Gov. Rod Blagojevich made a stop Wednesday evening at the Marion Cultural and Civic Center to gain public support of his tax plan. The plan is supposed to support health-care and education programs.

Jason Johnson  Daily Egyptian

Governor stops in Marion

The same forces we are fighting on this are the same forces who are making it almost impossible for you to afford to turn your lights on.

— Gov. Rod Blagojevich

Alicia Wade  Daily Egyptian

Reasons to run

Student trustee hopefuls say position isn’t just a notch on their resumes

Joe Crawford  Daily Egyptian

Alicia Wade

MARION — A crowd of about 500 greeted an atypi- cally casual Gov. Rod Blagojevich Wednesday at the Marion Cultural and Civic Center, cheering him and holding signs that backed his latest budget plan.

Flanked by SIU President Glenn Poshard, Marion Mayor Bob Butler and Rep. Jay Hoffman from Collinsville, among oth- ers, Blagojevich spoke about his plans for education, health care and rolling back the Ameren rate increase.

The stop was a part of the “Investing in Families” bus tour, which separates the library entrance from the Life Sciences buildings and Lawloop Hall — is set to be closed from today through Saturday, he said.

“Now I just have to go past Quigley tunnel instead of taking the walkway that goes across the street, which is fine,” said Webster, who is handicapped and said she is mildly disturbed by the closure.

“Now I just have to go into the building on the other side. I really hate that,” Webster said.

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Professors look to settle ethics suit

Sean McGahan  Daily Egyptian

An SIUC professor accused of being non-compliant in a state-issued ethics test said Wednesday he was eager to settle the lawsuit against the state out of court.

Faculty Association President Marvin Zeman said he was optimistic that a settlement could be reached in the lawsuit after his lawyer responded to an Illinois attorney general’s motion to dismiss in a hearing Tuesday.

Zeman and fellow mathematics professor Walter Walls filed the suit in February after the state sent them a letter asking them to admit non- compliance for taking the test too quickly or face punishment, which could include termination.

The state’s attorney for the case, Matthew Balsamo, argued the lawsuit should be dismissed because no action had been taken against the fast
Train derail, spills blue cheese dressing

MECCA, CALIF. (AP) — A train derailment in the Southern California desert spilled gallons of blue cheese dressing onto a canal leading to the Salton Sea.

Cleaning up the smelly mess will take a few days, Union Pacific officials said Wednesday.

The 12-car train was carrying a variety of cargo from Dupo, Ill., to Los Angeles, said Union Pacific spokesman John Albro.

Nineteen of the cars derailed, dumping bulk containers of the dressing, other food products and concrete sealant. The cause of the Tuesday afternoon derailment and the amount of materials spilled had not been determined.

The spilled dressing and other materials flowed into the Coachella Canal about a mile from the north shore of the Salton Sea, hazardous materials specialist Robert Becker said. “There was blue cheese dressing — a lot of it.”

The canal was dammed and there was no threat to the salty Salton Sea, Becker said.

The train’s three crew members were unaccounted for a Riverside County firefighter was taken to a hospital for treatment of heat exposure, Battalion Chief Jorge Rodriguez said.

Student’s body found in campus lake

AMES, Iowa (AP) — The body of a missing Iowa State University student was found in a lake on campus, university police said.

The body of Abel Bolanos, 19, of Rolling Meadows, was found about 3:40 p.m. Tuesday in Lake LaVerne, university police said.

He had left his keys to his dorm room and car at the party. He also had his cell phone with him. It was last heard from midnight Saturday.

Bolanos, a sophomore studying English, was reported missing Sunday.

Police said a friend of Bolanos’ body and officials later identified the body as Bolanos, a sophomore studying English.

There were no obvious signs of foul play. A cause of death remains under investigation.

Bolanos was found in the first of two locations searched Wednesday.

The body was located near the west bank of the lake, police said.

The cause of the death sent to soldiers and a letter welcoming them to the United States have been determined.

Officials from several local and state agencies participated in the search, which included aircraft and K-9 units, Deisinger said.

More than 200 people also volunteered to help in the search for Bolanos, he said.

