Prof. Robert Shapiro discusses NSA surveillance on FOX 32

Prof. Robert Shapiro discusses pending Supreme Court cases on ABC 7's NewsViews

Prof. William Kresse on preventing summer ID theft on NBC 5

Prof. Robert Shapiro discusses Supreme Court striking down part of the Voting Rights Act on FOX 32 and NBC 5's The Talk

SXU and WGN-TV's Teacher of the Month for June, 2013 – Cynthia Burnett

Prof. Reza Varjavand writes column about "religion of humanity" for SouthtownStar

WSCR 670 "The Score" Program Director Mitch Rosen speaks at Breakfast with the Experts

Former Illinois State Senator Edward D. Maloney receives honorary degree, delivers address at Spring Commencement

School of Nursing accredited by Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

Former SXU football quarterback Jimmy Coy signed by Calgary Stampeders
Saint Xavier University Print Media Coverage – June, 2013

Total: 118
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Headline</th>
<th>Outlet/Publication</th>
<th>Total Page Views</th>
<th>Unique Visitors</th>
<th>Ad Value</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>6/2/2013</td>
<td>Stamps Sign Lemon and Coy</td>
<td>Our Sports Central</td>
<td>110,993</td>
<td>14,475</td>
<td>$133.89</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/2/2013</td>
<td>Illiana’s Rudenga shines on and off the diamond</td>
<td>The Times of Northwest Indiana</td>
<td>3,826,696</td>
<td>255,465</td>
<td>$2,363.05</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/3/2013</td>
<td>Charity briefs for June 4, 2013</td>
<td>The SouthtownStar</td>
<td>400,798</td>
<td>49,739</td>
<td>$460.09</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/3/2013</td>
<td>Speak Out for June 4, 2013</td>
<td>The SouthtownStar</td>
<td>400,798</td>
<td>49,739</td>
<td>$460.09</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/4/2013</td>
<td>Andrew Greeley laid to rest from Christ the King</td>
<td>The Beverly Review</td>
<td>65,390</td>
<td>654</td>
<td>$6.05</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/4/2013</td>
<td>Students sign letters of intent</td>
<td>The Beverly Review</td>
<td>65,390</td>
<td>654</td>
<td>$6.05</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/4/2013</td>
<td>New head of recreation for H-F parks</td>
<td>The SouthtownStar</td>
<td>400,798</td>
<td>49,739</td>
<td>$460.09</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/5/2013</td>
<td>New Head Baseball Coach for Conant High School</td>
<td>Chicago Tribune</td>
<td>17,269,916</td>
<td>4,241,603</td>
<td>$39,234.83</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/5/2013</td>
<td>St. Louis alderman says he will return tuition donations</td>
<td>Columbia Missourian</td>
<td>113,599</td>
<td>38,007</td>
<td>$351.56</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/5/2013</td>
<td>St. Louis alderman asks for help from supporters to pay daughter's tuition</td>
<td>KMOV.com</td>
<td>2,097,058</td>
<td>403,247</td>
<td>$3,730.03</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/5/2013</td>
<td>St. Louis alderman seeks help from supporters to pay daughter's tuition</td>
<td>KMOV.com</td>
<td>2,097,058</td>
<td>403,247</td>
<td>$3,730.03</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/5/2013</td>
<td>Freeman Bosley Sr. sends out letter asking for help paying daughter's college tuition</td>
<td>KSDK</td>
<td>12,866,627</td>
<td>509,753</td>
<td>$4,715.22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/5/2013</td>
<td>Mo. alderman says he will return tuition donations</td>
<td>News Tribune</td>
<td>331,488</td>
<td>32,958</td>
<td>$304.86</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/5/2013</td>
<td>St. Louis alderman seeks donations to pay for daughter's college education</td>
<td>STLtoday.com (AP)</td>
<td>14,644,846</td>
<td>1,012,944</td>
<td>$9,369.73</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/5/2013</td>
<td>St. Louis alderman sought donations to pay for daughter's college education</td>
<td>STLtoday.com (AP)</td>
<td>14,644,846</td>
<td>1,012,944</td>
<td>$9,369.73</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>City official asks for help with daughter's tuition</td>
<td>AZCentral.com</td>
<td>17,412,570</td>
<td>1,357,963</td>
<td>$12,561.16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Mo. alderman asks for help with daughter's tuition</td>
<td>Belleville News Democrat</td>
<td>727,049</td>
<td>103,167</td>
<td>$954.29</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Fivelson to lead Conant baseball program</td>
<td>Daily Herald</td>
<td>2,476,164</td>
<td>356,710</td>
<td>$3,299.57</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>St. Louis alderman seeks help paying daughter's tuition, but later says he'll return donations</td>
<td>Daily Journal</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>St. Louis alderman seeks help paying daughter's tuition, but later says he'll return donations</td>
<td>Daily Reporter</td>
<td>56,775</td>
<td>26,504</td>
<td>$245.16</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Mo. alderman asks for help with daughter's tuition</td>
<td>Enquirer Herald</td>
<td>16,743</td>
<td>8,756</td>
<td>$80.99</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>St. Louis Alderman No Longer Accepting Donations For Daughter's Tuition</td>
<td>FOX2now.com</td>
<td>1,271,139</td>
<td>307,198</td>
<td>$2,841.58</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Missouri alderman asks for help with daughter's tuition</td>
<td>KAIT ABC-8</td>
<td>969,863</td>
<td>83,908</td>
<td>$776.15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Date</td>
<td>Description</td>
<td>Source</td>
<td>Total Donations</td>
<td>Donations for Tuition</td>
<td>Donations for Other Expenses</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>----------</td>
<td>-----------------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>-------------------------</td>
<td>------------------</td>
<td>-----------------------</td>
<td>-----------------------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Missouri alderman says he will return tuition donations</td>
<td>KAIT ABC-8</td>
<td>969,863</td>
<td>83,908</td>
<td>$776.15</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Mo. alderman asks for help with daughter's tuition</td>
<td>KCTV 5</td>
<td>1,715,289</td>
<td>466,703</td>
<td>$4,317.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Mo. alderman asks for help with daughter's tuition</td>
<td>KFVS 12</td>
<td>1,015,025</td>
<td>142,091</td>
<td>$1,314.34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Mo. alderman says he will return tuition donations</td>
<td>KFVS 12</td>
<td>1,015,025</td>
<td>142,091</td>
<td>$1,314.34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>St. Louis alderman says he will return tuition donations after controversial letter</td>
<td>KMOV.com</td>
<td>2,097,058</td>
<td>403,247</td>
<td>$3,730.03</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Mo. alderman asks for help with daughter's tuition</td>
<td>KOAM TV 7</td>
<td>473,932</td>
<td>28,710</td>
<td>$265.57</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Alderman Freeman Bosley Sr. trashes public colleges</td>
<td>KSDK</td>
<td>12,866,627</td>
<td>509,753</td>
<td>$4,715.22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Alderman Freeman Bosley Sr. will no longer accept donations for daughter's tuition</td>
<td>KSDK</td>
<td>12,866,627</td>
<td>509,753</td>
<td>$4,715.22</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Alderman withdraws plea for help paying for daughter's college</td>
<td>KTRS 550 AM</td>
<td>12,586</td>
<td>2,495</td>
<td>$23.08</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Questions raised over letter by Freeman Bosley, Sr</td>
<td>KTRS 550 AM</td>
<td>12,586</td>
<td>2,495</td>
<td>$23.08</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Mo. alderman asks for help with daughter's tuition</td>
<td>Lebanon Daily Record</td>
<td>104,863</td>
<td>13,547</td>
<td>$125.31</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>St. Louis alderman sought donations for daughter's college education</td>
<td>Lucianne.com</td>
<td>5,156,527</td>
<td>87,810</td>
<td>$812.24</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Greater Pilsen Economic Development Association</td>
<td>NegociosNow</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Missouri alderman says he will return tuition donations</td>
<td>News-Leader.com (AP)</td>
<td>354,957</td>
<td>130,693</td>
<td>$1,208.91</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>St. Louis Alderman Solicits Donations to Help Pay Daughter's Tuition</td>
<td>OzarksFirst</td>
<td>778,585</td>
<td>56,211</td>
<td>$519.95</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>St. Louis alderman seeks help paying daughter's tuition, but later says he'll return donations</td>
<td>Pendleton Times-Post</td>
<td>3,181</td>
<td>265</td>
<td>$2.45</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Mo. alderman says he will return tuition donations</td>
<td>Quincy Herald Whig</td>
<td>444,478</td>
<td>43,827</td>
<td>$405.40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Peotone's Winkelman Signs With St. Xavier</td>
<td>Russell Publications Online</td>
<td>551</td>
<td>275</td>
<td>$2.54</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Mo. alderman asks for help with daughter's tuition</td>
<td>St. Joseph News-Press</td>
<td>185,626</td>
<td>19,173</td>
<td>$177.35</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Alderman Bosley says he will return any college donations</td>
<td>STLtoday.com (AP)</td>
<td>14,644,846</td>
<td>1,012,944</td>
<td>$9,369.73</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Mo. alderman asks for help with daughter's tuition</td>
<td>STLtoday.com (AP)</td>
<td>14,644,846</td>
<td>1,012,944</td>
<td>$9,369.73</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Mo. alderman says he will return tuition donations</td>
<td>STLtoday.com (AP)</td>
<td>14,644,846</td>
<td>1,012,944</td>
<td>$9,369.73</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>St. Louis alderman sought donations for daughter's college education</td>
<td>STLtoday.com (AP)</td>
<td>14,644,846</td>
<td>1,012,944</td>
<td>$9,369.73</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Date</td>
<td>Title</td>
<td>Source</td>
<td>Readers</td>
<td>Unique Readers</td>
<td>Revenue</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>--------</td>
<td>----------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>-------------------------------</td>
<td>---------</td>
<td>----------------</td>
<td>-------------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Freeman Bosley Sr. Solicits Donations For Child's College Tuition: &quot;I've Spent All...I Have&quot;</td>
<td>The Riverfront Times' Blogs</td>
<td>272,309</td>
<td>143,604</td>
<td>$1,328.34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Community Sports Calendar (Central) for June 9, 2013</td>
<td>The SouthtownStar</td>
<td>400,798</td>
<td>49,739</td>
<td>$460.09</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Community Sports Calendar (North) for June 9, 2013</td>
<td>The SouthtownStar</td>
<td>400,798</td>
<td>49,739</td>
<td>$460.09</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Maloney receives honorary doctorate at SXU</td>
<td>The SouthtownStar</td>
<td>400,798</td>
<td>49,739</td>
<td>$460.09</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Mo. alderman says he will return tuition donations</td>
<td>WFTV</td>
<td>1,972,156</td>
<td>165,953</td>
<td>$1,535.07</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Mo. alderman asks for help with daughter's tuition</td>
<td>WGEM.com</td>
<td>81,202</td>
<td>20,759</td>
<td>$192.02</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>Missouri Alderman Says He Will Return Tuition Donations</td>
<td>Wgrz.com</td>
<td>1,590,302</td>
<td>205,719</td>
<td>$1,902.90</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/7/2013</td>
<td>Mo. alderman says he will return tuition donations</td>
<td>Daily Journal Online</td>
<td>708,056</td>
<td>13,096</td>
<td>$121.14</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/7/2013</td>
<td>Alderman Freeman Bosley Sr. Says He Won't Accept Donations To Daughter's College Tuition</td>
<td>The Riverfront Times' Blogs</td>
<td>272,309</td>
<td>143,604</td>
<td>$1,328.34</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/7/2013</td>
<td>Speak Out for June 10, 2013</td>
<td>The SouthtownStar</td>
<td>400,798</td>
<td>49,739</td>
<td>$460.09</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/7/2013</td>
<td>Local soccer club to compete at Disney Cup</td>
<td>The Times of Northwest Indiana</td>
<td>3,826,696</td>
<td>255,465</td>
<td>$2,363.05</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>McGrath: Dwyane Wade's former Richards coach still watching over him</td>
<td>Chicago Sun-Times</td>
<td>11,183,058</td>
<td>1,938,059</td>
<td>$17,927.05</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/6/2013</td>
<td>It all adds up to Fivelson coaching at Conant</td>
<td>Daily Herald</td>
<td>2,476,164</td>
<td>356,710</td>
<td>$3,299.57</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/10/2013</td>
<td>Charity Briefs for June 11, 2013</td>
<td>Lake County News-Sun - Sun-Times</td>
<td>391,413</td>
<td>42,195</td>
<td>$390.30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/10/2013</td>
<td>Charity briefs for June 11, 2013</td>
<td>The SouthtownStar</td>
<td>400,798</td>
<td>49,739</td>
<td>$460.09</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/11/2013</td>
<td>Gray, Henkel engaged to marry</td>
<td>Amboy News</td>
<td>287</td>
<td>287</td>
<td>$2.65</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/11/2013</td>
<td>Rosen highlights industry changes at BAPA event</td>
<td>The Beverly Review</td>
<td>65,390</td>
<td>654</td>
<td>$6.05</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/11/2013</td>
<td>Scholars in the News</td>
<td>The Beverly Review</td>
<td>65,390</td>
<td>654</td>
<td>$6.05</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/11/2013</td>
<td>SXU softball team sets national defense mark</td>
<td>The Beverly Review</td>
<td>65,390</td>
<td>654</td>
<td>$6.05</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/11/2013</td>
<td>Q-and-A with Ryan Pellack, Lincoln-Way North</td>
<td>The SouthtownStar</td>
<td>400,798</td>
<td>49,739</td>
<td>$460.09</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/12/2013</td>
<td>Shots Fired: Kanye West Throws Shade At Youtube And The Paparazzi, &quot;They Ask Me Dumb*** S***T All The Time&quot;</td>
<td>Bossip</td>
<td>18,046,496</td>
<td>1,208,135</td>
<td>$11,175.25</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/12/2013</td>
<td>Straphanger art — Perusing The CTA Collection</td>
<td>Chicago Sun-Times</td>
<td>11,183,058</td>
<td>1,938,059</td>
<td>$17,927.05</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/12/2013</td>
<td>Straphanger art: Perusing the CTA Collection</td>
<td>Chicago Sun-Times</td>
<td>11,183,058</td>
<td>1,938,059</td>
<td>$17,927.05</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/12/2013</td>
<td>Kanye West Gives Passionate Speech At Star-Studded &quot;Yeezus&quot; Listening Party</td>
<td>Hello Beautiful</td>
<td>2,810,068</td>
<td>309,055</td>
<td>$2,858.76</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Date</td>
<td>Title</td>
<td>Source</td>
<td>Pageviews</td>
<td>Unique Visits</td>
<td>Earnings</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>------------</td>
<td>-----------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>-------------------</td>
<td>-----------</td>
<td>---------------</td>
<td>-----------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/12/2013</td>
<td>Kanye West Hosts Impromptu Listening Party at Art Basel Switzerland</td>
<td>The Daily Beast</td>
<td>14,135,474</td>
<td>3,027,676</td>
<td>$28,006.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/13/2013</td>
<td>Kanye West at Design Miami/ Basel: &quot;I Just Felt That I Would Never Be One of the Great Visual Artists of the World&quot;</td>
<td>Complex</td>
<td>12,042,064</td>
<td>1,234,403</td>
<td>$11,418.23</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/13/2013</td>
<td>Kanye West Fights For A Better World</td>
<td>Hypetrak</td>
<td>847,064</td>
<td>39,988</td>
<td>$369.89</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/13/2013</td>
<td>What Kanye Really Thinks About YouTube</td>
<td>IMDb</td>
<td>630,088,700</td>
<td>29,087,827</td>
<td>$269,062.40</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/13/2013</td>
<td>Kanye West Hates YouTube: Rapper Thinks Player Is ‘Ugly’ And ‘Terrible’</td>
<td>The Huffington Post</td>
<td>611,237,570</td>
<td>31,507,420</td>
<td>$291,443.64</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/13/2013</td>
<td>Tune-up for tryouts</td>
<td>The Lincoln Journal Star Online</td>
<td>2,065,570</td>
<td>248,561</td>
<td>$2,299.19</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/13/2013</td>
<td>Kanye West Goes On Epic Rant at Switzerland Secret Listening Party for 'Yeezus': 'I Hate YouTube...I Fight to Push Culture Forward'</td>
<td>Zimbio</td>
<td>43,954,680</td>
<td>5,226,843</td>
<td>$48,348.30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/14/2013</td>
<td>Chicago - SXU's School of Nursing accredited by Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education</td>
<td>Advance for Nurses</td>
<td>33,500</td>
<td>14,706</td>
<td>$136.03</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/14/2013</td>
<td>Former Elk Grove star named to NAIA softball All-America team</td>
<td>Blogs and Columnists - The Sacramento Bee</td>
<td>7,805,544</td>
<td>1,137,902</td>
<td>$10,525.59</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/14/2013</td>
<td>Kanye Unleashes His Thoughts On The Paparazzi, Dislike For YouTube &amp; Being A Celebrity Boyfriend</td>
<td>Model Invasion</td>
<td>5,216</td>
<td>4,948</td>
<td>$45.77</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/14/2013</td>
<td>Community Sports Calendar (Central) for June 16, 2013</td>
<td>The SouthtownStar</td>
<td>400,798</td>
<td>49,739</td>
<td>$460.09</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/14/2013</td>
<td>Community Sports Calendar (North) for June 16, 2013</td>
<td>The SouthtownStar</td>
<td>400,798</td>
<td>49,739</td>
<td>$460.09</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/15/2013</td>
<td>Summit grad Buell wins NCAA title in pole vault</td>
<td>STLtoday.com (AP)</td>
<td>14,644,846</td>
<td>1,012,944</td>
<td>$9,369.73</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/16/2013</td>
<td>Lowell man critically injured in crash</td>
<td>The Times of Northwest Indiana</td>
<td>3,826,696</td>
<td>255,465</td>
<td>$2,363.05</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/17/2013</td>
<td>Charity briefs for June 18, 2013</td>
<td>The SouthtownStar</td>
<td>400,798</td>
<td>49,739</td>
<td>$460.09</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/18/2013</td>
<td>Students get into artistic spirit</td>
<td>The Beverly Review</td>
<td>65,390</td>
<td>654</td>
<td>$6.05</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/18/2013</td>
<td>SXU ball raises thousands for student scholarships</td>
<td>The Beverly Review</td>
<td>65,390</td>
<td>654</td>
<td>$6.05</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/18/2013</td>
<td>Twickler, 87, took active role in serving seniors</td>
<td>The Beverly Review</td>
<td>65,390</td>
<td>654</td>
<td>$6.05</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/19/2013</td>
<td>Crowd Pleasers for June 21, 2013</td>
<td>The SouthtownStar</td>
<td>400,798</td>
<td>49,739</td>
<td>$460.09</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/20/2013</td>
<td>Eisenhower names top 10 graduates</td>
<td>The SouthtownStar</td>
<td>400,798</td>
<td>49,739</td>
<td>$460.09</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/21/2013</td>
<td>Westosha Central High School Class of 2013 scholarships and award winners</td>
<td>Mykenoshacounty.com</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/21/2013</td>
<td>Vickroy: Teacher opens doors, worlds for students</td>
<td>The SouthtownStar</td>
<td>400,798</td>
<td>49,739</td>
<td>$460.09</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/22/2013</td>
<td>Varjavand: Taking religion’s lessons to form ‘Religion of Humanity’</td>
<td>The SouthtownStar</td>
<td>400,798</td>
<td>49,739</td>
<td>$460.09</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Date</td>
<td>Title</td>
<td>Source</td>
<td>Hits</td>
<td>Clicks</td>
<td>Revenue</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>------------</td>
<td>----------------------------------------------------------------------</td>
<td>------------------</td>
<td>--------</td>
<td>--------</td>
<td>----------</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/22/2013</td>
<td>SouthtownStar Athletes On Campus: Kate Mollohan honored by St. Xavier</td>
<td>Topix</td>
<td>26,856</td>
<td>3,873</td>
<td>$35,831.38</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/24/2013</td>
<td>June Teacher of the Month: Cynthia Burnett</td>
<td>CLTV</td>
<td>2,770</td>
<td>2,770</td>
<td>$25.62</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/24/2013</td>
<td>Charity Briefs for June 25, 2013</td>
<td>Lake County News-Sun-Times</td>
<td>391,413</td>
<td>42,195</td>
<td>$390.30</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/24/2013</td>
<td>BestColleges.com Announces Their Unique and Non-Traditional Set of Best College Listings</td>
<td>PRWeb</td>
<td>3,474,761</td>
<td>1,552,310</td>
<td>$14,358.87</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/24/2013</td>
<td>BestColleges.com Announces Their Unique and Non-Traditional Set of Best College Listings</td>
<td>StreetInsider.com</td>
<td>253,243</td>
<td>25,625</td>
<td>$237.03</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/24/2013</td>
<td>Charity briefs for June 25, 2013</td>
<td>The SouthtownStar</td>
<td>400,798</td>
<td>49,739</td>
<td>$460.09</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/24/2013</td>
<td>Former Bulls top draft pick to be St. Francis de Sales director of boys basketball</td>
<td>The Times of Northwest Indiana</td>
<td>3,826,696</td>
<td>255,465</td>
<td>$2,363.05</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/24/2013</td>
<td>June Teacher of the Month: Cynthia Burnett</td>
<td>WGN-TV</td>
<td>1,995,467</td>
<td>261,354</td>
<td>$2,417.52</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/25/2013</td>
<td>St. Francis de Sales restructures athletic department</td>
<td>The Times of Northwest Indiana</td>
<td>3,826,696</td>
<td>255,465</td>
<td>$2,363.05</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/26/2013</td>
<td>Palisade hires softball coach</td>
<td>GJSentinel.com</td>
<td>111,966</td>
<td>21,239</td>
<td>$196.46</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/26/2013</td>
<td>06-26-13 SSC Participates In Collaboration Focused On Regional Economic Development Issues</td>
<td>Shopper Source Online</td>
<td>371</td>
<td>371</td>
<td>$3.43</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/26/2013</td>
<td>A setback for racial justice</td>
<td>The Answer Sheet - Washington Post</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>$0.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/26/2013</td>
<td>LTHS grad Courtney Correa prepares to keep running at Xavier</td>
<td>The Homer Horizon</td>
<td>26,868</td>
<td>8,076</td>
<td>$74.70</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>6/26/2013</td>
<td>High school notes: Softball will continue across the pond for Oak Ridge graduate</td>
<td>The Sacramento Bee</td>
<td>7,805,544</td>
<td>1,137,902</td>
<td>$10,525.59</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td>1,655,654,882</td>
<td>106,804,042</td>
<td>$987,937.39</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Prof. Robert Shapiro discusses NSA surveillance
06/07/2013    FOX 32 Chicago

