

THE DEB ALLEN Y&G ERA BEGINS IN 2010

Kurt Fowler
Springfield, Illinois

With the retirement of Allen Moore after 35 years with the program, a vacancy was created in the position of Y&G President. The post has been filled by long-time YMCA employee Deb Allen. Allen has worked for the YMCA since age 15 and had most recently served as the Executive Director of the Tri-Town YMCA.

"I'm a second-generation YMCA director," she said. "I've never worked anywhere else."

Allen was selected from a competitive field of applicants for the position. "The selection committee did a fantastic job of finding the best replacement, Allen," said Andy Paul, the Chairman of the Board of

Directors. "She was the unanimous number-one choice of everyone on the committee, which made my job pretty easy."

When Allen was seeking a new job, she did not want to work for a YMCA with a facility. "They're too concerned with the facility and the pool," she said. "They never get to spend time with the members and the community." She is happy that her new job allows her to work with and influence the youth.

During the 1990s, Allen served as YMCA liaison to the program, but she had never seen it in action. She has spent the weekend observing the assembly. "It's cool," she said. "It's really an amazing program."

She applied for the



Deb Allen, the President-elect for Y&G, will take over the program in 2010. She replaces Allen Moore who has served the program for 35 years. Allen is seen here on Saturday taking in a hearing at Lobbyist Headquarters

position because she was looking for a challenging new job, but Moore's years of dedicated service will be a tough act to follow. "I've got huge shoes to fill," she said. "I'm honored to be trusted to do what he's done."

Paul had similar thoughts. "It's hard to replace someone who's been in any position for

35 years," he said. "But I think she's up to the task."

The position comes with a lot of influence over the program, but she is not planning any major changes. "My concern is to maintain the quality and integrity of the program," she said. "[Moore] built such a strong foundation, and you don't want to mess with it."

Calls for impeachment appear not to be based in fact

Samantha Pelc
Springfield, Illinois

Youth Governor Pileski had a very interesting day Saturday, his first day on the job. Despite having the stomach flu, the Governor tried to remain focused on his goals and did not allow the impeachment motions that were springing up in the legislature to affect him.

When asked how his first day was going, the Governor replied, "It's actually been really slow to

day."

This is surprising because of all the impropriety that the Governor had been accused of by early afternoon on Saturday.

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Governor Pileski alleges that one of the females heading the accusations against him is not

really doing this "out of hatred or disappointment in his position, but just for the experience of impeach-

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DID CLINTON REALLY SPEND \$0 ON HIS CAMPAIGN?

Jake Buescher
Springfield, Illinois

While allegations swirled Friday around the rumor that Governor David Pileski spent well over the limit on his campaign, Lt. Governor Antonio Clinton found himself in trouble for spending "not more than \$2" on poster board for his campaign.

Although most would applaud a candidate limiting his campaign expenditures to \$2, Antonio's lack of spending has caused quite a stir. It seems that Antonio filled in all zeros for the amount of money spent for campaign mate-

rials on his Candidate Financial Disclosure form.

According to the form, a candidate may be removed from office for falsifying campaign expenses.

Clinton, however, felt that his campaign did not incur any direct costs. "Me and my friend who live together did [all the posters] Wednesday night and the poster board was from my house," said Clinton.

Clinton saw no reason to file the \$2 as a donated expense from his friend.

"[It] didn't register as

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LET'S PLEASE PUT A HALT ON PROM INVITES

There are many work to plan it out. events throughout high school that we participate in, including prom.

Prom is usually a night that is romantic spent between a couple - but is Y&G the place to ask someone to accompany you to the dance?

It all started when candidate for lieutenant governor, John Miller, gave his speech on Friday.

Towards the end of his speech, he conveniently asked Emily McPartlin, a fellow legislator from Network Carl Sandburg, to prom.

Miller said that it came as a "complete shock" to her and that it took a lot of

However, it seemed to me an awkward time to ask someone to prom.

Then, on Saturday, during a blue House committee meeting, legislator Michael Sipple from Network Stagg asked Christina Horan from the same delegation to attend prom with him.

During the beginning of the committee meeting, Sipple asked to entertain a motion that had "nothing to do with the process,"

but rather if Horan would go to prom with him.



