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STUDENT LEGAL SERVICE

ANNUAL REPORT

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I. Attorneys Report

In accordance with the University of Illinois Student Legal Service Plan the attorneys are pleased to submit the 1994-1995 Annual Report to the Student Legal Service Advisory Board and to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. In 1978 the program in its current form and structure came into existence. Seventeen years into the program it is clear that the foundation of the program is strong; that the program has endured and grown into a stable institution on campus. The program enjoys the respect of the legal community and the overwhelming support of the student body. In the S.O.R.F. renewal referendum held on February 28th and March 1st, 1995, the student body voted 2,862 yes and 485 no. Much of the support for S.O.R.F. is clearly attributed to the efforts and good standing of the Student Legal Service Program which leverages the general \$5.00 S.O.R.F. fee.

The commitment to retaining staff on a long term basis has insured the stability of the program and the ability of attorneys to provide experienced representation. Thomas Betz is currently nearing his eleventh year as a staff attorney with the program. Betz is a 1981 graduate of Wayne State University Law School, a member of the Illinois Bar and an inactive member of the Michigan Bar. Betz serves as Vice President of the Champaign County American Civil Liberties Union and is a member of the Champaign-Urbana Tenant Union Community Advisory Board. In the Spring of 1995 Betz was elected President of the Illinois Association of Student Legal Service Attorneys, he continues to serve as Midwest Regional Coordinator for the National Legal Aid and Defender Association Student Legal Service Division.

Susan Y. Hessee, a 1982 graduate of the University of Illinois College of Law is in her

eighth year as a program staff attorney. Hesse is a member of the Illinois and Michigan Bar Associations. She is active with the Champaign County Bar Association, Health Care Consumers and Planned Parenthood.

John P. Popek has worked as a program staff attorney since 1991. Popek is a 1987 graduate of the University of Tulsa Law School. Popek is a member of the Illinois State Bar Association and the Champaign County Bar Association.

For the past six years the office has retained three full time attorneys. This staff level has permitted substantial expansion of preventive legal education efforts and manageable individual caseloads. Significant increases in office usage beyond current levels would be very difficult to ethically manage at current staff levels.

Marc McConney worked two semesters as a legal intern in the office. Kirsten Izatt worked as an intern during the fall semester.

Nikki Davis works as secretary, receptionist, statistician, and office manager for the program. She is an invaluable asset to the program and the entire student clientele. In January of 1995 Phyllis Kirkwood, who had worked as afternoon supplemental secretary left the program to work full time at the Counseling Center. The office has not retained a permanent replacement for this position. During Spring semester the office utilized the part time help from Temporary Services. During the summer due to a lessening of caseload and financial constraints the position remained vacant. It will, however, be necessary to fill the position for the Fall 1995 semester.

The office purchased a new Dell computer and West's Illinois Decision on compact disk. This is the first step of computerizing legal research in the office which has become an absolute necessity because of severe space limitations in the library. In July the University of Illinois

College of Law donated two Dell 386 computers to the office. Each attorney now has a computer for word processing, etc. at their desk. The staff attorneys deeply appreciate the efforts of Dean Bill Goodman and the Law Library Reference Director, Jane Williams, in obtaining these computers for the office.

From May 15th until July 11, 1995, the office was located at the ground floor of the Student Services Building because of construction and renovation at the Illini Union. Services continued with very minor disruption. The efforts of Dean William Riley in locating suitable alternative space was deeply appreciated.

In July of 1994 Thomas Betz attended the annual conference of the National Legal Aid and Defenders Association, Student Legal Service Division, in Washington, D.C. The focus of the conference was Alternative Dispute Resolution in a University Student Legal Service environment. Betz received certification as a trained mediator. The conference is the finest source for continuing legal education in the areas of law practiced in Student Legal Service offices throughout the country.

Preventive Legal Education

The Student Legal Service Plan as adopted in 1978 mandates preventive law activities:

[The Students' Attorneys will furnish students with general information concerning management of their personal affairs under the law. The design of this assistance is to educate the student body and to enable individuals to avoid legal difficulties and promote greater concentration on academic pursuits. To this end the Attorneys may provide information to The Daily Illini or other publications in order to educate members of the student body as to their rights and responsibilities; and may speak to groups of students upon request and arrange speakers on practical aspects of the law as the need arises. The Students' Attorneys will make available to students the various informational pamphlets published by the Illinois

State Bar Association, other bar associations, and other appropriate items.
(SLS Plan at 4).]

During the Summer of 1994 the Champaign City Council adopted massively increased fines for alcohol related offenses. Possession offenses now range from a mandatory minimum fine of \$250 for those between the age of 19 and 21, with a mandatory fine of \$500 for those below age 19. Prior to the 1995 fines were in the range of \$95 to \$135. The Student Legal Service saw a tremendous need to educate the student body about the new fine structures and the City of Champaign's reenforced commitment to liquor enforcement. The office prepared a flyer entitled "Bar-Opoly" which humorously outlined the newly adopted policies. Each resident hall received a supply as did all of the fraternities and sororities. On Quad Day over 50 participants distributed the 'Bar-Opoly' piece at their booths. The Daily Illini twice printed a forum piece entitled, 'Students can defeat city booze scheme with radical plans' during the first week of the Fall 1995 Semester. Tom Betz spoke at the Greek Peer Advisors meeting on the new rules. Within the first week of the semester all students theoretically should have been aware of the new polices and their strict enforcement.

We believe that the vast majority of students received information on this topic and that many were prevented from naively engaging in unlawful behavior. 1994-1995 city offense statistics are not significantly higher than previous years although the City revenues upon conviction are substantially higher. We believe that this effort at preventative legal education was remarkably successful and should be continued.

On January 1, 1995, the Zero Tolerance Law took effect in Illinois. The law in summary requires license suspension, fines, community service, etc, if any person driving a vehicle while

under the age of 21 has any amount whatsoever of alcohol in their system. As with the new alcohol policies in the City of Champaign, the Student Legal Service made a decision to educate the student body about this law. The staff developed and distributed over 5,000 pieces of 'Zero Tolerance' literature on campus. The Daily Illini on December 9, 1994, published a forum piece entitled "'Zero Tolerance' law doesn't look out for University students." Staff attorneys spoke at 14 fraternities and sororities on the Zero Tolerance law. As of June 30, 1995, the office has only represented three students arrested pursuant to this law. We believe that our efforts were effective in informing students so that they would at least not be unaware of the legal consequences of a violation.

For the first year in over eight years the office did not make a major preventive effort during the annual 'Hash Wednesday' event. This decision was made because for many years the event had been purely political in nature rather than an event where participants smoked marijuana as an act of civil disobedience. Unfortunately, a number of students were arrested for use/possession of cannabis during the event. The staff believes in light of this year's experience we should return to the former policy of publishing a warning in the Daily Illini concerning enforcement of drug laws and the unique Federal Financial Aid consequences which arise upon conviction.

Historically, housing has been a special focus of the program's mission. The staff presented 6 housing seminars with the Tenant Union during the Fall Semester and 7 during Winter Semester. This is the first time that such seminars have been held in resident halls during both semesters. The need for earlier programs in landlord/tenant has come about because of great pressure on potential student tenants to sign leases before October 1st. This landlord marketing

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During this reporting period the office published 5 Illini Forum Articles and 3 in office pamphlets. The office was quoted or mentioned in 31 articles. On February 6, 1995, the Daily Illini featured the office in a very positive article. (See page 62.)

The office participated in or sponsored 32 speaking engagements. (See pages 17-19.)

The outreach of the program into the campus and its impact on presenting the need to directly use the office in person is difficult to ascertain. The staff believes that the effort, although enormously time consuming, pays off in very positive dividends which cannot be statistically quantified. The program is excelling in the goal of the program to educate "the student body as to their rights and responsibilities." (SLS Plant at 4).

General Statistical Information

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Conclusion and Recommendations

The University of Illinois is providing an excellent Student Legal Service Program. The mission continues to be met and exceeded as the program approaches its twentieth anniversary in 1998. In order to continue the stability of the services, the staff attorneys recommend that the Student Legal Service Advisory Board as a first order of business in the Fall of 1995 begin to develop a new three year financial proposal for the S.O.R.F. Board's adoption in the Spring of 1996. The current three year allocation has been successful in insuring the financial health of the program, allowing for long range planning and updating of office technology and expansion of preventive education. The new proposed plan should continue to reflect the historic commitment of the program to fulfill the goals of representation and education.

We deeply appreciate the efforts of the Student Legal Service Advisory Board, the S.O.R.F. Board, and the efforts of the entire University community to the provision of a quality Student Legal Service Program for the eligible student clientele.

Respectfully,


Thomas E. Betz


Susan Y. Hessee


John P. Popek

II. Statistics
July 1, 1994 - June 30, 1995

Advice Only Matters

Accident	103	Family	49
Adoption	5	Felony	1
Affidavit	1	Financial Aid	4
Alcohol Law	2	Guardianship	7
Auto Damage	15	Harassment	7
Auto Repair	11	Housing	461
Auto Sales	3	Immigration	27
Banking	1	Insurance	30
Bankruptcy	13	Interview	4
Business	17	Intra-University	2
Capricious Grading	3	Invasion of Privacy	1
Certification	19	Jury Duty	1
City Offense	93	Labor	7
Civil Rights	3	Living Will	3
Collection	50	Mail Fraud	1
Consumer	237	Malpractice	5
Contract	56	Marijuana	1
Copyright	6	Miscellaneous	108
Corporation	1	Misdemeanor	36
Credit Record	7	Name Change	37
Crime Victim	20	Naturalization	1
Criminal	72	Noise	2
Debtor's Rights	4	Notary	217
Discipline	31	Order of Protection	1
Discrimination	3	Parking Tickets	10
Divorce	38	Passport	1
Domestic Relations	1	Paternity	3
D.U.I.	6	Personal Injury	26
Drug Laws	1	Personal Property	4
Employment	37	Police Misconduct	1
Estate	4	Power of Attorney	35
Expungement	5	Property Damage	15

Real Estate	1
Residency	9
Sales	1
Sexual Assault	2
Small Claims	7
Student Discipline	1
Student Loan	13
Tax	6
Theft	1
Tort	4
Towing	15
Traffic	233
Travel	4
Unemployment	1
Will	1
Witness	2
Workman Compensation	3

Total Advice Only 2280

Cases Opened

Accident	14
Adoption	1
Auto Damage	3
City Offense	26
Collection	2
Consumer	20
Contract	1
Crime Victim	1
Criminal	34
Discipline	5
D.U.I.	4
Employment	1
Expungement	2
Guardianship	2
Housing	101
Immigration	2
Insurance	4
Living Will	2
Miscellaneous	1
Misdemeanor	35
Name Change	3
Paternity	1
Small Claims	2
Student Loan	1
Tax	1
Traffic	266
Total	535

Cases Closed

Accident	11
Auto Damage	4
City Offense	25
Collection	2
Consumer	35
Crime Victim	1
Criminal	32
Defamation	1
Discipline	5
Divorce	2
D.U.I.	5
Employment	2
Expungement	2
Fishing	1
Guardianship	3
Housing	116
Insurance	5
Miscellaneous	4
Misdemeanor	28
Name Change	8
Parking Ticket	1
Small Claims	2
Student Loan	1
Towing	1
Traffic	286
Total	583

How Students Heard About SLS

Attorney Speech	2
Blank	787
Campus Information	182
Court	8
Daily Illini	56
Dean of Students	4
Directory	46
Fees	36
Flyer	68
Friends	665
Greek Advisor	4
I Book	92
Network	2
O.I.S.A.	24
Orientation	29
Police	7
Previous Use	160
Private Attorney	3
Professor	1
Quad Day	1
Realtor	9
Resident Advisor	7
SGA	3
Social Worker	1
State's Attorney	1
Study Abroad Office	1
Teaching Assistant	2
Tenant Union	77
Timetable	2
Total	2280

Class Year

Freshman	141
Sophomore	256
Junior	396
Senior	598
Graduate	807
Professional	4
Non Degree	9
Blank	69
Total	2280

III. Informational Advertisements in Daily Illini

STUDENT LEGAL SERVICE

7/11/94

PLAY BAR--OPOLY

8/15/94 8/26/94 11/21/94

STUDENT FEE INFORMATION

9/6/94

WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Welcome Back Issue 9/15/94

KEGGER'S DELIGHT

10/10/94 10/17/94

TIPS FOR WINTER BREAK

12/9/94 12/12/94

STUDENT LEGAL SERVICE HOUSING ALERT

1/25/95

VOTE!

2/27/95 2/28/95

IV. Forum Articles

Students can defeat city booze scheme with radical plans

Daily Illini, August 3, 1994

Students can defeat city booze scheme with radical plans

Daily Illini Welcome Back Edition, August 15, 1994

What to do when your apartment crumbles around you

Daily Illini, August 31, 1994

Don't get rushed into signing a bad lease

Daily Illini, November 22, 1994

Take steps to avoid deposit problems

Daily Illini, May 2, 1995

Letters to the Editor

'Zero Tolerance' law doesn't look out for University students

Daily Illini, December 9, 1994

Spring break travellers should beware of laws

Daily Illini, January 13, 1995

V. Newspaper Interviews or Articles Mentioning Student Legal Service

Perspective—Street harassment threatens women's self respect

Daily Illini, July 11, 1994

Know your rights as a tenant

Daily Illini, Welcome Back Edition, August 15, 1994

Steeper fines await underage tipplers in Champaign

News-Gazette, August 21, 1994

Everybody should pay

Daily Illini, Editorial, August 22, 1994

Council raises fines for underage drinking

Daily Illini, August 22, 1994

Champaign County voters to decide fate of proposed new jail in November

Daily Illini, August 24, 1994

City plans to continue raids

Daily Illini, August 26, 1994

SORF refund equals end of free student legal help

Daily Illini, September 2, 1994

Easy availability of credit ensnares some on campus

News-Gazette, September 11, 1994

Student tenants: Only you can put a stop to slumlords

Daily Illini, September 20, 1994

Beware of tactics before voting on tenants' rights

Daily Illini, October 11, 1994

Attorney general looks into phone service selection

Daily Illini, October 19, 1994

No sweet home: some tenants waiting

News-Gazette, October 30, 1994

- Police summon SIU new coverage***
Daily Illini, November 11, 1994
- Eastern newspaper loses police report suit***
Daily Illini, January 11, 1995
- Beware the landlord and think before signing a lease***
Daily Illini, Housing Guide, January 25, 1995
- The law in their hands***
Daily Illini, February 6, 1995
- Sublets pose danger for student renters***
Daily Illini, February 20, 1995
- Illini Tower renovations agitate many residents***
Daily Illini, February 23, 1995
- Caution advised on spring trips***
Daily Illini, February 24, 1995
- Vote yes for SORF in student elections***
Daily Illini, Letters, February 24, 1995
- In student elections, vote to keep SORF***
Daily Illini, Letters, February 27, 1995
- SGA needs an overhaul***
Daily Illini, Editorial, February 27, 1995
- Renewal of \$5 SORF charge on election ballot***
Daily Illini, Student Election Guide, February 27, 1995
- 'Who cares?' attitude must change***
Daily Illini, February 28, 1995
- 'Vision' slate dominates UI election***
News-Gazette, March 3, 1995
- Driving while suspended gets athlete month in jail***
News-Gazette, March 8, 1995

Vote yes today to keep SORF funding
Daily Illini, March 28, 1995

Clark sentenced for traffic violation
Daily Illini, April 6, 1995

Decency act upsets Net users
Daily Illini, April 17, 1995

Bar raids still summer risk
Daily Illini, June 16, 1995

VI. Speaking Engagements & Events

July 1 - July 8, 1994	<i>Summer Orientation</i> All brochures available as handouts for new incoming students.
August 17, 1995	<i>International Student Orientation</i>
August 17, 1994	<i>Resource Fair</i> Resident Advisor Staff Training
August 24, 1994	<i>Quad Day--Information Fair</i>
August 31, 1994	Greek Affairs Social Chairs
September 23, 1994	<i>Political Science 150</i> Civil Rights Legislation
September 26, 1994	Kappa Kappa Gamma Alcohol Laws
September 26, 1994	Alpha Phi Alcohol Laws
September 27, 1994	Florida Avenue Residence Halls Decision Making--Underage Drinking
November 10-December 1	Residence Halls <i>Facts about leases and landlords</i>
November 10, 1994	Illinois Street Residence Halls
November 15, 1994	<i>Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol</i> Alcohol Laws
November 29, 1994	<i>Community Health 240</i> "Sex and the Law"
January 11, 1995	<i>Greek Peer Advisor Winter Retreat</i> Student Legal Service

January 17-26, 1995	Residence Halls <i>Apartment Hunting Workshop</i>
January 23, 1995	Illinois Street Residence Halls Students' legal rights
February 8, 1995	Sigma Delta Tau 'Zero Tolerance'
February 11, 1995	Alpha Delta Pi 'Zero Tolerance'
February 13, 1995	Weston Hall Alcohol
February 18, 1995	Champaign County Court Reform Project
February 20, 1995	Pi Beta Phi National Sorority Zero Tolerance Law
February 21, 1995	Kappa Sigma Zero Tolerance
February 22, 1995	Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity 'Zero Tolerance'
February 22, 1995	Sigma Nu Fraternity Date Rape
March 27, 1995	<i>B&TW 253</i> Attorney Profession
March 29, 1995	Sigma Phi Delta Zero Tolerance
March 30, 1995	Illidell/Alpha Gamma Sigma Alcohol Laws
April 25, 1995	<i>Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol</i> Alcohol Laws

April 25, 1995

Community Health 240
"Sex and the Law"

April 26, 1995

FAR Mock Rape Trial

April 27, 1995

Phi Kappa Tau
Sexual Assault and Harassment

May 30-June 30, 1995

Summer Orientation
All brochures available as handouts for new incoming students

VII. Brochures

Alcohol Laws in Illinois

Arrest Card

Bar--Opoly

Can You Afford A Car

Changing Your Name

City Offenses

Consumer Rights

Court Supervision

Guidelines for Traffic Offenses

Information on Copyright

Know Your Legal Rights

Marijuana Laws in Illinois

Phony ID's

Sexual Violence

Student Legal Service Program

Students and the Law

Your Court Appearance

Your Security Deposit

Zero Tolerance

Special Handout

Guidelines for Throwing a Party

Some General Legal Advice to International Students

VIII. Special Letters of Acknowledgement

Office of the Dean of Students, Greek Affairs

Office of the Dean of Students, Greek Affairs

Client Letter

Office of International Student Affairs

Office of the Dean of Students, Greek Affairs

Office of the Dean of Students, Women's Programs

Sigma Nu Fraternity

Clients Letter

Sigma Phi Delta

Office of the Dean of Students, Orientation Program

Alpha Phi

Clients Letter

Client Letter

Client Letter

(names have been deleted to protect attorney-client privilege)

IX. Special Requests for Brochure Distribution

Summer Orientation Information Fair

July 1 - July 8, 1994

McKinley Health Center

August 4, 1994

Dean of Students Office

August 10, 1994

UIUC Residence Halls Mailbox Distribution

August 16, 1994

Sixteenth Annual Campus Resource Fair

August 17, 1994

Greek Affairs

August 18, 1994

Busey-Evans Residence Halls

August 18, 1994

Housing Office

August 29, 1994

Student Judicial Affairs

September 23, 1994

Dean of Students Office

January 9, 1995

Summer Orientation Information Fair

June 1 - June 30, 1995

International Student Affairs

June 30, 1995

X. Student Legal Service Listings

UIUC Student/Staff Directory

1994-1995

Illinibook

1994-1995

Unofficial Student Guide

1994-1995

Academic Advising Referral Handbook

1994-1995

Illini Union Directory Flyer

1994-1995

Women's Resource Directory

Spring 1995

Assessment threatens women's self respect

comments.

According to Susan Hesse, an attorney for Student Legal Services, laws that would protect individuals from this type of behavior developed by states or municipalities generally have been struck down under the protection of the First Amendment. The only time legal action can be taken against a street harasser is when the victim is physically threatened by the perpetrator, Hesse said.

ious or being rude or crude," Riley said.

And although street harassment is not a crime, an incident can embarrass an individual or leave them feeling threatened. But most students have some idea of what is playful and acceptable and what is beyond bounds and threatening.

"You have to be careful what you say," said Brian Ortiz, junior in commerce. He added that generally making comments about a wom-

threatened, but the way society is, she's going to be," Ortiz said.

Sam Mehta, senior in LAS, agreed that what a woman is wearing can make a difference to potential harassers. "People who are wearing a body suit or something like that generally are attracting attention to themselves, so I think it's more of an attention thing. I don't think it's justified," Mehta said.

And even though most complaints of street harassment involve a male pointing comments toward a female, men can also be the victims of street harassment.

Andrew Porter, junior in FAA, said he's been walking down the street and had comments by women aimed at him. "I've had girls play around with me, too," Porter said.

But the three men all agreed that harassing comments aimed toward men aren't as threatening as those aimed at women.

"It's a different thing for a girl just because of rape and everything like that," Mehta said. "Guys don't think about getting jumped by five or six girls walking down the street. It just doesn't happen," Ortiz said.

Some women said although they don't consider most incidents of street harassment threatening, they do consider them an annoyance.

"It's never gotten to the point for me that I've been afraid," said Jen Haughey, a May University graduate. "I usually yell back," she added.

Another graduate, Teri Shaw, said that street harassment is so common that women learn to ignore it. "You deal with it. It happens everywhere," she said.



If the incident is threatening, said Dean of Students William Riley, the victim can report it either to the University or to local authorities. If the victim can identify the vehicle or residence involved in the incident, the University can and has in the past followed up on the incident. Riley reiterated that nothing can be done if someone merely makes an obscene comment toward someone else.

"Most of the time it's people being obnox-

an's physical characteristics is unacceptable.

"A lot of guys do it with their buddies," Ortiz said. "If you single out an individual ... that could be scary. If it's a group of girls, it's playful."

Ortiz added that often what a woman is wearing can make a man more willing to make a comment, but that doesn't justify comments. "I'd say a girl has a right to wear whatever she wants and not have to feel

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 THE SHADOW (PG-13) 11:00 1:30
 4:00 7:10 9:30
 I LOVE TROUBLE (PG) 11:20 1:45
 4:10 7:15 9:45
 BLOWN AWAY (R) 12:15 2:40 5:10
 7:35 9:50

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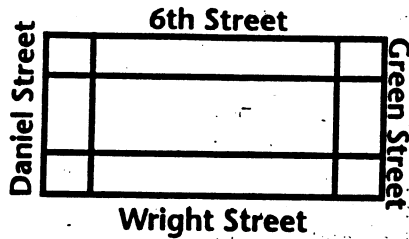
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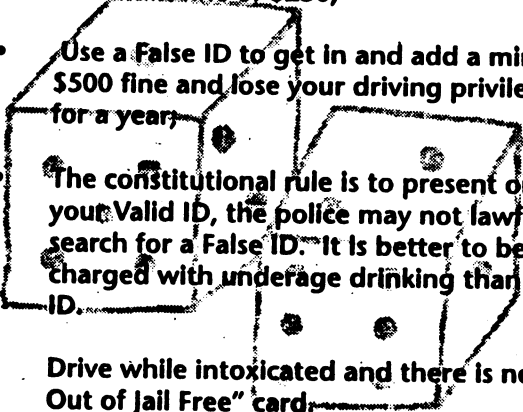
When he said I do,
 he never said

PLAY BAR--OPOLY



Rules to Play: To play you must be under 21 and drink alcoholic beverages.

- Spend your money in the bars and they pay the City of Champaign for this privilege;
- Any booze, beer or wine (even Zima) costs a minimum fine of \$250;
- Use a False ID to get in and add a minimum \$500 fine and lose your driving privileges for a year;
- The constitutional rule is to present only your Valid ID, the police may not lawfully search for a False ID. It is better to be charged with underage drinking than False ID.
- Drive while intoxicated and there is no "Get Out of Jail Free" card.
- Mid-Semester Bankruptcy or Eviction is the prize for those who play!

