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CANDIDATES DEBATE BAR ENTRY-AGE

CITY COUNCIL:
Some candidates say age limit problematic.

JENNIFER CARMAN
DEPUTY EDITOR

Since the Carbondale City Council unanimously voted to raise the city's bar-entry age to 21 in 1995, community members and SIUC students have been debating the decision.

And City Council candidates in Tuesday's primary also have been considering the 21-year-old age limit and their positions on the issue.

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**Calendaring Policy:**
The deadline for the Calendar items is two publications dates before the event. After additions are made, the items are not removed from the calendar. Items should be delivered or mailed to the Daily Egyptian, 601 S. College Ave., Carbondale, IL 62901. Although there is no charge for public service announcements, announcements for non-ProFit groups and organizations are $1.50 per word. Yellow and orange text indicates additional fees. For more information, contact the Daily Egyptian at 453-6902.

**Today:**
- **International Festival '97, Feb. 21:** Call 453-5264 for details.
- **Celtic Banquet, 8 to 10 p.m., Hall of Fame:** Exhibits, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., International Center. Food Fair, 11:30 a.m. to 1:20 p.m., Ballrooms A, B, C.
- **Festival of Golf Students & Scholars Reception,** 6:30 to 7 p.m., Gallery lounge. Cultural Film, 7 to 9 p.m., Ballrooms B, C, D.
- **Peurnalge Association Hat Dog & Bake Sales,** Feb. 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wesselman Student Center Ohio Room.
- **Blind Student Recreation - Let's go swimming at the Pool Hall, every Friday, 3 to 5 p.m., Contact Melissa at 453-1265.

**Tomorrow:**
- **Russian Table, Fridays, 4 to 6 p.m., China House** (701 S. Illinois Ave.) Contact Arno at 453-5029.
- **French Table, Feb. 21, 4 to 6 p.m., Bookley's Contact Rosaba at 509-5565 or see http://www.geocities.com/capitolville/4051/F.html.
- **Spanish Table, Feb. 21, 4 to 6 p.m., Cake Shoppe Center Contact Mario at 453-5422.
- **German Table - Stammtisch, Feb. 21, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Bookley's Contact Anna at 453-1972.

**Upcoming Events:**
- **Practice Law School Admissions Test, April 26, 9 a.m., $10 fee. Contact Testing Services at 536-3333 in Woody Hall 8204.**
- **Soluki Volunteer Corps - Habitat for Humanity, every Saturday, Student Development Committee (final floor of Student Center), 453-5714.**
- **Soluki Volunteer Corps - WSUI & WSIU - TV Spring Membership Drive, Feb. 22 to March 9, various shifts, Communications Building Contact Lynne at 453-4430.**
- **"A Taste of Blackness" soul food buffet, Feb. 22, 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., New Zion Baptist Church, $5 adults, $2.50 children, Contact Dorothy at 549-2375 for details.**
- **SU Women's Club Luncheon, Bridge & Whist, Feb. 22, noon, Student Center, 8h 75. Contact Delores at 453-7901.**
- **"Cookin' at Newman" - Spaghetti Dinner, open microphone, Feb. 22, 6 to 10 p.m., Newman Catholic Student Center, $2 donation, Call 529-3311 for details.**
- **Habitat for Humanity Fund-raiser - Pancake & Sausage Lunch, Feb. 22, 12 to 2 p.m., Newman Center. Call 529-3311 for details.**
- **Interfaith Community Dinner - Making fresh bread, Feb. 23, 5-7 p.m., Student Center Activity Room. Contact Karen at 549-7387.**
- **Black Student Association Ballroom Dance, Feb. 23, 6 p.m., Student Center Ohio Room. Contact Amy at 453-5714.**
- **All Female Television Students can make appointments for pre-registration for the Summer & Fall semesters, Feb. 24 - April 1, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Communications 2289. Contact Jean at 453-6902.**
- **SUUC Library Affairs - Introduction to Database Searching Seminar, Feb. 24, 11 a.m. to noon, Merle Hay Library Room 1020. Contact the Undergraduate Desk at 453-2514.**