Prof. Robert Shapiro discusses pending Supreme Court cases
06/16/2013    ABC 7 Chicago

SXU and WGN-TV’s Teacher of the Month for June, 2013 – Cynthia Burnett
06/25/2013    WGN 9 Chicago

Prof. Robert Shapiro discusses Supreme Court striking down part of Voting Rights Act
06/26/2013    NBC 5 Chicago

Prof. Robert Shapiro discusses Supreme Court striking down part of the Voting Rights Act
06/27/2013    FOX 32 Chicago

Prof. William Kresse on preventing summer ID theft
06/30/2013    NBC 5 Chicago
Charity Briefs for June 4, 2013 - Text to Give
06/03/2013  SouthtownStar

Andrew Greeley laid to rest from Christ the King
06/04/2013  The Beverly Review

New head of recreation for H-F parks
06/04/2013  SouthtownStar

St. Louis alderman asks for help from supporters to pay daughter's tuition
06/05/2013  KMOV

Freeman Bosley Sr. sends out letter asking for help paying daughter's college tuition
06/05/2013  KSDK

St. Louis alderman sought donations for daughter's college education
06/05/2013  STL Today

City official asks for help with daughter's tuition
06/06/2013  Arizona Central

Freeman Bosley, Sr. Drops Daughter's Tuition Fundraiser
06/06/2013  FOX 2 Now St. Louis

Missouri alderman says he will return tuition donations
06/06/2013  KAIT

St. Louis alderman says he will return tuition donations after controversial letter
06/06/2013  KMOV

Alderman Freeman Bosley Sr. trashes public colleges
06/06/2013  KSDK

Alderman withdraws plea for help paying for daughter's college
06/06/2013  KTRS

St. Louis alderman sought donations for daughter's college education
06/06/2013  Lucianne

Missouri alderman says he will return tuition donations
06/06/2013  News-Leader

Freeman Bosley Sr. Solicits Donations For Child's College Tuition: "I've Spent All...I Have"
06/06/2013  Riverfront Times

Maloney receives honorary doctorate at SXU
06/06/2013  SouthtownStar
Missouri Alderman Says He Will Return Tuition Donations
06/06/2013   WGRZ

Alderman Freeman Bosley Sr. Says He Won't Accept Donations To Daughter's College Tuition
06/07/2013   Riverfront Times

Speak Out for June 10, 2013
06/07/2013   SouthtownStar

Alderman Bosley says he will return any college donations
06/07/2013   STL Today

Charity Briefs for June 11, 2013 - Text to Give
06/10/2013   SouthtownStar

Gray, Henkel engaged to marry
06/11/2013   The Amboy News

Rosen highlights industry changes at BAPA event
06/11/2013   The Beverly Review

Scholars in the News - Mary Haras
06/11/2013   The Beverly Review

Sheriff Dart: I plan to run for re-election in 2014, not aiming for statewide office
06/11/2013   Chicago Sun-Times

Bosley Sr. Needs an Education on Reality
06/11/2013   St. Louis Magazine

Straphanger art: Perusing the CTA Collection
06/12/2013   Chicago Sun-Times

Kanye West Hosts Impromptu Listening Party During Art Basel Switzerland
06/12/2013   The Daily Beast

Chicago - SXU's School of Nursing accredited by Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
06/13/2013   Advance for Nurses

Charity Briefs for June 18, 2013 - Text to Give
06/17/2013   SouthtownStar

Students get into artistic spirit
06/18/2013   The Beverly Review

SXU ball raises thousands for student scholarships
06/18/2013   The Beverly Review

Twickler, 87, took active role in serving senior
06/18/2013   The Beverly Review

Crowd Pleasers for June 21, 2013 - Summer Concert
06/19/2013   SouthtownStar
Eisenhower names top 10 graduates  
06/20/2013  SouthtownStar

Vickroy: Teacher opens doors, worlds for students  
06/21/2013  SouthtownStar

Varjavand: Taking religion’s lessons to form ‘Religion of Humanity’  
06/22/2013  SouthtownStar

BestColleges.com Announces Their Unique and Non-Traditional Set of Best College Listings  
06/24/2013  PRWeb

Charity Briefs for June 25, 2013 - Text to Give  
06/24/2013  SouthtownStar

June Teacher of the Month: Cynthia Burnett  
06/25/2013  WGN Chicago

A setback for racial justice  
06/26/2013  The Washington Post
Illiana’s Rudenga shines on and off the diamond  
06/02/2013  Northwest Indiana Times

Stamps Sign Lemon and Coy  
06/02/2013  Our Sports Central

STAMPEDERS SIGN DEFENSIVE LINEMAN LEMON, QUARTERBACK COY  
06/02/2013  TSN

Students sign letters of intent  
06/04/2013  The Bevely Review

New Head Baseball Coach for Conant High School  
06/06/2013  Chicago Tribune

Fivelson to lead Conant baseball program  
06/06/2013  Daily Herald

Peotone’s Winkelman Signs With St. Xavier  
06/06/2013  The Peotone Vedette

Community Sports Calendar (Central) for June 9, 2013 - Girls Basketball Camp/Boys Basketball Camp  
06/06/2013  SouthtownStar

Local soccer club to compete at Disney Cup  
06/07/2013  Northwest Indiana Times

McGRATH: Dwyane Wade’s former Richards coach still watching over him  
06/08/2013  Chicago Sun-Times

It all adds up to Fivelson coaching at Conant  
06/08/2013  Daily Herald

SXU softball team sets national defense mark  
06/11/2013  The Beverly Review

FOOT: USF Ranked No. 7 By Sporting News  
06/11/2013  WANE

Community Sports Calendar (Central) for June 16, 2013  
06/14/2013  SouthtownStar

Summit grad Buell wins NCAA title in pole vault  
06/15/2013  STL Today

Lowell man critically injured in crash  
06/16/2013  Lowell Community
Former Bulls top draft pick to be St. Francis de Sales director of boys basketball
06/24/2013  Northwest Indiana Times
Saint Xavier University Department of Philosophy Professor Robert Shapiro discussed the constitutionality of the National Security Agency monitoring emails and phone records on FOX 32's Good Day Chicago on Fri., June 7.

Shapiro is a constitutional law expert and a trial lawyer for Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum & Nagelberg LLP.
Professor Robert Shapiro discusses pending Supreme Court cases

06/16/2013

Saint Xavier University Department of Philosophy Professor Robert Shapiro discussed several pending Supreme Court cases on ABC 7's NewsViews on Sun., June 16.

Shapiro is a constitutional law expert and a trial lawyer for Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum & Nagelberg LLP.

-Top-
Saint Xavier University has partnered with WGN-TV Chicago to highlight the Teacher of the Month program, which honors educators who make a difference in their communities.

The program recognizes outstanding kindergarten, elementary, junior high, high school, vocational, and special education teachers in Chicagoland and northwest Indiana. Cynthia Burnett, who teaches second grade at Cardinal Joseph Bernadin School in Orland Hills, is June's Teacher of the Month. This segment appeared on WGN Chicago's News at Nine on June 25. Teachers of the Month also will appear on the SXU and WGN-TV websites.

One teacher will be selected each month through June 2013 for a total of 10 honorees. Teachers of the Month are chosen based on educational achievements in the classroom, community contributions and innovativeness of the program/techniques used by the teacher. Each Teacher of the Month is featured on the WGN-TV news and will receive a certificate of recognition. Additionally, each Teacher of the Month will receive a $1,000 donation from SXU to purchase school supplies for his or her classroom.

-Top-
Saint Xavier University Department of Philosophy Professor Robert Shapiro discussed the Supreme Court's decision to strike down part of the Voting Rights Act on NBC 5's The Talk on Wed., June 26.

Shapiro is a constitutional law expert and a trial lawyer for Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum & Nagelberg LLP.
Prof. Robert Shapiro discusses Supreme Court striking down part of the Voting Rights Act

06/27/2013

Saint Xavier University Department of Philosophy Professor Robert Shapiro discussed the Supreme Court's decision to strike down part of the Voting Rights Act on FOX 32's "Good Day Chicago" on Thurs., June 27.

Shapiro is a constitutional law expert and a trial lawyer for Barack Ferrazzano Kirschbaum & Nagelberg LLP.
Saint Xavier University Prof. William Kresse discussed how people can protect themselves from identity theft during summer months on June 30 on NBC Chicago's News at 8 a.m.

Kresse, also known as Professor Fraud, is an associate professor at the Graham School of Management. He is director of the SXU Center for the Study of Fraud and Corruption.

-Top-
Charity Briefs for June 4, 2013

June 3, 2013 3:00PM

Text to Give: St. Xavier University’s Department for University Advancement has announced a new “Text to Give” mobile giving campaign to benefit the university’s Class Gift Fund and the St. Xavier Fund. The program allows donors to make $10 donations using their mobile phones through Give by Cell. You can make a gift to the Class Gift Fund by texting CLASSGIFT with your first and last name to 20222, or make a gift to the St. Xavier Fund by texting SXU with your first and last name to 20222. Donors can give multiple times a month depending on your carrier. Donations are tax-deductible, and pledges are billed through your monthly cell phone bill. Messaging and data rates may apply. For information, visit www.givebycell.com.

-Top-
Andrew Greeley laid to rest from Christ the King

Posted: Tuesday, June 4, 2013 2:00 pm

by Caroline Connors

The Rev. Andrew Greeley had a special fondness for the parish of Christ the King (CK) Roman Catholic Church in Beverly.

Greeley began his life as a parish priest at CK, spending 10 years there after his ordination with the archdiocese of Chicago in 1954, said Monsignor Pat Pollard, a former pastor at CK.

“It was his first love,” Pollard said, “and it always stayed with him.”

And so it is fitting that the parish of Christ the King is where Greeley’s long and illustrious life would be celebrated at its end. Greeley died in his Chicago home on May 30 at the age of 85.

Before his death, Greeley asked that his visitation and funeral be held at Christ the King, a request that would be fulfilled on June 4 and 5.

“Most priests have a soft spot in their hearts for their first assignment,” said the Rev. Tom Conde, current pastor at CK. “We are honored to carry out his wishes.”

A journalist, novelist, academic, researcher and Roman Catholic priest for 59 years, Greeley was a figure of national prominence who was known for his unfailing dedication to the Church and also for his vocal criticism of it.

“He was a man of contradictions in some ways,” said Graziano Marcheschi, executive director for university ministry at St. Xavier University (SXU). “One of his great qualities was that he understood the issues that people had with the Church, and he was not unwilling to be critical of it while remaining a priest.”

A strident fan of feminism—he was among the first to publicly refer to God as “she,” Marcheschi said—Greeley often voiced his opinions on education, politics and Church reform through his writing. He was an “amazingly prolific man,” Marcheschi said, whose 50-some novels were often labeled as “racy” and whose views in the 100-plus works of non-fiction he penned were often polarizing.

“There were people who loved him and people who didn’t, but even those who didn’t like him respected him,” Marcheschi said. “The things he was critical of he was usually right about.”
Although he liked to goad the Church hierarchy, including Cardinal John Patrick Cody, former archbishop of Chicago, Greeley enjoyed a cordial relationship with Cardinal Francis George, Marcheschi said, and was close with many of his colleagues.

A native of Chicago’s Austin neighborhood on the West Side, Greeley grew up wanting to become a priest and was a strong advocate of Catholic education, donating hundreds of thousands of dollars to the Chicago Archdiocese for a scholarship endowment in 2003.

With a master’s and doctorate degrees from the University of Chicago, Greeley was highly educated but down to earth, his friends said. He kept a collection of Irish poetry books at the CK sacristy to use as reference materials for his homilies, Pollard said, which were both “challenging” and “charming.”

