



Parking pass cost increases five percent

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Parking Services has raised permit rates again for the 2011-12 school year and some students are not happy about it.

Brown permits for students are now \$149, up from \$142 last year; red permits are now \$102, up from \$97; yellow permits are now \$132, up from \$126; and evening permits are now \$126, up from \$120.

Director of Administrative Services Robert Vanzo said Administrative Accounting takes the planned expenditures and estimated revenues for Parking Services and runs them through a computer program. This program tells Administrative Accounting and Parking Services what they need to charge for permits.

According to Vanzo, these rates have been increasing annually.

"There's nobody sitting around thinking, 'Hey, maybe we should increase permits by 5 percent.' It doesn't work that way," Vanzo said. "It's exactly what has to come in to pay off our obligations."

Assistant to the Director Anthony Langendorf said bonds that have been sold have to be paid



Red lot passes increased from \$97 to \$102 this year. The 5.1 percent increase is the most amongst passes.

back.

"Anybody who doesn't get money from the state all have to go through this process," Langendorf said.

Vanzo said even though the process of coming up with price increases is automated, any increase has to pass the Parking Traffic Committee.

The Parking Traffic Committee is made up of four faculty members, four staff members and four students. Vanzo said the committee understands

how the prices are arrived at and are kept up to date on Parking Services' issues.

"They're very, very informed on anything involving parking," Vanzo said.

Junior mass communications major Mike Hufton of Belleville said the price increases are "ridiculous."

"I already pay so much in tuition," Hufton said. "Why do I have to get kicked in the gut with this?"

Vanzo said the committee sometimes offers suggestions on alternative ways to bring in more revenue. For example, instead of charging more for permits, they have suggested increasing the cost of fines.

"Well, if you increase the cost of fines, you write fewer fines because people are more careful where they park," Vanzo said.

Junior exercise science major Brandon Cox of Waller, Texas, said the committee is not enough.

"It's too small of a group to be objective," Cox said. "Ask the students if they would rather pay a cheaper fine or for a cheaper pass."

Cox said he prefers higher fines anyway.

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New pool membership offered to community

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Since the Cougar Lake Pool opened in 1988, no one outside of a student, faculty member or alumni has been permitted to buy a membership until this summer.

The opening of the pool on May 27 brought a new membership

membership starts at \$130 for the season, adding \$20 for every family member age 3 and under and \$65 for every member age 4 and up. The general public is also permitted to buy one-day passes for \$7.

Becherer said the decline in alumni memberships might have been caused by a change in student demographics.

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- Kate McIntyre
 Senior exercise science major

available to community members. Assistant Director for Recreational Programs Keith Becherer said the university decided to implement this new opportunity because of the gradual decline in alumni memberships.

"Basically what we're looking to do is provide an opportunity for the general public to use the facilities because we can accommodate them [and] replace the revenue we lost with alumni memberships," Becherer said.

The price for the new

"As the university changes, we're now drawing students from a further geographical region," Becherer said. "Ten or 15 years ago, we didn't have that because we didn't have residence halls. Possibly, as our students come from [further away], they're not staying in the Edwardsville area upon graduation."

Despite the decline in alumni members, Becherer said this summer has brought around 50 new members to Cougar Lake Pool.

Senior exercise science major Kate McIntyre of Rochester works as



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Seven-year-old Cameron Tripp of Glen Carbon takes advantage of the outdoor pool on a hot July day.

a lifeguard during the summer and said she has noticed a change in attendance.

"It's been busier than normal," McIntyre said. "We have one more guard on staff than we did last summer. We're getting more people out here for sure."

Becherer said Campus Recreation has not yet decided if this new community membership will become permanent.

"It's under constant evaluation. The biggest thing is that we want to make sure we're maintaining our student priority usage," Becherer said. "When it would start to become

in conflict with our student usage, that's when we would stop it or scale it back."

Becherer said the student usage will typically drop off dramatically at the end of July, because the summer session is essentially over. In order to make up for the revenue they would be losing, another new midseason membership is being offered for the first time this summer.

Midseason memberships went on sale July 5 and they will become effective July 8 until the end of the season on Aug. 15. The price is \$99 for a family

membership, regardless of the number of dependents.

"A lot of people didn't even know the pool was out here so [these memberships are] creating awareness," McIntyre said.

Becherer said compared to season passes at other pools, like the \$575 membership at the Edwardsville Water Works Swim Club, this new membership is an inexpensive opportunity.

"For a family of four to get a full season membership for under

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2011 parking passes and their new costs went on sale July 1.

