

STUDENT LEGAL SERVICE

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This past year has been an exciting and enormously successful year for the Student Legal Program.

During this reporting period the program employed two full time attorneys. Thomas E. Betz began his fourth year with the program during this past fiscal year. Betz is a 1981 graduate of Wayne State University Law School, a member of the Michigan and Illinois Bar and the Champaign County Bar Association. He was appointed in May to the Champaign County Bar Association Criminal Law Subcommittee. Betz is a member of the National Lawyers Guild and is also serving a second term as President of the Champaign County American Civil Liberties Union.

Susan Y. Hesse began her second year with the program. Ms. Hesse is a 1982 graduate of the University of Illinois College of Law. Ms. Hesse is a member of the Illinois and Michigan Bars. She is active with the Champaign County Bar Association. She remains active with the Lawyers' Committee on Nuclear Policy.

The program enjoyed the services of two interns from the University of Illinois College of Law. Andrew Surinski and Mary Strunk provided good service and enjoyed a meaningful educational experience. Ms. Strunk gained invaluable trial skills and will be a superb litigator. In June Frank Perri became a research intern. Generally the office has not had interns during the summer. Mr. Perri is doing massive research in landlord tenant law. The office hopes to use the research to test liquidated damages clauses in residential leases through a declaratory judgment and secondarily to establish definitive Illinois case law on what constitutes the statutory meaning of 'damages'.

Betty Dowling continues to be the office secretary and jack of all trades. Ms. Dowling's service has been outstanding. Ms. Dowling is considering retirement early in 1990. We would like her to remain, however, if this is not possible the office will need to hire a new secretary.

The attorneys participated in numerous educational and promotional events. (See page 7.)

During S.O.R.F. refund period during fall and winter literature was distributed at all campus residence halls in each mail box. The distributed information made students very aware of the program and we believe this activity directly accounts for two of the lowest S.O.R.F. refund rates ever consecutively recorded. The Student Legal Service

Advisory Board should permanently institute this activity.

Informational literature is routinely supplied to University Libraries, Office of International Students, Student Services, Illini Union, School of Veterinary Medicine, General Chemistry Department, Champaign and Urbana Public Libraries, Refugee Center and to numerous student organizations, particularly Tenant Union and Central Illinois Consumer Services. Over 30,000 pieces of literature were distributed in 1988-89.

In May 2,000 copies of our pamphlet 'Your Security Deposit' were distributed in a door to door canvas to students living in private housing. We commend Alpha Phi Omega fraternity for performing this invaluable service.

The office took upon itself a major effort in preventive legal education regarding the annual 'Hash Wednesday' event. The Advisory Board allocated substantial funds for newspaper advertising regarding loss of federal financial benefits which can result from a controlled substance conviction. Thousands of flyers reflecting the new federal law were distributed. The sponsors of the event distributed over 500 arrest cards and several hundred copies of our pamphlet 'Marijuana Laws in Illinois'. There were no arrests or significant disruptions at the event and no open violations of marijuana laws. The staff appreciates the tremendous support of the Advisory Board in this effort. This educational effort allowed students to make an informed choice which is the ultimate goal of preventive legal education.

Landlord-tenant disputes continue to dominate civil litigation in the office. The staff is in the process of trying to develop means of more broadly attacking recurrent problems regarding damage deposits. Check out procedures were published in late spring (see appendix viii) with the goal of gaining better documentation for future cases and preventing abuse by landlords. Repair and deduct and interest on damage deposits to all property within the city of Champaign as is the case in Urbana, remains the single most effective tool for providing a systematic remedy to tenants. We urge the University and the Student Government Association consider efforts at seeking the adoption of such an ordinance. Far too many local landlords continue to disrespect student tenants.

Traffic continues to be a statistically significant portion of the case load, however, it does not unduly hinder efforts in other areas of law.

The adoption of pay by mail procedures by the city of Champaign has dramatically reduced the expenditure of court time for city ordinance violations. Underage drinking, and

open containers of alcoholic beverages account for a disproportionate percentage of ordinance violations which are processed through the office. Much of the problem stems from allowing underage persons into local bars. Altering this aspect of local law is at best a bandaid solution to this problem. The case load is diverse and challenging.

In May the Advisory Board took a major step by authorizing the hiring of a third attorney. This position was filled by Sherry Edelman in August of 1989. This change will allow for a more reasonable caseload, some expansion in services, and a greatly reduced delay for students seeking office assistance.

In July 1988 the attorneys attended the National Student Legal Service Conference in Vancouver, B.C. The continuing legal education has proven very worthwhile. We learned of ways to streamline intake procedures and were able to greatly expand educational services through sharing ideas with other programs. The annual Conference is the single most valuable legal education conference for attorneys in a student legal service environment. Sufficient money should be allocated to provide for this meeting each year.

We look forward to an interesting 1989-1990 school year with an increased staff.

## 1989-1990 SUGGESTIONS FOR ADVISORY BOARD CONSIDERATION

1. The staff requests a written policy on attorney fee awards. Attorney fee awards may not ethically be pooled with S.O.R.F. funds nor should they be given to clients. The attorneys are already being compensated through their salaries. We suggest a separate account be created for a designated purpose or purposes. We note this issue because a Student Legal Service office in Colorado was reprimanded by the Bar and the Attorney General for allowing attorney fees awards to be held in a general fund.
2. To enhance the stability of the program and to reduce the massive tax liability of the attorneys, we request that the Advisory Board investigate allowing the attorneys to obtain employee status. We are well aware of the many difficulties which this may create but the problems are not insurmountable. It is very common throughout the nation for Student Legal Services attorneys to be considered employees.
3. A permanent S.O.R.F. allocation increase is once again necessary if we are to maintain current services on a long term basis.
4. We urge that the Advisory Board strongly recommend that the office which deals with certified housing should, as part of the certification process, require certified housing leases to reflect that interest will accrue on all damage deposits. Some appellate authority suggests that such leases are 'licenses' not subject to statutory interest provisions. Many certified landlords already provide interest, however, the failure of many to provide interest has led to inconsistency and a potential for abuse.
5. We foresee obtaining new space because of the Illini Union renovations plan. We believe that larger space is clearly necessary. This program should be situated with similar service oriented programs such as Tenant Union and Central Illinois Consumer Services. We request that the Advisory Board continue to closely monitor our future space situation.

CURRENT INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL PUBLISHED IN HOUSE

IF ARRESTED (arrest cards)  
YOUR COURT APPEARANCE  
CONSUMER RIGHTS  
MARIJUANA AND YOUR FINANCIAL AID  
MARIJUANA LAWS IN ILLINOIS  
COURT SUPERVISION  
ALCOHOL LAWS IN ILLINOIS  
YOUR SECURITY DEPOSIT  
PHONY ID's  
INFORMATION ON COPYRIGHT  
INFORMATION ABOUT DIVORCE  
GUIDELINES FOR TRAFFIC OFFENSES  
STUDENT LEGAL SERVICE PROGRAM

PROPOSED ADDITIONAL INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL FOR 1989-1990

Changing Your Name  
Marriage  
Small Claims  
Traffic Trials  
Safety Responsibility  
City Offenses  
Sexual Violence

ACTIVITIES AND SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Summer Orientation - May-July, 1988

Campus Resource Fair - August 16, 1988

Orientation For International Students - August 23, 1988

Quad Day - August 24, 1988

Look Before You Lease - Late January - End of March 1989  
(11 separate seminars on leases in Residence Halls)

Orientation For International Students - January 20, 1989

Housing Fair - February 14, 1989

Channing Murray (First Amendment) - February 22, 1989

Gamma Phi Beta - February 22, 1989

Panelist, Student Election Debate - April, 1989  
(Sponsored by Illini Union Board)

McKinley Hospital, Legal Liability For Sexually Transmitted  
Diseases - April 12, 1989

Alpha Chi Omega - April 24, 1989

Learn How to Handle Yourself - April 26, 1989  
(Consumer Issues)

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FOUR YEAR STATISTICAL OVERVIEW

The following statistics reflect the total of advice only and opened cases for each given reporting year:

1988-89. . . . .	2210
1987-88. . . . .	1817
1986-87. . . . .	1528
1985-86. . . . .	1373

Statistics prior to 1985 cannot be used for comparison purposes because pre-1985 statistics include all contacts with the office, i.e., telephone calls, educational activities, etc. The available statistics clearly indicate a steady and consistent increase in volume. From 1987-88 to the current reporting year, there has been a 22% increase. From 1985-86 to 1988-89 there has been an increased of 63.5%. This major increase in volume clearly justifies the retention of a third full time attorney and additional office help. A permanent budget increase needs to be requested in the immediate future if the office is to maintain the current level of service with the current volume and staff.

