Nationwide harassment cases felt at SIUC

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Peter Gitau says harassment, whether in person or through the Internet, is a crime and students cannot ignore it.

"If it's a crime, it's a crime. It is as simple as that," said Gitau, vice chancellor for student affairs. "It is a federal crime and we cover it in our student handbook. There will be penalties from the government as well as at the university level."

The U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights released a "Dear Colleagues" letter Tuesday to more than 1,000 school districts and universities across the nation urging them to enforce both federal and their own rules to prevent harassment. The 10-page letter was written after a year-long review of federal, state and university law regarding bullying and harassment of students of all races and gender, Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education, said in a national conference call Monday.

The recent high-profile cases of harassment across the country created a sense of urgency to release the letter. "We think in this country, bullying should not exist," Duncan said. "A school must address bullying no matter the basis of the bullying or harassment." According to the SIUC student conduct code, harassment consists of "knowing conduct that is not necessary to accomplish a legitimate purpose, would cause a reasonable person emotional distress, and does cause another person distress. It results from intentional acts that cause someone to be worried, anxious or uncomfortable and need not involve any overt act of violence."

Students found to have a part in harassment may face academic suspension or even expulsion, according to the code.

Gitau said the university has not received any reports of harassment, including the high-profile case of Tyler Clementi, an 18-year-old from Rutgers University, jumped off the George Washington Bridge in September in an apparent suicide after a video appeared on the Internet showing him engaging in an intimate encounter.

Body art potential cause of unemployment

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Students don't always understand the impact body art has on their employability and marketability, says Cynthia Jenkins, interim director of career services at SIUC:

"I think that tattoos are more symbolic of your own personal message you want to send out there," she said. "(Students) aren't necessarily thinking on a professional level and how it is going to impact or negatively effect their career moving forward."

The Wellness Center hosted a workshop Wednesday, which focused on safe tattooing and thinking about a future career before students decide to get "inked."

Michael McLemmon, outreach coordinator for the Wellness Center and speaker at the workshop, said there is a difference between past and present job hunting and having body art.

"In an article I read, it said as time has gone on, piercings and tattoos have become more accepted in our society," she said. "You don't have to hide it nearly as much as you used to, but you also don't want to flaunt it."

Darren King, a tattoo artist for 11 years and full-time artist at Karma Tattoos and Piercings in Carbondale, also said tattoos are becoming more accepted both in society and in the workplace.

"I think some employers definitely notice tattoos, but not as much as they used to," he said.

McLemmon said the main concerns are tattoos would need to be concealed for ones that deal with the public and people, not so much the ones that require being a lab or in front of a computer.

She said students tend to get tattoos to rebel and to reflect their individuality but at such a young age while still developing, they may not fully understand that visible tattoos could lessen their chance of getting a job.

Aaron Morehead, a graduate student in social work from Carbondale, said when he was 21 he got his first and only tattoo, specifically high up enough on his arm so it could be easily covered.

"Placement was huge for me," he said. "I saw people with armbands lowered down and knew that would be a pain to cover."

Too many piercings and tattoos could be distracting and hurt students chances of getting a job as well as the interview, McLemmon said.

"If the person interviewing you is having trouble focusing on you, your resume and your skills because they are too busy looking at your adornments, that would not be at all helpful in getting a job," he said.

But it's a different situation for Abby Bierle.

Bierle, a senior from St. Louis studying art, and a tattoo artist of three years at Artistic Mind Tattoos, said she hopes to make tattooing her lifelong career and having tattoos helps in her industry.

However, Bierle said most artists tend to get burnt out on tattooing and she might want to take a break to work in the makeup industry. If she does switch to another career field, she doesn't think her 12 tattoos will hinder her chances of getting a job.
Forum reveals mixed feelings to digital switch

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David Carlson says his goal is not to move library to digitally preserve print collections in the immediate future, but to move forward. Carlson, dean of library affairs, and representatives from Ithaka, a company that assists the academic community to digitally preserve scholarly records, met Wednesday with roughly 30 facility staff and students in the John C. Grider Auditorium to discuss digital technologies role in university libraries.

