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## Fights begin to frequent Brush Towers

Sigler: Fights unrelated to gang violence

TIFFANY BLANCHETTE  
Daily Egyptian

Neely Drive was lined with squad cars for the second straight night. Monday, when police responded to two calls regarding disturbances outside the Brush Towers.

Calls at 7:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. reported small groups of students near the Towers acting aggressively toward one another, Todd Sigler, director of the Department of Public Safety, said.

An anonymous student resident of Mae Smith Hall said she witnessed a large group of people swarm a group of about 15 students leaving Mae Smith Hall during the second encounter Monday night.

She said the actions created a gang-like atmosphere but that it was unclear whether it was actually gang-related.

With recent rumors of gang-like attacks in Carbondale, many students and residents may be looking for some correlation.

Sigler said he would not categorize the recent disturbances at the Towers as organized gang fights.

“From what we understand, the students involved have taken part in previous encounters and continue to be agitated toward one another,” Sigler said.

Illinois State Police were said to have responded to three calls Sunday night near Brush Towers.

Following the Monday night disturbances, police were seen patrolling the area while others were stationed along the perimeter of the east campus residence halls.

There have been roughly half a dozen fights over the last few days, but with current information, none of the fights can be deemed related, Sigler said.

“We don’t know what has caused it to be more prevalent the last couple of nights, but that is what we’ve been wrestling with,” he said.



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**HARD AT WORK | Harold Zoller, of Vergennes, sweeps around the drive-up window Monday at Westroads Liquor Mart in Carbondale. Zoller, 60, has worked for 11 years cleaning up inside and outside of the liquor store. In addition to his two hour shifts at Westroads, Zoller said he works nights as a janitor at the Neckers Building. Scott Lawler, an employee at Westroads, said Zoller is a hard worker. “He is always busy,” Lawler said. “He is happy to do anything you ask him.”**

## Tourism business sets up shop downtown

SHARON WITTKE  
Daily Egyptian

The Carbondale Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting ceremony today to welcome a regional, web-based tourism business.

Escape Locally, located in the offices of B & A Travel Service at 701 S. University Ave., represents a new concept in tourism for southern Illinois, said Jim Zimmerman, founder and president of the company.

He said Escape Locally creates experience packages for tourists visiting the 11 southernmost counties of Illinois.

“We put together an experience that is authentic to southern Illinois.”

—Jim Zimmerman  
Escape Locally founder and president

Zimmerman said the packages are tailored to the individual needs and expectations of clients.

He said he created a website that offers a menu of experience packages, or sets of activities, that might appeal to a particular demographic group.

As an example, he said, the business offers an experience package for female friends looking for a relaxing weekend getaway. This package includes lodging

reservations, spa treatments, limousine transportation and wine tasting.

Some tourists have difficulty figuring out what to do once they’re in southern Illinois, he said.

A travel counselor, called an experience guide, helps prospective clients plan vacations based on their interests, and they will coordinate with local businesses for lodging, dining, transportation and entertainment,

Zimmerman said.

“We put together an experience that is authentic to southern Illinois,” he said.

Since the business launched its website in the summer of 2011, more than 30 people have purchased packages for experiences such as family reunions, romantic weekends, honeymoons and bachelorette parties, Zimmerman

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## Filing taxes with parents may benefit families

LAUREN DUNCAN  
Daily Egyptian

College may be a time for students to become independent of their parents, but in the case of taxes, they may want to remain dependent, according to one tax specialist.

Tuesday at midnight was the deadline for U.S. citizens to file their tax forms on time. While some SIUC students said they file independently, others may save their parents more money

than they would have received by filing individually. Gary Hoff, taxation specialist and senior editor at the Illinois Tax School at the University of Illinois, said this would benefit the families.

As long as students are enrolled full-time, under the age of 24 and supported by parents by at least 50 percent, parents can claim them, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

That way, Hoff said, parents will pay less in taxes and the student will get less money back.

Diane Frew, administrative aid in Career Services, is one parent who has claimed her child, a college student, on taxes in order to save. Although her daughter turned 25 this year and Frew was unable to claim her, she said she still filed her daughter’s taxes separately for her.

In the past, Frew said she decided to claim her daughter because she supported her largely through tuition and housing, but she said she would use part of the return to pay for something

she needs such as auto insurance or a computer.

“It benefits her, totally,” she said.

If parents claim a student as a dependent, then they’re going to get a tax deduction for the individual, Hoff said. If the student files alone, he or she may get a bigger refund for any taxes that were withheld in the previous year.

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He said approximately 60 percent of the business’s customers have been from outside southern Illinois, including the St. Louis metropolitan area, northern and central Illinois, and western Kentucky.

About 100 regional businesses participate in Escape Locally at this time, Zimmerman said.

He said he and the managing partner, David Coracy, who also owns B & A Travel Services in Carbondale and Marion, worked together to bring the idea of web-based tourism to the area.

Zimmerman said the two had discussed the concept of web-based regional tourism several years ago, but other commitments prevented them from developing their idea at that time.

Coracy said they started

working on the project again in 2010 and began marketing the website last year.

He said southern Illinois has great assets, such as numerous bed and breakfasts, rustic cabins, art galleries and plenty of outdoor recreation to attract tourists.

“Our goal is to put it all in one place,” Coracy said.

He said they are creating a base of information that will include tours of organic farms, outdoor experiences such as kayaking, rock-climbing and backpacking, festival information and wine tours, as well as lodging and dining.

Coracy said as a travel professional, he watched regional tourism expand since the wineries began operating in the late 1990s and became interested in marketing the area.

“The web affords a great opportunity,” he said.

Coracy said he wants local business to benefit from this endeavor, as well.

“We want heads in beds, bottles of wine drunk and steaks eaten,” he said.

Carl Rendleman, owner of Timber Ridge Inn, a bed and breakfast near Jonesboro, said he first heard about Escape Locally when they contacted him in November to make reservations for some tourists from St. Louis.

