STUDENT LEGAL SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT

July 1, 1989 - June 30, 1990

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The Student Legal Service Advisory Board can take great pride in the accomplishments of the Student Legal Service plan during this reporting period. This past year the office served the largest number of SORP eligible students in the history of record keeping by the office. Three thousand three hundred thirty-nine students came into the office for consultation and/or representation. Office advertising, literature distribution, and numerous news articles have contributed to widespread campus awareness of the program. The staff is proud of the record of accessibility of the program and will be submitting specific proposals to further increase accessibility in this report (Suggestions For Advisory Board Consideration, page 5).

During this reporting period the program for the first time employed three full-time attorneys. Thomas E. Betz began his fifth year with the program during this past fiscal year. Betz is a 1981 graduate of Wayne State University Law School, a member of the Michigan and Illinois Bars and the Champaign County Bar Association. Betz is a member of the National Lawyers Guild and is also serving a third term as President of the Champaign County American Civil Liberties Union.

Susan Y. Hessee began her third year with the program. Hessee is a 1982 graduate of the University of Illinois College of Law. Hessee is a member of the Illinois and Michigan Bars. She is active with the Champaign County Bar Association and the Lawyer’s Committee on Nuclear Policy.

Sherry Edelman began work in the office on August 15, 1989. Edelman is a 1988 graduate of the University of Illinois College of Law. Edelman was a tremendous asset to the office, relieving the high caseload pressure and enabling a dramatic reduction in the waiting period for appointments. Edelman left the program on July 15, 1990 to have her first child.

The Advisory Board has now hired Sue Ann Sheldon as the new third attorney for the office. Sheldon is a 1993 graduate of the University of California, Hastings College of Law. We look forward to working with Sheldon in the coming year.

Frank Perri continued to work as a research intern throughout the reporting period. Perri completed a major paper on Illinois residential security deposit law. The paper, entitled "Interpretation of the Illinois Security Deposit Statute: Should Cleaning Costs Be Deductible From
Security Deposits?", presents a useful and perhaps definitive analysis of security deposit rules for future office use.

Betty Dowling continues to be the office secretary. Ms. Dowling was assisted on a part-time basis by Ellie Prichard for several months. Ms. Dowling as always rendered outstanding service to the office and clientele.

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

During fall and winter S.O.R.F. refund period literature was distributed at all campus residence halls in each mailbox. This activity accounts for increased awareness of the program and consistently low S.O.R.F. refund rates. It is estimated that approximately 20,000 pieces of literature are distributed in residence halls each semester.

Informational literature is routinely supplied to University libraries, office of International Student Affairs, Student Services Bldg., Illini Union Information Desk, and numerous other groups and locations. (See Special Requests for Office Brochure Distribution, page 12.)

Landlord-Tenant and general housing matters continue to be the most important impact of the office in daily student life and in the civil docket of the office.

During September and October the office ran a series of informational advertisements regarding security deposits. Students were informed of their rights, which many exercised with the assistance of the office. The ads also put landlords on notice of the law and that students had access to information on their legal rights. The ads significantly reduced the temptation on the part of unscrupulous landlords to 'rip off' tenant security deposits.

The office ran a humorous, but cautionary, advertisement regarding the annual Halloween event. Halloween 1989 was a largely uneventful event. Hopefully, our work contributed to the calm atmosphere.

We wish to express some concern about police/student relations. It is apparent from our clientele that there exists a widely held perception that Champaign Police do not treat minority students in the same way Caucasian students are treated. We have noted the perception long before the most recent flareup and investigation. It is our hope that police/student relations can be improved to eliminate the perception or possible reality of disparate treatment.

The office for a second year in a row engaged in a significant preventive legal education effort regarding "Hash Wednesday". Arrest cards, marijuana pamphlets and cautionary
advertisements were used as part of the effort. Once again no arrests took place and marijuana was not openly used on the Quad on "Hash Wednesday".

The stepped up traffic enforcement and the de facto 'quota' system used by the Champaign Police Department has accounted for a dramatic increase in traffic tickets and city offense citations. The office has provided increased representation in traffic cases due to the borderline nature of many of the tickets and the danger of police overreaching on campus.

The student body at the behest of the Student Legal Service Advisory Board and the S.O.R.F. Board adopted a $1.00 S.O.R.F. fee increase. This increase will allow a permanent budget increase enabling the permanent retention of a third attorney and half-time secretarial support. We thank the Advisory Board, S.O.R.F. Board and the student body for overwhelmingly supporting this program.

In July, 1989, Thomas Betz attended the National Legal Service Conference in Portland, Maine. This Annual Conference continues to be the single best source for continuing legal education which is relevant to a student legal service environment.

The staff looks forward to moving into new, more spacious, quarters during the 1990-91 school year. The additional space should provide for an adequate waiting area and sufficient library and storage space.

We look forward to an interesting and challenging 1990-91 school year with adequate staff and space.
1990-1991 SUGGESTIONS FOR ADVISORY BOARD CONSIDERATION

1. Many students face very difficult schedules, which make use of the office during regular office hours a significant hardship. The Board may wish to consider allowing office hours from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on a bi-weekly or once a month basis.

