Sen. Peter Fitzgerald studies up at SIUC

Visit may bring potential for advanced research

Daily Egyptian reporter

Illinois Sen. Peter Fitzgerald used his one-day stop at SIUC to do some homework.

The freshman Republican senator, who serves on the Senate Agriculture Committee, visited the SIUC Soybean Research Center Wednesday to learn about genetic modification, which is a controversial issue not only in the Southern Illinois region, but throughout the nation.

"This is one of the hottest topics in Washington," Fitzgerald said. "More work needs to be done to ensure food safety."

Some scientists speculate that genetically modified organisms are favored for certain targeted attributes, such as resistance to diseases and pests, could produce mutations that lead to fatal diseases.

While the health of corn has increased because of this technology, the potential has created safety issues. It is referred to the concept as "Frankenstein food."

David Lightfoot, professor of plant and soil sciences, gave Fitzgerald a personal tour of the Soybean Center and made it clear that extra money is needed for additional research into the safety of the procedure.

The research center received $194,000 in state appropriated money two years ago, but Lightfoot said it was "only a Band-Aid in solving high-impact financial problems."

Dave Shoup, dean of the College of Agriculture, was more than pleased to have Fitzgerald come see the facility first-hand. He hopes the visit will have a positive impact for agricultural education at SIUC.

"When he comes in, it gives us a lot of exposure nationwide," Shoup said. "His visit here will do a lot of good."

Fitzgerald said joining the Agriculture Committee was his first choice because of the importance it had to Illinois. He is also a chairman of a subcommittee on food safety and was impressed with the visit to the Soybean Research Center.

"I wasn't aware there was such an advanced level of research going on at SIUC," Fitzgerald said.

The Soybean Research Center has been successful in funding grants, and Fitzgerald said if federal dollars were patterned for University research, he "will definitely take a look at it."

Fitzgerald told Lightfoot the University is "on the cutting edge," and was pleased to see the developmental work in his office in the future.

"University officials gave the senator and his staff a quick tour of the campus during the morning, which Fitzgerald characterized as beautiful. He toured the Dunn-Richmond Economic Center in the morning, before speaking to a local Rotary Club."

Ray Lenzi, acting vice-chancellor for institutional advancement, showed Fitzgerald the facility. The center is a way for recent SIUC graduates to start businesses in a cost-efficient way that will prosper the Carbondale area.

Lenzi hopes Fitzgerald's visit will have a positive impact. "This is the first time we've had a U.S. Senator here," Lenzi said. "A lot of people were excited to see him, and it's a great thing because this is a way for them to stop in the region."

Residence hall safety main concern of representatives

Housing officials and resident assistants work to come up with viable candle policy

Anne Hains Travella and David Ferrara

The fact at Schreiber Hall earlier this month that started from an unattended, burning candle sparked a media hullabaloo last Tuesday night.

Housing officials and resident assistants pondered banning candles and incense inside residence halls because of the likelihood that the adrenalin would set fire to a room.

A round-table discussion with student residence hall representatives, Ed Jones, director of University Housing, suggested that candles kept in residence halls be encased in jars or fire-proof packages.

After the Feb. 6, students on campus have said they would like to see a candle policy instituted. A few suggested officials ban candles completely.

Ray Lenzi, Acting Vice-Chancellor for Institutional Advancement and Administration, said he also would like to read the recommendations are to provide a better understanding of the AS system.

The Daily Egyptian regrets the error.

Allegations against USG president dropped

Internal Affairs Committee has dismissed four of five allegations

Ginny Skalski

Four of five allegations charging Undergraduate Student Government President Sean Henry with misconduct and constitutional violations were dismissed Tuesday night at an Internal Affairs Committee meeting.

The only allegation the committee has not dismissed is that Henry had not presented the summer budget at the first senate meeting.

Seven USG senators submitted a letter to the Internal Affairs Committee last week requesting the committee investigate five allegations concerning Henry.

Three of these allegations were the exclusion of funding to a fraternity. Henry now belongs to an old college fraternity, and he was a member when he was a student here. Henry also was accused of misusing the budget, appointing an executive member without the consensus of the senate and employing a public relations director to work out of his office.

Henry wrote and submitted a letter to the committee Tuesday night in response to the allegations, citing that in each case no constitutional violation or action of misconduct had occurred. The letter cited for each allegation a response as to why Henry felt he was not guilty.

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- Amnesty International Interennial event happening at various Points of Concern. Noon to 4 p.m. Legal Law Library lounge area, Adam 529-2857.