Ithaka, a not-for-profit service that helps academic institutions digitally store print collections, and Ithaka Strategy and Research, which provides strategic planning services for academic institutions about the challenges and benefits of the digital environment, are two branches of Ithaka.

Ross Housewright, research analyst for Ithaka SYR, said a 2009 survey conducted by the group, which polled roughly 35 facility members from four-year universities across the nation at random, shows a slight increase in facility members' comfort level with moving content from print to digital collections.

Ryan Nitkey, assistant professor of English, said he is concerned the information Ithaka presented was "self-serving" and based on studies provided by the company.

He said he questions the validity and necessity of handing ownership of the university print collections over to Ithaka.

"Our position is there should be digital and there should not be print," he said. "Digital resources have certain value and print resources have different values. In most cases, you probably want both." For the full version, please see dailyegyptian.com.

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"Any time you see something happen like the case at Rutgers...you look around and ask yourself, 'If that had happened at SIUC, what would we be doing?" Gitau said. "We don't always want to be reactive. We hope most of what we do is proactive. There is like a build up to something like a needle, and if we're proactive, maybe we could stop it.

Gitau said the university has a policy in place in the student center to deal with harassment. He said though it was last updated in 2008, it covers both in-person harassment and harassment online, social networking like Facebook and Twitter.

"There used to be a time where people would say, 'Now all of this is private conversations going on,'" he said. "You put something on Facebook or you harass and call someone a name and people would criticize if you attempted to deal with that. But now, with the advancement of technology, we can find out about this and many institutions have policies in place to handle this.

"Any student who feels they are being bullied or harassed in any way should contact either their resident advisor, student affairs, judicial affairs or the Department of Public Safety. Gitau said. He said students should also seek counseling to help remove emotions resulting from harassment.

Jean Cunningham, chief psychologist at the Counseling Center, said although she could not recall any student coming to the Counseling Center as a result of bullying, she had heard of students who took issue with online posts.

"People may post things that are upsetting or things that they will find insulting about themselves, and that is what can cause someone to become so upset," she said. "That's difficult for students when people post angry or critical things about them, it is so public that they feel very exposed, and there is no easy way to counter or answer that."

Cunningham said students who are attacked online should step away from their social network, otherwise they may continue to dwell on the situation. Dwelling can only depress a person more, Cunningham said.

"Reading off those sites is really the best advice I can give anyone," she said.

Gitau said with all the resources on campus, students should not have to suffer alone.

"There really is no reason for people to be suffering because there are so many people here who will help you," he said.

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FRIDAY

Copper Dragon: Revis w/ Under the Radar and 30 Aut Shore 9:30 p.m.
Key West: Karaoke night 9 p.m.
Tres Hombres: Mathien 10 p.m.
PK's: Taw Paul w/ Slappin' Henry Blue 10 p.m.

SATURDAY

Copper Dragon: The Personnel and Poets Dance 10 p.m.
Key West: Bone Dry River Band 9 p.m.
Tres Hombres: Bamacle Billy and The Zebras Hustles 10 p.m.
PK's: Taw Paul w/ Slappin' Henry Blue 10 p.m.

SUNDAY

Tres Hombres: The Ivas John Band 9 p.m.

GOV. QUINN CUTS RIBBON TO START STAR BONDS
Gov. Pat Quinn cut a ribbon Wednesday to symbolize the beginning of construction on the STAR Bonds project. Quinn signed the STAR Bonds bill June 24. The program is designed to create jobs in the area by building attractions that will bring tourism, entertainment and retail destinations to the north side of Marion.

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1201 W. College
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507 S. Poplar #6
600 S. Washington #5

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507 S. Beveridge #5
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303 W. College
309 W. College #4
407 W. College #4
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506 S. Poplar #4
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Thousands still without power in Illinois storms

The Associated Press

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Horoscopes
By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

Today's birthday: Broaden your personal mission in life this year. To achieve this, open your social connections. First develop a contemplative practice that relaxes your mind. Then acknowledge insights that come to you in that peaceful state.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — While sitting in a meeting your mind wanders. Ask for a menu, ask someone to pick up key ingredients on the way home, and get back to the table at hand.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — You may LL your friends bring a fresh sense of purpose to a difficult situation. Listen to the logic. It will overcome any fear of the future.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — To maintain emotional flow, first you have to get practical projects moving. Adjust your direction, focus your thoughts, use the strengths of co-workers.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — To maintain a smooth course over a great deal of time, it's today. Others challenge your emotional base. Remove feelings from your argument by taking time to breathe.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Take time for yourself first thing in the morning. A good breakfast is key. Then go meditate, meditate or get out in nature. Tackle today's business.

