Speaker calls for universal ‘One Love’

REALIZATION:
Activist says people must work together to fight injustice.

Mikal J. Harris
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Kwame Toure, civil rights activist, told a standing-room only crowd that “One Love,” a real love for mankind, calls for learning facts and fighting injustice in order to better humanity.

“It is injustice that holds up the reality of love, of human beings loving each other,” he said. “If we’re talking about a perfect love, we must love justice and hate injustice in all its forms. If we’re talking about ‘One Love,’ we must love the truth and know there is a truth about everything.”

Toure, formerly known as Stokely Carmichael, spoke Thursday night in the Student Center Auditorium to a crowd of about 370, after the SIUC chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People brought the political speaker to campus.

A former member of civil rights groups such as the Black Panther Party and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee, Toure spoke about his idea of “One Love” and the reasons behind his current work with the African-American People’s Revolutionary Party.

“Toure said a universal ‘One Love’ only can be realized once more people work together to find out the truth to combat injustice. He used history to show how ignorance of justice can have disastrous results.

“There is a truth about slavery, there is a truth about World

DEPLETED: Budget has $125 of original $8,500 left.

William Hafeld
Daily Egyptian Reporter

Although only $125 is left in University Career Services’ $8,500 travel fund, the service has other ways to contact employers to place SIUC students in jobs.

Jim Scales, University Career Services director, said Career Services counselors use the funds to travel to employers and locate jobs that SIUC students can fill.

Scales said the travel fund also is used for public relations, recruiting high school students and attending conferences that help Career Services to be aware of the job market trends.

Despite the shortage in travel dollars, Scales said job development continues after the fund is depleted. He said if counselors have to travel to an employer to obtain job opportunities, they can reallocate money from postage or telecommunication budgets.

“Where you put 10 counselors on the road, it doesn’t take long to deplete $5,500 budgeted for room and board and travel,” Scales said.

He said most job development now is

Gus Bodo

Gus says: it looks like students aren’t the only ones who aren’t broke at the end of the semester.
TODAY

**Day with a slow warming trend.**
High: 82°
Low: 33°

TUESDAY

**Risky sunny, not as cold.**
High: 62°
Low: 46°

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Fire damages student’s trailer

NEIGHBOR’S WATCH:
Another resident notices fire before it burns out of control.

John Le Chien

Fire damaged the mobile home of a SIUC graduate student on Friday afternoon. Mick Miller, a second-year graduate student in electrical engineering, was at work when the fire, caused by a gas line leak inside the stove, broke out.

Fire fighters rip apart Mick Miller’s mobile home Friday afternoon after putting out a fire that started in the kitchen. Miller, a second-year graduate student in electrical engineering, was at work when the fire, caused by a gas line leak inside the stove, broke out.

Miller said that most of the damage is in the bathroom and kitchen areas. “They (fire fighters) said it started somewhere around the kitchen or furnace area,” he said. “I don’t know where I’m going to stay now.”

“I hate to see anybody’s trailer get burned up like that,” said Greer, who is their home. “I know my son is more than welcome to stay with me and my wife, if he wants to, until he gets things straightened out.”

Carl Sisk, assistant fire chief, said that the cause of the fire was a gas line leak on the stove. “A copper gas line inside the stove had a crack in it,” he said. “Gas built up, ignited, and caught the kitchen wall on fire,” he said. Sisk estimated the total damage to be $1,500.

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“I was walking by showing someone a trailer I just bought and I saw smoke coming out of the kitchen area,” said Greer, a resident of the park and a correction officer at the Vienna Correctional Facility.

“I was out about half an hour ago (before the fire was reported). I smelled it (the smoke),” said Malacame. “It smelled like barbeque,” he said.

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Chicken Westar Salad
BBQ Chicken
London Broil
Chicken Fajitas
Cajun Flounder
Sliced Turkey
Grilled Pizza
Lemon Chicken
Beef Stroganoff

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The Market Place
Blue Plate Special & Med Soft Drink

$3.59

$1.25

The Bakery
Large Gourmet coffee and a Bagel

$1.25

Mainstreet
Bag of Chips & Med. Soft Drink

$3.59

Old Main
Yogurt & Cream
Hot Dog, Seasoned Fries & Med. Soft Drink

$1.99
‘Tis but a scratch: Quest for car repair no Python skit

Did I miss something here?

My car began committing one of the seven deadly sins of automotive equipment: refusal to accelerate in the fast lane—about a month ago.

