GRAD COUNCIL: Departments claim programs not expensive, cuts hurt undergraduates.

The recommended elimination or merger of some graduate degrees are not cost-effective, the chairman of four departments said.

At a special Graduate Council meeting Thursday, David Werlich, History Department chairman, said the considered elimination of the historical studies doctorate will not save money for the University.

Werlich said the historical studies doctorate is not expensive when compared to other degrees offered in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

"Of the four programs, the doctorate program is the least expensive among the four, public universities with history B.A., in Illinois," Werlich said. "The support savings made available by the demise of one Ph.D. is decisive.

Doctoral degrees in historical studies and sociology were recommended for elimination by John Yopp, Graduate School dean, three weeks ago at a Graduate Council meeting.

Nine other graduate degrees were recommended for change.

All department heads or deans whose programs were affected by Yopp's recommendations were allowed to respond to the proposed changes.

The graduate program review began in July, when the Illinois Board of Higher Education mandated that all state universities review their graduate programs.

Joel Best, Sociology Department chairman, said the sociology degree's elimination will not save money because graduate students teach undergraduate courses.

Best said a document prepared by John Meek, Graduate School associate dean, stated that the elimination of a sociology degree would save an estimated $96,165.

Linda Buckel, a Food and Drug Administration spokeswoman, said a new regulation, which takes effect today, requires workers selling cigarettes to check the identification of people who appear to be under 27.

Retailers who sell to minors face penalties of $250 or more.

"The new law doesn't really matter," Alvarez said. "People under 18 will get fake IDs or get friends over 18 to buy for them." Rocha said the new law will delay sales at the Information Station.

"It's going to take up too much time, but if that's the law, then that's the law," she said.

Carbondale Police Chief Don Strohm said a 1995 local police department survey showed that minors were able to purchase cigarettes at more than 80 percent of 20 Carbondale locations.

He said a spring 1996 follow-up survey showed 20 percent of the establishments sold tobacco to minors.

According to the FDA, smoking among eighth- and 10th-grade students has risen 50 percent since 1991.

The new regulation attempts to curb underage smoking.

Diane Neely, a Student Center Information Station employee, said he expects a lot of students to be angry when he asks for identification.

"It's going to cause a lot of people to be mad because it will slow things down considerably," said Neely, a sophomore in administration of justice from Illinois, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

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Professor stops teaching for computer equipment

THE TERMS: CASA teacher holds out for Internet hook up.

A professor announced Sunday in an e-mail that he was going on strike until his computer was hooked up to the Internet to show his college that more computer support for staff was needed.

David Scott Clarke, a professor in technical and resource management, which is in the College of Applied Sciences and Arts, sent an e-mail Sunday to faculty, staff and students of CASA informing them of his strike.

Clarke started his strike Sunday and ended the five-day strike Thursday morning at 10:57 when his computer was hooked up to the Internet.

Clarke said he had tried since October to get the computer in his office hooked up to the Internet but nothing happened.

"This isn't open heart surgery here," he said. "All I needed was a cord for my computer!"

Fred Lobet, associate dean for admissions and acting chairman for advanced technical studies, said he was surprised that one of his professors acted that way.

"We did everything we could to get him his god," he said. "We wanted him back in his classroom as soon as possible."

Beverly said the students in Clarke's classes will not be penalized for the missed classes.

Clarke said students did not miss any classes because he had moved his classes to being taught over the Internet and his students think his strike was hilarious.

"I matched all my students down to the computer lab at the beginning of the year and got their e-mail addresses," he said.

"We moved from meeting in classes to distance learning really easy."

Clarke, who teaches professional development and international business classes, said he has seen a need for more computer support on campus for faculty.

"It is really easy for faculty to fall between the cracks."

Gus Bode

Gus says:

What do we need a union for?
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**Correction**
- If students spot an error in a news article, they can contact the Daily Egyptian Accuracy Desk at 536-3311; extension 233 or 228.
Bands pool talents for voters

ROCK 'N VOTE: College Republicans and the Hangar 9 plan local concert for voter registration.

LISA PANGBURN
PE ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

It students want to have a voice in the City of Carbondale, they need to register to vote, and the Voter Registration Drive will give them that chance, a local business owner says. Sally Carter, co-owner of Hangar 9, St. S. Illinois Ave., said SIUC's College Republicans and four local bands are teaming up today in the Free Forum area to support voter registration for the Carbondale City Council.