Greeley suffered a traumatic brain injury in 2008 when he caught his jacket in the door of a taxicab and fell, hitting his head.

Prior to the accident, Greeley was “as vital as the day is long,” Conde said. “His birthday was just another excuse to have a party.”

The Beverly neighborhood and the parish of Christ the King was the setting for several of Greeley’s novels, Conde said, and its residents will remember Greeley as one of their own.
New head of recreation for H-F parks

June 4, 2013 10:54PM

A former Orland Park recreation supervisor is now the superintendent of recreation for the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District.

Stephanie Simpson began on the job Monday and will be responsible for overseeing the recreation programming and marketing staffs and facility rentals, including the Irwin Community Center. She will also coordinate the park district’s leisure services committee and serve as the district’s representative on the South Suburban Special Recreation Board.

Simon, who has an undergraduate degree in leisure studies from the University of Illinois and a master’s degree in business from St. Xavier University, also was the recreation supervisor for the Channahon Park District.

Homewood-Flossmoor Park District maintains 32 parks and 10 facilities.

-Top-
St. Louis alderman asks for help from supporters to pay daughter’s tuition

by Matt Sczesny / News 4

KMOV.com

Posted on June 5, 2013 at 10:55 PM

St. Louis alderman says he will return tuition donations after controversial letter

(KMOV) -- St Louis Alderman Freeman Bosley Sr. said he will not accept any money sent to him from his now controversial letter seeking financial help for his daughter’s college tuition.

“I wouldn’t accept it, I would send it back,” Bosley told News 4.

The letter that Bosley admits he wrote states his daughter’s scholarships and grants only cover part of the $38,000 costs at St. Xavier University in Chicago and he needs to raise $14,000.

Officials and political ethics experts say Bosley did nothing illegal but did come close to blurring the line between his public and private life.

Bosley pointed out he did not write the letter on official city stationary and sent it out about 50 letters to family and close friends.

Click here to see the full letter sent by Bosley.

-Top-
ST. LOUIS (KSDK) - Alderman Freeman Bosley Sr. has sent a letter out asking for help paying for his daughter's college tuition.

The letter was mailed out approximately one week ago. In it he says his daughter, Kenya Young-Bosley, will attend St. Xavier University in Chicago beginning in the fall. He says tuition is $38,890. Young-Bosley received tuition to pay for almost $25,000, but needs help paying the remaining $14,276.

The letter also stresses his daughter remained in the top 2 percent of her class while at St. Elizabeth Academy.

"Why would I want to send a child that can do that over four years over to the public university when her intent is to become a lawyer?" he said.

Bosley says he mailed the letter to friends and supporters, but cannot remember how many were sent out. He says he mailed it in an envelope he paid for, and did not use city supplies.

He did not say if anyone has sent him any money to aid in the tuition payments.

Bosley insists the letter is not a public solicitation.
"It didn't have my aldermanic stationary it didn't have my aldermanic letter, these were not people that were asking me to help them do something in the city these were people that I had met over a period of years that I thought were friends," he said.
St. Louis alderman sought donations for daughter's college education

June 05, 2013 11:08 pm • By Nicholas J.C. Pistor npistor@post-dispatch.com 314-436-2239114

ST. LOUIS • Alderman Freeman Bosley Sr. says he “dug as deep as he could” to pay for his daughter’s college education.

So the longtime city politician sent an unusual letter to friends and supporters, asking them to provide $14,274 he says is the outstanding balance of his daughter’s upcoming bill at St. Xavier University in Chicago.

“Although the help from scholarships and grants has paid for nearly twenty-five thousand dollars, the remaining balance is still a challenge,” Bosley wrote in the undated letter obtained this week by the Post-Dispatch.

Bosley asked for the checks to be made out to St. Xavier University and mailed to an address in the 3200 block of University Street.

Bosley, a Democrat, appeared indignant when first asked about the letter on Wednesday morning. He told a reporter that he didn’t use any city resources and was just asking for money from friends. The letter wasn’t sent on city stationery or campaign letterhead.

“I get asked for things all of the time,” Bosley said, adding that he would have his lawyer deliver a statement later in the day.

Bosley then called the reporter back and read the brief statement himself, saying that the cost of a college education had become expensive and that he was “just a father trying to help his daughter.”

The solicitation, however, has raised ethical questions and put a spotlight on what some say are lenient state laws governing the money politicians raise — and how they report it.

“It’s a unique situation,” said Stacey Heislen, the acting director of the Missouri Ethics Commission. “We’ve never been posed a question of this nature before, that I’m aware of anyway.”

Heislen said that it didn’t appear that Bosley’s letter violated any state statute.
That is shocking news to some national campaign finance experts. After all, Bosley isn’t just any parent trying to pay for his children’s education. He’s an elected office holder.

“It’s stunning that there aren’t local laws prohibiting this type of behavior,” said Meredith McGehee, the policy director at the Campaign Legal Center in Washington.

“This is the perfect example of cash for access,” McGehee added. “If you want to get in good graces, finance the college education of an elected official’s daughter.”

Politicians in other states have come under fire for having donors pay for personal expenses of relatives. Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell was recently slammed by critics for failing to disclose that a businessman helped cover the $15,000 catering bill for his daughter’s wedding. The Washington Post reported in April that the issue is now the subject of an FBI inquiry.

Bosley wouldn’t identify who received his letter or how many were sent — or whether any money had been raised as a result.

“How many people do you know?” Bosley said when asked how many letters had gone out.

“I know thousands of people,” he said, but noted that he didn’t send the letter to everyone he knows.

Bosley later stressed that he isn’t using his office to influence any donations.

However, the letter begins: “This is Alderman Freeman Bosely Sr. requesting your support once more.”

Bosley, like all aldermen, is paid $37,000 a year. Bosley raised $25,363 in campaign donations during the last election cycle. He has $820 on hand, according to a campaign finance report filed last month.

Mayor Francis Slay had no comment on the situation, a spokesman said Wednesday. Aldermanic President Lewis Reed could not be reached for comment.

Bosley, 78, who represents the 3rd Ward, first took office in 1977. He ran unsuccessfully for mayor in 1985, then returned to the board a few years later. His son, Freeman Bosley Jr., became the city’s first African-American mayor, serving one term in the 1990s.

The letter says Bosley’s daughter, Kenya, attended St. Elizabeth Academy, a Catholic all-girls school in St. Louis that was shuttered last month.

“On top of the difficult process of finding scholarships, Kenya’s class lost their high school counselor and college consultant in early October, due to the school’s closure,” Bosley wrote. “It has made it challenging for Kenya, as well as other seniors in her class, to be aware of scholarship opportunities and to make sure they are well prepared for the next step.”

Bosley said his daughter, 18, was in the top 2 percent of her class and maintained a 4.0 grade point average.

Kenya Young-Bosley said she knew of her father’s effort and referred all questions to him.

-Top-
City official asks for help with daughter’s tuition

Associated Press

Thu Jun 6, 2013 9:16 AM

ST. LOUIS — Saying he has “dug as deep as he could,” a St. Louis alderman is soliciting contributions from constituents to help pay for his daughter’s college education.

Freeman Bosley Sr., 78, sent a letter to friends and supporters asking them to provide $14,274 to pay the outstanding balance of his 18-year-old daughter’s upcoming bill at St. Xavier University in Chicago.

Although his daughter has nearly $25,000 in scholarships and grants, Bosley wrote in the undated letter obtained by The St. Louis Post-Dispatch (http://bit.ly/15NQp1u), “the remaining balance is still a challenge.”

“I get asked for things all of the time,” Bosley told a reporter Wednesday. The longtime local politician later said he was “just a father trying to help his daughter.”

The Democrat’s request raised ethical questions, but a Missouri Ethics Commission official said it doesn’t appear the letter violated any state laws. It has, however, put a spotlight on what some say are lenient state laws governing the money politicians raise and how it gets reported.

“It’s a unique situation,” said Stacey Heislen, acting director of the Missouri Ethics Commission. “We’ve never been posed a question of this nature before, that I’m aware of anyway.”
Bosley wouldn’t identify who received his letter or how many were sent — or how much money, if any, has been raised — but he stressed he isn’t using his office to influence any donations.

Still, his letter begins: “This is Alderman Freeman Bosely Sr. requesting your support once more.”

Bosley and his fellow aldermen are paid $37,000 a year. He raised $25,363 in campaign donations during the last election cycle, and a campaign finance report filed last month showed he has $820 on hand.

In his letter, Bosley said his daughter had attended St. Elizabeth Academy, an all-girls Catholic high school in St. Louis that was shut down last month. He said she was in the top 2 percent of her class and had a 4.0 grade point average.

“On top of the difficult process of finding scholarships, Kenya’s class lost their high school counselor and college consultant in early October, due to the school’s closure,” Bosley wrote. “It has made it challenging for Kenya, as well as other seniors in her class, to be aware of scholarship opportunities and to make sure they are well prepared for the next step.”

A spokesman for Mayor Francis Slay said the mayor had no comment on the situation.

*** This article also appeared in the following sources: Belleville News Democrat; Enquirer Herald; Lebanon Daily Record; KCTV; KFVS; KOAM; St. Louis Today; St. Joseph News-Press; and WGEM.

-Top-
ST. LOUIS, MO (KTVI)– St. Louis Alderman Freeman Bosely, Sr. now says he will “not” accept donations in response to a letter he sent trying to raise money for his daughter’s college tuition.

At Bosely’s campaign headquarters in the Hyde Park neighborhood of north St. Louis, the long time alderman, clearly tired of doing damage control has switched to surrender mode.

“I will give ever nickel back because you, the media has made a big deal out of it like there is something coming to me and nothing is coming to me,” Bosley Sr. said. “The letters ask to make the check out to the university where she has been accepted.”

The trouble started Wednesday when Bosely Sr.’s fundraising letter became public.

The letter stars, “This is Alderman Freeman Bosely Senior requesting your support once more.”

It goes on to explain that his daughter has been accepted to St. Xavier University in Chicago and that despite scholarships and grants, she is still $14,276 short.

The letter requests donations be sent to his daughter’s home address.
“This did not go out like I send a letter out in my ward asking people to vote for me or send letters out asking them to buy tickets and come to my fundraiser,” Bosley said. “These are people that I knew personally that I consider friends.”

The letters were printed on plain paper but sent, according to Bosley, in envelopes printed with his red white and blue branded logo. Bosley says he paid for the stamps himself.

But despite his explanation, at the barbershop next to his campaign headquarters, the alderman’s reasoning was not making the cut.

“I think it is kind of crazy asking his supporters to pay for his daughter to go to school,” said city resident Tom Bradford. “By being an alderman, it is kind of bad on his behalf.”

Bosley says about 100 letters were sent. He did not say whether his daughter has received any donations.

“The people who got that letter understood that here was a father trying to help a daughter become something that is going to be a credit to the city of St. Louis.”

-Top-
Missouri alderman says he will return tuition donations

Posted: Jun 06, 2013 11:06 AM CDT

ST. LOUIS (AP) - A St. Louis alderman who asked constituents to pay off his daughter's college tuition bill now says he'll return any donations he receives as a result of that request.

Freeman Bosley Sr. raised eyebrows when he sent a letter asking constituents to pay the more than $14,000 still owed for his 18-year-old daughter's upcoming tuition bill at St. Xavier University in Chicago.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch (http://bit.ly/15NQp1u ) reports Bosley's letter says his daughter had received about $25,000 in scholarships and grants but coming up with the rest of the money was a challenge.

The 78-year-old Democrat says he'll now have to find another way to send his daughter to school.

He declined to say how many other children he has, though he said one is currently attending college in Tennessee.

Information from: St. Louis Post-Dispatch, http://www.stltoday.com

-Top-
St. Louis alderman says he will return tuition donations after controversial letter

by Matt Sczesny / News 4
KMOV.com

Posted on June 6, 2013 at 12:56 PM

(KMOV) -- St. Louis Alderman Freeman Bosley Sr. said he will not accept any money sent to him from his now controversial letter seeking financial help for his daughter’s college tuition.

“I wouldn’t accept it, I would send it back,” Bosley told News 4.

Freeman Bosley Sr. raised eyebrows when he sent a letter asking constituents to pay the more than $14,000 still owed for his 18-year-old daughter’s upcoming tuition bill at St. Xavier University in Chicago. The university costs $38,000 a year to attend.

Bosley’s letter says his daughter had received about $25,000 in scholarships and grants but coming up with the rest of the money was a challenge.

The 78-year-old Democrat says he’ll now have to find another way to send his daughter to school.

Officials and political ethics experts say Bosley did nothing illegal but did come close to blurring the line between his public and private life.
Bosley pointed out he did not write the letter on official city stationary and sent it out about 50 letters to family and close friends.

He declined to say how many other children he has, though he said one is currently attending college in Tennessee.

Click here to see the full letter sent by Bosley.
ST. LOUIS (KSDK) - St. Louis Alderman Freeman Bosely, Sr. told I-Team reporter Leisa Zigman Thursday he will not accept any donations for his daughter's college tuition.

Bosely said, "Return to sender," when asked about the fall out in the past 24 hours.

But it is a comment made to News Channel Five that continues to ruffle feathers. Bosley, Sr said, "Why would I want to send a child that can do that (get 97%) over four years over to a public university when her intent is to become a lawyer?"

"It doesn't make sense to send her out to Forest Park, now would it."

It makes perfect sense to Devon Cook a business administration major at St. Louis Community College, Forest Park.

Cook said, "I actually feel like he was trashing public universities. It doesn't matter where you get your education from, as long as you get your education...I would have to disagree with that completely."

College spokesperson DeLancey Smith showed off this year's graduates receiving national recognition.

He added, "Mr. Bosley, Sr. needs to investigate the options in St. Louis. We feel very strongly about the quality of instruction we offer at the price. We feel we are a real asset and should be looked at that way."
While the Missouri ethics commission said Bosley, Sr. did not violate any current laws regarding his solicitation letter, the policy director of the Campaign Legal Center in Washington, D.C. called it a "Brazen exploitation of the Alderman's position."

Meredith McGehee, added, "I am shocked Missouri doesn't have stronger laws regarding gift rules." She said states like Wisconsin have "coffee rules" where officials can't even accept a cup of coffee from someone.

The head of Missouri's Ethic's Commission said she welcomes stronger laws but that would be up to legislators. Bosley, Sr. and a spokesperson for Xavier University said no checks have been received as a result of the letter.

Bosley came under fire for sending a letter last week to friends and supporters asking for help to pay for his daughter's tuition at St. Xavier College in Chicago.

He said he has not received any money as a result of the letter and when we called St. Xavier, a spokesperson said the college had not either. The college issued the following statement:

"We are very happy that Kenya Young-Bosley, daughter of St. Louis Alderman Freeman Bosley Sr., will be attending Saint Xavier University in the fall. It's talented, ambitious students like Kenya that we enjoy seeing on our campus. We are proud of the scholarship support we're able to offer, and we make every effort to keep our tuition cost reasonable for students of all socioeconomic backgrounds."

-Top-
A St. Louis Alderman who had asked friends and supporters to help him pay for his daughter's college education is withdrawing the request.

Freeman Bosley Sr said he needs just over $14,000 to cover the cost of sending his daughter to St. Xavier University in Chicago. Bosley said he was not sure why the request was raising questions and he did not believe he did anything unethical.

Since the story broke, Bosley told the Post-Dispatch he would return all donations. The ethics commission has also said it is an odd request, but it does not seem to be illegal.

-Top-
St. Louis alderman sought donations for daughter's college education

St. Louis Post Dispatch, by Nicholas J. C. Pistor

Posted By: O.S. Banker, 6/6/2013 8:52:04 AM

ST. LOUIS • Alderman Freeman Bosley Sr. says he “dug as deep as he could” to pay for his daughter’s college education. So the longtime city politician sent an unusual letter to friends and supporters, asking them to provide $14,274 he says is the outstanding balance of his daughter’s upcoming bill at St. Xavier University in Chicago. “Although the help from scholarships and grants has paid for nearly twenty-five thousand dollars, the remaining balance is still a challenge,” Bosley wrote in the undated letter obtained this week by the Post-Dispatch.

Comments:

If you want a front row seat to the decline of a great American City look no further. Mr. Bosley has a long history of ‘public service’ in St. Louis and has been implicated in previous scandals. But his constituents keep electing him to office. His constituents who are sending their kids to a failing public school system will probably re-elect him again.

The ultimate irony is that this schmuck thinks he did nothing wrong because there is no law against it. And yes, he is a Democrat.

-Top-
ST. LOUIS (AP) — A St. Louis alderman who asked constituents to pay off his daughter’s college tuition bill now says he’ll return any donations he receives as a result of that request.

Freeman Bosley Sr. raised eyebrows when he sent a letter asking constituents to pay the more than $14,000 still owed for his 18-year-old daughter’s upcoming tuition bill at St. Xavier University in Chicago.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch reports Bosley’s letter says his daughter had received about $25,000 in scholarships and grants but coming up with the rest of the money was a challenge.

The 78-year-old Democrat says he’ll now have to find another way to send his daughter to school.

He declined to say how many other children he has, though he said one is currently attending college in Tennessee.