Vega (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Take a ticket to a restaurant that serves a variety of cuisines. Be sure to satisfy the youngest person's palate. Then everyone's happy.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — You feel like you've been set on a path by a spiritual or friend. Work it out by using your imagination and intelligence. Humor helps.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — Your mind may be on food all day. You want to sample several cuisines. This may, in part, be due to compatibility. You could always eat out.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Your recipe for today includes extra portions of compassion. Others feel the bitterness taste of the moment as you celebrate the past.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Your maximum attention will be focused on the moment. It could be great fun for you to how to accomplish the improbable.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — Spend the day today providing for the needs of others. Nutrifying includes food and emotional support. One person goes home early. It's okay.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — You spill your attention now, you seem to get a lot more done. However, part of what you do will need to be redone. Do one thing at a time.

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**JUMBLED WORD GAME**

You're a good forgiver for the world today. Make your word choices. It's not your Imagination and imagination, you might not be able to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

**TOEGLA**

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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*Answers tomorrow*
**Fait**

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"I've seen the importance of being on the same page in a family, in a church it's the same on a team. You have to get to where you understand each other and have a mutual respect for each other as you grow together," Cherri said.

Cherri said he has friends who attend different churches but still connect with them through their shared faith and yearning to grow closer to God.

He said he comes from a Christian family but as he matured he molded his own beliefs with some influence from his parents.

"I personally believe that faith impacts every area of my life, including how I present myself and how I act," Cherri said.

**Exhibit**

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"This year, we've got the new arena; everything is brand new. We can't come out and let the fans down," Bocot said.

The new players on the team have all caught Bocot's eye and bring something different to the team, he said. He said he trusts the guys on the team to play hard and be in the right place when needed on defense.

"The system is hard. It took me awhile to learn," Bocot said. "To stare how quick these guys pick up on things, it puts a smile on my face."

**Media Day**

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"The wins just didn't have any weight to them because they weren't BCS schools," Jacobson said.

Reality coach Jim Les said the strength of the conference and the quality of centers and forwards in the league is a product of MVC coaches. Many players come into the league's programs overlooked by the bigger schools and have developed skills, grown and learned how to play Division I basketball for three, four or even five years, Les said.

"This is a chance to propel the league," Les said. "Talk about the teams who have made the Sweet 16, it's always been that big guy who is the difference maker."

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As he battled asthma and a series of health issues in 2009, sophomore cross country runner Lucas Cherry said he found strength in his faith. "During those tough times when I wasn't running well, I was feeling sick everyday. That's when I had to find my strength from the bible and my faith," Cherry said. "The key aspect of my strength comes from Jesus. It's not based off of how well I run a race, how well I do on a test or in a class.

Junior freestyle swimmer El Badrawi said during conference championships in 2009 he had difficulty competing and contemplated asking for a miracle to help him get through his events. "Miracles don't happen for people who aren't," Badrawi said.

Badrawi, who practices Islam, said he turns to Allah to help him through difficult races and strenuous classes but also knows Allah helps those who show effort.

Cherry said he's seen the importance of faith not only as a student athlete but also in his role in the lives of many college athletes.

"I think UNI went in and beat the best team in the country last year and led them from start to finish, so I think it speaks very highly of our league," Lansing said.

UNI coach Ben Jacobson said the key to more bids is to schedule more non-conference games against schools in the bigger conferences or the MVC will continue to have one team in the tournament. He said before the team got the automatic bid there were talks in the beginning of March of UNI not making the tournament, even with victories over Siena and Old Dominion. Both teams made it to the tournament, and the latter beat Notre Dame in the first round.

Lucas Cherry prays Sunday before leading Sunday School at Victory Dream Center on East College Street. Faith plays an important role in the lives of many college athletes.