2. The Board should consider raising continuing legal education to $1,000 per attorney each year. This will permit attendance at the Annual Workshop/Conference and additional workshops in Illinois.
OFFICE BROCHURES

STUDENT LEGAL SERVICE PROGRAM
YOUR COURT APPEARANCE
PHONY ID's
CITY OFFENSES
COURT SUPERVISION
YOUR SECURITY DEPOSIT
MARIJUANA LAWS IN ILLINOIS
CONSUMER RIGHTS
SEXUAL VIOLENCE
INFORMATION ON COPYRIGHT
ALCOHOL LAWS IN ILLINOIS
GUIDELINES FOR TRAFFIC OFFENSES
INFORMATION ABOUT DIVORCE
ARREST CARD
Look Before You Lease:

Dates and locations:

- FAR January 16, 1990 LAR January 23, 1990
- Gregory January 18, 1990 PAR January 24, 1990
- Peabody January 21, 1990 Taft January 24, 1990
  - Alpha Chi Omega April 16, 1990

Student Drinking: Who's Calling the Shots?

Date: October 19, 1990

International Student Orientation

- Summer 1989
- Fall 1989
- Spring 1990
- Summer 1990

Summer Orientation for incoming students and their parents. All of our brochures (13), on display as handouts.

- May 30 - July 7, 1989
- May 29 - July 6, 1990

Campus Resource Fair - August 15, 1989

Quad Day - August 23, 1989
NEWSPAPER ARTICLES


More Ideas Than Consensus in Forum on Drinking at UI, The News Gazette, October 20, 1989

Community Leaders Address Drinking Problems, Solutions, Daily Illini, October 20, 1989

SORF Debate Student Fee Hike for Legal Service, Daily Illini, January 18, 1990

Students Gain Bargaining Power Due to Recent Construction Boom, Daily Illini, January 26, 1990


SORF Vote to Request $1.00 Fee Raise, Daily Illini, January 29, 1990

Vote Now or Be Silent Forever, Daily Illini, March 6, 1990

UI Legal Service Studies Ways to Collect Cash, Daily Illini, January 23, 1990
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College of Medicine orientation for new students, 130 program brochures, August 15, 1989
Libraries, 1,200 brochures, August 15, 1989
Refugee Mutual Assistance Center, 100 brochures - various topics, August 15, 1989
Illinois State University, 5 arrest cards, August 16, 1989
Office of International Students, 1,200 brochures on various topics, August 22, 1989
United States Student Association, 60 program brochures, September 8, 1989
Weston Residence Hall Library, 50 copyright brochures, August 29, 1989
Visitor's Center, 100 program brochures, November 1, 1989
Family Housing Office, 100 program brochures, December 14, 1989
Alpha Xi Delta, 100 copies of each brochure (13, 1,300), January 16, 1990
Allen Hall, 40 sexual violence brochures, February 23, 1990
Ombudsperson office at Levis Faculty Center, 10 of each of 13 brochures, 1,300, April 13, 1990
Summer Orientation for incoming students and their parents. All of our brochures (13) on display as handouts, May 30 - July 7, 1989 and May 29 - July 6, 1990.
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**TOTAL # OF STUDENTS SEEN FOR THE FISCAL YEAR:** 3,339
If you need legal hand, UI can help

Your roommate hasn’t paid his share of the rent in more than three months. Your landlord is threatening eviction.

For most students, such legal entanglements are a first. Student Legal Services in the Illini Union can help.

As long as students do not re-claim their $4 Student Organization Resource Fund fee, they are eligible for free legal services.

Legal Services, according to Legal Services attorney Thomas Betz, will assist with all kinds of legal problems except three: felonies; cases which pit students against students; and cases against the university.

“We really have a general practice office,” Betz says. “We do everything a private attorney can do.

“We do consumer mail fraud. We do a lot of marital work, divorces… a lot of name changes. Every year we’ve done a lot of marijuana.”

(This past year, he adds, his office handled significantly fewer marijuana cases.)

The office, he says, provides an invaluable service since “at any given time, 5 percent of the student population is in need of an attorney.”

Legal Services also conducts seminars. Three seminars for foreign students help them understand U.S. law and customs. A seminar on “preventive legal education” is for students planning to move into an apartment; it sets students on the right path by answering such questions as, “Who are the rotten landlords?”
More ideas than consensus in forum on drinking at UI

By DAVID HACKETT
News-Gazette Staff Writer

If University of Illinois officials and local mayors agree on anything about student drinking, it is that no one has a simple solution.

That was as close to consensus as it got Thursday night in a campus panel discussion as part of "Alcohol Awareness Week."

The panel included Champaign Mayor Dannel McCollum, Urbana Mayor Jeffrey Markland, UI Police Chief Paul Dollins, UI Dean of Students William Riley, Student Government Association President Tim Wayne and four others.

But aside from reporters and the glare of TV cameras, the leaders spoke to mostly empty chairs at the Illini Union. Fewer than 20 students attended.

"My first reaction is that I'll bet the bars aren't this empty tonight, even with the bad weather we're having," said panelist Richard Justice, director of the student judicial system.

"That's a big part of the problem."

Attention has focused on drinking this semester in the wake of a spate of incidents: a 19-year-old student fell to his death from a fire escape; three intoxicated students allegedly set fire to the Memorial Stadium AstroTurf; and a study showed excessive drinking in fraternities.

Although consensus was scarce Thursday, there was no shortage of ideas:

- Markland recommended raising the age to enter bars in Urbana from 18 to 21. Currently, patrons under 21 can enter bars but not consume alcohol.

While noting that Champaign has more bars and underage drinking than Urbana, McCollum said he would not recommend the city council raise the entrance age from 19 to 21.

That does not preclude other council members from doing so, and at least four of the nine are on record as supporting the higher entrance age.

