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Swine flu cases probable in state

Cases found in Chicago, Chicago suburb areas

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The swine flu outbreak reached into Illinois on Wednesday with the state reporting its first probable cases, shutting

down at last three schools as public health officials warned people not to panic but asked them to take simple measures to prevent the spread of the virus.

The initial nine likely cases were mild and included three children and six adults in northern Illinois. The state awaited final confirmation from federal health officials, but ear-

ly testing indicated a 99 percent chance the cases were swine flu.

“Ninety-nine percent is a hard number to beat,” Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Damon Arnold said at a news conference where Mayor Richard Daley, Gov. Pat Quinn and other officials stressed the state was working hard to prevent more people from

getting sick.

A swine flu outbreak is spreading across the country and the world, where it is suspected of killing more than 150 people in Mexico. The first U.S. death was confirmed Wednesday when a 23-month-old child died in Texas.

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CAMPUS | SENATE

President veto stands

By **KAYLEIGH ZYSKOWSKI**
Staff Reporter

The Student Senate had its work cut out for it, with seven proposals under emergency legislation during Wednesday night’s meeting.

The Student Government allowed the veto of the University Board marketing proposal to stand.

The proposal was for \$300 for software to aid in the making of fliers for advertisement.

The proposal originated during the Apportionment Board meeting on April 16 as additional allocations, after a misinterpreted e-mail called for \$40,346 in additional allocations.

Student Body President Levi Bulgar vetoed it after last week’s meeting.

“I vetoed the bill because the (proposal) was brought up without chairs of the board being aware of the situation,” he said.

In other business, the UB proposal for new productions equipment passed with a vote of 23-1-1.

Orion Buckingham, UB productions chair, spoke to the Student Senate about the need for the equipment.

“We have done 36 events this year for 22 (Registered Student Organizations) on campus, and that is not including any of the events we do for UB,” he said.

Last week, the Student Senate members voted to send the proposal back to committee for the AB to look at again. The AB approved the proposal after adjustments had been made, and it was sent back to the Student Senate.

The senate approved the \$6,253, including the funding for new Public Address speakers, six radios and a CD player.

To allow Student Senate to advance its technological ability, the Student Senate passed three proposals for a scanner and hard drive, a camcorder, and nine flash drives. The scanner and hard drive proposal passed at \$498 with a vote of 22-3-0.

The members of Student Government hope to use this equipment to save the pieces of legislature stored in the Student Activities Center as digital copies.

With hopes of filming meetings and lectures, the camcorder and tripod proposal for \$225 was passed 12-8-5.

Senate member Isaac Sandidge said he was against this because they should take advantage of the technology they have now, such as the Web site, before they try to take on something new.

A proposal for nine flash drives to be used by the nine committees of the Student Government was also passed. This will cost about \$90.

The University Development and Recycling Committee asked for \$150 to plant a Japanese maple tree on campus.

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SIGNING UP FOR SERVICE



ALYCIA ROCKEY | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Students sign up to volunteer to be Panther Pals and help new students move in on campus for the fall semester in the North Quad Wednesday. The Panther Pals help incoming freshmen and transfer students with moving items into their room and finding where they live.

UNIVERSITY | MEMORIAL

Women’s studies looking for more students

No major is currently offered in program

By **JENNIFER BROWN**
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Jeannie Ludlow, coordinator for the Women’s Studies Program, is looking for students to develop women’s studies into their minor at Eastern.

She’s been teaching at the university since August, and is currently the only full-time professor in the program.

“We tend to look through the world of how women experience it,” Ludlow said. “If you take an English class, you might read two books by men and two books by women and for a long time humanity was based by men.”

“The (women’s studies) minor makes you hyper-aware of all kinds of issues.”

— Alaina Morales, senior English major

She said women’s studies centers on teaching students critical thinking skills.

While this is a major at other universities, it is not one at Eastern.

Ludlow said she only knows of 15 students who have officially declared it as their minor.

Alaina Morales, a senior English major, became interested in the minor when she took the introductory course Women, Men and Culture last spring.

Morales became interested by the ideas of gender and race.

“The minor is also very practical,” she said. “The things we discuss aren’t hard to understand — they apply to everyday social issues and anyone can relate to the topics we discuss.”

Morales said she would see the world become a better place, and declaring this as a minor has given her the tools she needs to make this possible.

She declared women’s studies as her minor for personal reasons. She plans to work in a university library, and wants to use her minor

to outreach out to the students and the community.

“The (women’s studies) minor makes you hyper-aware of all kinds of issues,” she said. “That will be an advantage when I’m developing collections in the library, or developing professional relationships with coworkers.”

Declaring a minor in women’s studies broadened Morales’ experience as a college student and she found the issues that are covered in the classes relevant in all her classes.

“The minor really makes you re-examine your habits, beliefs and lifestyle,” Morales said. “I’m just aware of the different issues people face every day. I’m aware of how we have to change as a society to include everyone.”

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