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Advice Only Matters -- July 1, 1988 - June 30, 1989

1.	Accident . . . . .	61
2.	Administration . . . . .	2
3.	Adoption . . . . .	4
4.	Affidavit. . . . .	2
5.	Age of majority. . . . .	1
6.	Assault. . . . .	3
7.	Authorization. . . . .	1
8.	Auto damage. . . . .	1
9.	Auto repair. . . . .	1
10.	Auto sales . . . . .	1
11.	Auto title . . . . .	1
12.	Baggage claim . . . . .	1
13.	Bailment . . . . .	1
14.	Banking. . . . .	8
15.	Bankruptcy . . . . .	10
16.	Battery. . . . .	1
17.	Business . . . . .	5
18.	Campus parking . . . . .	1
19.	Certification. . . . .	94
20.	Citizenship. . . . .	3
21.	City offense . . . . .	65
22.	Civil rights . . . . .	2
23.	Collection . . . . .	39
24.	Consumer . . . . .	122
25.	Contempt . . . . .	1
26.	Contract . . . . .	71
27.	Credit record. . . . .	2
28.	Crime victim . . . . .	4
29.	Criminal . . . . .	46
30.	Debtor's rights. . . . .	1
31.	Defamation . . . . .	1
32.	Discipline . . . . .	17
33.	Discrimination . . . . .	3
34.	Dissolution support. . . . .	1
35.	Divorce. . . . .	21
36.	Dog bite . . . . .	1
37.	Driver's license . . . . .	1
38.	DUI. . . . .	9
39.	Election law . . . . .	1
40.	Employment . . . . .	23
41.	Estate . . . . .	5
42.	Expungement. . . . .	6
43.	False advertising. . . . .	1
44.	False ID . . . . .	1
45.	Family . . . . .	35
46.	Financial aid. . . . .	9
47.	Financial independence . . . . .	1
48.	First amendment. . . . .	1
49.	Freedom of information . . . . .	1

50.	Guardianship . . . . .	5
51.	Harassment . . . . .	4
52.	Housing. . . . .	213
53.	Immigration. . . . .	15
54.	Insurance. . . . .	34
55.	Interview. . . . .	1
56.	Intra-university . . . . .	1
57.	Labor. . . . .	3
58.	Malpractice. . . . .	1
59.	Marriage . . . . .	2
60.	Medical malpractice. . . . .	5
61.	Medical matter . . . . .	1
62.	Military contract. . . . .	1
63.	Military law . . . . .	1
64.	Miscellaneous. . . . .	24
65.	Misdemeanor. . . . .	3
66.	Name change. . . . .	9
67.	Naturalization . . . . .	1
68.	Negligence . . . . .	2
69.	Notary . . . . .	73
70.	Nuisance . . . . .	1
71.	Order of protection. . . . .	1
72.	Parking permit . . . . .	1
73.	Paternity. . . . .	1
74.	Patent . . . . .	4
75.	Personal injury. . . . .	9
76.	Power of attorney. . . . .	12
77.	Probate. . . . .	1
78.	Professional association . . . . .	1
79.	Product liability. . . . .	2
80.	Property damage. . . . .	4
81.	Public aid . . . . .	1
82.	Records. . . . .	2
83.	Residency. . . . .	4
84.	Sales. . . . .	1
85.	Scholarship fund . . . . .	1
86.	Securities . . . . .	4
87.	Small claims . . . . .	12
88.	Student loan . . . . .	1
89.	Subpoena . . . . .	2
90.	Supervision. . . . .	1
91.	Tax. . . . .	5
92.	Telephone fraud. . . . .	1
93.	Title transfer . . . . .	1
94.	Tort . . . . .	3
95.	Towing . . . . .	22
96.	Traffic. . . . .	231
97.	Travel . . . . .	11
98.	Trespassing. . . . .	2
99.	Visa status. . . . .	3
100.	Victim's rights. . . . .	1
101.	Will . . . . .	1
102.	Workman's comp.. . . . .	4

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OPENED CASES, July 1, 1988 - June 30, 1989

1. Accident . . . . .	31
2. Administrative . . . . .	1
3. Adoption . . . . .	1
4. Assault . . . . .	1
5. Auto repair. . . . .	1
6. Bailment . . . . .	1
7. Bankruptcy . . . . .	3
8. Certification. . . . .	4
9. Child visitation . . . . .	1
10. City offense . . . . .	28
11. Collection . . . . .	9
12. Consumer . . . . .	26
13. Contract . . . . .	9
14. Criminal . . . . .	36
15. Divorce . . . . .	27
16. DUI. . . . .	6
17. Employment . . . . .	3
18. Expungement. . . . .	4
19. Family . . . . .	5
20. Guardianship . . . . .	1
21. Housing. . . . .	189
22. Insurance . . . . .	12
23. Labor. . . . .	12
24. Miscellaneous. . . . .	3
25. Misdemeanor. . . . .	3

26.	Name change . . . . .	14
27.	Negligence . . . . .	1
28.	Notary . . . . .	1
29.	Personal property . . . . .	1
30.	Post dissolution . . . . .	1
31.	Power of attorney . . . . .	6
32.	Product liability . . . . .	2
33.	Safety responsibility . . . . .	2
34.	Sales . . . . .	1
35.	Small claims . . . . .	5
36.	Student loan . . . . .	1
37.	Towing . . . . .	5
38.	Traffic . . . . .	309
39.	Travel . . . . .	1
	TOTAL	767

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CLOSED CASES, July 1, 1988 - June 30, 1989

1. Accident . . . . .	26
2. Administrative . . . . .	1
3. Assault . . . . .	1
4. Auto negligence . . . . .	2
5. Auto title . . . . .	1
6. Bailment . . . . .	1
7. Bankruptcy . . . . .	3
8. Certification . . . . .	5
9. Child visitation . . . . .	1
10. City offense . . . . .	31
11. Collection . . . . .	7
12. Consumer . . . . .	17
13. Contract . . . . .	5
14. Criminal . . . . .	34
15. Divorce . . . . .	20
16. DUI . . . . .	7
17. Expungement . . . . .	4
18. Family . . . . .	2
19. Guardianship . . . . .	1
20. Housing . . . . .	115
21. Insurance . . . . .	9
22. Miscellaneous . . . . .	3
23. Misdemeanor . . . . .	4
24. Name change . . . . .	15



25.	Negligence. . . . .	1
26.	Notary. . . . .	1
27.	Personal property . . . . .	1
28.	Post dissolution. . . . .	1
29.	Power of attorney . . . . .	4
30.	Product liability . . . . .	1
31.	Property damage . . . . .	2
32.	Sales . . . . .	1
33.	Small claims. . . . .	4
34.	Towing. . . . .	4
35.	Traffic . . . . .	282
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	TOTAL	617

# STUDENT SURVIVAL

## Who ya gonna call?

Free aid, advice available for problems

**By GREG KLINE**  
*News-Gazette Staff Writer*

It's a big, bad world out here, littered with shifty stereo dealers, unscrupulous car mechanics and the odd abusive landlord, all bent on lightening your pockets. Step one is getting even if you fall step one.

In either case, your best step is to the agencies in Champaign-Urbana that give students free legal and consumer aid and advice. The Champaign-Urbana Tenant Consumer Protection Division has a listing of local landlords that features histories of tenant complaints, according to Esther Patt, executive director of the agency.

Patt said the tenant union also is "eager and happy" to review lease contracts before they're signed by renters, point out problems with the agreements and suggest changes.

She said the union also is a clearinghouse for general renter information, such as the tenants' rights, local regulations on landlords as far as maintenance and whether interest must be paid on security deposits.

In addition, the union mediates disputes between landlords and tenants.

"The most common problems are damage deposit disputes and maintenance," Patt said.

The tenant union is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday in Room 298 of the Illini Union, 1401 W. Green St., U. Its phone number is 352-6220.

**LANDLORD-TENANT** disputes also are handled by the Student Legal Service — along with a lot of other things.

Help from the service, which maintains two full-time staff attorneys, is free to students who have paid the Student Organization Resource Fee — SORF, according to staff attorney Thomas Betz.

Betz said the service provides an array of aid on legal matters, mostly within Champaign County, to students.

It represents them in misdemeanor cases involving, for example, underage drinking, smoking marijuana, carrying an open container of beer on the street and traffic offenses.