Samantha Pelc
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The strange thing about these acts is that they have happened right in the middle of serious parts of the Y&G experience.

Governor Pileski defends the actions.

"[They are] reminders we are still who we are," said Pileski.

Although I agree that we are all teens and that we are all here to have fun, there are certain times where things like asking other delegates to prom

are not appropriate.

The purpose of this weekend is to learn more about the government of our state, and we are given times like Mandatory Fun Night to show off our less serious sides.

Although it is something different and adds some sort of excitement during the day, not everyone in the program needs to witness delegates asking each other to go to prom.

I think that the intentions were good but to all those wanting to find a romantic way to ask who he/she has in mind for prom-twice was enough for this weekend at Y&G.

Thanks, in advance.

Y&G candidates spend different amounts of money on campaigning

AMOUNT OF MONEY SPENT ON CAMPAIGN DOES NOT GUARANTEE VICTORY AT Y&G

Sarah Schneider
Mattoon Arcola

One of the procedures for all candidates running for Y&G office is that they must fill out a candidate financial disclosure form.

This form documents what each candidate spends on the campaign.

The list to be filled out by the candidate and signed by both candidate and advisor includes income in the form of contributions, donated materials, donated services, personal money, and other.

The amount of personal money a candidate uses for a campaign should not exceed \$200.

Candidates are asked to abide by this rule, since Y&G performs no specific check in addition to the form.

The most money spent on a campaign in 2009 was Youth Governor David Pileski of Elmhurst Lake Park. He spent \$1,286.12.

The least amount spent was the Executive Director of Lobbyists, Noah Thacker of BR Ryall Wheaton Warrenville South, and Lt. Governor Antonio Clinton.

Both declared no income or expenditure. Thacker ran unopposed.

Clinton, on the other hand, did have campaign materials, but declared no expenses (See related article on page 1).

It also appears that the amount of money spent on a campaign does not guarantee victory. Pileski, who did spend the most, won Youth Governor.

However, Trevor Thompson of Springfield Williamsville spent the second highest amount, \$715, and came in last in a three person race for Secretary of State.

Finally, materials used during campaigning to attract votes received mixed

reviews.

Jordan Brady, a Senator from Dixon, said, "[Pileski] actually interacting with everyone made a big impact." Brady also went on to say that "Nicole Su [candidate for Speaker of the House] handed out really cute beach balls."

On the other hand, Sarah Reece was not affected by the campaign materials.

"My vote was most impacted by the speeches and what they stood for, not the amount of money they spent," said Reece, a page from Elmhurst Lake Park.

SB-G-18 calls for mandatory exercise for state employees

Gil Botham
Heritage Oswego East

A bill group from Heritage Waubonsie Valley is proposing mandatory exercise for all government employees.

According to the bill statement, the bill would "implement a mandatory workout regime" and would include "aerobics, common strength training exercise, yoga, pilates, or yogilates."

According to the Senate Sponsor, Chris Fernandez, the bill would provide both physical and mental health benefits.

"[It] will improve overall well-being of the citizen

and of the state. It [also] improves mood, combats diseases and combats weight," said Fernandez.

According to WebMD.com, exercise is important in improving health and physical well-being.

The WebMD article goes on to state that exercise is "an important part of effective weight loss."

The House Sponsor, Alex Stein, was interested in the bill because he believes that obesity is a major issue.

"[I] want to help combat [the] obesity problem. It is a good 1st step to help combat obesity," said Stein.

Some delegates thought that the bill would probably help, but most thought that it should not be mandatory or that it should not come with the job.

Emily Mordacq from Springfield Williamsville said, "Yeah its possible [that it will relax them], but it shouldn't be included in the job."

Also a Senator from Heritage Neuqua Valley High School, Michael Fatore, agreed.

"Yeah [it will relax them], but [they should] get it on their own."

On the other hand, Vivian Galman from Net-

work Carl Sandburg believed strongly in the bill. "It should be included in the job," said Galman.

In his lobbyist paper, Ravi Thombre states that this bill will have a great impact on state employees.

