

» Senate

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The committee plants a tree every year. The proposal passed 24-0-1.

Student Senate also passed a proposal for 1,000 promotional pens for \$965. This passed with a vote of 23-1-0.

While many students will be taking off for the summer, Eric Wilber, student executive vice president, will still make a few trips to Springfield to push for the Renewable Energy Center in front of a committee in the House of Representatives.

The Student Senate passed a proposal 23-0-1 to refund the cost of his trips to Springfield for \$167.

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Student Body President Levi Bulgar gives his State of the University address at Wednesday night’s Student Senate meeting in the Arcola/Tuscola room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

» Swine flu

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All of Illinois’ probable cases are in Chicago and its suburbs, with five in Chicago, two in Kane County and single cases in both Lake and DuPage counties. The youngest person sickened is age 6 and the oldest is

36. Four were male and four female, with officials not giving the gender of one Chicago case.

In an effort to try to stop the virus from spreading, three schools in Chicago and the suburbs that each had likely cases of swine flu closed.

Chicago officials shut down a North Side elementary school on Wednesday and a Kane County middle and high school closed down for

the rest of the week.

The Chicago school was shuttered for at least two days and the district monitored attendance at all its other schools.

Chicago officials also have asked students at Joyce Kilmer Elementary School not to take part in citywide school activities for a short period of time because a 12-year-old girl there has a probable case of swine flu.

» Minor

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Creating a women’s studies major is not in the near future.

“You have to have a consistent number of faculty, and there’s just one,” Ludlow said. “I can’t do a whole major by myself. We have faculty that teach courses, but they can’t do it consistently.”

She said it is getting easier to change this, because the university is hiring more faculty who are interested in women’s studies.

The only thing the university would need to have a major is more introductory courses, Ludlow said.

“If we developed a major, we wouldn’t develop one until we could offer students the best opportunities of work and scholarships,” Ludlow said. “We would want it to be top-notch before we propose it.”

She said when the program is ready to propose a major, there would be widespread support.

Currently faculty in the program comes from many different departments, including English, history, sociology and polit-

ical science.

The faculty is committed to the program, Morales said.

“They might try to get more men involved with (women’s studies), just because everyone should be involved with it,” she said. “There’s more to women’s studies than the women, which many people don’t realize.”

The minor requires students to take the introductory course Women, Men and Culture, as well as Feminist Theory.

Students also choose from nine electives about women or gender.

The program also requires an internship, which a student may take an additional elective in its place.

Morales took courses in English, art, journalism, history and political science as her electives.

“This minor is great because it is interdisciplinary,” Morales said. “So you are exposed not only to different fields, but also different faculty and even different areas on campus, and your experience is really well developed.”

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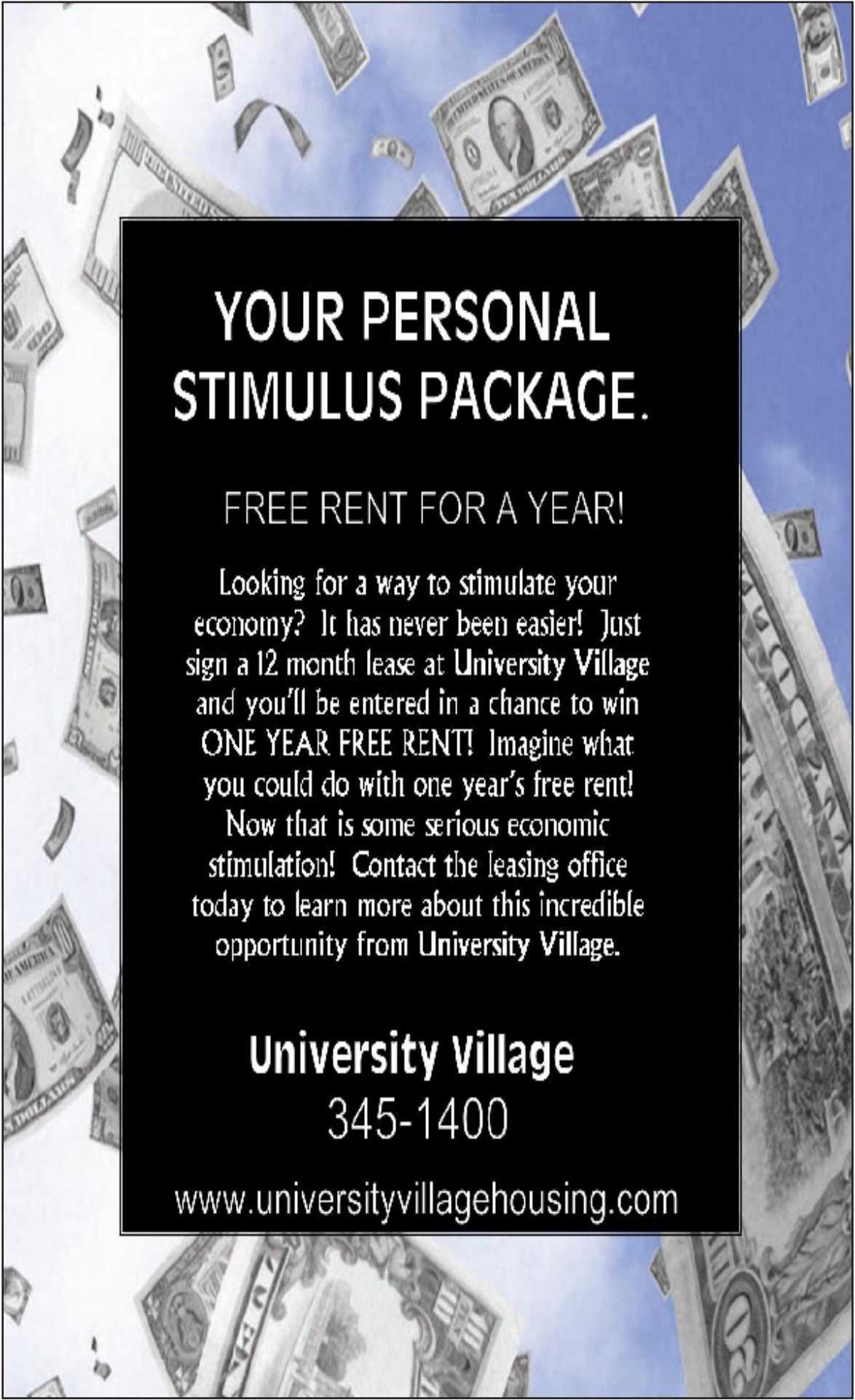
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