus" Mansfield!

In any case, he has instituted a two-tier grading system for students in his political philosophy classes: One grade, the modern-type inflated one, will go on their official transcripts; the second-grade, representing what he thinks they really deserve, will be disclosed to them individually and privately.

Under this system, his students will presumably be able to avoid being harmed (in graduate school applications, etc.) for having significantly lower grades than their peers, at Harvard or elsewhere. But, for their own consideration, they will also have the professor's unvarnished assessment of their work.

This approach is not universally applicable. For example, it may not affect students who are far more interested in how graduate school admissions committees view their applications than in how Professor Mansfield views their work in class. Nevertheless, the problem is real and it's not going away by itself. During the 1999-2000 school year, more than 87 percent of Harvard undergraduates received grades of B or better in their courses. That strains credulity.

LETTERS

Applaud to Retter's courage

DEAR EDITOR:

I would like to applaud the column by Daphne Retter (John Jackson Got a Raw Deal, Wed. June 20). It took courage as well as some maturity and insight to express this sentiment, and I am sure that the usual shrill voices that have vented their spleens on John Jackson will be responding to her. The behavior of those who attacked Jackson is itself eloquent testimony to the true substance of their cause.

Whatever the virtues or vices of the Board, the President or the previous Chancellor, John Jackson

was asked to do a selfless, thankless task, one that would ultimately benefit the future of everyone at this University, and to do it with his matter-of-fact dignity. Throughout his career, Jackson exhibited a deep devotion to SIUC, and his last two acts — his willingness to accept the chancellorship under the worst of circumstances and to lay it aside as we began to enter better times — are testimony to the depth of his commitment. Thus I am glad that Ms. Retter had the courage to speak the truth.

Thomas Alexander
Professor
Department of Philosophy

Reader takes exception with Mayor's comments

DEAR EDITOR:

This letter is in response to a story that appeared on June 20 regarding bicycle laws in Carbondale and the mayor's near accident.

I am a cyclist in Carbondale, and I agree that bicycle riders ought to obey traffic laws and city bicycle ordinances.

Some information contained in the article seemed confusing, however, and I wanted to clarify it. In the body of the article, the mayor is quoted

as saying, "And when they ride in the street we don't want them riding in the middle of traffic." However, in the graphic below the story, it says bicycle riders must turn from appropriate lanes.

In order for a cyclist to obey the law and ride in a manner that is safe and effective, he or she must occasionally ride in the middle of traffic. To make a left-hand turn from a four-lane roadway, with or without a turn lane, the cyclist must move with traffic and get into the left-hand lane, where he or she must remain until it is clear to turn, just like any other vehicle.

Jennifer Kuller
Carbondale

AmeriCorps help local community

One-on-one tutoring programs educate at-risk children

BETH GRADMAN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

For Martin Luther King Day, AmeriCorps member Cindy Stamm wanted to teach the children at DeSoto grade school a lesson about racism. Randomly tying colored ribbons on the wrists of students, they were not allowed to talk to people with different colored ribbons.

At the end of the day, the children wrote reflection papers about their experience and their reactions to the project.

Mythili Rundblad, coordinator of Student Development volunteerism and service learning, said almost all students responded that prejudice is wrong. They didn't like not being able to talk to their friends and realized that no one should discriminate.

Lessons like these are a part of the AmeriCorps program, a product of the Clinton administration. In September 1993, President Clinton signed the National and Community Trust

Act, creating the Corporation for National Service.

According to the AmeriCorps website, America has always relied on the action and dedication of citizens to embark upon challenges in the areas of education, safety, public health, human services and environment.

The AmeriCorps program in Illinois is set up to help at-risk children in local communities.

SIUC began participating in the program during the 1995-1996 school year.

"We're there to listen and talk to them and become their friends," said Cindy Stamm, a senior in social work and administration of justice from Carbondale.

Rundblad said it is an educational, eye-opening experience for many of the children.

"It may not be in their textbooks, but they are still learning," said Rundblad.

SIUC AmeriCorps members work with students one-on-one, tutoring them in subject areas in which they need help and acting as role models.

"Some people say there are not enough teachers," said Rundblad. "There are more children with needs that can't always be met by one teacher in a classroom of 25 to 30 students."

Adam Cecil is a new AmeriCorps member who will help the selected children learn more about themselves and others. Cecil, a senior in history and business from Galesburg, looks forward to working with the kids in the fall, as well as being a positive influence and meeting new people.

"Every child needs a positive role model, and I will be able to know the kids on a more personal level," said Cecil.

The philosophy of the program is to pair children with AmeriCorps members for one-on-one tutoring to help decrease absentee rates, increase homework completion and the quality of work, promote a positive perception of education and improve the students' self-esteem.