"With the incorporation of simple yet effective office exercise regiments, there will be a significant increase in the health of employees," said Thombre.

According to many Y&G members, the bill is a good idea, but it appears to have a bumpy road ahead before it is actually signed into law.

Jefferson County DuQuoin group gets first bill signed

Savanna James
Jefferson County DuQuoin

Youth Governor David Pileski signed the fist bill of 2009 on Saturday morning. It was HB-O-28.

Legislators Logan Schneider, Matt Gossett, Neil Patel, and lobbyist Collin Keith, all of Jefferson County DuQuoin proposed the bill which amends the number of passengers allowed in a vehicle of a person with a learner's permit.

According to the bill, any new recipient of a learner's permit may only operate a motor vehicle in the presence of another driver above the age of twenty with over one year prior driving experience, and that driver is

not allowed to have more than one passenger in that vehicle who is under the age of twenty.

Senate Sponsor Logan Schneider explained why the group came up with this bill, "We all agreed that it wasn't fair that 15 year-olds had more freedom than 16 year-olds [who have passenger restrictions when they receive their licenses]."

Although the bill will limit a student driver to one person over the age of 20 who has their license for at least year, siblings, step-siblings, and children and step-children of the licensed driver, will be allowed.

House Sponsor Neil Patel was delighted while



The first bill signed into law in 2009 was HB-O-28, a bill regulating passengers in cars. Pictured - Bill Group: Colin Keith, Logan Schneider, Youth Governor Pileski, Neal Patel, and Matt Gossett. All are from Jefferson County DuQuoin.

waiting for the Governor's signature, saying "We were last of the last [in committee], and now the first bill to get signed!"

Schneider expressed

his excitement about the signing of the bill. He said, "It feels spectacular to be the first because we were last priority at Pre Leg I."

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Impeached gov. continues to influence politics

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For the past few months, the one issue that has been on Illinois-an minds is that of the Blagojevich impeachment and the other scandals in state government.

For some in Y&G, this has changed their views of state government.

Svatoslav Nakonechny, a from Elmhurst Leyden, is just one.

"We've started to question our government," said Nakonechny. "When you start to do that, it's not

a good thing, and in that way it has changed."

Some also feel that the proximity is suddenly very troubling.

This is the case for lobbyist Teresa Martz from B.R. Ryall Wheaton Warrenville South.

"You kind of expect scandal on a national level," said Martz, "but when it's in your state, you realize it's close to home."

This proximity is causing others to think about who they can trust and how far these problems could spread.

Ryan Beighley, from Jefferson County Sesser-Valier, wonders if the state problem could spread to a national level.

"If it's here in the state, why couldn't it be somewhere bigger," asked Beighley. "For instance, Obama, how are we sure he's not involved? They're all from the same place, so it's possible."

Although for many, the state scandals have changed their perspective of government.

For others, though, nothing has changed.

"It was only a one time deal with Blagojevich," said Jerome Kolf, from Elmhurst Lake Park. "It was just him, and it wasn't a huge shocker because this type of thing has happened in the past."

For others, like Elmhurst York lobbyist Donald Loesch, they think that the Illinois system is entirely corrupt

"Not much has changed for me," said Loesch. "I've always thought the state government was corrupt, so this just kind of reaffirmed it for me."

Delegates enjoy the downtime during the weekend

Jenna Hansen
Springfield Williamsville

Spending all day hard at work makes the downtime at Y&G always a plus.

"The best part of the day is taking a break from arguing bills to hang in the hotel and watch Tyra with the guys," said Robert Galman, a Network Carl Sandburg attorney.

When being kept busy for several consecutive hours, time to relax is always important.

"It's fun to just hang out, talk, listen to music and dance around the hotel room with friends with our free time," explained Cristina Restaino, from Elmhurst Lake Park.

While having time to just kick back and hang out after Y&G events, some delegates believe

there needs to be more resting areas between committee meetings.

"There's not much to do [in between different committees], so I think there should be designated lounge areas in or around the Capitol," offered Alberto Plascencia from Network Eisenhower.

According to Matthew Worst from Heritage Oswego, there is not a lot free time to find things to do.