It doesn't handle felonies mat-

ters for profit, such as forming a business, or lawsuits involving other students or the university. It is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except for the noon hour, Monday to Friday in Room 268 of the Illini Union. Its phone number is 333-9053.

**TWO OTHER AGENCIES** that handle consumer complaints, and provide general consumer information, are Central Illinois Consumer Services Inc. and the Illinois Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division.

Champaign-Urbana area office, Central Illinois Consumer Services is a good place to visit before a major purchase, like a car, stereo or computer. It also is an advisable stop if looking for a car mechanic or stereo repairman.

The agency "has hundreds of files on local and mail order businesses," said executive director Rob Holzman.

Holzman said his office handles a lot of student complaints about car repairs, stereo repairs, scam travel packages and failure to return deposits on those mini-refrigerators popular with dorm dwellers.

"Auto repair is a big one," he said. "Every student's car is old and breaks down sometime. Students should always call us before repairing their car."

**CONSUMER SERVICES** also mediates disputes between buyers and merchants.

"We can get students' money back," he said.

Consumer services is open from 10 to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday in Room 295 of the Illini Union. Its phone number is 333-6358.

The attorney general's consumer protection office also maintains a list of complaints against local businesses, said Joe Ahern, administrative assistant.

In addition, the office mediates disputes between consumers and businesses. It doesn't handle landlord-tenant disputes or criminal matters.

It is open from 8:45 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Monday to Friday at 34 E. Main St., U. Its phone number is 333-7691.

**STUDENTS NEEDING** information on, or a referral to, a local doctor, optometrist or dentist can

**PHONE**

- Champaign, Urbana and UI Police, 333-8911.
- Non-emergency:
  - Champaign and Urbana, 351-4545.
  - Urbana Police, 384-2320.
  - UI Police, 333-1216.
- To report a fire:
  - Champaign and Urbana fire stations, 351-7911.
  - UI fire station, 333-2424.
- Hospitals and Trauma Centers:
  - Burnham Hospital, Champaign, 337-2533.
  - Cole Hospital, Urbana, 337-3313.
  - Mercy Hospital, Champaign, 351-7200.
  - McKinley Health Center, UI, 333-2700.
- Other helpful numbers:
  - Undergraduate Library, 333-7000.
  - Graduate Library, 333-2290.
  - Illini Union, 333-0181.
  - 24-hour Mental Health Crisis Line, 358-4141.
  - University telephone information, 333-1000.

DARLA FRLEY

call the "Health Care Hot Line" of Champaign County Health Care Consumers, 352-6533.

The health care watchdog organization publishes a directory of local physicians.

If all else fails, there's campus Ombudsman Hugh Satterlee, who mostly deals with grade and university disciplinary action questions. But he also is available to

refer students to agencies that help with other problems.

The ombudsman's office also is where sexual harassment complaints against university personnel are lodged.

The ombudsman is located in Room 107 of the Levis Faculty Center, 919 W. Illinois St., U. His phone number is 333-1345.

## How-to

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■ **How to Learn More Than You've Ever Wanted to Know About Anything**

Besides registration, there are endless sources of information on campus.

■ **Quad Day** is the annual splash (on the Quad) on Wednesday of New Student Week. Here's your chance to pick up a pamphlet on every conceivable social, political or sports club on campus — and eat a few corn dogs to boot. Good way to get involved with all the things you've always said you're interested in.

■ **The Student Assistance Center** (333-0050) serves as a clearinghouse and referral center for just about any question. It's located just inside the lobby of the Student Services Building, 610 E. John St., C. The information desk at the north end of the Illini Union (333-4666) serves the same function.

■ **A handy phone number** is 333-1000, general UI information. You can also buy a student/staff directory at Campustown bookstores, but they usually go fast.

■ **If you have trouble resolving problems with housing, classes or even sexual harassment through appropriate university channels,** contact Ombudsman Hugh Satterlee at 333-1345 or at 107 Levis Center, 919 W. Illinois St., U. His job is to be a trouble-shooter for students.

■ **The Student Government Association,** at 297 Illini Union, offers opportunities for students to get involved in campus and academic life. Call them at 333-6543.

■ **Even if you think you know everything about campus,** you might want to go through the orientation programs and tours offered during New Student Week. Or call the Visitors Center at the Levis Center, 333-0824, for information on campus tours offered twice daily.

■ **How to Drop Your Introduction** to Peruvian Literature Class

So it's three weeks after registration, and you hate one of your classes. Commit this date to memory: 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 19. That is the last day you can drop a 16-week course for the fall semester.

Information about drop procedures is in the semester timetable, which you should have received during advance registration. If you don't have a timetable, limited copies are available at the information

desks at the Union or Student Services, the Undergraduate Library or at the Armory during registration.

■ **How to Use One of the World's Largest Libraries**

Self-guided, audiocassette tours of both the Undergraduate and Graduate libraries are available. Guides at the reference desks can point you in the right direction. Workshops on the computer catalog system and term-paper counseling are also available.

Be forewarned that the top level of the Undergrad is considered the "noisy" level for group projects, etc., while serious studiers go downstairs.

■ **How to Practice for the Jim and Tammy Show**

Champaign's own version of the PTL Club airs at the north end of the Quad every spring and fall without fail. "Max" and a variety of preachers entertain the multitudes on the south patio of the Illini Union, usually around noon. Some argue back, some just watch, but there's usually a crowd.

■ **How to Use Your ID**

A university ID card is your ticket to myriad services. With it, you can: cash checks at the Union or Administration Building; get emergency loans; charge books and other items at the Illini Union Bookstore; gain free entry to the Intramural and Physical Education Building (better known as IMPE); obtain free health services at McKinley Health Center; get student discounts for sporting events, concerts or other events at the Assembly Hall and Krannert Center for the Performing Arts; sign up for ticket lotteries.

IDs also are required for some examinations and for voting in student elections.

If your ID is lost or stolen, report immediately to Room 100 of the Administration Building, 506 S. Wright St., U. If you don't, you'll be responsible for any charges made on your account. It costs \$17 to replace.

■ **How to Keep Your Parents Happy**

Make your hotel reservations for Mom's and Dad's Day Weekends, Homecoming and any football weekends as early as possible — even a year in advance. The UI Visitors Center at the Levis Center (333-0824) has information on local restaurants, hotels and motels, and favorite Champaign-Urbana attractions.

# Workshop offers tips to apartment hunters

by Russ Barnett

To help the swarm of University students in search of apartments for the next school year, the student-funded Tenant Union is offering housing workshops in order to "educate students about their rights and responsibilities as tenants," said Tenant Union Director Esther Patt.

According to Patt, who coordinates a majority of the workshops, about 40 to 50 percent of the student body lives in apartments.

"The programs are designed to help first-time renters and will include discussions about what to look for when examining a prospective rental unit, the local housing market and common problems students encounter when renting," she said.

The workshops, which are being held at 14 University and privately-owned residence halls, have been well-received by the students, said Alec Rubenstein, graduate assistant for the Tenant Union, who also has run several of the workshops.

"We have been playing to full houses, with between 50 to 100 people per workshop," Rubenstein said.

"The students have been very responsive, and the evaluations they turned in have been very positive," he said. "After each pre-

sentation, I have been deluged with thanks for providing information."

A lawyer from the Student Legal Service appears at each workshop. Pervasive complaints about campus-area landlords prompted the service's creation in 1973, according to Patt.

"The workshops are fantastic," said Thomas Betz, lawyer for the service. "Not only do the students learn things they don't know, but we also learn a great deal."

"We learn about the concerns students have and what they are looking for, and in turn we are better able to focus on how to handle their cases," Betz said.

Rubenstein said the Tenant Union tries to stress several important points at the workshops.

"Our biggest piece of advice is to see the apartment before you buy," Rubenstein said. "See what you're getting. You wouldn't buy a car if the dealer shows you one just like it, so don't buy an apartment if you have only seen the model."

Rubenstein also said they tell students never to put money down to hold an apartment because if they do not end up signing a lease, they will lose their money.

"The best way to find out about a place is to go and do research on your own," he said. "Go talk to the tenants and find out how they feel about living there."



Scott Jacobson The Daily Illini

**Ericka Ramsey, housing counselor and junior in education, speaks Monday night at Lincoln Avenue Residence Hall about Tenant Union services that are available to students.**

Before students rent an apartment, Rubenstein said, the Tenant Union urges them to come in and check out that landlord's reputation and have their lease read.