The Free Forum area, located on the east side of the Student Center parking garage, will be rocking from noon to 3 today. Kicking off a local rock the vote will be St. Stephen's Acoustic Blues followed by halfway, the Wasps and Poor King.

Carter said the last day to register for the April 1 election is Monday, so she was willing to help the College Republicans in the cause.

"I was just helping with getting the bands together, but I think it is a very important cause," she said. "Students want to have a voice in city government, and the first step is to vote. This is also a great opportunity for people who can't get into the bars to live local bands."

Andy Volpert, a senior in education from Danville, and president of the College Republicans, said his group wanted to do a local "rock the vote" to generate more representation of SIUC students.

"We were really disappointed with the two white supremacist groups was concerned Thursday in the murders of a black Fayetteville, N.C., couple that prompted a worldwide investigation into the level of extremist activity within the Army's ranks.

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FAYETTEVILLE, N.C.

Paratrooper convicted of murdering black couple

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COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

Biker gang wars terrorize Scandinavian citizens

Armed biker gangs are locked in a bloody war spreading across Scandinavia, disturbing the peace and upstaging the tolerance that has allowed the Nordic motocycle clubs have taken to saying, "This town ain't big enough for the both of us."

"They settle their scores in blood, and leave the rest of the townsfolk terrified and angry."

After nearly a year of incidents — which have killed eight people across Scandinavia, four of them in Denmark, and wounded scores more — Danes are persuaded that something interminably rotten is going on.

— from Daily Egyptian news service

Nation

WASHINGTON

INS punishes 12 officials in immigration scheme

One senior immigration official has been fired and 11 others were demoted or suspended for their part in an elaborate scheme to hoodwink a congressional task force examining illegal immigration, the Justice Department said.

The punishments, handed down last week, came 20 months after senior field managers in the Immigration and Naturalization Service released dozens of illegal aliens from a Miami detention facility to make conditions look better to visiting members of Congress.

The scheme backfired when outraged INS employees complained about it afterward.

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Dear Editor:

I am writing to express my concern about the lack of response from the Daily Egyptian's editorial board regarding the recent events on campus. It seems that the board is not taking our issues seriously, and this is disappointing.

Since my first semester at SIU, I have been voicing my concerns about the lack of attention paid to student issues. Despite this, I have not received any meaningful response from the editorial board. It is apparent that the board is not interested in hearing our voices or addressing our concerns.

I believe that the Daily Egyptian has a responsibility to its readers to provide a platform for us to express our concerns and to hold our leaders accountable. However, this has not been the case, and I am worried that the board is not taking our issues seriously.

I urge you to consider this issue and to provide us with a response that shows our voices are being heard. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

[Student's Name]
Cigarettes

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Robinson. "We're going to get caught out a lot I guess." Andrew Coolidge, manager of Discount Dock, 103 S. Illinois Ave., said the store has been checking identification since Monday to prepare for the new regulations. "It's tough to tell who's 26, 27 or 28, so we pretty much card everybody," he said.

James Rockich, manager of Mr. Sandwich Co., the sub shop near that serves Bush Towne, said he, too, began checking identification before the regulations took effect. "I think it's a hassle because of people I've carded, they've all been over 21," he said. "It's just a matter of useless because 99 percent of the people in the college are over 18." Rockich said he really hasn't had a lot of complaining from the students.

The regulation is the first of three measures against underage smoking that the FDA plans to implement during the next 18 months. The tobacco industries have challenged the regulations in court, claiming that the FDA does not have the jurisdiction to impose them. U.S. District Judge William Osteen argued from the bench.

The bottom line is, don't hold your breath waiting for big savings.

Doug Wrosh
HISTORY DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

Sarah Blackstone, graduate council vice chair, said the graduate degrees always cost money. "These programs are not free," Blackstone said. "We all know that. If there were no resources being put into these programs, every department on this campus would have a Ph.D., and this clearly is not the case." Yopp said he is working with Institutional Research and the IBIIE to find the amount that will be saved if the mergers and eliminations are approved by the IBIIE.

"What will it cost us if we don't comply with some of these recommendations?" Yopp asked. "Simply, we don't get new programs approved." Yopp said eliminations and mergers will be a symbol of smoking.