Rundblad said that studies have shown AmeriCorps does help children. At the end of each school year, data is collected from observations of students' self-esteem, academic skills and social skills. At the end of the year, the students are observed again, and the data are compared.

For a number of students, improvement has been found in the areas of homework, general academic skills, absenteeism and subject comprehension.

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Not just a table with books

Chi Alpha uses their book table as a ministry

ANDREA PARKER
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Joy Cutrano strolled into the Student Center with a hopeful smile Friday as she spotted the bare table that she would spice up with colorful, spiritual literature and candy for those who would decide to stop by the weekly Chi Alpha book table to take a peek.

Cutrano, a graduate student in sports management from Mendota, has been partly in charge of the Christian Registered Student

Organization's book table for the past year. She said before she was even involved in Chi Alpha, just walking past the book table and seeing the smiles on members' faces provoked her to learn more about the organization.

"We do not solicit anything," Cutrano said. "We allow everyone to come to the table and take the literature on their own."

Some people mistake Chi Alpha for a fraternity or sorority because of the Greek words, but Chi Alpha is an international student ministry and the Greek words mean "Christ Ambassadors." The group meets to worship every Friday at 6:30 p.m. in the Davis Auditorium of Wham Education Building.

The book table has settled in the Student Center faithfully every Friday since it started

in 1977. Chi Alpha and Calvary Campus Pastor Dale Crall believe that it is a powerful tool of witnessing.

"It was the students' mission to introduce people to the ministry and how to grow in the faith," Crall said.

From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. members sit at the table greeting those who walk past. Each hour, two members, usually from different countries, anxiously spend an hour encountering the passersby.

The types of literature they pick up are Bibles, information on Chi Alpha, the Christian faith and candy if they have a sweet tooth. The table also provides prayer request cards for anyone seeking prayer. Bibles in different languages lie on the table awaiting to be

read by those who are interested.

"The best thing about being part of the book table is meeting new people and having them notice the joy that I have in Christ," Cutrano said.

Chi Alpha also provides Bible studies throughout the week for American and international students, those who want to grow in their faith and for anyone who wants learn about the Bible and meet new friends.

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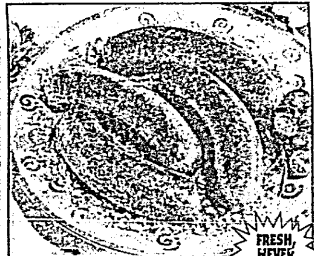
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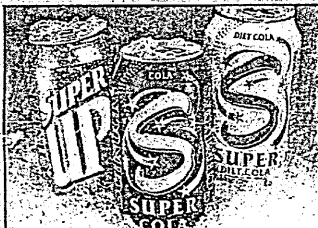


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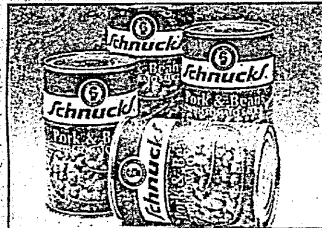
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Student Recreation Center develops program for community

Community Appreciation Days lets children swim, sun

LIZ GUARD
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Life's a beach: For more information on the Community Appreciation Days call the Student Recreation Center at 536-5531.

Mila Maring-Smith buried a treasure in the sand Monday. On Tuesday, she came back to Campus Lake Beach with a metal detector and a group of kids as part of Community Appreciation Day.

The Community Appreciation Days is a new program through the Student Recreation Center to make Campus Lake Beach available to everyone in the area.

Maring-Smith, a professor at Southeastern Illinois College from Carbondale, hid a metal box with beads, pencils and other toys for her children and visiting nieces and nephews to enjoy when they discovered the treasure with a metal detector.

Shane Ravellette, coordinator of aquatics and sports clubs at the Recreation Center, said he wanted to start the program for the youth of Carbondale and the community.

"We started it because we had a great opportunity with a resource on campus [the beach] that we wanted to see used a little more," Ravellette said.

The program was slowly phased in and has now started. Every Tuesday and Thursday, from noon to 4 p.m., everyone in the area is invited to Campus Lake Beach to swim for 50 cents per person.

Maring-Smith wanted to bring the children out to the beach to hunt treasure and have a good time in the

sun and sand.

"It's great, but I don't think enough people know about it," Maring-Smith said. "It's a shame more people don't use it, and it's a perfect area for kids because you don't have to worry about broken glass or anything like that."

There are other options for children and community members in the area for swimming like the LIFE Community Center, which has a pool, and the Carbondale Park District, which sponsors a beach at Cedar Lake. But the Campus Lake Beach may be a closer alternative at a cheap price and a chance for more children in the community to interact with each other.

"It's a fairly simple program, but it's designed to offer something to everyone in the area, not just the SIU community," Ravellette said.

LIFE'S A BFACH

For more information on the Community Appreciation Days call the Student Recreation Center at 536-5531.



