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## Clinton speech 'awesome' says former local resident

President Clinton's visit to Southern Illinois University Monday was an "awesome, awesome experience" for a local man.

Matthew Parsons, an SIU graduate was among a handful of student leaders who sat near Clinton during his 30-minute speech Monday.

Clinton, along with Sen. Paul Simon, addressed approximately 15,000 people in Carbondale, speaking about the federal budget and specifically, federal student aid.

Clinton's financial aid plan includes Simon's initiative of direct lending and a component which would provide deductions for college tuition. "That's a very solid idea that has a lot of bi-partisan support," Parsons said. "It's very hard to debate his plan on higher education. It's hard to argue against education."

Clinton panned Republicans, Parsons said, because of the recently-approved \$12 billion spent on B-2 bombers and suggested cuts in financial aid. "He said that money could have gone to education," Parsons said.

Clinton's financial aid suggestions were not the only thing that impressed Parsons. "I've never seen a person who could captivate a large audience like (Clinton)," he said. "He is a master at working a crowd. He has charisma."

Parsons, who served as SIU chief of staff and ran for mayor of Carbondale, called the visit a look at "the pretty side, the polished side" of politics, saying the visit was "an overwhelming production."

Parsons was especially impressed with the priority given to students during Clinton's visit. An elementary class was given front-row seats and college students were given priority, as well. "That was an amazing thing to me," he said. "After what I've seen the last couple years, it was great to see the president of the United States say students are important."

Simon also got high marks from Parsons. "If there's one political figure in this country who fascinates me, it's him," he said, adding Simon

**See CLINTON on other side**

## Hoopeston man faces felony charges in shooting incident

A Hoopeston man was arraigned Wednesday on felony charges stemming from the Sept. 1 shooting of a Glenview man.

Edward H. Lockhart of rural Hoopeston was arraigned on charges of aggravated battery with a firearm, a Class X felony; aggravated discharge of a firearm, a Class 1 felony; and reckless discharge of a firearm, a Class 4 felony.

The charges stem from a Sept. 1 incident when Lockhart allegedly shot Alex Assinocopias of

Glenview. Assinocopias, who was hunting with a friend, was shot in the wrist and back of the neck.

According to Gary Miller, Vermilion County Sheriff's Department chief investigator, Assinocopias was shot with buckshot or bird shot in an alleged disagreement over hunting.

Lockhart was released on 10 percent of \$5,000 bond. If convicted of the Class X felony, he faces up to six years in prison.

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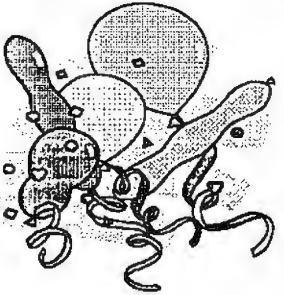
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 **Court dispositions**   
Aug. 17: Trestin White, Hoopeston, loitering, \$100.  
Jason Kinnard, Hoopeston, loitering, \$100 converted to 24 hours public service work.  
Matthew Baker, Hoopeston, loitering, pleaded not guilty.  
Jerry Lindsey, Hoopeston, too fast for conditions, \$75; reckless driving, nolle pros.  
Joan McIntyre, Ambia, Ind., no parking, nolle pros.  
Arthur Warner, Hoopeston, no parking, pleaded guilty, \$45 total.  
Regina Purnell, Chicago, speeding, pleaded guilty, \$75 total.  
Justin Dale, Florida, failure to reduce speed, pleaded guilty, \$75 total.


**Clinton** continued from other side  
had worked with many presidents and dealt with many issues while "taking the moral high road."  
Parsons is not the only Carbondale resident taken with Simon. "People were crying and hugging him," Parsons said. Simon, who lives approximately 10 minutes from Carbondale, "is like a demi-god down there."  
Parsons, who returned to Hoopeston, admitted he was glad to be away from political hoopla for a while, but said Monday's visit made an impression. "It's one of those experiences that will stay with me for the rest of my life," he said.

**Obituaries**  
LEIGH - Kent A. Leigh, 42, of St. Charles, died Tuesday, Sept. 12, 1995, at Delnor Hospital in Geneva. Funeral services will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday at the Brown-Alkire Funeral Home. Burial will be in Floral Hill Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour before services at the funeral home.

**Thursday Trivia**  
Call 283-9348  
between 8 and 8:30 a.m. to win!  
Weekly winners will qualify  
for a drawing for a FREE  
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Today's question: How many agencies  
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Last week's winner: Richard Cox  
Last week's answer: The talent winner of  
the National Sweetheart Pageant was  
from Florida.  
Winner of the free dinner: Mark Burdsall

**In the hospital**   
Hoopeston Community Memorial Hospital  
Sept. 12, 1995  
Admitted: none.  
Discharged: Lillie Marie Baker, Hoopeston.

**Police News**   
A girl's black Magna bicycle was found Wednesday at 330 W. Orange. The owner may identify and claim it at the police station.  
Steve Long, 715 E. Washington, reported Wednesday that someone pried open a window at his home and took jewelry, antiques, tobacco pipes, beer, wine and cigarettes.

**Weather**   
Partly cloudy today with a chance of showers. High in the low 80s. Tonight, cloudy. Low near 60. Tomorrow, slight chance of showers early. High near 80, low near 61.

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