He said he decided to invest in the company after talking with Zimmerman and Coracy.

Rendleman said he’s confident the business will grow and that Escape Locally has the potential to boost the local economy. He said he thinks it's going to spur tourism in the area.

Zimmerman said he also thinks Escape Locally will help spur the regional economy.

Although he started his

professional life designing hardware for computers, he said, he became more interested in how technology helped people.

“I was really more interested in how people used technology to improve their lives and local economies,” he said.

Zimmerman said southern Illinois is not a major tourism destination like Orlando, Fla., but the area has strong appeal for people interested in outdoor activities.

He said there are also many small businesses such as organic farms, orchards and art studios that have taken root in the region.

“Southern Illinois tourism has grown up organically,” he said.

Another partner, Sue Mills, joined Escape Locally in December, he said.

Mills said she is committed to promoting awareness of southern Illinois to people throughout the

United States.

A lifelong resident of the region, Mills said she thinks people who live in southern Illinois will benefit from increased tourism as much as the visitors will benefit from a relaxing vacation.

“This area is a nature-lover’s paradise,” Mills said.

Zimmerman said his business venture has been well-received by other tourism organizations in the area.

Meghan Cole, director of Carbondale Main Street, said her office is working with Escape Locally to promote the Downtown Art and Wine Festival in May.

“We’re always happy to see a business come to downtown,” she said.

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## Taxes

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to file separately or together, Hoff said parents can figure the student’s return and then figure the parents’ return claiming the student and see the difference.

Then, the student and parents can negotiate who gets the return amount, he said.

Hoff said a big problem that he sees is some students may file early without considering their parents, when they may have benefited from filing with them.

Many qualify for student-

specific tax credits regardless of whether they file with parents, according to a recent report by USA Today College.

But not all students can file with their parents. Rosalind Mann, a senior from Marion studying English literature, is married and has a son, so she filed jointly with her husband this year. She said she used H&R Block online to help file, which she said is often free, but it cost the couple \$25 because her husband is self-employed.

Hoff said citizens can file through the IRS Free File

program, tax professional services or computer software. Some cost money, but all should have the same outcome.

The USA Today report showed more than 60 percent of students have their parents file their taxes for them, and close to 40 percent filed their own taxes or used a service such as H&R Block or TurboTax.

“As far as which one is the best, theoretically, all of them will come out with the same tax return,” he said.

Mann said she wasn’t sure whether H&R Block was worth

the money, but she said the process was easy.

“I’m looking forward to getting a refund check; that’s for sure,” she said.

William Bruner, a senior from East Moline studying political science, said he has always filed his taxes independently since he has worked, and he does it through free software from the Illinois Department of Revenue online.

“I refuse to pay a tax person money,” he said.

Bruner said he finds the process simple and suggests students who

are new to filing taxes to not use tax professionals but use free programs available to them.

For those who missed the deadline to file Tuesday, Hoff suggested they file as soon as possible, because it will cost them.

“If they’re reading this (today) and they haven’t filed, and they’re not on extension, they’re going to get penalties,” he said.

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# West Chicago mayor dies after suffering heart attack

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEST CHICAGO, Ill. — West Chicago Mayor Mike Kwasman has died.

Officials in the western Chicago suburb said in a Tuesday news

release that the 65-year-old mayor died. Kwasman suffered a serious heart attack on Saturday. Kwasman was in critical condition on life support in the cardiac intensive care unit after the heart attack. City officials say he was with his wife and

family when he died.

Kwasman served the city of West Chicago for more than 20 years and was mayor for the last five years. Deputy Mayor Ruben Pineda called Kwasman "a great leader" and "a great friend."

# Swan linked to suburban Chicago man’s drowning

Associated Press

DES PLAINES, Ill. — Officials say an aggressive swan may have contributed to the death of a suburban Chicago kayaker who drowned.

Anthony Hensley of Villa Park was pulled from a pond at a Des

Plaines area condominium complex Saturday morning. The medical examiner's office ruled his death an accident.

Cook County sheriff's spokesman Frank Bilecki says the 37-year-old, an experienced kayaker, may have paddled too close to a nesting swan as he checked on the birds.

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# City Council approves fiscal year 2013 budget

SHARON WITKE  
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The Carbondale City Council unanimously approved the city's 2013 fiscal year expense budget of just over \$45 million Tuesday.

The Council also unanimously approved the city's public library budget for fiscal year 2013 and unanimously adopted a resolution that approved the city's five-year community investment program.

The city's 2013 fiscal year runs from May 1, 2012, through April 30, 2013.

The meeting agenda originally included a resolution that would authorize the city manager to enter into contracts that would have disbursed more than \$264,000 to community organizations during the upcoming year, but at the beginning of the meeting, Mayor Joel Fritzler announced that the item had been pulled from the agenda.

Fritzler said the item was pulled until all contracts with community organizations could be negotiated.

City Manager Kevin Baity said the city's proposed contract with the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau is still pending.

The Council also voted unanimously to allow two special use permits.

The first special use permit will allow for construction to expand

*"think it's a solution in search of a problem."*

— Chris Wissmann  
Councilman

a landscaping business on a two-acre site agriculturally zoned in the 1900 block of West Sycamore Street.

The second permit will allow construction of a four-unit apartment building at 2220 N. Illinois Ave., which will adjoin five other apartment buildings operated by the owner. The lot is currently zoned for secondary business, but residential use is permitted as a special use, according to the city zoning regulations.

The Council also approved a 2 percent pay raise for non-union city employees for fiscal year 2013.

The consent agenda was also approved unanimously after an item that would allow the city to fine people for camping on city property without prior approval by the city was removed.

Councilman Chris Wissmann said he was concerned the ordinance, as it is written, could be construed as an attempt to violate free speech if groups such as Occupy Carbondale want to remain overnight on city property as a means of protest.

"I think it's a solution in search

of a problem," he said.