-Top-
St. Louis alderman Freeman Bosley Sr. has spent many years giving back to the community -- and now he needs a little help in return.

So says Bosley, who is getting a lot of attention this week -- including a front-page Post-Dispatch story today -- for a letter he sent to some of his local contacts asking for donations to help pay for his daughter's college tuition.

"I've spent all the money that I have," Bosley tells Daily RFT. "You know aldermen don't make no damn money."

Bosley tells us that his daughter, Kenya Young-Bosley, who is turning eighteen next month, will attend St. Xavier University in Chicago this fall and eventually wants to go to law school. He says that she has maintained a 4.0 GPA and is in the top 2 percent of her class.

He says in his letter, on view below, that because of her academic achievements, she has been awarded substantial scholarships and has knocked the $38,890 cost down to $14,276.

But he still needs a little bit of help.

The P-D, which first reported the letter, questions whether Bosley violated any ethics laws through this letter, but seems to answer its own question with a statement from the acting director of the Missouri Ethics Commission saying that it does not appear the letter violated any state statutes.

Nonetheless, the P-D runs with a headline on the jump on A-6 that says "Though Bosley may not have broken law, ethics questions raised."

Bosley seemed pretty perplexed by the coverage when Daily RFT reached him yesterday.

"I never asked anybody to make a check to me," he says. "I asked them to make it to St. Xavier University."

The letter directs supporters to help sponsor her and send any funds directly to the school.

"College is expensive," he says.

Bosley, whose son was mayor of St. Louis from 1993 to 1997, also argues that there's no way this is inappropriate or could lead to any unethical practices in office.
"I don't accept anything from anybody," he says. "I don't let them buy me soda."

He continues, "I wouldn't care if you supported me in my election.... I'm [not] saying if you give me $5, I'll give you $50 in city money. The city don't got no money anyway!"

He notes that he has devoted a lot of his efforts to helping children.

"This isn't the first time that a child has come to me," he says. "I've done this for many, many, many children. But it just so happens this one is my daughter. She needs help like anybody else."

He continues, "To not send that child off to college...that would be a disservice to this community. She has the ability to be somebody that's going to really make a difference in this community.... What should I do? Not let her finish college?"

He says her daughter came to him and asked for some support, and they put together the letter and sent it off to a handful of contacts.

And she'll be giving back one day -- after she gets the opportunity to attend college herself.

"Once she gets there, I know she's going to reach out and help others," he says.

For her part, Young-Bosley tells Daily RFT in a brief chat that it has been difficult to find the money she needs. She says she is considering double majoring in pre-law and pre-med.

"It's important that I go to college," she says.

Here's the letter.

Freeman Bosley Sr. Letter

-Top-
Maloney receives honorary doctorate at SXU

June 6, 2013 5:44PM

Former Illinois State Sen. Edward D. Maloney received an honorary doctorate and delivered the commencement addresses at St. Xavier University’s Spring Commencement ceremonies.

Maloney, a lifelong resident of the Beverly area, represented the state’s 18th District from 2003 to 2013.

He chaired the Higher Education Committee and fought to maintain grant funding for financially vulnerable college students. He also was a member of the Illinois Team of Complete College America, the Higher Education Finance Study Commission and co-chairman of the Legislative Education Caucus. Maloney served as vice chairman of the Labor and Commerce Committee and was a member of the Revenue and Appropriations committees.

He spent 28 years as a teacher, coach, counselor and volunteer at Oak Lawn Community High School, and seven years as assistant principal and dean of faculty at Brother Rice High School. He also was an area manager and a deputy director for the Chicago Park District.

Maloney has been a member of the University’s School of Education Advisory Board since 2003. Other local involvements have included membership on the Little Company of Mary Hospital Foundation Board, the Oak Lawn Community High School Foundation Board, the West Beverly Civic Association and the St. John Fisher School Board.

Maloney holds a bachelor’s degree in political science from Lewis University and a master’s degree in education from Chicago State University.
Missouri Alderman Says He Will Return Tuition Donations

2:58 PM, Jun 6, 2013

ST. LOUIS (AP) - A St. Louis alderman who asked constituents to pay off his daughter's college tuition bill now says he'll return any donations he receives as a result of that request.

Freeman Bosley Sr. raised eyebrows when he sent a letter asking constituents to pay the more than $14,000 still owed for his 18-year-old daughter's upcoming tuition bill at St. Xavier University in Chicago.

The St. Louis Post-Dispatch (http://bit.ly/15NQp1u ) reports Bosley's letter says his daughter had received about $25,000 in scholarships and grants but coming up with the rest of the money was a challenge.

The 78-year-old Democrat says he'll now have to find another way to send his daughter to school.

He declined to say how many other children he has, though he said one is currently attending college in Tennessee.
Alderman Freeman Bosley Sr. is not so happy with the Post-Dispatch, the Post-Dispatch reports.

Actually, Bosley's really not pleased with any of the local reporters out there who wrote about the letter he sent soliciting donations to help pay for his daughter's college education.

"Anything I get, I will send it back," he tells Daily RFT on the phone yesterday afternoon.

"Why?" we respond.

"Because of you and other people!" he replies.

As we reported yesterday, Bosley Sr. has received quite a lot of attention for a letter he wrote, that the P-D first obtained, asking supporters to help donate to his daughter's college tuition. She just graduated from high school and plans to attend St. Xavier University in the fall.

Kenya Young-Bosley is a top student, he said, and was awarded many scholarships -- but still needs a financial boost.

In his letter, he said he needs help paying the remaining $14,276 balance.

In an interview with Daily RFT earlier in the week, he said he didn't understand why everyone was making such a big deal about this. The P-D in its front page story yesterday on the matter, did repeatedly call into question the ethics behind this solicitation, though acknowledged that it appears he did not actually violate any state statutes.

Either way, the coverage of the letter seems to have annoyed the alderman quite a bit.

And now, as the P-D reported yesterday afternoon in a follow-up, it seems he'll be giving back any donations he personally receives.

"Anybody that sends me anything relative to my daughter's education, I will send it back," he tells Daily RFT yesterday.

His original letter, however, did advise supporters to donate directly to the university if they were so inclined.

So would those donations still be okay?

"I would not know what they sent to the school unless the school called me," Bosley tells us.
In theory, it seems, he could still get some support from donors directly to the school.

But if the donations reach him, then he's giving them right back, he emphasizes.

Mid-conversation with Daily RFT, he interrupts himself to say that his lawyer will be handling all further questions. He then puts us on the phone with a woman who he says is handling the press. She tells us she would pass our information along to his attorney.

Meanwhile, the Post-Dispatch's second report includes some incredible quotes directly bashing the Post-Dispatch. A sampling:

"Since you made such a stink out of it, I'll return any money. You really have blown that thing well out of proportion. I did nothing wrong."

"The mayor didn't get a letter from me because he ain't my friend."

"I probably have more friends than probably you do because people don't call you and talk about something that would be personal to them."

"I do realize that I'm a walking news story."

Here's a copy of the letter that sparked the whole controversy:

-Top-
About the May 19 Forum letter to the editor by Patricia Kachold, of Burbank: I agree with her in commending St. Xavier University professor Reza Varjavand for his comments on the customs of Muslim women. They, as all immigrants that come here, should embrace our laws and customs. Previous generations that came here did so, learned English and accepted our way of life. If you can’t do so, return to your native country. No person going to live in your country could force their agendas for they might be tortured and/or killed. This is America. Love it or leave it.

-Top-
Alderman Bosley says he will return any college donations

June 07, 2013 12:00 am • By Nicholas J.C. Pistor npistor@post-dispatch.com 314-436-2239

ST. LOUIS • Alderman Freeman Bosley Sr. says he will return any donations received in response to a fundraising letter he sent to solicit help paying for his daughter’s college tuition.

“I won’t even open the damn envelope, if that’s what it is,” Bosley said Thursday. “I’ll just send it back.”

Bosley came under fire Wednesday after the Post-Dispatch reported he had written a letter seeking donations from “friends and supporters” to pay the $14,274 he says is the outstanding balance of his daughter’s upcoming bill at St. Xavier University in Chicago.

“Since you made such a stink out of it, I’ll return any money,” Bosley told a reporter, adding that he had not yet received a donation. “You really have blown that thing well out of proportion. I did nothing wrong.”

Bosley, a longtime city politician and father of former mayor Freeman Bosley Jr., asked for the checks to be made out to St. Xavier University in Chicago.

“Although the help from scholarships and grants has paid for nearly twenty-five thousand dollars, the remaining balance is still a challenge,” Bosley wrote in the undated letter obtained this week by the Post-Dispatch.

Now, Bosley says he will find another way to send his daughter, Kenya, to college.

“She’s going. Period. This girl is going to make a difference. Just like Freeman Jr. did. Do you think if he hadn’t graduated from college he would have become the first African-American mayor” in the city’s history?

Bosley said his daughter worked hard to finish in the top two percent of her graduating class at St. Elizabeth Academy. He said she deserves to go to a private school.

Bosley declined to say how many children he has, but said he has one other child currently attending college at Tennessee State University.
The Missouri Ethics Commission said it has never seen a similar situation, but that Bosley didn’t appear to have broken any laws.

Bosley maintains the letter was appropriate and only went to his friends.

“The mayor didn’t get a letter from me because he ain’t my friend,” Bosley said.

He added: “I probably have more friends than probably you do because people don’t call you and talk about something that would be personal to them.”

Bosley admitted: “I do realize that I’m a walking news story.”
Charity Briefs for June 11, 2013

June 10, 2013 4:42PM

Text to Give: St. Xavier University’s Department for University Advancement has announced a new “Text to Give” mobile giving campaign to benefit the university’s Class Gift Fund and the St. Xavier Fund. The program allows donors to make $10 donations using their mobile phones through Give by Cell. You can make a gift to the Class Gift Fund by texting CLASSGIFT with your first and last name to 20222, or make a gift to the St. Xavier Fund by texting SXU with your first and last name to 20222. Donors can give multiple times a month depending on your carrier. Donations are tax-deductible, and pledges are billed through your monthly cell phone bill. Messaging and data rates may apply. For information, visit www.givebycell.com.

-Top-
Gray, Henkel engaged to marry

Posted: Tuesday, Jun 11th, 2013

BY: staff

Katie Gray of Chicago and Adam Henkel of West Brooklyn announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Colleen and Jim Gray of Litchfield. Her fiancé is the son of Karen and Gerald Henkel of West Brooklyn.

The bride-elect has a bachelor of arts degree in visual communications from SIU-Carbondale, and a master of arts in special education from St. Xavier University, Chicago. She is employed at Marine Math and Science Academy in Chicago.

The groom-to-be has a bachelor of science in agronomy from Western Illinois University, Macomb. He is a precision farming specialist with Johnson Tractors, Inc., in Rochelle.

The wedding will be held June 29, 2013, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Sublette.

-Top-
Rosen highlights industry changes at BAPA event


St. Xavier University (SXU) recently welcomed Mitch Rosen, WSCR 670’s “The Score” program director, for the 2013 Breakfast with the Experts speaker and networking series.

Rosen’s talk, “Chicago Sports Radio 2013,” explored how content interaction with sports fans has changed how they follow Chicago teams. He also discussed the station’s approach to advertising, as well as the challenges of managing media personalities.

Rosen, of Beverly, also offered advice to the numerous SXU students in attendance, cautioning them that traditional sports radio jobs in today’s challenging job market tend to be scarce as well as low paying. Rosen instead highlighted the growing importance of social media for radio, and suggested that students interested in radio careers should familiarize themselves with Twitter and Facebook and actively enhance their social media skills by using and exploring the sites.

Breakfast with the Experts was jointly sponsored by SXU and the Beverly Area Planning Association. The series brings notable business, community and civic leaders together to share insights, experience, and industry knowledge with area business people.

To suggest a speaker or learn about sponsorship opportunities, call (773) 298-3748 or e-mail specialevents@sxu.edu.
Scholars in the News


Haras

St. Xavier University (SXU) school of nursing assistant professor Mary S. Haras, Ph.D., MBA, APN, NP-C, CNN, recently received a $9,061 Nurse Educator Fellowship from the Illinois Board of Higher Education. The Fellowship will support Haras’ study of perceptions of nephrology nurses toward advance care planning for persons with chronic kidney disease.

The Nurse Educator Fellowship program aims to ensure retention of well-qualified nursing faculty at institutions of higher education that award nursing degrees. The fellowships supplement recipients’ salaries and help defray professional development and continuing education expenses.

Outside of SXU, Haras remains active as a nurse practitioner in Evergreen Park, and serves as American Nephrology Nurses Association (ANNA) project director for the America Kidney Foundation Medicare Kidney Disease Education Project. She is an active member of ANNA.

-Top-
Sheriff Dart: I plan to run for re-election in 2014, not aiming for statewide office

BY FRANK MAIN Staff Reporter fmain@suntimes.com June 11, 2013 5:38PM

Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart said Tuesday that he plans to run for re-election in 2014 instead of aiming for a statewide office.

Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan has been flirting with a 2014 gubernatorial bid, leaving political observers to wonder whether Dart might seek to replace her.

But Dart, 51, said he doesn’t think his job is done in the sheriff’s office.

“On the weekends, I am a full-time dad and don’t want to give that up,” added Dart, the father of five kids ages 3 to 11.

Dart dropped out of the race to replace Mayor Richard M. Daley in 2010 because of similar family concerns.

Dart had about $236,000 in his campaign coffers, according to a March state campaign disclosure report. He said he’ll raise additional money for his primary in March 2014.

“You prepare for war in times of peace,” he said.

Dart said some of his major accomplishments in office have been fighting human trafficking and dealing with the mentally ill population in the jail.

He said more than 2,200 of the nearly 10,000 inmates in the jail have been diagnosed with mental illness and are taking prescribed medications.

“We and the L.A. County jail are the largest mental health providers in the country,” Dart said.

Dart said he also is expanding his efforts to root out corruption in the suburbs. Dolton’s new mayor invited the sheriff’s office to act as an inspector general there and other towns have made similar requests, he said.

Dart, a former Cook County prosecutor and state senator, ran for state treasurer in 2002 but lost to Republican Judy Baar Topinka. He was first elected sheriff in 2006, succeeding Sheriff Michael Sheahan, who retired.
“My future is not determined by who is moving where,” Dart said of the political game of musical chairs that is now unfolding in Illinois. “I enjoy what I am doing.”
Bosley Sr. Needs an Education on Reality

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2013 / 9:02 AM

COMMENTARY BY ALVIN REID

A couple of years ago, I was on hand when Alderman Freeman Bosley Sr., democrat from the Third Ward, made an impassioned speech to the Board of Aldermen detailing how a $500 million development project he was backing on the Salisbury Strip in Hyde Park would do wonders for his ward. He envisioned it being like Atlantic City’s Boardwalk or Coney Island in New York.

“Imagine being able to get a hot dog or an ice cream cone. Kids and families would be out there,” he trumpeted. I recall thinking that day that Bosley Sr. had lost touch with reality. Hyde Park, to put it mildly, is one of the most dangerous places in the city of St. Louis.

According to figures compiled on the website areavibes.com: The estimated Hyde Park violent crime rate is 49 percent higher than the St. Louis average. The estimated chance of being a victim of a crime in Hyde Park is 1 in 7, and your chance of being a victim of a violent crime there is 1 in 36. This is hardly a place for family strolls and ice cream parlors.

Bosley Sr. recently was awakened by gunshots in his neighborhood and then saw a thief helping himself to a stereo from his son’s automobile. He was going to chase after him, but his wife talked him out of it.

Bosley Sr. seems out of step with the world around him.

He proved as much to an even more incredible level last week, when we learned that Bosley Sr. had sent friends and supporters a letter asking them to help pay for his daughter’s college education. He solicited contributions to cover more than $14,000 in tuition at Saint Xavier University in Chicago—a somewhat pricey private school.

Once the inevitable outcry began, Bosley Sr. announced that he would return any money he received, noting that no one had come to his financial rescue as of last Thursday. He told the Post-Dispatch, “Since you made such a stink out of it, I’ll return any money. You really have blown that thing well out of proportion. I did nothing wrong.”

The 77-year-old Bosley Sr., father of the city’s first black mayor, Freeman Bosley Jr., won re-election earlier this year after winning a Democratic Primary that featured three challengers. He won easily over Jeffrey Hardin, Anthony Bell, and Maxine Johnson with almost 54 percent of the vote.

Barring his resignation or unforeseen circumstances, Bosley Sr. will be around City Hall at least another four years. If all goes well and someone pays tuition, his daughter should be nearing graduation from college when her dad’s ninth term ends.
If you enter the CTA’s Howard station and look up, you will be gazing at the most valuable piece of art owned by the transit agency.

Worth some $154,000, the one-ton stainless steel hanging art work created by a former Chicagoan and a Belgian is the most valuable public art piece among more than 50 that decorate some 40 CTA stations, officials say.

The cat was let out of the bag about the artwork’s value Wednesday, after CTA Law Department risk manager Judith Tancula told board members that an updated list of CTA assets — from art to rolling stock — put their total value at $6.36 billion.

That’s up 2.2 percent from last year and includes “a little over $5 million in art, “ with the highest-valued at any one station worth $150,000, Tancula said.