"Most of the students we are dealing with have no experience renting apartments," he said.

"We want them to be aware of the dangers in renting," he added.

"It is important to be informed and aware before you go out and rent."

"The workshops are preventive," Betz said. "If students know what to look for now, they won't come to our office later with landlord problems. The workshops prevent problems from taking place."

Four workshops will be held this week: 7 p.m. today at the Pennsylvania Residence Halls; 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Allen Hall and Hendrick House, 904 W. Green St., Urbana; and 9 p.m. Thursday at Sherman Hall. The last workshop will be at 7 p.m. on March 7 at Illini Tower, 409 E. Chalmers St., Champaign.

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# New job hurdle - drug testing

### Fact of life for grads

By Roger Flaherty

College seniors are learning that an "A-plus" on a urine test is rapidly becoming as important as a high grade-point average and a good interview in winning the job of their dreams.

The likelihood a potential employer will test an applicant for drug use is relatively high among large companies, according to a U.S. Labor Department study done last summer.

But at the University of Illinois, where the annual "Hash Wednesday" observance for legalizing marijuana will be held this week, and at other schools around the state, students seem

resigned to urine drug testing as they seek employment.

"This is a conservative student body, a very corporate-minded student body," said Colleen Diskin, campus editor for the Daily Illini newspaper at Urbana-Champaign. "Drug testing wouldn't be something they would protest."

"They might be regular users of marijuana, but it's not the feeling that it's their right."

Kate McGovern, director of career placement at Columbia College in Chicago, said students are taking the tests in their stride. "I think many of them realize it's becoming more and more and

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### Business abuse feared

By William Hines

Special to the Chicago Sun-Times

As the war on drugs gains momentum and businesses put testing programs into place for both existing workers and new hires, a new angle has arisen:

Some companies apparently are using drugs as an excuse to peek at individual medical histories for reasons unrelated to drug abuse.

A company starting a drug testing program may ask workers and job applicants to supply a list of all medications the individual is taking. The typical stated reason is that cross-reaction sometimes occurs between legal

and illegal drugs in tests designed to detect illegal ones.

Pharmacologist John Morgan of the Medical College of the City of New York calls this a "dreadful policy."

According to Morgan and others, in some cases, the policy may have nothing to do with cross-reactions.

"What they are trying to do," said Dr. Sidney M. Wolfe, director of the Public Citizen Health Research Group, "is by patching together some presumed diagnoses that go along with certain drugs, figure out the medical condition of someone."

"I think this is a sort of invasion of privacy." Turn to Page 6

## Golf dome coming for the duffers of winter

By Michael Gillis

Chicago golf addicts will be able to get a winter fix this November when the Chicago Park District installs a golf driving range under an inflatable dome in Lincoln Park.

"It's going to be a great fun," said Laurence Coleman, co-owner of Chicago Golf Dome Inc., which will operate the facility. "Speaking as a golfer, this is just what Chicago needs: golf in winter."

Golf widows may disagree, but not the Park Board, which consented last week to give a five-year contract to Coleman and his partner, Gregory Evans, to operate a heated driving range in the parking lot just east of Lake Shore Drive between Lawrence and Wilson.

The lot, mostly unused in the winter, will be covered with a giant inflatable dome. Turn to Page 14



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## Ladies who lunch—with a wee bunch

Not everyone in the Dirksen Federal Building works. Six babies take advantage of the new infant care program. Among them are Jessica Hayes (from left) with mom Michele Evans, Michael Cvengros with mom Mary and Lea Themelle with mom Liz. Story on Page 22.

# New job hurdle - drug testing

## It's fact of life for college grads

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 more a statement of fact, like having a resume," McGovern said.

At Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, junior Theresa Livingston, a reporter on the school's Daily Egyptian newspaper, said seniors hoping for careers in the military or other government work are apprehensive about drug testing, but those looking toward civilian careers don't talk about it.

"I don't know of anyone who has been turned down [for a job] because of a drug test," Livingston said.

Stephanie Mehta, an English major at Northwestern University and assistant city editor on the Daily Northwestern, said she was tested for drug use before getting a job last summer with IBM. "I wasn't really concerned about it," she said. "I'm really not against it."

The Labor Department found that 60 percent of companies with more than 5,000 employees have drug testing programs.

Less than 1 percent of the companies with 10 or fewer employees tested for drug use.

Victor R. Lindquist, job placement director at Northwestern University, said an official of a company in a medium-sized town told him, "We weren't going to put

in drug testing, but finally we had to because other employers in the area had already implemented it. We didn't want to be the company in town where all the junkies showed up."

In the Chicago area, a survey of member companies last summer by the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry found only 15.8 percent were testing job applicants for drug use.

R. R. Donnelley & Sons, the huge Chicago printing firm, has been testing job applicants for drug use since 1986, said Bob Hildebrand, vice president for employee relations. "We felt we had to pay some attention to that for the overall welfare and safety of our employees," he said.

Hildebrand said the company does not keep statistics on the failure rate, but said fewer applicants are failing the test today than in 1986. "The program is effective," he said.

The Labor Department study of 3.9 million job applicants found that 12 percent tested positive for drug use.

Michael H. Leroy, a professor in the UI Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations, said Supreme Court rulings in the last year upholding legality of drug testing of Customs Service employees and another one that approved government drug test rules for railroad employees have caused an explosion of drug testing.

"Those two rulings have given employers a psychological lift," said Leroy, who sees a serious threat to civil rights and privacy as testing proliferates. "Even today I met with a local union leader who said his company out of the blue has said they want to do drug tests."

Tom Betz, U. of I. director of student legal services at Urbana-Champaign, said he gets occasional inquiries from students about the legality of drug testing, but, he said, "Ninety percent of those who ask say they have never done drugs. Part of it is intellectual curiosity, part is fear of a false test result."

Betz, who opposes testing for several reasons, including concern over the quality of testing, said he has only encountered two students who believe they were denied a job because of a failed drug test. "But I don't think that was the reason," he said. "There were other more likely reasons in both cases."



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## Fooling test labs unlikely

Can a poppy seed bag ruin a job applicant's career and a glass of vinegar save it?

Not if the drug test is done properly, says Dr. Thomas Butler, vice president of the Associated Pathologist Laboratories in Las Vegas. He chairs the College of American Pathologists accreditation program for drug testing laboratories.

A good lab, he said, will detect an effort to dilute urine (the vinegar) and will always do a confirmation of any test that shows up positive in the first screening (the poppy seed bagel). Butler said the confirmation test which uses gas chromatography to analyze a sample is extremely accurate.

"If you made an error the first time, it would be caught in the second test," he said.

Labs seeking accreditation must correctly analyze urine samples in three consecutive blind tests.

Butler said 46 labs throughout the country are currently accredited. However, there is no requirement that a private employer use an accredited lab. "It takes more than an initial screening of urine samples to detect drug use."

Accredited labs commonly test for marijuana, morphine, codeine, amphetamine, methamphetamine, cocaine and phenylcyclidine (PCP or Angel Dust), Butler said. Some tests also look for alcohol, barbiturates and benzodiazepines such as Valium.

College job placement officials in interviews told of tests that will detect marijuana use after anywhere from three months to six months; but Butler said it depends on the amount of use.

"Say you are a casual user, once or twice a month and then maybe three or four puffs at a party, you could probably walk by all the tests within 24 hours after your last use."

Most other drugs break down quickly in the body and are hard to detect within a few days after last use, Butler said. "For instance, cocaine. Unless you've been on an unbelievable binge, you're talking about 48 to 72 hours in the system before it becomes undetectable."

Butler, who also advises private industry on drug testing, said he tells clients they should tell an applicant about a failed drug test. "I find most reasonable employers do that," he said.

Michael H. Leroy, a professor in the University of Illinois Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations, however, said companies often refuse to tell an applicant of a failed drug test, for fear of lawsuits. —Roger Flaheiri

## Marijuana, cocaine use on campus shows dip

As pre-employment drug testing increases, use of marijuana and cocaine, at least on college campuses, appears to be declining. In a 1988 survey, the National Institute on Drug Abuse found 34.6 percent of college students reported using marijuana in the previous 12 months, down from 41.7 percent in 1985.

Ten percent reported using cocaine in that period, down from 17.3 percent in 1985.

In a further refinement of 1988 data, the institute said only 17 percent reported using marijuana in the prior 30 days, which the agency defines as current use. Four percent said they had used cocaine in that period.

Rebecca Streeter, a lawyer with student legal services at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, said she sees far fewer student drug arrest cases today than when she began her job there. "Most of the problems are for under-aged drinking," Streeter said.