Baity said that the city doesn't allow overnight activities on its property, with rare exceptions such as when the Lion's Club sets up the night before a pancake breakfast.

Councilwoman Jane Adams said she is concerned about increasing vagrancy in the city's public places, notably at the intersection of Routes 51 and 13 and at Pyles Fork Creek, and that the city need regulations to deal with that problem.

Wissmann said there is a sharp distinction between camping as a legitimate protest and vagrancy.

He said vagrancy is a problem in the downtown area and may be keeping shoppers away but that he didn't want to see the city criminalizing poverty.

Councilman Jack Lance said he would like to see the procedures for enforcing the ordinance against overnight camping codified and suggested the item be tabled until more research could be done.

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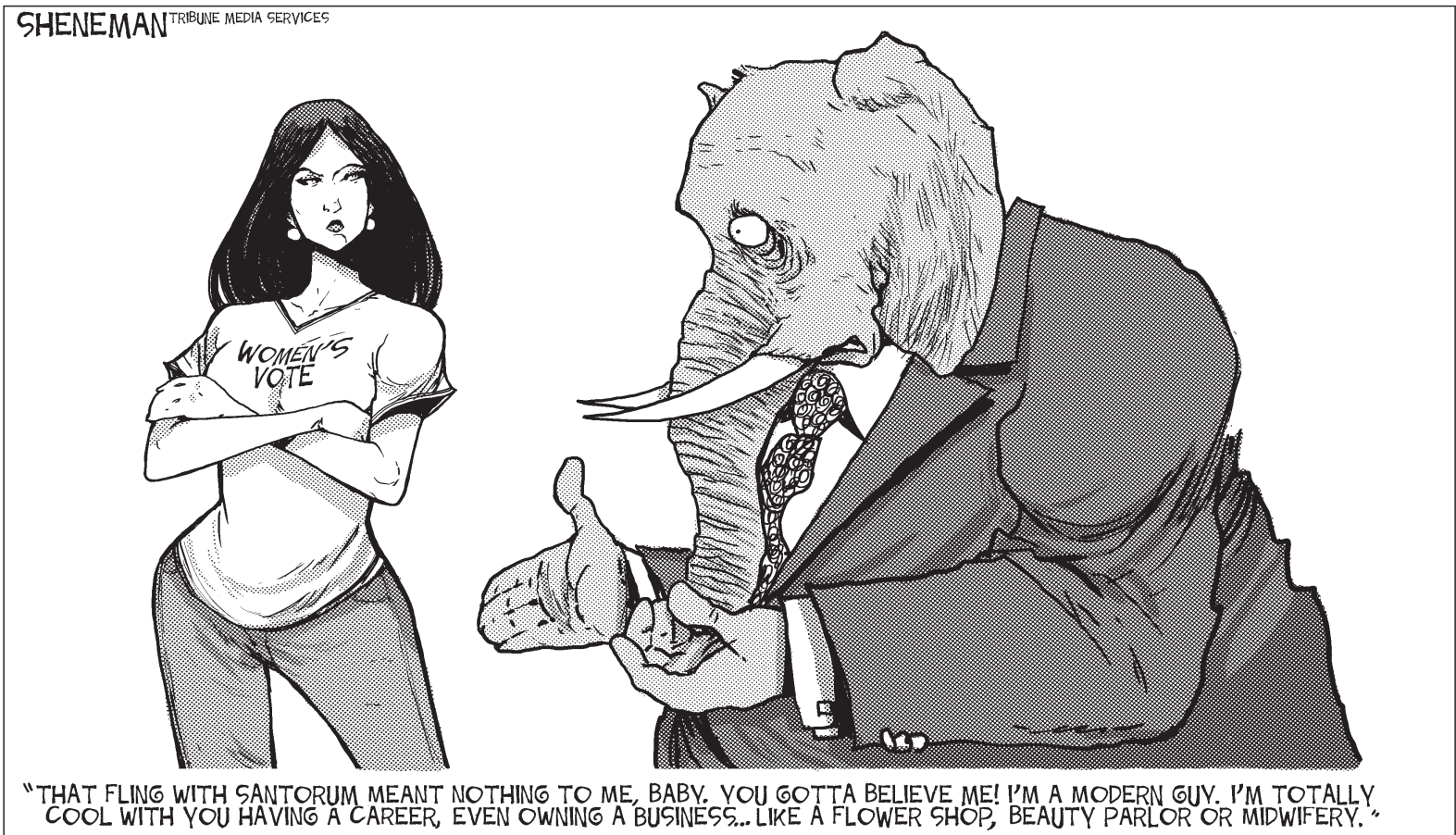
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## GUEST COLUMN

# Congressman Paul Ryan's bill lacks justice, mercy for poor

**ELSIE SPECK**  
Carbondale resident

U.S. Congressman Paul Ryan recently presented his 2013 budget to his fellow congressmen. It did pass the House, but would have little chance of becoming law. The Christian Science Monitor captioned it as a "shocker", as it would mean more tax cuts for the rich, and enormous benefits for high-income people with very few or no benefits for low-income, working families.

I thought this country was founded on Judeo-Christian principles about caring for the poor and the most vulnerable among us. Rep. Ryan's bill would increase the wealth of the already-rich, and he does it on the backs of the poor. According to the Tax Policy Center, by 2015, the bill would give a \$265,000 tax cut to those making \$1 million or more.

Half of those making between \$20,000 and \$30,000 would not get any tax cuts at all. According to the Washington Post, the

bill would eliminate \$1.5 trillion from the Affordable Health Care Act, which would be used to purchase health insurance for 30 million Americans. It would also slash Medicaid for the poor by \$810 billion over a 10-year period.

Where is his justice; Where is his mercy? I presume he was wringing his hands at the tough choices he had to make. Well, those tough choices are crucifying the poor and those who are least able to care for themselves.

Americans for Prosperity is a political advocacy group that advocates for lower taxes and limited government. The group is in complete support of the Ryan Budget.