**Women's Services - "All That Girl & Guy Stuff" Group (talking about relationships), every Monday, 4 to 5:30 p.m., Woody Hall 6244.**

**SFC committee meeting, every Monday, 5 to 6 p.m., Tiny Room in Student Center. Contact Rhonda at 536-3393.**

**财务管理协会 - Guest Speaker John Raines, Vice President of Finance for Memorial Pep, Feb. 24, 6:30 p.m., Library 101. Contact Doug at 453-7842.**

**Card Altright Meeting, every Monday, 7 p.m., Marion Baptist Church. Contact Watson at 684-6838.**

**African Americans Friends Workshop, Auditioning, "Contraction Stands Make You Crazy," Feb. 24, 7 to 9 p.m., Student Center Mississippi Room. Contact Jeremy at 536-7909.**

**Universal Spirituality open forum discussion on New Age Religions - Distillation Experience, Feb. 24, 7 p.m., Logandale Coffee House. Contact Tony at 509-5239.**
RAPID EYE MOVEMENT: Students face day's anxiety by walking through mall naked.

DREAMY ADVENTURES: Healthy

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UNITED NATIONS: SIUC International students display their pride during Parades of Flags, which kicked off the International Festival '97.

Gus Bode

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Voices

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1975

More to love than Valentines

I have decided this week to write on love. You may say, and rightly so, why I did not take the opportunity to write this column a week ago on Valentine’s Day itself. That is a good question, and there is a distinct reason for doing it this way. Valentine’s Day is a Hallmark holiday conjured up by florists to boost their business and give men an excuse to express their love one time a year. (Well, this day and Sweetest Day, but that’s a whole other issue.)

How familiar does this sound to you?

Women: “Money, we never go out anyway. Why don’t you send me flowers? Why don’t you look at me when I’m talking to you?”

Men: “I put it in my time on Valentine’s Day. That’s all I’m required for you.”

Did you ever stop to ask why they feel this way? It’s because society has told them the only obligation they have is on Valentine’s Day. I would rather do away with the whole day and have my boyfriend tell me that he loves me whenever he feels like it and not just because there is a day set aside for it. What good is that love anyway?

So, what better point could I make than by writing this on an ordinary day that has no official obsession with love. I do not need a reason to express love. Besides that, there has been a lot of discussion about this day and that it can’t be healthy for us, so I am going to take this space to share some things that I love to get my socks right out of the dryer when it is freezing cold outside.

I love going home and getting into trouble with my best friend. I love it when I am sick, and a friend brings me orange juice just the way I like it, but the special brand without the juicy little bits of orange.

I love going home without telling any one and stopping by the police department where my dad works to surprise him at nearly midnight, then going home to make my room shine. Someone is breaking in and surprise her.

I love coming in to work and realizing that I already wrote half my column for the following week when I was on a roll two weeks before.

I love coming up with a really good excuse off of the top of my head for why I missed class this time.

I love finding new things that I can do to gain more experience for my future and can apply to previous knowledge.

I love learning anything new or seeing things in a new and different way even if it means sitting through a class taught by a stupid son-of-a-gun teacher who does not know what he is talking about. (No one in particular in mind, of course.)

I love knowing that God loves me even if I am designing window treatments to hang on the walls.

I love having family and friends who love and support me and tell me so even if it is not Valentine’s Day.

Most importantly, though, I love knowing that no matter how fast the bits keep coming, I will always find little things to love.

Corinne Mannino

Politically Ect

Corinne is a freshman in journalism and administration of justice. Politically Ect appears every Friday. Corinne’s opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the Daily Egyptian. Corinne can be reached at op-ed@uis.edu

Make your own religion

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In its message (in my religion, God is neither male nor female), God said that I shall be its greatest servant. God told me that in order to achieve immortality, I must form a religion in its name. I hesitated, saying, “Lord, Lord, I am a lazy man! I cannot possibly do it.” God then corrected me and said unto me, “My puny human, you need not worry, for this religion shall not take up much of your time. You shall worship me only when you feel like it, for with your time you shall do what you like.” Sounded good to me.