According to the FDA, nearly 40 percent of children who smoke and 25 percent of those who do not own at least one promotional item from a tobacco company. The final phase of the regulations, set to begin Aug. 28, 1998, will prohibit sponsorship of any public event, team or entry by a tobacco brand, but corporate sponsorships of events will be allowed.

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Tom McCullagh
MANAGING EDITOR

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turnout of student voice in the primary, and we're hoping this will get more people involved," he said. Republican candidate Kathy St. Stephen's, he thinks it is extremely important for the student population to register to vote. "Everyone who does not vote is contributing to the outcome of the election, so it is important for students to be involved and make their voices heard," he said.

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officials that went in a job without a job, and said according to the program is to help the community, said, "You can make a difference by making the program work for you." Also said Graham construction technology students have built decks and additions on houses around Carbondale for low-income families, and the construction technology students have also helped Graham in the community.

Graham said the State Rep. Larry Woolard, D-Carbondale, has expressed concern about the possibility of the degree being eliminated and has said he will fight to keep it. "If we are successful in keeping the program, we will continue to work with the students to help them achieve their goals," he said.
Students to decide if there will be light

PASS IT ON: USG places fee increase needed to light fields on April ballot.

TRAVIS DENEL
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Students, not Undergraduate Student Government senators, will decide if they will pay to light the campus intramural playing fields by voting on a referendum at student elections April 16.

On Wednesday, USG added the referendum, which would increase the student recreation fee from $2 per semester to $3 per semester if passed, to the same ballots students will use to vote for USG representatives.

"We're heard enough about the issue from senators," said Jennifer Powell, a mass communications and journalism senator. "The students will decide this once and for all. It's in their hands."

USG passed its first proposal to fund lighted playing fields at the Jan. 22 USG meeting, but USG President Troy Alium vetoed it.

At the Feb. 5 meeting, there was a failed proposal to overturn Alium's veto, because it required a two-thirds majority to pass.

Chester Lunsford, an Evergreen Terrace senator, opposed adding the referendum to the student ballot.

"I represent a group who is fairly remote and does not have a high voter turnout at elections," Lunsford said. "Their voice won't be heard."

Bill McHin, intramural recreational sports director, said he was pleased the Council also approved the same $2 fee lighted playing field proposal will be on the student ballots.

"I think it could generate a lot of student interest and get people excited about it," McHin said. "I don't see why not." Hamilton said. "I say go for it." Ronda Ross, a sophomore in elementary education from Lincoln, said she would not vote for a fee increase on the student ballots.

"I wouldn't vote for it because not everyone would be able to use it," Ross said.

Graduate and Professional Student Council also approved the same $2 fee increase supporting lighted playing fields at its Wednesday meeting.

In other business, USG approved a resolution to increase the student health fee by $1.25 to pay for renovations to the Student Health Services building.

The senate also approved a resolution requiring office hours for its Internal Affairs and Finance Committee chairmen, Jason Leers and Anthony Bius. The resolution will go into effect until next year the fall 1997 semester.

• On April 16, students will vote on the proposed $2 student recreation fee increase.
• The fee increase would fund lighted intramural playing fields, to be used for soccer, flag football and other activities.
"We are always the last to use the latest technology. An electronic database and a general ledger is needed for the state to make good decisions, because that’s what good legislation is about."

As comptroller, Didrickson is Illinois’ chief fiscal officer, monitoring state spending, co-signing all state checks with the state treasurer and auditing the monthly report on the state’s fiscal status.

She said the state’s outdated financial system has 112 different agencies controlled by 85 separate accounting systems. "Illinois has the oldest financial system in the country, and it is mostly a paper-driven process," she said.

"Our accounting system is 25 years old, and changing the financial accounting system is my No. 1 goal." As an example of financial inefficiency, Didrickson said the state has to write itself checks to access its own funds. She said the state refunded $9,400,000 last year, and it came about $57 for the state to write itself a check under the current system.

And although taxpayers are able to access information from the comptroller’s Web site, Didrickson said updating the system will make the state’s fiscal information even more accessible to taxpayers She said she hopes taxpayers can access the new system by July 1. "The ability to report back to taxpayers and tell them what the state’s costs are at any point is powerful," she said. "Right now, we don’t have that kind of power."