I took it to the dealership, where I discovered that for some reason I was known to any of the mechanics, my relatively new vehicle’s transmission had more or less burned up.

Since the car is under warranty, I gave little thought to this problem. The mechanic assured me that the parts would be in within a week or two and I would be running smoothly again.

Three weeks later, I was beginning to get worried—particularly after the guy started openly laughing at me every time I hit the gas pedal.

I called the mechanic back to find out what the problem was.

“What’s the car doing?” I asked.

“Twenty-five on a good day,” he answered. “When will it be fixed?”

He gave me some song and dance about back orders and warehouse stockouts, but that I could rent a vehicle for only $299.5 PER DAY.

This is the part where I get confused.

This company manufactured an inferior product. Then it provided inferior service, taking twice as long to replace the defective part as was initially promised.

Now I was supposed to pay $120 for the privilege of driving an unfamiliar vehicle while the guy at the warehouse sat around with his thumb inserted in an unmentionable orifice for another four days instead of sending the part he was supposed to have sent two weeks earlier.

I don’t think so.

The whole scenario was beginning to make about as much sense as a Monty Python skit.

To his credit, the mechanic did suggest another rental service that might charge less, but that wasn’t the point.

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I don’t pay people $200 a day to waste my time. My editor can do that for free.

I’m just glad that knight in a shining Perlacian was up for three more early-morning runs.

I hope this fair maiden would have been ready to prove beyond all doubt that chivalry is, indeed, dead and buried.

I may not know how to swing a saber, but after that last phone conversation, I think the mechanic was willing to believe that this dragon lady could swing fire as hot as the flames breathed by any reptilian dungeon-dweller in the business.

Get out the vote

Exercising fundamental right crucial to students’ interests

VOTING IN TUESDAY’S CARBONDALE CITY Council election is one of the most important decisions students will make this semester.

Not voting in the election would be one of the biggest mistakes students could make for the next four years.

Students stand to gain so much from voting in the election that it would be so stupid not to vote. So vote.

SOME STUDENTS HAVE A TERRIBLE HABIT of walking through their four to six years of college without caring about the community or its government. But those few years that students inhabit the community could change their lives forever.

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However, if students were to help elect candidates Flanagan, Larry Briggs and John Budslk, student interests would be represented by a majority on the council.

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After the Halloween riots, students voiced their concerns about how the incident was handled by the city and how they are perceived by the city and residents. Those concerns, and the many other issues students face every day, should be voiced by voting. Student issues will only be addressed if enough students vote and elect the candidates who genuinely will represent and listen to them. If you want to change the city, students have to start at the voting booth.

There are other issues besides Halloween. If the student-represented majority is elected Tuesday, the Carbondale bar-entry age could be lowered, and more students could get into the bars. Do you want to meet that freshman or sophomore outside the classroom? Then vote Tuesday to improve your social life and vote in the candidates who would lower the bar-entry age.

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Overheard

“He is a little bit unique as far as his mental approach, but you can’t knock success. I don’t care if he is practicing yoga standing on his head in front of City Hall. If that’s what it takes to work and it’s not violence of some body else’s rights, then so be it.”

SIUC baseball coach Dan Calhoun, on catcher Brad Benson’s successful method of honing his baseball skills. Benson uses meditation and visualization techniques to prepare mentally for games.
**Voices**

**Tis but a scratch: Quest for car repair no Python skit**

Emily Priddy

"If you haven't got anything nice to say about anybody, come sit next to me."

— Alice Roosevelt Longworth

Did I miss something here? My car began stuttering one of the seven deadly sins of automotive equipment — refusal to accelerate in the last lane — almost a month ago.

I took it to the dealership where I discovered that for some reason unknown to me or any of the mechanics, the relatively new vehicle's transmission had some more or less burned up.

Since the car is under warranty, I gave little thought to this problem. The mechanics assured me that the parts would be in within a week or two and I would be running smoothly again.

Three weeks later, I was beginning to get concerned — particularly after the car began sputtering and failing to keep up with me every time I hit the gas pedal.

I called the mechanic back to find out what was wrong. "What's the car doing?" he asked.

"It's centigrade has a good day," I answered. "When will it be fixed?"

He gave me some song and dance about back orders and warehouses and other issues that were supposed to make me feel incredible sympathy for his plight. I was annoyed, but I wasn't till already alarmed about the delay. The car was running, albeit reluctantly.

My concern level rose, however, at 7:30 a.m. one Monday.