"I think we already pay enough for parking, along with tuition," Cox said. "I'd rather them raise the price of fines. I think it's just another way for the school to make money."

Hufton said he would be OK with raising the price of fines and leaving permit prices alone.

"The price of permits [are] just going to keep going up and up," Hufton said. "It's just another little thing that's keeping me upset."

Revenue from the sale of parking permits and fines for parking violations goes to pay off revenue bonds that financed construction repair of the parking lots.

"All the money we get in revenue is to pay off those bonds," Vanzo said. "Those costs increase."

Vanzo said Parking Services saw a drop last year in the number of permits sold and the number of tickets issued.

In 2009-10, 16,175 permits

were sold and 24,771 citations were issued. In 2010-11, 16,033 permits were sold and 22,191 citations were issued.

According to Vanzo, this drop

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- Mike Hufton

Junior mass communications major

is due to Parking Services changing to a system of ticketing where the first ticket is \$15. Each consecutive ticket then gets more expensive, up to a predetermined ceiling, which is \$75.

"That dropped our revenue significantly because we were getting \$30 or \$40 per ticket regardless," Vanzo said. "At the

Parking Traffic Committee, we all thought that was probably a little too much."

Vanzo said there are fewer tickets being written in general.

"I think we have made parking more available and given people more opportunities to park where they want to park," Vanzo said. "I think we have done a pretty good job of that. We don't want to write a lot of tickets. That's not what we should be about."

According to Vanzo, Parking Services stays informed on what other universities charge for permits and fines.

"It's kind of a bellwether as to what is reasonable and what isn't reasonable," Vanzo said. "I think our pricing is very reasonable, even with the increases."

Cox said pricing is not so

reasonable, especially considering some students work full-time to put themselves through school.

"There's a lot of factors involved," Cox said. "Not everyone has parents who have money."

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\$350 is very cost effective," Becherer said.

McIntyre said she enjoys seeing families visiting the pool because now there are a variety in patrons.

"I like having the little kids out here," McIntyre said. "It just makes it more fun."

Becherer said, financially speaking, Cougar Lake Pool is ahead of where it was in past years because of the community's responsiveness.

Becherer said a few years ago the pool was hit with some costly federal regulations. Every pool in the country had to change their grates to become non-entrapment so that loose articles such as long hair, clothing, or jewelry are not pulled in by the powerful suction of the grate. They have not suffered any high maintenance costs this summer.

"On average, our operating expenses are about \$70,000-\$80,000," Becherer said. "A third of that is wages. Another third of that are day-to-day operations. Our goal each year is essentially a break-even proposition. So our revenue, whether its memberships, daily passes, swim lessons, private pool rentals, comes close to a break-even proposition."

Alumna Jen Cochran of Glen Carbon is a 10-year member of Cougar Lake Pool. She said she is glad the pool is now available to the general public and is helping spread the word about the new membership.

"I don't think there are many pool options in Edwardsville," Cochran said. "I saw a sign about it and told my friends."

Becherer said this is the type of promotion he had hoped the membership would receive.

"We didn't heavily publicize it," Becherer said. "What we were looking for was more word-of-mouth spreading."

Campus Recreation sent out a letter to current members to give them information about the new membership, as well as posting the information on the SIUE website.

"Our attendance numbers are way up," Becherer said. "This year, I would say we're definitely on pace to break-even or better."

Becherer said through the end of June student attendance numbers are up 14 percent from last year.

In celebration of the long-standing members, as well as all of the new members, Cougar Lake Pool is hosting a Member Appreciation Day July 22.

"We have free Pepsi products, free food, some giveaways, different games, music. That's definitely something students would want to come check out," Becherer said.

Students enrolled in summer classes can enjoy Cougar Lake Pool free of charge. Non-enrolled students can purchase a season pass for \$26.

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Corn-to-Ethanol center receives \$3,000 gift

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The National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center will receive new technology that will help solidify its place at the forefront of the biofuels industry.

Director of the NCERC John Caupert said they will install a controlled flow cavitation (CFC) system that will increase the amount of ethanol a manufacturing plant can get out of their corn.

"What the cavitation system does is it takes the starch in a kernel of corn and it makes it more readily available to be converted into ethanol," Caupert said.

Caupert said although cavitation technology has been around for decades, it has only recently been put to use in the biofuels industry.

"Three years ago, it didn't exist in the biofuels industry," Caupert said.

Caupert said Arisdyn Systems Inc., a group based in Cleveland that specializes in cavitation technology, approached the research center about donating the CFC system through the university foundation. Receiving the gift demonstrates that the private sector has a vested interest in the NCERC, according to Caupert.