Didrickson said Illinois is in debt from overspending by $951 million last year, but she said the debt has declined in the years she has been in office.

And although updating the system would cost $51 million this year, it may help decrease that debt over time. Didrickson said the state will save $312 million for the first year after updating the financial system and $325 million yearly thereafter.

Crystal Emery, a senior in political science from Carbondale, said finding out about Illinois’ inefficient financial system through Didrickson’s Web site was informative. "She had a lot of information that we didn’t know about," she said. "I thought our fiscal information was computerized. I was surprised to find out it wasn’t."
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SIUC divers face Olympian

DIVING DAWGS:
SIUC diving coach Dave Ardrey is one of few coaches who has had the opportunity to coach 1996 Olympian Becky Ruehl of the University of Cincinnati. Ardrey coached Ruehl last summer at the Pan American games, and he said it is going to be a pleasure to have his divers competing against her in the National Independent Championships at the Recreation Center today through Saturday.

"I'm looking forward to seeing Becky again," he said. "The last time I saw her was over the summer at the Pan American games. Ruehl, finished second at the U.S. Olympic Trials on the platform and placed fourth at the Centennial Olympic Games last summer in Atlanta. Ruehl, who is considered one of the best divers in the country, will compete along with the rest of her UC teammates today in the diving competition. UC will be just one of nine teams battling the Salukis for the National's Independent Championship. Other teams competing include the University of Northeast Louisiana, Florida Atlantic University, the University of Evansville, Illinois State University, the University of Houston, Western Kentucky University and Southwest Missouri State University.

Ardrey said SIUC the divers will be trying to help win the team title, but their season will not be over this weekend as Gerzena, Holland, Jodi Mulvihill and Alex Wright have qualified for the Zone Championships March 1-2.

"We're competing against some former champions and 1996 champ Becky Ruehl," he said. "We're going to have to dive well to give the team a chance."

The diving team will begin action at 11 a.m. at the Recreation Center pool.

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Cheryl Scott
Saluki Basketball Coach

advisational effort in the second half almost cost them the game.

"We got down in the second half," she said. "We were not focused, and we let them back in the game."

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The fact that we were up by so many, we thought they'd (UNI) give us the win, " she said.

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"Any win is a good win," she said.

Next on the Salukis' agenda is their last home game against Bradley University Saturday.

"Brady is an important game," Scott said. "They are good, and we don't match up well against them."

The game between SIUC and Bradley is 7:05 p.m. at SIU Arena.

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Softball Salukis on roll

FIRE ON THE MOUND: SIUC returns home victorious thanks to pitching power.

BRAD WEBER
EAST EPHRATA REPORTER

SIUC's freshman hurler Carisa Winners' debut as a starting pitcher for the Saluki softball team was one she soon will not forget.

Winners shut out the No. 10 Oklahoma Sooners Saturday 1-0 in Oklahoma City, improving their season record to 1-2-1 and the Salukis went on to place third in the Mardi Gras Classic in Monroe, La.

She said the work she did in practice on throwing different pitches helped her performance.

"You have to have a positive attitude," she said. "We try to be as competitive as possible, and we look forward to a challenge each game."

Winners, along with the rest of the Salukis, will try to carry their competitiveness into Saturday's and Sunday's Southern Classic at SIUC's IAW Field.

Head coach Kay Brechtelsbauer said the main focus for the team is to execute better both at the plate and in the field.

"We're expecting our hitting and pitching to get better this Saturday," she said. "We need to do a better job through bunting the ball if we're going to win."

The Salukis hit .270 at the Mardi Gras Classic, and the pitching staff recorded a 0.70 ERA.

Winners said it is important for the team's batting and pitching to get off to a good start in the first game of the Classic.

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The classic should give the Salukis their best opportunity yet to prove they belong in the top tier of college baseball. The Salukis are coming off a straight losses to Arkansas State University. The classic will serve as the season-opener for both NIU and WIU.

However, Callahan is not taking either team's lack of playing time for granted.

"We can't expect to have success just because of who we have played," he said.

Nice to see how well we did in the gym. We've seen a lot of confidence in the way they play the game, and we need to play at our best."

"Each game will give us the opportunity to improve our skills," she said. "Indiana University and Western Illinois University are going to be two teams to give us tough competition."