In its message, God told me the details of this new and glorious religion. I was told that it would be beneficial to take over the world and enslave the citizens of the Earth. Although I haven’t gotten around to it yet, I have quite a few plans.

By next year, I fully expect to have over one billion members at my disposal. These new members will be fused into my religion, from they are young and vulnerable, and will only have to pay an annual membership fee of $20.

A first step in world domination is to grip the media like a vice, thereby controlling the thought of all those with no original thought, which is surprisingly large.

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Make your own religion

IT IS TIME FOR US TO WAKE UP. OUR RIGHT to drink like fish may be important to us, but our right to a clean environment with adequate resources is a matter of survival.

If we are willing to risk getting tear-gassed or even arrested "fighting The Man" for the right to get drunk and act like fools every Halloween, surely we should be willing to spend a few minutes sorting the leftover beer bottles for the sake of a much worthier cause — our own and our children’s futures.

WE COMPLAIN THAT THE CITY DOES NOT care about students, yet it is reaching out to make this program accessible to all of us.

For those of us living in the apartment complexes and trailer courts served by the city’s recycling program, this is a prime opportunity to make a difference with relatively little time or effort.

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Our Word

Easy to be green

Students should take advantage of expanded recycling program

THE CITY OF CARBONDALE IS MAKING IT A little easier for students to do the right thing for the environment this semester.

In an effort to comply with a state law that says Jackson County must recycle 15 percent of its garbage within three years, Carbondale is adding seven sites to its curb-side recycling program.

Although authorities say about half of the 4,000 families in single-unit dwellings with curb-side recycling separate their cans and bottles, only 1 percent of the residents in the city’s three student-dominated apartment-complexes recycling sites bothered to use the service.

The city is to be commended for its effort to help students help the earth by extending the recycling program to include several student neighborhood clubs and trailer parks.

However, if this program is to succeed, students must recognize and take advantage of the convenience of curb-side recycling.

While it is understandable that busy college students do not have time to pack bags of old newspaper into their cars and drive across town to a recycling center, it is pathetic that many students are too lazy or too careless to carry a few empty cans across a parking lot.

If we are provided with recycling bins in locations as close as the dumpsters we already use, there really is no excuse for us to throw away garbage that could be transformed into new products.

Given our apparent apathy on all other issues that affect our lives, it is not surprising that most of us are too bloody lazy to spend a minute or two sorting our trash into separate bins.

Why should people who don’t care enough about their community even to vote once or twice a year bother to think before throwing away a soda can?

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Our Word represents a consensus of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board.
Graduation date problem solved

Dear Editor:

I am very pleased that the Daily Egyptian has taken interest in students' scheduling problems with the Graduate School. I had been concerned that the Graduate School commencement as highlighted in Monday's free-for-all discussion, titled "The two days you could raise graduation fees for." Although I do not have a final exam schedule this Friday, I attended a Friday afternoon graduation as the only one who has a 50 percent chance of graduating this summer. Graduation exercises are extremely inconvenient for my family and friends. I lived at home for 18 years and had to drive two years to earn my MBA, and my family and friends were looking forward to seeing me graduate.

Thankfully, Vice Chancellor and Provost John Jackson and I were able to discuss this matter over the weekend and came to a resolution that was not reported in the article. My proposal called for the MBA student who wishes to graduate with the College of Business Administration on Saturday afternoon and Administration on Saturday afternoon to be accepted to Dr. Jackes' Office.

This solution will allow students the flexibility of participating in the graduation exercise that best fits into their schedules. I have chosen to participate in Saturday's commencement for the convenience of my family and friends. I hope that for another student to attend the Graduate School graduation on Friday afternoon, they will allow this to be the case.

MBA students will receive a letter soon explaining what they need to do to apply to participate in Saturday's commencement. If there are changes in regard to this situation, I would be glad to help answer them as well. I would like to thank Dr. Jackes and the DE for their support and interest in different graduation weekend will now be the great time it is supposed to be for me and my family.

