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LOCAL Council approves energy contract

City estimated to save \$24,000 with fixed rate

By Stephen Di Benedetto
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The City Council capped off a quick meeting Tuesday night with the unanimous approval of another energy contract that is estimated to save the city \$24,000.

The contract with Ameren Energy Marketing Co. will be effective this month and last until October 2010. The council approved an energy contract on Oct. 20 for 2010-2011 that will save the city an estimated \$120,000.

City Manager Scott Smith said in an interview that the newly approved contract would exist simultaneously with a contract with AmerenCIPS. The new contract allows for a fixed rate, unlike the AmerenCIPS contract, on four locations.

Those locations are City Hall, the wastewater treatment plant, the water treatment plant and the Reynolds Drive Lift Station.

Smith said at the meeting that his office is still examining electrical quotes that would extend the

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CAMPUS Pale or Tan? A worldwide controversy

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Across the world, beauty can be described in many different ways. Beauty changes within different cultures. Beauty changes over time. Beauty is even different in individual opinions.

At 5 p.m. today in the Doudna Fine Arts Center Lecture Hall, Jo Ellen Jacobs will address the controversial beauty topic of pale versus tan skin.

Jacobs, a philosophy professor at Milikin University and an Easter alumnae, discovered this cultural difference while teaching a program called "A Semester at Sea." Within this program, Jacobs visited 11 to 13 countries including Brazil, Kenya, Burma, Vietnam, China and Japan.

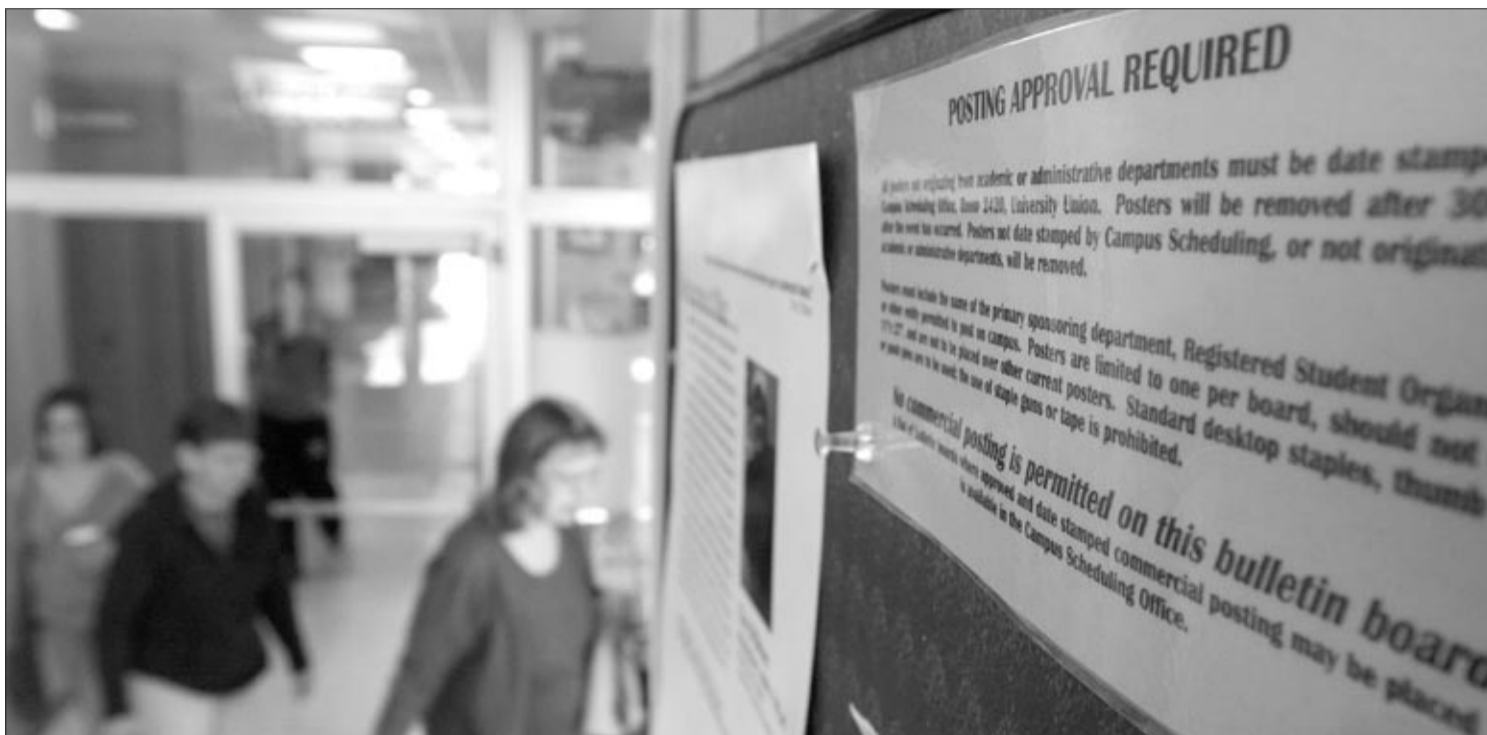
Most of the passengers on the ship were Americans and Europeans. Jacobs said all of the women would lay out in the sun the entire time at sea, but when arriving to a port all of the advertisements were for skin whiteners and lighteners.