"Even though we don't have that much time between the end of our work day and curfew, 'Mandatory Fun Night' sure makes up for all the hard work everyone puts in," said Worst.

"Mandatory Fun Night" follows all the Capitol activities Saturday

Flu-like symptoms hit Y&G

Ashley Smith
Springfield Williamsville

A simple handshake or being in close contact with people. Sound like typical Y&G?

Well, such action may also lead to illness, like the stomach flu, an ailment hitting many this weekend.

Some, like Lorna Kang from Heritage Neuqua Valley, do not see anything out of the ordinary. "It's just one of those sicknesses that happens every year," she said.

On the other hand, Rani Shah from Heritage Waubonsie Valley recognized that timing is everything when it comes to illness.

"[Secretary of State] Janesh Rahlan was out of school four days last week just before Y&G weekend due to the stomach flu," said Shah.

Yet, unlike Rahlan who was able to recuperate, many delegates actually were affected by the flu this weekend.

Elmhurst Lake Park had one member sick with flu-like symptoms such as headache, fever, stomach ache, and tiredness, and Springfield Williamsville actually sent a delegate home due to flu-like symptoms.

The elected leaders did not even get away from the bug. Youth Governor Pileski caught the flu and was not feeling well Friday morning.

Luckily, all delegations did not experience illness.

Kelsey Drake from Network Stagg said, "No one is sick with the stomach flu from my delegation."

Look for the Network Stagg nametag next time someone wants to shake hands with you.

Y&G reacts to IL General Assembly's action to investigate a ban on energy drinks

Jordan Durham
Christian County Taylorville

When the Y&G weekend rolled around this year, an issue important to teens made headlines – the ban of energy drinks for minors.

Popular among teens, drinks such as Monster, Amp, Red Bull and Nos, may be restricted to citizens over 18, if new legislation is passed and signed into law.

Penalizing parents for the illegal actions of their teen may be the consequence if teens are caught consuming the drinks.

Additionally, the establishment that provided the drink to the minor could also face a penalty, if the legislation is enacted.

"I support this bill because [the drinks are] bad for your health and something to get addicted to [when young]," said David Stachman, from Lake County Stevenson. "It's an extreme version of soda which has no benefit to our health."

Many believe the scientific evidence found from

analyzing the stimulants effects in a youth has not been very promising, and scientists have not delved into the matter enough for a bill to pass that actually bans the drinks.

"Some [drinks] are bad, [but] there is not a lot of scientific proof," said Shrinidhi Dawande, from Heritage Naperville North. "I don't think it should be passed. We could put a limit on consumption, but there are more serious things than [energy drinks]."

Some delegates are concerned about their school performance when they will have to stay up late to finish homework and not be able to use the energy drink for that extra boost.

"How are we going to stay up if we need to do homework? asked Adam Balder, from Springfield Williamsville. "If we need to do homework, how are we going to finish it?"

Other delegates believe it messes with an individual's physical capability and mental state, which

is very similar to the worries that prompted by the state's legislators to develop the bill.

"I'm not big on energy drinks and as an athlete it's not good for you," said

Jenni Abercrombie, from Network Marist. "It messes with your sleep-wake cycles and attitude. They have a bunch of additives, and it is not helping you. It is just making it worse."

School bells will not ring until 8:30 if Hartley has her way

Miranda Freeman
Springfield Williamsville

One bill that garnered a great deal of support in the early stages of Y&G is SB-O-08, a bill regulating the start times for all high schools by requiring them to start classes no earlier than 8:30 a.m.

Michelle Hartley, the Senate sponsor from Heritage Oswego, originally wanted to write a bill concerning limitations on the awards in malpractice suits, yet she is content with her current legislation.

"[I was originally] disappointed that the bill is not so big. It won't save the world or anything," said Hartley.

Although Hartley's bill

does not deal with quite such a serious subject as malpractice, she believes it is a bill that must be discussed.

Hartley stated that the bill offers more than just extra sleep for students in grades nine through twelve. According to Hartley, research is on her side.

"These ages retain information better when their school starts at 8:30 and not at 6:30 in the morning," said Hartley.

As of Saturday's debate, the primary issue blocking the bill from becoming law is the lack of punishment for schools that violate the 8:30 start time.