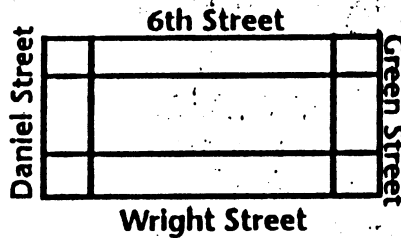


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1994-95 STUDENT FEE INFORMATION

SERVICE FEE: \$120. A fee composed of categories for salaries, programming, general expenses, and utilities. It is distributed to the Auxiliary Service units as follows:

Assembly Hall	\$ 24.15
Campus Recreation	
East Facility	2.32
Ice Arena	7.03
IMPE	27.77
South Fields	2.81
Career Services Center	6.45
Illini Union	46.25
Student Services Building	3.22

TOTAL \$120.00

HEALTH SERVICE FEE: \$120. A mandatory fee, which is assessed to all students, for salaries, programming, general expenses, and utilities. It is distributed as follows:

Counseling Center	\$ 17.87
McKinley Health Center	102.13

TOTAL \$120.00

GENERAL FEE: \$75. A mandatory fee which is composed of the four fixed and mandatory transfer components: debt service, renewals and replacements (R&R), Campus administrative charges, and general University charges.

Assembly Hall	\$16.98
Campus Recreation	
East Facility	2.04
Ice Arena	5.93
IMPE	13.95
South Fields	0.03
Career Services Center	0.22
Counseling Center	0.20
Illini Union	19.73
McKinley Health Center	14.36
Student Services Building	1.58

TOTAL \$75.00

CAMPUS TRANSPORTATION FEE: \$18. Approved by a student referendum in the Spring of 1990.

KRANNERT FEE: \$5. A refundable fee to support programming at the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts.

SORF/SEAL/SGA FEE: \$10. The refundable SORF Fee supports the Student Legal Service and registered student organizations; the refundable SEAL Fee supplements existing financial aid for needy students; the SGA Fee supports the activities of the Student Government Association.

STUDENT INSURANCE: \$126. A group sickness and accident plan which provides world-wide coverage.

QUESTIONS: Call Abbie Broga, Office of the Dean of Students, 333-9183.

WELCOME TO THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The Student Legal Service Program at the University of Illinois welcomes you to campus. Each year our office serves nearly 3,000 students regarding various legal problems. The office is staffed by three full time attorneys. The purpose of the program is to inform students of the practical aspects of the law as applied to their individual problems. Representation in court is available in many cases.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All students enrolled at the University of Illinois who have not received a refund of the \$5.00 Student Organization Resource Fee (SORF) are eligible to use the service. The Student Legal Service cannot even give you general advice if you have refunded your SORF fee.

WHAT KIND OF SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE?

The office provides counseling and representation in landlord-tenant, traffic, misdemeanors, name changes, small claims, city ordinance violations and in many other areas too numerous to list. All questions and concerns are kept completely confidential.

HOW TO USE THE SERVICE

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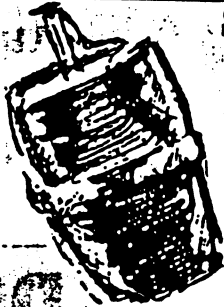


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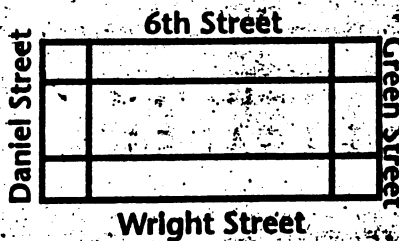
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PLAY BAR--OPOLY



Rules to Play: To play you must be under 21 and drink alcoholic beverages.

• Spend your money in the bars and they pay the City of Champaign for this privilege;

• Any booze, beer or wine (even Zima) costs a minimum fine of \$250;

• Use a false ID to get in and add a minimum \$500 fine and lose your driving privileges for a year;

• The constitutional rule is to present only your valid ID, the police may not lawfully search for a False ID. It is better to be charged with underage drinking than False ID.

• Drive while intoxicated and there is no "Get Out of Jail Free" card.

• Mid-Semester Bankruptcy or Eviction is the prize for those who play!

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Urbana, IL 61801

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tips for winter break

Before you take off on your hard earned winter break, please:

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Student Legal Service Housing Alert

- **READ YOUR LEASE!** All your rights are contained in that document. Any agreements you make with the landlord must be put into writing on the lease itself, or it is not enforceable.
- **DO NOT PUT MONEY DOWN** to "HOLD" an apartment **unless** you are going to sign the lease. You will **not** get it back if you change your mind.
- **IF YOU VALUE YOUR PRIVACY,** in Urbana you are protected by law, in Champaign you are not.
 - Under law the landlord is **required** to allow you to refuse the **CENTREX** phone system. The landlord **cannot** condition renting you an apartment upon accepting **CENTREX**.
 - **DO NOT SIGN** a lease for an apartment building that is not yet built or is scheduled for renovation.
 - Last but certainly not least, **CHOOSE YOUR ROOMMATES CAREFULLY,** their financial status can dramatically affect your life.

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Ironically the local law, in what at best can be called pragmatism and at worst legal hypocrisy mingled with an invitation to entrapment, permits anyone over the age of 19 to enter our local bars and bistros. The hundreds of underage drinkers represented by Student Legal Service over the years have consistently recognized that the risk of getting caught was both part of the thrill of drinking as well as the cost of a social life on campus. The Student Legal Service attorneys don't pretend to believe that students go to local watering holes for the haute cuisine (is such a thing available anywhere in Cam-pustown?), nor do Richie and Potpie go to the tavern to meet the Fonz and have a malt unless it's a Colt 45 or some similar high octane brew.

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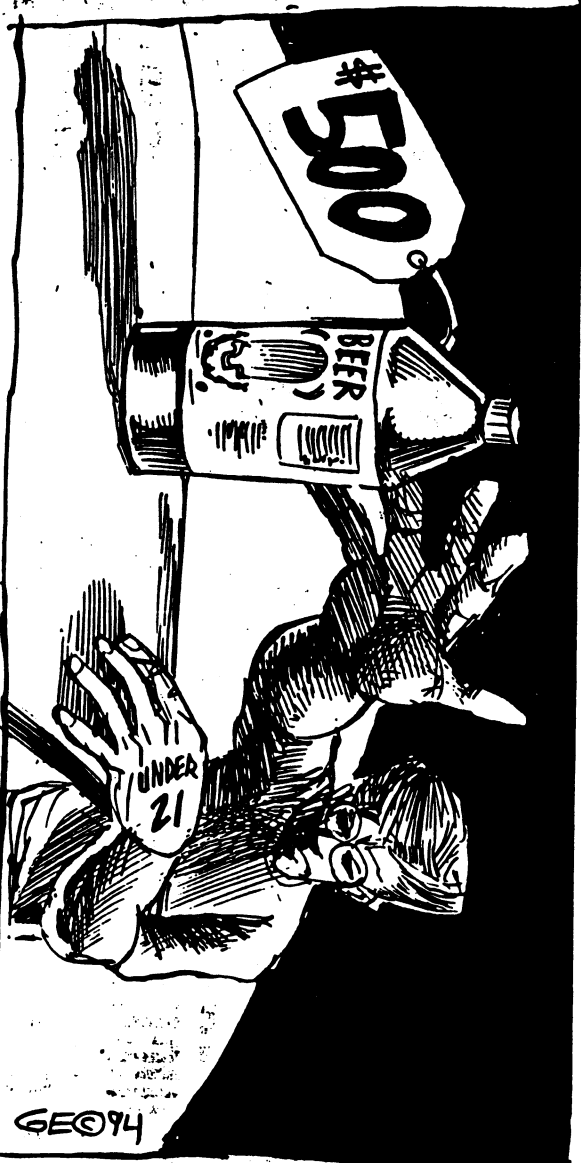
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What to do when your apartment crumbles around you

Renters have one advantage over those who own their own houses—when something breaks or needs maintenance, homeowners have to hire a contractor or try to fix it themselves. Renters can just pick up the phone and call their friendly landlord, whose professional maintenance crew will hasten to the scene and fix whatever is wrong.

Does it always work that way? Unfortunately, no. Even the most conscientious landlord can have difficulty providing immediate response to requests for repairs. Massive power outages, a severe cold snap that freezes water pipes or torrential rains that cause unusual flood conditions are a few situations which can be beyond anyone's control and can result in widespread damage, putting a strain on the best maintenance staff.

Disasters such as these are rare, however, and in ordinary circumstances, you should be able to expect maintenance and repair work to be done in a reasonable amount of time. To help insure this is the kind of attention you will receive, be certain to notify your landlord promptly anytime there is a problem with your rental unit. If you take your time reporting a problem, your landlord may assume you aren't very concerned about getting it resolved. Provide such notices to your landlord in writing, and keep a dated copy of the notice in case you need it later on. Of course, if you need immediate attention—if your heat goes off in January, or the roof in your attic apartment falls in, a phone call is clearly warranted. Still, follow it up with a written report.

Many maintenance and repair problems are relatively minor, and immediate action should not be expected. A broken closet door, while unattractive, is not an emergency. However, other problems can be very disruptive and even dangerous. Plumbing and heating failures, electrical malfunctions, gas leaks and unsecured doors and windows can be dangerous, even life-threatening. Fast action is essential. But what if it is unavailable? Creative problem-solving can help. Perhaps your landlord can relocate you to another available unit or put you up in a hotel until your unit is back in order. If an alternative is agreed upon by you and your landlord, be sure to get it in writing. If you don't and wind up paying hotel bills, you probably won't get reimbursed.

The most difficult position to be in is to have a landlord who does not respond to your request for repairs and maintenance. The city deadline for repairs and maintenance is 15 days following your delivery of the report.

cooperative landlord.

1. Squeaky wheels often get greased, and persistent contact with your landlord may get results.

2. Report problems which may be code violations to the appropriate department of the city in which you live. In Champaign, it's located at 102 N. Neil; in Urbana, at 155 W. Main Street.

If these authorities find code violations, your landlord will be notified and given deadlines for making the necessary repairs. While neither city is particularly vigorous in enforcing its citations, many landlords will respond once such notices are issued to them.



3. Repair and deduct. In the city of Urbana, tenants have some rights to have repairs done themselves and deduct the cost from their rent. It is a very technical procedure, and you must follow specific instructions in taking this alternative. This is what you do:

a. Contact the city for an inspection at 155 W. Main Street. Obtain a copy of the report once it's ready.

b. Send a copy of that report to your landlord, letting him or her know that you intend to repair and deduct if the work isn't done in the time allowed by the city in the report. This communication must be in writing and given to your landlord in person by you or sent via certified mail.

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d. If this alone does not produce results, then you must hire a qualified contractor to make the repair. You must also obtain a certificate of insurance and a waiver of lien, ask your contractor for these.

e. Pay the contractor and send a copy of the bill, along with the balance of your rent due, the next time you pay your rent. Two more points on the repair and deduct. First, you cannot deduct more than one month's rent during a 12-month period. Second, you cannot use repair and deduct more than three times in one year.

All this being said, you might be thinking that this is all too much trouble, and if it's that difficult to keep your apartment in good repair, you'd just as soon quit paying rent or move out and "break your lease." DON'T DO IT. These are not easy legal solutions and will only stand to increase your difficulties. If the problems persist and nothing seems to work, please obtain legal advice before doing anything with such potentially drastic consequences.

There are only rare instances in which a tenant can walk away from a lease with no further obligation because of the condition of the premises. There are no hard and fast, easy-to-describe rules for doing so. Essentially, your living space needs to be in such bad or dangerous condition that it becomes "unfit for human habitation." Your landlord or ordinarily needs to be notified of this and to be given an opportunity to correct the situation. If he or she can't or won't, then you may undertake what is called "constructive eviction." The landlord hasn't forced you out, but you've had to leave due to intolerable conditions. Many of these cases end up in litigation, and judges differ in their opinions regarding uninhabitability of apartments or houses. Still, if you believe you're in one of those spots, please seek legal assistance before taking action.

Student Legal Service is here to help you with problems such as these. Please come to see us when you begin to suspect a problem exists; it's true what they say about an ounce of prevention.

Forum submitted by Susan Y. Hesse, staff attorney, Student Legal Service

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Don't get rushed into signing a bad lease

"Look before you lease"—that is the mantra for students thinking about renting apartments or houses in Champaign-Urbana. Normally, it is not intoned until at least mid-January; people aren't even considering living arrangements for next year until after the fall semester is over. However, this year the rental season is kicking in early, so it's not too late to offer some suggestions that can help you make sound, educated decisions.

1. Relax. It's way early. You've got papers and projects due, and exams are looming. Take your time and shop around. Guess who has all the bargaining power this early in the season? If you guessed the tenant and not the landlord, try again.

Besides, what would you think of a landlord who starts advertising your apartment and pressuring you to decide whether to renew your lease in November? Put yourself in the place of these tenants and imagine how you'd feel.

Also, unless you're considering living alone, signing a lease means rustling up some roommates to join you in the deal. There are always risks in this, but at such an early date, those are increased. First, by the time Aug. 15, 1995, gets here, you might all hate each other. Second, some of them might have flunked out, gotten married, dropped out, transferred, etc. It's just too early for people to be able to make sound commitments involving thousands of dollars lasting until Aug. 15, 1996.

2. Buildings not yet built. In case you missed it, numerous students signed leases for the current academic year to rent buildings not in existence at the time they signed. Not a problem in itself; however, when the buildings still weren't ready when the tenants arrived with their belongings to move in, that was a problem. Do not make this mistake yourself. If the building isn't built and ready for occupancy when you go to sign the lease, look elsewhere.

3. Be aware that Urbana has a new ordinance outlining landlord-tenant relations, which offers some additional protection to tenants than they otherwise get, such as certain protections of privacy. If these things are important to you, but you're planning to rent in Champaign or out in the county, be sure they're in your lease in writing.

4. Get it in writing. Regardless of what you might have heard, there is no such thing as a "standard lease." It is important to understand this, because your lease is what defines your relationship with your landlord. If you want new furniture (or any furniture, for that matter), it must be written in your lease. Verbal promises are simply not enforceable. Make sure that any items added to your lease or terms deleted from it are all initialed by both you and your

landlord. It doesn't do any good to write amendments all over the margins if your landlord hasn't indicated by signing alongside them that he/she agrees to these changes.

5. Amenities. Frequently, leases will refer to "extras," such as parking spaces, who pays for what utilities, grounds maintenance, care of appliances and furniture and other items. These might be especially common in the case of large rental houses, although they can appear in any lease. While they are mentioned, rarely are they well defined. For example, parking spaces are sometimes offered but not specifically allocated to a particular vehicle or rental unit. Surprise towing can be the result. In the case of utility bills, if they are your responsibility, it's worth knowing what they're likely to be. This early in the year it's impossible to go to the current tenants in a unit you're checking out to see how high they can get—it just isn't cold enough. But this is the kind of research you need to do to avoid unpleasant surprises. If amenities are mentioned, make them specific and in writing.

6. Summer sublet / fall option. Some companies offer this. You sign a lease that begins in May and runs through August of the following year. What? you say—that sounds like a 15-month lease. Congratulations—you are correct. Of course, the promise is that for the following summer, someone will pick up the lease for you and let you off the hook for those last three months. Unfortunately, if they can't find someone as gullible as you, you're stuck. Just remember, this is a 15-month lease and any other representation cannot be relied upon.

7. Never put money down to "reserve" an apartment or house. The only money you should put down is when you actually sign the lease. If you pay money to reserve some property, you might as well consider it a donation to the landlord.

8. Signing a lease. Once you've done this, it's too late to do anything else but prepare to move in on opening day and start paying rent. Your signature on that paper commits you to its terms, regardless of what happens afterward. Therefore, do not sign first and ask questions later. Get a sample lease from your prospective landlord and take it to the Tenant Union for review before you commit yourself. Leases cannot be broken; they are binding contracts.

Take your time in looking to rent an apartment or house. It's a big decision involving thousands of dollars. Give it the thought, care and attention it deserves.

Forum submitted by Susan Hesse, attorney at law, Student Legal Service

Forum

Take steps to avoid deposit problems

Finals are fast approaching. The last thing you want to worry about while you pull all-nighters and daylong cram sessions and approach an anxiety level that could lead to commitment to a mental institution is your security deposit on your apartment. Clip this article out of the paper and post it on your refrigerator for post-exam perusal and pre-move out examination if you really can't bear to think of one more thing.

The experience of Student Legal Service regarding damage deposits teaches a series of valuable lessons that can save you cash and legal hassles.

1. Tenants who filled out check-in sheets (retaining a copy for their own records) and who fill out check-out sheets are the least likely candidates to have their deposits ripped off. If you didn't fill out a check-in sheet, you can still note in writing pre-existing conditions if you have independent witnesses who can establish that the condition existed at the inception of the lease.

2. Reread your entire lease before you leave for the summer. Often there are hidden costs and fees which the landlord will exorbitantly deduct from your deposit. To the extent possible, prepay those charges.

3. Take photographs of your apartment. This is excellent proof for you should the landlord say you "trashed" the place. Photographs coupled with a check-out sheet are nearly always enough to dissuade the unscrupulous landlord from making unwarranted deductions.

4. Spruce up the joint! Paint fades, carpets gets worn; these things are normal wear and tear, and nothing can be done about them. Yes, there are indeed unethical landlords who deduct for what is legally normal wear and tear. These folks give good landlords a bad name and should be dragged into court, if not jail, for their thievery. With the vast majority of landlords, you as a tenant can prevent this type of theft by cleaning the door jams and window sills. Scrub the stove, oven, cupboards and kitchen as if your mother were coming to inspect. Bathrooms are a particular fetish for landlords out to rip off your deposit. Clean the soap scum in the shower, tub and sink. Sanitize the toilet. The most common deductions we see at Student Legal Service arise out of bathrooms and kitchens. Concentrate your efforts in these areas and document your work.

5. If you have not sublet the unit to another tenant for the summer, make sure that you turn off the phone, etc., and return all

keys to the landlord. Most of you remain liable for summer rent if you did not sublet. If you did sublet, it is equally imperative to take these steps, especially making sure that utilities do not remain in your name and that you pay your portion of summer rent.

6. Arrange a final walk through with the landlord before you depart so any minor deficiency can easily be corrected. If the landlord or his or her agent finds nothing wrong in the unit, note this in writing along with the date. If the landlord will not cooperate, have an independent witness inspect and verify the condition of the unit in writing.

7. Make sure you leave a forwarding address with the property management company. Problems can arise with your subtenants that require your intervention, but most importantly the landlord needs to know where to send your refund check in October. A significant number of tenants don't receive timely refunds because few landlords will strain themselves to locate former tenants. The law in absence of a proper address permits the landlords to send the refund to your last known address (your present unit) where it might be returned as undeliverable if you did not file a forwarding address with the post office. With this attempt satisfied, the landlord is under no further obligation to make further efforts to return your hard-earned money.

8. Following these steps is likely to produce a prompt and full return of your deposit. The effort in total is likely to take less than two hours of your time—an effort well worth undertaking given the amount of money and the meager budgets upon which most tenants survive. Do not withhold the last month's rent in lieu of the security deposit without consulting the Tenant Union or Student Legal Service. This practice is rarely if ever justified and only buys you a lawsuit along with a marred credit history.

Good luck on your exams. Please remember to tack this article to your refrigerator. If you leave it there after you move out, one of two things will likely happen. Your landlord might see that you have been diligent in preparing to leave and credit you properly. Then again, they might charge you to remove it from your refrigerator door.

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'Zero Tolerance' law doesn't look out for University students

The approach of New Years is a time for celebration, revelry and all too often intoxication! For many it is also a time for reflections and resolutions, which are usually broken within hours of the clock striking 12. As a Student Legal Service attorney reflecting upon the past year, the one issue that seems to predominate much of the office caseload relates to alcohol and alcohol abuse.

Students arrived on campus this fall to a new alcohol landscape. The City of Champaign massively increased fines for underage consumption/possession. Those drinking who are 19 to 20 now mandatory minimum fines of \$250, those below 19 were pinched for \$500 contributions. Student Legal Service provided information on this new fine structure to every residence hall mailbox on campus. We also received tremendous assistance from fraternities and sororities in getting the word out. Despite the effort, numerous students were still busted and are now expending time doing community service or expanding the coffers of the City of Champaign. The Student Legal Service staff believes that without this educational effort, far more students would be paying fines instead of rent or tuition.

Over the years and during the past year in particular, we have seen the approach to underage drinking become more and more punitive toward young adults. Enforcement against those purveying alcohol to the underage is at most rather benign.

A punitive approach can work where the law involves preventing or punishing a behavior that is wrong in and of itself. Such laws coincide and reinforce community and general human values. They usually enjoy intuitive respect even by their transgressors. Forbidding alcohol consumption for legal adults who happen to be under the age of 21 does not enjoy intrinsic or instinctual respect by those affect by the law, but perhaps more importantly a large percentage of those who are not impacted by the rules regard them as an exercise in futility and moral hypocrisy. It is not surprising then that surveys consistently show that 90 percent of underage students routinely violate alcohol laws. The punitive approach of current law makes alcohol the forbidden fruit, which leads to abuse, binge drinking and even violence. The current approach, because it enacts a flat prohibition, ignores the necessity of teaching responsible drinking. At 21 one may lawfully consume alcohol as if responsibility magi-

cally descended with this chronological age. The social costs of the current approach are usually discussed in terms of the costs of enforcement, DUI statistics and carnage which in turn encourages policy makers to enact even more stringent measures rather than reevaluating the underlying premise that a fixed drinking age of 21 is socially responsible or even rational. One of the most dangerous affects of the current enforcement approach is that it produces a contempt by young adults of drinking laws, but what is more frightening is that this law breaking has a general tendency to create a disrespect for law and community norms in general by those affected by its enforcement. Law and how one deals with it becomes simply another choice on the relativist yardstick of values.

The preceding caveat aside, it is imperative that students realize that on Jan. 1, 1995, yet another set of punitive alcohol rules take effect. The new law is commonly known as 'Zero Tolerance.' Any person driving a vehicle who has consumed any amount of alcohol whatsoever and happens to be under the age of 21 will lose their driving privileges for three months. A second offense results in a license loss of one year. Students should be aware of the fact that this is not a law against drunk driving, per se. Under Illinois DUI laws one is presumed to be under the influence of alcohol with a blood alcohol content of .16; under zero tolerance a blood alcohol content of .01 would be sufficient to suspend privileges. Zero Tolerance has little to do with protecting the facile claims of some of its supporters. Zero Tolerance is simply a highly punitive mechanism designed to force adherence to drinking age rules where every thing else has been a complete failure. The experiences of other states which have enacted similar measures does not bode well for the notion that Zero Tolerance in Illinois will significantly deter underage alcohol consumption among underage legal adults. Zero Tolerance will, however, be very rigorously enforced in campus-town communities. The University may receive uniquely strong enforcement efforts because the bar entry age is 19 and those students leaving bars and driving home become virtual sitting ducks for Zero Tolerance patrols.

Privately, many attorneys joke that the law will inevitably create the "I was on Nyquil" defense by those caught. Some have humorously stated that students should keep a partially used bottle of over the counter cough medicine in their vehicles at all times so that the 'Nyquil' defense can be asserted. Many legitimate medications do contain alcohol so the law does seem to permit this defense. In the absence of a prescription, I have serious doubts about the efficacy of such a defense. Secondly, the odor of beer is difficult to confuse with the odor of most over the counter medications containing alcohol. Keep in mind that that under Zero Tolerance if you are under 21 and stopped for any traffic infraction, an officer will be a probable cause to require a breath test if you have even the slightest smell of alcohol on your breath or any other indication of alcohol consumption.

Zero Tolerance is an approach which is guaranteed by its very design to produce routine enforcement abuse. Individual civil liberties was the last thing its drafters had in mind when the law was enacted. Legal adults who happen to be under the legal drinking age have only two choices: either become complete teetotalers or not drive a vehicle within 24 hours of having consumed any alcohol whatsoever. Making one of these choices may just help you reach the sacred age of 21.

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Letters

Spring break travellers should beware of laws

The winter getting you down? Back on campus just a few short days, and you're already counting the days until spring break? In case you haven't already marked your calendar—Spring Break begins at 1 p.m. on March 11 and ends on March 19. The surest sign that one needs a break is in February when you find yourself staring at the dish of hard candy left over from Christmas, sent as a care package from some dear old aunt, which nobody in your apartment, fraternity or sorority is even tempted to eat. South Padre Island, Fort Lauderdale or Daytona Beach begin to permeate your dreams—sun, sex and sea. Going to a tanning booth is simply no substitute.