- Career Opportunities for history majors. Activity Room 51 Student Center, nuisance accepted. Fama 453-2107.

- Library Halifax introduction to the WW using Netop, 3 to 4 p.m. Library. Library Building Room 102, Tracy 536-4999.

- Student Programming Council marketing committee meeting. Thursday, Activity Room 5 Student Center, Alisha 536-3593.

- College of Liberal Arts student Learning Assistance program event May 11, Mon. and Thurs. 9 to 9 p.m. Wend, 11 a.m. and 9:00, Fand 12,95, Mary Jane 453-2466.

- SIUC Kendo Club meeting, every Thurs. 7-9 p.m., dates gym, Todd 33-4020.

- SIU Veternos Club meeting, 7 p.m. Student Center South Building, Maresia 985-997.

- Chi Alpha Campus Ministries worship and Bible study, Wed. and Thurs. 7 p.m. Ohio Room Student Center East, Kaitlen 549-8999.

- SIU Swimming club meeting, every Thursday, 8 p.m., Student Center North Building, Val 597-0090.

- Alpha Chi Omega informal rush event, 6-8 p.m., Erin 351-5371.

- SIU Kendo Club open house with demonstrations and lessons, 7:30 to 10 p.m., Small Gym second floor Davies gym, $10 students 15 non-students, 549-3672.

UPCOMING

- Library Affairs giving scholarly articles. Feb. 10, 9 to 10 a.m., Library. Library. Library Building room 150, Tracy 536-4999.

- Christian Apologetics Club answering FAQs from God’s word, Feb. 16, noon. Campus Ministries Center, Wayne 529-4035.

- Spanish table meeting, every Fri. 4 to 6 p.m., Cal Milazzo, 543-5415.

- French club meeting, Feb. 10, 5 to 7 p.m., Teddy's, Courteny 457-8497.

- Black Synonym's Organization Buny Ball Feb. 19, 10 A.M. to 10 p.m. in Highlands. Cal Milazzo Club in advance and $7 at the door, Teresa 556-2545.

- Science Fiction and Fantasy Society watch and diverts "FULL DARK," Feb. 13, 9 p.m. 1st floor, Student Center Video Lounge, Marie 328-7474.

- Christian unlimited bible study, Feb. 13 and 23, event, 6-8 p.m., front of Missouri Room Student Center, Angie 457-1185.

- Interfaith Christian Fellowship worship visits, Feb. 18, 15, 22, and 29. 8 in the morning. Building room 209, Rianick 549-2484.

- McLeod Theatre and the School of the Arts presents Rodgers and Hammersteins "THE KING AND I.", Feb. 16, 19, 25, 26, and 27. p.m., and Feb. 13, 2 p.m. students $15, seniors $10, Michael 453-7859.

- Misery Carrick presents workshop class on impressionistic painting with palette knife, Feb. 18, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Little Taps Art Area, Jodi. Towel Square at Marion, $20 for class members and $25 for non-members, register by calling Marie 997-0412.

- Outdoor Adventure Programs meeting to discuss trips for early morning, watching and canoeing at home, Feb. 19, noon. Student Recreation Center, Michelle 549-2020.

- A Taste of Haskins" soul food samples, Feb. 19, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m, now Bob's Baptist Church, 3 adults and $2 for 10 and under, Leonor 457-7070.

- Instrucational Programs tennis free smokiting, Feb. 19, 10 a.m., 3 p.m., Michelle 453-1286.

- The Cast Your Crusade Choir is holding all auditions. Students interested in camping out God's word, the Committee, 457-0921.

- Irish Studies Forum set dancing, Feb. 20, 10 to 1 p.m., St. John's Irish Room 457-6435.

- Association of Childhood Education International meeting, Feb. 21, 2 to 4 p.m., Quigley Room 126.

- University Career Services Job Interview Workshop, Feb. 21, 2 to 5 p.m., Lawon 121, Jackie 453-2531.

- Student Alumni Council meeting, every Mon., 8 p.m. Kaskasia/Missouri Rooms Jason 453-2444.

- Alpha Phi Omega meeting, Feb. 21, 6 p.m., Ohio Room Student Center, Kent 559-5524.

- SIUC Ballroom Dance Club meeting and lessons, every Mon. 7 to 10 p.m., Davies gym small gym second floor, 915 student membership, Brian 855-8855.