Matt Boughman, Graduate student, College of Business

Panhellenic Council extends a huge thank you to:

Katie Sermershin
Fran Beque
Carrie Bechtel
& all the Rho Chis

For their dedication during a successful Spring Rush

Panhellenic Council would like to thank:

• Guzzal's
• Subway
• Papa John's
• McDonalds

For their sponsorship during Rush!

Students need to vote in local elections

Dear Editor:

A conflict of situations is perceived to exist within our student body. Students consistently express frustration with the institution, yet we back the activism to participate in student city council candidates in office. Yet this year offers a unique opportunity for those not registered to vote. The election of local officials has been eliminated from massive voter registration drive conducted by student governments and other political organizations. Finally, the student candidates are David Vigen.

The advantage of registered student candidates such as Vigen is worth considering. The November elections as both on-campus precincts turned out big numbers. Now it is time for the students to turn out again, but the numbers must be even bigger. The three student candidates have given us the best opportunity to place voices on city council in years.

Each student must vote. Each student should vote. Each student has a duty to vote.

I am especially impressed with student candidate Todd Baulkamp. If his fibers are all over campus, and I have been approached by different people assisting in his campaign in class and at my home. All says his chances of winning look good and he needs every single student who is registered to go to the polls.

Law student speaks out against DE

Dear Editor:

After reading the now famous article you ran on Matt Hale (2/17), I like most of your readers asked the same question: Why? As a third-year student who has spent the past 18 months with Mr. Hale, I wanted nothing more than to get the story out to the editors for printing the article. As fortune would have it, I did’m not the one who wrote it in the Communications Building until after it was printed. However, the article and what I can say regarding my McIntosh I am glad because I was able to read your response (2/18) to the article. I agree with your motive of “providing information to expurgate the public discussion,” but I think you’re missing out on the bigger picture here.

There are more than 700 of us at the Law School, and having spent three years here I have respect for this institution. I can’t stoke for everyone, but I see one reason to have Mr. Hale here. Although we may questionfully complain, there are reasons for the student body who does not respect the principles upon which our legal system is based. The title “anti-establishment” views go directly against it. He doesn’t go around with a “I am an anti-establishment” attitude here. In fact, I know a friend of his who is part Jewish. The reason is he can’t because he would get beaten up. Also he’s realized that when he thinks like that, no one listens to him.

By giving him this type of coverage the Daily Egyptian provides him with a sounding board he never would have had. Why do you think newspapers don’t print articles on Klan rallies or foot matches any more? Because it is not newsworthy that is free publicity for these groups. This helps them more than their recruitment to business cards stuck in phone machines.

I believe Mr. Hale truly does read the DE, after all it’s everywhere, and you would consider your paper, as journalism, a step above “Ricky Lake.” Because in all honesty, many of us think you did this just to cause the controversy, not to educate.

Ben Rompkins
Senior, speech communication

Living learning opens minds about races

Dear Editor:

I’m writing in response to the article entitled “Superior above all” which ran in Monday’s Daily Egyptian. Although I come from a small town composed entirely of mostly white people, including myself — I believe that to generalize and define an American roommate as a racist someone who I do not consider myself a racist, group, race, or ethnic group’s beliefs and values, I do consider myself part of those groups. My group, group of people classed according to color or race, is not one defined according to Webster’s New Dictionary. If you disagree, look it up for yourself under “E.”

Obviously, history repeats itself — never really word-for-word, but basic ideas resurface time and time again. These ideas only apply themselves differently. They simply adjust to an ever-evolving society.

For example, in the early 40s, it would have been rather difficult to fight World War II with swords and bows, when airplanes and tanks were available — and what about nuclear weapons? History didn’t repeat itself to the letter, but the underlying reason for the conflict was identical — a struggle for power and recognition. Business did not define Matthew Hale’s intentions? He wants to conquer the world, he doesn’t need to keep shrinking our enemies! If you believed in reincarnation, I’d cut a lot more hair than I do now.

Living and learning opens minds about races.
Court charges diplomat in fatal traffic accident

IMMUNITY WAIVER: Embassy official makes rare trial appearance for sentencing procedures.