But not all the news is good. Jerry Molumby, who coordinates programs to attack alcohol abuse at Carbondale's Jackson County Mental Health Center, said his office recently completed an annual survey of high school students in the far Downstate county.

"More kids had tried marijuana than had tried smoking [cigarettes]," Molumby said. "That's the first time. There were always more kids smoking than using marijuana."

—Roger Flaheiri

## Groups fear testing is excuse to peek at medical histories

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 Employers could use the information from medical histories to keep all but the soundest bodies off the payroll to hold down health insurance costs.

If workplace efficiency is the goal of testing, many positive results have no relationship to impaired performance. Tests for marijuana are an example: The metabolic byproducts of pot are detectable in a user's urine, says Office of Technology Assessment senior scientist Lawrence Miike, many days after the "high" has gone, and the same is true, to a lesser degree, for heroin and cocaine. Ironically, correlation between body-fluid level and impairment is closest in the one widely used drug not included in workplace testing—alcohol. This fact was acknowledged in an official paper from the National Institute on Drug Abuse—lead agency for the federal testing effort—as long ago as 1983 and reconfirmed last year.

Indeed, Morgan said the American Epilepsy Foundation called to ask him about the policy.

"The foundation recommends to people that they don't tell [others] they have epilepsy so they don't face prejudice in the workplace," Morgan said.

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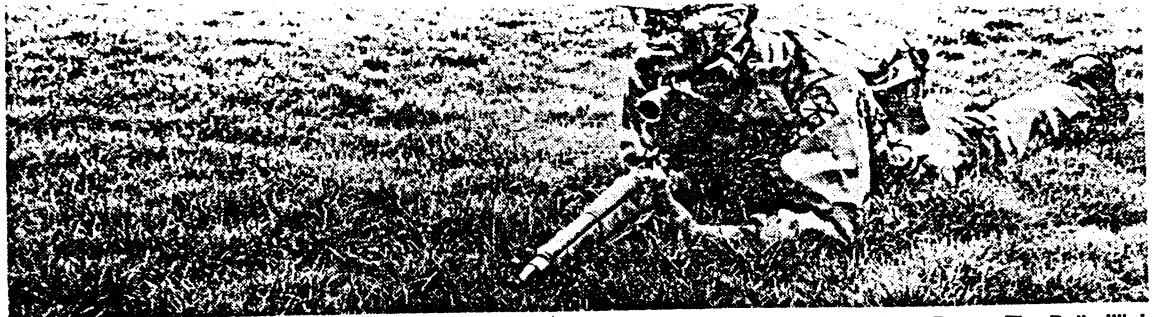
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## Lost patrol

Joseph Topinka, junior in LAS, holds his post Tuesday afternoon during an ROTC patrol exercise held on the field next to Huff Hall.

# Flerlage withdraws bid for SGA

by Chris Heidenrich

If former candidate for Student Government Association president Monica Flerlage plans on drowning her sorrows, she isn't showing it.

"I'm not concerned at all with what happens at this point," said Flerlage, junior in LAS.

Flerlage said Tuesday she is dropping out of the campaign to appeal a ruling that disqualified her—as well as Greg Kurth, SGA treasurer candidate and junior in commerce, and J.B. Heaton, student trustee candidate and junior in LAS—for allegedly violating election rules in the April 4-5 campus elections. All three were the top vote-getters in the races for their respective offices.

"Student interest has been disregarded," said Flerlage. "I don't appreciate what I've been through."

"There are better things I could do on campus," said Flerlage, while pointing out that she "turned College Democrats around and I could have done something for SGA."

"I guess if she drops out, that gives Tim Wayne (who received the second-highest number of votes for SGA president) the most votes," said Student Election Commission chairman Jim Moody, sophomore in LAS.

Wayne said he is waiting for the SEC to certify results.

"It's unfortunate for her despite all they've been accused of," said

Wayne, junior in LAS. "They've put a lot of time and energy into it and I do sympathize with her."

"It doesn't make me feel good to hear (of Flerlage's decision) even though it will probably make things easier for me," he added.

According to Kurth, all three disqualified candidates will continue to consult lawyers.

"If it comes down to the fact that we can't get help on a pro bono basis through the American Civil Liberties Union, then we'll drop the case," Kurth said.

Illustrating his point that the three lack funds to pursue the matter, Kurth said an injunction to prevent the installation of new officers this Sunday would cost "several hundred dollars."

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vely, according to the study.

Sixty percent of marijuana produced in Oregon ends up being sold outside the state, often in states that have stricter marijuana-possession penalties than Oregon, which has decriminalized marijuana possession. It is in support of such decriminalization that protesters will gather in the Quad today for the annual Hash Wednesday event.

Alexander, who considers his Oregon-based magazine, Sinsinella Tips, comparable to Scientific American, estimates that cultivation of cannabis in Oregon

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# Legal service informs students of consequence of drug arrests

by Rachel Fleming

Some students participating in today's Hash Wednesday festivities may be in for more trouble than they bargained.

A new clause has been added to the Pell grant form that certifies that any recipients who participate in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance could lose their grants.

To warn students of the potential repercussions of participating in Hash Wednesday today, the Student Legal Service placed three advertisements in The Daily Illini this week.

"We don't advocate (drug use) one way or

another," said Thomas Betz, attorney with the legal service. "We just want people to know what they could be getting into."

According to Betz, drug-related arrests could result in the loss of not only Pell grants but also other types of federal funding.

Orlo Austin, director of the financial aid office, said the clause currently applies only to the Pell grant.

"It's conceivable that the clause will someday apply to all federally funded financial aid," Austin said. "But for now, the Pell grant recipients should be careful."

He added that about 5,500 University students receive Pell grants.

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The line-item veto power is vital  
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The amendment to the U.S. Constitution proposed by Sens. Alan Dixon and Paul Simon, both Democrats from Illinois, would allow the president to reduce or eliminate certain items in appropriation bills approved by both houses of Congress. The president could eliminate programs of which he does not approve while approving other legislation.

Dixon and Simon say that the use of the line-item veto would seriously reduce unnecessary government expenditures that are passed because they are attached to a bill the president does not want to veto. Such appropriations, they say, are contributing to the ever-growing federal deficit.

Included in the proposed amendment is a congressional override

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The consequences Hash Wednesday participants will face this year are different from last year, because the new clause was only added last month.

"Financial aid recipients need to know that they may be in for

more than a slap on the wrist if they are arrested this year," Betz said.

But Pell grant recipients arrested on drug-related charges will not automatically lose their grants, he said.

"When an aid recipient goes to trial, the judge will not only decide whether or not they are guilty, but also whether or not they should lose their aid. It is not for the University to decide," Betz said.

There were 11 arrests on Hash Wednesday last year—not all were drug-related.

Regarding today's event, Betz said: "I hope that they will protest, but if people choose to smoke marijuana (while they protest) they should know the consequences. I think that this new clause could haunt people who don't know about it."

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generates \$1.8 billion in income every year—non-taxable, of course.

"Out here, the legitimate temporary economy has fallen apart, and the marijuana economy keeps growing," Alexander said, adding that the next biggest cash crop, timber, only generates \$400 million in revenues.

According to Alexander, many of the cultivators are farmers who have fallen on hard times.

"The fact of the matter is, a lot of farmers are doing it, in their farms, in their basements . . . even some out in the cornfield," Alexander said, adding that more professional growers have moved into the marijuana market lately.

Liberal attitudes toward marijuana possession seem to predominate in the West as well. It is now legal to possess 4 ounces of marijuana for personal use in Alaska, and marijuana possession has been decriminalized in California, Oregon and Colorado. Decriminalization reduces the charge for possession of small amounts from a felony to a misdemeanor, which generally means a ticket and a fine are the only punishment.

California, with a greater population and conversely more budding entrepreneurs than Oregon, might claim the top producer distinction except for its highly successful eradication program, called Campaign Against Marijuana Planting, or CAMP.

CAMP is a coalition of federal, state and local forces that work together in eradicating pot gardens in the state. A major component of

CAMP's operations is aerial surveillance of both public and private lands. It has recently outfitted some of its aircraft with infrared detectors, which can be used to detect irrigation ditches necessary for optimum marijuana growth outdoors.

"The price of marijuana has gone up considerably since CAMP started, which is an indication that the supply has gone down," said Kati Crosaut, information officer for the Attorney General's office in Sacramento.