LISA SONNENSCHNEIN & KERRY MALONEY - DAILY EGYPTIAN

(Left) Elaina Robinson, age 7, Grant Brooks, age 4, both from Carbondale, and Samantha Fricke, age 7, from Murphysboro dig for hidden treasures at the lake on the Campus Beach Tuesday. (Right) Sebastian Hagemeyer, 10, of Carbondale does his best impression of a swamp monster for his brothers Monday afternoon in Campus lake. Hagemeyer and his three brothers came to the beach to cool off, but found the lakes vegetation more entertaining.



Excellence program still motivates gifted students in its 18th year

College of Education promotes program for summer campers

STACEY ROBINSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Mac Rice believes that some students who excel faster than others are singled out by their peers.

But Rice, a student at Edwardsville High School, refuses to conform to what is considered normal. Rice has engaged himself in SIUC's Challenge to Excellence program to be with students who are just like himself — gifted.

The Challenge to Excellence program is in its 18th year on the campus and was initiated by officials in the College of Education and Human Services.

"I presume that the program has expanded over the years and this is the first time I have been involved in it," the 14-year-old Rice said. "This is a good place where like minds can gather."

John McIntyre, director of the Challenge to Excellence and associate dean for teacher education, said that he has been a part of the program since its inception in 1984. McIntyre said the program was initiated by a grant from the State Board of Education written by himself and Glenn Poshard, vice chancellor for administration.

"We wanted to provide a service to kids in the Southern Illinois area," McIntyre said. "To give them the opportunity they wouldn't normally have in a regular classroom."

Challenge to Excellence is a summer residential service for gifted students across the Midwest, though the program originally sought students from the Southern Illinois area.

"A number of kids come from Central Illinois, a couple from the Chicago area, and there is one student from Kentucky," McIntyre said.

In the program, students are offered a range of choices, based on their interest, of classes to take and activities to participate in during the summer. At first, the program was primarily a math and science camp. It expanded over time to include more academic subjects like Spanish, biology, drama and programs like mock trials,

Hitchcock highlights, brain teasers and open forums. These new topics were initiated to satisfy the interests of the students who participate in the program.

"It has a great impact on their self esteem. Some of them are so bright they feel like they don't fit into the normal population," McIntyre said.

For those students who feel neglected or shunned from normal society because of their academic talent, the Challenge to Excellence is an opportunity for them to gain motivation. Students are chosen on the basis of IQ scores of more than 120 or by having 90 percentile test scores and a recommendation from their school. Usually the students exceed the requirements.

"I think it is a nice thing; I like to be with people who are as smart as I am," Rice said. "The program gives me the opportunity to expand my learning experience beyond the normal curriculum."

In addition to classes, students go on field trips and visit academic departments around the campus, like the Law School, the SIUC Museum, the Recreation Center and other colleges, laboratories and programs on campus.

Gardner Beasley, a teacher at Lincoln Middle School and math instructor for the Challenge to Excellence program, said he enjoys interacting and motivating the students in the program. Beasley said he received a call from the coordinator of the program and was soon on his way to teaching at the University for the summer.

"This is my first year in the program, and I like it a lot," Beasley said. "There needs to be more of these camps available to kids."

Beasley said that most camps are usually recreationally oriented, and most do not cater to academic talent.

"This is an opportunity to provide them with something new and fresh," Beasley said. "These kids are motivated and want to be here; some might even come back to go to school here."

McIntyre said that there have been students who have returned to attend the University in the past. Many past campers have become counselors and teachers in the program.

"We get a number of them who have gone to school here, and when they visit, they just bomb my office to see how things are going," McIntyre said. "We must be doing something right for them to keep coming back."

Revised Ohio State U. code covers more students' offenses

NICOLE ANDERSON
THE LANTERN (OHIO STATE U.)

COLUMBUS, Ohio (U-WIRE) - Ohio State University students living in the off-campus area should take notice of the recent changes made to the Code of Student Conduct.

The off-campus jurisdiction has been broadened and now includes acts such as "offenses of violence." These acts include any behaviors that cause substantial destruction to property or serious harm to the health or safety of members of the university community, sexual misconduct and persons who commit a violation while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

These changes went into effect March 26, according to Patrick Hall, the director of Student Judicial Affairs.

"These changes weren't made only to extend jurisdiction. The old code was difficult for everyone to understand," Hall said.

Hall believes the new code is plainly written and will be easier for students to comprehend.

One problem with the old code was that the off-campus jurisdiction did not apply uniformly, Hall said.

Under the old code, students living in a sorority or fraternity house could be punished by the university for any incidents that occurred on their property because the chapters are recognized as student organizations. If the same incident had occurred in an apartment across the street, the university could not have taken action against those students. The re-write rectifies this.

"The code of student conduct should apply to all students," Hall said.