Americans for Prosperity is powerful conservative organization and did much to support the Republicans' takeover of the House of Representatives in 2010. They seem to be much about prosperity, but perhaps only for those already prosperous. They seem to have little regard for any social justice issues. On the other hand, Ryan needs to be aware of his Christian roots and philosophy on matters such as justice and caring for one another.

Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount stated clearly that "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice ... Blessed are the Merciful ..." The word "justice" according to the dictionary means "fair dealing," and the word "mercy" is "more kindness than justice requires." There is no fair dealing or kindness in Ryan's bill. Therefore, he disregards the blessings Jesus prescribed. I have never read an account of the founder of the Christian faith saying, "Blessed are the prosperous, may they prosper more."

Some of today's mega-churches push such a concept, but it has no foundation in Christ's teachings. Jesus preached that on the Day of Judgement we will be asked, "Did we feed the hungry, did we house the homeless?" Ryan's plan would transform SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) into a block grant by 2016, which would weaken the program by capping federal funding, and more people would end up facing hunger.

I wonder if Ryan, who considers himself a Roman Catholic, has ever heard of his church's "Preferential Option for the Poor" — one of

the basic principles of Catholic social teaching in the 20th century. A preferred option means a preferred choosing. It seems that Ryan has chosen his option for the rich, in line with Americans for Prosperity.

In the March edition of Sojourners Magazine, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops affirmed that "Congress should base decisions on the federal budget on whether they protect or threaten human life and dignity ... put the needs of the hungry, the homeless and the unemployed first ... promote the common good of all, especially workers and families who struggle to live in dignity in difficult economic times."

Ryan disregarded that moral counsel. Bob Greenstein, the founder and president for the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, has called the Ryan Plan "Robin Hood in reverse." Lisa Harper of Sojourners said it shows "moral cowardice," and though the poor and vulnerable may not have Super PACs or lobbyists, people of faith should be compelled to fight this immoral budget.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Not everyone received gratitude during Student Employee Appreciation Week

DEAR EDITOR:

I work in Student Center in the maintenance department, and I wanted to write a letter in regards to an article I read in the Thursday edition of the Daily Egyptian about National Student Employee Appreciation week.

First, I would like to thank you for putting that story in the paper, because I had no prior knowledge about that week and would not have known about it if it weren't for your article. I wanted to write a letter because I believe the student employees in the maintenance department at the Student Center were shown no forms of appreciation this entire semester, let

alone last week.

I heard from several other student workers on this campus who said they had been shown appreciation for the work they do, and it was a bit upsetting to see that Student Employee Appreciation Week had come and gone without any of us receiving any gratitude.

I thought about going to the proper personnel within my place of employment to discuss this problem, but I was worried that would result in us being shown appreciation only because we asked for it. The sad truth is that if our custodial supervisor or the director of operations and maintenance wanted to show

us any appreciation, they would have done it without anyone asking them to.

I am not speaking for myself alone. There are approximately 25 student workers who were not shown any gratitude for the work that we do. We have one of the most physically demanding jobs on campus and some display of appreciation would have been nice.

In no way am I intending to speak badly of those who decided not to participate in Student Employee Appreciation Week. I understand appreciation week is over, and I am not asking for anything extravagant. All I am saying is the student employees in the maintenance

department at the Student Center were upset we had to find out about appreciation week through the newspaper. I thank those at the Daily Egyptian for providing me with a venue for my voice to be heard. If there are any other students who were not shown any appreciation, I hope this letter will encourage you to speak out, because we all deserve to be shown some gratitude in one way or another.

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# Alcoholism not always fueled by underage drinking

**SHARON WITTKE**  
Daily Egyptian

High-risk drinking can be an acute problem for some students, but it's not as pervasive as it's perceived to be, said Jason Gillman, director of the university's Wellness Center.

He said it's time to focus on solutions rather than on problems concerning underage drinking.

Students who drink under the age of 21 aren't necessarily problem drinkers but tend to be labeled as such, Gillman said, by law enforcement and social agencies that deal with alcohol addiction.

Only seven percent of the students at the university experience academic problems caused by alcohol use, he said.

Alcohol use isn't a serious problem for most students attending the university despite perceptions fueled by the media, he said.

Movies such as "Animal House" have helped create an aura of tolerance and expectation, he said, particularly among college students.

Gillman said surveys conducted by the university indicate students think drinking plays a large role in college life.

"Ninety-eight percent of our entering freshmen think alcohol is central to the life of an SIU student," he said.

He said health educators and counselors need to redefine the norm and emphasize that most students who choose to drink behave in a responsible and mature manner, even if they are under the legal drinking age of 21.

"The problem with age 21 is that people are adults at 18," Gillman said.

Alcohol usage among teenagers
72 percent of students report having consumed alcohol by the end of high school
38 percent of students report having consumed alcohol by the end of eighth grade

"We give them responsibility to make choices around something like military service, but we don't give them the choice about alcohol."

He said most professionals who work in the field of addiction are adamant that people who begin drinking before age 21 are more likely to develop a dependence on alcohol.

Gillman said studies indicate the use of alcohol during adolescence and early adulthood can alter the development of the brain and create a tendency toward alcohol dependency later in life.

Gillman said he has mixed feelings about the legal drinking age.

He said he understands the rationale for the drinking age law and also realizes the human brain is still developing during early adulthood.

But Gillman said the age at which the brain is fully developed varies for every individual.

"So it's not like on your twenty-first

birthday, you cash in your brain change card and you're done," he said.

Some organizations, such as the Amethyst Initiative, a group of university and college presidents and chancellors, support lowering the legal drinking age, Gillman said.

Gillman said a potential problem with lowering the drinking age to 18 or 19 is that drinking among high school students might increase. They would have better access to alcohol because they're likely to be friends with older teens who could purchase alcohol legally, he said.

He said the perception of alcohol use is the No. 1 determining factor of whether a person under age 21 is going to consume high-risk levels of alcohol.