"It's a jarring concept to see that, literally, around the world women will do just about anything to be as white as possible," Jacobs said.

In 105-degree weather, women in other countries would wear long sleeves, hats and pants to avoid exposing their skin to the sun so as to not get any tan at all, Jacobs said.

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CAMPUS Restrictions posed for fliers



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An informational flier is posted on a bulletin board in Martin Luther King Jr. University Union explaining the necessity of having approval by the Office of Campus Scheduling before displaying fliers. A 30-day posting period and size limit have been included in the policy.

Fliers now need approval from Office of Campus Scheduling

By Sarah Jean Bresnahan
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Effective this semester, all fliers posted on campus will need approval by the Office of Campus Scheduling.

This new policy is part of the revisions of the Internal Governing Policy, which was approved by President Bill Perry Sept. 28.

"There are at least 50 posting lo-

cations throughout campus, and frequently they become a mess with 'postings on top of postings,' as well as outdated and incomplete information," said Dan Nadler, vice president for student affairs.

The old policy was focused primarily on fliers in the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union. Expiration date requirements and requirements regarding the organization or sponsor names, or time, date and location of events were not included in the previous policy.

The new policy states that all fliers in public areas have a 30-day posting period and need advance approval from Campus Scheduling. Each flier will be stamped with the date and only one copy of the flier can be

posted on a bulletin board.

"Students frequently discussed how the bulletin boards were ineffective as an advertising tool, especially in a free-for-all environment," Nadler said. "The revised (policy) allows us to remove out-of-date postings in a more efficient and effective manner."

The official notice states that "no announcements, advertising, signs or printed matter may be placed on the interior or exterior walls, windows or doors of any building, on trees, lamp posts, trash containers, fences, sidewalks, grounds or equipment of the university."

Fliers can only be posted on designated bulletin boards. The policy pertains to boards in residence and dining halls, but not individual of-

fices.

On these boards, only registered student organizations or off-campus public service organizations may post fliers regarding on-campus activities or events of educational or public service interest to the Eastern community.

Another section of the policy states that postings cannot exceed an 11 inches by 27 inches in size, and the use of tape or commercial staple guns is prohibited. To view the entire policy, go to <http://www.eiu.edu/~auditing/IGP/policy138.1.html>.

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STATE Questions raised for MAP funding

Political Science professors offer insight

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Passing the \$205 million for the Monetary Award Program grant was just the first step.

The next step is for Gov. Pat Quinn to figure out where to cut from the budget to fund the grant.

Political science professor Richard Wandling thinks approving the \$205 million before gaining a funding source was not an empty gesture.

"It is important for the state to help kids go to college," Wandling said. "Having said that though, there is not any immediate funding base

to support it. That doesn't mean that the funding will not be there because there are ways of coming up with the money."

Jeff Ashley, political science department chair, said providing the grant money would hurt the state budget in other areas.

"What (the General Assembly) has done so far was that it will basically be funded, but they left it up to Gov. Quinn to figure out how to do it, which would indicate that cut from one area to support the MAP grant," Ashley said.

The General Assembly has not passed additional revenue, Ashley said, so the funding would come from the existing budget, creating a hole.

Tax increase needed

The assembly might cut from ar-

reas to prevent an unpopular tax increase, he said.

"Ultimately, there has to be some sort of revenue enhancement," Ashley said. "If they were to cut just about everything, they'd still be in a hole."

To keep budget cuts from continuing, Wandling said a tax increase is needed in the state. He said the political climate makes it difficult to have tax increases and cut back on spending simultaneously.

"We don't have a whole lot of political courage and policy responsibility in Springfield, so I'm not optimistic that we're going to come up with a long-term solution in the short term," Wandling said.

One possible solution, Wandling said, would be for Quinn and the General Assembly to agree on cut-backs in the state budget.

He said another option would be falling further behind in paying bills to vendors like health care providers and businesses providing services to the state.

"Politically, they made a commitment that they are going to support this program," Wandling said. "The program will be supported, but something will have to give in the state budget."

The fundamental problem in state of Illinois, Wandling said, is a structural imbalance when considering revenue and expenditures.

"The state can easily earmark some percentage of the income tax for the MAP program," Wandling said. "Having said that, if they go in and expressly earmark some portion of the income or sales tax, then again, something else in the state will have

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