CTA officials later identified their most expensive piece, based on its insured amount, as a work called “24/7” that is insured for its replacement value of $154,050.

The massive hanging structure is a creation of Carla Arocha, a former Chicagoan with a master’s degree in art from the University of Chicago, and Stephane Schraenen of Belgium.

One Chicago art expert said she’s not surprised the pair’s creation is the CTA’s most valuable.

The stainless steel hanging artwork, weighing in at one ton, was “ridiculously expensive to fabricate” and challenging to install, said Monique Meloche, the artistic pair’s U.S. representative and owner of a Chicago gallery that bears her name.

It’s composed of dozens of stainless steel discs, polished to a mirrored finish and laser-cut with a pattern of computer-designed holes. Hanging from the ceiling of the Howard station, it is definitely “major in scale,” Meloche said.

Reflections from the nearby window and movement in the Howard station that serves the Red, Yellow and Purple lines mean that there’s “always something activating” the sculpture, “which is why they call it 24/7,” Meloche said.
Arocha was born in Venezuela, but moved to Chicago, where she obtained an undergraduate degree in biology from St. Xavier University, Meloche said. She went on to earn a bachelor’s degree in fine arts from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and a master’s in arts from the University of Chicago.

Both Arocha and Schraenen now live and work in Belgium, but they have been in some “very important” museum exhibitions “all over the place,” including in Belgium, Spain, Berlin and London, Meloche said. Their work will be exhibited in a show at the St. Louis Contemporary Art Museum in September.

The Howard station sculpture was purchased through the federally-funded Arts in Transit program. Other CTA pieces were created through the CTA’s Adopt-A-Station program.

The CTA’s art collection can be viewed online at http://www.transitchicago.com/art/
In anticipation of his new album, ‘Yeezus,’ Kanye West hosted a spur-of-the-moment listening party during Art Basel on Wednesday night—and delivered a long speech about the art world. Isabel Wilkinson was there.

The annual Art Basel fair in Basel, Switzerland, is many things: a place where the über-wealthy come to schmooze, a place to see and be seen, and—of course—a place where collectors flock to buy major pieces of art.

The last thing you’d imagine during Art Basel? A sweaty, body-to-body crowd around a stage, screaming at each other in anticipation of a “secret listening party” by Kanye West.

But just days before the release of his new album titled—yes—Yeezus, West descended on Basel to—as he put it—“have dinner with the Kravliks” (no idea who they are or how to spell their names), and to see some art.
Onstage, West recalled his experience walking between the booths at the fair: “I asked if they had any Rick Owens furniture in the show,” he said. “Then I went to the gallery that had the Rick Owens furniture. And as I sat there, I thought, maybe it would be cool to play my album tonight, as it comes out on the 18th of June ... I feel almost like Steve Jobs giving one of those addresses right now.”

Just before dinnertime, West had put out word, via Instagram and a few cryptic emails, that he would be hosting an impromptu listening party—an earlier one had been held two days before in New York—for Yeezus that night at Design Miami, the big design fair in the Messeplatz.

And, like clockwork, they came: throngs of well-dressed art collectors and dealers, socialites, and fashion folk. And they pushed. At the entrance, they jostled each other harder than, I suspect, neon-clad teenagers at the Barclays Center might. (For the record, getting 200 pushing and screaming people through three turnstiles in a matter of two minutes is, well, absolutely insane and probably illegal here in Switzerland.) The auctioneer Simon de Pury and his wife, along with collector Jean Pigozi, came from a dinner hosted by The Daily Beast and Credit Suisse—and, after being nearly trampled at the entrance, stood in the front row.

West played songs from his new album off his laptop, engaging only once in an a cappella version of the song “New Slaves.” He danced rhythmically—at times, as if he were alone in his own studio—and circumambulated the blocklike Rick Owens furniture. The first track was a collaboration with Daft Punk. He also played “Black Skinheads,” which he performed on SNL, and several other tracks that had the crowd practically trampling each other.

And, in true Kanye fashion, he talked. West gave a lengthy introduction to the session—a meandering but thoughtful speech clearly intended to connect him to the art world and this art-loving audience. Below, a selection of the speech:

“[I hate YouTube because] the player is so ugly, and it’s presented in such a terrible manner. I want everything I do to be presented in an art context, as this is a form of sonic art. I was an artist originally, I have been in art school since I was 5 years old. I got scholarships to three art schools, Art Institute of Chicago, Saint Xavier, and the American Academy of Art, where I ended up going—and I dropped out because I had an assignment where I was supposed to do an ink painting or something, and I would take two weeks to do it, and when I looked at my work, I just felt that I would never be one of the great visual artists of the world. I just felt that I would end up like—but I felt like I would end up working at an ad agency or something like that. I wanted to make something of impact. I found that when I would drop samples, my friends would react to it more. I felt that I had a real talent in chopping and appropriating music.

“What I want people to understand about sampling and producing is that it’s really similar to—and I know this is obvious what I’m going to say, because I’m a black guy so I’m gonna name the ‘most obvious artist in the world’—Warhol, but it’s very similar to the way Warhol would appropriate a Campbell’s Soup can is the way I would sonically appropriate a Ray Charles sample or a Michael Jackson sample.

“Right now it’s a fight against the separation and constant dumbing down of culture, and I’m standing in the middle of it. So if you know what people say are my lowest moments, those moments where I sat and saw them try to dumb down culture, and I would not allow it to happen on my clock. [Applause]

“So when I used to go to fashion shows with my boys and we’d be eight deep, it was almost like a civil rights, like a sit-in. They wouldn’t even let us in. They had no idea what rap would mean to this world, what rap would mean to the art world. Before the Kendrick Lamars and the A$AP Rockys, it was Kanye West in a hotel room at the Le Maurice getting a ‘no, no, no, no’ to every single fashion show.
“But I thought it was so important to get close to the artists who worked so hard on making a usable form of art—like this furniture right here, like everything that is in all these rooms that inspire us so much—and I fight in my position of being a very commercial celebrity boyfriend, I fight to push culture forward every chance I get. And I only frown because paparazzi ask me dumbass shit all the time, and I think about changing the world, and I think about what I can do to make things better. And, without further ado, I want to play you guys my new album. It’s called Yeezus.”

-Top-

***This article also appeared in the following sources: Bossip; Complex; Hello Beautiful; The Huffington Post; HypeTrak; IMDB; Model Invasion; and Zimbio.
Chicago - SXU's School of Nursing accredited by Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education

Posted on: June 15, 2013

The baccalaureate/master’s program at Saint Xavier University (SXU) has received notice of its continuing accreditation by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education extending until June 30, 2023. The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education’s decision is effective as of Oct. 15, 2012, the date of the School’s most recent onsite evaluation.

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education’s (CCNE) Board of Commissioners determined that SXU’s School of Nursing programs met all four accreditation standards, which included:

- Mission and Governance - Achieves its mission and goals as well as student and faculty outcomes that reflect professional nursing standards and guidelines. Additionally, faculty and students of the program are involved in the governance of the program as well as ongoing efforts to improve the quality of the program;

- Institutional Commitment and Resources - Demonstrates an ongoing commitment and support for the nursing program and makes sure resources are available to enable the program to achieve its mission, goals and student as well as faculty outcomes;

- Curriculum and Teaching-Learning Practices - Offers a curriculum developed in accordance with the mission and goals that reflect professional nursing standards. Teaching-learning practices are in agreement with expected individual student learning outcomes. Additionally, the environment for teaching and learning fosters achievement of expected student learning outcomes.

- Aggregate Student and Faculty Outcomes - Creates an effective program that fulfills its mission and goals with actual student outcomes consistent with expected student outcomes. Data on program effectiveness is used to foster ongoing program improvements.

"This was wonderful news to receive and is a reflection of everyone’s efforts and commitment to excellence in the School of Nursing and Saint Xavier University," said Gloria Jacobson, dean of the School of Nursing for Saint Xavier University.

A Continuous Improvement Progress Report (CIPR) is due at the mid-point of the accreditation term on June 1, 2018. The CIPR must address the nursing programs’ continued compliance with all accreditation standards. The Report Review Committee and then the Board of Commissioners will review the progress report in the winter of 2018. The SON’s next site visit will take place in the fall of 2022.
The CCNE is an autonomous accrediting agency that ensures the quality and integrity of baccalaureate, graduate, and residency programs in nursing. It is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as a national accreditation agency.
Charity Briefs for June 18, 2013

June 17, 2013 1:18PM

Text to Give: St. Xavier University’s Department for University Advancement has announced a new “Text to Give” mobile giving campaign to benefit the university’s Class Gift Fund and the St. Xavier Fund. The program allows donors to make $10 donations using their mobile phones through Give by Cell. You can make a gift to the Class Gift Fund by texting CLASSGIFT with your first and last name to 20222, or make a gift to the St. Xavier Fund by texting SXU with your first and last name to 20222. Donors can give multiple times a month depending on your carrier. Donations are tax-deductible, and pledges are billed through your monthly cell phone bill. Messaging and data rates may apply. For information, visit www.givebycell.com.
Students get into artistic spirit


Annie Keller Elementary Gifted Magnet School students hold up their Veggie Sculptures they made during Art Day on April 27. Students were free to visit creative stations including Tiny Towns, which featured wooden architecture and origami, and Light Painting, with St. Xavier University art education student Aaron Viramontes. Student art was featured on the walls for viewing, and the kids received an artist bookmark.

-Top-
SXU ball raises thousands for student scholarships

Posted: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 12:35 pm | Updated: 12:39 pm, Tue Jun 18, 2013.

St. Xavier University (SXU) recently raised more than $397,000 for student scholarships at its 28th annual President’s Scholarship Ball, a new fundraising record for the Ball. More than 430 guests attended the delightful evening of dinner and dancing at the Hilton Chicago.

The Ball also celebrated Henry Bros. Company, the 2013 Shield of St. Xavier recipients. Henry Bros. Company has been among St. Xavier’s most generous lifetime donors and supporters. It has supported the scholarship ball since 1990 and has served as the dinner sponsor at the Ball.

William Callaghan Sr. and George P. Henry were the second generation owners of the company from 1966 to 1987. William and his wife, Maxine, have attended St. Xavier and Mercy Sisters fundraising events for more than 50 years. Third generation co-owners George Ferrell and William H. Callaghan Jr. have chaired the SXU Golf Classic since its inception more than 16 years ago. This event has grossed more than $1.3 million toward scholarship support since 1997.

All proceeds from the Ball go to the Presidential Scholarship Program, which provides financial support to St. Xavier’s most deserving students.

-Top-
Shirley Twickler, a longtime Morgan Park resident, active community volunteer and advocate for local seniors, died June 11. She was 87.

A devoted wife and mother of six, Twickler was well known throughout the Beverly/Morgan Park neighborhood for her dedication to the senior community, people she liked to describe as being “chronologically gifted.” She served those people through a variety of organizations for more than 35 years.

“She was a great lady,” said former 19th Ward Ald. Ginger Rugai. “She was an energetic and fun person who never stopped doing and giving.”

A native of the parish of St. Sabina Roman Catholic Church on the South Side, Twickler was a graduate of Mercy High School and the former St. Xavier College, now St. Xavier University (SXU), said her daughters Carol Gadomski and Diane Wendel.

Twickler met her future husband, Harry, while working in the admissions office at the Illinois Institute of Technology, where Harry had studied engineering on the GI Bill, her daughters said. The couple married in 1949 and eventually settled into a home in the parish of St. Cajetan Roman Catholic Church, where they would raise their six children.

While raising her family, Twickler went back to school to earn a teaching degree and taught school for a number of years, her daughters said, including several years at Clissold and St. Cajetan elementary schools. An active volunteer at St. Cajetan, Twickler became involved in the parish’s Sharpies senior club through her father, Gerald McLaughlin, who had founded the social organization years earlier.

Twickler also cared for her elderly parents before their deaths in the late 1980s, and it was during those years that she realized her calling to senior advocacy, she said in a 2007 interview with The Beverly Review.

“I was driving my mom and dad around, paying their bills,” she said. “I took them shopping and took on a care-giving role, and I said, ‘Maybe I’ll change professions from teaching and do this as kind of a job.’ Helping my parents, I saw how big the need was, and I said, ‘This is going to be a big field.’”
Twickler began working with the elderly and homebound at Catholic Charities and then coordinated a senior program for the Lutheran Service Agency with the local Protestant Cluster of Churches. She expanded social services through her work with the Beverly Area Planning Association and the Beverly/Morgan Park Senior Services Program.

She was a charter member of the Beverly/Morgan Park chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons and served as a volunteer at Little Company of Mary Hospital, the former St. Francis Hospital and with the senior seminar program organized by Blake-Lamb Funeral Home. She was also an instructor at the Renaissance Academy at SXU and hosted a local cable television that provided information for seniors on a variety of topics, her children said.

Twickler was inducted into the Chicago Senior Hall of Fame in 1992 and was recognized with a Community Leader Award from U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski (D-3rd) in 2007.

After her retirement from paid service, Twickler continued to volunteer, her daughters said, and was actively involved with her eight grandchildren, who called her “Grandma Bubbles.” Before Harry’s death in 2000, the Twicklers enjoyed traveling to visit their children and grandchildren, often staying at elder hostels on their trips. The no-frills/communal-type accommodations were a perfect fit for their mother’s personality, her daughters said.

“She was very laid-back and wasn’t concerned about material things,” Carol said. “She would have a conversation with anyone; she never met a stranger.”

Twickler was young at heart, her daughters said, her spryness and mental acuity aided by an “insatiable” reading habit, physical activity and a positive outlook on life.

“She went to church every morning and, if she had time to fill, she would fill it with volunteering,” Diane said. “She had a very active social life and huge groups of friends that she knew from college, the neighborhood and the parish. She was always happy, very upbeat and so fun and vivacious.”

Twickler’s vision helped get the first “senior prom” in the 19th Ward up and running, Rugai said, and also ushered in the ward’s popular New Year’s Eve party for seniors.

“Shirley was a big booster of the neighborhood and was the person to turn to for information and opinions,” Rugai said. “She made a difference.”

Twickler is survived by her daughters Carol (Robert) Gadomski, Sue (John) Healy, Diane (George) Wendel and Donna (Roger) Huddleston; her sons, Robert and James; and her grandchildren, Jessica, Robin, Sara, Katie, Meghan, Peter, Aidan and Brendan.

Visitation was held at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home on June 16, followed by a funeral Mass at St. Cajetan Church on June 17. Interment followed at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Memorials may be made in Twickler’s name to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, 11 S. LaSalle St., Suite 1800, Chicago, IL 60603.
Crowd Pleasers for June 21, 2013

June 19, 2013 4:32PM

ST. XAVIER UNIVERSITY’S SUMMER CONCERT AND FIREWORKS: 3700 W. 103rd St., Chicago, (773) 298-3748: This 17th annual free event will take place June 23 on the front steps of the Warde Academic Center. The New Odyssey Band will perform from 7-10 p.m. The concert will conclude with a patriotic finale and fireworks display at 9:45 p.m. (dusk). The community is encouraged to bring blankets and lawn chairs to enjoy the show. Concessions will be available from the Original Rainbow Cone, Gilhooley’s Grande Saloon, Calabria Imports, Happy Jack’s, and the SXU Alumni Association. Attendees also may bring their own refreshments.
Eisenhower High School in Blue Island recently announced the students who compiled the 10 highest grade-point averages for the class of 2013.

Each has earned Honors with Distinction, the highest academic recognition category, for compiling a grade-point average exceeding 4.0 all four years at Eisenhower. The students are:

Agustin Calderon — Participated in mathletes, Youth and Government, science club, marching band, jazz band and pep band. He will begin studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Melina Castillo — Captain of the tennis team, she also participated in Key Club and marching band and qualified for Tri-M (music honors). She will begin studies in business at St. Xavier University.

Nicholas Curta — President of National Honor Society and treasurer of Leo Club, he also participated in Youth and Government, qualified for Mu Alpha Theta (math honors) and played basketball, volleyball and golf. He will study economics at Grinnell College.

Pamela Esparza — Vice president of Spanish Club, she also participated in Scholastic Bowl, mathletes, student council and served as a student mentor. She will begin studies in journalism at Northwestern University.

Roxana Flores — Roxana participated in mathletes, student council and Spanish Club. She will begin studies in nursing at St. Xavier University.

Israel Ibarra — Senior class vice president, Israel participated in Class Officers, soccer, volleyball, basketball and cross country and served Eisenhower as a freshman advisor and in Leo Club. He will begin studies in biology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

William Medina — Participated in student council, mathletes and Robotics Club and qualified for Mu Alpha Theta. He will begin studies in mechanical engineering at Cornell University.

Ana Ramirez — Captain of the swim team and secretary of National Honor Society, she participated in student council, Youth and Government and mathletes. She will begin studies in biology on a pre-medicine track at Dartmouth College.
Jasmin Ramos — Treasurer of National Honor Society, Jasmin also participated in mathletes and student council and qualified for Mu Alpha Theta (math honors). She will begin studies in psychology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Kathy Rodogiannis — Participated in mathletes, Leo Club, Youth and Government and student council and qualified for Mu Alpha Theta. She also volunteered at Ronald McDonald House and St. Spyridon Church. She will begin studies in biology with a pre-medicine track at Trinity College in Hartford, Ct.