"We need to think about alcohol use in a different way," he said.

Instead of focusing so much attention on heavy episodic drinking, also known as binge drinking, Gillman

**SOURCE: STUDENTS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING**

said he would rather see resources allocated to educating students on how to drink responsibly.

Gillman said people between the ages of 18 and 21 who choose to drink tend to drink in an unhealthy way and are more likely to engage in heavy episodic drinking, also known as binge drinking.

Some students also view underage drinking as a way to defy authority, he said.

"Prohibition creates taboo, and taboo creates high risk," Gillman said.

Gillman said he organized a town-hall style panel discussion earlier in the month at the Student Health Center to hear from community members about problems associated with underage drinking.

Tad Thompson, a shift supervisor for the Jackson County Ambulance Service and a panel member, said he strongly supported Gillman's proposals

to educate students under the age of 21 about consuming alcohol in a responsible manner if they choose to drink.

"There is going to be underage drinking," he said. "The abstinence approach hasn't worked yet."

Thompson said as an emergency medical technician, he's seen the effect of binge drinking too many times.

Bonna Machlan, a clinical supervisor at the Southern Illinois Regional Social Services in Carbondale and a panel member, said people who start drinking before 21 are at a greater risk for becoming alcoholics, and she is against underage drinking.

She said the biggest reason she is against people consuming alcohol before 21 is that the brain is still developing and alcohol can impair that process.

She said establishing the legal drinking age at 21 is seen by health care professionals as a proper balance, even though there is speculation that the human brain may continue developing until age 24 or 25.

"We want to try to prevent damage to the brain," she said.

Liz Farmer, a panel member and university senior studying fashion design merchandising, said she thinks social media encourages students to drink.

"I think there is a bit of pressure from the media. You can't get on 'Texts From Last Night' without seeing a bunch of crazy stories about how drunk someone got. I think some people view it as a challenge to have their drinking adventures memorialized in a way," she said in an email.

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# Illinois lawmakers target practice of jailing debtors

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The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Jailed for unpaid debts? It happened to breast cancer survivor Lisa Lindsay.

She got a \$280 medical bill in error and was told she didn't have to pay it. But the bill was turned over to a collection agency, and eventually state troopers showed up at her home and took her to jail in handcuffs.

Debt collectors have become so aggressive in some parts of Illinois that they commonly use taxpayer-financed courts, sheriff's deputies and county jails to squeeze poor people who fall behind on small payments of \$25 or \$50 a month, according to supporters of the proposed legislative reforms. Lawmakers in Springfield are pushing to make it harder to jail poor people who miss court dates or are found in contempt of court as they struggle with unpaid debts — an aggressive practice that got worse, some say, during the recession.

Lindsay, a teaching assistant from Herrin in southern Illinois, ended up paying more than \$600 because legal fees had been added to the original amount.

"I paid it in full so they couldn't do it to me again," Lindsay said.

The Illinois bill would require court appearance notices to be served to a debtor's home, rather than merely mailed. It would require arrest warrants to expire after a year, and it would return most bail money to the debtor, rather than allow it to be used to pay off the debt.

Disabled roofer Jack Hinton sat in jail until he could come up with \$300 on a debt he owed a lumberyard.

According to a hearing transcript, a central Illinois judge listened to Hinton's story, noted he'd recently been paid after finishing a roofing job, and said: "Mr. Hinton, you had \$1,000 in your pocket, you chose to spend it elsewhere in violation of the court order. That lands you in jail."

Hinton's wife took out a loan to buy his freedom. Her \$300 went to the debt collector.

Michelle Gilliam, an unemployed Urbana resident, was picked up by sheriff's deputies and jailed twice

**“More people are unemployed, more people are struggling financially and more creditors are trying to get their debt paid.”**

— Lisa Madigan  
Attorney General

for missing court dates as a debt collector pursued her in court for a decade, she and her attorney said. Gilliam got help from a nonprofit group offering free legal services and the court dismissed the case, essentially forgiving her debt on the grounds she was too poor to pay.

The problem has surfaced in other states, but there is no model legislation. Advocates in Minnesota unsuccessfully tried to pass a bill that would have allowed debtors to fill out an affidavit stating their income and assets when the sheriff arrived at the door to execute a warrant, according to Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan's office.

Madigan, a supporter of the bill, said informal traditions in some Illinois courtrooms "have allowed these abuses to occur." The recession heightened the problem, she said.

"More people are unemployed, more people are struggling financially and more creditors are trying to get their debt paid," Madigan said.

The bill, which has passed the House, is supported even by groups representing debt collectors and their attorneys, who agree with Madigan that some judges and attorneys have gone too far. Judges will retain the discretion to issue arrest warrants and to jail debtors for contempt.

Lawsuits against debtors are a last resort, said Eric Mock of the Illinois Collectors Association. "A consumer that has been arrested or jailed can't pay a debt. We want to work with consumers to resolve issues," he said.

Madigan learned of the problem last year. Her office was getting reports of impoverished people pursued through the courts for back rent, medical debt and payday loans, she said. One woman who owed money on a vacuum cleaner spent weeks in jail before someone lined her up with free legal services.

"We're using public resources to collect private debts," Madigan said. "At what point do you say it's illegal?"

Lenders can be part of the problem. In 2010, the Illinois agency that licenses lending companies went after a Carbondale storefront lender for exploiting the court system to get its customers incarcerated. The Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation revoked the company's license, later reaching a settlement that restored it.

In court, debtors rarely have an attorney, while creditors hire experienced legal representation.

That was the case for Hinton, a 57-year-old from Kenney in central Illinois who became disabled after falling off a roof. Hinton wasn't working much since he'd hurt his neck and back. He was behind on his court-ordered payment plan on an old debt. He recently had wrapped up a roofing job, but he spent the \$1,000 he received to pay other bills.