McCollum also said he hopes to reduce the number of campus bars by "attrition" — from 17 to 15, and perhaps as low as 10, though he acknowledged later that the lower number was probably wishful thinking. The same proposal was defeated by the

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council in a 4-3 straw vote in July. Two council members were absent from that meeting.

Changes in Champaign's liquor ordinances will again be taken up by the council in a study session tentatively scheduled for Nov. 14.

The Champaign mayor said he would be proposing other changes, but declined to elaborate.

"I'm a pessimist; I don't think any solution is possible," he said. "But I think by using intelligent, surgical strategy we can bring the problems within tolerable limits."

Markland stressed that alcohol education begin in grade schools and continue through college.

- Riley, the dean of students, and Dollins, the police chief, said there must be more recreational alternatives to bars and keg parties.

In a move that undoubtedly would make liquor store owners cringe, Riley advocated barring the sale of kegs of beer in Champaign-Urbana. And social events that include alcohol should be registered with the university, he added.

Controlling alcohol abuse will go a long way in preventing campus vandalism, which has accounted for more than $1 million in damage in the last seven months, Dollins said.

- Thomas Betz, an attorney with Student Legal Services, took a different view from many of the panelists.

Betz charged that the media has blown drinking problems out of proportion, failing to see that "this community would be nowhere without the students."

Overlooked in the "war" on drinking are "tens of thousands of hours of volunteer work" and other positive contributions of students, he said.

"Most students are not out there abusing alcohol," Betz said. And they are "starting to resent" being criticized for drinking, he said.

Betz also called the 21-year-old drinking age law "asinine" and "hypocritical."

Eighteen-year-olds can vote, fight in wars, sign legal contracts, marry without consent — and they should be allowed to drink, he argued.

Instead of devoting more resources to monitoring campus bars, Betz said, police should focus on drunk drivers coming from local country clubs and off-campus taverns.
Community leaders address drinking problems, solutions
Education, peer guidance necessary

by Jenny Cole

University and community representatives agreed Thursday night there is no single solution to the problems of underage drinking and alcohol abuse on campus, but education plays a critical role.

The mayors of Champaign and Urbana, the president of the Student Government Association and various University leaders discussed problems with alcohol abuse and the effectiveness of raising the bar-entrance age at a forum in the Illini Union.

Urbana Mayor Jeffrey Markland called alcohol “the most addictive drug I’ve ever seen in my life.”

“(It has had) a devastating effect on virtually hundreds and hundreds of people that I have personally known,” he said, adding that the bar-entrance age should be raised to 21.

The issue of campus safety was raised by Paul Dollins, University Chief of Police. Dollins said there is a strong connection between alcohol abuse and vandalism.

Dean of Students William Riley said that daily acts of vandalism and assault “would not occur if it weren’t for alcohol.”

“The primary issue to be addressed is the abuse, not (just) the use of alcohol,” Riley said.

“Students consistently overestimate the amount of drinking their fellow students are doing” and feel pressured to drink as much as those around them, said Deb Bushway, a counselor at McKinley Health Center.

“We haven’t established norms (for drinking),” Bushway said.

Alcohol use and abuse, which Associate Dean of Students Dick Justice said is a problem on campus, plays a part in other campus problems such as sexual assault, racism and prejudice.

Champaign Mayor Dannel McCollum said that officials had discussed raising the bar-entrance age even before the death of a 19-year-old University student in September.

“His death only brought about more sensitivity to council members,” McCollum said.

Thomas Betz, a lawyer for Student Legal Services, said the legal drinking age discriminates against 18- to 20-year-olds because this age group can legally do such things as go to war or vote, but cannot drink. But Betz said the bar-entrance age should remain consistent with the legal drinking age.

The University should begin an alcohol-orientation program for new students, said Dale Tampke, an assistant dean of students who conducted a campus alcohol survey in 1987.

Markland said alcohol education should be started in grade school. “Education doesn’t necessarily change behavior,” said Bushway, who added that students should be taught to respond when they see that a friend has a problem with drinking. “Students have the most power to influence other students.”
SORF debates student-fee hike for legal service

by Chris Heidenrich

The recent hiring of a third lawyer for the University's Student Legal Service may cost students another dollar in student fee money, if the issue is placed for a vote on this spring's student referendum.

Student Legal Service now receives $70,000 each semester from the Student Organization Resource Fee Board, which allocates a $4-a-semester student fee to registered student organizations, said Ellen Zfaney, SORF board chairwoman.

The legal service will need about $50,000 more next year to pay for the third lawyer, and the SORF board is considering two options proposed by the legal service in order to finance the increase, Zfaney, junior in commerce, explained at Wednesday's Student Government Association meeting.

The board could decide that a change in the mandatory-but-refundable fee to a nonrefundable status is necessary, effective in the fall semester of academic year 1990-91. Presently, students must pay the fee—listed separately on their tuition bills—but may get a refund after a certain period of time has elapsed.

"We are deciding if (changing the status) would be ethical," Zfaney told SGA members.

Another option is to seek a $1 fee increase a semester. But whatever option looks best to SORF members will not necessarily grant them the required funding because the issue must still pass a student vote in this spring's referendum. The SORF fee will come up for reaffirmation at this time, as it does every four more SGA on 8

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years, said SGA President Tim Wayne.

If the question of whether to raise the fee or change its status is not placed on the referendum or is not approved by students, the fee cannot be tampered with for another four years, said Wayne, senior in LAS.

