

STUDENT LEGAL SERVICE
AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

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-- ANNUAL REPORT --

Fulfilling the Mission

*"UIUC Student Legal Service Program
celebrates 29 years of providing legal service to
University of Illinois students."*



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I. ATTORNEYS' REPORT

In accordance with the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Student Legal Service Plan, the staff attorneys are pleased to submit the 2006-2007 Annual Report to the Student Legal Service Advisory Board, the Board of Trustees, and the general University community.

The program is financially sound as we end the first year of the three-year budget resolution adopted by the Student Organization Resource Fee (hereafter "SORF") Board in April of 2006. The program receives \$271,984 per year and, in turn, the program agrees not to request additional funds during the three year cycle.

In early March of 2006, the President and Vice President of SORF invited the Student Legal Service Advisory Board to submit a request for additional one-time allocation for funds because the SORF fund contained substantial unallocated funds. The Student Legal Service Advisory Board agreed to submit a request for \$20,637 on the express condition that the request would not impact the three-year budget allocation in any way.

On March 15, 2007, Director, Thomas Betz, presented a proposal that would permit the office to purchase an upgraded shredder, an Intellifax 4100e, HP Color Laser Jets 3600DN and 2600N, and replacement of office carpeting that is in excess of fifteen years old. The proposal most importantly included \$5,500 to make 10,000 CDs of the Student Legal Service web site for distribution at various events, 10,000 chip clips which promote the office and the Tenant Union on Quad Day, and 7,000 copies of "Greeks and the Law" for distribution to registered Greek organizations at the beginning of the new school year. The SORF Board unanimously approved the request.

Staff have obtained all equipment allocations, the carpeting will be replaced in July of 2007, chip clips are being distributed and the CDs and the "Greek" brochure will be available for fall semester. The staff and Student Legal Service Advisory Board deeply appreciate the tremendous support the SORF Board has shown the program this year and from the program's inception in 1978. The "one-time allocation" will relieve some of the pressure in various line items in the program's annual budget, which may permit greater expansion in preventative legal education.

In this reporting period a total of 1540 SORF refunds were made. In the previous reporting period, there were 2,177 refunds, a 29.26% lower number of refunds in this reporting period. The Student Legal Service Program and Tenant Union and many other service organizations aided by the fee appreciate the continued support of the student body.

The Staff

Beckee Bachman has been working as office secretary since August of 2003. Ms. Bachman handles client intakes, screening, scheduling, word processing, brochure and web design and layout, compilation of bills and expenses, and submission for payment, among many other duties. Ms. Bachman is fluent in Spanish, which is very useful for staff and students. She performs above and beyond her duties.

Thomas E. Betz is the directing attorney for the office, currently nearing his twenty-second year with the program. Betz is a 1981 graduate of Wayne State University Law School, a member of the Illinois Bar and formerly a member of the Michigan Bar. He is a member of the Champaign-Urbana Tenant Union Community Advisory Board. Mr. Betz is also an elected

member of the Champaign County Board, since 1995, and serves as Vice Chairman of the Board; Chairman of the Policy, Appointments, and Procedures Committee; and is a member of the Facilities Committee and the Labor Negotiations Committee. Betz is also, for the fifth year, the Chair of the "Elizabeth Berg Streeter Community Service Award" committee of the National Legal Aid and Defenders Association -- Student Legal Services Section.

At the 13th Annual University Student Legal Service Association – Western Region Conference in January, Betz , along with staff attorney, Jeremy Grose, presented a paper "myspace – or is it? The Legal Consequences of Sharing your Secrets with the World." The paper and presentation were well received. The office created a brochure "myspace, or is it?", which is widely available on campus and has become the template for numerous other Student Legal Service programs throughout the country. Betz has been invited to reprise the presentation at the national conference of the National Legal Aid and Defenders Association- Student Legal Services Section in July of this year in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Susan Y. Hessee, a 1982 graduate of the University of Illinois College of Law, is in her nineteenth year as a program staff attorney. Hessee is a member of the Illinois and Michigan Bar Associations. She is active with the Champaign County Bar Association, Health Care Consumers, Planned Parenthood, and the American Civil Liberties Union. A member of St. John the Divine Episcopal Church, she is member of the choir and serves on the Discernment Committee.

Jeremy D. Grose has completed his sixth year as staff attorney. Grose is a 2000 graduate of University of Illinois School of Law. In May, Grose submitted his resignation, effective July 31, 2007. He will be moving to the state of Florida.

In July of 2006, all of the staff attorneys attended the Annual Education Conference of the National Legal Aid and Defenders' Association, Student Legal Services Division in Seattle, Washington, and in January of 2007, Attorneys Betz and Grose attended the University Student Legal Service Association, Western Region, conference at Las Vegas as noted above. The continuing legal education seminars, are designed for the unique topics that student legal service offices confront, such as issues surrounding student loans, student discipline codes, campus alcohol policies, tenant rights and responsibilities, and a myriad of other topics. The staff attorneys appreciate the financial commitment of the Program to Mandatory Continuing Legal Education, which enables us to better serve the student clientele.

FULFILLING THE MISSION

The Student Legal Service Plan, as adopted by the University of Illinois Board of Trustees in 1978, envisions a three-pronged mission for the Student Legal Service Program:

“receive legal counseling and advice, become better informed regarding legal procedures available to them as individuals, be put in contact with attorneys who may represent them individually and in litigation...” (Student Legal Service Plan, p.1)

The program is fulfilling each branch of the Mission through an expansive preventative legal education program, daily counseling of students with legal issues, and regular litigation on behalf of students in the Circuit Court of Champaign County:

Preventive Legal Education

The Student Legal Service Plan requires that the program “inform” students regarding “legal procedures available to them” and, more specifically, encourages the use of various media for preventive legal 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 information pamphlets published by the Illinois State Bar Association, other bar associations, and other appropriate items.” (SLS Plan, p. 4)

During this reporting period, the office published 20 informative/preventive advertisements in *The Daily Illini*, with a total of 61 runs. The office was mentioned in 3 articles and a graphic in the *Daily Illini*, and once in the *Chicago Tribune*, once on the “Northwestern University Medill News Service”, and once on the *Northwest Indiana News* web site, nwitimes.com, and Director Thomas Betz was interviewed by a reporter for local TV station WCIA for broadcast at 6:00 pm and 10:00pm news about postings on myspace.com.

The office participated in 15 speaking engagements. The office currently publishes 37 brochures and two booklets, see page 39 for the list. Staff prepared six new brochures this reporting period: “Notaries Public,” “Drugs and Your Financial Aid,” “Urban Legends,” “myspace... or is it?,” “DUI,” and “Hazing.” Staff regularly revise and update other brochures. Staff are planning three new brochures: Computers and Copyright, Internet Gambling, and “So you don’t like the law...”.

This year we used chip/bag clips, which contain information about the Student Legal Service and Tenant Union at Quad day. We distributed 2,000 at Quad Day in two hours. This

year we will have 8,000 clips with attached magnets and 5,000 plastic bags to promote the office and website at events.

In 1978, the Internet and the concept of web pages did not exist, however, it has proven to be an invaluable tool for communicating with office clients and, more importantly, it has been very effective in fulfilling the goal of preventative legal education. Our web site, located at www.odos.uiuc.edu/sls, contains all brochures as pdf files, which can be downloaded, printed, and/or forwarded without fear by students of copyright infringement. In addition to the brochures, there are staff-produced sections and articles on "Tenant and Housing Matters", "Court Appearances", and "How to Use the Service", and a library of Student Legal Service "advertisements". It is not an exaggeration to say that our website is the most comprehensive Student Legal service web site in the United States. We regularly update content and put out warnings to students regarding changes in the law or applicable practices. We encourage the readers of this report to take an opportunity to peruse the web site at their convenience.

18,104 hits were recorded on the web site during this reporting period. It should be noted that due to changes in or updates to the firewall, the counters on the various pages of our website were rendered inoperable portions of the month on several occasions, so the statistics are not completely accurate. Nonetheless, there is clearly extensive use of the web site by the University community.

This year we have placed all intake office forms on the web on the "Intake Forms Page". This service is greatly appreciated by the students based upon positive comments received by staff. During the next reporting period, we will place court approved forms for "Expungement" and "Joint Simplified Dissolution of Marriage" on the web site.

Once again, "Unofficial St. Patrick's Day" took place on campus. This year was on Friday, March 2nd, before students left for spring break. The office placed three ads in the *Daily Illini* and three-times-daily, 30-second ads on WPGU Radio Monday through Friday of the week of February 26th through March 2nd. 162 students received citation for various alcohol related offenses, as compared with 103 in 2006. Staff believe that our efforts combined with many others' in the University community, did reduce some of the untoward impact of this event, despite the increase in citations.

This year, the office for the first time used radio to reach students about the existence of the office and to inform students of the consequences of certain behaviors. In the fall semester \$1,231.20 was spent at WPGU to run ads regarding traffic laws, drinking tickets, k-license rules, and security deposits. In the spring term, \$2,527.20 was expended for preventive radio ads. The staff would like to continue to use similar radio outreach in the next reporting period.

As part of ongoing preventive legal education efforts, staff attorneys meet with various student organization to discuss issues ranging from alcohol rules to search and seizure. During this period, staff conducted seminars or were the guest speaker at 15 events with 3,948 students attending.

The mission goal of preventive education is being fulfilled and being renewed each year by new and creative approaches.

Counseling and Litigation

1502 students received in-office consultations with a staff attorney, and an additional 332 students received notary services. Consultations involve a wide range of issues; however,

the most common involved housing, traffic, criminal, and consumer. Housing (landlord-tenant) is a basic area of counseling and litigation provided by the Plan. 339 students utilized the office for this service, while 424 sought help with traffic matters and 99 with criminal matters. City offenses continue to be an area where students seek help from the staff. 182 students sought legal consultation in city offense cases, which are not criminal matters, but usually relate to alcohol, parties, or misuse of identification.

Extensive litigation is not feasible, given the small staff, the current budget, and the volume of usage; however, basic litigation is provided in housing matters where students are being evicted, seeking habitability code enforcement, and the return of their security deposits. In-court representation is common in traffic and misdemeanor criminal matters. The office received dismissals in 28 traffic cases out of 198 closed this period and 9 misdemeanors out of 36 total closed this period.

Attorneys continue to encourage alternatives to litigation, such as mediation and other out-of-court settlement approaches.

Our total office use of 1,834 is a 2.39% decrease over the previous reporting period. This is within the normal range over the past ten years. The ten year average is 1,987.6 and this year's total is 7.73% lower than average. The web site answers many basic questions for students, and thus, in-office use of services is expected to continue to decrease slightly in coming years.

CONCLUSION

The three mission goals of the Student Legal Service Plan are being met and exceeded in every aspect. We are beginning the destruction of sixteen years of old files that have been

stored on the fourth floor (south) of the Illini Union. This project will take three summers to complete, due to the sheer volume of office paper generated by files and cases. This massive volume is also ironically a positive comment on the extensive usage of the services provided by the Plan over the decades.