WASHINGTON—In a court appearance made possible by a rare waiver of diplomatic immunity, an embassy official of the Republic of Georgia was charged with involuntary manslaughter and four counts of aggravated assault Thursday for his role in the traffic accident death of a Washington area teenager last month.

Guarigu Makharadze, the second-ranking diplomat here for Georgia, expressed "deepest sorrow" for causing a multi-car pileup at a busy intersection in which 16-year-old Justin Waltrip lost her life and four others were injured. But Makharadze said his trial will demonstrate mitigating circumstances and asked the public for understanding.

The case of Makharadze, 35, became an instant talk-show topic in early January when public outrage grew with the realization he enjoyed diplomatic immunity from criminal charges in the United States, as do U.S., diplomats who serve overseas.

But Edward Shevardnadze, the former Soviet foreign minister who became Georgia's president after the breakup of the Soviet Union, announced he would waive Makharadze's immunity so the diplomat could be charged.

"There have been a few instances where the dream ends and I fall backward into a deep, pitch-black hole," he said.

"I can see and hear myself falling, but I always wake up before I reach the bottom of the hole."

Information taken from the web site of a class titled "Unlocking the Secrets of Your Dreams" and taught by Jayne Grackenbach at Grant MacEwen Community College in Edmonton, Canada, suggests dreams do not have to be taken as literally as Jones'.

Grackenbach has been researching dreams for 20 years and said dreams cannot be taken literally because the meaning of dreams rarely is straightforward.

"Being naked in a public place was something Gilmore said she would not do in real life, but Gilmore said she liked her dream even though it was unusual."

"I did feel kind of powerful in the dream because people were looking at me," she said.

In addition, SIUC will pay a small amount for its recycled material by Southern Recycling, she said.

"The money is a limited amount, but we do get between $300 and $400 per month for 20 tons of recyclables," she said. "That money can go right back into the recycling program."

Brown said if SIUC students recycle more waste, the University probably will become compliant with a state law mandating that Illinois universities recycle 40 percent of their waste by the year 2000.

"We're already pretty close to that goal, but we're not there yet," she said. "The last couple of weeks we have been out on the recycling, which has brought us closer."

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Ebonics debate continues

LANGUAGE?: SIUC students discuss their view’s on "black sound."

TAMEKIA L HICKS

Ebonics does not define black culture, rather it is a different representation of the culture, a member of the Black Togetherness Organization said during a debate on the subject in Grinnell Hall Wednesday night.

Ebonics, which is the combination of "ebony" and "phonics," means "black sound." It was recognized by the Oakland School Board in 1984 as the primary language of 75% of its students in order to assist students in learning standard English.

Kim Anderson, a third-year law student from Chicago and adviser for BTO, which sponsored the debate, said language is not the core reason African-American students do not learn or perform as well as other students. Ebonics is a plan to understand how to talk to students, she said.

"The situation is bleak because it is a recognized problem," she said. "The plan is to teach students."

Brian Clardy, a Black American Studies and history lecturer from South Fulton, Tenn., disagreed that Ebonics was a plan to teach students. He said enforcing Ebonics only means that African Americans cannot learn, write, or speak, and that English is more common, everyday slang into a national language is not the way to teach children.

"This proves that there is a decline in cultural values," he said. "This is vitalizing and all I can ask of African Americans is, 'are we throwing in the towel?'

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Kelley Fox, a senior in radio and television from Richton Park, said that it is not fair to place the burden on teachers, learning starts in the home.

Clardy said that education in schools should continue and focus on particular needs. Ebonics will be detrimental to the education system and is not adverse to helping students, he said.

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RALLY CRY: Citizens help woman get back on feet and back to baking.

The Washington Post

WESTMINSTER, Md.--In late November, Linda Fisher thought she had found a simple, fresh-baked way to keep herself and her 14-year-old son off welfare: muffins. Sixteen flavors, straight from her oven.

Each morning well before dawn, she'd bake, then load up her red Radio Flyer wagon and drag six dozen warm muffins throughout town, hitting shops and businesses along her 7-mile trek.

At $1.25 a muffin, she soon cleared $400 a month, she said, just enough to live off this past year's department of welfare's child support.