In other action, SGA members did not vote on a set of new bylaws written to accompany a recently passed revised SGA constitution, as planned. One elected member left early, leaving the group without the quorum needed to vote on the bylaws after they had discussed them. The group will meet Monday to finish the discussion and approve the document, which also must be approved Wednesday to be officially enacted.

Wayne also said three vacant elected-member seats are expected to be filled at next week's meeting. The seats came up for grabs when three members announced their intentions to resign at the end of last semester. The vice president's seat may also be filled at this time, Wayne said.

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Students gain bargaining power due to recent construction boom

by Jenny Cole

Students no longer have to fear the wrath of the malicious apartment realtor.

Operating in a seller’s market, realtors have, in the past, had more power to control their tenants’ leases.

But a construction boom during the late 1980s, coupled with a recent decrease in enrollment, has changed the apartment market in favor of the students.

According to Paul Bilotta, a Champaign city planner, 1,010 apartment complexes were built in the Champaign portion of campus from 1978 to 1987. Statistics were unavailable for the Urbana campus.

Bilotta said there was a big push for construction during the summer of 1986 before Champaign enacted stronger parking regulations in September of that year. Building increased by more than 400 percent between 1985 and 1986 before the new regulations went into effect.

Before the regulation, contractors had to provide one parking space per apartment in residential areas, and one space for every two apartments in business districts. New regulations regulated the number of parking spaces according to the apartment’s square footage.

The construction boom has created a renter’s market, leaving the students with more power to bargain with landlords. Thomas Betz, attorney for Student Legal Services, said students have more room to negotiate their leases than they have had in the past.

"The vacancy rate has had an impact on the number of damage deposit suits we’re running into," Betz said.

Betz also said the abundance of housing has caused many unscrupulous landlords to be more accommodating to students because they realize renters can shop elsewhere.

Landlords are now more willing to accommodate students with special needs by providing a one-semester or a 9½ month lease.

Ed Minson, apartment manager for Barr Real Estate Inc., 1710 S. Neil St., Champaign, agreed, saying that because of so much new construction, all of his three- and four-bedroom apartments not filled by summer will be left empty in the fall.

Esther Patt, director of the Tenant Union, said local landlords claim they are suffering from a 7 percent vacancy rate. Urban planners say there needs to be at least a 6 percent vacancy rate for consumers to have enough choices.

Because of the myriad of apartments and locations students have to choose from, many apartment hunters have been waiting until later in the semester, hoping that anxious landlords will decrease the rent. Patt said these students may find a better deal after March 1, but if they want an apartment near the Quad, it may be rented out by that time.

"A lot of people hold out until the last minute, hoping we’ll cut rates," Minson said. He added that Barr Real Estate would not lower their rates at the end of the semester as they did last year.

However, Minson and others said their current rates are comparable to those of last year.

Tom Gillespie, of Gillespie-Roland Apartments, 901 S. First St., Champaign, said he raised his rates 2½ percent to compensate for inflation.

"There’s no change in what I’m offering, so I can’t raise my prices beyond inflationary increases," Gillespie said.

Jeff Johnson of Johnson Rentals, 1111 S. Second St., Champaign, said his rents are comparatively lower than those of last year.

"We leveled them out. Some people were paying more than others," Johnson said.
Editorial

Brother, can you spare a buck?

When University students need legal help, they often turn to Student Legal Services staff. Now, this same organization is asking students for their help.

Last year, the two lawyers of SLS handled approximately 2,400 cases. Last semester, 1,000 students asked to be represented by SLS. No rational person would argue that two lawyers do not provide enough manpower to adequately deal with this huge case load. No one should have been surprised when a third lawyer was hired to a six-month contract in August—out of SLS’ 1989 budget—to help ease the burden.

SLS has now issued a request to include a third lawyer as a permanent member of the staff. It is difficult to present a rational argument against that decision. However, an extra attorney means extra money.

The legal agency is funded entirely through the Student Organization Resource Fee, a mandatory but refundable $4 fee included in students’ tuition. To finance hiring the third lawyer, the organization’s advisory board has decided an additional $50,000 added to Student Legal Services current $90,000 budget is necessary.

To provide this extra money, SLS has two options; either add $1 to each student’s SORF fee, or leave the fee at its present level but make it non-refundable.

The SORF board will meet Friday to decide which route to take. Regardless of which route SORF chooses, it must put the question on the Student Government Association referendum, either through the SGA’s consent or with the signatures of approximately 3,500 students favoring putting the question on the ballot.

Asking students to tack an extra dollar on their SORF fee is an extremely reasonable request for the services the agency provides. SLS works with the Student Tenant Union to investigate complaints against landlords and represents students involved in traffic disputes. With the increase in campus bar raids by local police, its services are in greater demand than ever.

However, it would be unfortunate if the SORF board chose to make the fee non-refundable. Students should not be forced to give their money to all the groups funded through SORF if they do not support those services or groups.

SORF should not be worried that a larger number of students will choose to get a refund. Most students will probably not take the time to do this, even if they have to pay an extra dollar.

Few students will choose not to pay their SORF fee on the grounds that their money is channeled into groups to which they are opposed. Because SORF funds such a diverse number of organizations, there is a group to appeal to almost everyone. Even groups that could be considered unpopular appeal to some University students.

SLS has already dipped into their budget to hire a third lawyer. This is proof that their request is not unfounded. If the students on this campus want the services provided by this organization, they should not find one dollar too much to give.
SORF members voted unanimously to present their request for the fee increase to the Student Government Association at its meeting Wednesday. If approved by SGA, this request will be put before students this spring on the SGA election ballot.