Without his own attorney, Hinton represented himself. During a quick court hearing, a lawyer representing the creditor established that the roofer briefly had \$1,000. That was enough to send him to jail.

"I got no sympathy, whatsoever," Hinton said.

Illinois law allows some sources of income, such as Social Security, to remain exempt from debt collection. Poor people with only exempt income and no property are being pursued by certain attorneys, said John Roska, an attorney for Land of Lincoln Legal Assistance Foundation who represented Gilliam in court.

"She doesn't have any employment income and no property," Roska said of Gilliam. "She is a turnip. You can't get blood out of a turnip. That's as protected as she can get."



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# A TASTE of southern Illinois

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The day begins like any other; the sun rises over dew-coated fields, a hand wraps around a warm cup of black coffee.

Soon, the loud hum of the wine-bottling machine fills the quiet air, and coffee mugs are replaced with pruning shears.

Julie Harvey, marketing director of Alto Vineyards, said the winery began planting in 1981, specializing in a French-American hybrid species, but did not start selling wine until they opened the doors in 1988, selling out of wine in three days.

Now, Alto Vineyards produces about 30,000 gallons of wine a year.

Aurelio Hernandez, an employee of Alto Vineyards for ten years, said the preparation for harvest season is just as taxing as the harvest itself.

"Spring means it's time to get busy, and

the work begins," Hernandez said.

Some of the spring work for Hernandez includes taping the vines that spread across the vineyard's eight acres, mowing the fields, spraying for insects and clearing the trunks of the vines that do not produce grapes, which steal nutrients from vines that do.

Besides the weeds and the insects, springtime also brings the risk of bad weather.

Jonathan Rains, cellar manager at Alto Vineyards, said this year has been particularly worrisome. With the mild winter and early spring, the vines are beginning to bud early, but a heavy frost could destroy them, which would mean 50% loss of the vineyard's crops.

Rains began working at Alto 17 years ago when it needed to hire a maintenance man.

"I was a home wine brewer since 1988, so I knew what the process was, just not in this big of a scale," he said.

Now, Rains oversees much of the production process and repairs the machinery.

"We used to have seven people on a line making 300 gallons a day," Rains said. "Now we use two people with the bottling machine and make 1,000 gallons a day."

Harvey said one of Alto's goals this year is to increase the amount of fruit development and reduce fungal growth by implementing a new trellising system, which supports the grape vines.

"Alto is known to pioneer new ideas, and we're playing with a couple new vines," Harvey said.

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(ABOVE) Alto Vineyards offers free wine tastings of up to six wines. Its white wine list ranges from the dry Oak Chardonal to the sweet Shawnee Gold, and prices range from \$10 to \$13 a bottle.

(TOP) Aurelio Hernandez, of Murphysboro, tapes vines to a trellising cable Wednesday at Alto Vineyards. Hernandez tapes each vine to ensure the weight of the fruit will not overbear the plant.

(BOTTOM LEFT) Seth Blickhan, of Murphysboro, pours wine for tastings Thursday at Alto Vineyards. Alto has 24 wines on its wine list, and has won more than 700 national and international awards.

(MIDDLE RIGHT) Jonathan Rains, of Alto Pass, works on the wine-bottling machine Wednesday morning. With the help of the bottling machine, the bottling process that once involved seven people can now be done with two people and produces at least three times more wine.

(BOTTOM RIGHT) A box of Heartland Reds is filled during the bottling process Wednesday morning. Heartland Red, one of Alto's more popular wines, can be purchased for \$10 a bottle or \$120 a case.









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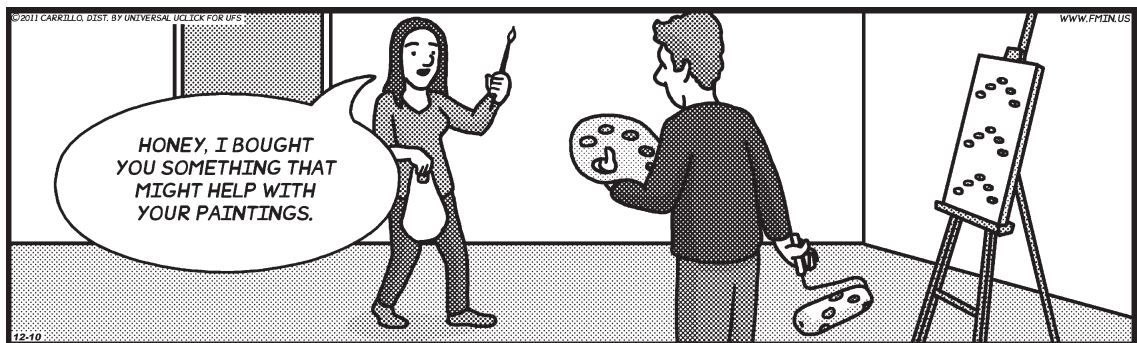


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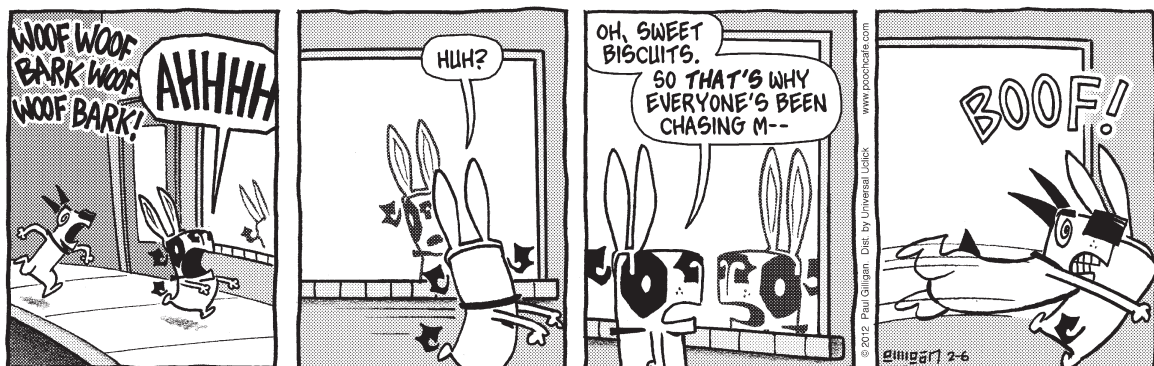