Authorities in Oregon used aerial surveillance as well until last year, when the Oregon legislature banned it indefinitely because of its unpopularity among Oregon residents, according to Bill Dameron, associate director of the Oregon Marijuana Initiative.

"This year the choppers will not go up again," Dameron said.

CAMP is encountering similar opposition now, said Dale Gierenger, California coordinator of NORML.

"CAMP is unpopular in a lot of counties," Gierenger said. "Up north, in these counties that are very rural, these helicopters come in and scour the countryside. It's not popular with a lot of the residents up there. . . . I don't know how much longer Californians are going to want to put up with this."

Popular or not, the success of the police crackdowns has caused pot growers in California and throughout the nation to switch production increasingly away from outdoor sites in national forests, to high-tech greenhouses, which were first used in Oregon to avoid aerial surveillance.

Many of these greenhouses utilize large irrigation systems and

high-intensity street lamps to provide optimum conditions for growth, getting large yields, according to Alexander.

"By moving indoors, the growers have protected themselves, because (they know) police don't have the money to go after growers indoors. . . . All over the country indoor growers are pretty much growing with impunity," Alexander said.

"They're producing more marijuana indoors than even the outdoor growers now," Alexander said.

Since the greenhouses use extensive amounts of water and heat, the growers use low-noise diesel generators and recycling water systems to keep the power and water utilities from possibly tipping off the police.

Perhaps because marijuana is such a prevalent force in the economies of these states, there are some who would like to see it legalized.

According to Paul Smith, state chairman of the Oregon Libertarian Party, 11.5 percent of the voters in Oregon voted for the Libertarian candidate for Oregon attorney general. The Libertarian Party, among other things, advocates the legalization of drugs.

In Alaska, it is legal to grow a certain amount of marijuana, but it is not a major crop, according to Mary House of the Libertarian Party of Alaska.

House said since most of the lands in Alaska are directly subsidized or owned by the state, there has not been much cultivation because of fear of penalties for cultivating on state land.

Another reason not much is cultivated there is because of the cold climate, House said.

funding reallocation instead of "a slavery adherence to one criterion."

This policy must address an "external environment" that affects education, Berdahl said.

"Education has become more equipment intensive," he said, adding that he supports such "non-recurring" funding.

In addition, the University must continue programs that re-

minorities, to whom college is "a major vehicle of social mobility," Berdahl said.

"Our strategic planning must take into account these factors," he said, although he cautioned that the University must remain realistic in reallocating its funds.

"We cannot count on incremental growth to fund all of these programs," he said. "If we are to expand, we must also be

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"I really haven't got much to say about the legislature at this point," said Berdahl, because it will not determine the University's budget until July.

Instead, he concentrated on the task force, which he said must

get involved. It is not only a social pleasure but it also helps to further understanding among our many different cultures and customs. My host family and I share big moments like holidays and also small moments like having conversation and coffee on a winter evening after finals.

The usual excuse given by international students is that they do not have enough time to care about things other than their studies. But lack of time is something all students experience, not just international students. From my own experience, I recommend the host family program to other international friends.

*Nagarathnam is a graduate student pursuing his PhD in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering.*

## **International Health Workshop Set**

Many thanks to those of you who completed the International Student Health Program Assessment sheet. As a result of that survey three health workshops will be held during this semester in the OISA

Lower Lounge. They are:

**First Aid/Addiction**

February 23, 6:00 to 7:30 pm

**Make the Best of American Food/Local Health Resources/University Insurance**

March 9, 6:00 to 7:30 pm

**Sexuality Education/Contraception**

April 6, 6:00 to 7:30 pm

These are the topics in which international students have indicated an interest. Presenters will be invited from professional health centers. Slides and short films will also be included. Mark your calendars.

## **IHC Plans for Spring**

The International Hospitality Committee (IHC) is a group of volunteers who offer all international student Host Families, Conversation Groups, and Friendship Groups. You can contact these people for more information:

**Host Families:** New students should fill out the form they were given at registration or call Virginia Sharp at 352-8998 or OISA.

**English Conversation Groups:** These groups are offered once each week. There are groups for men, women, or children. Call Margaret Wilhelm at 367-6322 or OISA.

**Friendship Groups for Women:** These groups are offered once each month. Call Barbara Lamb at 351-4129 or OISA.

## **Buying a Used Car**

by Thomas E. Betz & Susan Y. Hesse

If you are considering buying a used car, you should be aware of a number of risks you may face in the process and of the legal rights you have.

Used cars purchased from dealers may come with certain limited warranties for certain defects, or they may be sold "as is" When purchasing a used car with warranties, be sure you understand exactly what parts and labor are covered, to what amounts, and for what period of time.

If you are buying a car "as is", with no warranties, all of the risk is on you. Even if the car breaks down immediately after you purchase it the dealer has no responsibility whatsoever.

Other terms of the sale of the car are also very important, especially regarding the price of the vehicle, terms of payment, finance charges, and insurance requirements. You should pay particular attention to due dates for installment payment agreements, and what the seller's rights are if you fail to observe payment requirements exactly.

Buying from a private individual, and not a used car dealer, can also impose similar risks. Almost all such sales are made "as is" without warranties. It is always advisable to have the car checked thoroughly by a mechanic of your choice before agreeing to buy it. Student Legal Services suggests that you bring in the written contract with you to make sure that you receive as much protection as possible in any such transaction.

## **Show Off Your Talents**

This semester the Student Speakers Bureau is going to invite more international students to perform the arts or talk about their countries. Shaw-Shan Lui from Taiwan was invited to perform a traditional Chinese instrument. The hostess said Shaw-Shan was the highlight of the night. Anyone who is interested in the Speakers Bureau should contact Changfen at OISA.

## **Practical Training Workshops**

If you are graduating soon or looking for a summer internship, you may have questions about job opportunities or options. The following practical training workshops are designed to help answer questions you may have:

March 6, 7:30 to 9:00 pm. Room 269 Illini Union

March 8, 8:30 to 10:00 pm, Sherman Hall

March 15, 7:30 to 9:00 pm, Daniels Hall



## **Be A Senior Friend**

by Maria Somma

We all get busy with our coursework, research, the library and the labs. We tell ourselves that we do not have time for anything but the University. We need to take some time out and get to know the community of Champaign-Urbana and spend time with people who are not in our department or who are outside our small circle of friends.

The University YMCA has many opportunities for international students to get involved with activities outside of the usual school work. One of the most popular is Senior Friends, an Adopt-a-Grandparent program. We will match you with a resident of a local nursing home and you are responsible for visiting your senior friend one hour a week. This opportunity allows you to put an extra hour to good use by providing friendship to a local nursing home resident. For more information about YMCA programs, call Maria Somma at 337-1514.

## **Undergrad Administrative Internships**

Attention international sophomores and juniors. Would you be interested in an internship which would allow you to learn about the workings of our University? A cooperative program between the Department of Administration of Higher and Continuing Education and the Vice-Chancellor for Student Affairs offers such an opportunity to combine classroom study, seminars and direct administrative experience in a campus office.

Through this program, which started in 1972, interns observe the responsibilities, procedures and day to day operations of a University office of their choosing. Interns may also research reports and studies and may also undertake special projects themselves.

For more information about this program or about how to apply for an internship, contact Frank Nasca or Linda McCann at 300 Student Services Building, 333-0055.

## **Know the Traffic Laws**

by Thomas Betz and Susan Y. Hesse

If you find yourself in the unfortunate position of having received a traffic ticket ( as opposed to a parking violation ) you should know what your options are.

You can do one of three things: 1. Ignore the ticket. This approach will result in a loss of driving privileges and will subject you to formal arrest. 2. Plead guilty and pay the ticket. The procedure is usually explained on the back of the ticket. This is generally the less expensive option. If you are considering pleading "guilty", determine the effect the ticket will have on your driver's license and determine the severity of the penalty. If either of these are threatening, come to Student Legal Service. 3. Pleading innocent and pursuing your remedy in court. This option is the most time consuming as a trial will usually be necessary. It is advisable to have an attorney representing you. On the trial date all participants gather before the bench. Usually the witness is a police officer. You may testify but may not be required to do so. On the basis of the testimony the judge or jury will render a decision. If you lose, do not be too surprised.

The police officer's testimony is generally highly credible and in the case of radar, a machine has few credibility problems if it is operated properly and functions accurately.