-Top-
Elizabeth Meraz and Jasmin Ramos will spend part of their summer vacation protecting the habitat of the endangered sea turtle in Costa Rica.

Sandy Esparza and Jadira Verduzco will spend some of theirs restoring the ecosystems of the Mono Lake Basin in central California.

And Aida Ramirez will help rebuild still-struggling New Orleans.

All five of the Blue Island teens, either students at or recent graduates of Eisenhower High School, will experience travel and service learning thanks to the efforts of their teacher and mentor Michelle Alfano.

Alfano not only convinced the students that travel for educational purposes is a worthwhile endeavor, she got their parents on board. Then she got much of the Blue Island community to jump on the bandwagon and donate funds enabling the girls to go.

“I don’t know what I hope to gain from it; I’m trying to go with no expectations,” said Jasmin, who will attend the University of Illinois to study math, psychology and pre-med later this year. “I’m just really excited to meet other people and to help with the turtles.”

This will be Jasmin’s second trip. Over spring break, she and Elizabeth, a junior at Eisenhower, spent a week helping rebuild New Orleans.

“I’ve lived in Blue Island my whole life,” Elizabeth said. “It’s really different to go to a new town with totally different people. It widened my mind-set. There’s so much out there to learn.”

Aida listened closely to Jasmin and Elizabeth’s description of their duties in New Orleans, which included helping to build and patch homes with mud. This will be Aida’s first solo trip. The fact that she’s going at all is a testament to how much she has grown over the past school year.

The senior-to-be admits she began class last fall as a shy and somewhat withdrawn student, hardly the sort who travels to new destinations, let alone to do humanitarian work. She insists that Alfano’s mentoring has made a difference in her.

“She has taught me that I can do anything I want if I put my mind to it,” Aida said. That includes going on to college after she finishes high school, something that wasn’t always on Aida’s radar.

Alfano said many kids in this solid, working-class community have their sights set on simply getting through the day. They aren’t thinking about grandiose futures, let alone exotic travel plans.

She wanted to change that — one student and one student’s parent at a time.
“I have met with all of these girls’ parents, for many of them I have visited their homes,” Alfano said. She knew before the adults would let their children travel across country or around the world, they would have to understand the purpose of such an undertaking.

“They typically want to know what service learning has to do with their child’s report card,” Alfano said. So she takes the time to explain the destinations, the missions, the purpose.

“If they don’t understand it, they will fear it,” she said.

In each case, Alfano explained how travel, particularly travel that involves service learning, can broaden a person’s perspective and world, building confidence, independence and a sense of resourcefulness that staying put cannot provide.

Elizabeth recalled how nervous she was to fly on a plane for the first time when she went to New Orleans.

“I wasn’t sure about all those little things, like what do I do with my luggage, how do I get my ticket?” she said.

But the nerves were for naught. Alfano drove her and Jasmin to the airport and walked them through every step of the boarding process. Now, as she prepares to fly to Costa Rica, Elizabeth said, the nerves have been replaced by excitement.

For Sandy, a nature lover, the chance to help preserve an ecosystem is the opportunity of a lifetime.

“To be able to contribute to a good cause means a lot to me,” the Eisenhower junior said.

Same for Jadira, who will begin studying biology at St. Xavier University later this year.

“I hope to gain experience working on an ecosystem, especially with animals,” she said.

Jadira plans to study veterinary science and loves the idea of helping to conserve an important part of the United States. Although she has traveled in the past, this will be her first service trip.

“Ms. Alfano taught us that if you are passionate about something, you can do it,” Sandy said. “That’s a really good life lesson.”

Alfano reminds them, “We have obstacles but we conquer them.”

Among those obstacles is the cost of participating in these programs, run by Rustic Pathways. Those expenses start at $1,700 for the Mono Lake Project and go up to $2,700 for the Costa Rica and New Orleans trips.

While all of the girls’ parents helped with expenses, the students also raised a considerable amount by reaching out to the Blue Island community.

Among those who made cash donations were the Blue Island Public Library, the Blue Island Fire Department, former Mayor Don Peloquin and teachers and administrators at Veterans Middle School as well as Eisenhower.

In addition, the girls sent letters explaining their mission to many local businesses and received donations from Krueger Funeral Home, Tenochtitlan Restaurant and Forever Photos Studio.

“It was a shock to learn that so many people actually read your letter and were willing to help us,” Elizabeth said. “They don’t think we’re crazy teenagers. They believe we have potential.”
Alfano practices what she preaches. Not only has she traveled extensively, she will take a year off from her Spanish classes at Eisenhower to teach English in a remote section of the Andes Mountains of Colombia, South America.

She learned about the program in January, when she visited her son, Joe, while he was working there.

“They have English teachers there who learned English from a book,” she said. “I could have walked into a job right there and then.”

She says both her husband and her three kids, all young adults, support her decision.

“It will feed my soul,” she said. “And I’ll be back for the 2014-15 school year.”
Varjavand: Taking religion’s lessons to form ‘Religion of Humanity’

By Reza Varjavand June 22, 2013 3:38PM

I recently read a book by Alain de Botton entitled “Religion for Atheists: A Nonbelievers Guide to the Use of Religion.” I found the book intriguing and pragmatic because it draws the reader’s attention to the reasons why religion has been so enduringly successful over the history of humankind.

This book discusses in detail the strategies and tactics utilized by religions to appeal to the masses and keep their adherents fixated on their rituals.

Religions teach us how to seek communal help and not just deal with our vices, sins, pains and problems alone. We human beings immensely benefit from living with other people because we are innately in need of belonging, charity, sharing, interacting, doing things together and aligning personal interests with the group’s interests.

Religions also instruct us to be humble; to respect other people, especially parents, elders and friends; to sacrifice for a cause; and to acknowledge personal shortcomings and be repentant to others (Judaism’s Day of Atonement is one example of this).

In addition, repetitively memorializing various occasions is the hallmark of any religion, and this enhances its helpfulness. Some occasions, among others, are weddings, the death of loved ones and rites of passage such as the Jewish bar mitzvah.

Religions have competently relied on building institutions to coalesce and strengthen their rituals. Merely writing books and scholarly papers, as atheists do, is not enough to popularize an ideology.

It seems religions today have successfully duplicated many promotional strategies used by modern business corporations. While business firms create and sell products, religions address our emotional needs and have used branding, shared visual vocabulary and slogans to bring about homogeneity, thus intensifying the benefits of “mass production.”

Religions love uniformity and hate divisions and local variations because these are viewed as the enemies of uniformity. Religions, similar to giant business corporations, rely on consistency and acting in concert. They, for example, provide instruction manuals for believers to follow for nearly everything they do, such as worshiping, praying, dieting, clothing and friendship.
Regularity and harmony are essential to the success of businesses as well as religious institutions. Religion has effectively infiltrated every aspect of peoples’ lives by capitalizing on the trust that people have in a religion’s brand and reputation. Examples of this include food preparation, aesthetics, finance, attitudes, weddings, intimate life and even dealing with modern phenomena.

Repetition serves religion quite well as seen in the five times daily prayers in Islam, religious calendars, events and memorialization, resulting in replication that makes even the most nonsensical ideas seem like self-evident truths. It is the nature of human beings to absorb and be influenced by ideas and concepts if they are repeated enough times and delivered through a variety of media.

Religions understand this, and they, like big corporations, have the ability to commodify things. This involves transforming small and even trivial ideas into huge phenomena, such as transforming tap water into a multibillion-dollar bottled water business thanks to the genius of American entrepreneurs.

The author, de Botton, believes that atheists can take some of the lessons learned from religion and put them to good use. The key challenge to atheists, de Botton says, is not to utterly reject religion but to identify and discover the good aspects of it and put these to use by creating a new kind of religion.

That new form of religion is one that’s trusted, beneficial, modern and followed not because of any promise of hell or heaven or the bliss of eternal life but because it is practical today and leads humanity to a better collective life. I prefer to call this new religion the Religion of Humanity.

The focus of this book is that atheists are missing the boat by not learning from religion how to adapt their current message. I would add that atheists need to understand that people are more strongly drawn to believe in something rather than to believe in nothing.

Reza Varjavand is an associate professor of economics and finance at the Graham School of management at Saint Xavier University in Chicago. He is the author of a newly published memoir entitled “From Misery Alley to Missouri Valley.”
BestColleges.com Announces Their Unique and Non-Traditional Set of Best College Listings

BestColleges.com has released a set of college awards for categories that many people don't think about. The categories include the Best College Libraries, the Best Colleges for Intramural Sports, the Best College Dining Halls, Best Career Services, as well as many others.

Chicago, IL (PRWEB) June 24, 2013

BestColleges.com is resource for students searching for schools and looking for certain unique characteristics of schools that are not often discussed. BestColleges.com has announced their lists of best colleges in various fields that are not often thought of when deciding on a school including: Best College Libraries, Best Colleges for Intramural Sports, Best Catholic Colleges, Best Career Services, as well as many others.

There is a lot of information on the internet regarding colleges on the internet, and how to pick the correct program, and this is not that website. BestColleges.com allows the user to access a wide variety of information that one might not find or even take into consideration when looking for a college. The site is incredibly easy to use and allows students to effortlessly browse and gather the information they need.

BestColleges.com is proud to announce the top colleges award for 2013 to 2014 school year. There are multiple categories that have been researched that people would consider to be important in conjunction with the program of choice. The full list is provided below:

**Best Catholic Colleges**

Briar Cliff University
Our Lady of the Elms College
Alvernia University
Manhattan College
Georgian Court University
Regis College
Mount St Vincent
Saint Benedict College
Dominican University
Lourdes University
College of Notre Dame of Maryland
Ave Maria University
Cabrini College
University of Detroit Mercy
University of Saint Francis
Belmont Abbey College
Dominican College
College of Saint Benedict
Saint Scholastica
Mount St Mary's College
Duquesne University
Saint Xavier University
Saint Francis College
Providence College
Niagara University
Villanova University
King's College
Loyola University
LeMoyne College
Our Lady of the Holy Cross College
Loras College
Holy Cross College
Notre Dame College of Ohio
Barry University
Saint Joseph College
Rockhurst University
Mount Mary College
Ancilla College
Benedictine College
Wheeling Jesuit University
College of Saint Mary Magdalen
College of Saint Mary
Sacred Heart University
Charity Briefs for June 25, 2013

June 24, 2013 2:58PM

Text to Give: St. Xavier University’s Department for University Advancement has announced a new “Text to Give” mobile giving campaign to benefit the university’s Class Gift Fund and the St. Xavier Fund. The program allows donors to make $10 donations using their mobile phones through Give by Cell. You can make a gift to the Class Gift Fund by texting CLASSGIFT with your first and last name to 20222, or make a gift to the St. Xavier Fund by texting SXU with your first and last name to 20222. Donors can give multiple times a month depending on your carrier. Donations are tax-deductible, and pledges are billed through your monthly cell phone bill. Messaging and data rates may apply. For information, visit www.givebycell.com.

-Top-
June Teacher of the Month: Cynthia Burnett

06/25/13

by Muriel Clair

Our teacher of the month calls her selection “a great honor and a huge surprise.” She says no one can imagine how she feels.

Beverly Gulley, Saint Xavier University Dean of Education: “On behalf of Saint Xavier University, I am happy to present you with this check for one thousand dollars.”

A one thousand dollar check from Saint Xavier University and marking the occasion a framed certificate from WGN TV — not a bad way to end the school year and begin the summer break!

Cynthia Burnett, teacher of the month: “It’s fantastic. It is something I didn’t even dream about in my career. Teaching is rewarding in and of itself, but to be honored like this in this way is really fantastic.”

Cynthia Burnett is a second grade teacher at Cardinal Joseph Bernadin School in suburban Orland Hills. And these are her students belting out the class song:

“Oh, give me a school where the teachers are cool and the boys and girls study all day. Where never is heard a discouraging word and we all like it that way.”

Mrs. Burnett has been teaching for thirty plus years and she learned early on that no two children are alike.
Mrs. Burnett: “It’s a challenge in some ways and it is difficult to meet each child’s Individual needs. You want to give them all the attention that they deserve and want ... and you have such influence over them whether it is a word or an action and you never know how it is going to affect their life in a school situation or home.

Seven year old Gabi Vittori is pint-sized proof that Mrs. Burnett is an effective teacher. Gabi has been weighing the evidence for several weeks.

Gabi Vittori, nominating student: “She is understanding ... and all that other stuff. She is generous and kind.”

Reading from a copy of her online endorsement of Mrs. Burnett points out further why in her young mind she thinks Mrs. Burnett deserves to be teacher of the month.

Gabi Vittori: “I think Mrs. Burnett is a good teacher because if we don’t get to finish a test she doesn’t put the score on yet and lets us finish.”

Mrs. Burnett: “That is the way I operate. I know there are different times that children can work quickly and know what they are answering is correct. But sometimes they need a little more thinking time and I want to give them every opportunity to be successful.”

Gabi Vittori: “If we get a wrong answer she gives us another chance.”

Mrs. Burnett: “I do that because I don’t want them to quit. Patience and persistence and you will be successful.”

Gabi learned quickly the lesson of patience and persistence. She says she tried getting her teacher nominated back in March. But she never gave up. Teacher of the Month is taking a summer break. See you in September.

-Top-
A setback for racial justice

By Valerie Strauss, Published: June 26, 2013 at 4:00 am

On Monday I published some varied reaction to the Supreme Court’s ruling in an affirmative case involving college admissions at the University of Texas at Austin. Here is a new piece about the impact of the ruling by Richard Rothstein, a research associate at the Economic Policy Institute, a non-profit organization created to broaden the discussion about economic policy to include the interests of low- and middle-income workers. From 1999 to 2002, he was the national education columnist of The New York Times, and he is the author of several books, including “Grading Education: Getting Accountability Right” and “Class and Schools: Using Social, Economic and Educational Reform to Close the Black-White Achievement Gap.” This appeared on the institute’s website.

By Richard Rothstein

The Supreme Court did not, for the time being, prevent the University of Texas from continuing its affirmative action plan. Nonetheless, like the voting rights decision issued today, the Fisher case decision was another setback for racial justice.

For one thing, the court invited another challenge after the case again goes through the lower courts. There, the university will have to prove that it could find no other way to get a diverse student body without explicitly considering race, and will have to prove that it used “good faith” in use of race to achieve diversity. If challengers can show that the University’s examination of applicants’ overall qualifications is really a cover for enrolling black and other minority students—for example, if it is more intent on having black students than violin players, or students from different parts of the state, or other “diverse” factors—affirmative action will be in trouble.

The University and its civil rights group allies have, from an understandable tactical need to defend affirmative action by whatever means are available, accepted a Supreme Court framework that undermines equal rights in the long run.

That framework is “diversity.” According to it, we pursue affirmative action not to remedy the legacy of slavery, Jim Crow, and continuing discrimination, not because equal opportunity for African Americans is an end in itself, but because having a diverse student body improves the educational experience for white students, and because it trains corporate and military leaders who will be more effective if they look like and have a better understanding of those they lead.

Forgotten has been the idea that African Americans are underrepresented at the University of Texas and at other elite institutions because, as Justice Ginsburg put it in her lonely dissent, they suffer from “the lingering effects of an overtly discriminatory past, the legacy of centuries of law-sanctioned inequality.” In reality, affirmative action is necessary not to make white students more comfortable in the presence of blacks, but to remedy those effects.
Until 1996, the University of Texas did have an affirmative action plan for African-American applicants and in that year, African Americans comprised 4.1 percent of the university’s freshman class. A federal appeals court then banned the use of race in admissions.

In response to this decision, the Texas State Legislature adopted a plan designed to accomplish affirmative action while pretending not to do so. Its ingenious method was to provide that students with grade point averages in about the top 10 percent of their high school graduating classes would automatically be admitted. As a result of this “Top Ten Percent Law,” the share of freshmen who were black was still lower than under the previous affirmative action program, but not as low as it might have been without the law. The share was 3.4 percent in 2002.

The Ten Percent Law was a necessary response to a judicial ban on race-conscious affirmative action, but perverse for two reasons. First, to achieve its goal of racial inclusion, it requires that high schools be racially homogenous. As Justice Ruth Ginsburg wrote in her dissent, “Texas’ percentage plan was adopted with racially segregated schools front and center stage.” Black students at the top of their classes in heavily black high schools are admitted, even if their academic skills would not land them at the top of their classes in integrated schools where average academic performance was better. If Texas were ever to tackle its pervasive residential segregation, upon which racial isolation of students in high schools depends, the benefits of the Ten Percent Law would disappear. The Ten Percent Law makes integration of the university and of high schools competing and incompatible goals.

The Law is also perverse because, as is true throughout the country, the most racially isolated high schools are those located in impoverished neighborhoods. Middle-class African-American children, whose academic qualifications are, on average, superior to those of low-income children, are less likely to benefit from the Ten Percent Law, because they are more likely to attend integrated high schools. The Ten Percent Law ensures that many black students admitted to the University are less qualified than many other black students who are not benefited by the plan.