Committee chairs get high marks from delegates

Miranda Freeman
Springfield Williamsville

Committee meetings are essential elements of the Y&G process, and each committee chairperson brings a unique spin to the job.

Most Y&G members like their committee chairperson.

Teresa Martz, a representative from BR Ry-

all Wheaton Warrenville South, said that her committee chair felt did a fine job.

"[She is] really nice and keeps the committee moving as much as she can," she said.

Other delegates had no problems with their committee chairs but rather took issue with others in the committee.

Kelsi Teague, a lobby-

ist from Jefferson County Elverado, felt that the advisor interfered in with the chair person's job.

"I liked her [the committee chair], but the advisor [assigned to the room] was a little disrespectful," said Teague.

Few members, such as Alex Dinos, a lobbyist from Network Carl Sandburg, did not approve of the chairperson's approach

because of the climate it created in the room.

"I didn't like him because he kept telling everyone to be quiet, and he was taking his job a little too seriously," said Dinos.

In all, most members surveyed approved of their chairperson.

The delegates felt the chairperson knew what they were doing and moved things along well.

SB-O-27 is first bill to go down in legislature

Mitch Gaffney
Springfield Williamsville

SB-O-27, an Elmhurst Lake Park bill, proposes changes to the statewide All Kids health care program.

"[The bill] changes who handles your money," said Senate sponsor Andrew Scola.

"Right now health care companies spend up to 32 percent of the total funding. Our bill would cut away the unnecessary expenses used by health care companies to 4 percent."

House Sponsor Kevin Meyers helped explain the bill in more simple terms.

"Basically we want to establish a company called Illicare, which would be a non-profit organization to help provide low-cost health care to Illinois citizens."

According to Meyers, the lower costs were not even the best part of their bill.

"My favorite part of the bill is that Illicare is a non-profit organization. Nowadays companies are more focused on the money instead of the patients."

Lobbyist Karl Schulze shares his bill group's view.

"The current system is very broken. There are close to 45 million individuals, many of whom are of the working middle class, who do not have a health care plan."

One of these indi-

viduals is actually Meyers's brother. "My brother has a disease which requires very high health care costs. This bill would really help to lower those costs not just for him, but for many others as well," said Meyers.

During debate Saturday, the bill received much opposition. "[I] probably wouldn't like it," claimed Ivan Davis, a legislator from Indian Boundary Hinsdale Central. "It would boost the income tax."

Neha Sharma, a legislator from the Heritage Waubonsie Valley, also does not recommend passing the bill. "[The bill] would [make it] a lot harder to get health care," Sharma reasoned. "I don't really think it solves the problem at hand."

Ultimately, the majority of the legislators in the Orange legislature agreed with Sharma and Davis.

The bill failed, and it was the first bill to fail in the Orange legislature.

When asked if they would like to bring up the bill for reconsideration, Scola took no time in reasoning that they will indeed do everything in their power to get this bill passed.

"This time we're going to try to simplify the different aspects of it to make it more passable," stated Scola. "Health care is a very complicated issue, so we're working on simplifying it to people who got lost in the translation."

Bill wants to eliminate P.E. mandate

Shannon Dennis
Springfield Williamsville

A bill sponsored by Senator Andrew Alcott of Heritage Batavia regarding all public high schools will require those schools to offer physical education as an elective to athletes and musicians.

The bill specifically states that physical education will be not be required for athletes or musicians all four years of high school.

Alcott, an honors student, member of his school's marching band, and an athlete said this bill helps students.

"This bill is meant to be for good students that go above and beyond. [Additionally,] being so active in school leads to a very demanding schedule. I would take any chance given to have an extra time to study," said Alcott.

The bill goes on to state that if the school does not comply with the law, funding will be cut for athletics.

An amendment that was passed during committee stated that instead of athletes and musicians being allowed out of P.E. an entire year, they should just be exempted from P.E. for just the season when their activity occurs.

Alcott did not agree with this amendment. He said, "Even if I'm not playing a sport at the moment, I am most likely still training and trying to keep in shape for next year."