According to the new Code of Student Conduct, the term "crime of violence" includes a few of the following offenses: Any counts of murder, assault and battery, rape, robbery, aggravated riot and domestic violence.

"Ohio State has the option to investigate any criminal activity and put students in front of the university's judicial

panel," said Eddie Pauline, president of Undergraduate Student Government.

Hall said if the charges against a student were dropped in the criminal system, OSU would still proceed to investigate the incident. He said the university's system and the criminal system operate on a very different basis.

In the criminal system, there must be a substantial amount of evidence to prove that someone is guilty of a crime. If there is a reasonable doubt, the case could be dropped. The case may never go to trial for several reasons that don't pertain to the university's rules, Hall said.

"OSU doesn't take leads from what happened in the criminal process. They only evaluate whether a violation of the rules has been committed," Hall said.

"I believe a university must be careful not to turn its campus into a police state. It makes the lives of students as well as the people that enforce the rules much more stressful," Pauline said. "Our code of student conduct is not a tool for the administration to arrest or expel people, it is simply a guide to keep our student community civil. When it is violated, OSU does a great job of taking the appropriate actions."

Hall said the goal of the university's punishments is for students to learn from their misconduct.

"We understand that students will make mistakes and want them to learn moral and ethical values from their mistakes, to avoid similar problems in the future," Hall said.

The Code of Student Conduct lists general guidelines for sanctions. In determining the sanction(s) to be imposed, the hearing officer or panel takes into account any mitigating circumstances and if the student has been sanctioned before.

The lowest level of sanctions is a formal reprimand. A letter of reprimand is written resulting from a student's misconduct, Hall said.

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Study finds automakers producing less fuel efficient cars

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COLORADO DAILY (U. COLORADO)

BOULDER, Colo. (U-WIRE) — A study finding that an overwhelming majority of automakers are producing cars less fuel efficient than a decade ago has been embraced by Colorado environmentalists and Rep. Mark Udall.

The Colorado Public Interest Research Group (CoPIRG) said Monday that it considers the state to be on the front lines of the issue because of its high percentage of SUVs and other light trucks.

The study, "Drilling in Detroit: Tapping Auto-maker Ingenuity to Build Safe and Efficient Automobiles," released late last week by the Union of Concerned Scientists, said that 83 percent of the auto industry — Ford, Daimler Chrysler and General Motors — are today producing less fuel-efficient vehicles than 10 years ago, spurring a rise in fuel prices and global warming.

Fuel efficiency peaked in 1988, according to the study.

The decline is attributed to a three-fold rise in the sales of light trucks — vans, pickups and SUVs.

In calling for "greener" SUVs, scientists built a test model to the same standards as the Ford Explorer XLT, but with a lighter weight, higher-fuel efficiency standards and lower-pollution production.

If we had better efficiency, Bush wouldn't have to look at drilling on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

Jody Flemming
CoPIRG member

Fuel economy increased by nearly 50 percent compared to the Explorer currently available to consumers, according to the study. The Explorer's combined city/highway miles per gallon is 19.3, compared to the test model's 28.4, according to the study.

Ford Motor Co. said the study declined to acknowledge statements the company made last summer that it would improve the efficiency of its SUVs by 25 percent by 2005.

"That's something that we've said before the study," Ford spokeswoman Sara Tatchio said.

Yet Ford and other automakers are reluctant to install the new equipment, which is expected to increase the costs of light trucks by as much as \$2,000.

Few people pumping gas in Boulder on Monday said that price was an important factor when they bought their SUVs, but that price was.

"Mileage wasn't that important when I bought this," Vanessa

Techner said as she filled the tank of her SUV. "Cost mattered."

She estimates that she gets 11 miles per gallon.

Vann Parker, who recently bought an SUV, said he gets roughly 17 mpg and that mpg was a deciding factor in his purchase.

"It wasn't everything," Parker said. "It was a compromise. I have two kids."

Closing the mpg gap is important, according to environmentalists. Boulder's chapter of the Sierra Club and CoPIRG joined to push for legislation to compel automakers to achieve higher standards.

"This would be a good thing for Colorado," Jody Flemming of CoPIRG said.

Flemming said that if efficiency standards are increased by 2012, 374 million tons of pollution could be reduced annually.

CoPIRG and the Sierra Club recently endorsed the Toyota Prius as an exemplary car. The Prius, like a few other cars recently introduced to

the market, is a hybrid, running on a combination of gas and electric power. It yields 48 mpg, combined city and highway.

Both the cities of Boulder and Denver use the hybrids in parts of their city fleets and the hybrids have been hard for dealers to keep in stock. Just 12,000 have been made available in the United States so far and local dealerships have a long wait.

More Prius-like cars on the street could make parts of President Bush's energy policy moot, Flemming said.

"If we had better efficiency, Bush wouldn't have to look at drilling on the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge," Flemming said.