Next year will be the 30th anniversary of Student Legal Service at the University of Illinois. The program is an outstanding resource for the student body and is regarded by peers in the National Student Legal Service community as one of the best programs in the country. Three decades have not diminished the need for or purpose of the program.

Fulfilling the mission is an ongoing process with every enrolling class. The staff appreciate the insight and guidance of the Student Legal Service Advisory Board, the financial support of the Student Organization Resource Fee Board, and the students who pay the fee that allows them access to the services. We look forward to the continued support of the Board of Trustees and the entire University community in the 2007-2008 academic year.

Respectfully submitted:


THOMAS E. BETZ
Director


SUSAN Y. HESSEE


JEREMY D. GROSE

II. STUDENT LEGAL SERVICE ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

Ruth L. McCauley, Treasurer
UIUC Office of Dean of Students

Scott E. Rice
UIUC University Legal Counsel

Steven Beckett
UIUC College of Law

Mary Ann Midden, Attorney at Law
Dodd & Bartell, P.C.

Jane Ryan, Chair
UIUC Law Student

Christopher Kantas, Vice Chair
UIUC Student

Taylor Miller, Secretary
UIUC Law Student

Kevin Fanning, (Fall semester)
UIUC Student

Katie Strle
UIUC Student

Minutes for Student Legal Services
Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 10th, 2006 at 8 a.m. in the Turner Student Services Building, 4th Floor
Conference Room

Present: William L. Riley, Ruth McCauley, Steven Beckett, Scott Rice, Jane Ryan,
Kevin Fanning, Christopher Kantas, Katie Strle, and Taylor Miller.

Attorneys Present: Thomas Betz and Jeremy Grose.

Meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m.

William Riley gave a brief overview of the history of the Student Legal Services program. Tom Betz discussed offered services and limitations of the program.

The meeting agenda was called for approval and no changes were proposed.

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was made by Steve Beckett and was seconded by Taylor Miller. The motion was approved.

There was a motion to approve the budget drawn up by Ruth McCauley. The motion was made by Steve Beckett and was seconded by Kevin Fanning. The motion was approved and the budget was placed on file.

Tom Betz gave the attorney report. There was a motion to approve the expenditures from April to June of 2006 in the amount of \$9552.46. The motion was made by Jane Ryan and seconded by Kevin Fanning. The motion was approved. There was a motion to approve the expenditures of July to September of 2006 in the amount of \$15,683.41. The motion was made by Scott Rice and seconded by Katie Strle. The motion was approved.

There was a motion made to approve the planned advertisements for the program in the Fall Housing Guide and in the Touchdown Times Section of the Daily Illini. The motion was made by Scott Rice and seconded by Jane Ryan. The motion was approved.

It was the sense of the body that the annual report would be voted on for acceptance at the next scheduled meeting once all members had a chance to review it.

The next meeting date was scheduled for November 14th at 8 a.m.

There was a motion to adjourn by Steve Beckett and was seconded by Kevin Fanning. The motion was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy D. Grose,
Secretary pro tem

Minutes
Student Legal Services
Advisory Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 14, 2006, at 8 a.m. in the Turner Student Services Building, 4th Floor Conference Room

Present: Ruth McCauley, Steven Beckett, Scott Rice, Jane Ryan, Kevin Fanning, Christopher Kantas, Katie Strle, and Taylor Miller.

Attorneys Present: Thomas Betz.

Ruth McCauley called the meeting to order as Temporary Chair.

Moved by Steven Beckett, seconded by Kevin Fanning to approve the minutes of the October 10, 2006, meeting. Motion carried.

Steve Beckett gave a brief primer on parliamentary procedure and will create a brief written summary for use by the Board.

Ruth McCauley delivered the Treasurer's Report, and noted that the office is within budget expectations. It was moved by Steven Beckett, seconded by Jane Ryan, to receive and place on file the October 2006 Treasurer's Report.

Tom Betz answered questions concerning the annual report. Moved by Taylor Miller and seconded by Kevin Fanning to receive and place on file the 2005-2006 Annual Report. It was moved by Steven Beckett and seconded by Scott Rice to nominate the following slate of officers: Jane Ryan, Chair; Christopher Kantas, Vice Chair; and Taylor Miller, Secretary. Motion carried. Moved by Steven Beckett, seconded by Scott Rice, to elect the above slate. Motion carried.

Attorneys' Report. Tom Betz noted that Susan Hesse and Jeremy Grose were in Court at the time of the Board Meeting. Betz reviewed October intake statistics and web statistics. Moved by Scott Rice, seconded by Steven Beckett, to approve office expenditures in the amount of \$2,531.60. Motion carried. Betz described ads and requested approval of future ads; Guidelines for Thanksgiving Break, "L" is for Law, Guidelines for Winter Break, Welcome back and Youthful Indiscretions. Moved by Kevin Fanning, seconded by Christopher Kantas, to approve expenditures. Motion carried. Betz disclosed receipt of \$5 figurine by attorney Grose. It was agreed that Grose could accept and retain the figurine.

The advertising contract with WPGU was discussed. Moved by Kevin Fanning, seconded by Katie Strle, to approve the contract for \$1,231.20. Motion carried.

Tom Betz discussed the new web intake forms and requested the Board approve proceeding to implementation. It was moved by Scott Rice and seconded by Steven Beckett to permit remote intake. Motion carried.

The next meeting is set for November 30, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. in the 4th Floor of Turner Student Services Building.

Meeting adjourned.

Thomas E. Betz, Acting Secretary

Minutes for Student Legal Services
Advisory Board Meeting

Meeting: Tuesday, November 30th, 2006 at 8:30 a.m. in the Turner Student Services Building, 4th Floor Conference Room

Members Present: Steven Beckett, Christopher Kantas, Ruth McCauley, Mary Ann Midden, Taylor Miller, Jane Ryan, and Katie Strle.

Attorneys Present: Thomas Betz and Jeremy Grose.

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m.

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was made by Steve Beckett and was seconded by Christopher Kantas. The motion was approved.

There was no Treasurer's Report presented at this session.

Tom Betz gave the attorney report. There was a motion to approve the November 2006 expenditures in the amount of \$1304.83. The motion was made by Christopher Kantas and seconded by Katie Strle. The motion was approved.

There was a motion made to approve of the receipt of gifts from clients for Mr. Betz and Mr. Grose in the form of a clay figurine and a pair of wooden chopsticks, respectively. The motion to approve was made by Steven Beckett and was seconded by Katie Strle. The motion was approved.

There was a motion to put aside all other business and to move into immediate executive session due to time constraints by Steven Beckett. The motion was seconded by Christopher Kantas. The motion was approved and the board moved into executive session at 8:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy D. Grose,
Secretary pro tem

Minutes for Student Legal Services
Advisory Board Meeting

Meeting: Wednesday, February 7th, 2007 at 2 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Arcade Building

Members Present: Steven Beckett, Ruth McCauley, Mary Ann Midden, Scott Rice, Taylor Miller, Jane Ryan, and Katie Strle.

Attorneys Present: Thomas Betz, Jeremy Grose, and Susan Hesse.

Meeting called to order at 1:57 p.m.

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was made by Steven Beckett and was seconded by Ruth McCauley. The motion was approved.

Ruth McCauley presented the treasurer's report. It was pointed out that there would be a deficiency for the year for the secretary's salary due to the secretary being awarded a raise. Ms. McCauley pointed out that there was plenty of money in the miscellaneous budget to cover the underfunded sections of the budget and that she would amend the budget to reflect the changes for the next meeting. Steven Beckett moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and to place it on file. Katie Strle seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Thomas Betz gave the attorney report. Mr. Betz noted a significant increase in interest regarding Spring Break information contained on the SLS website. There was a motion to approve the November 2006-February 2007 expenditures in the amount of \$3794.05. The motion was made by Taylor Miller and seconded by Katie Strle. The motion carried.

Mr. Betz requested approval from the board to place more radio advertisements on WPGU 107.1 FM. By consensus, the board approved. Mr. Betz also asked for approval on running advertisements in the Daily Illini warning about the consequences of participating in "Unofficial" St. Patrick's Day. A motion was made to approve running the advertisements by Taylor Miller and was seconded by Katie Strle. The motion carried.

Mr. Betz asked for approval to increase the order of chip clips for this year's coming Quad day from 3000 units to approximately 5000 units. The board asked Mr. Betz to research the cost increase before deciding on an increase. The issue will be addressed at the next board meeting.

Mr. Betz also reported on the Western Regional Conference. Mr. Betz and Mr. Grose presented a talk about Myspace.com at said conference, which was highly regarded by the attendees.

It was decided that the next meeting dates for the semester would be March 15, 2007 at 8 a.m. and April 26, 2007 at 8 a.m., location to be determined.

There was a motion to adjourn by Taylor Miller, which was seconded by Katie Strle. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy D. Grose,
Secretary pro tem

Minutes for Student Legal Services
Advisory Board Meeting

Meeting: Thursday, March 15th, 2007 at 8 a.m. on the Fourth Floor of the Student Services Building

Members Present: Steven Beckett, Ruth McCauley, Mary Ann Midden, Taylor Miller, Jane Ryan.

Attorneys Present: Thomas Betz and Jeremy Grose.

Meeting called to order at 8:05 a.m.

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was made by Steven Beckett and was seconded by Mary Ann Midden. The motion was approved.

Ruth McCauley presented the treasurer's report. There were no anomalies reported in the budget. Steven Beckett moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and to place it on file. Taylor Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Thomas Betz gave the attorney report. Mr. Betz noted that statistics for the month of February were down. The lower numbers may have been attributable to the severe snowstorms which took place mid-month. There was a motion to approve the February 2007 expenditures in the amount of \$3875.73. The motion was made by Steven Beckett and seconded by Mary Ann Midden. The motion carried.

Mr. Betz asked for approval to accept a gift of a bookmark from a client with an approximate value of \$2.00. Steven Beckett moved to approve the acceptance of the gift and Taylor Miller seconded. The motion carried.

Mr. Betz discussed our request for additional funds from the SORF board and presented the board with a list of the items we would be requesting funding for. Steven Beckett made a motion to ratify the SORF request and to approve the attendance of Thomas Betz and Jeremy Grose at the SORF board meeting. The motion was seconded by Taylor Miller and the motion carried.

The next meeting was pre-scheduled for April 26, 2007 at 8 a.m. in the fourth floor conference room of the Student Services building.

There was a motion to adjourn by Steven Beckett, which was seconded by Taylor Miller. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy D. Grose,
Secretary pro tem

Minutes for Student Legal Services
Advisory Board Meeting

Meeting: Thursday, April 26th, 2007 at 8 a.m. on the Fourth Floor of the Student Services Building

Members Present: Steven Beckett, Ruth McCauley, Mary Ann Midden, Taylor Miller, Scott Rice, Jane Ryan.