Rahlan has very smooth day at bill flow, defends embattled elected officials

Jake Buescher
Springfield Williamsville

It was a very busy and eventful first day for newly elected Secretary of State Janesh Rahlan.

He said, "The Orange and Gray committees have been very busy, and the Blue committee debated for a long time, which is great."

When I asked Rahlan how bill flow had been going Saturday, he said, "[It] is going great. A page disappeared with a folder, but that was the only bump in the road."

Rahlan added that there had been "no calls so far from the House or Senate complaining about anything." During the interview, Rahlan spoke out very strongly against rumors going around about impeachment of Governor David Pileski and Lt. Governor Antonio Clinton.

He said these claims are "absolutely bogus and horrendous; there are no rules on how much [candidates] should spend and [the Governor] spent less than \$200 out of his own pocket."

Rahlan also was very perturbed by allegations that Lt. Governor Antonio Clinton falsely filed his Candidate Financial Disclosure Form when he declared he spent \$0 on his campaign materials.

"Antonio got things from his own house. He won because of his speech; he didn't have to spend any money," said Rahlan.

Banquet receives mixed reviews from delegates

Bricklin Welch
Springfield Williamsonville

The 2009 Y&G Friday Night Banquet served as a chance to recognize the winners of the elections as well as numerous other awards.

Although most members enjoyed the banquet, a few were unhappy with the food and particular aspects of the presentation. "[The banquet] was okay, but there were a lot of snotty teachers," said Elisabeth Trebonsky, a page from Elmhurst Lake Park.

Trebonsky also complained about the many standing ovations in recognition of the people being honored at the banquet, including retiring President Allen Moore and Program Director Sue Moore.

"My knees can't take that much standing," she said.

Garret Russell, a lobbyist from Jefferson County West Frankfort specifically took issue with the meal selection. "The spaghetti and corn was not the best combination for dinner," said Russell.

Russell also mentioned the speeches, comparing the standing ovations to "the wave" at a sporting event.

Paige Davenport, a

senator from Springfield Williamsonville, felt that some students were being disrespectful to the people who have put so much time into the Y&G program.

"I thought it was a little rude when some of the people didn't stand up for the ovations," said Davenport.

Timothy Nance, an attorney from Network Stagg, disagreed with those who questioned the banquet.

"I thought the food was pretty good and the presentations were also good," said Nance. "There were a lot of ovations, and they were deserved for the really important people."

Though most everyone was happy with the election results, a few were understandably disappointed. "I am pretty happy with all the people who were elected, but I really wish Trevor Thompson would have gotten elected Secretary of State because he is a classmate of mine, and I helped campaign for him," said Davenport.

Nance shared Davenport's disappointment. "Neither of the two students who were running for office from my school got elected."

A Y&G page primer: What is it that they actually do?

Dylan Woods
Springfield Williamsonville

Many consider the job of a page at Y&G to be trivial. Pages, however, actually play a crucial role in keeping the big week-end functioning.

Pages are responsible for all the transfer of messages between delegates. You could say that the pages are the 19th century telephones of Y&G, but the transfer of messages is not the only job that must be done by the pages.

Sergeant-at-Arms

Adam Schumacher, of BR Ryall Wheaton Warrenville South outlined some of the pages' titles. "There are personal pages, recorders, normal pages, election officials, and bill flow clerks."

Personal Pages are aides to all elected officials. According to Schumacher, the personal pages have to do just about anything asked of them by their officials. "If one of the officials wants water, a

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Do HS students need recess? Bill group definitely thinks so

Gil Botham
Springfield Williamsonville

As kids, we all loved recess, and many still miss it when they get into sixth grade. A group from Kankakee BBCHS proposed a bill that would put recess back in all public schools.

According to the bill, "All public schools grades K-12 in the state of Illinois are mandated to have twenty-five minutes of recess or socialization time per day."

House sponsor Jeremy Clark said the bill would benefit students.

"[We need it] because we need a break from school to focus," Clark said.

Senate sponsor Bryan Burke concurred.

"Every kid loves recess, and it helps students get away from the stress of school."

The bill group also

hopes that legislation will have a physical benefit for the students.

Clark said, "[It will] help students focus, lower obesity, and promote a healthy lifestyle."