Everyone you know is looking for an escape. You peruse the DI for spring break ads, all of which sound too good to be true. Many of your friends have already made arrangements to pile into a VW and head south, catch-as-catch-can the minute class ends on March 10. Others have bought packages they discovered on Quad kiosks. You just don't quite know what to do, but you know you don't want to spend a week with Mom and Dad; winter break was quite enough. Trust me, as a parent we are not always waiting with bated breath for your return home; your old room after all makes a rather nice den, and doing your accumulated laundry after all these years has lost its magic. Mom and Dad might actually throw in a few hundred bucks to ensure that you go to sunny Florida. It's worth a shot!

If you have not already finalized your spring break travel plans, here are a few tips that might assist you in your decision:

1. *It will always cost you more than you thought.* The spring break package says that the total cost for hotel / motel, travel, etc. will be \$350 for six glorious days and nights. What the package didn't disclose is that you will be required to pay a hotel / motel damage deposit of \$75 on check-in. If you think Champaign-Urbana landlords have the ethics of wasels, you have yet to encounter the bee constrictors who run spring break packages; they will squeeze every penny from your pocket if you're not careful. Before you purchase the package, make sure you know the name of the hotel / motel and whether it charges a non-refundable damage deposit.

Spending money is always a necessity even if the beer is free; the human body requires somewhat more substantial nutrients. If you don't believe me, just ask your friends who happen to be scientifically inclined.

2. *The means of travel are rarely quite what you expected.* If you are heading south by auto with friends, then you already know that it will be a cramped joyride filled with locker-room odors, an engine with distemper and bawdy discussions of spring break fantasies. This might be half the fun of the break, maybe all the fun if the car breaks down outside Effingham, or you all have to pony up bond money to the big-bellied sheriff in Tennessee who "can't cotton to you Yankee youngsters driving 90 in a 65 zone."

If you buy a package deal, carefully check out the mode of transportation (usually a bus ride). In order to maximize profits, the wayward bus might take you to numerous Midwest cow colleges, even behind the cornhusker curtain into the deep and impenetrable province of Iowa, to hoist aboard their passengers for Padre. If a 12-hour bus ride before you even begin to head south is not your idea of fun, then you should make sure

that these sidetrips are not included in your transportation package. Beware of friends promoting break packages on commission; rarely do they have the whole story. These businesses, unlike travel agencies, rely on one-time volume, not satisfied repeat customers.

3. *Is this really where I'm gonna sleep?* So it's not the Ramada, but you really did expect more than one bed for six guys. You are not homophobic (maybe you are); you merely are a person who needs at least four hours of relaxing sleep each night, even during spring break. It is illegal to sleep on the beach, and the palmetto bugs see you as a juicy treat should you dare to sleep on the floor. You have no luck in finding a member of the opposite sex willing to share bed and blanket. The bathtub inevitably will be occupied by one of your passed-out entourage. Who needs to sleep anyway?

Before you leave Champaign-Urbana, and most importantly, before you sign the Spring Break Contract, make sure the room accommodations are thoroughly spelled out: number of beds, deposits, rules regarding arriving on time. (Yes, such rules exist. If your group doesn't arrive within X number of hours of the scheduled time, management reserves the right to rent the rooms to others on a first-come, first-serve basis.)

4. *They can't do this—like, man, it's Spring Break!* Cannabis in all its forms is illegal in the United States, despite the sentiments of Joycelyn Elders. In some spring break locales, possession of marijuana is a felony, not a relatively minor misdemeanor as in Illinois. Taking your stash with you across state lines is potentially a federal crime. Yes, I know that all of your friends say the cops in Florida and Texas ignore drug laws during break, but the calls from students in jail to Student Legal Service during break convinces me that very few Southern constables could ever be accused of being flaming ultra-liberals. Even a minor marijuana conviction can result in the loss of all federal student financial aid. Unlike under President Bush, the allegedly liberal Clinton Administration has a strong tendency to actually enforce this federal act.

The grapevine is accurate with regards to lax enforcement of alcohol laws where the issue is simply underage consumption or public intoxication; however, the laws against driving while intoxicated are rigorously enforced, as many U of I students have discovered in past years. No, Student Legal Services will not fly to Texas to defend you, although we too might enjoy a break; we have not been admitted to the Texas Bar, and after a meticulous survey of the staff, it has been discovered that none of the three attorneys owns a pair of cowboy boots, and this writer would be particularly implausible saying "Y'all" with his nasal northern accent. It is best to stick with walking under the influence of alcohol if your throat must be quenched with something stronger than soda pop or Kool-Aid.

Treat your spring break purchase like you would any major expenditure: Shop around, ask detailed questions, get all promises in writing from the promoter / operator who has a bona fide address, not just a post office box. This spring break still might not be perfect, but it won't be because you were hoodwinked.

Forum submitted by Thomas L. Betz, director of Student Legal Service.

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PERSPECTIVE

Street harassment threatens women's self respect

Many people have had it happen to them, but what can be done about it?

BY MICHELLE COLLINS AND NIKI ZIEGLER

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11:45 p.m., July 5. Three college women are walking along the 100 block of East Daniel Street when four or five men drive by in a car, slow down nearly to a stop and shout, "Do you ladies need a ride somewhere?" None of the women know the men in the car, and although the men do not explicitly physically threaten the women, the incident is intimidating.

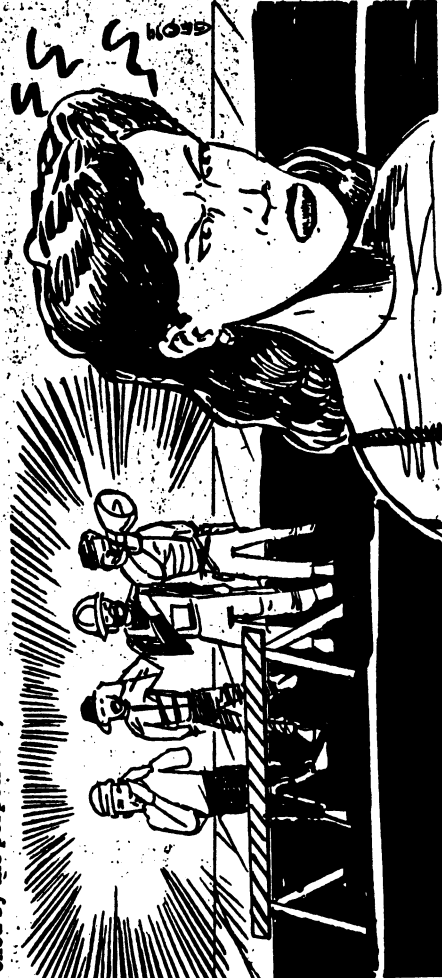
11 p.m., July 8. Two college women are walking along the 500 block of East Green Street when a car of men honk at the women. Less than two minutes later another carload of men goes by, whistling and making cat calls at the women.

Incidents like these are such a common occurrence in the campus area that some students said they have learned to expect and ignore them.

But others say street harassment, whether it involves one man or a group of men making comments toward one or more women, or one or more women making comments toward men, can be embarrassing and even intimidating for those who are the object of the attention. And very little can be done legally by those who fall victim to obnoxious or crude

comments.

According to Susan Hesse, an attorney for Student Legal Services, laws that would protect individuals from this type of behavior developed by states or municipalities generally have been struck down under the protection of the First Amendment. The only time legal action can be taken against a street harasser is when the victim is physically threatened by the perpetrator, Hesse said.



If the incident is threatening, said Dean of Students William Riley, the victim can report it either to the University or to local authorities. If the victim can identify the vehicle or residence involved in the incident, the University can and has in the past followed up on the incident. Riley reiterated that nothing can be done if someone merely makes an obscene comment toward someone else.

"Most of the time it's people being obnox-

ious or being rude or crude," Riley said.

And although street harassment is not a crime, an incident can embarrass an individual or leave them feeling threatened. But most students have some idea of what is playful and acceptable and what is beyond bounds and threatening.

"You have to be careful what you say," said Brian Ortiz, junior in commerce. He added that generally making comments about a wom-

threatened, but the way society is, she's going to be," Ortiz said.

Sam Mehta, senior in LAS, agreed that what a woman is wearing can make a difference to potential harassers. "People who are wearing a body suit or something like that generally are attracting attention to themselves, so I think it's more of an attention thing. I don't think it's justified," Mehta said. And even though most complaints of street harassment involve a male pointing comments toward a female, men can also be the victims of street harassment.

Andrew Porter, junior in FAA, said he's been walking down the street and had comments by women aimed at him. "I've had girls play around with me, too," Porter said.

But the three men all agreed that harassing comments aimed toward men aren't as threatening as those aimed at women.

"It's a different thing for a girl just because of rape and everything like that," Mehta said. "Guys don't think about getting jumped by five or six girls walking down the street. It just doesn't happen," Ortiz said.

Some women said although they don't consider most incidents of street harassment threatening, they do consider them an annoyance.

"It's never gotten to the point for me that I've been afraid," said Jen Haughey, a May University graduate. "I usually yell back," she added.

Another graduate, Teri Shaw, said that street harassment is so common that women learn to ignore it. "You deal with it. It happens everywhere," she said.

Know your rights as a tenant

By Kelly McEvers

Returning to campus often means a new apartment or some other rental unit. But renting can be a nightmare if you don't know your rights as a tenant.

Whether it's your first or your fifth apartment, it's important to know the facts. Local tenant rights expert and Champaign-Urbana Tenant Union Director Esther Patt offered some useful tips for renting in Champaign.

What everyone should do, she said, is fill out a comprehensive inventory form on move-in day. This is to ensure that landlords don't deduct from security deposits for damages that were already there.

"When you move in, make up a checklist of everything that is in need of repair or missing," she said. She added that the tenant should mail the landlord a copy and keep one for his or herself.

Losing an unfair portion of the security deposit is a common problem for tenants in the area. Tom Betz, staff attorney for Student Legal Service, said tenants should be very careful to document every action with landlords, including phone calls.

"If it comes down to a situation where you will have to sue, you will be equipped," he said.

But he added that most landlords are cooperative once a tenant has given them a documented complaint. "Give them two weeks; most landlords are cooperative," he said.

Patt recommended that tenants get the inventory sheet notarized, which can be done at the Tenant Union, 326 Illini Union.

Another common problem this time of year for renters is security deposit return from the previous year.

"Most tenants will be getting their checks back sometime in mid-September," Patt said. She said if the tenant has any dispute with the amount of the return, he or she should not cash the check. "This could be construed as an acceptance of settlement," she said.

Betz agreed. "Don't cash that check. Landlords often try to get away with what we call making a 12-month lease a 13-month lease," he said.

He added that the best thing for tenants to remember is that they can fight a landlord, if needed. "Don't be afraid to squawk," he said.

ILLINOIS AID Maria Ryan D. 1st who represents a largely student-populated

the Urbana City Council passed a new tenant ordinance that strengthens an already strong set of protections.

Ryan's main concern for Urbana tenants is privacy. "We just can't have landlords waltzing in and out (of a rental unit) any time they want," unless the unit is in need of repair and the landlord has notified the tenant he or she is coming, she said.

For protecting against security deposit problems, the Urbana ordinance says the landlord must provide receipts for actual expenses incurred in cleaning or fixing the rental unit.

Other provisions include:

- A five percent cap on late fee charges, and the landlord must specify what the late fees are in the lease.
- The landlord can not refuse a potential sublet agreement for an arbitrary reason, and the tenants can not be charged a sublet fee that exceeds the actual costs to the landlord for advertising and other expenses.
- The tenant must receive the landlord's address, name and telephone number.

Tenants may repair and deduct up to two months rent.

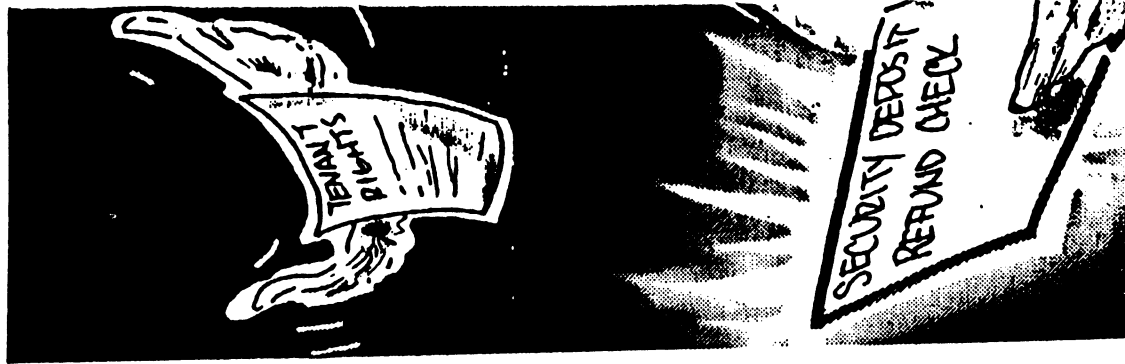
This ordinance applies to tenants who signed their leases after April 1, 1994 for Urbana residences, Ryan said.

While Urbana has strong tenant protections, Champaign has virtually none. The repair-and-deduct ordinance that is unique to Urbana—and allows tenants to deduct repairs and improvements from their rent—continually fails in Champaign.

"Most of the protections that Champaign dwellers have come from Illinois law," Betz said.

Figuring out the different ordinances might be a little complicated, but Patt said the Tenant Union will have its new 32-page handbook ready by the time students come back. "It's got everything that students need to know about renting," she said.

Betz said students have to be aggressive about their rights as tenants. "Tenants have the basic right to live in a habitable unit, and have all of the things they need. If not, it is a breach of contract and we (Student Legal Service) provide them an opportunity to rectify that breach," he said.



Steeper fines await underage tipplers in Champaign

By STEVE BAUER

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CHAMPAIGN — New, steeper fines for underage drinking in Champaign should have a sobering effect on the practice in Champaign taverns, according to two upperclassmen at the University of Illinois.

"It's \$250 minimum for a first offense — \$500 if you're 18 or under," said Heather Bordner, a 20-year-old resident adviser at the Urbana-Evans residence halls. "With that much of a fine, I don't think (students) would want to risk it."

The minimum fines for underage drinking — up from \$100 or so last year — are just part of the changes in Champaign's liquor laws, most of which went into effect Aug. 1. People caught serving liquor to an underage drinker will so face higher fines. And police are promising stepped-up enforcement measures.

Saigda Acharya, another resident adviser at Bussey-Evans,

Champaign's liquor laws

Here's a summary of Champaign's liquor laws, including changes made over the summer:

- You must be 21 or older to buy or possess alcohol.
- You must be at least 19 to enter a bar.
- \$250 fine for 18- and 20-year-olds caught drinking.
- \$500 fine for those 18 and younger caught drinking.
- \$500 fine for selling alcohol to 18- and 20-year-olds.
- \$250 fine for selling alcohol to those 18 and younger.
- \$250 fine for using false identification.
- \$250 or \$500 fine (depending on age) for knowingly allowing an underage person to use a motel or host room, a home or apartment, a fraternity or sorority to consume alcohol.
- \$145 fine for bar employees drinking on duty.
- Package liquor cannot be sold after midnight.

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thinks the changes will mostly discourage freshmen and new students from trying to buy liquor fines and ordinances last Wednesday and are passing on them already have bad habits, they may continue," said Acharya, who's 21.

Resident advisers — upperclass- distributing fliers and brochures, men who live in dorms and counsel younger students — were briefed on the new Champaign liquor laws and ordinances last Wednesday and are passing on the information to dormitory residents, Acharya said.

informing returning students about the higher fines.

A blue flier invites students to Champaign's latest fund-raiser, warning them that anyone under age 21 caught drinking at a local bar or private party risks "a minimum, mandatory contribution (fine) of \$250 to the City Treasury."

The flier also notes that students caught using a fake ID will be fined \$250. It continues its advice from previous years, telling underage students who are caught drinking that they should present only valid identification to police.

It advises students that "police may not lawfully search (you) for a false ID. It is better to be charged with underage drinking than false ID."

Sororities and fraternities and other organizations also are distributing information about the changes in Champaign's liquor laws, according to William Riley, UI dean of students and chairman



ACHARYA

Champaign liquor license-holders Wednesday afternoon.

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The Champaign City Council and its Liquor Advisory Commission for months debated raising Champaign's bar entry age from

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In the end, council members left the entry age unchanged but raised fines for breaking liquor laws and instituted stricter rules for servers.

McCollum also pledged more rigorous and regular enforcement of liquor laws — something critics contend has been lacking. That enforcement will come through covert checks and uniformed officer checks.

IN COVERT CHECKS, uniformed police officers watch as volunteer minors try to buy or get served alcohol. In some cases, officers will use volunteers who are only 17 or 18 to see if they can get into the bars.

The other enforcement measure involves uniformed officers walking through bars, checking for underage drinkers.

Public safety is the reason for the enforcement, McCollum said. "The reputation of the city is at stake. The reputation of the University of Illinois is at stake. The very lives of its citizens are at stake," McCollum said. "These are very, very high stakes."

Urbana Acting Police Chief Charles Gordon said Champaign has had no noticeable effect on



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Jennifer Toney conducts a class in liquor-serving week. People caught serving liquor to underage drinkers face higher fines in Champaign.

Last year, the fine for underage drinking violations was \$95. The chances of getting caught were small and the fine was small enough that many students accepted it. "If the fine really is to be effective, it has to be high," said Toney.

Thomas Betz, the staff attorney for UI Student Legal Services, said the new fines are a "deterrent" to underage drinking. "If the fine really is to be effective, it has to be high," he said.

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of the Champaign Liquor Advisory Commission.

"Increased fines and increased enforcement will be a deterrent," Riley said. "The changes will be discussed at a meeting of all Champaign liquor license-holders Wednesday afternoon."

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pect on the city treasury too," Betz said. "My own estimate is that there is anywhere from 70 to 80 percent of the people in campus bars who are underage. No one is going into these bars just to buy french fries."

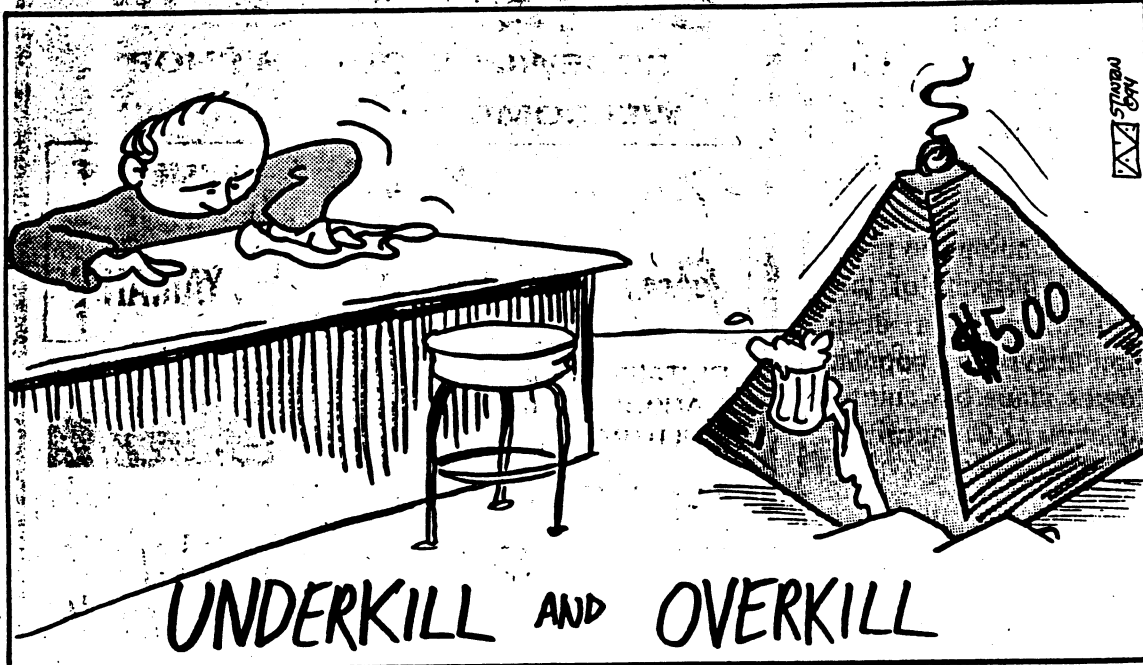
ON ANY GIVEN night a patrol officer could probably catch 20 minors in a Campustown bar, Betz said. That's at least \$5,000 from student fines alone, not counting fines that may be assessed bartenders or liquor license-holders.

Student Legal Services also is advising students planning a party to obtain a keg permit (a K license) in Champaign, since unlicensed kegs carry a fine of \$30 for each person listed on a home's lease.

Riley noted that Champaign also has increased its fines for adults who allow liquor to be consumed in their homes. "Another big change for bar enforcement will be at the

of several taverns, including Franky's, agrees. "I think that this (ordinance revision) really is more fair," he said. "In the past, the liability fell only on the licensee."

Meyer, who has made serving training mandatory for all his employees this year, said the biggest change will be seeing that each staff member has a badge on at a time.

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Editorials

Everybody should pay

It's too bad half the student population leaves town in the summer, because the most interesting government action happens when they're gone.

By May, it had generally been agreed that even though underage drinking is rampant on campus and among town teens, it was still better to keep the bar entrance age in Champaign at 19. The theory—keep the underage drinkers, who are going to find a way around the law anyway, in a somewhat supervised atmosphere, within walking distance of their residences. Among underage drinking, date rape and drunk driving, the city chose the least of alcohol-related evils.

But the council decided they couldn't leave well enough alone. While students were away, the Champaign City Council raised the fine for possession of alcohol for 19- and 20-year-olds from \$95 to \$250, \$500 for those 18 and under.

But what will be done about the other players in the hide-and-seek game between police and campus tipplers?

The actual server who delivers the drink to the minor is now facing not a \$145 fine but \$500. His or her employer, however, will not be charged a dime. The city might, possibly, send the bar a letter of reprimand.

The city certainly should make a good-faith effort to enforce the state drinking laws. Yes, even in Champaign, it is still illegal for those

under 21 to drink.

However, that effort should hit all players equally hard, and in scale to the true nature of their infractions. As Student Legal Service lawyers pointed out, the city only imposes a mandatory minimum fine of \$155 for assault and battery. Wallet-wise, it's cheaper to find a human punching bag for entertainment than to do a tour of world beers.

And you can bet your last Killian's that if the bars were fined \$500 or even \$1,000 for each underage patron served with a notice to appear in court, they would find a way to stop the lawbreaking. Underage drinking is big business in Champaign, and don't think that the owners on the liquor commission don't watch out for their bottom line.

Finally, the \$250,000 that the city might end up reaping from the new fines should go directly to prevention of alcohol abuse and enforcement of the liquor laws—period. If the city used the fines for some other concerns, we might start thinking the city is not so much committed to curbing underage drinking as to making money off returning students.

All this behind-the-scenes action might seem grossly unfair to the newly returned and underage students who argued so hard against raising the bar entrance age. Of course, there's a simple solution for them—stop drinking in Champaign bars.

Council raises fines for underage drinking

BY WILL LEITCH
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Students returning to Champaign this week will soon be made aware of an important ordinance passed by the Champaign City Council this summer.

While You Were Away

The Champaign Liquor Advisory Commission gave the council some suggestions to help control underage drinking, which were then passed despite some questions about their effectiveness.

The new ordinance attempts to curb underage drinking mainly by raising fines. The program caused liquor law infractions to decrease by 20 percent.

One section of the program included raising the fine for possession for those under 18

from \$145 to \$500 and for those 19 and 20 from \$95 to \$250. It also entailed raising the fine for using a fake ID from \$145 to \$250 or 25 hours of public service work. Those who allow underage drinking at their residence also were targeted by the plan, as the official state code of a \$500 fine was adopted.

Liquor servers also felt the punch, as they saw the fine for service to minors 18 and under skyrocket from \$145 to \$500.