Members of Congress, including Mark Udall, D-Colo., are pressing for higher mpg for the same reasons. Udall has joined 45 other representatives to cosponsor a bill that would require manufacturers to higher their mpg standards.

"Mark supports the legislation because it would save us literally millions of gallons of petroleum a day," Udall's spokesman Lawrence Pacheco said.

Rep. Diana DeGette, D-Colo., is on the committee hearing the bill — the Energy and Commerce Committee, chaired by Billy Tauzin, R-La.

No other Colorado representatives support the measure. Another study predicted a decrease in gas prices this summer.

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Stamm sees the difference she makes in the lives of the children and hopes to learn a few things so she can help her 3-year-old son if he ever runs into problems in school.

"Maybe I can do something different in the future so my son won't go through some of the same problems and conflicts," said Stamm.

Besides getting involved in the communities, members receive financial benefits. They are given a living allowance of about \$400 per month. Upon completing 779 hours of tutoring and mentoring, 81 hours of training and 40 hours of community service, members receive an award to help pay the cost of a higher education.

"When I go to these communities, it's so great for me to see our members coming and helping without expecting anything in return," said Rundblad. "I feel fortunate personally and professionally because I'm a part of a program that strives to do good."

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Students' legal service gives University free advice

Attorneys and Law students help

WILLIAM ALONSO
DAILY EGYPTIAN

When it comes to obtaining help from Students' Legal Assistance, Amanda Branham has one piece of advice for students: do not wait until the last minute, because help will be limited.

The Students' Legal Assistance office provides legal counseling for SIUC students. It is staffed by two full-time attorneys and five law school students during spring and fall and two law students in the summer. The service is virtually free because it is funded by a \$3.75 per semester student fee.

Branham has worked with SLA for two years. As a third-year law student her responsibilities have changed.

"If you're a second-year law student, you don't do any criminal work. You do landlord-tenant issues and consumer fraud," Branham said. "Now I do city ordinance violations."

Students' Legal Assistance handles a variety of cases including landlord-tenant problems, uncontested divorces and adoption. However, it cannot handle certain cases like student versus student problems or cases dealing with the University.

Betsy Streeter has been working as an attorney for Students' Legal Assistance since its conception in 1977. The office handles over 1000 cases per year, the majority of which are landlord-tenant cases. According to Streeter, having legal assistance is beneficial to students involved in such issues.

"Most students go through their four years in college without having any problems. When they do have problems, it's often things they can't handle themselves," Streeter said. "They're at a disadvantage because they are dealing with business people and, in most cases, landlord-tenant laws are fixed in favor of landlords."

Steve Rogers, an attorney with SLA since 1981, has simple advice for students dealing with rental housing.

"You have to know your rights," Rogers said.

He advises students to read leases before signing and to bring them to the legal assistance office to go over them with one of the attorneys.

"We will review [the lease] with them to make sure they know what they are getting into," Rogers said. "Frequently we can point out things that they would never agree to."

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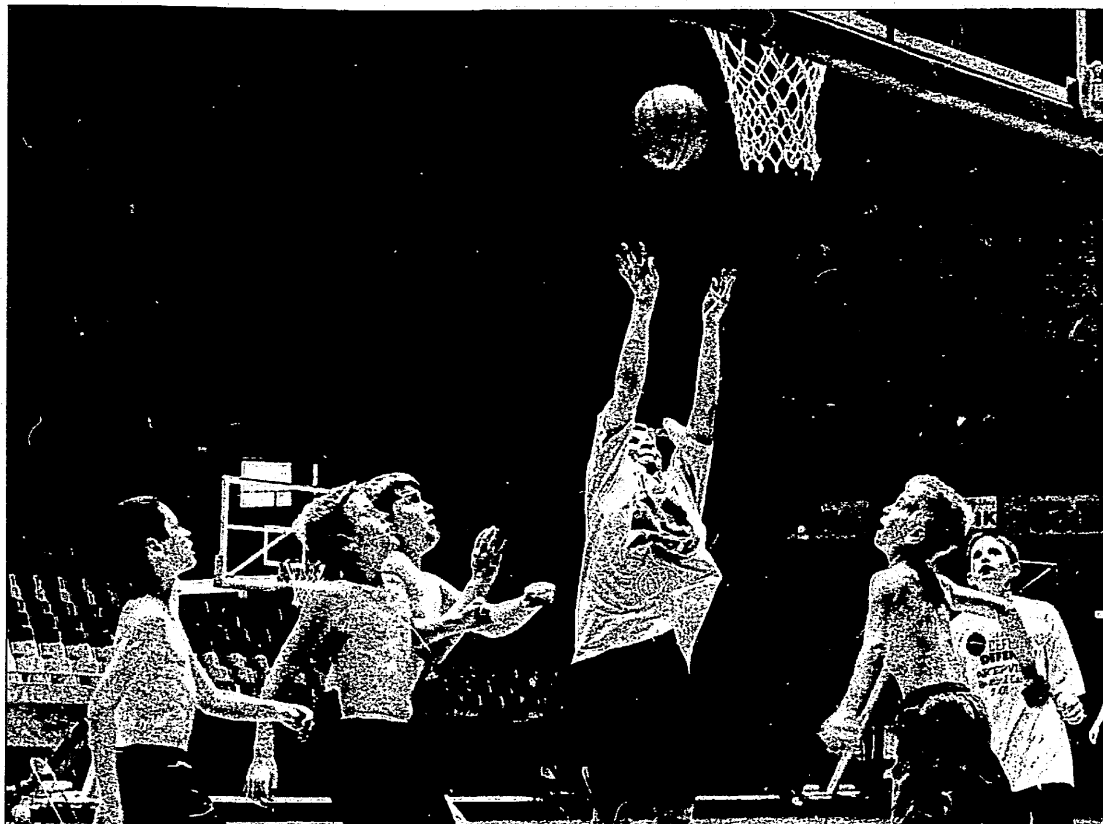
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The shirts take the lead with this shot during a 5-on-5 scrimmage at the Arena on Tuesday. These kids are part of a basketball camp for 5- to 13-year-olds that runs throughout the week.