"It means they want to see us succeed and they're gifting us nearly a \$300,000 gift to make that happen," Caupert said.

Caupert said having this technology at SIUE is great for the

school.

"The fact that this cutting edge, very new technology is going to be on display is invaluable to us," Caupert said. "Therefore, it makes it invaluable to SIUE as a university because this technology that has just been introduced to the marketplace has already been received by the university in the form of a foundation gift."

Caupert said the NCERC's mission is to facilitate companies in commercializing their technology for use in biofuels.

"Since October of 2006, there's almost 50 new products in the commercial marketplace that have passed through the doors of the National Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center," Caupert said. "We think that's a pretty good track record."

Chief among these new technologies that have come through the NCERC is corn fractionation.

"What the corn fractionation system does is it takes each individual kernel of corn as it comes into the ethanol production process and it divides it up," Caupert said.

Other products that have gone to market after being at the research center are things Caupert calls "fermentation ingredients." For example, there are various enzymes that are used to convert starch into sugar in the ethanol production process.

"Other products would be



Photo courtesy of John Caupert

Dr. Yan Zhang of the Corn-to-Ethanol Research Center now has a controlled flow cavitation system to help increase the output of ethanol the center can get out of corn.

yeast," Caupert said. "Yeast is added to the process to convert sugars into alcohol."

Caupert said the NCERC not only serves the biofuels industry, but the public at large.

"Since 2006, more than 400,000 new jobs, brand new jobs, have been created in the biofuels industry," Caupert said. "Partially because of products that have [gone] through this building."

According to Caupert, the research center has three student workers and two graduate assistants from SIUE. There is also a visiting graduate assistant from SIUC.

"A tremendous benefit that the students receive is the work they're doing here is very hands-on, applied learning," Caupert said. "They're

working directly on projects that have been brought to us by a company that, someday, they might be applying for a job with."

Graduate student Joe Meade of Oak Park, in the advanced energy and fuels management program at SIUC, said his internship at the NCERC is important for him.

"Up until now I had not had any relevant work experience in the field of renewable energy," Meade said. "So, after developing an interest in that field over the past few years, it is great to finally be working somewhere that allows me to pursue my interests and apply what I have learned."

Meade is confident that his time at the NCERC will help him in his future.

"No matter what I do after my internship, I have no doubt that my time here will have been a good start to my career," Meade said.

According to Meade, there is no way to replicate the kind of experience he gets at the research center in a classroom.

"It's extremely rare to get that in a classroom, especially when the work involves such a wide array of equipment and machinery," Meade said.

Senior early childhood education major Erin Szabo of Troy, a secretary at the research center, wishes students knew more about the NCERC.

"I think it's really exciting that it is one of a kind," Szabo said. "People can come over here whenever they want and have tours because we're open to the public."

Meade said the NCERC is important to the connection between SIUE and SIUC.

"It offers a possible place of employment for students of the advanced energy and fuels management program who are interested in this sort of work," Meade said. "This is especially important because the program only came into existence last year and therefore can use all the help it can get in giving students valuable opportunities to launch their careers."

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Right-to-work states create individualized opportunities

You shouldn't have to pay for something you don't agree with. But, depending on where you live, sometimes you don't have a choice.

Unions and right-to-work laws exist throughout the country — with good reason for both — but more than half of the U.S. is forced into a union.

According to National Right-



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to-work Legal Defense Foundation, a lucky 22 states have the right-to-work option and can choose whether or not they support or join a union on an individual basis.

Allowing people to have a choice provides the most benefits to the most people. Those who feel a union is the best way to gain the most benefits can join. But if someone does not want to pay the dues nor agrees with how the union operates lacks the choice to decline.

Unfortunately, Illinois is not one of those states. Illinois requires unionized workers at public companies to pay the dues and deal with the political minefield that unions have turned into.

I understand that employees have higher wages in unions. That's great. Good for them. But it's not like they're going to be able to pump those couple extra dollars per hour into the economy.

They still have their dues to pay. Some dues cost up to \$400 annually or about two hours worth of pay per month. That may not sound like much, but the 'nickel and diming' can add up quick, especially for part-time workers. And with the state of the economy, nobody can afford to pay for something they feel will not benefit them.

Sure, right-to-work states have consistently lower wages.

Wages that can look depressing compared to union wages.

A poll from the Bureau of Labor Statistics that looked at the private sector shows right-to-work states annually make \$2.50 less per hour. But the poll does not explain whether or not it's looking at minimum wage workers, salary or those who work on commission.