Kaiylan Majic, a lobbyist from Network Stagg, agreed with the legislation.

"I think it is necessary. Everyone needs a break in their day. Lunch isn't enough," said Majic.

On the other hand, not every delegate agrees with the added recess time.

Patrick Cavanaugh, a legislator from BR Ryall Wheaton Warrenville South, said the bill was unnecessary.

"We already get enough relaxation time, and it seems kind of odd to have recess. You have social time after school," said Cavanaugh.

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very important. When the poster board was bought, it was not intended to be used for my Lt. Governor campaign," said Clinton.

Although Clinton was under scrutiny for not putting down the cost of the poster board, his advisor, Chris Schoenleb, was also responsible for signing off on the financial disclosure form.

"It was all donated within the school. We have a color copier and our school donates no money whatsoever," said Schoenleb.

Although Schoen-

leb was aware of the importance of the financial forms, he did not see the cost of the poster board as a campaign expense.

"I asked Antonio if there was a campaign budget and he said no," said Schoenleb.

Springfield Williamsville Advisor Tonia Faloon-Sullivan could relate with Clinton's and Schoenleb's frustration. "Y & G has a lot of forms," she said. "I can see how the process can be confusing. It's the candidate's responsibility [to file forms correctly], but the advisor should guide them in completing the process."

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message delivered and, in some cases, lunch brought to them, that is the responsibility of that page," said Schumacher.

The role of the Sergeant-at-Arms is to serve as the elected leaders of the pages. They are responsible for enforcing proper behavior and dress code.

Schumacher described his job as "The Bouncer of the Senate." Besides the enforcement of rule, the Sergeant-at-Arms screen the messages passed between delegates and decide which are considered mindless and which are passed on.

Another job that a page can have is the Secretary of the House or Senate. Their job is to read the upcoming bills on the docket.

This job requires less work, but it is an elected position so it is not easy to obtain. Despite the stated importance of this job, Secretary of the Senate Adam Balder of Springfield Williamsville does not see it. "My job is just a time filler," said Balder.

Some pages must also act as recorders. They are responsible for documenting what is said in sessions.

This is a very cumbersome job but is necessary for the program.

The final type of page is a bill flow clerk. They help the Secretary of State with bill flow.

Jordi Hanson of Jefferson County Mt. Vernon explained her role as Bill Flow Clerk.

"[The job entails] getting bills organized by priority and helping to set up the dockets."

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ing someone."

Despite those involved saying that they had nothing personal against the governor, it is hard to believe.

John Miller, a legislator from Network Carl Sandburg, was the one that made the motion of impeachment in the Blue House on Saturday morning.

"I have no beef with the governor," said Miller when asked about his reasoning. "I have just heard from numerous reliable sources that he spent several thousands, and that's not fair to [the other candidates]."

This statement seems to contradict those made by C.J. Clarizio, a chaplain from Springfield Pawnee, who claims that he was told by Miller that Governor Pileski "had a lot of stuff that had to cost over \$200."

When told that the candidates can raise as much money as they want, but can only spend \$200 of their own cash, Clarizio said that he was not aware of this and that he had "not personally seen any proof [of overspending by Pileski] but has been told by others that they have some."

Also, Clarizio was told by Miller that Pileski said during PreLeg I and PreLeg

II that he had spent no money on his campaign and that he restated that during his speech Friday afternoon at the Crowne Plaza. (Note: Clarizio was not at Pileski's PreLeg I or II.)

On Governor Pileski's financial disclosure forms, he clearly states that money was spent on his campaign, but he only spent \$192 of his own money.

When asked about the forms, Clarizio said, "I have not personally seen the forms, but John Miller has."

Governor Pileski assures everyone that "[the accusations] are false" and that he knows these types of accusations are all just "in the job description."

So despite all the scandals and accusations, the Governor was more concentrated on the fact "that it has been refreshing this year having the House and Senate debate bills more this year."

And even though those trying to impeach Pileski claim they are not doing it towards him personally, they seem to not have their stories completely straight.

Ultimately, it all comes down to Clarizio, when being asked why they were trying to impeach the Governor, he responded, "Uh... um... financial things..."