**FUNDING for institute underway**

**BLACK TIE: Salute to Senator Paul Simon**'s first stage to supporting new public policy institute.

**WILLIAM HARFIELD DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER**

A fund-raiser to net $1 million for retired Sen. Paul Simon's new SIUC institute for studying public policy will be the first stage of obtaining a $10 million endowment to fund it, a SIUC administrator says.

Robert Quatroche, vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement, said the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute will research political issues that can be improved by government legislation.

Former Sen. Paul Simon said once the institute is operating, each year it will study two or three public policy issues that impact the region, state, nation or world. He said some possible topics are Social Security or the role of the media in politics.

Simon said he wants the institute to be action-oriented.

"What I am interested in is not an institute that simply has a good intellectual exchange with a volume on a shelf in the library gathering dust," Simon said. "I am interested in action and getting things done."

Quatroche said next month's fund-raiser in Chicago will be the first step in raising the $10 million endowment. He said the money for the fund-raiser will be raised by ticket sales to the event and corporate sponsors.

"We need to stress that most of the support for Sen. Simon and what he will do with the University will come primarily from private funds and not from state dollars," Quatroche said.

In January the Illinois Board of Higher Education recommended that $200,000 be allocated to the institute for fiscal year 1998, which begins July 1. In order to start the Institute the University requested the funding from IHHE.

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**Students struggle to pay gas bills**

**ON THE RISE: The change in natural gas prices has some wondering how to cope with the increase.**

**DAVE ARMSTRONG DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER**

As natural gas prices went up nationwide and the temperatures went down, many SIUC students say they felt the crunch as they struggled to pay sharp increases on heating bills.

Seung Kinn, a graduate student in accounting from Taipye, South Korea, said his CIPS bill increased by $30.

"It has increased a lot," Kinn said. "This month, I paid about $120 for my bill, and last month I paid $90. This is not a small amount of money to me, I'm not sure how to deal with this increase."

Carbondale Illinois Public Service, the company which provides more than 150,000 people with natural gas, raised the purchase gas adjustment price during December to reflect the higher price at which they purchase natural gas. This price is measured in therms, a unit equaling 1,000 cubic feet.

According to a Jan. 7 Wall Street Journal article, the price of natural gas increased by 17 percent worldwide to reflect the soaring demand for natural gas heating. This cost increase led CIPS to raise its gas purchase adjustment price, a CIPS representative said.

The purchase gas adjustment price was 35 cents per therm, but has risen to 50 cents per therm. This increase can mean price increases of $20 to $50 for students using natural gas, a CIPS representative said.

George Sheppard, a public affairs administrator says.

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**NEW LEADER:** After 20 years on the road, a former coach returns to McAndrew.

**MICHAEL DIXFORD DE SPORTS EDITOR**

After 20 years and six coaching stops along the way, former SIUC assistant football coach Jan Quarless is back where he began his coaching career.

SIUC Chanceller Donald Beggs officially introduced Quarless as SIUC's 18th head football coach at a press conference Saturday night prior to the basketball Salukis game against Indians State at SIU Arena.

Quarless, a native of Iron River, Mich., will immediately fill the vacancy left by former Saluki coach Shawn Watson, who stepped down Jan. 6 to pursue a career as quarterbacks coach at Northwestern Illinois University.

Quarless is SIUC's fourth coach in just 10 years. Watson spent three seasons at SIUC. Yet, Quarless said he plans on being here for some time to come, adding that a lengthy stay is important element in any program.

"I like being here, and it's my intent to be here for a while," he said. "To be frank, that's what's played this program."

Quarless began his coaching career at SIUC as a graduate assistant and assistant coach under Rey Dempsey in 1976 and was a candidate for the head coaching position in 1994.

Quarless said he knew he would return to SIUC one day, but he did not realize he would be back so soon.

"I'm really excited to be here," Quarless said. "It has been 20 years since I've been here. It's just a privilege to come back."

"Obviously, I didn't think it would be three years."

Beggs said SIUC "very much into hiring Quarless."

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**Overhaul:** Thirty-year-old lab theater looking for renovation funds.

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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS COURIER

Corrections

In Friday's front page story about abortion the headline was incorrect. It should have read "Pro-choice decision celebrated."

The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

If readers spot an error in a news article, they can contact the Daily Egyptian Accuracy Desk at 536-3111, extension 233 or 238.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY AT CARBONDALE

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale is a public research university located in Carbondale, Illinois. It is the second-largest university in Illinois and is known for its strong programs in engineering, education, and business.