Collective bargaining rights are harder to come by in right-to-work states as well. But if employees are free to choose whether or not they even want to sign up for a union, there's obviously going to be a decline in the typical baggage accompanying such a set-up. It's a simple cause and effect scenario.

Additionally, the benefit demands of union workers are often overshot and cause more conflict than necessary. In 2003, St. Louis Shop n' Save, Dierbergs and Schnucks workers went on strike and non-union workers had to be hired while union workers picketed due to contract negotiation problems.

Even when the two sides do finally agree to a position, or pay raise, that's it. There's no fluctuation. It's locked in. If something happens to the company, they're still required to pay the employees at the set wage.

Right-to-work laws do not force employees into a set wage for a set amount of time. They also do not have a set raise every so many years — regardless of the quality or quantity of work an employee performs.

Right-to-work takes the power away from the companies and gives a little bit back to the individual, creating a more stable and less hierarchal work environment.

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Unions support economy, provide for employees

As a proud Illinoisan, I become concerned when I see Midwestern state legislators stripping away the rights of the working class.

Within the past few years, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin passed legislation that has split the power of unions, which is the voice of the working class. This type of legislation is pushing



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Guest Columnist

many states into becoming right-to-work states.

A right-to-work state, known as an "open shop" state, was enabled by the Taft-Hartley Act of 1947, which prohibited agreements between union and employers from requiring employers to be forced to pay or adhere to certain conditions for employment.

Closed shop states are states where workers are required to join a union and pay union fees if they want to obtain employment. This "closed shop" policy used to disturb me because I did not like idea of being forced to join and pay dues.

However, I have realized closed shop economies are no different than SIUE student fees. For example, one can tell that I do not take advantage of the fitness center. Therefore, people may feel I should not have to pay a fee for the fitness center because I do not use it.

However, everyone is required to pay the fitness center fee because the gym's presence makes SIUE a more competitive university. The same is true with unions. Paying union dues ensures that everyone in that job market receives a top-quality work environment by ensuring a safe work area, much needed breaks and job safety for workers experiencing a family emergency or injury; therefore, all workers should pay into the system,

making the voice of the working and middle class stronger.

Similar to complaints about the fitness center fee, it is not uncommon to hear students, faculty or staff suggest that unions are bad. According to Edward Meridian's book, "SIUE: The First 50 Years," SIUE was co-founded by local unions that wanted to make a better life through affordable higher education.

If not for these affordable, union supported universities, such as SIUE or the University of Michigan, you might be working in a factory hoping to dodge the next wave of layoffs due to a struggling economy.

It is irrational to think unions are slowing down the American economy. While I admit unions do somewhat affect the natural rate of employment, it is for a good cause. According to Gregory Mankiw, a professor at Harvard, when unions demand higher wages, benefits and better working conditions, they send a domino effect throughout the country, requiring all businesses to offer better wages and working conditions to employees, even in right-to-work states.

Unions are not cookie-cutter perfect, but I think they are a lot better than right-to-work states. Sometimes union leaders worry more about acquiring wage increases than protecting jobs, and this is a serious issue facing Illinois today.

According to thinkprogress.com, there is a direct correlation between the decline of unions over the past 30 years and the dwindling of the middle class.

As a developed country, America has one of the largest disparities between the rich and poor and we cannot move forward without a strong middle class, which unions have consistently provided.

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Poise and pageantry

McGovern dances her way into Miss Illinois competition

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Preparing for the glamorous world of competitive pageantry can be a physically and mentally daunting task, but amidst the makeup, stylish clothing and charm exists a powerful ambition for helping those in need.

Such is the case for 2011 Miss Kankakee County title holder, Stephanie McGovern.

Despite her recent loss in the 2011 Miss Illinois competition, an undertaking that would have catapulted her to the 2012 Miss America pageant

in Las Vegas, the 22-year-old Collinsville native and recent SIUE graduate said her interests lie in mentoring youths in order to achieve their dreams.

"I did not win, but it was an amazing experience, and I don't have any regrets," McGovern said. "There are four points to a Miss American crown: scholarship, success, style and service, and service has always been the most important part to me. I'm a very caring individual and I don't really take a lot of time for myself

because I like helping others so much."

Beyond the allure of her ballet en pointe dance routine and poised evening gown strut, McGovern said earning the title of Miss Kankakee County required her acceptance to the Miss Illinois Scholarship Association, in

for helping children through the mentorship program Big Brothers Big Sisters of America Inc., as well as fundraising for the Children's Miracle Network, was a major highlight of her pageant career.