## **Ride Women's Wheels at Night**

Please remember if you need transportation at night, call Women's Wheels rather than walk through campus alone. Women's Wheels is a free ride service that operates from 9:00pm to 2:00am Monday through Thursday and from 9:00pm to 3:00am Friday and Saturday. The ride service boundaries are University Ave. to the north; Windsor Rd. to the south; Philo Rd. to the east and Mattis Ave. to the west. If you call Women's Wheels during its hours of operation the van will pick you up as requested and take you to your destination.

We urge you not to walk alone. Call Women's Wheels at 333-3184.

time. This letter is then kept in your OISA file as documentation of your full time status.

For example:

1. If your RA or TA is part of your academic load which necessitates you taking fewer than 3 units.
2. If your language ability is such that a full course load is overwhelming, a lighter course load could be considered full time for that semester.
3. If you are ill, pregnant or under a doctor's care for exceptional reasons, your advisor may recommend a lighter load.

NOTE: Inadequate funds and/or new taxation on your tuition waiver will not be considered an acceptable reason for dropping below the required course load. Please feel free to discuss any of your financial concerns with an OISA counselor.

## Welcome From Counseling Center

By Samira D. Ritzma

The Counseling Center would like to invite you to take advantage of some of the services we provided. The Tuesday at Seven Workshop Series addressed such topics as: making a successful adjustment as a transfer student, reducing test anxiety, adjusting to stiffer academic competition, and managing stress. The Study Assistance Lab, located in Room 110 of the Student Services Building, holds a Wednesday Noon-Hour Workshop Series to help students with topics related to time management, concentration, test taking, memory, and finals preparation.

Further information will be posted in your residence hall, OISA, and the Counseling Center (333-3704). We hope your year will be enjoyable as well as successful.

## Traveling to Canada ?

In order to simplify the process of obtaining a Canadian entry visa during the busy Thanksgiving and Christmas vacations, OISA is arranging to have an official from the Canadian Consulate in the office on November 18 to finalize applications for visitor visas.

Any student who plans to travel to Canada and needs an entry visa should come to OISA to pick up an application form. This application must be returned to our office by November 9 so that all applications can be reviewed by the Canadian Consulate.

When you come to OISA on November 18 to meet with the consulate official you must bring your passport, I-94, and IAP66 or I-20. If your application is approved a visa will be issued on the spot. This will eliminate the need for you to mail any documents or travel to Chicago.

## Stay Safe on Campus

Personal safety is a growing issue on our campus. Basic knowledge of safety precautions for both men and women can help prevent international students from becoming the victims of campus assaults.

Be aware of your surroundings. Do not take short cuts through parking lots or alleys. Walking home from the library or lab late at night is a dangerous practice. Women are especially viewed as easy targets. The Women's Wheels Program will drive you home at night between 9p.m.-2a.m. Sunday through Thursday and 9p.m.-3a.m. Friday and Saturday. Call 333-3184 for more information.

Whistlestop is a campus program that emphasizes personal safety. OISA has a supply of "whistlepacks" as well as safety resources which you can pick up free of charge. There are also Personal Safety Programs given throughout campus.

In your home, be sure that windows are secure and have locks. Entrances and garages should be well lit and when you are home alone or any time that you leave your home make sure that it is locked up. Finally, keep your bicycle, scooter, or car locked when it is not in use.

We urge you to become cautious of your personal safety and to contact OISA for further information.

## Some Legal Advice

By Thomas Betz

The Student Legal Program, which is staffed by two full-time attorneys, is on campus for the purpose of informing students of the practical aspects of the law as applied to their individual problems. Representation in court is available in many cases, and the office provides counseling and representation in landlord/tenant, traffic, misdemeanors, name changes, small claims, and many other areas.

Only students who have not received a refund of their \$4.00 Student Organization Resource Fee (SORF) can use the Student Legal Service. To use the office you must come in person with your Student I.D. card. The office is located in Room 268 of the Illini Union, 333-9053.

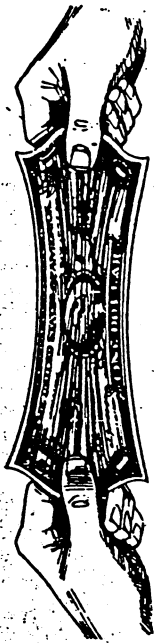
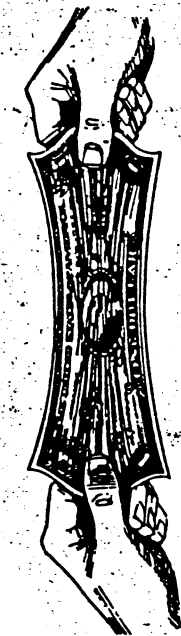
NOTE: All students who had apartment leases which ended in August should know that most damage deposits are due to be refunded by September 16, 1988. Students who have not received their refund from their landlord should contact the Tenant Union or Student Legal Services.

## In Memoriam

OISA and the international community lost a friend in late August. Donna Lembke, Long time member of the International Hospitality Committee died on August 30 in Urbana. A true humanitarian, Donna will be remembered for her enduring commitment to international students and their spouses. OISA and IHC will sorely miss Donna but her giving spirit will remain.

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# 10 STEPS TO PROTECT YOUR SECURITY DEPOSIT



Last year, students lost well over \$100,000 of damage deposit money being unfairly charged by landlords for cleaning or painting. If you do not have EVIDENCE of the condition of your rental unit when you leave, you can lose a lot of money.

**STEP 1:** Call the owner or manager two weeks before you move out to arrange joint inspection of the apartment.

Be sure to clean your apartment completely and have all of your belongings removed before the time of the appointment.

**STEP 3:** Get a camera and a witness. A witness can be any one 18 or older who is NOT a roommate or a family member.

**STEP 5:** If the landlord does not appear for the inspection, or if s/he refuses to sign your inventory form, walk through the apartment with your witness and have her/him take notice of the condition. It will be very helpful to have your witness sign the inventory form in the presence of a NOTARY PUBLIC. That will prove that you and your witness were really together on the date of the inspection. (Student Legal Service has a Notary Public)

**STEP 7:** If you sublet your apartment for the summer, return at the end of the sublease period to follow these procedures with your subtenant. Lack of proof of the condition they leave the place in may result in deductions from YOUR deposit.

**STEP 9:** When you get your deposit refund, contact Student Legal Service if you have any questions or complaints about the amount deducted.

**STEP 2:** Before the appointment, prepare a complete, written inventory of the condition of the rental unit. Be sure to list each item in each room. Make TWO copies of the inventory.

**SAMPLE INVENTORY FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TENANT UNION AND STUDENT LEGAL SERVICE**

**STEP 4:** If the landlord appears for the appointment to check you out, be sure to ask her/him to sign and date your inventory form. This will protect you if the landlord later decides to charge for damage that did not exist. **YOU MUST KEEP A COPY OF THE INVENTORY.**

**STEP 6:** Before you give back the keys, take photographs, in the presence of your witness, that show that the oven, refrigerator, kitchen area and bathroom are clean, that walls are clean and not damaged, that the carpet is clean, etc. The pictures, along with your witness' notarized signature on the inventory form, are your proof that the place was clean.

If there is any damage you are responsible for, take a picture of that too. You do not want the landlord claiming that a hole the size of a quarter was really 4 feet wide.

**STEP 8:** Be sure that you return ALL keys to the apartment, mailbox, laundry room, etc. Return keys in person and/or get a receipt to avoid being charged for lock changes. It is best to have one person in your group responsible for returning all keys.

**STEP 10: DO NOT TAKE A SORF REFUND.**

If you want to use Student Legal Service to pursue settlement of a problem, our office cannot help you if you take a SORF refund.

**Student Legal Service**  
**263 Mini Union**

**333-9053**

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# STUDENT LEGAL SERVICE

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## MARIJUANA AND YOUR FINANCIAL AID

The Federal Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988 permits the denial of Federal benefits to drug traffickers and possessors. Any individual who is convicted of any Federal or State offense involving the possession of a controlled substance (marijuana is defined as a controlled substance) upon the first conviction for such an offense and at the discretion of the court, may be ineligible for any or all Federal benefits for up to one year. Federal benefits include any grant, loan, or professional license provided by an agency of the United States or by appropriated funds of the United States. Be aware that the vast majority of all financial aid received by University of Illinois students may be considered a Federal benefit, subject to loss upon a marijuana possession conviction.

268 ILLINI UNION  
1401 W. GREEN, URBANA  
HOURS: M-F 8:30-12:00  
1:00-4:00  
PHONE: (217) 333-9053

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## STUDENT LEGAL SERVICE PROGRAM

### PURPOSE OF THE STUDENT LEGAL SERVICE

The purpose of the Student Legal Service is to inform students of practical aspects of the law as applied to their individual problems. In addition, in-court representation is available in many cases.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE

All students enrolled at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign who have not received a refund of the \$4.00 Student Organization Resource Fee (SORF) are eligible to use the Student Legal Service.