The board is hoping to raise additional money to give Student Legal Services $52,000 extra a year. The service asked for the extra money in negotiating its contract for the next three years.

SORF gives Student Legal Services 30 to 35 percent of its total budget, according to Bill Fruit, SORF administrator. This year, the service received almost $90,000 from SORF, its only source of funding.

If the referendum does not pass and SORF grants the Student Legal Services the increase, the service will take about 45 percent of the SORF budget.

Fruit said the $1 increase would allow SORF to give other campus organizations the money they are now receiving, while giving Student Legal Services the money it needs to carry the caseload it is facing.

Cases have risen from 1,500 in 1984-85 to 2,400 last year, said Tom Betz, one of the service's lawyers. During the four months of last semester, the lawyers served more than 1,000 students.

According to Betz, the increase in cases has to do with difficulties with landlords, frequent bar raids and increased traffic enforcement.

A third lawyer, Sherry Edelman, was hired in August and will work through May with Student Legal Services. Edelman works for about $15,000. This money was available from cutbacks around the law office over the past three years.

If the service does not receive the requested increase, it will be back to two lawyers after May, Betz said. A SORF document stated that all three lawyers agreed it would be impossible for them to operate as they do now with only two lawyers.

The extra money will fund:

- A copy machine. The lawyers now must use the Illini Union's copy machine, which costs five cents a copy.

- Additional office equipment, needed to fill newly expanded offices.

- A student intern. The intern will not be paid a salary, but phone bills and postage costs will rise with another employee.

- Updated Illinois and federal law books.

- An additional receptionist. The lawyers say the current secretary cannot keep up with the extra work.

Edelman will be hired permanently on a salary of about $20,000 to $25,000. The other two lawyers may get salary raises when they negotiate their new contracts with the Board of Trustees.

more SORF on 8
Vote now or be silent forever

Today and Wednesday, students should take advantage of a rare opportunity by voting on issues affecting the cost and quality of their education.

Students often complain about the lack of services provided by the University or the exorbitant fees—or both. The spring referendum gives students an opportunity to choose the fate of three fees. This is also the chance for students to choose their representatives on the University Board of Trustees, which makes final decisions on almost all policies, including tuition; and the Student Government Association, recognized by the administration as the official student voice.

On one referendum, students can vote to improve the campus bus system and make it a permanent fixture at the University. The referendum proposes a reaffirmation and increase in the non-refundable Champaign-Urbana Mass Transit District bus fee from $10 to $13 for the fall and spring semesters, and from $5 to $6 for the summer.

The additional revenue would be used to purchase more buses to expand the number of routes and to add buses to heavy-traffic routes, such as the Quad route.

MTD has listened to student wishes and increased bus service where needed. The bus system has been extensively utilized by students since last August, and approval of the fee increase will allow the MTD to make long-term investments to fine-tune services to better meet student needs.

Many complain that the fee is non-refundable, but MTD personnel need a fixed revenue in order to plan their budget. But as long as MTD continues to listen to student concerns to make needed improvements, such as handicap accessibility on all buses, the fee is well worth the cost.

Student will also vote whether to up the Student Organization Resource Fee $1 a semester, from $4 to $5. The extra dollar of the already refundable fee will add another lawyer to the two-person Student Legal Services team.

One more dollar for legal representation is a bargain. SLS will handle all student legal cases from traffic violations to tenant-landlord disputes to underage drinking violations. Students should realize that—despite planning—they may need legal advice and would be hard-pressed to find it this cheap anywhere else.

Last year, SLS handled 2,200 cases—up from 1,300 in 1985. Students who believe they do not need the services offered by SLS can simply, though foolishly, have their money refunded.

SORF also funds more than 200 student organizations on campus, which benefit a large portion of the student body.

Students also have the opportunity to—and should—reaffirm the $4 refundable Students for Equal Access to Learning fee. SEAL is a student-to-student aid program that awards grants to students who have no other recourse.

Awards are limited to $500, and about 1,000 students benefit from the SEAL fee funding pool. With the dwindling amount of aid from the government, funds that help students afford an education are critical. Remember, this fund may make the difference between staying in school for any student.
UI legal service studies ways to collect cash

by Molly Riordan

Student Legal Services is asking students for $50,000 more each year to help lawyers deal with a caseload they say has skyrocketed in the past few years.

"In the last four years, cases have increased dramatically," explained Thomas Betz, one of three attorneys working at SLS. "The need for a third attorney was phenomenal."

During the 1984-85 school year, the office handled 1,500 cases, and last school year the number rose to about 2,400 cases, according to Betz. During the four months of last semester alone, the lawyers served more than 1,000 students, a number Betz called "extraordinarily high."

Difficulties with landlords, frequent bar raids and increased traffic enforcement have sent more students to Student Legal Services, Betz said.

"The legal service is here to benefit the students," said Betz. "If students want the service—and they do—support is needed."

Student Legal Services is funded entirely through the Student Organization Resource Fee, a $4-per-semester, refundable charge students pay to fund various campus groups. Every three years, SLS and the SORF board negotiate the service's budget for the next time period.

The service's budget was almost $90,000 this year and it is requesting a $50,000 increase for the next three years. The new money will pay for a new lawyer, a new secretary and updated supplies, among other things.

"We want to serve a student in two or three days, instead of two or three weeks," said Betz. "We don't want paperwork to take six weeks."

