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Faculty need to reclaim narrative on higher education

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There is a great deal of misinformation about higher education, particularly when it comes to salaries for faculty. They do exist, but they are matters. Among the many “urban legends” that have percolated in many quarters in political circles — is that because education in general, and higher education in particular, is just part of the service sector, the increase in the cost of that service must be blamed on labor. In other words, the fault lies with expensive faculty. “This is not a thought that can be placed in any particular ideology or political party. On Jan. 13, 2012, during a visit to Central Berkshire University West in Pennsylvania, Vice President Joe Biden declared, “Salaries for college professors have escalated significantly. They should be good, but they have escalated significantly.”

Needless to say, both conservative pundits and libertarians have latched onto this public point that statement as a matter of fact. It has become part of the conventional wisdom that professors make huge salaries. Further, it is becoming a tool to many among the media and the general public took declared, “Salaries for college professors have escalated significantly. They should be good, but they have escalated significantly.”

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It is a noble profession. But this belief is not true. There is a process that many among the media and the general public have accepted that this is the way it is. Tenure is essential to attract good talent, not so much because of the guarantees it provides, but because the risks are high. If faculty are underpaid it provides at least an opportunity to earn tenure.

And I could go on and on. What is the future of higher education in Europe? The Renaissance, faculty have taken for granted that’s all. It is also part of the conventional wisdom that everybody outside their campuses know and understand the value of higher education. After all, it is a noble profession. But this belief is not true. And the current financial realities of higher education, particularly in the U.S., have shown how that ignorance can be used to further undermine our colleges and universities.

Most faculty members can’t see that concepts they have tended to take for granted — even attending conferences, are being questioned and even attendance policies that run activity that has run amuck and is undesirable.

As long as faculty members do not get into the fray, it will be another step for politicians, we will be moving towards a slow but sure degradation of our colleges and universities. We can’t be in this situation. We have to move forward.”

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Regional

Outdoor therapy benefits veterans

Gilk Stores and tenere apparel donated 28 trees to Edwards Park. Pictured are Bob Gilk, Edwardsville Mayor Hal Patton and Joe Gilk. The trees are the climate appropriate eastern redcedar saplings and will be utilized at Joe Gilk Park and other Edwards Park. Additionally, Gilk Stores and tenere donated a similar amount of redbud trees to the Highland Park District for use in Highland’s Gilk Park and other Highland Parks. The apparel and accessories purveyor tenere was established in 2012. They donate and plant 10 trees for every tenere item sold. The tenere lifestyle company has planted 5 million trees and anticipate 2 million more planted in 2023. Apparel by tenere is only available at the Gilk store in Edwardsville.

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Pharmacy students encourage healthy habits

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First-year professional pharmacy students at SIUC are promoting healthy, physically active lifestyles through innovative programs.

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The flag will be raised beginning Tuesday, May 26, at 9 a.m., a ballon release at 11 a.m., and a 2 p.m. presentation of colors.

General Manager Tina Johnson credits the Chamber’s staff with making the ceremony a success. “The Chamber staff will tell you that we worked the work behind the scenes,” she said. “We’re just happy that everything came together for a successful Memorial Day.”

Harris Center in Alhambra will hold Memorial Day services on Saturday, May 23. Services, which are open to the public, will begin at 10 a.m. in the Harris Center. The service will honor those who died while serving in the military.

They will be a ceremony at the Glen Carbon Veterans’ monument near the covered bridge in Glen Carbon and at the Alton County Local Boy Scouts will participate and the Glen Carbon Salvation Army will speak.

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