### LOCATION AND HOURS

The Student Legal Service is located at 268 Illini Union (second floor, South Wing). The phone number is (217) 333-9053.

The office is open from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday throughout the school year including summer sessions. The office is closed on Saturdays, Sundays, and University holidays.



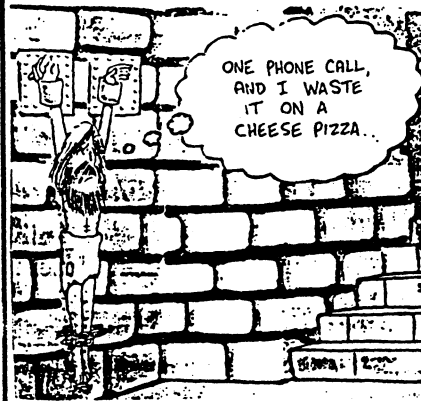
### HOW TO USE THE SERVICE

To use the Student Legal Service, you must come to the office in person. You will be required to show your student identification card, and you will be asked to fill out an intake questionnaire providing a brief description of your legal problem or question. This makes it possible for any necessary research to be done prior to your appointment. Normally you will not have to wait longer than three days for your appointment. If you have a legal problem or anticipate one, give it your early attention. Don't wait until the day before you are to appear in court to contact the Student Legal Service.

### NO LEGAL ADVICE WILL BE GIVEN OVER THE TELEPHONE

Business may not be conducted with an unknown party. This policy is for the protection of your privacy.

**LAW DAY USA  
MAY 1, 1989**



## **HOW TO GET LEGAL HELP**

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Urbana, Illinois  
333-9053  
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1:00-4:30

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**

All students enrolled at the U of I who have NOT received a refund of the \$4.00 Student Organization Resource Fee (SORF)

### **HOW TO USE THE SERVICE**

You must come to the office in person with a valid student ID. Fill out an intake sheet providing a brief description of your legal problem or question. Normally you will have to wait no longer than three days for an appointment. No legal advice will be given over the telephone.

March 1, 1990

To: Members of the Student Legal Service Advisory Board

Re: Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Student Legal Service Board will be Friday, March 9, 1990 from 4:00-5:00 p.m. on the lower level of Student Services Building, 610 E. John Street, Champaign (Room 2 - Conference Room).

Please call the Legal Service (333-9053) if you are unable to attend.

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**Student Legal Service**

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January 29, 1990

To: Members of the Student Legal Service Advisory Board  
Re: Next Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Student Legal Service Board will be Monday, February 19, 1990, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in Room 267 Illini Union Building, South Wing.

If you are unable to come to the meeting, please call the Legal Service office.

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January 12, 1990

To: Members of the Student Legal Service Advisory Board

Re: Lots of Reminders

1. Most important - Presentation of our proposed budget to the SORF Board Tuesday night, January 16, at 5:00 p.m. in Room 292 at the Illini Union which is in the South wing, directly to the left of the SORF office.

2. Enclosed is our proposed budget in it's (hopefully) final form. 333-9053 if you are unable to attend this

3. Our next regularly scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, January 23 at 4:00 p.m. in 215 North Wing.

4. The SORF refund period for this semester is February 12-23.

See you Tuesday the 16th - we'll need everyone's contributions!!

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**The Illini Union**  
1401 West Green Street  
Urbana  
Illinois 61801

Date: December 27,1989  
To: Student Legal Services Advisory Board  
From: S.O.R.F. Office  
Re: SORF Board meeting with SLS Advisory Board

The SORF Board has set Tuesday, January 16, as the day to meet with the SLS advisory board. The meeting will be held in room 292 Illini Union at 5 p.m..

The SORF Board would like to preview the application for funding prior to the meeting so if a copy of the application can be left at the SORF office, 294 Illini Union, a couple of days before the 16th it would be appreciated. The SORF office will reopen January 11 and any questions regarding the before mentioned can be addressed at that time.

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December 13, 1989

To: Members of the Student Legal Service Advisory Board  
Re: Next Advisory Board Meeting

The Student Legal Service Advisory Board will meet on  
Wednesday, January 10, 1990, in Room 211 Illini Union, North  
Wing, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Please call 333-9053 if you are unable to attend this  
meeting.

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December 6, 1989

TO: Members of the Student Legal Service Advisory Board  
and Attorneys

FROM: Lenore Reedy

RE: Current Status on Our Meeting With SORF Board

In the past two weeks, I have been desperately trying to get a meeting with the SORF Board to present our budget proposal. Unfortunately, they are unable to meet with us before the end of this semester, but they would like to meet with us sometime during the first two weeks of next semester. In preparation for this meeting, I think it would be beneficial to meet at the beginning of next semester. Let's try to meet either January 8, 9, or 10 before classes start and get a concrete idea of what we're presenting to SORF.

Please call the Student Legal Service office at 333-9053 as soon as possible to let us know which of these dates are good for you and at what time. In the meantime, any ideas or input you have that would be pertinent to our proposal, I would appreciate hearing. If you want to call me anytime to talk about any of this, call me at 367-4745; I will be here until December 24.

Happy Holidays and Good Luck on finals (for those of us who have to take them).



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November 2, 1989

To: Members of the Student Legal Service Advisory Board  
Re: Next Advisory Board Meeting

The Student Legal Service Advisory Board will meet on  
Thursday, November 16, 1989, in Room 317 Illini Union, North  
Wing, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Please call 333-9053 if you are unable to attend this  
meeting.

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October 17, 1989

TO: Student Legal Service Board Member:

RE: Board Meeting

REMINDER NOTICE

Board Meeting - Thursday, October 19, 1989  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. in Room 344 Student Services Building

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October 5, 1989

To: Members of the Student Legal Service Advisory Board

Re: Notice of Board meeting

The Student Legal Service Advisory Board will meet on Thursday, October 19, 1989, in Room 344 (Conference Room) in the Student Services Building, 610 E. John St., Champaign, from 12:00 noon to 1:00 p.m.

Please contact the Student Legal Service office if you are unable to attend.

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FOUR YEAR STATISTICS OVERVIEW

ALL CASES

1988-89 . . . . .	2210
1987-88 . . . . .	1817
1986-87 . . . . .	1528
1985-86 . . . . .	1373

HOUSING

1988-89 . . . . .	517
1987-88 . . . . .	328
1986-87 . . . . .	287
1985-86 . . . . .	294

TRAFFIC - Includes D.U.I.

1988-89 . . . . .	549 (Reflects Champaign Step Enforcement)
1987-88 . . . . .	359
1986-87 . . . . .	349
1985-86 . . . . .	206

CRIMINAL - Misdemeanor & City Offenses

1988-89 . . . . .	133
1987-88 . . . . .	178
1986-87 . . . . .	151
1985-86 . . . . .	212

Pre-1988-89 figures reflect a preponderance of less serious city offenses. 1988-89 and beyond reflect a preponderance of more serious misdemeanors. The adoption of pay-by mail by the city of Champaign reduced raw city offense numbers for 1988-89; however, because of the 'drinking' crackdown in 1989-90 numbers will vastly increase for the current year.

FAMILY - Includes divorce, adoption, name change, paternity

1988-89 . . . . .	106
1987-88 . . . . .	158
1986-87 . . . . .	100
1985-86 . . . . .	118

Family law has been a highly unpredictable area in terms of statistical trends. The current year appears to reflect a slight statistical increase.

The office advises and litigates in numerous other areas, however, the foregoing four broad categories reflect the major percentage of work which can be meaningfully quantified.



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April 20, 1990

TO: SORF Board Members

FROM: Student Legal Service Advisory Board

We would like to ask you to please get a written confirmation of our 1991-93 budget proposal that was voted on positively by the student body in the Spring referendum of March 5 and 6, (by raising the SORF fee to \$5.00) to us as soon as possible. It is imperative that we get this confirmation before our next meeting on Thursday, May 3, because we have to begin the process of hiring a third lawyer and cannot do so without a confirmation of exactly what funds will be allotted to us.

Enclosed is a copy of the budget proposal. Please let us have a written confirmation of this budget as soon as possible so we can get on with our hiring and other financial planning.

Thank you!

LR:bd

STUDENT LEGAL SERVICE

ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 1988 - June 30, 1989

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