But after the county health department was ordered to "cease and desist" selling her muffins or else risk $1,000 a day in fines and possible prosecution, she said, "I thought that was cute," Fisher said. "Because the state's attorney's office was a customer of mine."

She's trying to do right by herself. The main ingredient in her rescue came from the Westminster Volunteer Fire Department, which donated its delivery route last month.

"I was trying to stay off welfare and not be part of the system," she said.

Here in Westminster, 45 miles north of Washington, her resolve smacked of a sympathetic chord.

"I think they were just trying to keep down the little guy," said Cindy Zopp, 43, a manager for a dry-cleaning business on Main Street and Fisher's first customer.

"He's trying to do right by himself. It's a matter of what the government subsidizes and what they count. The country has a major problem with people living off the system, and here's someone who wants to keep herself off the system."
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MOTIVATION: Track team tries to improve on its second-place 1996 MVC finish.

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the momentum that has both blessed and plagued the Salukis. The Braves trailed by 17 points with five minutes remaining in the second half at SIUC seemed to have complete control of the game. But Bradley used a 20-1 run to grab the win, and the Salukis have not been the same since.

Saluki coach Rich Herrin said the loss to Bradley was an emotional loss for the team. "Anytime you lose a game like that, you're going to be down mentally," Herrin said. "We played very good, but we didn't get the victory. It has kind of had a carry-over effect since then."

The Salukis lost to conference champ Illinois State University in a game they were in until the final buzzer. But SIUC then fell to the University of Northern Iowa and Wichita State, and both the Panthers and Shockers were in control of the game throughout. While SIUC has struggled as of late, Evansville holds sixth place in the Valley with a 9-7 mark and they love their basketball. "They're a good team who has played nearly the same amount of games the Salukis have so far as what we saw and what we have. ASU had a carry-over effect since then."

"I think we set the tone at the beginning of the series at ASU a few weeks today, attributes the pitching to simply a slow start," Chester said. "I think our hitters are getting in a rhythm now and hopefully we can continue hitting the ball at a higher average.

"That game was kind of the turning point for SIUC. That was kind of the start of a downhill fall," Hammer said. "I think we played so well for 35 minutes, but we didn't finish the job.

The Evansville loss started the Salukis' longest losing streak of the season at five games, and matched Herrin's longest losing streak in his 12 seasons at SIUC. After Saturday's game, the Salukis wrap up the regular season at SIU Arena against second-place Southern Illinois University. SIUC then begins play in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament in St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 28.

Hammer said two wins to end the regular season could give the Salukis' some extra momentum heading into the tournament. "Two wins would be nice," Hammer said. "But we're going to have to be ready, because we're going into Indians, and they love their basketball there."

Tip-off is at 7:05 p.m. in Evansville, Ind.
Dawgs stress pitching going into Texas Tech

**READY FOR RAIDERS:**

Siuc needs improvement on the mound to win series.

**Michael Deford**

DE SportS Editor

Forgive Donnie Chester for not wanting to reminisce a lot over his debut as a Saluki pitcher against Arizona State University Sunday.

In one inning of work Chester gave up seven earned runs off six hits against the Sun Devils in Tempe, Ariz.

"It hurt, and it definitely bothered me," the junior lefty said disappointedly. "I did expect it, but that is part of baseball." Chester was one of several pitchers battered by No. 7 ASU in its season-opener series, which began with a 9-0 shutout Friday, escalated to a 14-4 loss Saturday, and then ended in a 25-9 shell-lacking Sunday.

Today, the baseball Salukis (8-9) hope to continue their winning streak against Texas Tech University (3-1) in Lubbock, Texas, where the pitching staff hopes to make a marked improvement.

"Last weekend was humiliating," Saluki coach Dan Callahan said. "Hopefully we are a little bit better representative of the University than we were last weekend."

In all, SIUC's pitching staff gave up 44 hits to ASU for a combined 108.8 ERA. But, despite the negative numbers, Callahan said he did see some good things come out of the series.

"Good pitching can be hard," Callahan said. "Our pitching is struggling a little bit, but we had some guys who pitched fairly well, and I think we have got some guys that can be..."