Attorneys Present: Thomas Betz and Jeremy Grose.

Meeting called to order at 8:15 a.m.

There was a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion was made by Steven Beckett and was seconded by Taylor Miller. The motion was approved.

Ruth McCauley presented the treasurer's report. There were no anomalies reported in the budget. Steven Beckett moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and to place it on file. Taylor Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Thomas Betz gave the attorney report. There was a motion to approve the March 2007 expenditures in the amount of \$15,658.54. The motion was made by Taylor Miller and seconded by Steven Beckett. The motion carried.

Mr. Betz asked for approval to place the advertisements in the paper that we have planned for over the summer term. Taylor Miller moved to approve the ads and Steven Beckett seconded. The motion carried.

Mr. Betz asked if we should use the U of I logo on the brochures for the office. A motion was made by Taylor Miller that the U of I logo should be used on the brochures and was seconded by Scott Rice. The motion carried.

Mr. Betz asked for approval to order staff t-shirts to be worn on quad day. A motion was made to approve the request by Steven Beckett and was seconded by Taylor Miller. The motion carried.

There was general discussion of plans for a celebration surrounding the 30th anniversary of the program to take place in Spring 2008.

Steven Beckett made a motion to appoint an executive committee for the summer term to make decisions while the full board was not present. It was suggested that the executive committee be comprised of Mary Ann Midden, Steven Beckett, and Scott Rice. Taylor Miller seconded the motion and the motion carried.

There was a motion to adjourn by Steven Beckett, which was seconded by Taylor Miller.
The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeremy D. Grose,
Secretary pro tem

III. STATISTICS

A. STUDENT LEGAL SERVICE STATISTICAL SUMMARY

Advice Only (AO) - Type

Accident	28	Fraud	1
Affidavit	1	Harassment	3
Bailment	2	Hazing	1
Banking	1	Housing	210
Bankruptcy	3	Hunting laws	1
Certification	18	ID Theft	1
Child Support	1	Immigration	2
City Offense	127	Insurance	13
Civil	2	Internet Fraud	1
Collection	13	Interview	4
Computer Crime	1	IntraUniversity	3
Consumer	77	Mail Scam	1
Contract	28	Media/Vendor - WPGU	1
Copyright	1	Medical Malpractice	2
Copyright Infringement	4	Miscellaneous	57
Credit	4	Misdemeanor	24
Crime Victim	7	Name Change	3
Criminal	14	Notary	1
Criminal Felony-Ineligible	1	Order of Protection	1
Custody of Dog	1	Parking Ticket	2
Customs	1	Paternity	3
Cyber-stalking	1	Patient Rights	1
Damage Deposit **	13	Patriot Act	1
Discrimination	3	Personal Injury	4
Divorce	11	Police Misconduct	1
Domestic Violence/Abuse	1	Post-Judgment Issue	1
DUI Laws	1	POA	41
DUI	12	Probation	1
Emancipation	1	Real Estate	1
Employment	21	Sexual Assault Victim	1
Enforcement of Judgment	1	Sexual Harassment	3
Excluded service	1	Small Claims	4
Expungement	17	Soldiers & Sailors Act	2
Extortion	1	Student Discipline	19
Fake ID	10	Subpoena	2
False Imprisonment	1	Towing	3
Family	9	Trademark	2
Financial Aid	1	Traffic	159
Fishing Tickets	1		
		TOTAL	1022

** Included in Housing until 10/1/06.

Opened Cases

Accident	12
Bankruptcy	1
Certification	1
City Offense	45
Collection	5
Consumer	16
Contract	1
Credit Report	1
Criminal	3
Damage Deposit	31
Defamation of Character	1
Domestic Violence	6
DUI	24
Housing	85
ID Theft	3
Insurance	4
Miscellaneous	4
Misdemeanor	33
Name change	7
Paternity	1
Small Claims	5
Student Discipline	3
Traffic	188

TOTAL 480

**Class Rank of AO
and Opened Cases**

Blank	19
Freshman	91
Sophomore	195
Junior	286
Senior	456
Graduate	414
Professional	36
Non-degree	5
Ineligible	0

TOTAL 1502

**Learned of SLS of AO
and Opened Cases**

Blank	28
Brochure/Poster	54
Campus Office	51
Court or Police	71
Daily Illini ad	24
Friend	555
I-Book ad	31
Orientation	45
Other	19
Previous Use	326
Quad Day	8
Radio/WPGU	5
Speaker	15
Tenant Union	110
Website	160

TOTAL 1502

Notary Service

Individual requests	332
Number of signatures	526

B. TEN YEAR STATISTICAL SUMMARY OF OFFICE USAGE

YEAR	ALL INTAKES †	ADVICE ONLY †	OPENED CASES
2006-2007	1834 *	1354	480
2005-2006	1879	1439	440 *
2004-2005	1955	1387	573
2003-2004	2108	1553 **	555
2002-2003	2113 **	1444	669 **
2001-2002	2099	1449	650
2000-2001	1957	1435	522
1999-2000	2015	1398	617
1998-1999	1998	1351 *	647
1997-1998	1918	1424	494

† = Figure includes notary services

* = Lowest figure for the 10 years

** = Highest figure for the 10 years

Percentage difference between Lowest and Highest:

All intakes	13.20%
Advice Only	13.01%
Opened Cases	34.23%

Ten – Year Averages:

All intakes	1,987.6
Advice Only	1,432.4
Opened Cases	564.7

Web Site -- <http://www.uiuc.edu/unit/SLS>

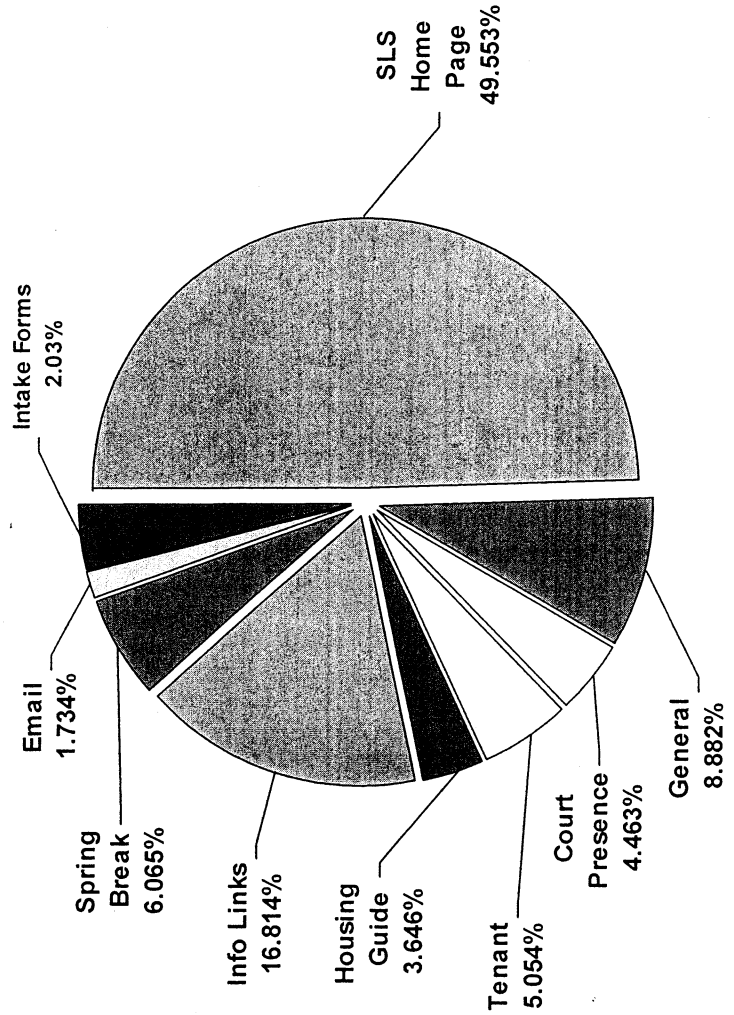
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FY2006/2007										
JULY	523	122	66	67	46	266	17	26	--	1133
AUGUST	623	135	66	134	75	235	11	17	--	1296
SEPTEMBER	933	193	77	146	87	388	59	39	--	1922
OCTOBER	1002	198	95	102	73	368	96	39	--	1973
NOVEMBER	846	140	85	56	25	294	108	22	--	1576
DECEMBER	625	119	58	76	82	182	159	24	88	1413
JANUARY	1014	122	66	32	44	232	189	23	111	1833
FEBRUARY	1027	131	65	84	54	159	277	26	82	1905
MARCH	895	166	80	59	46	280	129	22	119	1796
APRIL	693	145	47	69	73	249	25	32	110	1443
MAY-JUNE**	790	137	103	90	55	391	28	44	176	1814
Total	8971	1608	808	915	660	3044	1098	314	686	18104

** Counter not functional at end of May through June 10, so May and June stats combined; amounts estimated based on trends of previous years' web usage.

* Count begun 12/01/06

WEB HITS

Fiscal Year 2006/2007



IV. PREVENTIVE LEGAL EDUCATION / OUTREACH

A. INFORMATIONAL / PREVENTIVE ADVERTISING – DAILY ILLINI

Apartment/House Move-In Guide, 8/11/06

Avoid Travel Scams, 2/7, 2/12, 2/15, 2/19,
2/22, 2/26, 3/1, 3/5, 3/8/07

Beware: Unofficial St. Patrick's Day
2/26, 2/28, 3/2/07

Especially For Freshmen: Champaign
Drinking Specials, 9/21/06

Got Kegs?, 10/25, 10/16, 10/27/06

got unresolved legal issues?
(Year in Review issue) 5/7/07,
(Study Guide issue), 5/8/07

Guidelines for Throwing a Party –
Touchdown Times, small ad: 9/1, 9/8,
9/14, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29, 10/6, 10/13, 10/20,
10/27, 11/3, 11/10, and 11/17/06

Guidelines for Celebrating Homecoming,
10/2/06

"L" is for the Law, 12/5, 12/7, 12/13/06
("Holiday ABC's", special color page)

Moving? 10 Steps to Protect your...Deposit
4/27, 4/30, 5/2/07; "Congratulations Class
of 2007", 5/1/07 (Graduation section, also
distributed at graduation ceremonies)

6 Steps Before Signing a Lease,
10/10/06, 2/6/07

Student Legal Service-Included/Excluded
Services Guide

(Quad Day Edition) 8/22/06, 1/16/07

Subletting?, 4/18/07

Tips for Thanksgiving Break
11/15, 11/16, 11/17/06

Tips for Winter Break, 12/8,
(Finals Edition) 12/11, and
(Year in Review Edition) 12/13/06

Welcome to the U of I!
(New Student Edition) 7/24/06

Welcome Back!
(Welcome Back Edition) 8/18/06
(Welcome Back Edition) 1/12/07

When you party before or after games
(Basketball Preview Section) 11/1/06
NCAA Tournament:
(Mayhem Section) 3/16/07

Yes! Student Legal Service is open in the
summer, (Summer Preview issue) 5/9/07,
5/30/07, 6/11/07

Youthful Indiscretions
(Fall Career Guide) 9/19/06
(Spring Career Edition) 1/30/07



APARTMENT/HOUSE MOVE-IN GUIDE

or "how to make sure you get what you were promised"



BEFORE you move in so much as a toothbrush, walk through the "empty" unit and do the following:



⇒ Take a video or pictures in each room: carpet, oven, refrigerator, etc.