Intern pleads guilty to stealing Civil War era documents at the National Archives

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A 40-year-old intern with the National Archives pleaded guilty Wednesday to stealing 164 Civil War documents, including an official announcement of President Lincoln’s death, and putting most of them up for sale on eBay.

Prosecutors said Denning McCague, who has master’s degrees in history and library science, put about 150 of the documents online and had shipped about half of them.

All but three of the items, worth an estimated $30,000 in all, have since been recovered.

McCague told investigators that he used a yellow legal pad to sneak the documents out while working at the National Archives and Records Administration last summer. As an unpaid intern, he had been responsible for arranging and organizing documents in preparation for the upcoming 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

A Gettysburg company that publishes books on the Civil War spotted some of the items on eBay and alerted authorities last fall, officials said.

The stolen Civil War-era documents included telegrams concerning the troops’ woundings, the war Department’s announcement of Lincoln’s death sent to soldiers and a letter from famed cavalryman James Ewell Brown “Jeb” Stuart, prosecutors said.

In Wednesday’s DAILY EGYPTIAN, the excerpted quote in the page 1 story “Speaker questions Amstrong’s use of fortune” should have been attributed to 2006 Green Party gubernatorial candidate Rich Whitney. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

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From a cloud to a golden deer

Transformations occur in traditional Indian dance

**Alejandro Gonzalez**

On stage, she looked at the audience and said she was a cloud, then transformed into an ocean, and then a wave — and that was only the beginning.

These transformations of Krithika Rajagopalan and others occurred when the Natya Dance Theatre gave a traditional southern Indian performance at the Student Center ballrooms Wednesday night. The performance was part of the SIUC’s celebration of Asian Heritage Month.

Natya, a group from Chicago, has performed for more than 31 years and does tours all over the world. The dances are based on 3,000-year-old scriptures, said Rajagopalan, the choreographer and leader of the group.

“It represents everything,” said Rajagopalan, who has been with the group for 25 years. “It can represent Genesis from the Bible. It can represent love between a man and a woman. It can represent anything.”

The dance, called Bharatnatyam, shows women with bright makeup in long, red dresses and tells stories through body movements and facial expressions.

“I’ve never seen dancing that way,” said Ashley Swinford, a senior from Champaign studying psychology. “I was really amazed how much they can convey just through their hand gestures.”

Swinford said she understood the gestures in one of the stories. One of them was about one of the gods and transforming her figure to try and lure different people, she said. “They were transforming their figure, like changing to a beautiful maiden, then she changed into a deer.”

April Hall, a junior from Chicago studying pre-medication, said she appreciated the originality of the dance.

“We had never come to anything like this before. It was different,” she said. “It kind of got a little long, but we liked when all the dancers were there together.”

Hall said there were specific things that caught her attention, although they were strange.

“I liked how they used the facial expressions,” she said. “That’s what attracted me the most. I don’t know why they were doing that.”

Krithika Rajagopalan, the assistant artistic director of the Natya Dance Theatre in Chicago, performs a traditional Indian dance Wednesday evening at the Student Center Ballroom D. The production explored many concepts from ancient Indian art and literature, incorporating them into the dance.

“Transformations occur in traditional Indian dance”

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**Krithika Rajagopalan, choreographer and leader of the group**

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Iran to free captive sailors

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Tony Blair  British Prime Minister

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Friendly fire may have killed two soldiers

WASHINGTON — Two soldiers killed in Iraq in February may have died as a result of friendly fire, Army officials said Wednesday.

Army officials said Wednesday it is investigating the deaths of Pvt. Matthew Mehl, 23, of El Paso, Texas, and Spc. Alan E. McPeek, 20, of Tucson, Ariz., who were killed in Ramadi, in western Iraq, on Feb. 2. The families of the two soldiers were initially told they were killed by enemy fire.

According to Army Col. Daniel Baggs, unit commanders in Iraq did not at first suspect they were killed by U.S. forces, but an investigation by the unit concluded that may be the case.

A supplemental report filed Feb. 28 suggested that the initial reports might be wrong but that an investigation was still under way, he said.

It took another month before the families of the two soldiers were told, on March 31, that friendly fire was suspected.