STEVE JAHNKE
DAILY EGYPTIAN

N. Illinois men's basketball busy in off-season

FRANK RUSNAK
NORTHERN STAR
(NORTHERN ILLINOIS U.)

DEKALB, Ill. (U-WIRE)—There have been a lot of changes going on with the Northern Illinois men's basketball team of late.

As new coach Rob Judson starts to get comfortable, a number of players have been coming and going. Former Huskie coaches are making headlines as well.

With all that is happening, one thing is for sure: the Huskies look to top their record-worst season last year, and finish off their run at Chick Evans Fieldhouse with a bang.

Out with the old, in with the new

After performing at NIU on scholarship for two years, Canada native Marcus Jankus has departed, and the opening he left behind on the squad is being filled by Lincoln Junior College point man Eugene "Jay" Bates.

"It was his decision to leave," said Judson, regarding Jankus' departure to Mercyhurst College in Erie, Pa. "It is two-and-a-half hours away from Marcus' home in Canada. He will have an opportunity to play right away and it is a great opportunity for him."

With two years of eligibility left, Bates will be a welcome addition to the Huskies. At 6-feet tall, he averaged 15 points, 6.5 rebounds and 4 assists a game as a sophomore at Lincoln, all the while shooting 59 percent from the floor for a 26-7 team.

"Jay's a real hard worker and

had an excellent season at Lincoln College," Judson said. "He was all-area and all-region on a very good team at Lincoln. I think he'll be a really good addition at NIU."

Battered but healing

NIU's signing of Gordon Tech-High School star, 6-foot-6 point guard Julian McElroy, was supposed to bolster their attack from the perimeter and contribute strength to the team with his size and versatility. McElroy is still expected to do all that, but his debut in working out with the Huskies has been pushed back by a couple of weeks.

Coming down hard in a pickup game, McElroy strained his PCL, but fortunately won't need surgery.

"He has to remain athletically inactive for the next couple of weeks," said NIU coach Rob Judson about McElroy, who averaged 17 points, 12 assists and seven rebounds a game in his senior campaign with the Rams.

Incoming players get head start

For the first time, the NCAA is letting players be on scholarship the summer before their first year at a university, and NIU is taking full advantage of the rule change.

"We are going to have our incoming players up here the whole summer," Judson said. "I think this is really a rule change that was made for the better."

Already in DeKalb for the summer are McElroy, Bates and Minnesota's 6-foot-5 Jamel Statton.

The Huskies are still waiting on word regarding Harlan's 6-foot-5

swingman Chris Lawson.

With his most recent ACT testing results not in, his score could be the determining factor to Chris being a Huskie or taking another route such as junior college. If Chris does not achieve the necessary score on his test, but is eligible to come to NIU as a partial qualifier, Judson has said that they would greet his presence with open arms. As a partial qualifier, he would be eligible to be on scholarship and practice with the team, but not travel and play with them, which is similar to what occurred to Illinois State transfer Perry Smith last year.

Old coaches on the move

Former NIU assistant coaches Ryan Marks and Andre Peavy have both landed head coaching jobs since moving of NIU.

Marks has inherited the job as headman at Vermont State, a Division II school. He is hoping to be joined by former Huskie players Morgan Thompson and Lawrence McGee at his new school.

Andre Peavy has moved back to where he started: high school.

His true love is at the high school level where the players are young and fresh and he is lucky to have been assigned the new head coach at Chicago Fenger High School.