If the nation were ever truly to pursue a determined strategy of integration, surely a high priority should be to more fully integrate the middle class leadership of a largely segregated black community into mainstream society. This can be too easily overlooked in efforts to give a boost to economically disadvantaged students.

In 2003, the Supreme Court ruled (in the Grutter case) that the University of Michigan Law School could use race as one factor in admissions, if its goal was to increase the diversity of its entering school class. It was in this case that the idea that race-conscious admissions could be pursued, not as a matter of racial justice, but as a way to improve the experience of white students and the qualifications of corporate and military leaders, became the predominant justification, for courts and civil rights groups, of affirmative action (although the justification had been established 25 years before, in a decision concerning medical schools, the 1978 Bakke case).

Following the Grutter decision, the University of Texas decided to supplement the Legislature’s Ten Percent Law by permitting race to be a factor in its “holistic” examination of applicants, in an effort to create a diverse freshman class. It was not until oral arguments before the Supreme Court last October that the university’s attorneys admitted that racial diversity was not its only goal—it felt it necessary to use a holistic admissions system to remedy the underrepresentation of middle-class African Americans from the University, while lower income students were admitted under the Ten Percent Law.

It was this holistic admissions system, in which race was one aspect of diversity, that the Fisher case reviewed. The Ten Percent Law was not being challenged.

In 2012, 22 percent of the Texas 18 to 24 year-old population was black. In that year, 3.7 percent of the University’s entering class were African Americans who were admitted under the Ten Percent Law, and another 1.3 percent were admitted for diversity purposes, for an overall black share of 5 percent. This leaves a long way to go.
Although data are not available separately by race, of all students admitted under the Ten Percent Law, 41 percent came from families with incomes over $100,000, and 24 percent came from families with incomes of less than $40,000. But of students admitted for diversity purposes, 61 percent came from families with incomes over $100,000 and only 7 percent came from families with incomes of less than $40,000. If, as is likely, these percentages are similar for African Americans separately, the “diversity” charade is clearly essential if middle class black students are not to be disadvantaged relative to low income ones.

The court’s decision this week was 7 – 1. Justice Elena Kagan did not participate, probably because she had worked on the case when she was Solicitor General. The sole, courageous, dissent was that of Justice Ginsburg, who argued that the university’s affirmative action plan should simply be upheld without requiring the university to jump through further hoops in the lower courts. It is unfortunate that the two other liberal justices did not join her. Also unfortunate is this: Relieved that the Court didn’t ban affirmative action outright, advocates of integration have heaped praise on the majority decision without calling greater attention to the Ginsburg dissent.

Reporters present at the Supreme Court on Monday wrote that from the bench, Justice Ginsburg said, “But for de facto racial segregation in Texas’ neighborhoods and schools, there would be no ‘top 10 percent’ law.” Her written opinion was not so careless in its language. As used by the court, “de facto” refers to racial separation resulting from private discrimination, not government action. There is nothing “de facto” about Texas’ racial segregation, or indeed, about segregation in any of the nation’s metropolitan areas. It was created by federal, state and local government action, and the consequences of these actions endure to this day. The University of Texas, like others nationwide, has a constitutional obligation to participate in the remedy of these unconstitutional policies by increasing the enrollment of African American students, whether or not this gives white students a better educational experience or helps the military develop better leadership and discipline.

Many of these policies were not particular to Texas—the most egregious being federal inducements for whites to abandon the cities to create, and settle in, all-white suburbs. During the 1930s and 1940s, the Federal Housing Administration and Veterans Administration created many of the nation’s racially exclusive white suburbs by guaranteeing mortgages to lower-middle class white movers, with the explicit requirement that these new homeowners pledge never to re-sell their properties to African Americans.

Abigail Fisher, the plaintiff in the affirmative action case decided yesterday, is from Houston. She believes that she was unfairly disadvantaged in the University admissions process when black applicants were admitted for the purpose of enhancing freshman diversity. But far greater impediments were created for black students from Houston who resided in segregated neighborhoods where social and economic disadvantage was concentrated.

At a conference at Rice University in February, historians gave accounts of how this happened. Karen Benjamin, a professor at St. Xavier University in Chicago, recounted how, when segregated schools were still permitted, the Houston school board purposely selected sites for black and white schools that were far removed from each other, in a deliberate plan to encourage families to relocate to more racially isolated neighborhoods. Zachary Montz, a University of Texas graduate student, documented how federal and local public housing authorities in Houston purposely concentrated the black population in areas designated only for black residence, reinforcing segregated housing policies that persist to this date.

Once segregated neighborhoods in Houston were well defined, zoning and permitting authorities designated black residential neighborhoods as locales for toxic waste sites, further deteriorating the quality of life of black Houstonians. In 1979, a federal judge found that placing yet another toxic landfill in one black neighborhood was “unfortunate and insensitive” but nonetheless permitted the dump location plan to proceed.
Throughout Texas, no different from elsewhere, not only do Jim Crow patterns persist, but they continue. In an ongoing case involving the Dallas suburb of Sunnyvale, a federal judge ruled in 2000 that the town had created zoning laws specifically aimed at keeping black families from locating in the town; Sunnyvale has still not complied with the judge’s order to desegregate.

As recently as 1988, public housing projects in Clarksville, Texas, remained segregated. The quality of public housing provided in projects for whites was so superior to that provided in projects for African Americans and Hispanics that before complying with a federal judge’s order to desegregate, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development made a special grant for paving streets around the previous all-black projects—with whites now living in the projects, the government apparently believed it necessary to improve the quality.

In her Fisher dissent, Justice Ginsburg ridiculed her colleagues. She observed that “only an ostrich could regard the supposedly neutral alternatives as race unconscious” and only a contorted legal mind “could conclude that an admissions plan designed to produce racial diversity is not race conscious.”

Yet no policy at the University of Texas can go far to remedy the broader legacy of state-sponsored segregation. The idea that disadvantages suffered by black students in Texas are simply accidental, or the result of private personal choices, is historically inaccurate. Judges and advocates of integration should not be concocting “diversity” fig leaves to justify race-conscious affirmative action. Instead, we should continually remind Americans that in remedying state-sponsored segregation, much work remains to be done. Race conscious affirmative action is a part, and only a part, of that work.

Should the Texas diversity plan eventually be struck down – a not unlikely possibility if lower courts conclude that it was not sufficiently ostrich-like to fool anyone—we may rue having failed to insist that it was segregation, more than lack of diversity, that requires undoing.

-Top-
Illiana’s Rudenga shines on and off the diamond

June 02, 2013 4:30 pm  •  BRIAN WADDLE Times Correspondent

Softball

Saint Xavier University lost to No. 2 Lubbock Christian 4-2 in the finals of the NAIA Softball National Championship in Columbus, Ga.

The Cougars (50-9) had the most productive season in the program’s history. The team’s pitching coach is Kim Kosinski, a St. Francis deSales grad, and Munster resident.

-Top-
Calgary Stampeders head coach and general manager John Hufnagel is pleased to announce that import defensive lineman Shawn Lemon and import quarterback Jimmy Coy have signed with the team. As per club policy, terms of the agreements were not disclosed.

Lemon appeared in 12 regular-season games, including 11 starts, for the Edmonton Eskimos in 2012 and shared the team lead with six sacks. He also had 16 tackles, two pass knockdowns, two fumble recoveries and one forced fumble. Lemon played one game for the Saskatchewan Roughriders in 2011. He played college football at Akron and was all-Mid-America Conference as a senior.

Coy recently attended mini-camp with the Chicago Bears after concluding a standout career at Saint Xavier University. In 2012, Coy was named National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics player of the year and was also the Mid-States Football Association's player of the year and a first-team conference all-star. Despite missing two games with an injury, Coy ranked third in the country with 3,427 passing yards. In 2011, he earned first-team all-star honours and led the Cougars to the national title as he completed 347 of 510 passes for 4,261 yards and 42 touchdowns, with just 11 interceptions. He added 269 yards and four touchdowns along the ground.

In other transaction news, the Stamps have released import defensive lineman Kevin Dixon, who did not pass his physical on Saturday, and placed import quarterback Ryan Perrilloux, who was experiencing passport issues, on the suspended list.

The Stamps’ main camp, presented by bet365.net, gets under way today with sessions at 9:05 a.m. and 4:20 p.m.

Stampeders season tickets are on sale now for the 2013 season. For more information, visit Stampeders.com or call 403-289-0258 to speak with a customer service representative.
STAMPEDERS SIGN DEFENSIVE LINEMAN LEMON, QUARTERBACK COY

THE CANADIAN PRESS

6/2/2013 11:17:09 AM

CALGARY - The Calgary Stampeders bolstered their defensive line with the addition of Shawn Lemon on Sunday.

Lemon shared team lead in sacks with six for the Edmonton Eskimos last season. The six-foot-one, 245-pound import DL added 16 tackles, two pass knockdowns, two fumble recoveries and one forced fumble in 11 starts.

Calgary also signed import quarterback Jimmy Coy.

Coy was the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics player of the year after a standout career at Saint Xavier University. The 6-0, 210-pound pivot ranked third in the United States with 3,427 passing yards last season despite missing two games with an injury.

Coy also led the Cougars to a national title in 2011.

Meanwhile, Calgary released import defensive lineman Kevin Dixon after he failed to pass his physical. The Stamps also placed import QB Ryan Perrilloux, who has passport issues, on the suspended list.

-Top-
Students sign letters of intent

Posted: Tuesday, June 4, 2013 2:00 pm

Mother McAuley High School seniors Erica Harris (from left), of Beverly, Annie Hopkins, of Morgan Park, and Patsy Boland proudly display shirts from their future schools as they sit with their parents. The girls have signed National Letters of Intent to play their respective sports at universities throughout the country next year. Harris will play volleyball at St. Xavier University, Hopkins will continue lacrosse at Augustana College and Boland has signed on to play volleyball at the University of Massachusetts.

-Top-
New Head Baseball Coach for Conant High School

By District 211, Community Contributor

3:55 p.m. CDT, June 6, 2013

Hoffman Estates, Ill. — Derek Fivelson has been named Conant High School’s head baseball coach. Mr. Fivelson takes over the responsibilities of the Cougars’ baseball program from Jerry Song, who stepped down for personal reasons after 12 years as head coach.

“We couldn’t be happier with Derek’s selection to lead our baseball program,” said Conant High School Principal Tim Cannon. “Derek is student-centered, and a quality person. He relates well with both student-athletes and parents alike, and his enthusiasm and energy make him a perfect fit for this job.”

Mr. Fivelson coached baseball at his alma mater, Hoffman Estates High School, from 2002-2010, working with the school’s sophomore and freshmen programs. He was a standout baseball player for the Hawks from 1994-1997 before attending Saint Xavier University on a baseball scholarship (1998-2001). He was captain of the SXU Cougars his senior year, playing first base, catching, and pitching.

“We are very excited to have Derek join our coaching staff at Conant High School,” said Athletic Director John Kane. “We’re looking forward to the direction he’ll take our baseball program. He was an exceptional ballplayer, and he’ll be able to draw from his experiences at both the high school and collegiate level to help prepare our kids.”

Mr. Fivelson, a National Board Certified Teacher, has taught mathematics at Hoffman Estates High School since 2002, and also has served as an adjunct professor at Roosevelt University for the past four years. In addition to his coaching responsibilities at Hoffman Estates High School, he also has coached the school’s Math Team since 2004. Mr. Fivelson earned his bachelor’s degree in mathematics from Saint Xavier University in 2001. He received his master’s degree in curriculum and instruction from Olivet Nazarene University (Bourbanous, Ill.) in 2004, and a second master’s degree in mathematics from the Roosevelt University in 2008. He earned his National Board Certification in 2010, and a “Those Who Excel” Award from the Illinois Council of Teachers of Mathematics in 2006.
Derek Fivelson has been named Conant's baseball head coach, taking over for Jerry Song, who stepped down for personal reasons after 12 years as Cougars head coach.

"We couldn't be happier with Derek's selection to lead our baseball program," said Conant Principal Tim Cannon. "Derek is student-centered, and a quality person. He relates well with both student-athletes and parents alike, and his enthusiasm and energy make him a perfect fit for this job."

Fivelson coached baseball at Hoffman Estates from 2002-2010, working with the sophomore and freshmen programs at the same school where he once excelled as a player. Fivelson competed for the Hawks from 1994-1997 before attending Saint Xavier University on a baseball scholarship. He was team captain at Saint Xavier in his senior, seeing time at first base along with catching and pitching.

"We are very excited to have Derek join our coaching staff at Conant High School," said Conant athletic director John Kane. "We're looking forward to the direction he'll take our baseball program. He was an exceptional ballplayer, and he'll be able to draw from his experiences at both the high school and collegiate level to help prepare our kids."

Fivelson has taught mathematics at Hoffman Estates since 2002 and coached the school's Math Team since 2004. He has also served as an adjunct professor at Roosevelt University for the past your years.
Staff Report / June 6, 2013

After playing varsity volleyball at Peotone over the past three seasons, Allison Winkelman will play college ball at St. Xavier. She recently signed a national letter of intent with St. Xavier for both an academic and athletic scholarship.

The Peotone grad will join the Cougars that were 31-13 last season and 18-1 to win the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference. St. Xavier played in the NAIA nationals under veteran coach Bob Heersema.

"I have been in the recruiting progress for more than a year," Winkelman said.

"Coach Heersma was the first one to talk with me. I decided to stay close to home and St. Xavier was my choice."

The southside of Chicago school provides her an excellent combo with top quality volleyball and a top-flight nursing program.

"I want to be a nurse and St. Xavier has a good program," Winkelman assessed. "Plus, it is very competitive in volleyball. I am excited to part of the team at St. Xavier."

In addition to honing her skills at Peotone, she also plays club ball with Attack out of Orland Park. At the end of the month, Winkelman will be playing at the Nationals in Orlando, Fla. It is her fourth trip to the Nationals.

"I have been playing volleyball since grade school," 5-foot-10 outside hitter said. "I have worked hard to improve my ability to read the court and hit some big kills."

While at Peotone, Winkelman had enjoyed both her coaches and teammates.

"Coach (Kathy) Barger had helped me to improve my game," Allie said. "Also I liked playing with the same people at Peotone. They have become my best friends, and we will be lifelong friends."

However like all high school seniors, Winkelman is ready to move on with her life.
"I will definitely miss the people at Peotone," she concluded. "Now, I will start adding new teammates and friends."
Community Sports Calendar (Central) for June 9, 2013

June 6, 2013 2:14PM

Southland: St. Xavier University and women’s basketball coach Bob Hallberg will host a girls basketball camp, open to girls ages 7 to 15, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Monday to Friday at the Shannon Center on St. Xavier’s Chicago campus. Participants will be grouped by age and ability level and taught each day by Hallberg as well as SXU assistants and players. Fee: $135 (includes T-shirt). Applications are available at the Shannon Center or at www.sxucougars.com under the Summer Camps link. Information: Laura Kurzeja, (773) 298-3785.

Southland: St. Xavier University and men’s basketball coach Tom O’Malley will host a boys basketball camp, open to boys ages 9 to 15. Two sessions of the camp will be held at the Shannon Center on St. Xavier’s Chicago campus, with the first session running from 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday to Thursday and the second session from 9:30 a.m. to noon June 17 to 20. Fees: $95 for one session, $160 for both sessions (includes T-shirt, SXU basketball and special awards). Applications are available at the Shannon Center or at www.sxucougars.com under the Summer Camps link. Information: Laura Kurzeja, (773) 298-3785.

-TOP-
Local soccer club to compete at Disney Cup

June 07, 2013 10:00 pm • John Burbridge john.burbridge@nwi.com, (219) 933-3371

MUNSTER | These Wings are actually going to fly south for the summer.

"When people ask me how Florida is during this time of the year, I usually say it's pretty cool," said Bill Dekker, director of the Midwest Wings Soccer Club. "When we're not playing, I'm usually in an air-conditioned hotel or restaurant."

The Munster-based Wings are fielding six teams — U10 and U12 girls; and U10, U11, U13 and U14 boys — to compete at the Disney Cup International Youth Soccer Tournament, July 15-20 at the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Though Dekker said most of the games will be played during the mornings and early afternoons before the sultry conditions take hold, U14 Wings player Michael Jonelis of Munster remembers what it was like when he watched his older brother compete in the Disney Cup.

"It was really, really hot," Jonelis said. "You've got to be in great condition to play down there."

"The competition is going to be tough," said U11 player Grace Miller.

"It may be a struggle, but we're excited about going down," said Alexis Vera, Miller's U11 teammate.

Teams don't need to qualify for the Disney Cup, but not everyone is accepted.

"We have earned a pretty good reputation over the years, so that helped us get accepted," said Dekker, whose club will be 40 years old next summer. "This will be our sixth time going down there."

There is due to be teams from 20 different countries, including Central and South America.

"I wouldn't say that I'm nervous, more like anxious," said U13 player Johnathon Spence, who has been with the Wings for five years. "You want to know where you stand against players from those parts of the world."

Former Wings player and current U13 and U14 boys coach Agustin Herrera got a taste of south of the border talent when he played semipro soccer in Mexico.
"Down there, they sometimes will take kids out of school when they're 14 to play soccer to mold them into pro players," said Chicago Heights native Herrera, who played for St. Xavier University.