⇒ Conduct a furniture inventory and describe condition of the couch, dressers, beds, mattresses, etc.: worn? torn? scratched?



⇒ Conduct a wall, ceiling, and floor inventory and describe conditions of each: stained? cracked? dirty? needs painting? burns in rug?



⇒ Conduct an appliance inventory and describe condition of the stove, microwave, refrigerator, dishwasher, range hood and any other appliances, etc.: greasy? broken? filthy oven?



⇒ Check to make sure door locks and window locks are working, and that you have all promised keys.



⇒ Sign and date your inventory, give a copy to the landlord and retain a copy for yourself. Keep it in a safe place along with your lease.



⇒ Don't forget to develop the photographs. This will get you your damage deposit back next year.



Move-in is difficult for both tenants and landlords; however, you are entitled to a clean, safe, habitable unit that meets life and safety codes and the terms of your lease. The squeaky wheel gets the grease, so don't hesitate to request that the landlord live up to the terms of the lease and the law.



DO NO HARM! You want a clean, safe place to live, so leave the place in the same condition, or better, than you found it on move-in, for next year's tenant.



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AVOID TRAVEL SCAMS!!!

Spring Break 2007, March 17-25



- ✓ Does the price seem too good to be true? (\$99 for 5 days/4 nights with Theme Park tickets in Orlando or Ft. Lauderdale??? \$199 for round-trip airfare for Orlando, Daytona Beach, Ft. Lauderdale AND a Bahamas cruise???? NO!!!)
- ✓ Ask if a hotel deposit is required. Get exact name, address, and phone number of hotel. Get the number of people sharing room.
- ✓ Do not give your credit card over the phone or make any immediate decisions when solicited by telemarketers. Do you know whom you are dealing with? What is the street address of the company you are dealing with? What is the full name and position of the person you are giving your money to? Is the company located in another state?
- ✓ Get name of airline and confirm they are part of Spring Break package before you buy the package.
- ✓ Check out these websites before you write your check.
airconsumer.ost.dot.gov/publications/flyrights.htm
www.odos.uiuc.edu/sls

Check out these (& other) informational brochures on our Web site:

Spring Break Airline Travel

ARRANGING FOR SPRING BREAK

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AIRLINE TRAVEL
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About unofficial "unofficial" St. Patrick's Day

BEWARE: 100+ alcohol-related citations issued in 2006

New in 2007: If caught disrupting class, possible dismissal from the University.

Just a Few Reminders for you:

- ▶ Drinking until you see Leprechauns can get you a disorderly Conduct charge and a Public Intoxication Fine of \$290.00.
- ▶ A DUI can get you a loss of your license for 1 year (2 years if under 21), jail time up to 1 year, and a fine of \$2,500.00.
- ▶ If you are under age 21 and are caught purchasing or in possession of ANY amount of alcohol, upon conviction, your driver's license will be suspended for 1 year in addition to a \$290 fine.
- ▶ Using another Leprechaun's I.D. will cost you your driver's license and could cost you a year in jail.
- ▶ University sanctions will be applied. Student Discipline will contact you.
- ▶ There is no pot of gold at the end of the rainbow for the Leprechauns that are caught, just a LOT of debt and problems!



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Especially For Freshmen

(and all other students under 21)



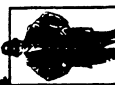
CHAMPAIGN'S DRINKING SPECIALS

NOW EVEN HARDER ON YOUR BUDGET!!

Supplies are unlimited, so purchase any quantity desired!

- Possession or Consumption of Alcohol, under age 21 \$290.00 Minimum Fine
- Carrying open liquor out of premises \$145.00 Minimum Fine
- Fake ID (unlawful use of identification) \$2,500 Fine and/or 364 days in jail AND loss of driving privileges for 12 months
- Possession of Unlicensed Keg \$290.00 Minimum Fine for each keg (empty ones count)
- Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol \$290.00 Min. Fine, 2-year loss of driving privileges

** Searches through pockets, purses and wallets for additional charges will be performed at officers' discretion **



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Got kegs?



**Champaign laws
require you to have a K-license.**

**For violation: \$290.00 fine PER KEG;
empties count!**

**Apply for your K-license -- at least a week before
your party -- at the City of Champaign building, 102
North Neil St. (corner of Neil & University, 2 blocks
from the MTD/Amtrak station downtown Champaign)**

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Guidelines for Throwing a Party:

Enjoy the game, but be aware...

YOU MAY NOT:

- (1) charge a cover fee of any amount where alcohol will be served or available. (\$290 min. fine)
- (2) charge for individual cups of alcohol unless you have a retail liquor dealer license. (\$290 min. fine)
- (3) serve or allow those under 21 to be served alcohol. Party hosts can be charged with violating the adult responsibility law for each minor served. Posting a sign does NOT relieve you of the responsibility! (\$290 min. fine)
- (4) have more than one keg on the premises without a K-license; empty kegs count. (\$290 min. fine)

You should not have your music too loud. (\$195 min. fine)

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HOW TO GET INTO TROUBLE

H = HELP AVAILABLE AT
STUDENT LEGAL SERVICE
<http://www.odossuinc.edu/sls>

O = OPEN CONTAINER (\$290 FINE)

M = MASSIVE HANGOVER

E = ELUDE COPS, LAND IN JAIL

C = COME BACK ALIVE!

O = OFFICE OF STUDENT LEGAL
SERVICE, 324 ILLINI UNION
OPEN 8:30AM-NOON AND
1:00-4:30PM

M = MAKING BAIL

I = INTOXICATION

N = NIGHT RIDES/SAFERIDES
USE THEM, PAY 7400

G = GOOD NIGHT, NERVE!

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IF YOU GET INTO TROUBLE COME INTO

STUDENT LEGAL SERVICE

324 ILLINI UNION M-F 8:30AM-NOON & 1-4:30PM

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



Congratulations Class of 2007!!

NOW THAT YOU'VE GRADUATED, ARE YOU



MOVING?

10 Steps to Protect Your Security/Damage Deposit

-  **STEP 1.** Call the owner or manager two weeks before you move out to arrange a joint inspection of the apartment. Be sure to clean your apartment completely and have all belongings removed before your appointment time.
-  **STEP 2.** Before the appointment, prepare a complete written inventory of the condition of the rental unit. Be very detailed and specific for each room. Have two copies of the inventory, and keep one after having the landlord sign it. Forms are available at the Tenant Union.
-  **STEP 3.** Get a camera/video camera and a witness. A witness should be 18 or older, NOT a roommate or family member. Take lots of pictures that show how clean you left the apartment. Walk through your apartment with your witness and have him/her take notice of its condition. (Advantage: video camera includes narration.)
-  **STEP 4.** If the landlord appears for the appointment, be sure to have him/her sign and date YOUR COPY of the inventory form. Be sure to use a witness and the video camera.
-  **STEP 5.** Take your pictures before you give back the keys. Also, make sure your pictures and your witness take note of the condition of the oven, refrigerator, kitchen area, and bathroom. Also, show that the walls and carpet are clean and undamaged. You and your witness should both sign and date your inventory in front of a notary.
-  **STEP 6.** If you sublet your apartment for the summer, return at the end of the sublease period to follow these procedures with your subtenant. If s/he wrecks the place, it could cost you.
-  **STEP 7.** Be sure that you return ALL keys to the apartment, mailbox, laundry room, etc. Return them in person and get a receipt to avoid being charged for lock changes. Have one person in your group be responsible for returning all keys.
-  **STEP 8.** When your deposit is returned, come to Student Legal Service if you have any questions or complaints about the amount deducted. If you have a problem DO NOT cash the check before talking to an attorney.
-  **STEP 9.** DO NOT TAKE A SORF REFUND! If you want to use Student Legal Service to pursue settlement of a problem, our office cannot help you if you have refunded the SORF fee.
-  **STEP 10.** Step into some money. Use your money to treat yourself to a reward for completing another year of school!

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Student Legal Service presents:

Steps Before Signing a Lease

1. **Don't Rush into signing a lease for Fall of 2006!** While the early bird gets the worm – keep in mind that you want an apartment not a worm!
2. **Know the complaint history of the landlord.** Check the history with the Tenant Union at 326 Illini Union. You can easily rent from a landlord with no complaints. Don't settle for a landlord with a bad complaint history!
3. **Don't sign a lease for a building that hasn't been built yet.** This is unsafe regardless of the promises the landlord makes to induce you to sign.
4. **Know your prospective roommate(s)** – be sure no semester abroad or weddings are looming.
5. **Read the lease!** Your rights and obligations are governed by the lease. There is very little law that protects you as a tenant, so you must protect yourself!
6. **Get it in writing!** If you want the place painted, want notice before the landlord enters your apartment, etc. you must have this written into the lease. If it's not in writing, you are out of luck.




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 AVAILABLE SERVICES
+ Landlord/Tenant issues
+ Traffic tickets (<i>Representation in court ONLY for tickets issued in Champaign County</i>)
+ Misdemeanor charges
+ Name changes
+ City Ordinance Violations
+ Small Claims
+ Auto Accidents and Insurance Problems
+ Certifications of copies of documents
+ Notary services <i>(DO NOT sign the document before you come in!)</i>
+ Other miscellaneous problems/issues

 EXCLUDED SERVICES
- Claims against the University of Illinois or the State of Illinois
- Income-producing activities
- Felony charges
- Contingent fee matters (e.g., personal injury)
- Student vs. Student
- Real estate matters (other than landlord/tenant)
- Wills or trusts
- Courtroom representation <u>outside</u> Champaign County
- Immigration or international-law matters
- Family issues (No-contact orders, child support, child custody, etc.)

Go to our Web site to fill out and print the required paperwork ("Intake Forms" link) for an appointment, to read the brochures in our collection, or to get more information about SLS:

www.odos.uiuc.edu/sls

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NOTE: YOU MUST COME IN, WITH YOUR I-Card IN ORDER TO SET UP AN APPOINTMENT. YOU CAN FILL OUT PAPERWORK ON OUR WEB SITE & PRINT, OR FILL IT OUT WHEN YOU COME IN TO OUR OFFICE. YOU CAN NOT MAKE THE INITIAL APPOINTMENT OVER THE PHONE.

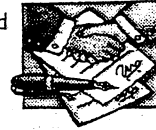
No walk-in or same-day appointments.