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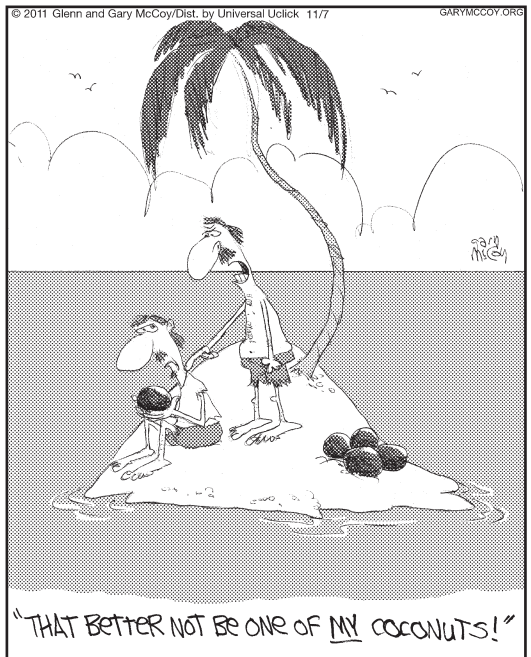
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BASKETBALL

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Shane Bennett, assistant director of Recreational Sports and Services, said although the club started in 2008, it remained loosely affiliated with the university until this semester. Bennett said all players and referees at the tournament were college students, and the 12 players on the SIU roster were left without an official coach, so they had to coach themselves.

“These clubs are student-ran,” Bennett said. “They offer a great opportunity to become a student leader on and off the court.”

After a brief stint playing basketball at Mid-Continent University, Gilmore, who is studying criminal justice, said he found the basketball club after he played pick-up games at the Recreation Center.

“My original intentions as a newcomer to SIU were to try and walk on to the basketball team,” Gilmore said. “Playing in these tournaments has given me the chance to keep up with my competitive streak and stick to doing what I love.”



**The Southern Illinois University Club Basketball beat Howard University Sunday in the championship game of the National Intramural-Recreational Sports Association's National Campus Championship Series at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Eight teams participated in the tournament, all of which were regional champions from across the country. Point guard Patrick Colvin, a graduate student from St. Louis, said it was a close game, but the team won in overtime with a buzzer shot.**

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POLO

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Lazara said the physicality of the sport differs from any other. He said he has seen multiple injuries while

playing, including broken jaws and noses, elbows to the face and claw marks that resemble something horror movie mainstay Freddie Krueger would leave behind.

The claw marks are actually

something that officials try to control, McDaniel said.

“You have to cut your nails,” he said. “They have nail checks before every game.”

As it turns out, the team was

accurate in its view that polo and water polo are not at all alike. The Collegiate Water Polo Association states the name “water polo” actually developed from originally being called “water rugby,” a game

that mirrors the physicality of the one the team plays.

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Softball sweeps Evansville in conference matchup



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**Freshman infielder Kara Kimball slides into an out against the University of Evansville Tuesday at Charlotte West Stadium. The Purple Aces kept the Salukis off the board through six innings, but three base hits in the seventh inning gave the Salukis a 2-1 walk-off win. The Salukis will square off against Evansville at 6 p.m. today at Charlotte West Stadium. For the story, please visit [www.dailyegyptian.com](http://www.dailyegyptian.com).**

ILLINOIS

Blackhawks Hossa taken off on stretcher

CHICAGO — Chicago Blackhawks forward Marian Hossa has been taken off the ice on a stretcher after being hit by Phoenix's Raffi Torres in the first period of Game 3 of their opening-round playoff series Tuesday night.

Hossa was near the boards at center ice and had just turned and passed the puck when Torres left his skates and delivered a late shot with his shoulder that knocked Hossa to the ice. Hossa was down for about five minutes as medical personnel rushed immediately to his side, and then was taken off of the ice.

Seconds after the hit, Chicago's Brandon Bolig was given a 10-minute misconduct for roughing.

Torres, who had run-ins with the Blackhawks previously while with Vancouver, wasn't penalized. Last season, in Game 3 of the first-round series, Torres delivered a hard hit to Brent Seabrook that injured the Chicago defenseman.

ILLINOIS

Coyotes G Smith skates but a game-time decision

CHICAGO — Phoenix Coyotes goalie Mike Smith was on the ice for Tuesday morning's skate, but a decision on whether he will play in Game 3 against the Chicago Blackhawks will be made before Tuesday night's faceoff.

Smith was hurt in the second period of Phoenix's 4-3 overtime loss on Saturday when he was struck on the head by the shoulder of Chicago's Andrew Shaw. Smith lay on the ice for five minutes but finished the game. He did not practice Monday.

Shaw skated with the Blackhawks on Tuesday morning. The NHL had not announced any disciplinary measures.

Phoenix center Martin Hanzal, who left Game 2 with an upper body injury, is a game-time decision. Left wing Lauri Korpikoski, also injured in that game, is out for Game 3.

OKLAHOMA

Sooners add Spangler, Bennett to recruiting class

NORMAN — Gonzaga transfer Ryan Spangler is one of two players who have signed letters of intent to play for Oklahoma next season.

Spangler and D.J. Bennett from Indian Hills Community College signed Monday with the Sooners, joining high-school players Isaiah Cousins, Buddy Hield, Jelon Hornbeak and C.J. Cole in coach Lon Kruger's recruiting class.

Spangler and Bennett are forwards who stand 6 feet, 8 inches tall.

Spangler averaged 2.5 points and 2.4 rebounds in about 6½ minutes per game last season as a freshman at Gonzaga. He averaged 29.2 points in his senior season at Bridge Creek High School.