"Each girl has to raise funds for [it] in order to compete either at the local level or state level," McGovern said. "The more you do work, the bigger impact you're going to make."

Comparable to her dedication to youth mentorship, McGovern said her parents, particularly her mother, Janice, helped her realize her goals early in life and continue to assist her today.

"My mom is one of my biggest role models," McGovern said. "She encourages me to dream and tells me that I can do

anything that I want to do. She supports me and has gone to everything I've ever done, whether it be dance or school functions and pageants too."

Janice noticed her daughter's diligence in completing tasks was a prominent feature of her identity.

"She's been in pageants for a long time, and she looks up everything to find out what's going on and where the pageants are," Janice said. "She's a really sweet and very caring person. She's very

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SIUE Alumna and 2011 Miss Kankakee

conjunction with the Miss America Organization, and a deeply rooted zest for community service.

"The [Miss America Organization] has the largest scholarship program for women and it gives away \$60 million each year to women who compete," McGovern said. "It's more than just a pageant. It's not really about beauty and how tall you are, it's really about the scholarship and being a good role model."

McGovern said her passion

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Courtesy of Stephanie McGovern

SIUE graduate and Collinsville native Stephanie McGovern was recently named Miss Kankakee 2011. McGovern also participates in the Big Brothers Big Sisters program and fundraises for the Children's Miracle Network.

Lighting up the sky



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Fireworks filled the night sky in St. Charles, MO marking the celebration of Independence Day.

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Anthony found not guilty

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Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO - After deliberating for less than 11 hours over two days, a jury decided Tuesday afternoon that prosecutors did not prove Casey Anthony was guilty of capital murder in the death of her 2-year-old daughter, Caylee Marie.

After the courtroom was cleared, a beaming Jose Baez, Casey Anthony's defense attorney, said, "While we are happy for Casey, there are no winners in this case."

He said Caylee died much too young, but added: "Casey did not murder Caylee; it's just that simple."

As soon as the verdicts were read, Casey Anthony embraced Baez in the silent courtroom. The prosecutors in the case, Jeff Ashton and Linda Drane Burdick, looked somber. Her parents, George and Cindy Anthony, walked out of the courtroom while Casey Anthony was being fingerprinted.

The verdict means 25-year-old Anthony was found not guilty of all charges except for four counts of providing false information to law enforcement officer. As soon as the jury left the courtroom, Casey tightly hugged Baez, and then the rest of her defense team. All of them appeared to be crying.

In a news conference after the verdict, defense attorney Cheney Mason lashed out at the media and at the legal pundits who have been following the case for three years.

"I hope that this is a lesson to those of you that have indulged in media assassination the last three years," said Mason.

He expressed anger at some of his fellow attorneys commenting on the case and criticizing the defense. He expressed appreciation for the jury. The jury's verdicts represent a stunning victory for the defense



Casey Anthony smiles as she returns to the defense table after being acquitted of murder charges at the Orange County Courthouse in Orlando, Florida, Tuesday, July 5, 2011.

MCT Photos

and especially Baez, who came from relative obscurity to become perhaps the most recognized criminal defense attorney in the world.

Baez graciously thanked those people supporting him through the case during the last three years, especially Mason. He too noted the challenges this case presented to the justice system and the media. "You cannot convict someone until they've had their day in court," Baez said.

He credited the prosecution and said all three prosecutors "serve the state of Florida very well." He says now is the time to let Casey "grieve and grow and somehow get her life back together." Casey Anthony will be sentenced Thursday at 9 a.m.

She faces a maximum of four years in prison, one for each of the four counts of providing false information to law enforcement. But that means she could be released from jail as soon as Thursday, if she is given less than the maximum charge and credit

for time served.

Anthony's case has captivated the nation since July 2008, when Caylee was reported missing. When Anthony's trial began May 24 in Orange County, the proceedings attracted court watchers from around the world.

Caylee was reported missing July 15, 2008, when a series of events prompted her grandmother, Cindy Anthony, to try to track down her daughter at Casey's boyfriend's Orange County, Fla., apartment. Caylee was nowhere to be found. Casey Anthony then told her mother the story she later repeated to law-enforcement and maintained until her trial: Caylee was taken by a babysitter named Zenaida one month earlier.

Cindy Anthony's frantic 911 call captivated the nation as news outlets broadcasted the story of the missing toddler. "There's something wrong," Cindy Anthony told the dispatcher.