SUBLETTING YOUR APARTMENT?

INSTRUCTIONS:

Begin by putting the **sublease agreement in writing** and make sure the landlord has granted permission to sublet the unit.

Be sure to **obtain a damage deposit** from subtenants.



Never leave any utilities in your name, including telephone, water, lights, cable, etc. for the subtenants to use and pay. Don't buy any sob stories about deposits or transfer charges.

Know the **financial history** of your **subtenants**.



Obtain a **local and "at home" address** on all your subtenants in case you have to sue them for rent or damages.

Walk through your apartment **with the landlord** before you move out to verify any damage, then **do the same with the subtenant and again before the subtenant vacates in August**.



Remember! You will be **greatly discounting rent**; therefore, **you are taking a big risk damages to your unit** because subtenants who pay bargain basement prices tend not to value the property.

You remain liable for unpaid rents and subtenant damages. Yes, you can sue the subtenant for reimbursement, but this is a cumbersome process. Be careful before you enter into the role of being a landlord.



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YES! Student Legal Service
IS open in the Summer!



YOU MUST BE ENROLLED A SUMMER SESSION
AND ASSESSED THE SORF FEE
TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR SERVICES DURING SUMMER.

Come into our office with your I-Card
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Tips for **THANKSGIVING BREAK** BEFORE you take off on Thanksgiving break, PLEASE:

1. **Make sure you have renter's insurance.** Thanksgiving break is a prime time for burglars. If you can't afford insurance, take your valuables with you!
2. **Lock all doors and windows.** A common means of breaking into apartments is the use of the pass key, but locked doors keep some honest.
3. **Don't shut off the heat in your apartment!** Thanksgiving break can get cold in Central Illinois. This will lead to frozen pipes and major destruction. Check with your landlord to see what temperature you should maintain and leave the thermostat at least 2 degrees higher than what the landlord recommends. Tenants in past years have been billed as much as \$14,000 for frozen pipes!
4. **Inventory your personal items which have a quick sale value.** Keep a written list of serial numbers of TVs, stereos, CD player, etc. If a theft takes place, this information can help police investigate. Brand your CDs!
5. **Don't leave your car parked on the street while you're on break.** Streets are routinely plowed/cleaned during breaks. Your car will be towed/ ticketed and unavailable when you return to campus. You can expect a minimum fee of \$100 to rescue your vehicle.

Office Open:
8:30am-Noon,
& 1-4:30 p.m.
Mon-Fri.

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Visit our website:

Tips for **WINTER BREAK**

BEFORE you take off on your hard-earned winter break, **PLEASE:**

Make sure you have renter's insurance. Winter break is a prime time for burglars. If you can't afford insurance, take your valuables with you!

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Check your lease/Pay January rent before you leave. If you plan to return after January 1st (classes begin January 16) you may accumulate sixteen days of late charges unless you prepay January rent or your lease provides for a very long free grace period.

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**WE WILL BE CLOSED:
12/22/06 3:00pm until 8:30am on 1/2/07**

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Welcome to the University of Illinois!

The **Student Legal Service** office at the University of Illinois welcomes you to campus! Each year our office, staffed by three full-time attorneys, serves nearly 3,000 students with various legal problems. The purpose of the SLS 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? Students who are enrolled at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign who have paid and not received a refund of the \$14.00 Student Organization Resource Fee (SORF) are eligible to use the service. Student Legal Service cannot even give you general advice if you have refunded your SORF fee.

What kind of services are available? Counseling and representation in matters such as: landlord-tenant disputes, traffic, misdemeanors, name changes, small claims, city ordinance violations (drinking tickets, noise violations, etc.) and in many other areas too numerous to list. All questions and concerns are kept completely confidential.

How can you get help?

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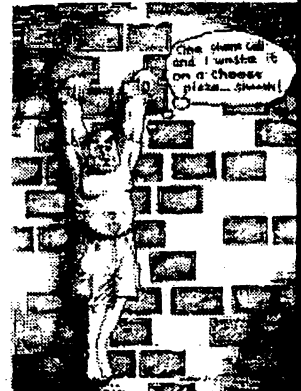
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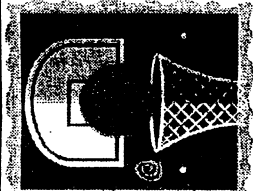
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presents:

When you party before or after basketball games, you've gotta play by the rules!



Personal (vs) Foul:

Urinating in public (\$145 minimum fine)
Throwing up in public (\$195 minimum fine for public intoxication)

Slam dunk: You'll lose your license if you are caught using a Fake ID or someone else's ID (that person'll lose his/her license, too!) or if caught DUI (plus other penalties \$2,500 fine, 2 year loss of license, up to a year in jail).

Traveling: after drinking can result in a DUI.

Dribbling: happens when you're drunk. Can lead to being caught for public intoxication!

Technical foul: Arguing with the "ref".

If the "ref" is a police officer, you might get additional charges! If the "ref" is the judge, ...

Free Throw: results from *technical fouls* with judges or *traveling DUI* — free throw into jail!

Pass: on driving if you've been drinking. Have a designated driver or call Safe Rides: 265-7433.

3-pointers: (1) Don't use a *fake*, *altered*, or *borrowed* ID.
(2) Don't drink if you're underage.
(3) Don't drink and drive.

PARTY SAFELY AND RESPONSIBLY!



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B. SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event/Group</u>	<u># of Participants</u>
8/11/06	Paraprofessional Resource Fair	60
8/14/06	OISA Getting Started Fair	50
8/15/06	OISA New Student Orientation	20
8/17/06	International Student Scavenger Hunt	100
8/19/06	Illini Union Late Nighter	60
8/21/06	Transfer Student Welcome	60
8/23/06	Quad Day	3,000
9/8/06	Graduate Student Information Fair	50
9/27/06	FarmHouse Fraternity	30
10/16/06	Kappa Delta Sorority	100
10/30/06	Alpha Phi Sorority	75
11/13/06	Daily Illini Housing Fair	103
1/12/07	OISS New Student Orientation	15
2/12/07	Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity	45
3/26/07	Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority	150
6/8/07	OISS Summer New Student Orientation	30



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FRIDAY, JUNE 8, 2007

MORNING SESSION

- 8:30 - 9:00 The University Library Resources
- 9:00 - 9:30 Academic Expectations of the
Graduate College
- 9:35- 10:05 Computing Services at UIUC
- 10:10-10:40 U.S. Health Care and McKinley
- 10:45-11:15 The Tenant Union and Renting Issues
- 11:20-11:50 Reading and Study Skills

12:00-1:30 LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
(Next session will begin promptly at 1:30 P.M.)

AFTERNOON SESSION

- 1:30 - 2:00 Student Legal Service
- 2:05 - 2:35 Banking in the U.S
- 2:40 - 3:10 Understanding UIUC Health
Insurance
- 3:15 - 3:45 F-1 / J-1 Visa Status and Your Work
Options
- 3:45 - 4:15 Settling in to the Campus and
Community

ISSS/COSMOPOLITAN CLUB RECEPTION
FRIDAY JUNE 8th, 7pm
Cosmopolitan Club
307 E. John St., Champaign, IL

C. **BROCHURES, BOOKLETS AND FORMS**

1. **BROCHURES AVAILABLE**

Airline Travel: Passenger Rights
Beware of Internet Fraud
Can You Afford to Drive a Car?
City Offenses ²
Collection Agencies and Your Credit History
College Party Drugs
Court Supervision
Court Costs and Filing Fees
Domestic Battery ²
Drugs and Your Financial Aid ¹
DUI ¹
Expungement
Fake IDs ²
Greeks and the Law
Guidelines for Spring Break
Guidelines for Throwing a Party
Guidelines for Traffic Offenses ²
Hazing ¹
How to Address Arrests or Convictions When Seeking Employment ¹
Identity Theft ²
Information on Copyright
Marijuana Laws
(What is a) Misdemeanor
Misdemeanor Arraignment
myspace... or is it? ¹
Notaries Public ¹
Power of Attorney
Rights of International Students in the U.S.
Search & Seizure
Sexual Violence ²
The Student Legal Service Program
Traffic Accidents
Urban Legends ¹
Want to Change your Name?
When Student Legal Service Can't Help
Your Court Appearance ²
Your Security Deposit ²

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² = Revised 2006-7

2. **BOOKLETS**

Roommate Survival Guide
Housing Guide

3. **REQUESTS FOR BROCHURES/BOOKLETS**

7/26/06	Reporter, Medill News Service	brochure, "myspace may not be just YOUR space"	pdf file
8/17/06	Student Recreation, Illini Union	Chip clips	100
11/29/06	University High School	"myspace " brochure	350, for students
12/4/06	University High School	"myspace" brochure	pdf file
12/5/06	University High School	"myspace" brochure	150, for parents
12/15/06	Office of Dean of Students	"myspace" brochure	100
1/12/07	Arizona State Univ., Student Legal Service	all brochures	1, each
1/12/07	Univ. of Texas, Legal Service for Students	all brochures	1, each
1/24/07	Univ. of North Texas,	"myspace" brochure	PageMaker file

4. **FORMS: A.O. CASE INTAKE FORMS**

- City Offense
- Damage Deposit
- General
- Medical Power of Attorney
- Misdemeanor
- Power of Attorney
- Traffic

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D. **STUDENT LEGAL SERVICE LISTINGS**

U of I Calendar Poster, 2006-2007


The Greek Directory (Fall and Spring issues)

Campus Specials Coupon Book (Fall and Spring)

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V. NEWSPAPER INTERVIEWS / ARTICLES

Attorneys were formally interviewed 5 times.

Articles, etc., that appeared/aired:

Date	Medium	Article
8/3/06	<i>Chicago Tribune</i>	“Cop snares college pals in own Web”
8/18/06	<i>Medill News Service</i>	“Popular websites like myspace com and Facebook are benefiting law”
8/21/06	<i>nwitimes.com</i>	“Law enforcement uses Web sites to solve cases”
10/10/06	<i>Daily Illini</i>	“Looking to get off campus next year? UI’s Tenant Union should be stop #1”
10/20/06	WCIA-TV	6:00pm and 10:00pm news casts, Director Thomas Betz interview about myspace.com postings by U of I students relating to Eric Gordon situation
11/1/06 & 11/13/06	<i>Daily Illini</i>	Daily Illini Housing Fair ad, listing participants
3/15/07	<i>Daily Illini</i>	“UI legal services remind students: Pay drinking fines”

Chicago Tribune

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2006

Cop snares college pals in own Web

By Jodi S. Cohen

Tribune higher education reporter

On a typical summer night out, a group of college friends went bar-hopping at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Then one of them committed a fairly typical college crime, urinating in a bush in front of a fraternity house. That's when things started to get strange. Marc Chiles, 22, who couldn't wait until he got to the next bar, got away before a police officer could catch him. Adam Gartner, 22, told the officer he didn't know the name of the guy who had zipped up and zipped away.