- Universal Spirituality presentation on Enchantment, Feb. 21, 7 p.m. Longfellow Christian House take room, Trace 529-5029.

- Kendo Club Japanese fencing meeting, every Mon. and Thurs. 8 to 10 p.m., Davies gym, Todd 33-4092.

- Baglist College Ministry Center is offering free lunch for interns. Yes, every Tues. 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Student Center Student Center, Michelle 549-2020.

- Nippewa Table, every Tues., noon to 1 p.m., Student Center Campus Center, bring your lunch, Dawn 536-5830.

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SIUC performs germ cell research

Transplantation of stem cells allows one animal to produce sperm of another

DAVID OSBORNE
DAILY EAGLE REPORTER

Germ cell transplantation research at SIUC could eventually help correct genetic diseases and preserve rare or endangered species for future generations.

Professor Lonnie Russell of the Physiology Department is the head of research at SIUC under a grant from the National Institute of Health.

Germ cell transplantation involves the removal of the stem cells that produce sperm from the testes of one animal and transplanting those cells into a second animal. The second animal then begins to produce sperm of the first.

"I think it's exciting edge of the field," said Professor Andretta Starks, chairman of the Physiology Department, about the research's potential.

The possible practical applications for this technology are three-fold, Russell said.

First, there is a potential to correct genetic diseases. Germ cells from an individual with a genetic disorder could be removed, cloned genetically to remove the inherited disease, and returned to the same individual to correct the genetic characteristics of the individual would remain, minus the genetic disease.

The second application is the study of the production of sperm.

The next step for Tao is to maintain his research and look for new ways to apply it to the fields of communication and transportation for electric fields so it could make computers faster and more communication potential.

"People are beginning to pay more attention to how physics can affect their lives," Tao said. "I was really surprised that a major newspaper in Finland reported on it."

"We are still working on the science of superconducting balls," said Gus Bode, a graduate student in physics. "We are making great progress."

"For theπt year, we are doing experiments on the effects of superconducting balls on different materials," said Tao. "We are looking at materials that can be used in superconducting applications."
Administrative secrets only bring disaster

Have we learned nothing from years of watching bad situations become painfully familiar? The husband is angry with the wife after he discovers she went on a lunch-date with an old boyfriend and didn't tell him. There is suspicion, misunderstanding and, in the end, it does not matter that it was only lunch, nor does it matter that "it didn't mean anything," because, of course, "it didn't mean anything, why hide it?"

In 1997, Harry Crisp Jr., owner of Marion Classic Bottling Co., donated $200,000 to SIUC in exchange for a badly needed floor in SIU Arena. Two years later, an attorney involved in a lawsuit against publisher Ted Sandfer, announced the Bundlings discovered this gift coincided with a 10-year extension of a contract that awarded exclusive rights for Petco at sports events. The contract was extended without any bids from competing vendors. Members of the SIUC community cried foul.

When SIUC representatives appeared before the Illinois Legislative Audit Commission Feb. 7, the commission did not question the contract, to the surprise of many who followed the "bids." This, for some, adds evidence to what Sandfer said all along in defense. Legal or not, we still wonder if there was a better deal out there. We will never know, if there had been bids for the contract, whether there was more money to be had.

It took years for the contract to surface between Sandfer and Crisp to come out. The full story surfaced when demands between the administration and several constituency groups were at their highest. From almost every angle, the contract appeared devious, less because of the contract itself than because of the fact it was hidden. Then, in reaction to the facts, legislation was hastily passed to deter such actions in the future. The implications of this law, passed last year, may not be fully understood for some time, but it could potentially stop SIUC instructors from petitioning their own interests.

If Sandfer had simply kept the deal in the open, the public could have been written and many believe in the SIUC community would be much less suspicious of the administration. In a university this large, trust simply can't keep up, and when they finally emerge, they look much uglier than ever.

Anyone who has ever been held captive by an almost-funny sitcom knows what happens now. After the scissors are figured out and the husband sees that the lunch date was really just a lunch date, the non-wife looks straight into the camera and says, "If I had just anything hidden, none of this would have happened." In the business climate of crisis and unrest at SIUC, as a new administration begins to replace the old, so must a new philosophy replace the idea that what we don't know can't hurt us. Because, as some administrators now know, the damage done by secrecy carries a higher price.
which is also the first senate meeting of the semester. The Power Point presentation listed each of the organizations and how much money they were allocated during the summer. The minutes from that meeting reflect that the budget was presented. The committee is working on obtaining a copy of the video tape of that meeting to see if the budget was in fact presented during the meeting.