"Soccer and this club helped get me into college," Herrera said. "That's why I want to give so much back."

Jimmy Williams is another former Wings player who now coaches within the club.

"Not only will this help our players improve while playing against international competition, but our coaches as well," Williams said. "I'm always learning something new, like different ways to set up a defense, while we're down there."
It’s not much fun watching a friend suffer.

“This is way harder than playing or coaching,” Jack Fitzgerald was saying in a South Side pub Thursday night as we watched the Miami Heat play the San Antonio Spurs in Game 1 of the NBA Finals on the only TV not showing the Blackhawks.

Fitz hardly qualifies as a neutral observer; he was Dwyane Wade’s coach at Richards in Oak Lawn, and they remain almost father-son close. Fitz, in fact, works for the Heat as a Midwest college scout, having retired last month after 39 years as a classroom teacher.

“Playing or coaching, you had some control,” he says. “Here, all you can do is watch . . . and hope.”

Wade’s 10th NBA season has in some ways been his most difficult. His propensity for throwing his body around on fearless drives to the basket seems to have affected his health. He played through a sore knee all year and was not at his airborne best for puzzling stretches of the Eastern Conference finals as the Indiana Pacers extended the Heat to seven gritty games.

“That’s more like it,” Fitz says when Wade produces the game’s first bucket with an acrobatic dunk. Later, there’s a hint of a smile when his protege feathers in an 18-foot jumper.

“That will be good for his confidence,” Fitz says. “He hasn’t hit a perimeter shot in a while.”

Fitzgerald knows Wade’s game as well as anyone and became fortuitously aware of it before Wade enrolled at Richards. Demetris McDaniel, a forward on one of Fitz’s early Richards teams, showed up at practice one day accompanied by his step-brother, a moon-faced little guy.

“Demetris says their mom got called into work, so he had to watch his brother,” Fitz recalls. “I kind of rolled my eyes — ‘This is basketball practice, not daycare.’ I gave the kid a ball and he went off to shoot at a side basket. Then we were short a man for a scrimmage, and Demetris says, ‘What about my brother?’ He was the smallest kid on the floor, but he went right through us — nobody could stay in front of him.

“I said, ‘Hey, Demetris, you got any more brothers at home?’”

Wade didn’t make the varsity until his junior year. Fitz still hears about it from his coaching friends.

“I thought he could use the time to develop and do his thing,” he says. “His game has always been about attacking, and he might not have wanted to do that as a sophomore on a really good team of juniors and seniors. By the time he got to the varsity, he was ready to go.”
Wade’s highly decorated Richards career featured a 90-point day in the St. Xavier University holiday tournament.

“We lost in the first round because Dwyane was too unselfish, trying to get everybody else involved,” Fitz says. “I told him we were not running an equal-opportunity offense.

“In the consolation round the next day, he got 48 points in the morning game and 42 in the evening. I guess he took the message to heart.”

Fitz was incredulous when Wade fell just short of the NCAA’s qualifying standard on his ACT exam: “Stupid rule. He went to class, did his work, got good grades . . . his teachers loved him.”

So did Marquette, which admitted Wade as a non-qualifier. After sitting out his freshman year, he evolved into a consensus All-American and took the Golden Eagles to the Final Four in 2003.

“The year off turned out to be good for him,” Fitz says now. “He ate at the training table instead of McDonald’s and got in the weight room.”

The Heat took Wade with the fifth pick in 2003 — LeBron James, Darko Milicic, Carmelo Anthony and Chris Bosh were the first four choices — and he has been basketball royalty ever since.

The Spurs gradually get the better of it on this night as their Big Three of Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and Manu Ginobili outperforms Wade, James and Bosh, taking over in a 92-88 victory. The Heat fades in the fourth quarter, hitting just five of 18 shots and committing five turnovers.

The basketball purist in Fitz is conflicted: “San Antonio is tough, smart and talented. There isn’t a guy on that team I don’t respect. And Gregg Popovich is a great coach.”

Besides, he has been through worse.

“I’ve been a Cub fan all my life, and they’ve let me down every year,” Fitz says. “Dwyane has never let me down once in all the time I’ve known him.”

-Top-
Derek Fivelson is a numbers guy.

It would figure since he teaches math and coaches the senior math team at Hoffman Estates High School. Fivelson has also been an adjunct math professor at Roosevelt University.

But Fivelson wasn’t interested in any numbers games as he prepared for his first meeting with his new players Friday as Conant's new varsity baseball coach.

"One thing that's going to excite the kids is they all get a fresh start," said Fivelson, who was a standout three-year varsity catcher from 1995-97 at Hoffman and then had a solid four-year career at St. Xavier University on Chicago's South Side. "I haven't seen them play. I was given their stats but I'm not going to look at them.

"I want the kids to understand I have absolutely no preconceived notions about what they're all about."

This is also an exciting and new start for Fivelson as he takes over for Jerry Song, whose nine-year tenure ended this spring. Fivelson spent 10 years coaching in the Hoffman program — eight with the sophomores and two with the freshmen — before taking a two-year hiatus to coach his 6½-year-old son Ari's little league team.

He was still helping Hoffman coach Todd Meador by working with the catchers. Fivelson missed being around the game on a regular basis, but with his son and daughters Sydney (4) and Camryn (2½), he wasn't actively pursuing a full-time return to coaching.

And then the Conant job became open.

"Otis (Price, the District 211 Director of Athletics) sent out a posting, and I was perfectly ready to be a stay-at-home dad in the summer, but I didn't delete the email," Fivelson said. "I came home and spoke to my wife (Molly) and said, 'They posted the Conant job.' She said, 'Are you interested in it?' and I said, 'Yeah, I think I am.'"

Fivelson took his time to make sure this was the right decision. Having his wife and son on board were vital to his pursuit of the position.

"I spoke to a number of people about it and I tried to get as much advice as possible," Fivelson said. "One of the biggest things that pushed me over was the outpouring of support from people at Conant and people in my own building."

And many of those people, starting with Meador and current Hoffman assistant and ex-Conant three-sport athlete Tim Heyse, helped prepare Fivelson for what's ahead. So did Fivelson's father Paul, former Hoffman head coach Ray Gawron and St. Xavier head coach Mike Dooley.
"I've been very fortunate to be around good baseball people my whole life," Fivelson said. "My program will be a mix of all those guys. It's a testament to Todd that he's created two MSL West coaches (Schaumburg's Cal Seely)."

And Fivelson makes it three alums coaching in the division along with Palatine's Paul Belo, who played on Hoffman's 1985 Class AA Elite Eight qualifier.

Conant won its only MSL title in 1999 under Mike Fritz and the program's only regional titles came in 2007 and 2009 under Song. So, Fivelson knows it's a school where baseball success is attainable, and he said he was encouraged to hear the school is committed to a much-needed makeover of its baseball facilities after the renovations of its swimming pool are completed.

"One of the things that got me really interested is how Conant has the potential to be a powerhouse program," said Fivelson, who met with his new coaches Thursday and will have his first summer league game Monday. "The program has the potential to be one of the greats."

Conant hopes that is the case with the addition of Fivelson.

• Marty Maciaszek is a freelance columnist for the Daily Herald who can be reached at marty.maciaszek@gmail.com

-Top-
SXU softball team sets national defense mark

The secret to the extraordinary success of the St. Xavier University (SXU) softball team’s 2013 campaign was not limited to the superb pitching performances of junior Megan Nonnemacher and freshman sister Nicole Nonnemacher.

In fact, the Cougars defense was extremely impressive throughout the year as well, to the tune of a National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA)-best .981 fielding percentage. Not only was it the best fielding percentage by a NAIA team this season, but it was also the best single-season fielding percentage in the history of NAIA softball.

The mark surpasses the old national mark of .977 set by Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) rival Olivet Nazarene University during the 2012 campaign. The Cougars also officially finished the 2013 season with a No.-7 national ranking when the 2013 NAIA Softball Coaches’ Postseason Top 25 poll was released on June 5.

“Our coaching staff stressed defense and pitching every single day,” said SXU Coach Myra Minuskin. “The outcome of an at-bat is out of our control, but playing good solid defense is something we can control. We actually exceeded our goal of a .980 fielding average. It is a mindset, a lot of hard work and a total team accomplishment. I’m so proud of what this team achieved this year, and they proved to everyone that they were one of the top teams in the NAIA. Finishing at No. 7 in the nation is an amazing feat and unprecedented for our program.”

SXU had a monster 2013 campaign, finishing with a 50-9 overall record, winning the CCAC regular-season title with a 19-1 mark, claiming the CCAC tournament title and winning the Portland (Ore.) bracket of the NAIA softball national championship opening round.

Claiming a spot in the 10-team NAIA softball national championship in Columbus, Ga., the Cougars won one of their three games to claim the No.-7 national finish, the best in program history.
FOOT: USF Ranked No. 7 By Sporting News

Updated: Tuesday, 11 Jun 2013, 8:40 PM EDT

Bill Scott - USF Sports Information Director

The University of Saint Francis will open its 16th season at the No. 7 team in the 2013 Sporting News College Football preview NAIA Report Top 10.

The SNCF magazine is out on newsstands now.

The Cougars are one of three Mid-States Football Association Mideast League teams in the top 10. Defending NAIA Football Championship Series winner Marian University (Indianapolis) is No. 1 and St. Xavier University (Chicago, IL) is No. 3. MU defeated No. 2 Morningside (Iowa) 30-27 in overtime for the title.

USF, which finished 9-3 in 2012 with a share of its 10th MSFA MEL title, was No. 6 in the NAIA Football Coaches Spring Top 25.

The Cougars, who return 18 starters (7 offense, 7 defense, 4 special teams), open practice for their 16th season on Aug. 15 in preparation for their season-opening game at 15th-ranked William Penn University in Oskaloosa, Iowa on Sept. 14.

-Top-
Southland: St. Xavier University and men’s basketball coach Tom O’Malley will host a boys basketball camp, open to boys ages 9 to 15. The second session will be held at the Shannon Center on St. Xavier’s Chicago campus from 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday to Thursday. Fee: $95 (includes T-shirt, SXU basketball and special awards). Applications are available at the Shannon Center or at www.sxucougars.com under the Summer Camps link. Information: Laura Kurzeja, (773) 298-3785.
Summit grad Buell wins NCAA title in pole vault

June 15, 2013 12:20 am • By Joe Lyons jlyons@post-dispatch.com 636-493-9675

South Dakota junior Bethany Buell, a Summit High product, cleared 14 feet 7¼ inches on her third and final attempt to win the NCAA Division I title in the pole vault recently in Eugene, Ore.

Buell tied the national championship record with a clutch jump to slip by Kansas’ Natalia Bartonovskaya and Eastern Illinois’ Jade Riebold, and she did it while competing with a torn ligament in her left shoulder that will require offseason surgery. Buell, a two-time Missouri pole vault champion in high school, missed much of this season after injuring her shoulder while clearing a nation-best height of 14-7½ on March 29 at the Texas Relays. She returned to action for the Summit League Championships on May 9.

Buell, who has her sights set on the 2016 Olympic Games in Brazil, qualified for nationals as a freshman and finished third at the 2012 NCAA track and field championships.

New conference alignments

The football programs at Lindenwood-Belleville and Missouri Baptist have found a conference home.

In the fall of 2015, both will begin competing in the Mid-States Football Association, a 14-team NAIA league with programs in Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and Michigan.

“I look forward to working with Missouri Baptist University and Lindenwood University-Belleville as the newest members of the Mid-States Football Association,” league commissioner Dr. James D. Houdeshell said. “The Missouri Baptist folks made a wonderful review of plans to begin intercollegiate football. Lindenwood-Belleville already plays intercollegiate football and they sought a conference to join.

“We extend our best to both.”

Missouri Baptist is starting its program this fall at the intramural level and expects to play it first full season in 2014. Lindenwood-Belleville went 4-6 last fall in its inaugural campaign. On the schedule for the Lynx this fall are MSFA squads St. Francis (Ill.) and Olivet Nazarene.

The Mid-States’ Midwest League includes 2011 NAIA national champion St. Xavier as well as Olivet Nazarene and Trinity International from Illinois and Grand View, St. Ambrose, Waldorf and William Penn from Iowa.

The Mideast League features 2012 NAIA champion Marian, Taylor and St. Francis from Indiana, Robert Morris and St. Francis from Illinois and Concordia and Siena Heights of Michigan.
Lindenwood-Belleville also is joining Missouri Baptist in other sports as a member of the American Midwest Conference beginning with the 2014-15 school year.

Others in the AMC include Benedictine-Springfield from Illinois, Columbia, Hannibal-LaGrange, Harris-Stowe, Park, Stephens and William Woods from Missouri and Lyon and Williams Baptist from Arkansas.

St. Louis College of Pharmacy also will join the AMC in 2014, rounding out the 12-member league. The 2013-14 season will mark the Eutectics’ final year in the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

Around the Region

• Southern Illinois University Carbondale’s DeAnna Price, a sophomore from Troy Buchanan High, became a two-time NCAA All-American with an eighth-place finish in the hammer throw in Eugene. Price, who had a throw of 208 feet 2 inches, earned second-team All-American honors in 2012 when she placed 10th in the hammer throw.

• SIU Edwardsville’s Raven Berry, a 6-foot-1 center from Collinsville, will continue playing basketball as a professional with the Lemvig Basketball Club in Denmark. She was an All-Ohio Valley Conference selection after averaging 14.5 points and 10 rebounds as a senior. The first player in school history to reach the 1,000 mark in points and rebounds, she holds Cougar records for games played (118) and rebounds (1,040). With 1,499 career points, she ranks fifth at SIUE.

• A pair of Missouri State players with St. Louis ties were among the honorees as center fielder Tate Matheny (Westminster Christian) and Jon Harris (Hazelwood Central) were named to the Louisville Slugger Freshman All-America squad.

Matheny started all 54 games for the Bears, finishing with a team-leading .336 batting average. He also led the team in hits (77) and home runs (four) and finished with 26 RBIs. Harris, a lanky righthander, posted victories in his first eight collegiate starts. He finished the season 8-2 with a 3.67 ERA. In 76 2/3 innings, he fanned 61 and walked 31.

• Matt Baker, who became Maryville’s first Division II national champion when he capped a 40-1 senior season with a national wrestling championship at 197 pounds in March, added to his list of accomplishments recently when he became just the third Saints’ student-athlete to earn first-team Academic All-American honors.

• After helping lead their team to its first NAIA World Series berth, two players from Missouri Baptist — pitcher Ethan Gibbons and shortstop Patrick Johnson — were named All-Americans. Gibbons earned first-team honors after going 11-1 with a 2.20 ERA. Johnson received honorable mention.
Lowell man critically injured in crash

June 16, 2013 8:55 pm  •  Times Staff

LOWELL | A 20-year-old man was critically injured in a single-vehicle crash early Sunday in Lowell, the Lake County Sheriff's Department said.

Cole Midgett, of Lowell, was driving in the 2800 block of Belshaw Road in Lowell about 5:15 a.m. when for unknown reasons he left the road and struck a tree, said Patti Van Til, a spokeswoman for the Sheriff’s Department.

Midgett was extricated from a 2010 Chevrolet Equinox by the Lowell Fire Department. Van Til said there was extensive front-end damage to the vehicle.

He was the only person in the vehicle.

Midgett was taken to Franciscan St. Anthony Health in Crown Point with life-threatening injuries, Van Til said. He was later taken to Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn.

Deputies continue investigating the crash.

Midgett is a running back on the St. Xavier University football team, rushing for 45 yards and a touchdown and catching 20 passes for 242 yards as a sophomore last season, according to the school's athletics website.

Midgett previously played football at Lowell High School, where he was a member of The Times All-Area football team in the 2010 season.

-Top-
St. Francis de Sales will name former Bulls first-round draft pick Jeff Sanders as its director of boys basketball operations, a source close to the school told the Times.

There will be a news conference at 3 p.m. Tuesday at the school announcing Sanders to the position. A boys coach will be announced later. Sanders was selected by the Bulls 20th overall in the 1989 NBA draft. He played four seasons in the NBA with the Bulls, Charlotte Hornets and Atlanta Hawks, appearing in 55 games.

The school will also announce former Notre Dame offensive lineman Tom Gullickson as its director football operations and John Terry as head football coach.

Gullickson played for Ara Parseghian and Dan Devine at Notre Dame. He was the head coach at Peoria Notre Dame, guiding the Fighting Irish to their first winning season since 2001. Recently, he was a special teams coach with St. Xavier University in 2011. The Cougars won the NAIA national championship. He is the older brother of former major league pitcher Scott Gullickson. Both are Joliet Catholic grads.

Terry was an assistant as SFDS last year under Martin Quiroga, who was not retained. The boys basketball coach position was held by Kevin Wolfe, who stepped down after the season.

Ken Mattini will be named director of girls basketball operations and head coach. He succeeds Terrence Streater, who guided the Pioneers to three straight Class 2A regional titles. Streater left for a similar position at Eisenhower.

Mattini guided Elgin St. Edwards to the 1985 Class A girls state basketball title and a runner-up finish in 1988. He has coached at several schools. He recently was an assistant girls basketball coach at Kenosha (Wis.) St. Joseph's.