Instead of me for getting up earlier than usual, I flushed into the driver's seat, turned the key, put the car in reverse and... nothing.

I hit the accelerator. The car responded by making squeaking noises similar to those produced by a phonograph's record.

I floored it. I offered only a few hundred white noises. So much for getting an early start.

Fortunately for me, I go to school with a guy who lives two blocks away and doesn't mind rescuing a lightly temperamental trailer each morning, and I made it.

Thanks, Galahad!

It was sweet of him to give me a ride, but I had no desire to depend on his transmission for the rest of my arduous life.

After breakfasting, a ride home with another friend that afternoon, I was again sick ofdepending on other people.

So I called the dealership that was supposed to order these parts.

The mechanic informed me that the part needed would be here in two days.

"Great. This is Monday. I have school and work and nothing to drive. Can I get a loaner vehicle until then?" I asked.

I was told that the dealership did not, under any circumstances, give loaners, but that I could not rent a vehicle for only $259.95 PER DAY.

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After answering, I went to the dealership that was supposed to order those parts.
Major religion bigger threat to peace than fringe groups

Dear Editor:

It would be amusing if it weren’t so serious, Salem Raheef March 23. “DE should not be allowed to cover offensive church.” I get a column to present an extreme point of view, but he objects to the Daily Egyptian presenting another extreme view. Admittedly the DE overdue on the crazy “Church of the Creator,” but it obviously hurts me more than helped to print their e-mail address, etc. My guess is that they get a lot of help from the right of their editors.

We are seeing a resurgence of bilateral imperialism around the world, and it has arrived in this country in many forms. A world view which forces world domination, breaks no opposition or even criticism, relegates women to second-class citizenship, and preaches the most meritless fundamentalism is more of a threat to us than fringe groups such as the Church of the Creator.

Oh sure, they always reason us that church-burning fanatics are not typical of Islam that women are taught better under Islam than in the West, but the evidence is much more on the other side. It looks to me like the growth of imperialist fundamentalism is the next big threat to world peace and the next century will not be a pleasant one as the battle lines get more and more defined.

M. Lionel Bender

Professor Emeritus

Saluki Color Guard

Dear Reader:

I am responding to Jason Tomaino’s letter about choosing a personal choice. I agree that wearing a seat belt is a personal choice. It offers only the health of the people making the choice. Smoking, however, is a different story. It affects not only the health of those smoking, but also the health of others because it infringes on the rights of their citizens when others are allowed to smoke around them.

I choose not to smoke because of my health. When the personal responsibilities in choosing to smoke I have to tolerate second-hand smoke or move. That makes smoker’s personal choice directly affect me and infringe upon my rights to be in that same place and remain healthy. It is absolutely irresponsible of the government to become involved in something that directly infringes on the rights of its citizens.

I also compare second-hand smoke to industry based pollution is obviously a pathetically weak attempt to justify his arguments. In reality, there are two completely separate arguments.

It is also the responsibility of the government to become involved in any issue that has a negative effect on our young people.

This includes the advertising industry that lures thousands of young people into addiction every year. As a parent and a taxpayer I believe it is the responsibility of the government to work together to raise the children to become an asset to themselves and their community. I also agree that there are a lot of inauspicious parents out there, which puts the greater responsibility on the government to become involved in these issues.

I am teaching my daughter the dangers of smoking and hope she understands.

One day she will have to make these decisions on her own, and I hope to feel comfortable knowing that the government also is encouraging her down the right path.

Pamela Knight

Sophomore, accounting

Bar-entry age creates unsafe situation for underage SIUC students at parties

Dear Editor:

During the current Carbondale City Council debate over the proposed “bar-entry age” has been bantered about. Candidates have taken for or against stands. The economic impact of the issue has largely been ignored or perceived as insignificant.

One of the major reasons has largely been ignored or perceived as insignificant. Sales in Carbondale have I seen lived in Carbondale have I seenhistoric losses of $10.5 million to our economy! Further, each dollar spent in Carbondale circulates through our economy seven times before it exits the community.

That figure is a startling $75 million. This is a figure felt economically from the University Mall to Main Street to the GUS Book, as among Illinois Avenue. I won’t pretend that the bar-entry age is solely responsible for these monumental losses to our economy, but it certainly contributes in creating a student-unfriendly atmosphere. Opponents to a lower entry age contend that this is an undeveloped atmosphere. One needs only to walk through the student neighborhoods any Friday and Saturday night to see that the current entry age has created more underage drinking than ever and has pushed students in unsupervised, unsafe environments.