Peavy looks to be joined at Fenger by a 6-foot-8 incoming eighth-grader named Clarence Holloway, who Peavy proclaims will be one of the best big men to ever come out of Chicago.

Peavy also insists that recruiting at the high school level — eighth graders in Chicago can go to any

public high school they choose in the city — is harder than college recruiting.

"In high school," said Peavy, "they have no rules to recruiting."

NIU strikes out with two recruits

Coming off of a city title this past year, Chicago Morgan Park High School had two players that looked very attractive to new NIU coach Rob Judson.

However, both have opted to take their skills and abilities elsewhere.

Quinnell Brown, who is a long-shot to qualify academically — he needs a 21 on his final ACT attempt and could only score a 17 on previous tries — says he will go to the junior college route, but lists Illinois State, Wyoming, and Oklahoma State as Division I schools he is considering after junior college.

"NIU is just too close home," said the 6-foot-6 senior forward Brown. "I want to get farther away from Chicago."

With NIU in need of post help, they also turned their attention to Brown's teammate, Jonathan Byrd. A 6-foot-9 center, Byrd would have certainly helped the Huskie attack, and although he really liked the campus and enjoyed his visit to DeKalb, he was looking for more of an established program.

"It seemed like they were really going through a rebuilding process," said Byrd, about the Huskies.

"There was going to be a lot of changes and I really didn't see myself fitting into that situation."

Byrd has since committed to the Ragin' Cajuns of Louisiana-Lafayette.

Northern Illinois tailback arrested, charged with burglary

NICK GERTS
NORTHERN STAR
(NORTHERN ILLINOIS U.)

DEKALB, Ill. (U-WIRE) — Northern Illinois football player Dujuan Johnson was arrested at Stevenson Towers North Tuesday night on charges of burglary.

The freshman tailback was arrested at 11:35 p.m. in the Stevenson fire lane after police say he was stealing electronics ranging from DVD players and VCRs, which were recovered, at a value of \$550.

Johnson posted \$1,000 bond; the amount was reduced to \$20,000 to \$10,000.

A preliminary hearing will be held at 1:30 p.m. July 6. Charges could be upgraded to residential burglary, police said.

NIU football coach Joe Novak said Johnson will be suspended, but the suspension will be determined by the severity of the sentence.

Johnson was a Prop 48 athlete for the Huskies last season and has yet to see playing time. Novak was looking to Johnson to play wide receiver as well as tailback so the freshman could see playing time along with Michael Turner and Thomas Hammock.

"I am extremely disappointed in this," Novak said. "This is ridiculous. We had a meeting in May about staying out of trouble. I feel sorry for kids like him because this team will go on."

The last time a football player was arrested was in October, 1999, when Ivory Bryant was charged with two counts of battery.



STEVE JANKE - DAILY EGYPTIAN

Next Stop, Da Bulls: It looks like David and Goliath just before tip-off in a shirts and skins game at the Arena on Tuesday. Players of all ages and sizes are participating in a basketball camp that is being led by such Saluki notables as Coach Bruce Weber and Kent Williams.

Move over, Rudy

High jump walk-on shows you don't have to wait for success

JENS DEJU
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Most know the story of sports' most famous walk-on, Daniel Ruegger, thanks to the movie bearing his name, "Rudy."

Rudy was a walk-on to the University of Notre Dame's football team and his career culminated in 27 seconds of glory when he got a sack against Georgia Tech.

Latrice Gray is also a walk-on, only her sport of choice is track and field, and she didn't have to wait until the end of her senior season to enjoy the fruits of her labor.

Gray, a sophomore in architecture from Wooddale, was just one of 21 girls to compete in the high jump at the NCAA Women's Outdoor Track and Field Championships this past season. Her jump of five feet, eight inches was good enough for 14th place.

"Often I say that the people that are walk-ons are the ones that are hungriest," said women's track and field head coach Don DeNoon. "They didn't accomplish what they wanted to in high school, and they come in here with a hunger to prove themselves."

And prove herself she did.

Gray holds the SIU high jump record of 5-10 3/4, which is an inch and a half over the old record of 5-9 1/4 set in '96 by Stephanie Smith.

DeNoon said Gray's accomplishment of making it to the

NCAA competition speaks volumes about her ability, and he is excited about her future prospects.

"She's got a really bright future ahead of her," DeNoon said. "I see her as a six-foot-plus high jumper, and if that happens, she'll be our next All-American."

Although she has already accomplished a lot, Gray is far from being done. Her current goal is to make it back to the NCAAAs and to have a stronger showing than she did this time around. She also agrees with DeNoon's belief that she can top the six foot mark.

"By the time I graduate I want to be jumping a 6-4," Gray said.

While her track career has been a success thus far, her athletic career at SIU actually began with the volleyball team.