The Daily Egyptian is the student newspaper of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. It is published Monday through Friday during the fall and spring semesters and Monday through Thursday during the summer semester.

University

A 22-year-old student reported that between 1:15 and 1:30 p.m. Thursday, someone entered his room on the 118th floor of University Hall in the University while the door was left open and the books and wooden paneling of the door was estimated to be $229.

FEDERAL COURTS

Two Carbondale residents were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in Benton on drug trafficking charges.

Southern Illinois Repertory Dance Theater - Dance Auditions (upon all levels) Feb 24, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Fantasia, 671./J.

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• Geography Club meeting, Jan. 27, 6 p.m., Room 2053, Contact the Club President at 536-2963.

• SUC Library Affairs - Tour of Undergraduate Library and Library Office, 11 a.m., Room 2050, Contact the Undergraduate Librarian at 536-2983.

• SUC Library Affairs - "Adventures WWU using Neptune (BVI)" Seminar, Jan. 27, 11 a.m., Room 2050, Contact the Undergraduate Librarian at 536-2983 to register.

• National Student Speech and Language Hearing Association (NSSHA) meeting, Jan. 27, noon, Room 2050, Contact Marshall at 536-2943.

• SUC Library Affairs - "E-Mail using Eudora" (BVI) Seminar, Jan. 27, 10 a.m., Room 2050, Contact the Undergraduate Librarian at 536-2983 to register.

• Paraplegic American Association general meeting, Jan. 27, 5 p.m., Lowman Hall Room 331, Contact Kristin at 536-4522.

• SIU Dance Club, Jan. 27, 6 to 9 p.m., Davis Gym, 52 per semester, Contact Linda at 892-4029.

• Student Alumni Council meeting, Jan. 27, 8 p.m., Nicholas Hall Rooms in Student Center, Contact Donald at 536-2444.

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To: the Communication Building’s Theater Department says.

S$100,000 was needed to renovate the lab theater. A control board, a rape deck and a CD player are needed in the theater. A lighted system is needed in the theater for student-written plays and after more than 30 years of use, a sound system including speakers, a new floor, a new sound system and a new set of curtains is needed.

Theater Department concluded that $100,000 was needed to renovate the lab theater. New chairs and risers will cost about $20,000.

Voters register elections for City primary.

Today is the deadline for registering to vote in the Carbondale City Council primary, which takes place Feb. 25. Voters must register within the Carbondale city limits to vote for council members. Voters can register on a change-of-address form by bringing two forms of identification, one with their current local address, to the city clerk’s office in the Carbondale Civic Center, 200 S. Illinois Ave. or at the Jackson County Courthouse, Room 13, Murphysboro.

The primary, the field of 14 candidates will be narrowed to six: two candidates for a two-year seat and four candidates for a four-year seat. The general election is April 1.

WASHINGTON

Gore commission draft makes for safer skies

A confidential draft report of the White House Commission on Aviation Safety and Security calls for eliminating advance passenger boarding passes, screening some mail for explosives and choking off international travel for commercial flights as part of a $500 million proposal in new spending.

The draft of the commission’s final report, originally scheduled for a public discussion next week but postponed to Feb. 11, also calls for speeding the transition to a satellite-based air traffic control system by 2005; new ways to protect against failures caused by aging aircraft; lessening reliance on cost-benefit analyses, which often have blocked improvements; and helping consumers compare airlines’ safety records through uniform reporting.

The draft was distributed Thursday night and Friday to some members of the commission, headed by Vice President Al Gore, as well as to some industry representatives.
Cosmic adventure: Drain clog not necessarily sign from heaven

If there is one thing in this life that I hate more than just about anything else, it is having to pump a toilet in front of Spandex-clad show-offs who look like Claudia Schiffer. And I just don't need to hear my bows, ads or any other part of my anatomy to resemble a metal alloy, and I rank Straighteners up there with iron maidens and orthodontic retinacs on my list of Good Clean Fun for Masochists. For these reasons, I have often said that it would take an act of God to get me into the Recreation Center. Not so fast.

I learned this lesson the hard way when my toilet overflowed late one night, leaving me ankle-deep in soggy towel. After determining that the profanity-laden incantations I was chanting had not appeased what a cousin of mine once referred to as “the wrath of the toilet god,” I washed my hands, gave the stool an ineffectual but satisfying kick and went to bed.

Another swirling deluge and a tearful phone call to Dad later, I discovered that the cause of my problems actually was a mass of tree roots growing into the sewer line. The clog had caused water to flow into the pipes, and thanks to the weather, this water froze, making it impossible for me to wash my hands.