We need safe and open neighborhoods. Let’s be honest. College students who want alcohol will get alcohol, no matter what the entry age or drinking age is. We cannot solve this nationwide problem here in Carbondale.

What we can do is offer safe, supervised environments where underage people can enjoy a social situation and mingle with their friends in a controlled, licensed, inspected, environment.

Sally Carver

Carbondale business owner

Student can play bigger role in city

Dear Editor:

Not in the 29 years that I have lived in Carbondale, we have seen such a response from students in local electric. This is encouraging to see the majority of our population in our community and voting in large numbers. It can be an effective way to insure that their concerns are addressed.

I also hope that students vote with a concern for the welfare of our community as a whole, and that they realize that we have a diversity of concerns.

We need safe and clean neighborhoods. We need a systematic approach to planning a functionally secure community that’s a desirable place in which to live, work and learn in the next century. We have a lot of good things going for our own.

Students can play a bigger role in developing an even more robust and healthy city, a place we can all be proud of and where more students will want to come to get a degree.

I hope on April 1 students and non-students alike will get beyond single-issue voting.

We need to elect those who are genuinely responsive to student concerns, and who have also demonstrated a commitment to working hard for the community as a whole.

Hugh Muldown Carbondale resident

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Drivers might want to keep air bags in cars

PROTECTION:
Automakers say that seat belts were made to work with air bags.

Baltimore Sun

Motorists planning to disconnect their air bags if the government allows it may be left with something they didn't anticipate: less effective seat belts.

The seat belts on some newer cars were designed to work with their air bags, automakers say. Alone, they will not protect a person as well as an older-style belt in serious crashes.

The newer belts allow a person to travel forward a few more inches than older belts, since automakers installed air bags to cushion the person.

If the air bag is removed, however, the person faces a greater risk of head or chest injuries from hitting the steering wheel or dashboard.

Although it is difficult to tell how many vehicles have the newer belts, General Motors Corp., the largest U.S. automaker — says more than half the vehicles it produced in the past two or three years have them.

LOVE
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War II, somebody was wrong — absolutely wrong,” he said. “There’s always a truth, and we must work with and not be confused about the truth. The only way we will have “One Love” is when we come together on the truth.

Toure said the main task of the All-African People’s Revolutionary Party, a socialistic group, is to organize people of African descent to improve the conditions of all Africans.

He said it is difficult to organize Africans because they often have unity of action but not unity of thought. That makes it difficult for them to learn their true history.

As an example, Africans lack unity of thought even in regards to their own identity. “Some will call themselves African Americans, some will call themselves black Americans, some are just black,” he said. “Others are Africans in America. The same people talk about the same thing.”

“The African American has accepted something about America,” Toure said. “The African American has said ‘I’m just here against my will, and I’m still here against my will.’”

He said that some people seek to find out the real truth about history and those people make an attempt at “One Love” by looking toward Africa for their true history.

“You say you want to look for the truth. If you want to want our history you must start in Africa,” he said. “The further you go back into Egypt’s history, the blacker it becomes.”

When asked if “One Love” also involves learning the truth of how Africans in this country have advanced and involves learning to appreciate the sacrifices made for that advancement.

“The truth of the matter is that no African in this country individually has made any advancement without the shedding of the blood of the mass of the people,” he said.

“When you sit in those schools, in these seats, you must know it is with the people’s blood that you got your education.”

Also “One Love” works best when everyone fights injustice for the betterment of humankind.

“If you are not involved in the struggle of your people, you have betrayed humanity and certainly your people,” he said. “In the case of the U.S. African American society, the struggle is to let the betrayal go unchecked.”

Audience member Marcus Rainsor, a senior in civil engineering from Chicago, was so moved by Toure’s words Thursday that he stood up and asked other audience members to appreciate Toure’s speech.

Although he could not fully articulate his appreciation at the event, Rainsor said he was happy to meet Toure and learn from his speech.

“Africa was almost speechless because he is history and he gave me such a special feeling,” he said.

“This speech helped me understand that things have changed since the civil rights movement, but we have to work on maintaining these advancements and continue them.”
At Aberdeen, consensual sex a widespread problem

EXPOSED: Base may be the worst as far as military sex scandals go, stuff says.

WASHINGTON—She was the one with the baby on her hip.

That was the only thing that distinguished the young female soldier from the Army lunch crowd one day last fall at the Golden Corral restaurant near Aberdeen Proving Ground. The baby is the son of a senior enlisted man at the Ordnance Center and School who Army officials confirmed was having an adulterous affair with the soldier.