In another act to decrease availability of alcohol to minors, the council set up the "Cops in Shops" program, where plainclothes police officers lurk in liquor stores to help employees in dealing with fake IDs. An officer will look at an ID deemed suspicious by a clerk, and then he or she can arrest the person right there if the ID is indeed falsified.

Despite the success of such steps taken in other cities, a few people have speculated on the effectiveness of higher fines.

"I just don't think there will be that many more arrests," Council Member Ed Ryan, at large, said. "I think the initial arrests will be more noticeable, but I don't think there will be a whole lot more fines."

Thomas Betz, attorney for Student Legal Service, also questioned the program's potency. "I don't think (the council's program) will stop the kids," Betz said. "This is just a case of (the council) trying to scare the students."

Betz also had a difficulty with the "Cops in Shops" program.

"We (Champaign) just don't have the police manpower to start using more patrol like they'd like to," he said. "This is something that will kick in for a few months, just in time for election time, but they won't be able to keep it up for any longer."

"It's a temporary thing at best, the same garbage that we always get."

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Champaign County voters to decide fate of proposed new jail in November

packed like sardines: 10 million would believe overcrowding

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Voters will decide in the November elections whether or not to allow the county to sell \$10.06 million in bonds to fund construction of a new jail and to fix up the old one.

"What the taxpayers tell us is what we'll end up doing," said Francis Barker, chairperson of the Budget and Finance Committee of the Champaign County Board.

Barker explained that the County Board would raise county real estate taxes to pay for the bonds. In July the board approved the referendum for the November ballot.

Last Wednesday, a committee was set up by a bipartisan caucus to raise between \$1,500 and \$3,000 to print brochures about the referen-

dum and distribute them throughout the county. Champaign County Sheriff David Madigan will head up the nine-person committee.

The current Champaign County Correctional Center was constructed in 1980 with 72 beds and a capacity of 55 prisoners. Several years later, the installation of bunk beds brought the total number of beds to 130. The current capacity is 110.

Madigan said because there is currently a need to house about 170 prisoners, many are sent to facilities

in other counties. This year, this will cost the county about \$500,000.

Madigan said the \$10.06 million would be used to improve the existing facility and to construct a satellite facility on East Main Street in Urbana. Madigan said he is aiming for 242 beds in both facilities. Barker said the site of the new facility is already owned by the county.

If the voters approve the referendum this fall, the new jail could be opened by early 1996, he said.

"I've talked to a lot of people,"

said Madigan. "(There's) really not a negative attitude (toward the idea)," Madigan said people are well aware of the need and he estimates very few oppose the idea of a new jail.

But Tom Betz, an Urbana attorney, opposes the construction of the new facility. Betz said there are better ways to solve overcrowding.

Betz said more money for the court system, and better use of programs designed to keep minor, first-time offenders out of prime jail space would be a good place to start.

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City plans to continue raids

Underage drinkers beware: 24 citations just the beginning

BY MIKE CETERA
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A local attorney has a message for University students under age 21: expect the uninformed bar checks that already have resulted in 24 citations for underage drinking to continue.

"We can expect this every single day," said Tom Betz, Student Legal Service attorney.

Betz said these 24 citations, if uncontested, will result in a minimum \$5,750 from fines, as much as all of one semester last year. He also said each 19- or 20-year-old drinker will be fined a minimum of \$250 while those that are 18-years-old face a minimum fine of \$500.

Betz complained that the fines were too

stiff for the students.

"The students of this campus are not made of gold," Betz said.

Champaign Mayor Dannel McColllum said, "I would rather see students out \$500 and alive than the other way around."

Sgt. Michael Cook of Champaign's liquor control enforcement, said there is nothing unusual about conducting bar checks at the beginning of the year. He added that his unit planned to "hit heavy and back off."

"If students choose to drink, they are at some risk," McColllum said.

"The risk is almost sure-fire," Betz said.

According to Betz, much of the clientele of local bars are underage drinkers.

Some are in an uproar, however, because none of the servers or bar owners have been issued citations during the sweeps.

"They (bar owners) are actually committing the offense," Betz said, adding that he believes no one will fine the bar owners.

Cook said just because the owner isn't

charged at the time of the incidents doesn't mean charges won't be filed in the future.

"They are still held accountable," Cook said. He added that employees might slide by because it is very hard to prove who served the alcohol.

"If the person who served is identified (he or she) will be fined," Cook said.

McColllum, also the liquor commissioner, disagrees with holding the bar owners responsible for underage drinkers who get past the door with a fake ID.

"How can I hold a licensee responsible for a well forged document?" McColllum said.

"These people were over 19... They didn't need to use fake IDs," Betz said. No arrests have been made for possession of a fake ID, he said.

McColllum is, however, trying to crack down on the bar owners by using underage people for covert checks.

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"I'm demanding no deception in this," McColllum said. He stated that these undercover people would present regular IDs in an attempt to be served.

McColllum said the data from

these undercover operations would be available sometime in October.

"I hope his covert operation works. I haven't seen any bars fined," Betz said.

Underage party-goers should also be aware of the risks they take if they drink.

"Parties outside of bars; this weekend should be damn careful," Betz said. He added that off-cam-

pus parties can be much more expensive than bars.

Betz said at parties the host, if over 21, can be held responsible for all the underage drinkers attending the party and face a minimum fine of \$250 for each underage drinker present at the party. In addition, each underage drinker will also be fined accordingly.

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SORF refund equals end of free student legal help

BY COURTNEY CHALLOS
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Students considering getting a refund for the Student Organization Resource Fee may want to think twice, according to the Student Legal Service Advisory Board.

The Student Legal Service Advisory Board for 1994-1995, which was appointed last month, oversees the quality and content of the legal counseling and advice which Student Legal Services provides for University students.

But if students get the refund for the \$5 SORF fee, they are no longer eligible for help from Student Legal Services.

"Many students don't realize that when they refund their SORF fees, they are opting out of the program," Champaign County attorney Edward Rawles said.

Students will often try to reinstate their SORF fee after they have gotten into legal trouble, Rawles said. "This is like buying insurance once your house has burned down," he said.

The board will not make an exception for anyone because then it would have to allow every student to be able to repay the refund in order to obtain legal counseling, Rawles said.

The SORF fee funds the Tenant Union and Registered Student Organizations as well as the Student Legal Service.

Students can obtain the refund the first two weeks of the semester at the post-registration center.

The board consists of one Champaign County attorney, three faculty and staff members and three students.

Student board member Bill Orkin, junior in commerce, said interested students can apply through the Student Government Association and must then be appointed to a position by the vice chancellor for student affairs.

The board oversees many activities conducted by Student Legal Service.

Student member Dawn DeJule, senior in commerce, said, "There are brochures available for students regarding almost any legal service."

Lawyers on the board can also be contacted in order to give presentations to sororities, fraternities, residence halls or other groups on such topics as underage drinking and false identification fines, DeJule said.

According to last year's Student Legal Service Annual Report, the majority of the board's clients had problems with housing and traffic.

However, the Board handles a variety of cases ranging from copyright to paternity problems, according to the report.

If you are a student seeking legal counseling you can stop by 324 Illini Union during office hours to talk directly with a lawyer, Orkin said.

Easy availability of credit ensnares some on campus

■ Access to plastic seen as producing surge in student debt

By DOROTHY PUCH
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URBANA — It's so easy for students to get a credit card — or five — at the University of Illinois, yet so hard to pay them off.

Just ask UI graduate Marcus Kusmierz. He charged up a debt of almost \$35,000 before he graduated in August 1993.

Although he has managed to pay some of the debt off, much of it is still accumulating interest month after month.

"It just got overwhelming," Kusmierz said last week from his grandmother's home in Midlothian.

Kusmierz says he used his cards for everything and anything — tuition, books, trips, food and cash advances.

He says he no longer uses credit cards, but admits he will probably be paying off

the debt from his college years "forever" and will never have a decent credit rating.

Kusmierz isn't the first and undoubtedly won't be the last UI student to run into major trouble with credit cards.

Thomas Betz, an attorney for the Student Legal Service at the UI, says he gets weekly visits from students bombarded with phone calls from bill-collectors.

"Students will come into the office asking 'How do I get out from under this debt? Is bankruptcy the appropriate avenue? Should I consolidate my debts?'" Betz said.

"It happens a minimum of once a week. This is not something that is rare."

What's causing this surge of debtors, according to Betz, is the increasingly high number of credit cards available to young adults.

"I can't believe how easy it is to get a credit card on campus. I find it very interesting that it is promoted so heavily on

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Unlimited credit with new UI ID could bring big debt problems

URBANA — All University of Illinois students need their student ID to get some credit — and possibly to get into debt.

With a new scannable ID system, students can use their IDs like credit cards when buying books, food at the Illini Union and UI snack shops, and tickets to UI athletic events.

Students soon will be able to charge tickets to other events at the Assembly Hall and Krannert Center for the Performing Arts.

The new IDs have made it easier to identify students who don't pay their bills, but it has also made it easier for students to charge a large amount quickly, ac-

ording to Roger Pohlmann, director of UI student accounts.

Pohlmann and members of a campus ID committee are considering implementing a credit limit on IDs — probably around \$300 — within the year.

Vicki Fitzsimmons, a UI associate professor of family and consumer economics, says the credit offered by the UI can be dangerous if not monitored carefully.

Fitzsimmons said students who are "maxed-out" on their bank credit cards can now use their unlimited student credit to buy food and other items at university shops, instead of shopping for the best bargains.

— DOROTHY PUCH

Make smart use of credit card

University of Illinois Associate Professor Vicki Fitzsimmons suggests that students — and other consumers — consider the following when choosing and using a credit card:

■ Limit yourself to just one bank card.

■ Pay balance in full or pay as much as possible every month.

■ Pay your bills on time to avoid hefty late fees.

■ Send in your payment as soon as your bill arrives if you do not pay in full. This will reduce the average daily balance, lowering the overall finance charges.

■ Avoid cash advances. They usually have high fees.

■ If you carry a balance from month to month, shop for a card with the lowest interest rate.

■ If you pay your balance in full each month, shop for a card with a full grace period and no annual fee.

■ Read the cardholder agreement carefully. Call the issuer if you don't understand something in it.

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college campuses where you have no visible means of support," he said.

Peter Osborne, spokesman for MBNA America — the company that issues UI Alumni Association credit cards to UI students and alumni — said MBNA screens student applicants carefully and sets credit limits accordingly.

"A student who is interested in having credit has to start somewhere," he said. "We presume that people will not overextend themselves."

Kusmierz said he got his first credit card at age 18 with the help of his mother, who told him to use the card "for emergency purposes only."

"Then came Citibank," he said. "And the world was open to anything."

During his first year in college, Kusmierz said, he had at least four Visa cards, one MasterCard and a debt of \$17,500.

At one point during his college career, he had about 20 or 25 credit cards including gas, department store and bank cards — but no full-time job.

Kusmierz said he obtained most of the cards through the mall and on campus, where companies often set up booths to give away cards.

"It's ridiculous," he said. "They offer free shirts, mugs, airplane tickets."

Not unusual

Vicki Fitzsimmons, UI associate professor of family and consumer economics, says major debt among college students is not unusual as the credit card market has "exploded" on college campuses.

A surge of credit-card promotions, coupled with a new environment "with lots of purchasing potential," leaves many students struggling to pay off their bills, Fitzsimmons said.

But Susan Murdy, spokeswoman for Visa, says research compiled by Visa indicates that students maintain a better payment record than the general popula-

tion and tend to pay their balances in full.

"They are very good credit risks," Murdy said.

Forty-eight percent of 18- to 24-year-olds in the United States have a Visa card, Murdy says.

And 90 percent of all college students have some form of self-earned income, she says.

Competitive industry

Murdy admits that the credit card industry is competitive and solicitations are concentrated on college campuses.

"But that gives students some options," she said. "They should look for the card that best suits their needs. And they probably don't need any more than three cards at the maximum."

Few students, however, get much outside help when choosing a credit card, Fitzsimmons said.

And those who fall into debt "are hoping they will get a job after they graduate," says David Wheeler of the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of East Central Illinois, 44 Main St., C.

Since 1979 Fitzsimmons has led a class on family financial management, where students can learn how to budget their money — now and later in life.

When Fitzsimmons started teaching the class, most students in the course had one or no credit cards.

Now students have an average of two and up to eight, she said.

A survey of graduating seniors conducted by one of Fitzsimmons' research associates a year ago indicates that students at the UI who experience credit problems usually do so during their freshman year.

By their sophomore year they realize they're in trouble "and try to dig themselves out of the hole before they graduate," she said.

Fitzsimmons says the UI can do more to ensure that students don't get in the hole in the first place, such as offer more counseling or educational materials.

The UI offers money-management materials through the Office of Financial Aid, but more students than just financial aid recipients need the information,

Fitzsimmons said.

"People assume that people with a certain education level know how to manage money or that students with a certain SAT score can, but there are lots of people who don't," Fitzsimmons said.

But it's not just the university's responsibility to shape students' credit habits, she notes. Parents and the students themselves must take part in developing good spending plans.

A decision to send UI-affiliated credit cards to all UI undergraduates isn't helping the situation, though, Fitzsimmons said.

Offered to all

The UI Alumni Association now offers credit cards through Newark, N.J.-based MBNA America to all UI undergraduates and alumni.

At the close of the spring 1994 semester, 6,000 students had a UI Alumni Association credit card. About 19,000 alumni had one.

And the association expects to pick up an additional 2,000 students this year.

The card, which was created in the spring of 1992, is doing "very well," according to Urbana-Champaign Alumni Association Director Don Dodds.

The association generated almost \$33,000 from the student credit-card market last fiscal year, he said. Half of that went to the UI financial aid office for scholarships and educational materials on money management.

The association raised another \$160,000 last year from the alumni market.

"The alumni association credit card is something commonly done through large universities. It has the same meter on it... and people seem to like that," Dodds said, noting that credit cards are "a fact of life" for college students.

Student tenants: Only you can put a stop to slumlords

RUTHIE WYMAN

Column

Just about everyone knows someone who has been screwed over by one of the local apartment companies. From unfinished apartments or first floor bedroom windows that don't close to finding a used-condo and other such pleasures in a supposedly cleaned apartment, apartment conditions in Campustown have been the subject of 85 complaints against local landlords in just the first two weeks of classes.

Even now, one month into this year's leases, most apartments still aren't up to code, and some apartments aren't even ready for occupancy, despite a lease agreement signed six months ago promising prompt completion.

The local landlords know how trusting students are and take advantage of this fact with deceptive business practices like overcharging students for bogus cleaning and repair costs and pushing them into lease addenda that absolve landlords of their obligations.

If students bothered to check out the landlord complaint lists at the Tenant Union so they knew what to expect from their future landlord or which landlords to avoid—or took proper action against landlords who violated lease agreements—maybe it would become worth it for landlords to fix up their apartments or at least have them built on time.

But since most students sign leases without checking the complaints against their future landlords, they get stuck with either an unbuild apartment or one in need of many repairs, which continues to be unlivable for a month or more after the agreed-upon deadline.

In return for landlords not keeping up their end of lease agreements, student renters are shuffled around from one-room, efficiency hotel rooms for about a month, carting along all the belongings they had planned to move into their apartment.

The landlords say this is a fair exchange: They violate the agreement to give you a spacious apartment with a living room, kitchen, etc. and in turn, move you around Champaign-Urbana and put you up in one-room hotels for about a month, or until they decide to finish building or make repairs to sub-standard apartments.

The landlord's prompt excuse for not fixing the apartments is that he or she is swamped with complaints and doesn't have enough workers to take care of all the problems right away. With the outrageous rental prices Campustown landlords charge, I highly doubt any of them would feel the financial pinch if they were to hire the necessary staff to complete

their obligations.

For many students, landlords' deceptive and underhanded practices seem like a no-win situation, but there are ways to prevent slumlords from profiting at students' expense.

One way, of course, is to go to the Tenant Union on the third floor of the Iliit Union before you decide to rent an apartment. Check out the landlord-complaint lists and bring your unsigned lease to the Tenant Union to be reviewed.

But at a higher level, there are ways to make sure your rights as a future tenant are protected (Do you really think you'll be able to afford a house right after graduation?).

The Illinois General Assembly votes every year on various pieces of legislation involving tenants' rights. State Rep. Laurel Prussing, D-Urbana, has proposed several bills that would increase the rights of tenants. One of the bills she sponsored to protect tenants' rights establishes minimum housing standards—so you won't have roaches running across your apartment or electrical wiring sticking out of the walls. Another bill she proposed, commonly referred to as repair and deduct, would allow tenants to pay for needed repairs that landlords refused to make to get up to code. These costs could then be deducted from the tenant's monthly rent.

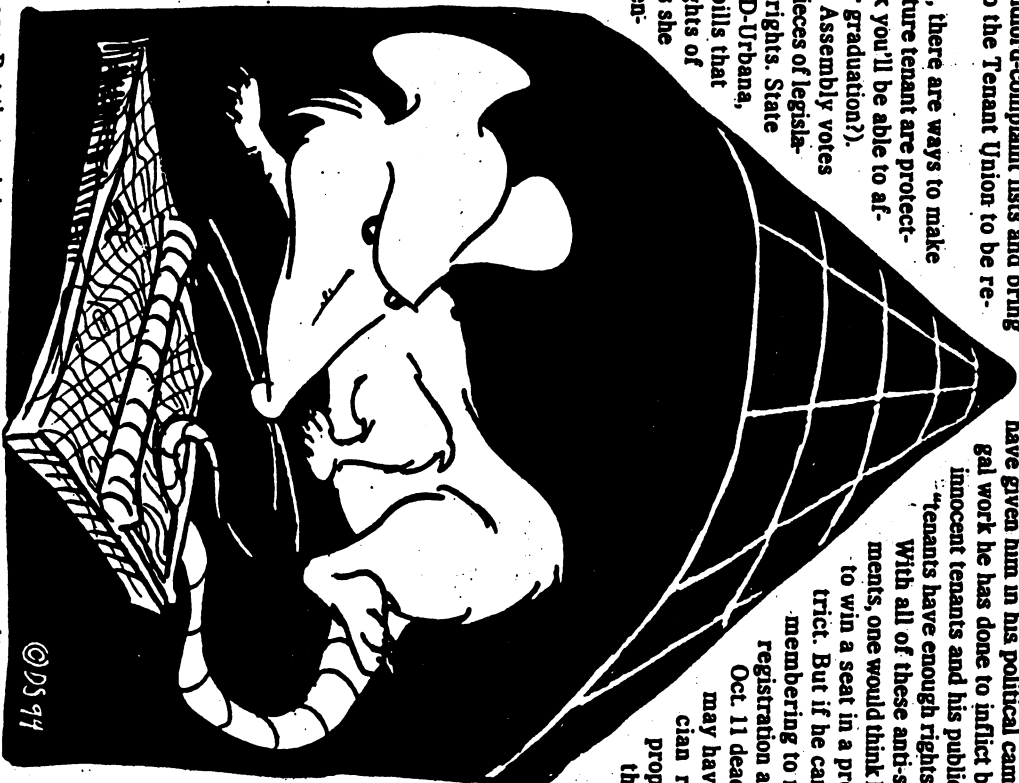
One would think these proposals are so logical and so necessary that they would have been passed years ago. But the truth is, many of these rights are nonexistent in this state.

And now, just as it appears that Prussing's bills may get signed into law in the next legislative term, landlord interests are supporting a lawyer from Devonshire Realty to run against Prussing in the race for the House seat in the 103rd district. To keep tenants from gaining any of the rights Pruss-

ing fought so hard for and that tenants—especially students—so badly need, landlords are supporting Rick Winkler to replace her in the General Assembly.

How do I know that Rick Winkler, a lawyer for Devonshire Realty, will hurt student tenants' rights? Let me count the ways ... There's the financial backing that various landlords have given him in his political campaign, the documented illegal work he has done to inflict bogus cleaning charges on innocent tenants and his public statement that he thinks "tenants have enough rights," to name a few.

With all of these anti-student actions and statements, one would think Rick Winkler has no chance to win a seat in a predominantly student district. But if he can keep students from registering to register or change their registration address to vote before the Oct. 11 deadline, University students may have an anti-student politician representing them and proposing legislation against them in the state legislature.



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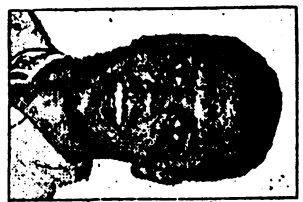
If I haven't spelled this out well enough for you, let me just summarize my points: Students get screwed over by landlords year after year. Besides going to the Tenant Union, students have the opportunity to reelect to the state house Rep. Laurel Prussing, a true representative of students' and tenants' needs and rights. But if students don't register to vote by Oct. 11, they may find themselves with even fewer tenant rights in the future. So please, register to vote here in Champaign-Urbana either at the County Clerk's office in downtown Urbana or on campus. All it takes are two IDs (one with your campus address on it) and about three minutes of your time to make sure that someone who advocates students' and tenants' rights represents your interests in Springfield.

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Beware of tactics before voting on tenants' rights

NATHAN KAUFMAN

Column



On any college campus, there are a number of people willing to manipulate students to make their living. For instance, credit card companies manage to make a card with a \$50 annual fee seem appealing. In the upcoming election for state representative, we are being presented with a candidate who has shamelessly attempted to appeal to us by boasting support for tenants' rights.

There have been mounting efforts to raise campus awareness about local politics. An integral part of this was an admirable drive to register students to vote.

I wish that the people who worked so hard to get students to vote would make it clear that registering to vote in Champaign means they cannot vote in their hometown districts. I think if most students were presented with this distinction, they would opt to vote in their more familiar hometowns. An overwhelming majority of freshmen and sophomores and many juniors and seniors don't know anything about the candidates from Champaign. On the other hand, they are much more likely to be more knowledgeable about the candidates and the issues from an area where they have spent more time.

Many students will sign up to vote in Champaign and not have a clue as to the differences between the candidates. This ignorance plays into the hands of candidates who tailor an issue so that it appeals to us.

If you read local publications, you will regularly see an advertisement titled "Laurel Prussing For State Representative—Protect Your Rights." Underneath this headline, these "rights" are enumerated, one of which is titled "Tenant's Rights."

Just like the credit card with the hidden fees, this seems like a great deal, but it is actually a prime example of pandering for the student vote. I know there are times when we are ignored by our landlords. If this happens, we can go complain at the Tenant Union, and if we think legal action is appropriate,

we can consult Student Legal Services.

But abuse is not a one-way street. Let's face reality. There are easily just as many instances when we stretch our privileges as tenants. Each weekend at the University there are probably hundreds of apartment parties, especially in Champaign, which is noticeably a little wilder than Urbana. At each of these, there is inevitable damage done to the apartment—carpeting and furniture are spilled on, smoke detectors smashed, walls marked up and maybe a hole punched in the wall or a kitchen cabinet broken.

To guard against this, landlords have one weapon—a security deposit. At the beginning of the year, most tenants are required to deposit a sizeable sum of money with their landlord. If an apartment is abused, the deposit is forfeited at the end of the lease. If the system works flawlessly, somebody who chooses to maintain his or her apartment will not be punished. Laurel Prussing seems to think this present system is still

problem, though. She would propose that tenants make needed improvements themselves and then subtract the cost from their monthly rent.

The idea of renters making independent decisions about property they do not even own is ridiculous. Tenant's rights do not include making decisions about someone else's property. If a proposal like this did become law, it would not help tenants anyway: Landlords would be forced to raise the amount charged per month to cover the cost of everyone doing whatever they wanted. In the end, this would punish people who do take care of their apartments.

Being a tenant will always have some inherent disadvantages to owning property. We should assume a little responsibility for investigating our housing arrangements. At the same time, we should look forward to owning our own property someday. After all, that is the "American Dream." Through education, hard work and a government that does not get in our way, we can someday own our own property and be our own bosses.

It is time to quit painting ourselves as victims just because we are tenants. Just because somebody is successful does not mean he or she is an oppressor. We should not disparage success. Instead, as we obtain our educations, we should respect the achievements of others and work toward our own success.

Does Prussing genuinely think that such lumpy, anti-property ownership measures will pass? She probably realizes they won't. This ad, therefore, is an attempt to make a favorable impression on new arrivals to the college scene. No reasonable person is against tenant's rights. Everyone feels we should not be pushed around needlessly just because we are college students. Some people, though, would go overboard with tenant's rights and essentially punish property owners.