Gray walked on to the team and played out the year before her roommate talked her into switching to track. Although she left the team, she remains close with her former teammates as well as Sonya Locke, the head coach.

"My experience there was really good," Gray said. "I'm still friends with all the girls on the team and even the new players they got. I know them all and I still talk to Sonya all the time."

Lost in the shuffle of her athletic success is the fact Gray chose SIU for the architecture program, and she one day plans to build and design her own line of family homes.

"She's got a good work ethic and her major is highly demanding," DeNoon said. "She's trying to put all her tough things together and keep her sanity at the same time and I admire that."

Saluki tennis looking for a few good women

'01-'02 squad needs more players

CLINT HARTING
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Good news: The 2001-'02 Saluki women's tennis team will feature the return of four of their top six players from the previous season.

Bad news: As of press date only one out of twelve recruits have signed, leaving the team with five total players, one short of the minimum amount needed to play.

The Salukis finished fifth in the Missouri Valley Conference last season with a 13-9, 9-4 record, and will have their work cut out for them in the 2001-'02 campaign, filling slots and recovering from injuries.

SIU women's tennis coach Judy Auld, ready for her 27th season, is not at all worried about the depth chart, or lack thereof.

"Gosh, you say she has five players going into the fall and she is positive," Auld said. "Well, I have five good players who are willing to work and want to do well."

The fifth player that Auld refers to is incoming freshman Kari Stark from Wichita Southeast High School, the lone recruit.

Auld expects her to jump in and fill one of the lower spots.

"She may get thrown in the pit real quick," Auld said. "She may play as high as four."

Auld said Stark reminds her a lot of recent Saluki women's tennis

player Keri Crandall.

"They are built the same and have the same type of attitude which is a plus," Auld said.

Stark will join senior Erika Ochoa, sophomore Alejandra Blanco, sophomore Tana Trapani and sophomore Sarah Krismanits.

Ochoa will be looked upon once again to play the No. 1 slot. Auld is confident Ochoa is ready.

"It is a very difficult position to play," Auld said. "I think she will play it even better."

Blanco will once again fill the No. 2 spot, who began playing with the Salukis last spring.

Trapani could move up from the No. 4 spot to No. 3, and can play as high as No. 2, but Auld thinks she needs some more experience.

The question mark lies with the remaining spots. Krismanits could play in the No. 4 spot, but is currently recovering from surgery on her wrist and may not be ready for the fall.

With Stark either at the No. 4 or No. 5 spot depending upon Krismanits' status, a sixth player would be nice to fill the No. 6 spot.

Auld is looking at some other recruits to bring in, and is focusing in on personal qualities as well as athletic ones.

"If you surround yourself with good quality people it only pushes your program up," Auld said.

In order for the Salukis to reach their potential in 2001-'02, they will need to stay free of injuries and add some more players.

"We can do really well in our conference," said Trapani. "It's just been those stupid injuries."

Laces out

A short memo to all Chicago Cubs fans: Today's date is June 27.

Every Cub fan that I seem to run into has reminded me of the fact that their team is in first place. Ironically, they always seem to know how many games the St. Louis Cardinals are out of first place along with every detail of how they swept the Cards in Wrigley Field.

I have to admit, I really didn't understand the passion Cubs loyalists have in their faithful team until I attended a family gathering last month. One of my friends from college, who I also went to high school with, showed up (I think he got wind there was free beer) and greeted somebody that I knew he hadn't seen in at least two years.

No hi. No hello. Just a simple comment of, "Hey, how about those first place Cubbies," he asked, followed by a boastful laugh.

Typical first question from a Cubs fan. But they have every right to be excited. The pitching staff led by Kevin Tapani, Jon Lieber and Kerry

Wood combined with timely hitting have Cub fans more hot under the collar than a young schoolboy on his way to the prom.



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Cubs are always traditionally viewed as one of those white boy wannabe marathoners that get their jollies off on leading a race for the first 30 seconds before collapsing from cardiac arrest.

As much as I'd hate to admit, it appears like this year might actually be different. Chicago was not supposed to be that good this season and appear to have all the components of a winning team, including relief pitching. Usually, it's the relievers that give Cardinal fans pleasure after the Cubs blow a four-run, ninth-inning lead.

As a biased Cardinals fan, I'm making a commanding editorial decision to remind all Cubs fans about the fact there are more than three months of the season left, to be played and another month before the July 31 trading deadline to pick up Brant Brown.

I remember reminding people of the same thing in late April, which continued throughout May and somehow managed its way into the summer. I had the unsightly pleasure of sitting behind someone at last Sunday night's Cardinal game who told me he was moving to Chicago next month to watch the World Series.

This guy was also the same person who sandwiched his Cubs history lecture around obscenities describing how great the franchise supposedly is.

As of today, the Cubs have 87 more games this season to pull a Ray Finkle. Or is that Brant Brown?

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