The extra money would be provided by either a $1 increase in students' SORF fee or by making the fee non-refundable. In order to enact either of these options, students would have to approve the change by passing a referendum question this March.

Funding through one of these options would allow SORF to get the extra funds for SLS without taking money away from other groups, said Bill Fruit, SORF administrator.

Last August, the advisory board to the service hired Sherry Edelman to work on a full-time basis. Through saving money, SLS was able to pay Edelman this year from its tight budget, Betz said. But she was hired on a six-month contract because it was not determined where the money to pay her next year would come from.

Edelman would receive about $20,000 of the additional $50,000 the service is hoping to get from SORF next year.

About $15,000 of the new money would be used to hire a receptionist to assist the lone secretary with paperwork. It would also help pay to update the SLS' law books. Updating the Illinois statutes will cost at least $1,500, according to Betz. The entire Illinois law collection is made up of more than 200 volumes and must be updated yearly.

In addition, the extra money will help fund advertising for the service and raises for the two original attorneys. Betz said he currently makes about $30,000 a year.

The SORF board will meet Friday at 4 p.m. in Room 292 Illini Union to discuss how to raise the extra money. In order to place a question on the Student Government Association referendum, SORF must ask the SGA to put the question on the ballot or collect about 3,500 student signatures in favor of putting the question on the ballot.

But first, SORF must decide whether to ask students to make the fee non-refundable or to pay $1 more each semester.

"At this time, SORF is researching the legal matters involved with both options," said Fruit. "At the board meeting Friday, we'll be discussing which option is most beneficial to more students."
HOW TO GET LEGAL HELP
Student Legal Service
268 Illini Union
Urbana, Illinois
333-9053
Hours: M-F 8:30-12:00
1:00-4:30

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

HOW TO USE THE SERVICE
You must come to the office in person with a valid student ID. Fill out an intake sheet providing a brief description of your legal problem or question. Normally you will have to wait no longer than three days for an appointment. No legal advice will be given over the telephone.
YOUR SECURITY DEPOSIT
DON'T GET MAD --- GET EVEN!

Last year if you rented from a landlord who owns 25 or more rental units in a contiguous area, your landlord must pay interest upon the security deposit if he/she holds it for more than six months. The interest must be paid within 30 days after the end of each twelve month rental period. Your landlord is excused from such payment only if you were in default under the terms of the lease. If you rent from a landlord owning a structure containing 10 or more rental units, your landlord cannot withhold any part of your security deposit as compensation for damages unless he/she has, within 30 days of the date upon which you vacate the premises, furnished you with an itemized statement of the damages for which you were allegedly responsible and attached estimates or paid receipts for the cost of repair. If your landlord gives you estimates only, paid receipts must be provided within 30 days from the date the estimates were furnished. If your landlord fails to comply with these requirements, he/she must return the security deposit in full within 45 days.

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STUDENT LEGAL SERVICE
GUIDE TO SPRING BREAK RIPOFFS

What to watch out for:
1. The package trip lists a post office box as the headquarters of the agency.
2. The price is just too good to be true.
3. Lodging near the ocean (near is a relative term and may mean miles).
4. Very inexpensive lodging (the price doesn't include the security deposit which you discover when checking in and no longer have money left to eat on). Rarely will your damage deposit be returned.
5. Advertisements giving you cash or a spring vacation for signing a residential lease. You are paying for the trip in your rental payment price.
6. Means of transportation - Find out exactly how and when you are to arrive at your destination and get this in writing. A bus to Florida may take you to Iowa, Wisconsin, Ohio, etc., picking up other students before heading South.
7. How many people are in your lodging - get this put in writing.
8. Beware of student travel agents working on commission; it is rare that student travel agents really know anything about the travel company.

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MARIJUANA AND YOUR FINANCIAL AID

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

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NO MEANS NO!

Lack of verbal or physical resistance by the woman due to force or the threat of force does not constitute consent. If the woman consents to a sexual act because she perceives force or the threat of force, the act is rape.

THE BEST RESISTANCE YOU CAN USE AGAINST AN ATTACKER IS YOUR COMMON SENSE.

Don't panic, remain calm. The most important element to remember is that you are not trying to fight the attacker, but attempting to divert the person long enough to get away. Always look for a way to escape.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT IS A VIOLATION OF THE UNIVERSITY CODE ON CAMPUS AFFAIRS.

The University defines sexual harassment as "any unwanted sexual gesture, physical contact, or statement that a reasonable person would find offensive, humiliating, or any interference with his or her required tasks or career opportunities at the University." Contact the Office of the Dean of Students at 333-0050 or the Office of Ombudsman at 333-1345 for more information and an explanation of individuals' rights.

VICITIMS HAVE RIGHTS

The University provides services to ensure that students' rights are protected.

Student Judicial Affairs 333-3680
300 F. H. Turner Student Services Building

The Office of Student Judicial Affairs is available to inform you of your rights within the student discipline system at the University. Any individual who has been sexually assaulted or harassed by a student can bring charges against the individual by contacting this office. A hearing may be held and if the charges are found to be valid, appropriate discipline measures will be taken. This option is available whether or not legal action is taken.

Student Legal Service 333-9053
268 Illini Union

University students who have not elected a refund of the $4 Student Organization Resource Fee are eligible for legal advice at no additional cost. The purpose of the Student Legal Service is to inform students of practical aspects of the law as applied to their individual problems. In addition, court representation is available in many cases. The office is open from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

TAKE PREVENTATIVE MEASURES TO ENSURE A SAFE CARE RIDE.