When voting, we must look past such superficial appeals. If you are a new voter in the Champaign area, don't let a candidate prey on you with phony appeals such as tenant's rights. Realize that someday when we get older and have our own possessions, we will want laws that protect them.



Attorney general looks into phone service selection

BY MARGE DONOGHUE
DAILY ILLINI REPORTER

The state attorney general's office is investigating landlords who do not allow their tenants to choose which telephone service to use, thanks to an inquiry launched this week by the University office of Student Legal Service on behalf of a dissatisfied tenant.

An international student tried to switch long distance carriers when he found calls home to be too expensive with the Centrex service used by his landlord, Devonshire Realty, accord-

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ing to Student Legal Service employee John Popek.

Devonshire refused to allow the student to switch because he had agreed to use Centrex when he signed the lease. The student then called Student Legal Service, Popek said.

Popek did not release the name of the student.

Student Legal Service contacted the attorney general to see if landlords could stipulate which phone service their tenants use.

Illinois Commerce Commission regulations say they can't, according to Laura Davis, assistant attorney general.

"A landlord is free to offer tenants local telephone service. However, a landlord is prohibited from requiring tenants to purchase local telephone service through the landlord," Davis said. Therefore, landlords must allow other phone companies to use their cables if students want a different service, she said.

Davis wrote to Devonshire Realty and asked them to advise her office of their willingness to modify their lease so as not to require tenants to use Centrex.

J. Michael Rubenacker, of Devonshire Realty said he notified Davis that Devonshire's lawyers are reviewing the lease, and he is willing to make any needed changes.

"We won't fight the attorney general for this," Rubenacker said.

Landlords are legally allowed to accept money from phone service carriers, but they cannot require tenants to use only those carriers, Popek said.

"This is not a take it or leave it proposition," Popek said. He added that landlords cannot tell tenants Centrex service is cheaper than other carriers, because this is not always true.

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NO SWEET RIDER COURTESY

UI students complain; others finally settle in

By DOROTHY PUCH and JULIE WURTH

Chris Kuster trusted his landlords last winter when they said the new Sunnycrest Towers apartments in Urbana would be finished by the start of school.

In August, when the County Market grocery store — still weren't done, Campus Properties Management promised it would be only a few more weeks.

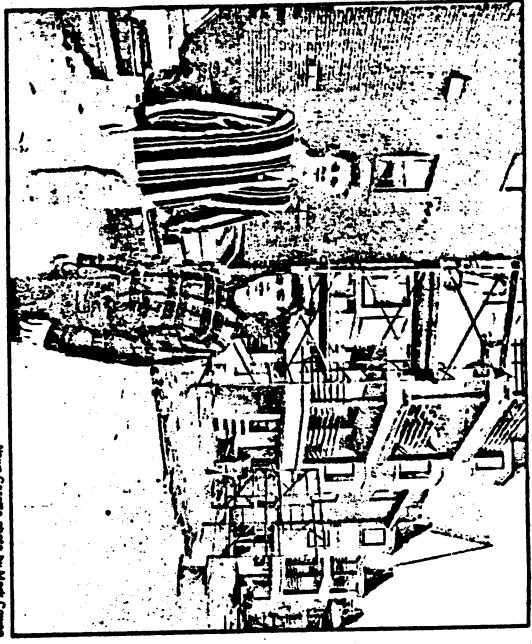
On Oct. 21, Kuster and his two roommates finally moved in — eight weeks into the University of Illinois fall term.

"I think that the whole situation was handled in a nonprofessional manner," Kuster said last week. "I believe that they had a very good idea the whole time about how long it was going to take to complete."

Kuster isn't alone. Several campus-area apartment buildings still aren't finished recently. Meanwhile, students have been living in hotels, fraternities or friends' apartments. In most cases, landlords have covered their costs, but students still complain about the disruption.

"We've been hearing from a few people. The biggest concern is the uncertainty of it all," said Esther Patt, director of the Campaign-Urbana Tenant Union. "Students are already wondering, is it going to be done by the next semester?"

Champaign developer Erwin Goldfarb, who co-owns Sunny-



Mark Mosbarger, left, and Chris Kuster stand outside the new Sunnycrest Towers apartments in Urbana. The two, who were there last week, moved in recently after weeks of delays.

crest Towers with James O'Malley, blames the delays on problems with construction contractors. Twenty-four units of the 48-unit Sunnycrest complex were completed Oct. 21. Goldfarb also co-owns the Chalmers Park apartments at 202 E. Chalmers St., which has been leased, is weeks from completion.

Part said students have had repeated problems with the completion dates of Goldfarb's apartments over the years. "They have been late on at least five buildings in the last six years," with delays ranging from 10 days to two months, she said.

Goldfarb said he regrets having to make tenants wait but says he's also had to endure penalties — paying some tenants 114 percent of their rent while the buildings are finished. Other tenants have been put up at hotels.

"We have more than \$100,000 in hotel bills," he said. "One hotel bill was \$51,000 for about five weeks, and there's still many more weeks."

"It's not very profitable" to be late opening a building, he said. John Pope, an attorney at UI Student Legal Service, said he and other attorneys at his office have seen more than 20 students complaining about Goldfarb and O'Malley apartments not being ready.

Some students canceled their leases altogether, an option in some of the contracts.

Waiting Hery and Ben Gustas, both sophomores at the UI, broke their leases at Sunnycrest Towers and found another apartment.

"When we signed the lease, they said it would take a natural disaster" for the building to not be ready in August, Hery said.

The two lived at a Champaign motel for almost three weeks and then with friends before moving into another apartment.

Goldfarb paid the two about \$73 a week — equivalent to their rent — until they broke their lease Oct. 1.

"We probably broke even," Hery said.

Kuster, however, stuck it out even though he had the option of breaking his lease twice — on Oct. 1 and Oct. 18.

"Each time it looked like it was so close. After we had already waited eight weeks, what was the point of not waiting another week?" he said.

From the start, he said, the landlords told him the apartments were nearly finished.

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aren't hooked up, and there's a problem with the stove, he said. A leak in the ceiling is being fixed, with a little nudging from an Urbana city inspector, Kuster said.

Broken leases Goldfarb said he started construction on the Sunnycrest building in November 1993, which he thought was plenty of time for completion by this August.

He put Oct. 1 termination dates in those leases, meaning tenants could break the leases if the apartments weren't done by then.

No such termination dates were included in his leases for 57 E. Chalmers and at 202 E. Chalmers because those apartment buildings were started later and "had to be done very rapidly," Goldfarb said.

Still, Goldfarb said, he gave tenants at 202 E. Chalmers the option of breaking their leases on Oct. 1 since the building was still three to seven weeks from completion. Seven of the 33 tenants backed out, he said.

"In the future, we will have to have a better construction company," Goldfarb said, adding the main contractor for 202 E. Chalmers quit recently.

"We've got a new one now," he said. "But we still need more control over the manpower and scheduling."

urgently general's complaint division.

They also can "not get into the situation in the first place," said John Pope of the University of Illinois Student Legal Service.

"If the apartment's not finished, forget it."

The Champaign-Urbana Tenant Union maintains complaint files on landlords for those who want to check before signing a lease, according to Director Esther Patt. About 3,000 tenants check with the agency every year, she said.

"As a tenant union, we do discourage people, no matter who the landlord is, from jumping in to a lease for a place that's not yet built," Patt said.

Patt, who also serves on the Urbana City Council, isn't sure whether the cities can do anything more about the problem.

"As a city council member I'd be concerned about making a law that would be unnecessarily restrictive for all developers just because a couple of business people have done a bad job," she said.

"A lot of people who do apartment construction and get their buildings done on time would be angry about a law prohibiting a contract being made on a building that's not yet built. For those who finish on time, that wouldn't be terribly fair."

— DOROTHY PUCH and JULIE WURTH

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Police summon SIU news coverage

BY ANNA ROTH
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The Carbondale police department has subpoenaed Southern Illinois University media coverage to gather evidence of damage caused over Halloween weekend.

Halloween weekend has become a big party weekend at SIU since the 1960s. Due to the expected mayhem, the bars on the strip closed early this year and sent the people out onto the street, said Bill Kugelberg, associate student editor of The Daily Egyptian.

People were bobby burling and dancing and the crowd got a little rowdy. Parked cars were flipped over, no one was seriously hurt. Police tried to disperse the crowd by arresting people and using force, Kugelberg said.

Reprints of all photos and video tape taken by The Daily Egyptian, the Southern Illinoisan, WSIU-TV, KFVS-TV, WPSD-TV and WSIL-TV on the evenings of Oct. 28 and 29 and the morning of Oct. 30 were subpoenaed, said Kugelberg.

The Southern Illinoisan and KFVS, WPSD and WSIL (affiliates of CBS, NBC and ABC respectively) complied with the order. "We turned over the material aired and some raw footage. We had some street scenes and interviews. No criminal activity was shot," said Steve Wheeler, WSIL's general manager.

The Daily Egyptian and WSIU, the SIU student media, have not yet complied.

At the court hearing Nov. 9, a continuance was granted on the grounds that the chief legal attor-

ney for SIUC's University Legal Counsel who is handling the case is out of town, said Kugelberg.

"We are hesitant to comply right now with the subpoena because it may defect from the Illinois Reporter Statute," said Mike Starr, WSIU's chairperson of the Radio and TV department. "If it satisfies the legal requirements, we will comply and supply the tape," said Starr.

The Daily Egyptian is also fighting the subpoena on the grounds that it is vague, said Kugelberg.

"Any news or responsible media will fight any subpoena for records because of the risk that the media will become a party for the cause," said Thomas Betz, attorney with the Student Legal Service. Betz stated that the media is not an arm of law enforcement and using it as such puts reporters at risk.

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Eastern newspaper loses police report suit

BY CAROLINE YU
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Campus sexual assault reports will remain confidential at Eastern Illinois University at Charleston after a circuit court ruled on Jan. 3 that it was protected under privacy exemptions in the Freedom of Information Act.

The student newspaper, The Daily Eastern News, and its editor Chris Seper filed a suit against the Board of Governors of the university in October for campus police reports of sexual assaults and rape cases in the 1993-94 academic year, said Seper.

He said campus police currently pick and choose the reports released, even reports where arrests have been made. Under the FOI act, if there is a police report, it is public information, Seper said.

But Thomas Betz, staff attorney of student legal services at the University, said, "In my opinion, if an arrest has not been made it is not public information. If the cops are not going to make an arrest, then why does the

public need to know?"

Seper explained, "Probation is used more than any other tactic by the judicial board as punishment for sexual assault. For example, a woman was raped by two guys and they were handed probation. We want to see the crime reports to see what they were accused of and what happened. The public can then scrutinize the campus police and campus policies."

Although Betz said he could see the logic in this, he said the most common reason a rape case goes through judicial board and not a court room is because there is not sufficient evidence, and that without an arrest, the names of the accused should not be made public.

"Just accusing someone of rape can ruin someone's whole life, whether they are found guilty or innocent," Betz said.

Although the University also has a disciplinary system, Betz said in sexual assault cases where the defendant is found guilty the punishment is usually expulsion.

Seper said a decision on whether to appeal will occur later this week.

Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

A few days after the riot, Carbondale police delivered subpoenas to six media organizations, asking for the release of photos and videotape shot on the evenings of Oct. 28, 29 and the early morning of Oct. 30. All complied with the request except for the student media newspaper, The Daily Egyptian, and the student television station, WSU-TV.

The student media felt the request was too broad and sought legal representation to fight the subpoena.

Lee O'Brian, executive director of SIUC broadcasting service, said, "There were issues raised because both Daily Egyptian and WSU are academic facilities. We have to be careful in the decisions we made because we teach students how to be professional journalists. The subpoena was more like a witch hunt—it was too broad."

He also said the public shouldn't have to worry that everything that is caught on film or video might end up in the hands of the police. The broad subpoena which would make people feel this way was just one reason they did not readily comply, he said.

In the end, O'Brian said it was really a matter of compromise. He said they wanted to

help the university in fighting the Halloween problem but at the same time felt the police needed to be more specific in what they were asking for.

The agreement that was reached in November between the parties allowed the police to submit a list of the crimes being investigated. The student media then reviewed the materials that would possibly fit into the list, said O'Brian.

The Southern Illinoisan, another newspaper, also felt the request was not specific enough.

"I suppose the request was too broad, but after reviewing the photos, we felt it didn't matter," said publisher Richard Johnston. He described the newspaper's photos as being only of "people standing around."

Still, other organizations didn't give it a second thought.

Rod Stevers, Illinois Bureau Chief of KFVS-TV said, "We released everything we had that was aired, because all the raw footage was already taped over."

A video of the Southern Halloween riot, entitled "1994 Halloween Riot Video," can be purchased for \$19.95 at Record Service, 621 E. Green St., Champaign.

Beware the landlord and think before signing a lease

by Ryan E. Smith

Before you sign a lease, the experts highly recommend a simple, common sense-type procedure: Think about what you are doing!

Thomas Betz, director of Student Legal Services, and Esther Patt, director of the Tenant Union, offered a plethora of advice concerning what students need to do before putting the pen to the paper. A few simple precautions might save you thousands of dollars in rental fees and court costs, so for your own sake, take the time to read the rest of this insightful piece.

Beware the phantom roommate

Of all the possible complications that renting in Campus town can present, Betz cited roommate problems as the number one source of disaster.

"Check out your co-tenants thoroughly, because the 'friends' you're signing with can become your worst enemy," Betz said. "For example, let's assume four people sign a lease to be roommates. If three people pay rent and one person leaves town, the remaining three tenants become responsible for the missing roommate's rent."

Suddenly, your financially feasible payment of \$240 a month has ballooned to a beer-money-stifling \$340 a month, so choose your friends wisely.

Get everything in writing

Quite often, landlords will make spoken promises that they have no intention of keeping. Rather than shake your head like the agreeable lemming you are, make them write it down.

"Anything that you expect to be in the apartment on the day you move in should be described in the lease," Patt said. "List every piece of furniture, every appliance and every promise made by the landlord in clearly understandable terms."

As odd as it may sound, the key to this step of the apartment conquest is writing these items in complete sentences.

"When you're adding things to the lease, don't just write down the word 'paint,'" Patt said. "Without verbs and adjective describing what will be painted and when it will be painted, such additions are useless."

Another legal stipulation of note is that all additions to the lease must be initiated by the tenants and the landlord to be legally binding. Otherwise, it will just look like you wrote on your copy of the lease after the fact, Patt said.

Essentially, all of this means: if you don't get it in writing that the landlord promises to, oh, finish the building before the move-in date, you have no means to protect yourself. Consider yourself warned.

If at all possible, live in Urbana

Though he was reluctant to favor one of the twin cities over the other, Betz said Urbana is clearly more concerned with tenants' rights.

"Code enforcement and life safety codes are monumentally better in Urbana," Betz said. "Urbana has a right of privacy law and requires that damage deposits collect interest. Champaign does neither."

Patt said that Urbana's many lease provisions prohibited by law strongly protect the interests of the tenant.

"Any clause that requires an Urbana tenant to waive their rights is voided by Urbana law," Patt said. "As well, any clause prohibiting subletting is also illegal in Urbana."

Urbana also decreed that lockout charges, sublet fees, late check-out charges or any other fees and penalties that exceed the landlord's actual cost are illegal, Patt said. Champaign does not have any laws in these areas on the books, she said.

Watch out for hidden costs

Essentially, this means never accept a contract with deviously worded phrases such as, "Some utilities included."

"If you have a fixed rent of \$300, but haven't figured in utilities, garbage pickup, cable, water and sewer fees, you could be in for a surprise," Betz said. "Little fees can lead to a substantial amount."



Joel Rennich, a housing counselor and senior in engineering (left), advises Tabitha Tyle, sophomore in LAS (center), and Dana Boulukos, freshman in biology, on what to look for in a lease. The three were at the Tenant Union Monday afternoon.

Another significant problem presented by utility costs are the perils of common-metered utilities, Betz said. If you live in a four-unit complex, be certain that each unit has its own electricity meter. Otherwise, you're certain to be sharing an electric bill with your neighbor.

For Champaign shoppers, Betz warned that sublet fees are another common clause you should definitely take out.

"Changing people to sublet their apartment is outrageous and should never happen," Betz said. "Anyone changing more than 15 cents for this is a common crook." In Champaign, late fee clauses are also quite common and should be eliminated before signing. "Urbana cannot, by law, charge late fees of more than

5 percent of the monthly rent," Patt said. "In comparison, one Champaign landlord actually has a late fee that escalates to \$25 a day, if your rent check were to get lost in the mail for a week or two, consider the amount of money you would be liable to pay."

In the final analysis...

The key to successful apartment hunting, like any other type of hunting, is to outthink your prey. Wield your pen as if it were a sword and, well, hack away. Hack away at frivolous clauses in the contract that serve only benefit the landlord. Hack away at anything you feel is unfair or violates your rights. And if the landlord refuses, walk away, because you're only getting yourself in for trouble later.

The law in their hands

Busted? In trouble with the law? Students find help with Student Legal Service

BY PAT McEVoy
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Imagine you've just moved out of your apartment after a hard, grueling week of cleaning, scraping, vacuuming and making sure you leave it in the same condition you got it. But three months later, your landlord gives you a note saying that they're keeping your security deposit for cleaning fees. What do you do?

For everything from traffic tickets to misdemeanors, students have somewhere to turn to for problems that take on a more legal nature.

The purpose of the Student Legal Service in Room 324 of the Illini Union, is to inform and advise students about the law as it applies to their individual problems.

Also, free in-court representation is usually available for students who do not receive a refund of their Student Organization Resource Fees.

Attorney Tom Betz, head of the Student Legal Service, started his legal career in Detroit, where one year after law school, he had taken a case all the way to the Michigan Supreme Court.

It is considered one of the top five programs in the country, said attorney John Popek, who along with Betz and Attorney Susan Hesse defend University students as a part of the

program's services.

"Tom (Betz) and Susan Hesse are some of the most decent people and capable attorneys. The University really lucked out when it hired those two," Popek said.

The staff consists of three full-time attorneys, one full-time secretary and several part-time law student interns from the University's College of Law. Each year the Student Legal Service Program serves nearly 3,000 students regarding various legal problems.

Betz, director of the Student Legal Service, deals in what he likes to call "people-law.

The problems that students face are real," he said, "more so than the patent-law concerns of General Motors."

When it's corporate law that attracts attorneys, the cost of legal services goes up. "The rich can afford it; the poor have some access; it's the lower middle class that has difficulty," he said. Betz thinks that the average person should have access to an attorney.

Without the program, many students would not have any affordable or practical means of defending their rights as citizens.

For example, Betz said, it would be much more convenient to be ripped off of a \$400 damage deposit than to pay thousands of dollars to bring it to court. And many landlords know this, he said.

Every October, hundreds of students file complaints with the Tenant Union and the Student Legal Service because



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Attorneys John Popek, Susan Hesse and Tom Betz provide their expertise working with Student Legal Service, which serves the legal needs and concerns of nearly 3,000 students each year, in Room 324 of the Illini Union.

their landlords unjustly kept them from their damage deposits, Betz said. "Housing is almost the foundation of our program," he said.

A number of cases Student Legal Service handles deal with housing discrimination.

"We have seen landlords who don't have property available for rent when international or black students request a rental application, but the very next day have six units available for white tenants," Betz said.

Other problems involve hidden costs in the lease, those that aren't specified up front. Also, landlords often ignore the required 5 percent interest on security deposits, he said.

"Some landlords can be assholes," he said. "It only creates bad business, and they should be sued."

Drug and alcohol charges are another

problem many students on campus continue to turn to Student Legal Service for.

Aside from dealing with students' cases after they have happened, the Student Legal Service directs its efforts toward keeping students out of potentially hazardous situations.

Educating students about the issues they face has been a large concern of the Student Legal Service for years. If students are aware of the law and its ramifications, then perhaps they might take more precaution in planning a keg party, experimenting with controlled substances, sexual activity or even taking a road trip.

"I continually need to get into the dorms, the frats, to get a sense of student life and the things they are dealing with," Betz said.

Caution for both sides: Tips for a trouble-free summer

BY KAREN COLLINS
DAILY ILLINI REPORTER

With summer soon approaching, the season for sublets is kicking into high gear, and with it come several factors that students should look at when considering subletting.

Many dangers are present in being a sublessor—he or she remains responsible for any damage done to the property by the sublessee, said

Thomas Betz, director of Student Legal Services.

The sublessee also needs to be aware of some problems that can occur while living as a subtenant in the summer, Betz said.

It is the right of the permanent tenants to sublet their property for time they will not be living there, Betz said. The right to sublet is that of the tenant and not the landlord, Betz said, adding that the landlord can't withhold that right.

A common condition landlords have for subletting is a special fee, Betz said. He said there is really no

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Subletting Pitfalls

The following is a list of helpful hints for those subletting and wanting to sublet.

Hints for Sublessors:

- Check out the financial history of the subtenant and ask for the money for the sublet up front.
- Find out previous rental history.
- Demand a damage deposit from the subtenants before subletting.
- Look for signs that show stability.
- Take your name off all bills.

Hints for Sublessees:

- Make sure that the landlord has granted permission for the sublet.
- Know where the sublessors can be reached.
- Know what you are signing.

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reason for a sublet fee and that student are encouraged not to sign leases with this fee.

Another common condition is rent acceleration, in which the tenant must pay the landlord the entire summer's rent before subletting, Betz said.

However, the only way a landlord can withhold the right is if the subtenant cannot pay the rent, Betz said. In this, "the tenants' and landlords' interests are identical," he said.

A common problem that occurs over the summer is that a large amount of damage is done to the

property, Betz said. Tenants can do extreme amounts of damage in very little time, he said.

Betz offers the following hints for sublessors:

• Sublessors should check out the financial history of the subtenant and ask for the money for the sublet up front.

• Those involved in a sublet need to find out previous rental history.

• Sublessors should require a damage deposit from the subtenants before subletting.

• Sublessors need to look for signs that show stability.

• It is imperative that sublessors take all bills out of their names no matter what the sublessee says. The person's name appearing on the bill is the person legally responsible for

the payment.

Betz also offers the following hints for sublessees:

• Make sure that the landlord has granted permission for the sublet. This is critical in avoiding eviction as a trespasser and ensuring the proper upkeep of the property.

• It is also important that the sublessee knows where the sublessors can be reached in case they do not pay their part of the rent. The sublessors' failure to pay rent can lead to the eviction of the current resident.

• Sublessees also need to make sure of what they are signing. They must realize if they are signing a summer sublet / fall option, they are responsible for 15 months of rent and not 12.

Illini Tower renovations agitate many residents

BY ERIN WOOLLEY
DAILY ILLINI REPORTER

Construction on the second and third floors of Illini Tower has some fourth floor residents so perturbed by the noise that they are seeking legal action against building management.

According to Illini Tower General Manager Jim Crossetti, the floors are currently being converted from University offices to single-bedroom apartments because many of the offices recently moved to the new Illini Union Bookstore building.

Crossetti said that it is noisy right now because, at this stage of the remodeling, the workers have to drill through the concrete walls.

Fourth floor resident Shira Laxer, sophomore in LAS, said she has been disturbed by the workers as early as 8 a.m. and that she heard them working over the weekend. She said she was told that the noise would continue for another week to two weeks.

Laxer said she and her roommates are angry over the loss of sleep and study time caused by the drilling. She said they have also had problems with the electricity and their phone line.

The students have spoken to Student Legal Services and have issued a complaint to the

Illini Tower management. They are also circulating a petition to postpone the remodeling until the summer, Laxer said.

"We pay so much for private housing—I think that we deserve peace and quiet to study," Laxer said.

The building management predicted that the noise would cause problems for the residents and asked that time provisions be included in the workers' contract, he said.

"The workers have been asked not to begin work until after 10 a.m., but there is preliminary work that has to be done," said Robert Henderson, certified housing director.

The workers are to start noisy work, such as drilling, no earlier than 10 a.m. and continue no later than 6 p.m.

"I've talked to a lot of kids from the fourth floor—they are the most upset because they live right above the noise," Crossetti said.