"I found my daughter's car today. And it smells like there's

been a dead body in the damn car." In the months and years that followed, detectives with the Orange County Sheriff's Office, Florida Department of Law Enforcement and FBI followed up as leads poured in from across the country with supposed Caylee sightings.

It wasn't long after Casey Anthony's initial arrest on a child neglect charge that detectives publicly acknowledged Caylee may be dead and her mother may be involved. Evidence began to mount against Casey Anthony. Cadaver dogs hit on the trunk of her Pontiac Sunfire and the family's backyard. The car reeked. Air samples taken from the trunk showed signs of decomposition and elevated levels of chloroform.

A hair sample taken from inside the trunk of the car showed signs of post-mortem root banding, meaning the hair had come from the head of a dead person. In October 2008, a grand jury indicted Anthony on the seven charges, including murder.

Nearly two months later, an Orange County meter reader found Caylee's remains scattered in woods just blocks from the home she shared with her family. Three pieces of duct-tape were on Caylee's tiny skull. Because of the pretrial publicity surrounding the case in Central Florida, Chief Judge Belvin Perry decided to select a jury in Pinellas County.

On May 9, 2011, attorneys began to question prospective jurors, and seated a 17-member panel 11 days later. On May 24, the trial began an expansive courtroom on the 23rd floor of the Orange County Courthouse. The state systematically spelled out its case, giving jurors a chronological, detailed look at what Anthony was doing the month Caylee was gone and the evidence against her.

Meanwhile, the defense team dropped a series of shocking revelations when it said Caylee drowned in her family's pool and was not murdered as prosecutors alleged. Defense attorney Jose Baez said Anthony's father, George Anthony, knew of the drowning and helped dispose of her body.

He also said Casey Anthony was sexually abused by her father and brother. Baez also said the meter reader who found Caylee's remains had more involvement in the case than he let on. Dozens of witnesses testified and hundreds of items were placed into evidence.

Jurors repeatedly heard from investigators, analysts, and Anthony's parents and brother. The state called its forensic experts to testify about evidence, and the defense called its experts to refute those findings.

The state rested its case June 15 and the defense began presenting its case the next day. The defense spent two weeks presenting its case. On Sunday, the attorneys delivered their closing arguments. On Monday, Perry gave the jury instructions and they began deliberating.



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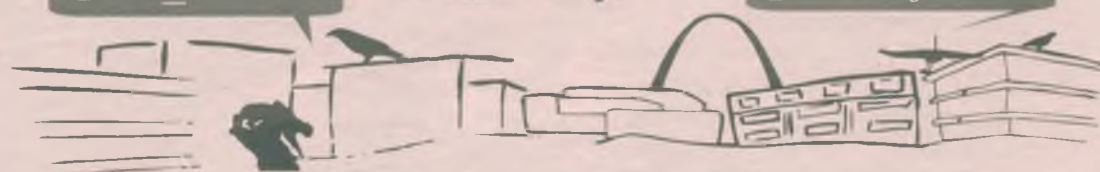
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A family affair



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(Left) Neal McCarty graduated from SIUE as one of the most proficient golfers in school history. His brother, Colin, (Right) signed a National Letter of Intent to play for SIUE this fall.

As Neal McCarty graduates, younger brother Colin set to step in

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Kathy McCarty did not know where she was headed when she took a recruiting visit to Edwardsville with her oldest son Neal in October 2006, and did not think she would be back with her next college-bound son Colin, who graduated from Buena High School in Sierra Vista, Ariz. in June.

Men's golf

"It was very much off the map," Kathy said. "I knew nothing about it and had never been there and never heard of it. I would have loved to see them go to the University of Arizona where I graduated from."

Instead, Neal—and later, Colin—landed in Edwardsville.

Neal, who graduated this past year, then became one of the most accomplished golfers to ever tee off for the Cougars. He holds the top two 18-hole rounds, the top four 54-hole totals and in his four seasons, holds three of the top five best scoring averages in Cougar history.

Back in Arizona, Colin has been making his own impression on the links, winning a state championship his senior year. Colin was a medalist in seven events his senior year of high school, and averaged 35.6 per

nine holes played.

Colin, like his brother, had options out of high school but chose to play far from home, signing at SIUE in November where Neal had been so successful.

When Colin told his mom he was going to play at SIUE, she could not believe her ears.

"I was surprised Colin said he would contact the coach at SIUE because he was saying for a year 'I'm not doing the same thing as Neal,'" Kathy said. "I don't know what it was, but [Head Coach] Derrick [Brown] was interested and brought him out for a recruiting trip. He came back and said that's the one."