Wednesday’s disclosure comes on the heels of the announcement last week thatнул high-ranking Army officers, including four generals, made critical errors in report- ing the friendly fire death of Army Ranger Pat Tillman in Afghanistan.

The military found no criminal wrongdoing in the shooting of the former NFL player.

Washington accuses Syria of back- ing Iran in the Middle East. The British sailors were seized by Iran on Thursday at 8 a.m. By late Tuesday evening they had still not been handed over to the British Embassy in Tehran and the embassy said it was not clear where they would spend the night. A spokesman for the U.S.-led coalition in Iraq only said “the process is under way.”

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Throughout we have taken a measured approach — firm but calm, not negotiating, but not confronting either.

Tony Blair  British Prime Minister
Spring Fling raises money for Coach Kill Cancer Fund

Participants brave weather for good cause

Ryan Rendleman  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Cold weather didn’t discourage participants from getting dunked into a pit of water Wednesday.

“It was for a good cause,” said Alicia Garcia, who plummeted underwater to raise money for the Coach Kill Cancer Fund during the College of Agricultural Sciences Spring Fling event.

Amanda Barczewski, assistant to the coordinator of recruitment, said the theme of the event was “So fresh and so clean.” Trophies given at the end of the night fit this — silver and gold spray-painted bars of soap-on-a-ropes.

Barczewski said one goal of the event was to build relationships, because many people from the college attended. She said a similar event, Fall Folies, was put on last semester, but they wanted the spring event to pull a larger crowd.

To achieve this, they turned Spring Fling into a fundraiser and donated all proceeds to the cancer fund for SIU Football Coach Jerry Kill, she said.

“It’s to bring our students, faculty and staff together in different events that they can come to,” she said.

Nearly 100 students, faculty and staff gathered at the Agriculture Student Pavilion to enjoy warm barbecue beef and baked beans that steamed viciously in the orange light of the fading sun. While some huddled under the pavilion to avoid wind, others braved the element to warm up in the sun.

Garcia, a senior from Atlanta, Ill., studying plant and soil science and agriculture systems, said the water she was frequently dumped into was warm, and her layered outfit protected her from the wind.

While the experience was more pleasant than expected, she said she did get an unexpected douse of water.

During a water relay race in which a small bucket was passed over the heads of participants to fill a larger bucket, Garcia fell over and spilled water down the front of her outfit.

“This one’s really cold,” she said. “It’s definitely not as much fun the second time around.”

Other events included a fundraiser to kiss a pig and relay races by students and faculty, such as the egg race in which participants ran with an egg on a plastic spoon.

Jean Mangun, an associate professor of forestry, said the 5-week-old pig wasn’t the first she’d ever kissed.

“I used to live in Wisconsin,” she said. “The winters are long and cold.” Mangun said she’d gone to Spring Fling even if she hadn’t participated in the pig kiss event. She said the event helps establish friendships between students and faculty.

“I think the College of Agricultural Sciences really has a nice, homey feeling,” she said.

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Saluki Way destined to fail

What would SIU do if money wasn’t an option? That’s an easy question. It would tear down all the old buildings and put up new, fantastically modern structures. These buildings would overflow with the latest in technology. Students would be giddy because of the low tuition rates. It would rebuild the Arena, demolish the stadium and make SIU a powerful school for athletics. It would steal professors from Harvard and Yale. MIT would pale in comparison to SIU’s engineering programs. It would erect a power plant capable of providing power to all of southern Illinois. And it would line its streets with gold. In other words, it would have Saluki Way. If, of course, money wasn’t an option. But, of course, it is. And the final nail in Saluki Way was just hammered home.

It came in the form of a group of donors who said they’d give the university $450,000 to keep Chris Lowery around. He is, according to the people who can pay for him, what the university needs. Saluki Way is not.

All Lowery had to do was say he would like more money. Two weeks later, the university had it. It has taken SIUC a year and a half to raise almost the same amount for Saluki Way. The overambitious plan is not going to happen. At least not in the way it has been proposed.

Golden sidewalks, big power plants and shiny new buildings aren’t what this university needs. It needs to be repaired. Ceiling tiles in Faner Hall crash down on students. Termites in Parkins’ Laboratory evacuate classrooms. And more than $300 million should be spent on maintenance elsewhere across campus. But, administrators cling to the quixotic plan with amazing hope.