Crossetti said the remodeling can't be postponed until the summer because the apartments must be available in August, since the waiting list of students who want to live in Illini Tower is so long.

Henderson said Illini Tower has offered to move students to parts of the building where the noise would be less offensive, but the residents have not expressed an interest in moving.

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Caution advised on spring trips

Follow local laws: Out-of-state plates are often a 'red flag' to police.

BY JENNIFER TEADT,
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With spring break just around the corner, many University students have made plans to vacation in faraway places, and local travel agencies and Student Legal Service are offering advice to keep student travelers safe and happy.

Although many students have already planned their trips and booked packages through local travel agencies, it is important to have the packages checked over by an attorney for clauses students might not be aware of, such as extra security deposits and additional taxes, said Susan Hesse, attorney at Student Legal Service.

Local travel agencies often book packages with national travel companies such as Apple Vacations or FunJet, which deal specifically with spring break trips. Tanya Henkel, travel coordinator for Busey Carter Travel, Market Place Shopping Center, Champaign, said it is often a better deal to buy these packages.


But Henkel added that students should remember that the lower cost often means four or more people to a room, and air travel might be through a small charter company and not a national airline.

The most popular destinations this year for local students have been Cancun and South Padre Island, Henkel said. Typically, packages cost between \$500 and \$600 and include airfare, accommodations and taxes. Although some students have looked into the Caribbean packages to Jamaica or

Spring Break Hints

HERE ARE A FEW USEFUL TIPS IF YOU PLAN ON DOING AND GLOBAL TRAVELING OVER SPRING BREAK.

- Make sure you have a proof of citizenship if you're traveling outside the country.
- Use credit cards and traveler's checks for purchases instead of carrying around cash.
- Keep track of the wristband many spring break hotels require guests to wear during their stay. If you lose the wristband, management will make you buy a new one to get back into your motel.
- Be sure to figure a security deposit into your travel budget. Many hotels require a \$50 deposit a room or a person.
- When you get to your hotel, fill out a "check-in" form, have a hotel employee sign it and then keep the original for yourself.
- Take copies of contracts and correspondence about reservations with you in case of dispute.
- Get the price of purchases and services up front.



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the Bahamas, often they cost around \$750, she said.

Many travel packages also offer insurance for as little as \$35 a person, which covers medical emergencies, travel delays and loss of luggage, Henkel said.

Spring break is typically a week for students to "break out" and have fun, but Hesse warned students to remember local and federal laws.

"The drinking age is 21 everywhere in the U.S., and drug laws always apply," Hesse said. "Just because it is spring break does not mean they (local law enforcement) are going to give you a break."

She advised students to stay out of trouble while they are on spring break. There is not much attorneys at the Student Legal Service can do if something happens in Texas or Mexico because their jurisdiction

ends outside of Champaign, she said.

Some students might choose to drive to their spring break destination, but they need to be sure to obey local laws because a vehicle with out-of-state plates is often a "red flag" for many highway patrollers, Hesse said.

For instance, many students are accustomed to receiving parental or court supervision if they get a ticket, but law enforcement outside Illinois might not be so lenient. Speeding tickets might not be just the \$75 fine. Often, drivers are charged an additional fine for as many miles above the speed limit as they were driving, Hesse said.

Also, posting an out-of-state driver's license "just won't happen," Hesse said. "Most states require a personal appearance in court or to pay the fine immediately."

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Vote yes for SORF in student elections

To the editor:

Next week there will be a referendum placed on the ballot concerning the Student Organization Resource Fee board, and we are concerned that not many students know how important SORF is. SORF is an organization that funds many student organizations like the Tenant Union and Student Legal Services. Without SORF, the Tenant Union and Student Legal Services would not have the funds to exist. Aside from the fact that

you, the students, are only paying \$5 a semester for those services, you may receive a refund if you prefer not to use these organizations.

So please make sure to vote YES for SORF on Tuesday or Wednesday in the Union or other places that the ballots are located.

J.C. THATCHER AND STEVE HELLIN
TENANT UNION ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

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In student elections, vote to keep SORF

To the editor:

On Feb. 28 and March 1 we have an opportunity to renew the \$5 refundable Student Organization Resource Fee, which is commonly known as SORF. I will be voting 'yes' and urge my fellow students to do the same.

SORF is a unique fee for many reasons. It is unique on this campus because every student has the right to receive a refund of the fee each semester. Most students do not receive a refund because the fee supports some of the best services on campus. SORF is the sole financial support of our Student Legal Service program, a program that provides in-court representation and advice to thousands of students each year. Student Legal Service has taken a number of precedent-setting cases on behalf of tenants on campus. Many campus landlords have learned the hard way that it doesn't pay to rip off tenants who can get free legal

assistance at Student Legal Service.

SORF also provides the major portion of financial support for the Tenant Union. The Tenant Union keeps complaint records on landlords so that when you are shopping for an apartment, you don't have to rent from the landlord from hell.

SORF provides limited funds for many other campus organizations, which creates a diverse array of activities available to students. SORF is one of your best investments as a student; because the fee is mandatory but refundable, student choice is guaranteed. Protect your rights by voting 'yes' to renew SORF.

THIERRY LOUIS
SENIOR IN LAS

BRIAN McDOWELL
JUNIOR IN LAS

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Renewal of \$5 SORF charge on election ball

BY JONATHAN BERLIN
DAILY ILLINI REPORTER

For Registered Organizations, funding from the Student Organizations Resource Fee board is vital.

Students will have a chance to decide whether to renew funding for SORF in Tuesday and Wednesday's student elections.

By voting for the SORF referendum, students would agree to continue paying the \$5 service fee that funds Student Legal Services, the Tenant Union and various Registered Organizations.

SORF typically allocates \$150,000—including \$68,000 for Student Legal Service and \$27,000 for the Tenant Union—said Brett

Pyrdak, SORF chairperson. The remaining funds go to various ROs.

"For many student groups, SORF is a major unit of funding," said Randi Schneider, SORF administrator.

Pyrdak, junior in commerce, said SORF contributions are spread across a wide variety of organizations. "SORF does provide a wide funding base for ROs," he said. "They would not be the same if SORF was gone."

To receive funding, ROs are required to submit applications and schedule an interview with SORF, said Schneider, graduate student.

Applications are processed twice each semester, said Cynthia Klemm, SORF vice-

chairperson. Last semester SORF processed 162 applications, she said.

SORF is composed of six undergraduate students, two graduate students and three faculty and staff members. The student representatives on SORF are elected in Tuesday and Wednesday's elections, while the faculty and staff members are appointed by interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Patricia Aaborn.

Pyrdak said because of the large amount of funds requested, SORF has to review each application carefully, checking the validity of each organization and making sure each has a strong foundation.

"The SORF board really has to make some

tough decisions," Schneider said. About percent of the organizations applying some sort of funding, she said.

In choosing which organizations to fund SORF tries to spread funding over six priority categories, Schneider said. They include academic, the arts, athletics, cultural ethnic groups, governmental service, freedom issues.

"We have to make sure to provide a lance funding period. We do a pretty good job," Schneider said.

During the application process, SORF follows an established set of guidelines funding ROs. The guidelines include funding food unless it is the basis of

SGA needs an overhaul

Right down to the names of the two slates, the Student Government Association elections are an exercise in irony and futility.

First, the irony.

The Vision slate seems to lack the foremost characteristic of a such-named group of people: vision. They have not thought out their plans sufficiently and seem to completely lack internal communication, because different members of the group will give very different answers to the same questions. They are an almost entirely greek slate, which makes their ability to represent such a diverse student body questionable. They are almost entirely Caucasian, which essentially leaves people of color without representation. If they have a vision, it is a limited one.

The United Front slate has similar problems. They profess to stand for unity but have a very separatist way of going about their campaigning. They have actively campaigned across campus, but have very selectively chosen their target audiences. Also, the United Front is completely made up of people of color, making them as unrepresentative of the campus as the predominantly greek slate. While people of color must have sufficient representation, they are no more suited to representing such a diverse campus than those with a "vision."

Herein lies the dilemma: The Daily Illini, in all good conscience, cannot and will not endorse either of these separatist, non-representative slates.

And now, the futility.

The entire Student Government Association is in desperate need of an overhaul that these slates seem ill-prepared to accomplish.

Foremost, SGA should actually represent the concerns of the students rather than continually act as a funding board. The Vision slate has acknowledged this, proposing the dissolution of SGA into a smaller, more manageable organization. Their proposed Student Representative Council would consist of 19 elected members, using only \$10,000 of the current SGA budget. The other \$60,000 would go to the Student Organization Resource Funding Board, which is the true funding body for student organizations, and SGA's Outlook program.

However, there are three major problems with Vision's plan. First, the SORF referendum must pass for the funding plan to work.

Second, in order for this proposal to work, the entire Vision slate must be elected. If only parts of the Vision slate are elected, they are in line for a very tough battle with the United Front members. Finally, the plan calls for the SGA assembly to be disassembled. Vision candidates contend that the assembly is misrepresentative of students because students only show up for issues that concern them. Oddly, they also acknowledge that such one-issue voting occurs because an existing attendance policy is not enforced. Enforce the attendance policy, and the assembly becomes a viable, democratic means for students to interact with their elected representatives.

It might seem that we're unduly attacking the Vision proposals without examining the United Front's position. The reason: The Daily Illini was one of the arenas that United Front chose to bypass. Their obvious intent to ignore such a large student forum, as well as a large number of their potential constituents, is deplorable.

In the student trustee election, The Daily Illini endorses incumbent Chapin Rose, though we wish he would divorce himself from the rest of the Vision slate. Rose is extraordinarily informed on the state, administrative and student levels. He is a good politician that has proven he will stand up to the Board of Trustees for what he feels are students' concerns. He held student forums throughout his term, went to student organization meetings regularly, lobbied on behalf of students in Springfield and as a deputy registrar registered students to vote. His allegiance to the rest of the Vision slate, however, is misplaced. Yes, he was a central player in the Vision plan for restructuring, but his knowledge and connections are an invaluable asset to the students of this campus that overshadow his involvement with Vision.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, a referendum on the ballot could spell the end for SORF, which would be a disaster. SORF is responsible for all funding to student organizations on this campus. Among significant services that could be lost are the Tenant Union and Student Legal Service, two of the most vital student services on campus. If anything might motivate you to vote in this election, make the effort to save SORF. Without SORF funding, many student organizations across the campus would cease to exist.

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'Who cares?' attitude must change

Every election, we write a heartfelt plea to the students encouraging them to vote. We list a multitude of specific reasons that their votes can and will make a difference. We tell them if they vote, the world will be an infinitely better place.

Problem is, it never works.

In today's Champaign mayoral primaries, a large student turnout might actually salvage the 19 bar entrance age. If a significant number of students were to turn out, perhaps tenant concerns might become more of an issue with the elected elite. If students by some freak occurrence dared to turned out in droves, they might actually command more than the chuckle Champaign officials spit in their general direction. But will it happen? Of course not.

In today's student elections, a significant student turnout might save the Student Organization Resource Fee board, the main fund-

ing body for student groups across the campus including the Tenant Union and Student Legal Service. A significant turnout might actually give the Student Trustee and Student Government Association the necessary mandate to command some sort of respect on this campus. But will it happen? Of course not.

Instead, Champaign city officials will continue to ignore the more than 10,000 students that live in the city limits. Instead, the Board of Trustees will continue to ignore what the students think and act in the interest of the alumni. If more than the usual 4,200 students turned out for the elections, the student voice might actually pack some bite. But will it happen? You guessed it.

Instead, students will continue to be seen as a bunch of whiny, apathetic, alcoholic miscreants with no sense of what they really want.

Don't agree? Then go vote.

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'Vision' slate dominates UI election

■ Turnout at campus vote exceeds 10%

By JULIE WURTH
News-Gazette Staff Writer

URBANA — The "Vision" slate dominated this week's campus elections at the University of Illinois, capturing the student trustee seat and most student government offices.

Student Trustee Chapin Rose won a second term, leading all four trustee candidates with 1,967 votes.

Following him were junior Eric Stevenson of the "United Front" slate, with 1,366 votes; sophomore Eric Chamberlain, with 160; and junior Joel Brown, with 99.

Student trustees have an advisory vote on the UI Board of Trustees. One is elected from each campus.

Steven Gradman from Vision was elected president of the Student Government Association, and 11 of the 15 new SGA Assembly members are from the same slate.

The "United Front" slate captured four Assembly seats.

Gradman received 1,960 votes. Other candidates for SGA president were sophomore Henoc Erku of United Front, who received 1,465 votes; and Jason Ayeroff, an independent, with 153.

Other SGA officers elected, all from the Vision slate, were: aca-

demie vice president, Joe Cwiklinski; executive vice president, Catherine Munson; and treasurer, Ivelisse Rodriguez.

On a 2,862-485 vote, students also reaffirmed the \$5 refundable fee they pay each semester to support student organizations, legal services and the Tenant Union.

Turnout in the elections, held Tuesday and Wednesday, dropped from last year but still exceeded 10 percent, said Matt Ducatt, adviser to the Student Election Commission. According to unofficial totals, 3,961 ballots were cast out of a student body of about 36,200.

One student race resulted in a tie. Senior Howard Rosenberg and junior Steven Spsychalski each received 29 votes for the College of Communications seat in the faculty-student Senate, Ducatt said.

Ducatt said ballots will be counted again to double-check the totals.

If a tie remains, the two students will draw lots to determine the winner under rules governing student senate elections, said Laurie Bunk, a secretary for the Urbana-Champaign Senate.

Noting that several departments failed to run any candidates for their senate seats — including Social Work and Aviation — Ducatt argued both students should be allowed to serve.

"But you can't really give both of them a seat in the same college," he said.

Driving while suspended gets athlete month in jail

By MARY SCHENK
News-Gazette Staff Writer

URBANA — University of Illinois basketball player Shelley Clark will serve a 30-day jail sentence for driving while his license was suspended.

Clark, 22, of 509 E. Clark St., C, pleaded guilty to that charge Tuesday afternoon before Champaign County Judge Jeff Ford.



CLARK

His plea was the result of an agreement negotiated by Assistant State's Attorney Mick McAvoy and Thomas Betz, an attorney for the UI's Student Legal Service.

What the attorneys didn't agree on is how Clark will serve the sentence.

McAvoy said Ford could sentence Clark to 30 straight days, have him serve the time on weekends, or on work release during which he'd be released to go to class but would check into the jail at night. Ford will decide how the sentence will be served on April 5.

Clark admitted that he was driving with a suspended license on Dec. 6.

He was stopped for disobeying a stop sign at Goodwin Avenue and Oregon Street. A UI police officer then discovered his license was suspended. He also ticketed Clark for invalid registration, no insurance and running a stop sign.

McAvoy said Clark has since cleared up the registration and insurance problems and he dismissed the stop sign violation as part of the plea agreement.

He also dismissed a second charge alleging that Clark drove with a suspended license Feb. 5.

McAvoy said it's unusual that anyone with a single suspension on his record would get jail time, but because Clark was arrested for it a second time while the first charge was pending, he thought a jail sentence was appropriate.

Driving under suspension is a Class A misdemeanor carrying a maximum sentence of up to 364 days in jail.

McAvoy said Clark's suspension stemmed from a traffic accident Clark had in 1994 in which he reportedly owed money to the other party.

Vote yes today to keep SORF funding

To the editor: 3/28/95
Without Student Organization Resource Fee funding, the Student Legal Service will have no choice but to shut down.

Free legal service. You don't get that often, but that's exactly what the Student Legal Service provide. With current attorney rates nearing \$100 per hour, the \$5 each semester SORF fee is an incredible bargain for students. Advising or opening more than 200 cases each month, the SLS is a priceless safety net should you ever require the assistance of an attorney. But the SLS is also a preventative body. Ever read a flyer around campus warning you about the new Zero Tolerance Law? Ever notice a Bar-opoly ad in The Daily Illini cautioning on the hefty fines

for underage drinkers? Ever hear an attorney speak in your dorm about the caveats of apartment hunting, or in your fraternity about the consequences of date rape? Student Legal Service are there to protect you and your rights.

Don't kill Student Legal Service, the Tenant Union and the hundreds of organizations on campus that depend on SORF funding for their very existence. We need them.

Vote yes today to reinstate SORF, and continue enjoying all of the student services on campus the SORF fee makes possible.

BILL ORKIN
CHAIRPERSON, STUDENT LEGAL SERVICE
ADVISORY BOARD

Clark sentenced for traffic violation

Fair agreement: Illini center's lawyer says 15-day sentencing with good behavior appropriate punishment

BY WILL LEITCH,
SPORTS EDITOR

Illinois basketball star Shelly Clark will begin serving a 30-day sentence for driving under a suspended license on April 15 after an

agreement was reached between Clark's lawyer, Thomas Betz, and a Champaign County Court judge, Betz said.

Betz and his client's wish for Clark to serve his sentence consecutively without leaving on weekends or a work release was accepted, Betz said Wednesday. Because Clark will not be released at any time until his sentence is up, he will be forced to spend only 15 days in jail.

The early release is part of a program that will allow Clark to lose one day of his sentence for every

day that he serves with good behavior, Betz said.

"It's a finalized order," Betz said. "(Clark) will be out in 15 days with good behavior. It's a very reasonable sentence. With the work release he wouldn't have gotten good time."

"(Clark) decided that he didn't want to do the whole 30 days there."

Clark pleaded guilty in February after a Dec. 6 incident in which he ran a stop sign at the corner of Oregon Street and Goodwin Avenue in Urbana. Upon stopping Clark, police discovered that his license had

been suspended and that he had no proof of insurance.

Because Clark's sentence will clash with his class schedule, Betz said his client plans on working on his schoolwork while serving his time.

"He'll bring his books in there with him," Betz said. "He'll have time to work, and he'll be back out in time to take exams. He's just got 15 days, assuming he behaves in there."

"And I have every reason to believe he'll do that. He's a bright kid."

The incident was not the first time Clark has run into trouble with the law.

Earlier this year Clark was arrested in connection with an incident involving a ex-girlfriend Oct. 22.

Clark was charged with home invasion on Oct. 24, but the charges were dropped on Nov. 8. Still, Clark sat out Illinois' first five games of the season after being suspended by coach Lou Henson.

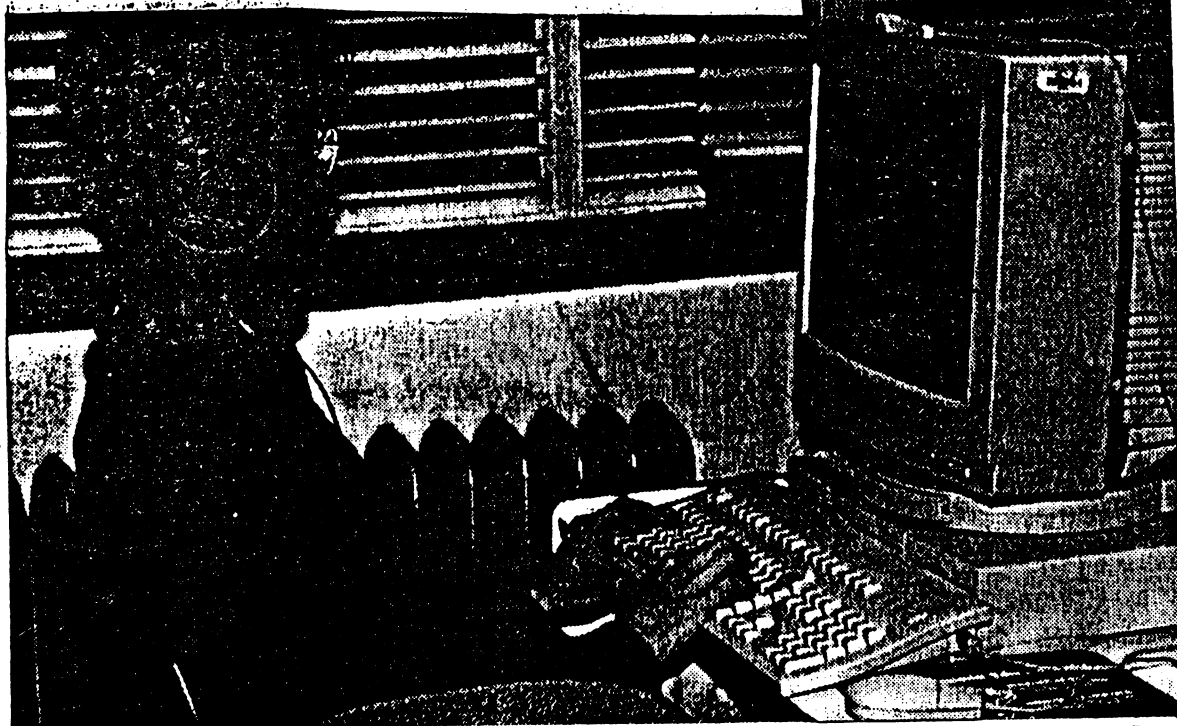
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Betz said that because the case involved such a well-known personality like Clark, the case was a different experience for him as a lawyer.

The case "is a strange case because it's so high profile," Betz said. "A lot of people think this sentence is too weak, but I don't. I also don't think it's too strong. I think under the circumstances it seems fairly appropriate."



ILLIO FILE PHOTO

Samuel Teo, senior in commerce, works at a computer in the Lincoln Hall Multimedia lab.

Decency act upsets Net users

BY RYAN E. SMITH
MANAGING EDITOR

Reaction to the Exon-Gorton Communications Decency Act among Internet users has been anything but positive, though some community members consider the bill an important step.

The intent of the bill, according to Nebraska Sen. Jim Exon's office, is to protect children from an Internet that is quickly becoming a "red-light" district. The bill targets all communication that might be considered "obscene, lewd, lascivious, filthy, indecent or harassing," but leaves these terms undefined.

Under the tenets of the Act, any net user who knowingly transmits such offensive communication might be fined up to \$100,000 or two years in prison. On-line services such as Mosaic and Prairienet are encouraged to "deploy new technologies and policies which would allow users to control access to prohibited communications."

Experts are concerned about what such a bill would mean to the very survival of the Internet.

Jae Allen, program manager of software development for Mosaic, said the bill could spell the end of services such as Mosaic.

"This is like shooting the messenger," Allen said. "We are not the

keepers of the Net."

Allen said enforcing such a law would be extremely difficult.

"Perhaps we could have some sort of restricted 'hot-list' system," she said. "But the problem is every link leads somewhere else, so the bill would cripple the service."

Members of the American Civil Liberties Union said the bill might mean the end of not only services like Mosaic, but for the entire information superhighway.

"Should there be a ... nightmare in which our constitutional protection from idiocy like this fails, it would have a horrible chilling effect," said Stuart Laird, president of the Champaign County ACLU chapter.

"It's silliness," said Thomas Betz, vice chairperson of the Champaign County ACLU chapter and head of the University's Student Legal Service. "Like most censorship, it's in the name of children. The better answer is to simply keep the computer off rather than chill speech."

As the bill stands, action would not be taken by the government unless someone lodges a complaint.

"As it exists now, if a person says 'I am offended by this,' you have violated this law," Laird said. "It's just a stupid law."

Ultimately, opponents to the bill contend it won't meet the constitutional test.

Fred Schlipf, director of the Urbana Free Library where Prairienet services are available, said the general stance of the U.S. Supreme Court on the definition of obscenity is to base it on community standards. He said this bill allows for one community, possibly even one person, to dictate what is unacceptable for the entire nation.

But supporters of measures to remove offensive material from the Internet say it will stand the test of the Supreme Court.

Jack Jones, senior pastor at Crusaders Church in Urbana, said the Supreme Court in the past has ruled that pornography does not fall under the First Amendment's speech protections.

Jones said that although he is not hooked up to the Internet, he has read about what net cruisers have access to on the Net, and Crusaders Church is opposed to its questionable content.

Jones said the church has worked against the pornographic bookstores in town, and what he's heard of the Internet, it offers "more of what you find in the bookstores, and we consider that to be reprehensible."

Editor in chief Michelle Collins contributed to this report.

Bar raids still summer risk

BY MIKE CETERA
CITY-STATE EDITOR

It can happen anytime at any establishment.