1. Keep windows closed and doors locked.
To All International Teaching Assistants:

Complaints have been made by numerous foreign students regarding a statement made by Fred Gottheil, a Professor of Economics, in Charles Syke's book *Profscam*.

Professor Gottheil has written a letter of apology to the Office of International Student Affairs: excerpts of this letter follow.

"Let me straight away apologize for the remark made by me in Charles Syke's book, *Profscam* concerning the use of foreign graduate students as TAs. The language I used was most unfortunate ... because it detracted from the point I was trying to make and to many people, conveyed a view of the teaching qualities of foreign graduate students that I do not hold.

The quote had nothing to do with Filipinos (or any other national who taught with me) but with my view of the administration's concern about undergraduate teaching... The most disturbing part of that interview was the mistaken impression that I have serious reservations about the quality of TAs. That is far from the truth. I think the job done by TAs is extraordinary...It must be particularly difficult for foreign students... I have nothing but the highest respect for these TAs.

I know once a word leaves your mouth, it's public property. But I wish there were some way I could recall a few... to undo the hurt my remark may have caused others. I hope this apology will help."

Sincerely,
Fred Gottheil

Maternal/Child Health Care in the International Community
by Jerry Ogbugimkp

Implementing a health promotion and illness prevention program in a University community consisting of different ethnicities is both challenging and rewarding. The International Health Program of McKinley Health Center addresses health needs of the University student population by making special efforts to assist our international students and families regardless of country of origin. A major area of concern is maternal and child health care services. We have approached this problem by establishing continuous prenatal and Lamaze sessions for expectant parents. These sessions alternate each other twice every semester. Lamaze classes have grown steadily more popular among the residence of the university's Family Housing. Class participation is limited to the first 16 and on the average, all sixteen participants graduate after each class. The sessions are open to both Americans and Internationals. Topics covered include emotional and physical needs, breathing techniques, relaxation, labor, anesthesia, recovery and postpartum concerns. In addition, we have recently agreed to work with a nurse from the Public Health Department to consolidate plans for monthly check-ups and follow up visits on mothers and newborns. The International Health Program is committed to assisting students and their families. This is accomplished through referral services, health promotion/illness prevention programs, and efforts aimed at bridging communication barriers.

Important Travel Reminder

All international students should check with OISA well in advance of departure to make sure that all documents are in order before traveling out of the United States. Students must travel on a new form I-20. If you have been issued an I-20 within the last year, you probably have the new version. The new version I-20 must be endorsed annually to be valid for travel. If your I-20 is the old version you will have to have it replaced before you leave. Please allow plenty of time for this process as this is the busiest time of year for immigration documents as OISA. In addition, it is very important that you retain the I-20D copy (back page) of every I-20 that is issued to you, including transfers and changes of study. Call the office at 333-1303 if you have questions.

Student Legal Service Provided When Needed
by Thomas Betz

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To use the Student Legal Service, you must come to the office in person and show your student I.D. card. No advice will be given over the phone or to a third party. This is for the protection of your privacy. If you have a legal problem or anticipate one, give it your earliest attention. Don't wait until the day before you are to appear in court to contact the Student Legal Service.

The Service is located in 268 Illini Union and is open from 8:30am to 12:00pm and 1:00pm to 4:30pm on weekdays while class is in session. For more information call 333-9053.

The IHC Storeroom Works For You
By Linda Zimmerman

If you are in need of a few household items or a warm winter coat or sweater but you find yourself a few dollars short try the lending storeroom sponsored by the International Hospitality Committee. At the storeroom you can borrow items like this free of charge instead of having to buy them. The Storeroom is located at Orchard Downs, just south of the Community Center in the manittance building. The operating hours are currently...
Liability Insurance Now Mandatory
by Susan Hesse

Effective January 1, 1990, anyone who owns or operates a motor vehicle in the State of Illinois is required to carry liability insurance. This is insurance that provides coverage for injury to persons in other vehicles or damage to their property. If you own or drive a car, truck, motorcycle, or any other vehicle, you must obtain liability insurance. In addition, if you drive a motor vehicle that does not belong to you, it is your responsibility to be sure that it is insured.

Proof of liability insurance coverage is required. When you obtain the insurance, your insurance company will give you a card which acts as the necessary proof. You must be sure to have the card either in the car or on your person whenever you are driving. It must be available to show to a police officer if you are ever stopped while driving, along with your driver's license and motor vehicle registration. Failure to carry liability insurance and show proof will subject you to a fine of at least $500.00.

Illinois law does not require you to insure your own car for damage which might happen to it (collision insurance). However, if you are buying a car under an installment contract, that contract may require that you maintain collision insurance on it. In addition, it is good protection for you, if an accident happens.

If you have questions about motor vehicle insurance, contact Student Legal Services, located at 268 Illini Union, 333-9053.

Colonial Room Goes International

The Illini Union Food Service has announced special international menu themes at the Colonial Room. Food from selected regions will be featured each week with different items served every day. The weekly schedule is as follows:

Feb 20: Thailand
Feb 27: New Orleans
Mar 6: Italy
Mar 13: Spring Break
Mar 27: Middle East
Apr 3: Caribbean
Apr 10: India
Apr 17: Japan
Apr 24: Scandinavia
May 1: Switzerland

Contact the Colonial Room at 333-0690 for reservations and information.