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SPEAKER SHARES CARIBBEAN ROOTS, POETRY

APPRECIATION:
Professor helps Caribbean students express their culture with University.

SHARIFF GRUNLOPER
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Speak... with the smooth musical rhythm of the Caribbean, Allison Joseph on Wednesday gave students insight into the roots and heritage of the Caribbean people through poetry.

Joseph, a Caribbean-American poet and professor in the English Department, read a number of her own poems and those of various authors of culture with University.

Memorial
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Mitchell's close friends, family recalled Terrance.

“He was real funny, real athletic, smart and honest. Me and Salim and Terrance hung out a lot together.”

Joseph said the poem was one of her favorite works from the three books she wrote because of the sentimental value it has to her.

“It's a catalog poem that lists the different foods my parents, as Caribbean people, like to eat,” she said.

Caribbean students who attended also remembered the islands when they heard the poem.

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“I love how the poem takes over and the Americanized woman can't get away from it,” Joseph said.

She was happy to take part in the first of what she hopes will be many Caribbean Awareness Days.

“It gave CSA an opportunity to increase diversity and multiculturalism with the University,” said one.

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REACHING OUT:
New group will benefit all community members, not just the disabled.

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DAILY EDITION REPORTER

Mike Duggan, driven by the need to address issues concerning disabled students, finally has succeeded in one of his endeavors.

"For about 10 years now, myself and (Disability Support Services) has been trying to establish an organization for students with disabilities," he said. "But now, it was a matter of luck, timing and the increase in the number of students who are more empowered and want to educate the community and form some sense of unity with others in their population.

Duggan, a graduate assistant in Disability Support Services from Chesterton, Ill., is in the process of becoming a Registered Student Organization called Students Accepting Challenges. Although he is not disabled, Duggan is aware of some students wanting to actively participate in campus groups but are restricted because of a disability.

And while the group is geared toward aiding those with disabilities, its doors are open to all.

Dawn Zimpel, a graduate student in rehabilitation administration and services and vice president of the group from St. Cloud, Minn., said the group has the potential to benefit the community if everyone takes part in it.

"This is a group for everybody, not just people with disabilities," he said. "We address other issues that we feel we need to take a stand on. We want to outreach with other disabled students and to educate the population at large.

Some of the goals of the group include sponsoring educational presentations and workshops and becoming politically and socially active.

"We'll do a lot of educational things on campus, but we'll also be doing things that will make people say, 'Wow, I didn't know they could do that,'" Zimpel said. "Just because we are handicapped doesn't mean we can't be out there doing things that are important to the community."

Duggan said the group is scheduled to participate in a campus environmental clean-up. Besides the serious issues members of the group plan to tackle, they still would like to enjoy themselves while enlightening others.

"Our goal is to become a supportive group that is more like a kinship," he said. "Members of the group said they would like to stress the open membership and welcome anyone to attend a meeting to eat, drink or hang out.

The biggest goal of the group is to become a well established and recognized organization.

"Our goal is to increase the group's size, have a good time and let everybody enjoy themselves," Duggan said. "I'd like to see the group keep going, I think it would be really nice if I could come back as an alumnus (of the group) and they were still active."

Republicans worried about probe

LOST MESSAGE:
House members upset campaign finance probe becoming too political.

L. A. TIMES
WASHINGTON— It is, even by House Republican standards, a remarkable collection of true believers.

The House's investigation of campaign fund-raising practices has been placed in the hands of some of the GOP's most hardened partisans, prompting concerns by some Republicans that the probe will lose credibility if it becomes blatantly partisan.

Among the cost of congressional inquisitors is a conspiracy theorist, a tax-cut purist and an activist who is urging impeachment proceedings against President Clinton.

Other House fund-raising sleuths include a back-bencher whose own campaign has been called too small, a climate change crusader, a feminist who in the past has compared the Attorney General's attempt to probe the campaign fund-raising practices of President Clinton to a suicide, a Republican standards, a cadre of conservatives who think Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., has strayed too far to the left.

Running the show is Government Reform and Oversight Committee Chairman Dan Burton, R-Ind., a pillar of the party's conservative wing who once compared welfare recipients to organized criminals.

Burton and his colleagues seem sensitive to the risks of infusing too much politics into the probe.