But, according to Tom Betz, an attorney at Student Legal Service, Campustown bar raids, or uniformed walk-throughs as they are called by the police, don't occur with the same frequency during the summer as they do during the school year.

"I don't think they give it up in the summer," Betz said. However, Betz added that his office has received only one underage drinking case since May 15.

"I think the cops tend to relax," Betz said.

Betz attributed the rapid reduction of underage drinking cases to the belief the student population during the summer tends to be made up of juniors, seniors and graduate students—a great portion of those students over 21.

This summer is not an exception to the rule. In past summers, Betz said, his office has received on average only eight to ten cases of University students receiving citations for underage drinking.

But the Champaign Police Department doesn't see anything unusual with the lack of cases pouring into Student Legal Services.

"We generally try and keep (uniformed walk-throughs) spaced out throughout the year," Champaign Sgt. Scott Friedlein said.

The opportunity to conduct walk-throughs occurs only with the availability of officers, Friedlein said.

While Betz cited only one case of a University student receiving a citation since the end of the spring semester, he added that his office doesn't handle all the cases of underage drinking, only the cases involving University students. Often, high school graduates from the area go to the bars and get caught.

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June 13, 1994

Dear Colleague:

The Residential Life Training Committee is busy planning for the Resident Advisor Fall 1994 Training program. We would like to request your participation in the Sixteenth Annual Campus Resource Fair. The Resource Fair has become an essential part of the Resident Advisor training program and provides a unique opportunity for RAs to get acquainted with the resources available to them on campus and in the community. Greek Peer Advisors and Resident Advisors from Certified Housing may also be present at this year's fair.

The Campus Resource Fair will be held on Wednesday, August 17, 1994, from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the Illini Union Rooms A, B, & C. The Rooms will be open at 8:00 a.m. for display set-up. A Residential Life staff member will be available for registration at this time. To assist us in planning, please complete the enclosed information sheet and return it to us by Friday, July 1, 1994.

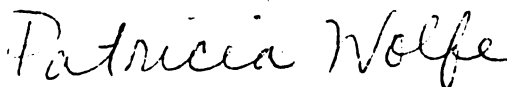
Organizations participating in the Resource Fair should design a display that provides Resident Advisors with an increased understanding of the operations of their organization. Formats used in the past include slide shows, videos, informational displays, and brochures or handouts. In planning supplies for the Fair, be prepared for 250 - 300 participants.

We hope that you or members of your staff will be able to join us at the Campus Resource Fair on August 17th. If you have any questions, please contact us at 333-0770.

Sincerely,



Durene I. Wheeler
Residential Life Training Committee



Patricia Wolfe
Residential Life Training Committee

enclosure

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August 29, 1994

Tom Betz
Student Legal Services
324 Illini Union
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Urbana, IL 61801

Dear Mr. Betz:

I am writing this letter to formally request and confirm your attendance at the August 31 meeting which the Greek Affairs office is planning for the social chairs of all of the University of Illinois fraternities and sororities. This meeting will occur at 8:00 pm in room 407 of the Illini Union. We are planning on having you discuss the legal policies related to risk management and alcohol for around 10 minutes and answer questions from the audience. Please notify me at 333-7062 if you have any questions or if anything changes. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Theresa A. Robbins
Graduate Assistant
Greek Affairs Office

Sept. 13, 1994

To: Thomas Betz, Director of Student Legal Services

Mr. Betz,

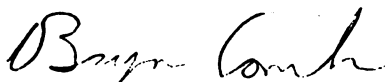
I am a instructor for Political Science 150, American Government, and I wanted to know if it would be possible for a representative from the student legal service to attend my class and answer student questions about the current state of civil rights legislation in the United States. Sometime next week we will cover civil rights and civil liberties in class, and I thought that it would be beneficial to the students if they could follow up our discussion by asking a lawyer questions about the reality of an individual's civil rights.

There are about 30 students in the class and we meet on MWF at 9:00 in the morning. The dates that I had in mind are Sept. 23 or Sept 26., but I am flexible in my scheduling. I realize that I am giving you short notice and I will understand if it is impossible. Unfortunately, I just recently formulated the idea, and could not have contacted you earlier.

The format that I had in mind was a simple question and answer format. I would allow the students to ask legal questions the your representative would answer to the best of his or her ability. I would limit the scope of the questions to rights of individuals in relation to the government. If you have any other suggestions I would be glad to hear them. You can call me at 351-8646 or 244-0738. I also can be reached through e-mail at Combs@uxa.cso.uiuc.edu.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Bryan Combs

31 students
Friday 9/23 @ 9 AM
396 Lincoln Hall


1102 S. Lincoln Ave
Urbana, IL 61801
September 19, 1994

Mr. Tom Bertz
Director of Student Legal Services

Dear Mr. Bertz,

My name is Jennifer Lung and I am the director of Fraternity Education for the Kappa Kappa Gamma Women's Fraternity. I would appreciate it if your service could do a presentation concerning the law pertaining to alcohol. I am aware that the law has changed recently, and I feel that many students are not aware of the new situation. I realize that this is very short notice, but if possible I would like the presentation to be on Monday, September 26 at 6:30. There would be approximately 70 women in attendance. It would take place at our chapter house located at 1102 S. Lincoln Ave. You can contact me at 344-9478. I truly appreciate your time and consideration.

Sincerely,


Jennifer Lung

September 16, 1994

Mr Thomas Betz
324 Illini Union

Dear Mr. Betz,

My name is Andrea Peck, and I am the Greek Peer Advisor for Alpha Phi Sorority. Many people in my chapter have expressed an interest in finding out about the new alcohol laws on campus. Therefore, I would like to request a program dealing with the new penalties regarding identification, under age consumption, and liability issues.

I would like to schedule this program for Monday, September 26th at 6:30 p.m, and the meeting place will be Alpha Phi, 508 E. Armory, Champaign. I hope that 80 to 100 people will be in attendance.

If you would like to contact me about the content or specific time, my phone number is 344-9702.

Sincerely,



Andrea Peck

9-21-94

Tom Betz -

My name is Denise Proctor and I am a Resident Advisor at the Florida Avenue Residence Halls. We are sponsoring a Decision Making Program for your hall. We would like if you or one of your colleagues could come and participate in our program.

TIME & DATE: Tuesday September 27, 1994
7:00pm - 8:30pm

Subject: Jeopardy Style Game
- Question mainly focused on Underage Drinking
- Some questions on issues of safety in the Residence Halls
all rules regarding illegal substances

Attendance: approximately 40-60 people

If you have any comments or questions please feel free to contact me Denise Proctor @ 332-5426.

Thank You
Denise Proctor

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d in a tree, and a dead pig hung

Child's practical joke results in shooting

EST MONROE, La.—A girl who
ed out of a closet and shouted,
l!" when her parents came
e in the middle of the night was
and killed by her own father.
-old Matilda Kaye Crabtree's
words to her father.
o charges were brought
inst 53-year-old Robert
btree. Ouachita Parish Chief
uty Richard Fewell said the
ould be turned over to the
rict attorney as a matter of
routine.
"It's sad," Fewell said. "This is
something every kid has done. I
don't know how the father is going
to live with it."
Matilda and a friend, whose iden-
tity was not released, were sup-
posed to be spending Saturday night
at the friend's home but had decid-
ed to go to the Crabtrees' while
Matilda's parents were away,
Fewell said.
When Matilda heard her parents
drive up around 1 a.m. Sunday, she

controversy aside because now is
the time to act."

and her friend came up with a prac- tical joke: They hid in her bedroom closet and made noises to make her parents think someone had broken in, Fewell said.

Crabtree got his gun, and when
Matilda jumped out, her startled fa-
ther pointed the .357-caliber pistol
loaded with hollow-point bullets
and shot his daughter in the neck,
the chief deputy said.
She died at a hospital 12 hours
later. Her friend was not hurt.

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November 4, 1994

Mr. Tom Betz
324 Illini Union
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Dear Mr. Betz:

We, members of G.A.M.M.A. (Greeks Advocating Mature Management of Alcohol), have just completed much involvement with the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week. Many believe this years alcohol awareness week went successfully by educating many students. We would like to continue this education and increase awareness of what alcohol can do. We are asking if you could help us achieve this by sending a speaker at our next meeting. This person can speak, from 10 to 15 minutes, on a wide variety of subjects such as the costs of being caught drinking in a campus bar or any other subjects that will educate the students on the dangers of alcohol. There will be roughly 50 students at this meeting held at Kappa Delta on Tuesday, November 15 at 7:30.

I hope you can spare some time for us as we try to help and encourage the need for more alcohol awareness. If you would be able, it would increase the possibility of us achieving our goal of increasing awareness. I will be contacting you in the near future to see your status on this event.

Sincerely,

G.A.M.M.A. Members

Matthew E. O'Donnell
337-4243

call & say ok -

I'll be there

Jusca

1204 S. Lincoln

University of Illinois
at Urbana-Champaign

McKinley Health Center
1109 South Lincoln Avenue
Urbana, IL 61801

217 333-2711
217 244-1758 fax

Thomas Betz
Student Legal Services
324 Illini Union
1401 West Green Street
Urbana, IL 61801

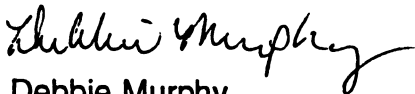
Dear Mr. Betz:

I would like to confirm your presentation on "Sex and the Law" to Community Health 240, section A4. This presentation is scheduled for November 29, 1994 from 4:00 to 5:30 in room 130 Lincoln Hall. This is a small class and you should not anticipate more than 5-6 people.

Just to remind you, Community Health 240 is a practicum class that trains students to become peer educators for the McKinley Health Center. The students in section A4 have studied issues related to sexual health and have been presenting the workshops entitled "Sexual Pursuit", "For Women Only", and "For Men Only". They have expressed interest in the topic to which you will be speaking, and we look forward to your presentation.

Thank you again for your cooperation. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Debbie Murphy
Teaching Assistant
Community Health 240

University of Illinois
at Urbana-Champaign

Office of the Dean of Students
2 Turner Student Services Building
610 East John Street
Champaign, IL 61820

Greek Affairs
217 333-7062

November 11, 1994

Tom Betts
Student Legal Services
Rm. 324 Illi Union
MC-344

Dear Mr. Tom Betts,

My name is Laura Jorgensen I am the Graduate Assistant for the Greek Peer Advisor/Health Advocate class. The Greek Affairs office is in the process of planning the Greek Peer Advisor Winter retreat. We are putting together a panel of University Services for the students to become familiar with. Peggy Gates-Wieneke from McKinley Health Education, informed me that you have spoken at the Greek Peer Advisor retreat in the past. We would love to have you represent Student Legal Services at this Winter retreat also.

The retreat is scheduled for January 11, 1994. The panel presentation will take place from 10:30 - 12:00, the last twenty minutes will be set aside for questions from the students. We would like you to present a brief 15 minute introduction of Student Legal Services and other pertinent information that you feel the students should be aware of.

The retreat will be at the McKinley Foundation located at 809 S. Fifth St. in the Westminister room. There will be approximately 75 students present. Please get back to me if you will be able to be a part of this years Greek Peer Advisor/Health Advocate Winter retreat. Please feel free to call me at 3-7062 if you have any further questions, I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



Laura Jorgensen
Gradate Assistant Greek Affairs

JAN 10 REC'D

Dear Thomas Betz,

On Monday, January 23, a group of Resident Advisors at the Illinois Street Residence Halls will be holding a program about students' legal rights if they are caught at the bars underage. It is our hope that someone from Student Legal Services could present information about what students should know, what they should do and what they should not do. The proposed time and place are ~~8pm~~ in the ~~Townsend Lounge B.~~ Tuesday, the 24th is our alternate date if the ~~23rd~~ is not feasible. We are expecting a crowd of ~~30-40~~. Please contact me to let me know if you can work with these plans. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Steven Infanti, RA
2-4154
362 Townsend Hall, ISR

Tues Jan 24th @ 8pm
ISR Multipurpose Room C
(basement)
30-40 people

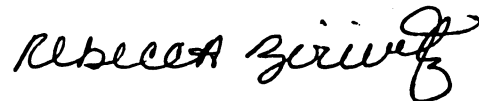
1-27-95

Dear Mr. Betz,

Hello. My name is Rebecca Zerivitz and I am writing to you on behalf of Sigma Delta Tau sorority. Currently, I am the Greek Peer Advisor of my chapter. I find it important to keep the members of my house informed about major student issues. Because the 'Zero Tolerance' law has recently come into effect, I find it to be a topic that everyone should become aware of. I'd like to make arrangements for someone to come to my sorority house on Wednesday, February 8th, at 6:00 p.m. to discuss this topic. I expect that approximately 50-60 people will attend this presentation. You can reach me at 337-4005 to work out the necessary details. Thank you.

6 pm 2/8 weds
1104 W. Nevada
50-60
Zero Tolerance

Sincerely,



Rebecca Zerivitz

PI BETA PHI FRATERNITY

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FOUNDED 1867

CHAPTER
ADDRESS

TEB

DATE

January 31, 1995

To: Student Legal Services
Speakers Bureau

Dear Thomas Betz,

My name is CC Andreas-Hobin, and I represent Pi Beta Phi National Sorority. I am writing to request that a speaker come to our house at 1005 S. Wright in Champaign to discuss the new Zero Tolerance Law. Many women in the house have had questions about this law, and I do not have the answers. Therefore, I would appreciate if you could come explain the details and consequences of the law. The most ideal date for me is February 20 at 7:00 pm. If this date is not acceptable for you, I can be reached at 344-9415. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

CC Andreas-Hobin

CC Andreas-Hobin

100-125 people



Sigma Phi Delta
Delta Chapter

FEB 09 REC'D

302 East Gregory
Champaign, Illinois 61820

February 7, 1995

Dear Student Legal Service,

Hello, I am the Vice-President of Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity, and recently I received a letter about your Speakers Bureau. I am interested in setting up a program addressing the 'Zero Tolerance' alcohol law on campus. A possible date and time for this program would be Wednesday, February 22, at 5:30 P.M. You can contact me at the address above, or at 367-4625 about this program.

30-40

Sincerely,

Chris Newman

*moved
to 3/29/95
@ 5:30*

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Sigma Nu Fraternity

Gamma Nu Chapter
University of Illinois

1009 West Pennsylvania
Urbana, Illinois 61801

February 14, 1995

Dear Thomas E. Betz:

I am writing to make arrangements for a discussion on date rape. I would like to set the date for the workshop on Wednesday, February 22 at 6:00 p.m., if possible. The discussion would be held at Sigma Nu Fraternity at 1009 W. Pennsylvania Ave. with approximately 25 people attending. I would appreciate it, if you could get back to me at 337-9141 as soon as possible to finalize the date and time.

Date Rape
JEB → 25
lot behind the house

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Schneider
Vice President

305 N. Lincoln #207
Urbana IL, 61801

February 24, 1995

Mr. Betz
Student Legal Services
Illini Union
333-9053

Dear Mr. Betz

I am writing in regards of having a representative from the Student Legal Services Office speak at a debate on Repressed vs. Implanted Memories. The debate is sponsored by the Psychology Association and will be held on March 7 at 8:00 in the Courtyard Cafe of the Illini Union. Many speakers from different disciplines and perspectives have agreed to speak on this panel but as of yet, nobody from the legal perspective has agreed to be on the panel.

The Psychology Association is working hard to have representatives from all the different fields and professions affected by this controversial issue. As it would not be fair to have only certain groups voice their opinion, I would like to extend an invitation to the Student Legal Services office to speak at this debate. I feel it is necessary to examine any relevant laws or court cases that address this issue. Since it appears this issue is quickly becoming a hot topic in the courts the legal perspective of this issue should not be ignored.

If you or another representative from the Student Legal Services Office would like to speak at this debate, please contact me, Amanda R. Lorenz, at 328-7738 or Joshua Nathan at 398-9063 as soon as possible. I am looking forward to hearing from you soon and having you speak at the debate.

Sincerely,



Amanda R. Lorenz
President
Psychology Association

*2/27/95
decline
refu to Legal Council*

University of Illinois
at Urbana-Champaign

March 1, 1995

Office of the Dean of Students
2 Turner Student Services Building
610 East John Street
Champaign, IL 61820

Orientation Program
217 333-4057

Tom Betz
Student Legal Service
324 Illini Union
CAMPUS

Dear Tom:

The Orientation Programs staff is finalizing preparations for the 1995 Summer Orientation Program. A series of twenty-one two-day programs are scheduled to take place from May 30th through July 7th. As in the past, an all-day information browsing area will be set up for program participants. The location set aside for this aspect of summer orientation will be the Illinois Street Residence Halls Dining Room.

We would like to invite your department to participate in this important component of the 1995 Summer Orientation Program by displaying information. Two options are available for displaying information: a full table or a half table.

The Information Fair has also been scheduled into the student and parent agendas from 5:00-6:30 p.m. each Monday through Thursday throughout the six weeks of the Summer Orientation Program. During this session we would like to request that your department provide a representative to staff your display and answer questions regarding your office. Your table must be staffed every evening of the Information Fair in order to have a display at ISR.

The date/time scheduled for the all-day display "set-up" is Friday, May 26th from 8:00-10:00 a.m. at the Illinois Street Residence Hall Dining Room. In order to ensure that displays are well stocked with materials at all times, please provide extra materials when you set up the display (approximately 6000 new students and 5000 of their parents will attend Summer Orientation). An Orientation Programs staff member will restock display materials as needed throughout the six weeks.

To confirm your participation, please return the enclosed form on or before April 7, 1995. If you have any questions, or would like more information about either Information Fair, please contact me at 333-4057. Thank you for your assistance and participation in the 1995 Summer Orientation Program.

Sincerely,



Rhonda Kirts
Assistant Dean
Orientation Programs

Enclosure

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Mr. Thomas Betz
Student Legal Service
University of Illinois
324 Illini Union
1401 W Green St.
CAMPUS MAIL/ MC-384

Dear Mr. Betz,

My name is Michael Siska and I am a sophomore in CBA. The main project of my B&TW 253 class is to have a speaker come to our class and discuss their profession and the forms of communication he/she commonly uses. My T.A., Mark Engsborg, suggested that each group should present a speaker who is employed in the field in which the group members are interested in. The two other members of my group, as well as myself, are interested in attending law school, and would like for you to speak about your experiences as an attorney.

I spoke to your receptionist, and she said that you would probably speak for us, but if you were not able to attend, another attorney from SLS would come. The date for this presentation is **Monday, March 27 at Noon**, and the place is **7 Illini Hall**(in the basement). The topic is pretty simple: a brief discussion of your profession and the forms of communication you commonly use (since this is a business communication class), followed by questions from the audience. It should last no longer than 10 to 15 minutes. Also, the number of attendees will be 24.

If you have any questions, please call me, or one of my other group members. Our numbers are listed at the bottom of the page. I will be on campus until Saturday, March 11, and will be back on Sunday, March 19. We will call you either Monday, March 20 or Tuesday, March 21 to provide you with additional information.

Thank you,



Michael Siska

Group Members:
Michael Siska 344-3177
Laura Amrein 356-9173
Kristin Hayes 332-3643

next 7:00. out 3/27/98
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Wed. Thurs.
or Fri
March 29 } all
March 30 } ok.
March 31 }
at 6:30
PM.

To whom it may concern,
My name is Robb Alleman and I am a Greek Peer Advisor. I live at I lidell of Alpha Gamma Sigma located at 303 E Chalmers. I would like someone from Student Legal Services to come and give a presentation to my house. I was hoping that this could be done on Monday evening around 6:30pm. I think that it would be a good experience for us to hear about the effects of the new alcohol/bar laws, and some of the general services that the Student Legal Service provide for us. My phone number is 344-3410.

Sincerely,
Robb Alleman



When Robb Alleman calls tell him.

— Tom will do it.
→ Thurs. Mar 30
6:30 PM.

Find out where to park?
How many people will attend?

park behind the house
30-40 people

They want to know about new alcohol/bar laws and general services that St. Legal Service provides.

University of Illinois
at Urbana-Champaign

Housing Division

Residential Life
Urbana South Residence Halls
1001 West College Court
Urbana, IL 61801-4784

217 333-0840
217 244-0394 fax

March 10, 1995

Mr. Thomas E. Betz
University of Illinois Student Legal Services
324 Illini Union
1401 W. Green Street
Urbana, Ill 61801
MC-306

Dear Mr. Betz:

In remembrance of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, we at Florida Avenue Residence Hall, are planning on presenting a mock rape trial. The characters and script will be written by a graduate law student, Chad Norvil, who will be assisted by another law student in playing the attorneys for both the prosecution and defense. The characters of the victim, suspect, and witnesses will be portrayed by the residents of the hall.

We are inviting you to participate as the judge or the narrator. Using these roles, hopefully you can explain key issues that the audience needs to be aware of during an actual rape trial. We are hoping to put on this production, at 7:00pm, on either Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday of April (10th, 11th, or 13th), depending on your availability.

This will be a great opportunity to educate the 1,200 residents whom reside in the complex of the facts and issues of rape, especially the procedure after the initial complaint charge. If you are interested please call me at 332-5096. Spring Break is during the week of March 13th, so I will not be at that phone number until the 20th.

Hoping to speak soon,



Reginald Roper
Resident Advisor

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Thomas Betz
Student Legal Services
324 Illini Union
1401 West Green Street
Urbana, Il 61801

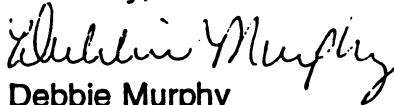
Dear Mr. Betz:

I would like to request your presentation on "Sex and the Law" to Community Health 240, section A4. When I spoke with your office staff about possible dates, it was indicated to me that Tuesday April 25 was available, and I assume that is still correct. Unless I hear otherwise, I will plan on your attendance on that day. The class meets 4:00 to 5:30 in room 44 of the English Building. This is a small class and you should not anticipate more than 8 people.

Just to remind you, Community Health 240 is a practicum class that trains students to become peer educators for the McKinley Health Center. The students in section A4 have studied issues related to sexual health and have been presenting the workshops entitled "Sexual Pursuit", "For Women Only", and "For Men Only". They have expressed interest in the topic to which you will be speaking, and we look forward to your presentation.

Thank you again for your cooperation. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Debbie Murphy
Teaching Assistant
Community Health 240

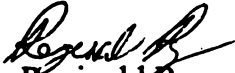
April 14, 1995

Thomas E. Betz
Student Legal Services
324 Illini Union
1401 W. Green
Urbana, Ill 61801

Dear Thomas Betz:

I apologize for being unable to reach you after your initial response to my request to participate in the FAR Mock Rape Trial. Because of unexpected events, the date of the trial has been changed from April 12 to **Wednesday, April 26, at 8:00pm**. You will be participating in the trial as the judge and a commentator of the proceedings. Hopefully through those positions, you can inform our residents of the most relevant information that they should know about a trial of this sort. By telling the differences and similarities of our presentation, versus what actually occurs in court, our residents will get a better understanding of the facts surrounding acquaintance rape. Before the trial presentation, it would be nice to indicate to the audience your experience with rape cases in your career, especially while practicing in relation to the University of Illinois. During the trial, please feel free to comment about the accuracy and probability of the witness' testimonies. Finally, after the trial we will conclude the program with a question and answer period, while the selected jury is deliberating a verdict. If you can plan on arriving at FAR's front desk by 7:30pm, we can develop more details for your role in the program.

If you any questions, please don't hesitate to call me. Thank you again for being a part of the program.


Reginald Roper
Resident Advisor Oglesby Hall
URH/ 214 Oglesby
332-5096

Dear Mr. Betz,

I am writing in response to the memo that I received from your office at the beginning of the semester about having a member of your staff give a presentation at our chapter. To fulfill our requirements with our national fraternity, we need to have you do a presentation on sex abuse. The topics that we need to be informed about include sexual assault and harrassment and the relationships between drinking and sexual misconduct. Of course, you are free to include any other related topics which you feel may be beneficial. We would like to have the presentation done on Thursday, April 27 at around 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions or a conflict with our requested time please give me a call at 328-9214. Thanks.