I couldn’t do dishes, I couldn’t flush the toilet, and — worst of all — I couldn’t take a shower at home until the pipes thawed out and the roots were removed.

During a break, this would have been a problem — I would simply have put on my love beads and pretended to worship Jerry Garcia for a few days until I could shave my legs again.

Unfortunately, the hippie look is not generally considered an appropriate fashion statement for student teachers, so I grudgingly stifled my fear of toilet-stalls and headed for the Recreation Center’s showers. As I trudged into the building, I realized the irony of the situation: It really had taken an act of God to get me to the gym.

Was this some cosmic sign? I looked at my thighs, I looked at my head. For a moment, I looked at the ceiling as I wheeled and gasped on the ground in a coughing fit. I thought about my pipe. I thought about the pint of Ben and Jerry’s in my freezer. I thought about how far out of shape I was. Then I staggered to my feet and took one more little jog — to the mailbox to cancel my Arbor Day membership.

Darn those trees.

I am happy to report that the landlord ran a non-stop roller last week, so I can move again. For my working-to-weight-training exercises involving a bag of Gears and a tub of Gert Whip. I’ve learned two lessons from this experience.

First, I’ll “never say never again,” as the saying goes. Second, the next time I think something is a sign from God, I’ll wait for Him to perform it by sending me a fax.

Right now I’m still so sore from that run that it’s all I can do to hobble into the kitchen for another bag of Frutos.

Mailbox

Letters to the editor must be submitted in person to the editorial page editor, Room 1165, Communications Building. Letters should be typewritten and double spaced. All letters are subject to editing and will be limited to 350 words. Students must identify themselves by class and major, faculty members by rank and department, non-student staff by position and department. Letters for which verification of authorship cannot be made will not be published.

NFL coaches fired prematurely

Dear Editor,

I have been watching professional football for 19 years. The intensity with which the owners perform is evident not only on the playing field, but also in salary demands and for free agency. The latter has led to much shorter tenures by players with one specific team, giving them the chance to play in different places around the league. This has hindered potential for the formation of team chemistry or dynasty teams. Why, however, do the owners put so much heat on head coaches?

Something must explain this sudden rush of coaching changes. But what can a coach do when he has to wonder whether or not he will have the same job in two years? That is presently the average length of a head coaching position in this league — two years if there were stoppage concerning the almighty dollar and let them do the job for which they were hired, they could spend more time counting Super Bowl appearances.

Just look at what happened after Jimmy Johnson led the Dallas Cowboys to consecutive Super Bowl titles in 1992 and 1993, He was given the old heave-ho! Oh, and what about Bill Parcells’ future with the Patriots, Who can forget his success with the team he led to Super Bowls? This year, yet another head coach was fired. Is this a sign of things to come or a call for change?

John A. Sheler
Junior, social work

Our Word

Having our say

Students can make difference by voting in City Council race

TODAY IS THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO vote in the Feb. 25 municipal primary. This year, of the 14 candidates running for the two City Council seats, three candidates are SIUC students.

This is an opportunity for students to make a strong impact on Carbondale city government. The opportunity has been given, and now it is time for the students to seize it.

THE STRONGEST WAY STUDENTS CAN GET their voices heard in this town is at the ballot box. If students are not satisfied with the way the city is being run, they can change it by voting.

Tired of the city’s policy on Halloween or the bar entry age? Place a student or your favorite candidate on the council. Currently, the council is made up of one mayor and four council members.

Last week the council voted 3-2 to allow alcohol consumption at Turley Park during the summer Sunset Concert series. If one more member had decided against it, the measure could have failed.

The decision illustrates how close votes have become on the council.

STUDENTS HAVE THE WORST VOTING reputation. We are seen as a silent force of voters. In the predominantly student districts in Carbondale — districts 21-26 — 291 votes were cast out of 2,703 registered voters in the last city council election in 1995. In that particular race, four students were running.

If a majority of students registered and actually voted, just think about what kind of political machine student candidates could have. No longer would they be quiet and soft-spoken about issues, but they would be louder than any group in this town.

But before students go out and take on the world, they have to get registered to vote in the primary — where the number of candidates will dwindle down to six — and actually vote in the Feb. 25 primary election.

Students can get registered at the Carbondale City Hall on North Franklin, at the Jackson County Courthouse in Murphysboro. Get registered and use your political tool to steer Carbondale’s future by voting Feb. 25.

STUDENTS TEND TO GRIPE ABOUT problems and never take any action. The time has come, again, to stand up and have your voice counted at the ballot box.