Discovering an early passion

Sports have played an integral part in the McCartys' lives. Growing up, Neal said his dad put him and Colin in every sport imaginable, but golf happened to stick.

"I started when I was eight," Neal said. "At 11, I started getting lessons and just started through the junior program the local country club put on."

Colin was the same way during his youth and embraces the one-man aspect of the game.

"I think that because golf is

kind of a one-man thing, even though it's a team sport, you have to push yourself more," Colin said. "It makes it that much harder for yourself and I like to have that challenge."

Kathy is glad her sons chose golf among other sports.

"Really they started just from doing a summer camp. They liked it and kept going after they did that and I felt like I needed to learn how to play as well," Kathy said. "I did a ladies camp and it became a family thing we can all do together. It has become something we would do on vacations and plan around."

Even when Kathy is not on the course, golf has become a true family activity.

"We have a lot of fun with it. We traveled all over with Neal and a little bit with Colin as well," Kathy said. "For the parents, it was fun to follow them around and see them do well and keep them lifted up when they weren't doing well."

The game has brought Neal and Colin closer together.

"Back then, he and I fought like crazy," Neal said. "I would try to give him advice but he wanted to do things his own way. It was kind of tough at first trying to get him doing what I was doing, but he figured it out himself."

"We have definitely gotten

closer with golf, but we are still brothers and have our occasional fights," Colin said.

On the course there has always been a competitive edge between the two.

"There is a lot of competitiveness out there," Neal said. "[Friday] he was asking me to go play and take me on. It's every time we go out, even practicing can become a competition."

Colin remembers the first, and only, time he beat Neal head-to-head.

"The first time I remember beating him was when he came back his freshman year," Colin said. "He shot a 32 and I shot 30 and he was all butt-hurt because I beat him."

Neal said his younger brother's goal has always been to beat him.

"He is always trying to beat me," Neal said. "He has said to me several times half-joking but I know he is serious. He is going to beat me and take my records at SIUE."

However, Neal's records are not Colin's primary focus at SIUE.

"I'd like to take some of his records, but I won't think about it," Colin said. "I'll do my own thing."

Being his own person at SIUE is going to be important

to Colin. He doesn't want to sit in Neal's shadow.

"He will have that for a little while," Neal said. "He definitely doesn't want to be seen as that and I think that's motivation for him to make a name for himself. I think that will blow over pretty quick."

Brown hopes Colin does not receive unnecessary pressure just because of his last name.

"I don't want to compare Colin to Neal, that is not fair to anyone," Brown said. "Colin is coming in to do his own thing, and I will ask him about Neal, but that goes with anyone's brother. Colin has a more outgoing personality and will bring his own style here once he gets out here on the course."

One person who can draw comparisons though, is the McCarty's mother.

"[Neal] is definitely the passionate one about it, but Colin loves it too and is doing as well as Neal did, maybe a little bit better than Neal at the same age. It will be interesting to see how he does in the college environment," Kathy said.

Now, when Neal offers Colin advice, he pays attention.

"He comes to me for advice and actually listens now. It's definitely brought us together," Neal said.

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- Derrick Brown
Men's golf Head Coach

Making SIUE a home

Neal likes to think he had something to do with his brother becoming a Cougar as well.

"I'd like to say I played a pretty big part," Neal said. "I knew he was looking at a few other schools, so I talked to him about the coach and how great I think [Brown] is; [Brown] is probably the best thing to happen to the golf program in a long time. [Colin] also met a lot of the guys and hit it off with them."

Being Neal's little brother and a golfer himself, Colin had already met most of his future teammates.

"I had been looking at Idaho for a while and the University of Colorado, but knowing I had met some of the guys in Illinois and knowing how the coach is off the course helps," Colin said. "The guys I have met seemed to be like me in what they do outside of school."

Colin approached SIUE, submitting his interest in writing to Head Coach Derrick Brown.

"In the fall, Colin contacted me and I was aware of him with Neal being here," Brown said. "He was playing his high school season in the fall and put up really good numbers. He liked the campus a lot but he wasn't sure."

The offer from SIUE came, but not before Colin made a big impression.

"He went out and shot a 65 and a 71 to win the biggest class in Arizona," Brown said. "We

offered, and he accepted within a week."

When it was his time to go to college, Neal also took time to investigate his perfect match and made a name for himself in high school, being name co-MVP of his high school team as a senior.

"When Neal started looking at colleges he got into the mode of looking for what schools were losing seniors and who might have spots to fill and looking at records and schedules," Kathy said. "He wrote to a bunch of schools and Kyle Viehl was the coach at the time. He wrote him back and was very interested."