Eric D. Graue

Eric D. Graue

President

Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity

*40 people so attend
parking also ~~at~~ ^{Gregory}
north to the house*

(reserved spot) after concrete patio ends

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April 18, 1995

Mr. Tom Betz,

As the Vice President of Membership Development for GAMMA (Greeks Advocating the Mature Management of Alcohol), I am responsible for finding guest speakers to speak at our meetings. A representative from your service spoke at a meeting which we held last semester, educating our members about the legal issues involved with underage drinking. I personally feel that this was one of our most effective meetings, therefore we would appreciate it if a representative could give a short presentation at our last meeting of the semester, April 25. The meeting will take place in a fraternity or sorority house (the location will be determined later on this week), at 7:00 pm, and we expect about 50 members to be in attendance.

If you could please contact me at your earliest convenience, and let me know if a representative will be able to give a short presentation (10-15 minutes) on this date. My phone number is 328-8659.

Thank you for your time and your continued support of GAMMA and all the causes which we serve.

Sincerely,



Lisa R. Ward

Criss B. Chang
Greek Peer Advisor
110 E. Armory
Champaign, IL 61820

April 21, 1995

I would like to request that an attorney come speak to my chapter house, on behalf of the men of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. I am currently enrolled in a course, Community Health 140, which requires workshops to be presented to the individual chapters. The topics in which I would like to be discussed are the consequences of under age drinking or what can be done about delinquent bills to the chapter. The location of this discussion would be at the above address. The number of people in the chapter that would attend would be approximately 40. There is a parking lot behind the house and you may park in any available spot. The following is a list of available dates in which we would like the legal advisor to speak with us;

Tuesday, April 25th 5:50 P.M.
Wednesday, April 26th 5:50 P.M.
Sunday, April 30th 5:00 P.M.
Monday, May 1st 5:30 P.M.
Tuesday, May 2nd 5:50 P.M.
Wednesday, May 3rd 5:50 P.M.

Thank you for your time, and we are looking forward to your visit.

Greek Peer Advisor,


Criss B. Chang

Phone # 384-1407

declined Tom Betz
4/26/95
PJ

Lloyd G. Lees
3409 South Lower Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60616

AUG 6 1 REC'D

July 20, 1994

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in regards to the Student Legal Service provided to students of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. I have been informed that the service is under review for cancellation. In light of this information, I would like to present personal testimony of the invaluable representation, advice, and service provided by the staff of Student Legal Service.

I learned of Student Legal Service during my second year of enrollment through a Resident Advisor of the University Residence Halls for consultation of a traffic violation. Because of the expedient and exceptional manner in which the staff responded to my needs, I have periodically made appointments for consultation of other matters--for both general and specific advice or representation.

My most recent interaction concerned a matter which I am certain that I would not have been able to resolve without the knowledgeable representation of the Student Legal Service. Currently, after four years of enrollment as a full-time student, I have become aware of the many invaluable programs and services that the University of Illinois offers to its students. Through the Student Legal Service, many of my legal concerns and questions have been resolved efficiently, without the high costs. I am aware of legal fees that most attorneys require even for consultation or advice.

I am very grateful to the staff of Student Legal Service for their invaluable service provided to me and I am certain many other students who have sought advice from the service feel the same as I do. Losing the Student Legal Service would be a tremendous detriment to the availability of student services at the University of Illinois.

Sincerely,



Lloyd G. Lees (SSN: 338-62-6303)

cc: Dean of Students/University Counsel/Student Legal Service

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University of Illinois
at Urbana-Champaign

Office of the Dean of Students
2 Turner Student Services Building
610 East John Street
Champaign, IL 61820

Greek Affairs
217 333-7062

September 12, 1994

Tom Betz
324 Illini Union
1401 W. Green
Urbana, IL 61801

Dear Mr. Betz:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for participating in our social chairperson retreat on August 31. We received very positive feedback concerning the information that you distributed, and we hope to include you in future retreats that we are planning. The information you provided was invaluable and will undoubtedly serve as necessary prevention in many chapters.

Thank you again for your time, and for participating with such short notice.

Sincerely,



Theresa Robbins
Graduate Assistant
Greek Affairs Office

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November 16, 1994

Tom Betts
Student Legal Services
Rm. 324 Illini Union
MC-344

Dear Tom,

Thank you for agreeing to speak at the Greek Peer Advisor/Health Advocate Winter retreat on January 11, 1995. We are planning on the university panel part of the retreat to begin at 10:30 and go till approximately 12:00, the last fifteen minutes will be left for students to ask panel members questions. We would like you to speak for about fifteen minutes on the Student Legal Services and what services are available to students. Feel free to bring any handouts that you feel would be beneficial for the students.

There will be approximately 70 students at the retreat who have been selected from their chapters or athletic organizations to be the Peer Advisor/Health Advocate. Information they gain at the retreat will be shared with their organization and utilized during their one year term as the Peer Advisor/ Health Advocate.

The retreat will be at the McKinley Foundation, located at 809 S. Fifth st. in the Westminster room. Once again thank you for agreeing to speak at the retreat. Feel free to call me at the Greek Affairs office at 3-7062 or Peggy Gates-Wieneke at the Health Education office at 3-2714 if you have any further questions. I look forward to meeting you on Jan. 11th.

Sincerely,



Laura Jorgensen
Graduate Assistant Greek Affairs

November 28, 1994

Susan Hesse
Student Legal Services
Urbana, IL 68101

Dear Susan Hesse:

On behalf of the members of Gamma I would like to thank you for speaking at our last meeting on November 15. All the members and I know how busy you may be and appreciate your effort. With the support of you, the university, and Gamma together we can educate the students of the University of Illinois to be more responsible when drinking.

Again I would like to say thank you and look forward to working with you again in the future.

Sincerely,



Matthew E. O'Donnell

University of Illinois
at Urbana-Champaign

Office of International
Student Affairs

510 East Daniel
Champaign, IL 61820
U.S.A.

office
217 333-1303
telex (via telecommunications)
5101011969 UI TELCOM URUD
217 244-0530 *fax*

January 18, 1995

Susan Hessee
John Popek
Student Legal Service
324 Illini Union
MC-384

Dear Susan and John:

Thank you so much for participating in the Spring 1995 orientation for new international students. The information that you provide helps the students to understand how this great university works. In addition, the evidence of your willingness to share both your time and your talents makes the students feel welcome.

Your effort is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Jan M. Lenz
Assistant Director

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University of Illinois
at Urbana-Champaign

Office of the Dean of Students
2 Turner Student Services Building
610 East John Street
Champaign, IL 61820

Greek Affairs
217 333-7062

January 20, 1995

Tom Betz
Student Legal Services
Rm. 324 Illini Union
MC-344

Dear Tom,

Thank you for attending the Health Advocate Winter retreat on January 11, 1995. The University panel is a vital part of the Health Advocate training and I am glad that the Student Legal Services was able to be a part of it.

We will keep you in mind for future retreats and classes regarding the Health Advocate program. Once again thank you for taking an active part in the Health Advocate Winter Retreat!

Sincerely,



Laura Jorgensen
Greek Affairs Graduate Assistant
Health Advocate Coordinator

University of Illinois
at Urbana-Champaign

Office of the Dean of Students
2 Turner Student Services Building
610 East John Street
Champaign, IL 61820

Office of Women's Programs
217 333-3137
217 333-9615 fax

March 13, 1995

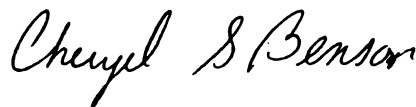
U of I Student Legal Service
Thomas E. Betz
324 Illini Union
1401 W. Green Street
MC-384

Dear Women's Resource Directory Participant:

We would like to thank you and your organization for your continued support of and assistance to women's issues and concerns. The Office of Women's Programs annually publishes the Women's Resource Directory, which is used by students, faculty, and staff at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The Directory is for referral and information and it provides a great service to the general campus community. We have been contacted by and do provide a few copies of the directory to outside agencies for advising and referral.

At this time, we are asking you to review the synopsis for your organization and make any changes or corrections and return these to our office in the enclosed self-addressed envelop by **April 3, 1995**. We appreciate the time you expend in helping the campus community and the Champaign-Urbana community at large. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Cheryl S. Benson
Office Assistant

CSB:K:WOMEN\GENOF\WRD\ILTR.CSB

U of I Student Legal Service

Contact: Thomas E. Betz, 333-9053, 324 Illini Union,
1401 West Green Street, U.

Hours: 8:30 am-12 pm, 1 pm-4:30 pm, Monday - Friday

The organization provides a wide range of legal services to all enrolled U of I students who have not sought a refund of their SORF fee. Primary areas are: landlord-tenant problems (we only represent tenants), criminal misdemeanor, traffic, and family law (including name changes, parentage petitions and adoptions). We do not provide advice over the telephone. A personal appointment is necessary to insure confidentiality.

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mailed back 3-20-95
OK Per TEB 3-20-95



Sigma Nu Fraternity

*Gamma Mu Chapter
University of Illinois*

*1009 West Pennsylvania
Urbana, Illinois 61801*

March 21, 1995

Thomas E. Betz
Attorney at Law
324 Illini Union
1401 West Green Street
Urbana, Illinois 61801

Bear Mr. Betz:

I would like to thank you for your presentation on Acquaintance Rape on February 22, 1995. My fraternity learned a lot of valuable information about this subject and we hope to schedule you for another presentation in the future.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Schneider
Jeff Schneider
Vice President

April 3, 1995

Susan Hessee
Student Legal Services
324 Illini Union
1401 W. Green St.
Urbana, Illinois 61801

Dear Ms. Hessee:

Thank you very much for taking time out of your busy schedule to come speak to our Business and Technical Writing class on March 27, 1995. It was very interesting to hear how you communicate with judges, clients, and other lawyers both verbally and non verbally and the individual techniques that you use to convey your thoughts such as your quiet assertiveness and slow temper and the results that you are able to produce.

The ability to express oneself accurately is very important and in our Business and Technical Writing class we are learning how to communicate to others through various business documents. In your presentation, you gave us specific ideas on how a professional might implement these writings in his or her job. You gave our class practical advice on appropriate communication styles once we graduate from the University of Illinois and pursue careers in law and other various fields. Although most of the students in our BTW class will not become lawyers, you gave us helpful guidelines to follow when we communicate in any career: sincerity, politeness, and respectfulness. Those things are great for all of us to remember.

You impressed upon us the need to develop our own individual style when communicating. Your example of the lawyer in court throwing his pen down was entertaining and it illustrated a unique way to convey your thoughts to others without having to speak.

With your presentation, we will be able to prepare the writing sample folders that we will need in the future for interviews. Thank you again for all the helpful tips and the real life examples of how you use written documents in your career.

Sincerely,



Laura Amrein
Kristin Hayes
Michael Siska



Sigma Phi Delta
Delta Chapter

302 East Gregory
Champaign, Illinois 61820

April 4, 1995

Dear Mr. Betz,

Thank you for presenting a program about the new Zero Tolerance Alcohol Laws on March 29, 1995 at Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity. It was very informative, as it dealt with issues that can greatly affect our members. The program was very appreciated by those in attendance. We hope to be able to have Student Legal Services present programs in future semesters.

Thank You,

Chris Newman
Vice-President
Sigma Phi Delta Fraternity

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TO: Summer Orientation ISR Information Fair Participants
FROM: Rhonda Kirts *RK*
Assistant Dean
Orientation Programs
DATE: May 3, 1995
RE: Summer Orientation Information Fair

Thank you for agreeing to have a display in the Information Fair at the Illinois Street Residence Halls during the 1995 Summer Orientation/Advance Enrollment Program. The program will run from May 30th through July 7th. We expect approximately 11,000 new students and parents to attend the Information Fair during this time.

Display set-up will be from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Friday, May 26th in the dining room of the Illinois Street Residence Halls. There will be student staff present to direct you to your table and help unload materials.

Due to the large number of program participants, we ask that you bring 7,000 copies of any handouts used in displays. There will be a locked storage room for extra handouts.

Display take down at the Illinois Street Residence Hall will be on Monday, July 10th from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Student staff will again be present to direct and assist you.

As a participant in the ISR Information Fair, your table must be staffed from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., Monday - Thursday. Each evening, prior to entering the Dining Room, your department representative should "check-in" at the Summer Orientation Information Window located at the front entrance of ISR. At this time, the representative will receive a meal pass. We will furnish each department with one meal pass per evening.

If you have any questions or problems, please contact me at 333-4057. Thank you for your support of the 1995 Summer Orientation Program.

10-10-94

Dear Susan,

Thank you very much for speaking to us on behalf of the student legal services department. We thought the discussion was very informative as well as entertaining. Again thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
The Women of Alpha Phi

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP
WITH WESTON HALL'S EDUCATIONAL
PROGRAM, "BREAKIN' THE LAW." THE
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A GOOD PROGRAM
AND A GREAT PROGRAM LIES IN
THE AMOUNT OF QUALITY INFORMATION
THE RESIDENTS WERE ABLE TO RECEIVE.
YOU ADDED THE PERFECT MIX TO
THE PANEL OF EXPERTS. IT'S NOT
OFTEN THAT RESIDENTS GET A
CHANCE TO HEAR ABOUT THE
CONSEQUENCES BEFORE THEY HAVE
TO FACE THEM! THANKS FOR YOUR
EXPERTISE AND YOUR COOPERATION.

SINCERELY,
JACK A. MOOCHI & ROB KUBSIK
RESIDENT ADVISORS
WESTON HALL

WORLD MAP
by Gerardus Mercator and Henricus Hondius
in *NOVUS ATLAS*, 1647-62 by Jan Jansson
The Huntington Library,
Art Collections and Botanical Gardens
San Marino, California

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June 5, 1995

John Popek
326 Illini Union
1401 W. Green St.
Urbana, IL 61801-2917

\$ 500 gift cert.

Dear John,

Last Fall, if you remember, I was in a rather terrible disciplinary situation for a computer-related infraction.

Luckily, Paul Weichsel helped me out and I ended up getting restricted conduct probation until graduation and had to do an essay on the ethics of computing. I'm happy that I was allowed to graduate from the University.

I really appreciate the advice that you gave me, and as a token of my appreciation, I have enclosed gift certificates from McDonald's.

Sincerely,

Ken Chen

Ken Chen (ken@usc.edu)
941 W. 37th Place
Los Angeles, CA 90089-0781

Dear Mr. Betz,
I just wanted
to thank you for
your help regarding
my unemployment
compensation
situation with
Osco Drug. It
worked out in
my favor.

Thanks again
Renee O'Sullivan
(Dave Pock's
 fiance)

University of Illinois
at Urbana-Champaign

Housing Division

Residential Life
300 Clark Hall
1203 South Fourth Street
Champaign, IL 61820

217 333-0770 office
217 244-0394 fax

FAX

DATE: August 11, 1994

TO: Tom Betz, Student Legal Services

FAX: 4-1758

FROM: Rosanne Proite
Associate Director
Housing Division

Rosanne

*Annex
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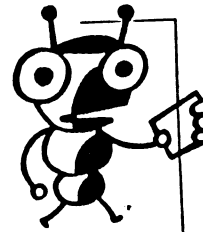
RE: Distribution of Information Concerning
Laws Governing Alcohol Consumption

Comments: As per our discussion, here is a breakdown
of how your information should be
counted out, as well as a delivery point.
Deliveries can be made between 8:00 - 12
noon and 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

This information has been approved for
distribution at a table next to our hall check-in
location. There should be enough for one per
resident; if you want to send less, you may.
Thanks for counting these out and delivering
them, Tom!

c: Area Coordinators
Area Secretaries

Unofficial Student Guide for the UofI



Krannert Center for the Performing Arts	333-6700	Medical Clinic	333-2716
Ticket Office	333-6280	Mental Health	333-2705
La Casa Cultural Latina	333-4950	Preventive Medicine	333-2702
Lesbian & Gay Illini	333-1187	Minority Student Affairs. Office	333-0054
Libraries (call for hours)		Music, School of	333-2620
Africana	333-6519	Graduate Music Office	333-1712
Afro-Americana	333-3006	Undergraduate Music Office	244-0551
Agriculture	333-2416	Nite Rides	333-3184
Archives	333-0798	Panhellenic Council	333-3742
Asian	333-1501	Privately Owned Certified Housing	
Biology	333-3654	Armory House	384-4499
Chemistry	333-3737	Bromley Hall	384-6100
Circulation Desk	333-2934	Hendrick House	328-8000
City Planning & Landscape Arch.	333-0424	Illini Tower	344-0400
Classics	333-1124	Newman Hall	344-1266
Communications	333-2216	Recreation, Facilities & Informal	333-3806
Education & Social Sciences	333-2305	Rehabilitation-Education	
Engineering	333-3576	Services	333-1970
English	333-2220	Residence Hall Association	333-1191
Geology	333-1266	Residence Halls	
Head Librarian's Office	333-0791	Allen	333-1100
Health Sciences	333-4893	Busey Evans	244-7639
Illini Union Basement	244-7935	Evans	244-7639
Illini Union Browsing Room	333-2475	Daniels	333-0464
Labor & Industrial Relations	333-2380	Florida Avenue	333-0840
Law	333-2914	Gregory Drive	333-1651
Library Telephone Center	333-8400	Illinois Street	333-4640
Mathematics	333-0256	Lincoln Avenue	333-0200
Media Center	333-2667	Peabody Drive	333-2394
Modern Languages	333-0076	Pennsylvania Avenue	333-2950
Music	333-1173	Sherman	333-2251
Periodicals	244-3767	Small Animal Clinic	333-5300
Rare Book Room	333-3777	Speech & Hearing Office	333-2230
Undergraduate Library	333-1031	Star Course	333-0457
Undergrad Library	244-2562	Student Accounts	333-2180
Lost & Found	333-1629	Students Activities Office	333-4057
McKinley Health Center		Students Against Multiple Sclerosis	244-4195
General Information	333-2701	Student Alumni Association	333-9827
Appointments		Student Ambassadors	333-1471
(Dial-A-Nurse)	333-2700	Student Government Association	333-6543
Gynecology	333-2708	Student Legal Services	333-9053
Health Education	333-2714	Student Organizations	333-1153
		Student Micro-Resource Center	244-6261
		Student Patrol	333-1216

Your eyes and nose are the warmest parts of your body.

UNIVERSITY SERVICES

Nite Rides 333-3184

Nite Rides is a free service provided by the Office of Women's Programs and is available to all students every night that classes are in session: Sunday through Thursday, 9pm to 2am; Friday and Saturday, 9pm to 3am.

Registered Organizations Office 280 ILLINI UNION (333-1153)

The Registered Organizations Office publishes a list of all registered student organizations on campus (over 550 of them) and governs the registering and renewal of RO's. Room 280 also houses cubicles for dozens of RO's.

Student Activities Office 2 STUDENT SERVICES BUILDING (333-4057)

The Student Activities Office includes the **Orientation Programs Office** (333-4057), which implements Summer Orientation, Fall New Student Week events (including Fresh Start), and the freshman advisory board. The **Office of Women's Programs** (333-3137) provides information for all students regarding sexual harassment and sexual assault. It also sponsors outreach programs, seminars, lectures, and Nite Rides (listed under its own heading in this section). The **Mother's and Dad's Associations** (333-7063) act as liaisons between parents and the University by supporting numerous programs and offering resources to family members. **Fraternity and Sorority advising** (333-7062) acts as a liaison between the University and students in the greek system.

Student Government Association 297 ILLINI UNION (333-6543)

The SGA furnishes students with the opportunity to influence University rules and policies. In addition to elected members, any student may serve on SGA committees, including academic, campus, community, minority, and legislative concerns.

Student Legal Service 324 ILLINI UNION (333-9053)

Student Legal Service provides legal advice and representation to students when needed. The staff consists of three attorneys and several interns from the College of Law. Appointments are made in person.

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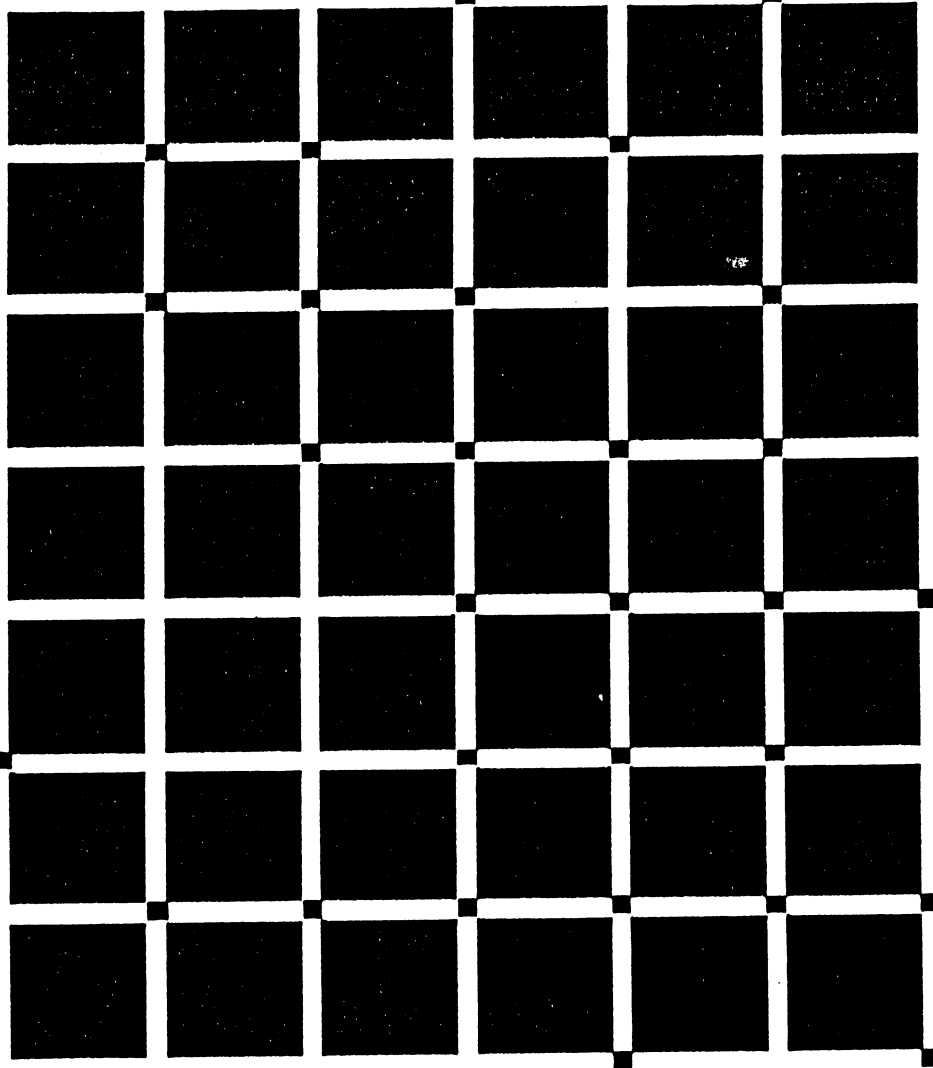
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Academic Advising Referral Handbook 1994-1995

Student Affairs,
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Writers' Workshop: Assistance with writing problems;
walk-in or by appointment.
Undergraduate Library 333-8796
Pennsylvania Ave. Res Hall 333-2950
Allen Res. Hall 333-8351

Office of Minority Affairs
130 F.H.T.S.S.B. 333-0054
Minority Academic Support Services
110 F.H.T.S.S.B. 333-3210

Term Paper Research Counseling
Undergraduate Library
Hours to be announced.

Tutoring in Chemistry and Math is
available in University Residence Halls. Hours
and rooms are posted in these areas.

Class instructors and your department staff are also an excellent source for tutoring referrals.

WITHDRAWING FROM SCHOOL

Go to your college office. They will discuss the specific
issues of your particular situation and route you
through the rest of the process.

WOMEN'S ISSUES

Office of Women's Programs
2 F.H.T.S.S.B.
333-3137

Office of Women in International Development
318 Coble Hall
333-1977

NiteRides (hours 10pm-1:30am)
A free ride service for students
333-3184

Abortion Rights Coalition Urbana
344-8394

A Woman's Place: Crisis and Information
505 W Green, Urbana
384-4390

MISCELLANEOUS

Student Legal Services
324 Illini Union, 333-9053

Ombuds Officer
The person you contact when you seem to
have an unsolvable problem. Whether the
problem is financial, sexual harassment, racial, or

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