Miller said the committee decided to dismiss the other charges because of the vague wording of the USG constitution and because there was not enough information to pursue these allegations at this time.

"It was the opinion of the Internal Affairs Committee because of the present wording of the USG constitution that pursuing most of the allegations would lead to no resolution;" Miller said.

Miller also said he received a phone call Wednesday night from a senator who claims to have more information about the allegations. Miller said, as a result, the investigation into these allegations is not done.

"I have been contacted by a senator since the Internal Affairs Committee's decision and do expect to receive new information from them that will also be considered a part of this continuing investigation," Miller said.

Henry had a press conference Tuesday afternoon to justify his actions as president in regards to the allegations.

Henry said he was not surprised the investigation into these allegations is not done. "I didn't see any merit in the charges brought against me, and I think the Internal Affairs Committee saw that when they read my response," Henry said.
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SalukiBASKETBALL
In past years, teams have concentrated efforts on dethroning the Salukis. "It'll be the same scenario this year," SIU coach Kevin Wright said. "It'll be a good experience for us and it'll also provide the Valley with a Valley tournament." Temple, the only team to win both the 100 and 200 breaststroke at the MVC championships, is rated in the top three. Wright believes the championship will be a cakewalk for SIU. "The Salukis aren't a team you can take lightly," Wright said. "We're really excited to play them." The Salukis will need a team effort to extend their MVC championship streak to six. "In a championship, it takes more than your primary swimmers to win," said Walker. "It's depth is what's going to win. That's where the points come from, because one key swimmer can only score so many points," said Walker.

WOMEN SWIMMERS

The Salukis women will attempt to win the 100 and 200 freestyle events. Erickson and Melanie Williams. Morrell, Daniele Muniz, Mccder and Lee Page will contribute to their team efforts on dethroning the Salukis. "I still believe we have to be concerned about the Salukis," said Walker. "The bottom line is, you can only score so many points," said Walker. "The Salukis will need a team effort to extend their MVC championship streak to six. "In a championship, it takes more than your primary swimmers to win," said Walker. "That's where the points come from, because one key swimmer can only score so many points," said Walker.

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The most important thing is making sure our athletes get the experience of competing against top teams that have already been successful in the MVC this season," Weber said.

"If we lose, we'll learn from it and improve. If we win, we'll keep working hard to maintain our success," Weber added. "The key to winning this meet is getting our athletes to perform their best in the individual events and improving on their times in the relays."
Salukis welcome MVC to the Recreation Center for championships

Javier Serna
Daily Egyptian Reporter

The Salukis have a strong home court advantage with the Missouri Valley Conference Championships this weekend. Head coach Rick Walker will be well-prepared for the MVC, which has always been a strong conference for SIU men's basketball.

Walker said, "We've been consistent in our play this year, and we're looking to carry that momentum into the championships. The MVC is a tough conference, but we have confidence in ourselves and our team." The championships start at 11 a.m. today at the Recreation Center and continue until Saturday.

Salukis go for sweep of homestand tonight against Northern Iowa

Jay Schweb
Sports Editor

By mid-February, basketball teams don't make a lot of changes. And when a team is playing well, such as the SIU men's basketball team, you can just about throw creativity out the window.

SIU (15-9, 9-4 MVC) has won three straight games and the first two games of its inaugural three-game homestand. The second place Salukis continue the chase of MVC leading Indiana State University against the University of Northern Iowa tonight at the SIU Arena. Tip-off is at 7:05 p.m.

SIU head coach Bruce Weber said by this point of the season, the habits his team has fallen into are pretty much entrenched, for better or for worse. "You can't really add much or change much," Weber said. "If you practice long they get tired and they can't concentrate any more." Weber's philosophy of improving the little things is paying off, and the Salukis are well-positioned for a strong finish.

If we just stick to what we're doing, we're happy, and we're going to win games," Weber said. "We've got some chemistry going on right now, and we don't want to break that." Weber has been pleased with Monte Jenkins, the little brother of ex-SIU standout Monte Jenkins, and they can't concentrate for a long time in their heads.

The Salukis have traditionally had problems containing the hard-nosed Panthers, averaging 20 points in their last three games against the Panthers, but Weber said, "Our defense has been big for us this season, and we're looking to carry that momentum into tonight's game." The Salukis are hoping to extend their winning streak to four games tonight against Northern Iowa at the SIU Arena.

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