Just then, Gartner's cell phone rang. The officer got on the phone, began talking to the person who called, and got Chiles' name from the caller, according to the friends.

Then the officer went to Facebook.com, a Web site where students can post profiles and leave messages for one another.

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FACEBOOK: Watch what you post, lawyers warn

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Not only did Facebook help him identify Chiles, it also showed that Chiles and Gartner listed each other as friends, suggesting Gartner had lied to police.

Chiles' ticket for public urination: \$145. Gartner's ticket for obstructing justice: \$195. Gartner, a U. of I. junior studying crop sciences, admits he lied but said he was shocked to learn that he was booked by Facebook.

"I had no idea that old people were wise to Facebook. I thought they referred to it as a doobickey that kids play with," he said. "I got bone-crushed."

Employers, recruiters and police are catching on to the popular social networking sites MySpace, Xanga and Facebook. With the sites being used to conduct background checks on employees and job applicants, university officials are warning students to be careful about what they post in their profiles.

The incident at the U. of I. seems to be one of a handful of times that Facebook has been used to aid a campus police investigation. Police at Penn State University also reported

ly searched its photos to investigate students who rushed onto the football field after a game.

"It is another investigative tool," said Kris Fitzpatrick, interim executive director of public safety at the U. of I. "My feeling about Facebook is, don't post anything you wouldn't want your mother or your future employers reading or seeing."

About 7.5 million people are registered on Facebook, where they post photos, send messages and connect with people who have similar interests. Gartner's profile, for example, shows that he watches "Lucky Louie" on HBO, has 152 Facebook friends, and works in construction, doing "all the things that my boss doesn't want to do himself."

Access to the site is partially restricted. If you want to see profiles from a college, you must have a valid e-mail address from that school.

Campus police officers, faculty and alumni can look up profiles if they have university e-mail addresses. But users can limit access to their personal pages.

Concerned about students publishing damaging information, attorneys at Student Legal Service at the U. of I. plan to start passing out brochures this fall called "MySpace may not be just YOUR space."

The brochure lists several things that employers might find questionable: nude photographs, violent images and stories about sexual escapades,

drugs and excessive drinking. "What was once considered a private realm for the younger generation is becoming widely known to the older generation, and most of one's material posted on such sites is visible for all to see," the brochure warns.

At the U. of I., several police officers have created Facebook profiles using their university e-mails, Fitzpatrick said.

One of them reported seeing Chiles "in a traditional urinal stance" at 1:45 a.m. July 20 at 4th and John Streets in Champaign, according to Chiles' citation. The officer shined his flashlight on Chiles and asked him to step to the sidewalk, but Chiles fled, police said.

Chiles denies running from police, though he admits relieving himself.

When Gartner claimed not to know the name of his friend, the officer told him that he planned to connect the two through Facebook.

"I went home and went to Facebook and disconnected our friendship," Gartner said. But it was too late.

Just as Gartner was changing his profile, the officer was viewing the site, police said.

The officer called the friends to alert them about the citations later that day. Chiles paid his fine July 24, and Gartner said he plans to pay his soon. They have been friends since high school in Bloomington.

"I was astounded by it," said Chiles, who graduated from the U. of I. in May. "He used it to prove we were good friends. It seems kind of unfair. It is not

like Facebook is the most truthful thing there is."

Several legal observers said they thought the U. of I. police reaction was over the top.

"This seemingly is a gross overreaction and very poor judgment rendered by the campus police," said Sheldon Steinbach, general counsel of the Washington-based American Council on Education. "To use limited police and security resources to apprehend and then prosecute minor violations is hardly a good use of resources."

Jeremy Grose, an attorney for U. of I.'s Student Legal Service, said he expects to see more students in legal trouble related to their Web site postings.

"It's hard to believe that police would have nothing better to do than get online and scan through Facebook," he said. "I am wondering if the next step will be combing through and trying to find crimes admitted to online."

Fitzpatrick, the U. of I. police chief, defended her department's pursuit of the student who urinated on the shrub.

"It may seem minor, but it is part of a bigger issue, which is alcohol consumption and possession of alcohol by minors," she said. "We have a large number of incidents that are alcohol-involved on campus."

Still, Gartner said, "it's a pretty shady way they got us."

"If I am going to be brought down," he said, "I want to be brought down by something more official than Facebook."

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A Chicago publication of the Medill School of Journalism

Popular websites like Myspace.com and Facebook are benefiting law

BY SONIA NEZAMZADEH
AUGUST 18, 2006

Local police and prosecutors are going to greater lengths to find information about criminal suspects, perusing popular Web sites like Myspace.com and Facebook for photos and personal data.

Of seven Chicago-area law enforcement agencies surveyed — including the FBI's Chicago Division, the Cook County Sheriff's police, the University of Illinois-Chicago campus police and the Illinois State Police, all indicated that they have or would use the sites to research a pending case.

And they're using cyberspace to hunt down more than just the common Internet child porn junkie.

Agents are "looking for specific information about the way a crime may be committed," said Ross Rice, special agent and spokesman for the Chicago FBI. "Gangs are becoming more Internet savvy, posting information about themselves and the crimes they've committed . . . Web sites can be a recruitment tool for gangs, terrorist fundraising, an exchange of child porn. The list is just endless."

This week, a Chicago-area police officer logged on to Facebook.com, a Web site where students can post profiles, pictures and messages, to help him identify and ticket a University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign student.

That incident is apparently one of several times that Facebook has been used to aid a campus police investigation.

About 7.5 million people are registered on Facebook, and anyone with a university e-mail address can access the site's contents. The more-trendy Myspace has drawn more than 70 million members, with more joining every day.

With the wave of social networking site users growing, colleges are scrambling to provide students with resources on how to publish information responsibly. This fall, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign will begin dispersing a brochure called, "Myspace may not be just YOUR space."

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Lisa, 31, is an investigator with the Child Exploitation Unit of the Cook County sheriff's police department. She asked that her last name not be used to protect her identity. She and five other investigators who make up the division each created Myspace accounts two years ago that she said help them nab pedophiles.

"If they contact us, we open an investigation," she said in a telephone interview. Lisa added that her profile receives hits on a weekly basis from people all over the country.

The Illinois Attorney General's office also has a high-tech crimes bureau to crack down on sex predators, such as those who contact Lisa.

"By filling out a profile, kids can make themselves accessible to on-line predators," said Michael Sullivan, deputy chief of the bureau. "Sex predators go onto these sites and say, 'I'm looking for this age, this sex, this location,' and by filling out profiles [on Myspace] you're helping them contact you."

On Monday, three Chicago teens from Senn High School on the North Side were charged with sexually assaulting a 14-year-old girl they met on Myspace.

In a separate incident, a 21-year-old Mt. Prospect man already on probation for having sex with a minor was charged last weekend with aggravated criminal sexual abuse involving a 15-year-old Elgin girl he met on Myspace.

Law enforcement agents around the country also are tracking cyber footprints. In September, a group of Texas prosecutors and law enforcement officials will learn how Myspace can help them dig up information on their cases.

According to the Texas District and County Attorney Association Web site, discussion on how to use Myspace and its cousins, Facebook and Xanga, to benefit prosecutors is swirling.

On a chat thread among attorneys, a Brazos County assistant district attorney wrote: "Myspace is great to check on your favorite probationer's compliance with conditions prohibiting drug/alcohol abuse. They love to brag about their last use, and the site lets them tell the world."

Prosecutors even exchange tips on how to obtain records from Myspace.com.

Many teens don't attempt to conceal their crimes on-line, but in the event they do, their efforts often fail.

In April, a 16-year-old Colorado student was charged with a weapons offense after police found pictures of the teen surrounded by guns on his Myspace page.

Within weeks of that incident, Kansas police thwarted a plot for a Columbine-style school shooting involving five boys based on a Myspace posting. It was the fourth Columbine-style plot this year revealed through Myspace or Xanga.

"Children are [using the social networking Web sites to] announce their existence in the world," Sullivan said. "The problem is they're looking at it from a child's point of view when they fill out their profiles, and don't realize how this information can be used [against them]."

Law enforcement uses Web sites to solve cases

ILLINOIS: Myspace, Facebook can put young people in dangerous position, officials say

BY SONIA NEZAMZADEH
Medill News Service

This story ran on nwitimes.com on Monday, August 21, 2006 12:27 AM CDT

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Looking to get off campus next year? UI's Tenant Union should be stop #1

Free service helps students avoid landlord problems

BY MEGHAN O'KELLY
STAFF WRITER

As local landlords begin to lease their properties for the 2007-2008 school year, the University Tenant Union is working with students and landlords to prevent conflicts and problems after moving in.

"Our purpose is to provide a resource for students who rent housing and stimulate fairness in tenant-landlord relations," said Esther Patt, Tenant Union coordinator.

The Tenant Union, funded by the Student Organization Resource Fee, offers two important preventative services. Housing counselors review lease contracts before students sign, and most importantly, the Tenant Union provides local landlords' complaint records for students to review before choosing a property to rent.

Students can view the records by going to the Tenant Union, located in room 326 of the Illini Union, or by sending an e-mail to tenant@uiuc.edu.

"If a landlord has more than a couple of complaints each year, that should be a concern, especially serious or frightening stuff that isn't resolved in a timely matter," Patt said. "If a landlord has no complaints, they really have something invested in that, and they want to keep it that way."

Allison Brett, sophomore in Business, used the Tenant Union's complaint records as a part of her apartment search.

"One of the companies only has one complaint, so we wanted to see what it is and if there's something we need added in the lease," she said.

The most common issues, Patt said, are landlords not repairing damages, dirty apartments at move in, damage deposit rip-offs, parking problems and double-leasing apartments.

"We really encourage people not to just look at the numbers, but to see what the complaint is about," she said. "The nature of the complaint is more important than the number."