Bennett averaged nine points and six rebounds last season as a sophomore at Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa, Iowa. He is from Orland Park, Ill.

SPORTS WIRE REPORTS

Santiago can't save it, White Sox fall 10-4 in 10

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Hector Santiago thought he had strike three. Home plate umpire Lance Barrett thought differently.

From there, everything went wrong for the Chicago White Sox.

Matt Wieters homered twice, including a 10th-inning grand slam, lifting the Baltimore Orioles to a come-from-behind 10-4 win over Chicago on Monday night.

The White Sox took a 4-1 lead into the eighth, but Baltimore hit three solo homers against a pair of relievers to send the game into extra innings.

Chicago reliever Zach Stewart (0-1) allowed six runs in the 10th, five unearned.

Leading off the ninth, Nolan Reimold took a close 2-2 pitch from White Sox closer Santiago that was called a ball by Barrett.

Reimold launched the next pitch into the left field seats to cut the White Sox lead to 4-3.

“I kind of walked off (the mound). I don't walk off unless I think it's a strike,” Santiago said. “That one pitch maybe could have changed the inning, but it's just part of the game because it happens.”

Santiago recovered to retire the next two batters, but then elevated a 2-1 pitch to Adam Jones, who tied the game with his third homer in four days.

It was the first blown save for the rookie closer, who had converted his first three opportunities.

“The way I look at it is how he bounces back,” first-year White Sox manager Robin Ventura said. “I have confidence in him to take him out there and let him do it again tomorrow night.”

In the 10th, Mark Reynolds skied a

ball to the wall off Stewart that center fielder Alejandro De Aza dropped for a three-base error. Chris Davis doubled off the left-field wall to score the go-ahead run.

That opened the door for the Orioles. Reimold added an RBI single and with two outs, Wieters hit his first career grand slam into the right-field seats for his fourth homer of the season.

“We've been battling every game pretty close,” Wieters said. “It's nice to have a big inning to kind of put some things together.”

Wieters also went deep off Jesse Crain in the eighth to make it 4-2.

Pedro Strop (1-1) picked up the win in relief.

A.J. Pierzynski had three hits for Chicago, including a homer down the right-field line against starter Jake Arrieta. He's 4 for 5 against Arrieta in his career.

Paul Konerko laced a two-run

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White Sox pitcher

double in the sixth inning, breaking open a tie game and scoring De Aza and Brent Morel. Konerko has hit safely in all nine games this season.

Chicago starter Phil Humber made his season debut and worked out of three jams during his 5 1-3 innings. He was left with a no-decision after throwing 115 pitches, allowing one run, six hits and three walks while striking out seven.

“That's not the way you draw it up, definitely not the way I want to pitch every time I go out there,” said

Humber, who hadn't pitched since April 4. “I didn't have command of my fastball after the second inning. Just had to go to my breaking ball a lot and I was able to make some pitches when I needed to.”

Arrieta (1-1) was effective during his 6 2-3 innings, but his defense committed three errors behind him. Arrieta allowed four runs — two earned — and struck out seven.

Wieters committed a pair of throwing errors as the Orioles surrendered a pair of unearned runs.











# Intramural basketball takes national title

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When sophomore Joe Gilmore sank a shot in the final seconds of overtime, he secured a victory for the Salukis in the title game of the National Campus Championship Series.

The team, which has played

together since the fall, won the national tournament 51-49 against Howard University on Friday.

Team members said they did not expect to do as well as they did when they traveled to Charlotte, N.C., to compete for the national title.

After regional championships qualified the eight teams that

competed April 13 to 15 at Charlotte University, the clubs were divided into two pools, and the winners of each met for an eventual final series game between SIU and Howard University. Howard came into the title game with an undefeated 4-0 record, having beat the Salukis earlier in the tournament.

Patrick Colvin, club president and graduate student in human resource management from St. Louis, founded the team in 2008.

He said several members of the team have Division I experience or have played at the junior college level.

“I know a couple of us are looking to advance next year and

play somewhere else,” Colvin said. “A couple of guys might go to a junior college or a Division II school, but this year has really given us a chance to get better and play against the sort of competition they might see at the next level.”

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# No horseplay for members of club water polo

BEN CONRADY  
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The members of the SIU club water polo team aren’t exactly sure how the sport got its name.

The team’s eight full-time participants do, however, agree that water polo is a game that combines elements of wrestling, football, soccer and basketball, and shows very little resemblance to the sport played on horseback that shares its name.

But don’t mistake the team’s lack of historic knowledge of the sport for a low level of experience. They’ve got plenty of it.

Eric Engleson, a sophomore from Arlington Heights studying physical education, said only two members of the team are new to the sport, a rarity for a club team that doesn’t get a lot of publicity.

Engleson, club president, said some of the team’s players have been playing for six years.

Tim McDaniel, a sophomore from Buffalo Grove studying architecture, said a strength of the team is six of its members are former high school and college swimmers.

“Not many people swim well,” he said. “People need to be water-confident in order to do this sport. I swam my freshman year so that I could have the endurance to play.”

The team will travel to Oxford, Tenn., for the Dogwood Tournament this weekend.

The tournament, held by the University of Tennessee, is the team’s first of the season and will feature club water polo teams from Northwestern, the University of Illinois and



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Justin Jacobson, left, an undecided freshman from St. Charles, catches a pass and defends against Eric Engleson, a sophomore from Arlington Heights studying physical education, Monday at the Edward J. Shea Natatorium. The SIUC Water Polo Club will compete in their first tournament this weekend at the 19th Annual Dogwood Invitational at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn.

Ohio University, Ingleton said.

Ryan Lazara, a freshman from Glenview studying business, said the team practices several times a week in preparation for the

tournament.

“We swim about 2,000 yards per practice,” he said. “We swim to keep our endurance up, and we also do leg work to

build strength, and then practice shooting and running our offense.”

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