He visited Sonoma State University in California earlier in the year.

"When I took my recruiting trip they brought me up in October and it is beautiful there," Neal said. "I was thinking 'Wow, this is really nice,' honestly, I didn't know what January and February were like. That was a bit of a shocker."

Kathy said Neal's personality suited him to a smaller school like SIUE.

"Neal was going off about how it all worked and the class sizes," Kathy said. "Neal definitely needed a smaller sized school. Arizona is a student body of over 50,000 and I think he would have been lost in the crowd here. Colin can handle it a little more."

Attending SIUE worked for Neal.

"I enjoyed every second of it," Neal said. "I don't have any

status was properly updated to "Miss."

"I started competing in the Miss America Organization when I was 18, so I've been involved with it for the past four or five years," McGovern said.

Although she remains steadfast in her pursuit of helping others, she does maintain an air of competitiveness that she said is more of an introspective aspect of pageantry.

"I love competing, but I think I'm more competitive in my own mind and I don't really like comparing myself to other people because it's just going to bring you down," McGovern said. "I've been working out with a professional trainer for about three months now preparing for the swimsuit competition. And I've been practicing my dance for about four or five months."

McGovern's commitment to



Courtesy of Kathy McCarty

Neal (Left) and Colin McCarty (Right) on the course during their youth.

regrets. I knew coming in we were going to be on that four-year transition, and that made me hesitate a bit. In the end, it's not really a huge deal to me."

Colin, who said he will major in business with an emphasis in finance and a minor in criminal justice at SIUE, said the school becoming a certified Division I team his sophomore year helped in his decision.

"It was definitely a big part in me making my final decision," Colin said. "It will be more difficult and competitive."

The quest for Q-School

While Colin prepares for his freshmen year of college in August, Neal is focusing on his future with golf, hopefully culminating with entrance onto the PGA Tour.

"My goal is the PGA Tour. If I can play well throughout the summer I am debating entering [Qualifying] School in the fall,"

her talents and helping others has not gone unnoticed by other family members. Her sister, Anna McGovern, said she is proud of the work she has done.

"She's always been very caring for other people," Anna said. "She really believes in the [Miss America Organization] and it's really cool what they do for the Children's Miracle Network."

Looking to the near future, McGovern hopes to remain involved with the Miss Illinois Scholarship Association. She will also be heading back to school in August for her Master's degree.

"I want to get my Master's in school counseling," McGovern said. "Hopefully, I will be working in a high school as a high school guidance counselor."

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Neal said. "It takes time and I have to be patient, but the PGA tour is the goal."

Neal feels Colin has a similar goal to strive toward.

"For [Colin], I think it is the same," Neal said. "He has been practicing pretty hard and if he plays well in school I think he can do it. It depends down the road if his feelings change."

For now, going pro sounds appealing to Colin as well.

"I would love to go pro," Colin said. "That would be my main focus as soon as I graduate."

Brown said Colin would likely get his shot at the lineup this fall, continuing the McCarty name at SIUE for four more years.

"I see Colin coming in and being in the lineup next year," Brown said. "He has got the capabilities to fill the void of Neal, and has really improved after his freshmen year. I can see Colin putting up the same scores as Neal."

Brown said one of the biggest

challenges for Colin will be adjusting to golfing in the Midwest with the elements.

"It is a challenge and it will be a learning curve for him to play in our early events," Brown said.

In the spring, Colin will feel right at home, however.

"The first two spring events are in Arizona and Alabama, but the wind and cold will take a while to get used to," Brown said. "It took Neal a year to get used to Midwest golf. It's something he will have to fight through."

On the course, Neal cautioned Colin about golfing in the elements, but off the course, Neal offered Colin some other advice, something Colin likely would not have taken just a few years back.

"He just told me to be smart with what I do around school, keep my grades up and keep my head on straight," Colin said.

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hard-working."

McGovern said she envisioned herself becoming a dentist while growing up. She held fast to her dreams in dentistry until she discovered the field of psychology at SIUE and decided to change course.

"I took psychology just as an elective and I really enjoyed it," McGovern said. "I actually had the opportunity to work in a dentist office for a semester, and I realized it just wasn't something that I could see myself doing for the rest of my life."

McGovern has been involved in a number of pageants throughout her childhood and professional career, including the Little Miss Horseradish and Little Miss Pre-Teen Collinsville pageants, which initiated her breakthrough to a larger pageant outlet. After aging out of the teenager division, her

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