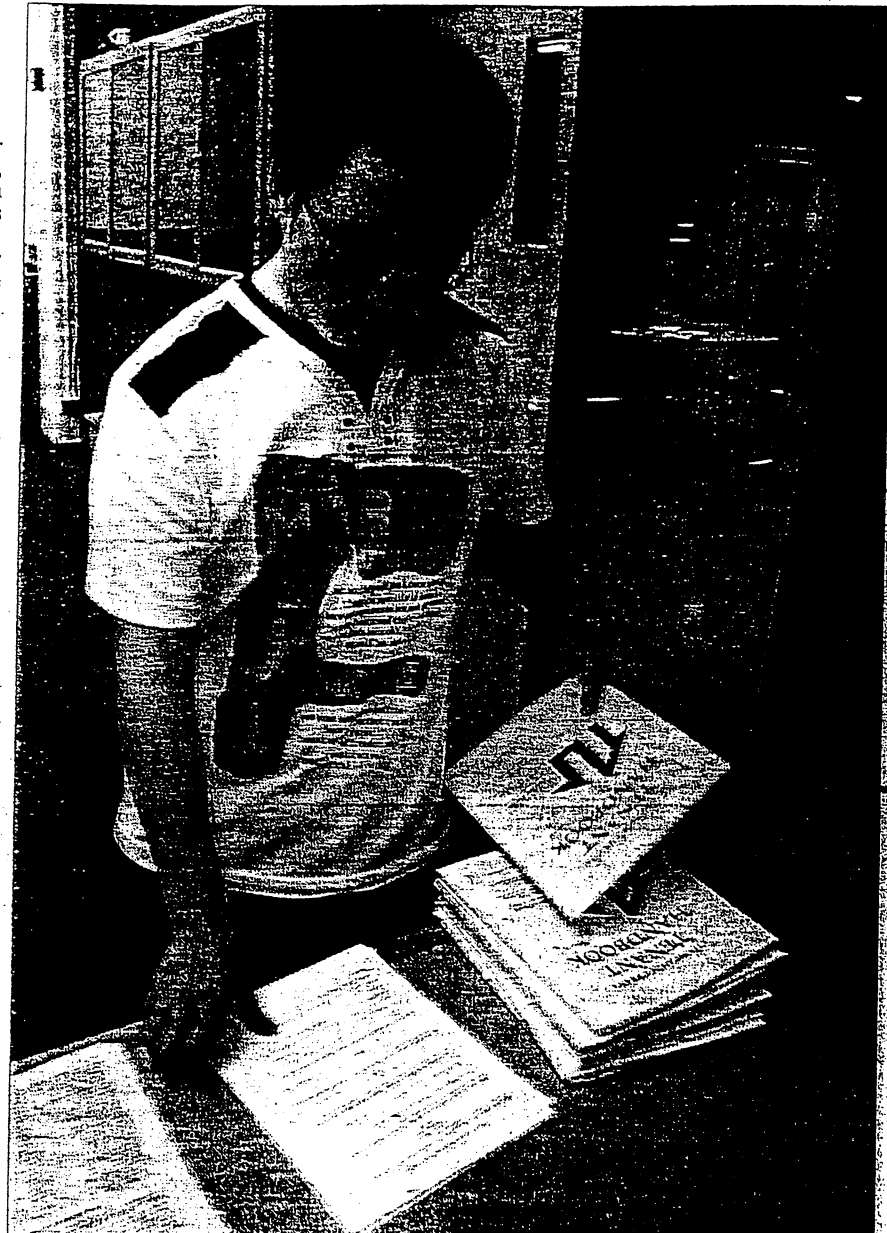
Nancy Dietrich-Rybicki, a housing counselor at the Tenant Union, said the documented resolution of the problem is an important component of the complaint records.

"Even with places that don't have any complaints, it doesn't mean that nothing goes wrong there," she said. "At any place things are going to go wrong, and what makes the difference is how they respond to it."

Patt said students share many misconceptions about their rights as tenants. Landlords are not obligated to provide services including painting walls, shampooing furniture or covering windows unless it's written in the contract.

Some students wrongly believe they can break a lease; the law mandates fairness and that they are responsible for only their share of rent, Patt said.

In the instance that a tenant needs to threaten, bring or be defended in a lawsuit,



JOHN PAUL GOGUEN-THE DAILY ILLINI

Don Shin, sophomore in LAS, gathers literature as he walks into a talk given by the Tenant Union at Allen Hall Monday. The Tenant Union assists students with their search for housing by providing them with background information about their contracts and the track record of potential landlords.

Student Legal Services provides students with legal representation to resolve the issue free of charge.

"People think there's a huge umbrella for tenant protection, and there's not," she said.


"The most important advice is do not put down any money or sign a lease until you have checked the lease and landlord complaint records at the Tenant Union."


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512 E. GREEN ST.
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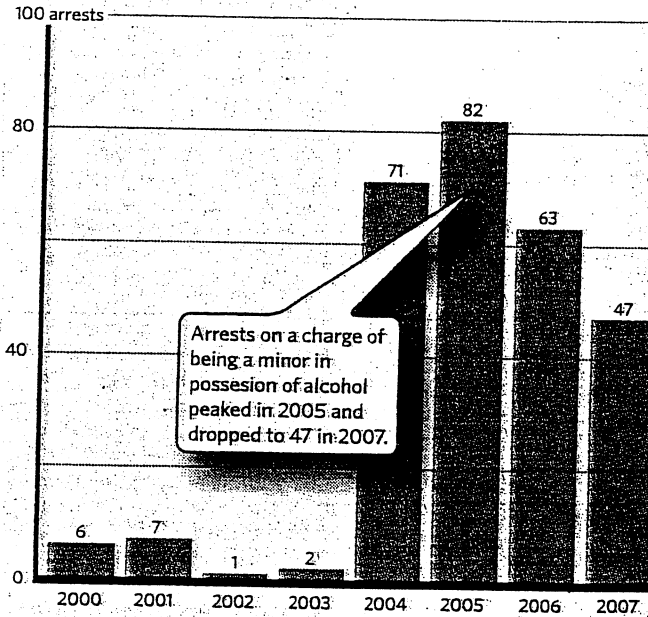
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Officially cracking down on Unofficial

Police enforcement on Unofficial St. Patrick's Day is defined as the number of arrests made on Friday and early Saturday morning while celebrations are still taking place.

Number of minor in possession arrests during two-day Unofficial period



Source: Champaign City Police Department

IAN H. BESLER
The Daily Illini

UI legal services remind students: Pay drinking fines

Thursday
March 15, 2007
(Page One)

WHITNEY BLAIR WYCKOFF
STAFF WRITER

Before slathering on sunscreen and making a beeline for warmer climates this spring break, some students need to make sure to take care of one final piece of business, said Thomas Betz, director of the University of Illinois Student Legal Services. Students who received drinking tickets on March 2 during Unofficial St. Patrick's Day need to pay for them by March 23, which occurs during spring break.

Students who don't pay the \$290 fine on time face up to \$750 in fines, \$50-60 in court costs and risk being arrested or losing their driver's license.

"Every single year, I've had eight to 10 — sometimes more — students who have gone away on spring break and have totally forgotten about the ticket," Betz said. "They didn't show up when they were supposed to show up in court, so the city has then filed the charge."

Betz encouraged students with tickets to visit the student legal services office, which will

Pay drinking fines by March 23

A \$290 fine could cost you...

- \$750 in fines
- \$50-60 in court costs
- Loss of driver's license
- A warrant for your arrest

be open during spring break, before paying a ticket.

"But I think they should talk to us and see if they have any defense," he said.

"I've been at this 22 years, and I've never had a police officer not show. In Cook County, sometimes they don't show."

THOMAS BETZ

director,
University Student Legal
Services

Often, Betz encounters students, particularly underclassmen, who are misinformed about how the ticketing process works. Some think it is okay to not pay the ticket and take their chances at trial because they think that the police officer won't show up, and the case will be dismissed, he said.

But that assumption is untrue, he said.

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See **DRINKING TICKET**, Page 6A

DRINKING TICKET

FROM PAGE 1A

cer not show," Betz said. "In Cook County, sometimes they don't show... They've got crimes far more serious than underage drinking there."

Also he said some people think of drinking tickets as "expensive parking tickets" and throw them away.

"When people take that little pink ticket and rip it up and throw it in the garbage," Betz said. "They're making a huge mistake."

He said on Unofficial, some students do not even realize they've been given a drinking ticket.

"In many instances, the students, at the time they were given the ticket were so intoxicated that they didn't know literally what was going on," Betz said. "You can walk on Unofficial St. Patrick's day by the garbage cans and you can see some of the city offense tickets thrown in the trash. The litter is going to come back in the form of an arrest warrant."

This year, 162 students received drinking tickets. Betz said that he anticipates that only

a third of them will be University students. The rest come from other colleges, like Michigan or Southern Illinois, or local high school students.

Betz said that students cannot hide behind the University to avoid the consequences of these tickets. The University works with local police forces, so the police have access to student specific things like class schedules.

"There's nothing more embarrassing than to have a police officer coming to serve the arrest warrant while you're sitting in 'Western Civ,'" Betz said.

VI. SPECIAL LETTERS OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT / THANK YOUs

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Thank You

Dan Litten

Tom Walls

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Yahoo! Mail - tbetz_legalguy@yahoo.com

YAHOO! MAIL

Date: Thu, 13 Jul 2006 14:44:15 -0500
From:
Subject: Thanks
To: "Thomas Betz" <tbetz_legalguy@yahoo.com>

Tom

I just wanted to write you to thank you for representing me in court and helping me get such a relatively positive outcome.

I just have one last question about paying my fines. I'm not sure exactly how much I'm supposed to pay for everything and I've been calling the court house to try and find out the exact amount, but they tell me that my case won't be processed for another week or two and that they can't tell me anything until then. I thought I had to pay atleast the fine for the ticket within one month, and I'm afraid that if I wait for everything to be processed that it will be too late. I was hoping that you could find out for me what exactly I should be paying and then please let me know.

Again, thank you very much for all of your help.

While You Were Out



To: TB
Date: 7/27 Time: 1:09
From: _____

of _____
Phone: () - _____ Ext _____

- Telephoned
- Please Call Back
- Will Call Again
- Was Here to See You
- Wants to See You
- Urgent
- Returned Your Call

Message: they got the letter
and
"it was most excellent!
and" (they) would
like to thank you
for it very much.

Thanks again
Jeremy!
JUL 14 2006

Susan,

Thanks for your help. Enclosed is the Money order per your request. Feel free to contact me if any questions.

Sincerely,

AUG - 8 2006

From: Verdun, Crystal [CVerdun@admin.housing.uiuc.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2006 3:02 PM
Subject: Res Life Paraprofessional Resource Fair

Hello!
I just wanted to send many thanks from the folks of Residential Life for your participation in the Resource Fair. The paraprofessionals really enjoyed themselves, and gathered a ton of information. We look forward to having your office join us again next year.

Many thanks!
Crystal Verdun
Wardall Hall Resident Director
Residential Life Training and Development Committee Member

From :
Sent : Monday, August 21, 2006 10:27 AM
To : Jeremy Grose <jeremy_grose2@hotmail.com>
Subject : Our Lawn

Hi Mr. Grose,

It's been long enough that I'm not sure if you remember me! :) I came and spoke with you concerning negligence towards the installation of our lawn. I just wanted to drop you a quick email and let you know that (although it took longer than expected!) the company decided to settle and replace our lawn.

My wife and I both want to thank you for your advice and direction. Should this matter have gone to court, we feel that we would have been well prepared because of your help.

Thank you very much.

Hello Susan,

AUG 22 2006

First of all I would like to thank you for all of your help in this matter.

I know that I have not played a very active role in this, but I want to know that I am very grateful and glad that we have been able to resolve this.