South Africa Now

How much do you know about South Africa? If you would like to increase your understanding of this country and its people, join our discussion group. We will meet weekly to view a news broadcast called "South Africa Now" and have a discussion of current topics led by members of the South African community on campus. This program will take place in room K-2 of the University YMCA at 1001 South Wright Street each Wednesday from noon to 1:00 p.m. For information contact Laura at 333-1303 or Maria at 337-1514.

China Update

On November 30, 1989, President Bush issued a directive to the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) affecting nationals of the People's Republic of China. The four main provisions of his statement are as follows:

1. An irrevocable waiver of the two-year home residency requirement under the J visa for PRC nationals who were here on December 1, 1989 and who apply before January 1, 1994.
2. Permission for PRC nationals who were here in a lawful nonimmigrant status on June 5, 1989, but who fell out of status after that date, to apply for another nonimmigrant status or permanent residence until June 5, 1990.
4. Permission for PRC nationals whose lawful status has
March 14, 1990

Dear Sir or Madam:

On behalf of the Learning Programs Committee of the Illini Union Board, I would like to apologize for any inconvenience that was caused on Monday evening when "Take Advantage of Your University" was cancelled due to a lack of student attendance. Although this was the first time the Illini Union Board had attempted this particular program, we had hoped to have a large crowd of students on hand to learn about the services and non-academic opportunities available to them at the University.

We sincerely appreciate your enthusiasm and effort in helping with this IUB program. Although the campus community was not able to benefit from our programming attempts this particular time, we will continue to experiment with new programming ideas that we hope will interest students. Your effort is noted and we thank you for your willingness to contribute in this program. We hope that you will consider participation in future projects with the Learning Programs Committee.

Sincerely,

Kevin Janes
Learning Programs Chairperson
Illini Union Board

xc: Katie Wilson
Dan Stoffel
August 1, 1989

Thomas Betz
Student Legal Service
268 Illini Union
CAMPUS

Dear Thomas:

On behalf of the students and parents who participated in the 1989 Summer Orientation Program, I would like to thank you for your involvement with coordinating the participation of the Student Legal Service in the Information Fair. As you probably realize, Summer Orientation is truly a collaborative effort. Without the support of individuals such as yourself, a program of this magnitude could not be implemented.

Approximately 4990 students and 4760 parents/guests attended one of the 21 two-day programs which took place from May 30th to July 7th. Based on the overall results of the evaluation forms (enclosed), it appears that the students and their families appreciated both the content of the orientation sessions, as well as their interaction with staff, faculty and upperclass students. If you would like to review individual program evaluation results (A103, C121, etc.), we will be happy to provide them for you when they become available in mid-August.

Because this summer was the University’s first attempt at a comprehensive two-day orientation program, there are bound to be numerous ways to enhance the experience for future participants. As we begin planning for the 1990 Summer Orientation Program, we invite your feedback/suggestions for improvement, especially regarding sessions in which you presented or served as a facilitator. Your valuable input will be greatly appreciated by those who will plan next year’s program. In addition to receiving your comments in writing, I would be happy to meet with you individually to discuss your ideas.

Again, thank you for the time and effort you contributed to the 1989 Summer Orientation Program. As always, I look forward to working with you to implement quality programs to assist new students with their transition process to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Rebecca Stout
Director of Orientation
November 2, 1989

Mr. Thomas Betz  
Director of Student Legal Service  
268 Illini Union  
MC-384 CAMPUS

Dear Mr. Betz:

Thank you for your participation in the October 19 NCAAW forum, "Who's Calling the Shots?". In spite of the smaller than expected audience, the forum was covered by two television stations and reported in the local papers.

Equally important, I heard from several panelists that their own understanding of campus/community alcohol issues was enhanced. Many ideas for "solutions" were offered. It will be interesting to see which, if any of these ideas emerge as realities in the near future. I believe everyone agreed that some changes need to occur.

If you would like to borrow a videotape of the forum, please contact David Thomas of the Counseling Center at 333-8360. An audiotape is also available from my office at McKinley.

I hope you will be available again next year to help us out with National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week '90!

Sincerely,

Brion Kerlin, Drug Education Coordinator  
McKinley Health Center

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cc: Robert Pace, M.D., Director, McKinley Health Center  
    Sara Kelley, M.S., Interim Director, Health Education
August 15, 1989

Mr. Thomas E. Betz
Student Legal Service
University of Illinois
198 Illini Union
401 West Green St.
Urbana, IL 61801

Dear Mr. Betz:

Thank you very much for the legal service brochures you sent us. They will be extremely useful as sources of information for the newsletter that we send to our refugee clients.

We also look forward to receiving your new editions.

Sincerely,

Barbara Maggs
Assistant Director

M/sak
November 8, 1989

Mr. Tom Betz, Esq.
Student Legal Services
1401 West Green
Urbana IL 61801

Dear Tom:

I would like to thank you for putting out the brochure entitled "City Offenses". I believe that this will be of great assistance to your clients and it certainly will be helpful to us in processing these. Again, thanks for your effort.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Frederick C. Stavins
City Attorney

FCS:rf

cc: Rochelle A. Funderburg, Assistant City Attorney
    Steve Veazie, Campus Legal Counsel, University of Illinois
December 13, 1989

Thomas E. Betz  
Student Legal Service  
268 Illini Union  
Campus MC-384

Dear Thomas:

This is to confirm your participation in New International Student Orientation on January 10, 1990. Your session will be held here at OISA from 2:45 to 3:15 p.m.

I am so pleased that once again you will be able to join us for this program.

Sincerely,

Nancy S. Mark  
Associate Director

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