“Our Word” represents a consensus of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board.

Overheard

“Bookstores, restaurants, Wal-Mart, the mall — all of these businesses’ revenue usually drops off about 75 percent during school breaks. If that doesn’t prove the economic impact students make, nothing will.”

Mike Mandis, graduate in workforce education and development from Murphysboro, on his candidacy for Carbondale City Council.

“While I was on vacation with my girlfriend, I walked into her aunt’s garage and saw this red bike with missing pieces and covered with dirt, but I offered her $50 and that got me started.”

Jeff Stearns, senior in radio-television from Springfield, on how he developed his passion for collecting and restoring antique and unusual bicycles.
CARDS STOP IN TOWN

REDBIRD CARAVAN: Coaches, players, broadcasters tour the area to raise money for charity.

TRAVIS ARN
DAILY EAGLE REPORTER

Wearing a Cardinal’s jacket and waiting expectantly for the Friday noon show, pressbox writer and baseball fan Daily Egyptian’s Travis Arn described how the scene had changed since his days as a student at SIUC. Arn said he was looking forward to the 2007 Holiday Inn Caravan, which he said was a great opportunity for the players and fans to get together.

Arn said that the show is a great event for the fans. “It’s a great opportunity for the fans to see their favorite players,” Arn said. “It’s a great chance for the fans to interact with the players and get their photo taken with them.”

Arn also said that the show is a great opportunity for the players. “It’s a great opportunity for the players to meet their fans and interact with them,” Arn said. “It’s a great chance for the players to show their appreciation for their fans.”

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Under the proposal, $4 per semester would be added to the student fee, increasing the fee to $12 per semester beginning in Fall 1999, and $7 dollars per semester for two semesters would be assessed beginning Fall 1999. The fee would return to its current level of $2 per semester.

Revenue from renting to non-University organizations would pay for the operation of the complex, Leers said.

Members of the Intramural-Recreational Sports Advisory Board, which has suggested that the fields be lighted, expect rental revenues to be as much as $13,000 during the summer semester.

Lumsford said he worries demand might be too great for all the fields, and further fee increases may be needed to maintain the complex.

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To perform in a show as a fund-raiser for the theater, the theater’s center actor performed in The A.R. Gurney play, “Love Letters.” Blackstone said the show raised $7,000 for the lab theater.

Alexan Cherestonou, a theater professor who teaches two classes in the lab theater, said emphasis should be put towards more classrooms for theater classes as well as the theater itself.

Cherestonou said the theater should be used only for performance, and other rooms should be established for theater classes.

Nickole White, a sophomore in journalism from Chicago who has a class in the lab theater, said the theater is not big enough.

“Anytime you need a room and you can’t find one, it’s a hassle,” White said.

White added that the theater is not used for enough shows.

The University will decide how much it will donate when the theater department raises more money, Blackstone said.

“Blackstone said the University has its hands tied with other commitments, but they are committed to the theater.”

The theater department has not planned to renovate the theater, Blackstone said.

“Blackstone said that $70,000 has been raised, the theater department does not plan to renovate the theater. The theater will start with the first $70,000 raised, Blackstone said.”

The theater department will continue to raise money through donations toward the theater renovations.

The deadline to apply for a student medical benefit fund is Friday, January 24, 1997. For a refund, a student must present her insurance policy booklet or the schedule of benefits along with the insurance wallet I.D. card to Student Health Programs, Student Medical Benefits (Insurance) office, Kenesaw Hall, Room 118.

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representative for CIPS, said that raising a gas furnace at a constant temperature setting and keeping furn- niture away from the heating ducts can help keep heating costs low. Shepard said that many students see a large increase in their bills and do not realize that it is partially because they have used their heat more often.

"A lot of students are also noticing their increased use of heat reflected in their bills," Shepard said.

"It has been extremely cold, so the bills have gone up. Students just aren't sure what to expect of the weather from one day to the next." The price increase in the first time since 1991 CIPS has made an increase. The 1991 increase was a 9 percent increase in gas rates.

Shepard said the base rate of 15.5 cents per therm for the first 50 therms and 10.56 cents thereafter has remained unchanged since 1991. Shepard said that there is no way to determine the average use because all homes are different. "The billing for gas is very com- plex," Shepard said. "The pur- chase gas adjustment is the only thing that has gone up. That is only a small part of the total bill." Nevertheless, some students still say the rise is affecting how they spend money.