If you can call me when you receive this check I would really appreciate it. I just want to know that you have it, and when you will be giving it to Green Street Realty. Again thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,

Subject: Thank you

9/14/2006

Dear Information Fair Participant:

Thank you for your participation in the recent *Graduate Student Information Fair*, coordinated by the Graduate College and University Housing. I was very pleased by this year's turnout, with a steady stream of graduate students throughout the day. Over 400 graduate students attended, and many of them told us how useful they found the displays and expertise of the participants. Overall, I believe the event was a great success.

Because of your participation, I believe we were able to provide University of Illinois graduate students with a useful orientation to the numerous resources that can support them during their time on this campus and in this community. Your involvement was key to the success of this event, and I thank you. I hope you will be able to join us again next year. Please save the date for next year's information fair: **Thursday, September 6, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Illini Union Rooms.**

Sincerely,

Richard Wheeler
Dean

SEP 15 2006

9/13/06

Dear Susan,

Thank you so much for all of your help in dealing with BARR Real Estate. I'm ecstatic that I got what we asked for. Thank you for helping to make a crummy situation turn out great! Sincerely,

From :

Sent : Tuesday, September 19, 2006 12:30 PM

To : Jeremy Grose <jeremy_grose2@hotmail.com>

Subject : Re: Your Case

Dear Mr. Grose,

That's great! I was actually just reminded of my case the other day and I wondered if it had gotten lost into oblivion or something. (Haha) Thanks for all your help.

Sent : Monday, October 2, 2006 1:37 PM
To : Jeremy Grose <jeremy_grose2@hotmail.com>
Subject : RE: uninsured driver case

Great. I am very glad to know that I can get one ticket dismissed. Thanks to you.
Jeremy, do you know how long it will stay if the \$75 ticket goes into my driving record? And what it will affect, for example, only my insurance or anything else? My insurance company promised that they won't change my current rate since they also share certain responsibility. Please let me know what the State attorney will charge after you find out. I certainly don't want a bad record if the fine is not too much higher than \$75.
Thank you for all the excellent work and help. It may just mean ordinary work to you since you are the professional but it means a lot to me. I feel like somebody is helping me.

Best,



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October 5, 2006

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

OCT - 9 2006

Dear Tom,

Thanks so much for helping my friend, _____ with her legal problems. I talked with her last night and she told me how impressed she was with your kindness and appreciative of the help you've given her. The students at the U of I are very lucky to have your office as a resource.

Best,

Carl Reisman

Sent : Tuesday, October 17, 2006 10:04 PM
To : Jeremy Grose <jeremy_grose2@hotmail.com>
Subject : Re: Your Case

Thank you very much!! Great service . . . yippee

Sent : Monday, October 23, 2006 4:27 PM
To : Jeremy Grose <jeremy_grose2@hotmail.com>
Subject : Wiley copyright case

Jeremy,

I mailed the signed letter and a money order for the correct amount on Friday by certified mail. If there is any further contact, I will be sure to let you know. Again, thanks for all you help.



10/24/06
Figurine given to
Jeremy Grose,
Estimated value \$5.00

Sent to Susan Hesse:

*You make the world
a little nicer -
thanks for being
so special!*

Sent : Thursday, November 9, 2006 5:52 PM
To : Jeremy Grose <jeremy_grose2@hotmail.com>
Subject : Re: Your Case

thank you so much for all of your help!!! :)

*You especially made the world a
little nicer for me! Thank you
for all that you've done, and I
won't forget your kindness.
Sincerely,*

Sent : Thursday, October 26, 2006 2:17 PM
To : "Jeremy Grose" <jeremy_grose2@hotmail.com>
Subject : Re: Your Case

Jeremy,

Thank you very much. I won't need an actual copy.

Again, thank you for your time. It was really nice to feel like I had somebody on my side in this whole thing.

Subject: Re: ppm
Date: Mon, 13 Nov 2006 13:42:57 -0600
To: "Susan Hesse" <jadedone97@yahoo.com>

Dear Susan,

I got the \$102 check and your letter last week, and I'd like to thank you for your efforts on the case between PPM and us. Although PPM is not returning all the deposit, both and I felt we'd like to call it an end. So we are going to deposit the check and again, thank you very much for your help during this period!

Have a great day!

Sent: Wednesday, November 01, 2006 2:53 PM
To: Beckee Bachman
Subject: Re: URGENT: Student Legal Service

Importance: High

Sorry for not being at the contact. I gave Mr. Betz my new number which is Please update. Thanks for the email. I will see Susan at the hearing tomorrow and sign the documents there. Thanks for your help Beckee.

Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2006 3:17 PM
To: Beckee Bachman
Subject: Re: Student Legal Service

Importance: High

Yes, we spoke with them last Thursday (Nov. 9), & they agreed to give us the credit of \$400. Thanks for all your help!

Thank you for your participation in the 2006 Daily Illini Housing Fair

- We will be giving away a \$500 cash prize this year to one of the lucky patrons of the housing fair. In order to enter, visitors must visit at least 10 of the booths here. We're asking that you punch the entry cards in the top left corner of the card over the Housing Fair logo as you speak to people at your booth today.
- Free pizza will be delivered at 11:00 and at 12:00. This is available to you as well as the public visiting today. Please feel free to help yourselves. There is also bottled water in the kitchen area for you if you need a refreshment.
- We have a wireless internet connection that is available to you when connecting from any wireless-capable computer. If you have having trouble accessing the internet from your computer, please let us know and we'll have someone help you.
- Feel free to attend the seminars that are being provided by the Tenant Union and Student Legal Services if you are able. They are being presented at 12:00 and 12:30 and repeating at 2:00 and 2:30.

Subject: Thank You
To: tbetz_legalguy@yahoo.com
Date: Tue, 14 Nov 2006 15:21:43 -0600 (CST)

Mr. Betz-

I believe Student Legal Services has already heard from Roland, but I personally wanted to let you know that they called us last Thursday (Nov. 9) & agreed to give us a rental credit of \$400. I just wanted to thank you for all your help in getting them to reimburse us for the lost property. I greatly appreciate your advice & help in dealing with this issue. Thanks again, & have a nice Thanksgiving!

Sent: Tuesday, November 14, 2006 3:17 PM
To: Beckee Bachman (For Thomas Betz)
Subject: Re: Student Legal Service
Importance: High

Yes, we spoke with them last Thursday (Nov. 9), & they agreed to give us the credit of \$400. Thanks for all your help!

11/27

Client came into office and personally thanked Thomas Betz, giving gift of 2 sets of chopsticks in silk sleeves to both Thomas Betz and secretary. Estimated total value: \$10.00

While You Were Out



To: TB
Date: 11/29 **Time:** 9:06
From: Bob
of parent of
Phone: () - **Ext:**
 Telephoned Please Call Back Will Call Again
 Was Here to See You Wants to See You Urgent
 Returned Your Call

Message: you appeared in court yesterday w/ his son -
Thank you for the favorable outcome!

From: Sue Kovacs [skovacs@uni.uiuc.edu] (University High School)
Sent: Wednesday, November 29, 2006 2:42 PM
To: Beckee Bachman
Subject: Re: UIUC Student Legal Service-myspace brochure

I need 350...can that be done? Yea. Thanks so much. We just had a problem.

Sent: Friday, December 1, 2006 6:04 PM
To: "Jeremy Grose" <jeremy_grose2@hotmail.com>
Subject: Re: Your Case

Hi Jeremy,

Thanks for checking and getting me the extension. I really appreciate all your help. Have a good holiday season.

From: Sue Kovacs [skovacs@uni.uiuc.edu]
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2006 1:53 PM
To: Beckee Bachman
Subject: RE: RE: [UNI] Myspace pamphlet from Student Legal Service

thank you thank you thank you....sue

Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2006 9:24 PM
To: Beckee Bachman (TEB)
Subject: Re: Student Legal Service

Thank you so much for your assistance,

Sent: Tuesday, December 12, 2006 3:55 PM
To: Beckee Bachman (TEB)
Subject: Re: Student Legal Service

Hi Beckee,

I got the message. I'll bring the money by friday, whenever I have time to get out of my lab during office hours!

Thanks a lot!

Sent: Wednesday, December 20, 2006 6:00 PM
To: Beckee Bachman (TEB)
Subject: Re: Student Legal Service

hello

thank u very much for your efforts.
merry christmas and happy new year.

Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2007 4:50 PM
To: Beckee Bachman (TEB)
Subject: Re: Student Legal Service

Thank you very much! I truly appreciate it!

Date: Fri, 19 Jan 2007 16:41:28 -0600
From:
To: jadédone97@yahoo.com
Subject: Student Legal Services

Hi Susan,

My name is . You met with me to help me get my security deposit back from Gabe's Place. I just wanted to let you know that I recieved in full. Thank you so much for your help. I will definetly recommend your services to other students.

Sincerely,

>to: Jeremy Grose <jeremy_grose2@hotmail.com>
>Subject: Re: Your Case
>Date: Wed, 24 Jan 2007 20:51:47 -0600 (CST)
>

>Hi Jeremy,
> Thank you very much! I will stop by tomorrow and drop off the money
>and sign the necessary paper work; I will bring a money order. I
>appreciate your time, let me know if there is anything else.
>Kind Regards,



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>To: Jeremy Grose <jeremy_grose2@hotmail.com>
>Subject: Re: Your Case
>Date: Mon, 16 Apr 2007 14:35:29 -0500 (CDT)
>
>Thank you Jeremy

Beckee-

I would like to thank you for working with me over the past several years. It was always a pleasure to work with you. Thanks for all of the great ads, I really enjoyed reading them. My fellow staff members are looking forward to continuing to work with you after my graduation this May. Thanks again!

All the best,
Morgan Wiley

MAY - 1 2007

>To: Jeremy Grose <jeremy_grose2@hotmail.com>
>Subject: Re: Your Case
>Date: Tue, 15 May 2007 12:41:03 -0500 (CDT)
>
>Thankyou for all of your help Jeremy! Have a great summer!



BEFORE.



LINDBERG

AFTER.

THANKS!

MAY 17 2007

Mr. Betz,
Thank you so much for
all your support & assistance
with my case. You made this
process as smooth as possible and
I thank you for your dedication.
The students at U of I are lucky
to have you!
Have a great summer,

Sent: Thursday, May 17, 2007 12:15 PM
To: Beckee Bachman
Subject: Re: Student Legal Service

Thanks Mr. Betz! I will see you on Monday at the courthouse!

Thank you so much!

>To: Jeremy Grose <jeremy_grose2@hotmail.com>
>CC:
>Subject: Re: Your Case
>Date: Thu, 14 Jun 2007 13:03:20 -0500
>
>Hi Jeremy,
>Thanks for this information.

>Thanks again for your help,

>To: Jeremy Grose <jeremy_grose2@hotmail.com>
>Subject: Re: Your Case
>Date: Wed, 27 Jun 2007 16:55:52 -0500 (CDT)
>
>Jeremy,
>
>Thanks for all your help. I really appreciate it.
>
>Thanks again,