"There is a concern shared by all of us," said committee member Mel Martinez, R-Fla., that we make sure we don't appear that this is Republicans going after Democrats. We want to be credible in this investigation.

The cautious nature has remained worried that Burton and the others might squander an opportunity to put Clinton on the defensive.

"Is Dan Burton volatile? Yes," said a source close to Gingrich. "Is he something sweeter? Yes. Are people nervous? Yes. It could backfire if it was so obviously a partisan witch-hunt."

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Major league umpires strike back this year

RESPECT: Baseball's umpires say they will not tolerate another Alomar-type incident.

The Major League Baseball Umpires Association has announced that its members will be much quicker to eject players, coaches and managers who get out of line during the 1997 season. That announcement, made early this month, soon after major league spring training, was the latest fallout from the Roberto Alomar/John Hirschbeck, spitting incident last September in Toronto. The umpires still believe that Alomar was dealt too leniently and are trying to flex their combined muscle the only way they can — on the field. Off the field, the umpires union does not have nearly the same clout as the Major League Baseball Players Association, a fact that became obvious when American League president Bud Selig suspended Alomar for only five days after the second baseman spit on Hirschbeck at Sky Dome during the Orioles' final regular-season series. But Selig could have come down much harder but may have been intimidated by the ability of the players union to circumvent his authority.

Earlier in the year, the union threatened to go to court to overturn the five-day suspension he levied against Albert Belle and got it reduced to two games.

Umpires union chief Richie Phillips tried to turn the Alomar situation into a public relations coup for the MLBUA, but instead turned the postseason into a circus and may have actually eroded public sympathy for the umpires.

Then a much-publicized umpires summit during the winter did little to defuse the tension between the umpires and the players.

Now, the umpires say they are going to take matters into their own hands, a plan that could backfire if they make a bad call.

The fans don't come to see the umpires, and they certainly don't pay 1996 ticket prices to see their favorite players ejected in the first inning.

Baseball to honor Robinson

A TRUE HERO: This season, all of Major League Baseball will honor Jackie Robinson.

Every baseball player in the major and minor leagues will wear a slave patch to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the year Jackie Robinson broke baseball's color line and opened the game to Black players.

Every major league team will do something to recognize the significance of the event.

Boston Red Sox first baseman Mo Vaughn said that he and a number of his teammates would do something similar. This should be a national holiday.

Interim baseball commissioner Bud Selig agrees that baseball can't do enough to commemorate Robinson, but he hopes that what is being done this year will help the game's image of inclusiveness and equality on a anew generation of baseball fans.

"I agree with Mo Vaughn," he said. "Having lived through that period — though I was only 13 when Jackie Robinson played his first major league game — I regard it as baseball's proudest moment. We can't do enough. Should it be the integrative philosophy of baseball have happened 50 years sooner? Have we done enough since then? No. But everybody should understand the legacy of Jackie Robinson. Vaughn knows what Jackie Robinson did for him, and for every other black athlete who stepped through the hoke Robinson punched the first stain arrived at a book, the field for the first time with the Brooklyn Dodgers on April 15, 1947, but he isn't sure that every black player understands the magnitude of that accomplishment.

"Not enough," Vaughn said. "I think he has to be recognized for integrating not only baseball, but all sports. He opened the way for everything. That should be in all the history books, just as is the history of books. All kids, no matter what color you are, should understand that he did something that brought baseball forward. Everything, although there still is a long way to go."

May be the 50th-anniversary celebration will be another small step in that direction.

The commemorative patch will be worn at every Major League Baseball-sanctioned game at every level of professional baseball in the United States: Major League Productions has produced a video in Robinson's life that will be shown at every major league ballpark in April, and Rawlings has produced a commemorative Jackie Robinson baseball that will be used at every major league opening day.

There also are expected to be local ceremonies at every big league ballpark.

The Dodgers, the franchise that shocked the sports world when club president Branch Rickey decided to break baseball's color barrier, are commemorating that event in a number of ways, including a Jackie Robinson Day celebration on April 5. There will be a no-field ceremony, a toolkit being Robinson and a presentation to Rachel, as well as a commemorative gift to every fan in attendance.

In the championship game, center fielder April Long drove in SIUC's lone run in the bottom of the seventh to defeat Valley for UNI.

"The five run was big," Long said. "Knowing we won last year helped too. We wanted to do just as good again. Everything is coming into play.

Overall, the tournament had positive results for SIUC.

"I think it was a great tournament for us," Brecheisen said. "The guys worked hard to get to the entire team because it was a strong team effort."