Ahmed Mekki, a junior in electrical engineering from Khartoum, Sudan, said he simply cannot afford the higher bills. "These higher prices are really affecting me," Mekki said. "I am only a student, and this is quite a high jump for prices. I have a budget cap I cannot go above. My last bill was a $43 increase from my previous one." "I tried closing the heater when I left, but it didn't help me lower the cost. I finally decided to just run it on a constant low setting. "Should it stay cold, I'm not sure what I'll do." The top 10 reasons H&R Block should do your taxes:

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17 turnovers, and held Creighton to six second-half points after scoring 11 first-half points.
Sophomore forward James Jackson said the team's defensive effort sparked the rout.
"Our defense got us going," Jackson said. "It's nice to steal from the post, and everything worked out fine."
The Salukis turn their attention to Creighton University, who comes to SIU Arena at 7:05 p.m. Monday.
Herrin said the win was a confidence boost for the Salukis heading into Monday's matchup with the Bluejays.
"It was a really important victory for us," Herrin said. "It was any player's game to the end."
Senior guard and co-captain Kasia McClendon relaid the team's desire to play, even though the game didn't turn out in its favor, the team will win at Southwest Feb. 23.
"I think the whole team had all the confidence," she said. "I think as the game progressed some of us did lose our confidence, but I can't wait to play Southwest again.
"The play of McClendon, who suffered a minor blow to the head in the second half, was again stellar, and Scott couldn't have praised her efforts more.
"Kasia McClendon plays so hard," she said. "She probably couldn't even count, she got hit in the head so hard."
McClendon finished with a career high 20 points, and she also contributed six rebounds, four steals and four assists to the Salukis effort.
Scott said she does not have to push McClendon to get the great results.
"I think she feels very inspired," she said. "She feels like she needs to do a little bit more offensively. It is not coming from us - it is within herself."
The Salukis will now go on the road for four games, with the first game Thursday at Indiana State University. Game time is 6 p.m.

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the Lady Bears, who responded with six straight points.
The lead changed hands through much of the first half, with four points being the longest lead of the half. The Lady Bears' Jamie Bartlett hit a three pointer just before the buzzer to put SMSU up 16-13 going into the locker room.
The game stayed close the first eight minutes of the second half, until the Salukis began missing shots after shot, and didn't make a two- or three-point bucket for nearly five minutes.
During the five minute period, the Lady Bears widened their lead 61-47, and they never looked back. In the last five minutes of the contest, the Salukis attempted to make several comebacks, but just when the team would get on a roll, SMSU would come right back.
Scott said the five minute lapse caused her team to suffer.
"We really went through a dry spell offensively in the second half," she said. "That hurt us. We didn't get the ball inside as much as we should have the second half."
"I think the kids laid it on the line," she said. "It was anybody's ballgame at the end."
Sophomore guard O'Desha Proctor said the team got a good effort, but the effort failed to pull the team through to the end.
"We played hard, but we hurt ourselves," she said. "We were in it the whole time, and the things we did, we did to ourselves."
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Ditka expected to be a Saint

Former Chicago Bears coach and current NBC broadcaster Mike Ditka is reported to have become the next head coach of the New Orleans Saints. Sources close to Ditka confirmed that the coach has met with Saints owner Tom Benson about the job. Ditka’s record as a head coach is 112-68, all with the Chicago Bears. Under Ditka, the Bears went to a league-best 15-1 in the 1985 season and won Super Bowl XX, with a 46-10ashing of the New England Patriots.

**Shula tops Hall-of-Fame list**

Don Shula, the former Miami Dolphins and Baltimore Colts coach, who retired as the NFL's all-winning coach last season, leads the list of inductees into pro football’s Hall of Fame.

Joining Shula as inductees for the Hall this year are Mike Webster, the Pittsburgh Steelers' center; cornerback Mike Haynes, who played with the New England Patriots, and Los Angeles Raider and New York Giant's co-owner Wellington Mara.

Shula retired last season after amassing 267 wins in 27 years with the Baltimore Colts and Miami Dolphins. He was replaced by former Dallas Cowboys coach Jimmy Johnson.

**Bills stars near retirement**

Buffalo Bills star Jim Kelly and Thurman Thomas are reportedly headed for retirement within the next season. Kelly has reportedly been given a $1 million, two-year contract extension, and was said to be falling out of favor with the franchise, while Thomas said he will retire following the 1997 season.

Kelly and Thomas were key components to the Bills' Super Bowl teams between 1990-93. However, both battled injuries last season, and posted weak, well below their past seasons as the Bills stumbled into the playoffs, and were defeated by the San Jose 49ers in the NFC wild card game.

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