IU is 2-2 on the season, and the classic will be Western Illinois' first game of the 1997 season.

But despite the tough competition the Salukis are expected to face, freshman shortstop Lori Greiner said the team's performance in Louisiana proved the Salukis can play with anyone.

"We learned we can play with any team in the country," she said. "Especially if we play between the lines."

Greiner, who hit the game-winning home run against Oklahoma, said she was proud of the team and hoped it could keep its momentum going Saturday.

"We should perform well in the tournament if we play our best every day," she said.

Brechtelsbauer said the team had an outstanding tournament in Louisiana, but it needs to focus on the Southern Classic.

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capping off an amazing debut, and helped her performance.
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Diamond Dawgs look for first win

**HOME AT LAST:** After a 0-6 start, the Salukis look for victory at home.

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**DE SPORTS EDITOR**

Saluki center fielder Joe Schley says he had never witnessed such a poor offensive performance in his life prior to Saturday’s double header against Texas Tech University.

Tremaine Salukis came out, losing both games of the doubleheader, losing SIUC 6-4 and Schley shaking his head in disbelief.

“I really do not know what to say. It was quite a shock,” said Schley, who went 1-for-4 on the day. “I've never been on a team that has struck out 39 times in one day, so it's really hard.”

Schley said the Salukis do not want to repeat the performance again.

“If you want to be successful as a hitter, you have to swing the bat,” he said. “That’s why we had a home run today.”

In their last six games, the Salukis have struck out 67 times.

Schley said he hopes to swing, as well as end, the problem today.

In the first six games, the Salukis have struck out 29 times.

“Shaking my head in disbelief,” Schley said, “is hitting .300 and leading the team with 16 RBIs. It was quite a shock,” said Schley, who went 1-for-8 on the day. “I’ve never been on a team that has struck out 39 times in one day, so it’s really hard.”

As a team, the Salukis are hitting .231 overall and .222 in RBI situations.

**SIUC SQUEAKS BY PANTHERS**

**RISING IN THE RANKS:** Narrow victory over Northern Iowa improves Salukis’ MVC tournament

**DONNA COOPER**
**DAILY HERALD EDITOR**

The SIUC women’s basketball team almost blew a 19-point lead over the University of Northern Iowa, but two crucial baskets by point guard Meredith Jackson preserved an 85-75 Saluki win Thursday night at SIU Arena.

The Lady Panthers went on a 16-1 run in the second half, but a three-point basket by Jackson with 5:47 left in the game put the Salukis ahead.

After the three-point bucket, senior Kasie McLeon led a layup, followed by a 15-foot jumper by Jackson to seal the Salukis’ win.

Coach Cindy Scott said Jackson’s buckets saved the Salukis from throwing away the ballgame.

“It was very scary,” she said. “I have to give Northern Iowa a lot of credit. They didn’t quit. Meredith’s five points saved us.”

Jackson went five-for-five from the field, including four three-point baskets to finish with 14 points.

Jackson said she knew the Salukis were in a dire situation when she hit the three-point bucket.

“Offensively we had become stagnant,” she said. “We were turning the ball over, and we couldn’t get it going. So I decided I better step it up.”

Junior Theisa Hudson helped Jackson on the inside, adding a career-high 25 points in the game.

SIUC also has the advantage of playing in their home court.

**BREAK ON THROUGH:** Saluki forward O'Desha Proctor, a sophomore from St. Louis, splits two University of Northern Iowa defenders during the first half of Thursday night's game at SIU Arena.

Salukis hoopsters aim for MVC title

**DAVIS INVADE XIEL:** SIUC faces Indiana State tonight in first round of conference tournament.

**Shawn Meridith**
**DAILY HERALD EDITOR**

A conference championship is more important than individual honors for Saluki men’s basketball players and Co-Captains Tony Hudson and Michael Tucker.

Hudson was named to the Missouri Valley Conference's All-Conference First Team Wednesday, while Tucker was named to the league's All-Newcomer Team.

Tucker said the honors were a huge individual accomplishment, but the regular season was disappointing.

"It's just another award as far as I'm concerned," Tucker said. "I'm happy for it, but this season hasn't been what it should have been."

The Salukis have struggled to a 13-16 record overall while finishing in eighth place in conference play.

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