Meanwhile, back at Faner, a mysterious hole in the wall of room 2205 remains.

And art students learn to appreciate minimalism after taking classes in the Blue Barracks.

Phase one of Saluki Way cannot happen. The people who can pay for it have declined, and time is running short to get the cash.

Perhaps it is because Saluki Way is still an idea, and the plan has no blueprints. Or maybe it is because Saluki Way is not a winning plan. But either way, it’s just too ambitious of an idea.

Phase one of Saluki Way must be adjusted for it to work. Drop the idea of four new buildings and concentrate on one — SIU Arena. Donors have already said they appreciate the work of the basketball team, so revamping its playground should be the top priority.

After the Arena is complete, and people can better see the vision the administration has for SIU, other buildings can be built.

And SIU may get its streets of gold after all.

Smoking ban outrageous

Sarah Curtis
Guest Columnist

In response to Lance Jack’s proposed and approved partial smoking ban, I would like to express my general outrage at the city council, excepting Brad Cole and Joel Fritze, for grossly undermining the freedom of Carbondale businesspeople to make their own decisions on what legal substances to allow in their own establishments.

I have written before on the smoking ban issue, and I still believe that this is a decision that goes against everything it means to be free in this society. It’s a freedom to choose where we work, a freedom to choose whom to hire and a freedom to choose where to have dinner or where to enjoy a beer. Starting in 2008, I’ll be taking my business to other towns, if anywhere at all. On the plus side, I’ll have money that would have gone into the community that I can save for a future move away from Illinois.

I’m disgusted with all the state governments, including New York and Florida, for their “clean indoor air” acts, which are supposedly aimed at protecting the health of employees of bars and restaurants. What the act doesn’t allow for, though, is that there are many businesses in Carbondale that have already gone smoke-free of their own accord, and any non-smokers who are bothered by cigarette smoke could very easily apply to those places instead. Private property should allow private choice as long as the activities allowed do not violate any laws. Seriously, is prohibition next?

Alcohol, and those who use alcohol, can be very dangerous to society as a whole. Let’s ban it in public places. Let’s also make tobacco, one of the largest cash crops in America, completely illegal and put half of Virginia out of business because it can cause cancer. So can any kind of air pollution, eating artificial sweeteners, being born into a family with a history of cancer and limitless other things that go along with living a day-to-day normal life.

People get sick, people die and it’s said, but it’s part of life. I, for one, would rather live a shorter time with more freedom, than be forced to be healthy at the expense of my freedom. More than anything, I’d hope that my government, especially my local government, would think of my freedom before my health. I’d like to retain my rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness without government intervention, as long as I’m not hurting anyone else.

Ban smoking on public streets, in public buildings (like the Civic Center and university, where smoking is already banned) but don’t ban it in private businesses. Leave it to the citizens and the business owners to make the right decisions about where to spend their time and money. The issue here is not smoking, and it’s not public health.

If a minimum wage or lower employee in a restaurant doesn’t like the cigarette smoke, there are at least five or six places that need the same kind of help that don’t allow smoking.

Oh, and apparently the workers at non-liquor establishments are less in need of the government’s help. I’d be more interested in the city council spending its time figuring out how to bring more jobs into Carbondale, and how to deal with the Ameren price-gouging problems. I’m far more concerned (as I’m sure most waitresses and waiters who get paid well below minimum wage) with getting paid a living wage than I am with the government intervening where it’s not wanted.

Curtis is a junior studying English creative writing.
Fake money circulates in city

Police caution businesses to check watermarks

Danny Wenger
Daily Egyptian

Counterfeiters are trying to pass off Abraham Lincoln as Benjamin Franklin. Carbondale Police warned businesses to check the watermarks on any new money and merchandise.

"It can be as simple as somebody clipping the corners off of $20 bills and putting them back in a denomination that already has a $20 bill," he said. "Any of the ways to tell if a bill is real is to check the watermark of the bill. It's usually on the back of the bill. Priddy said. For example, $20 bills have a watermark of President Andrew Jackson. The counterfeiters that were used had watermarks, but they were the wrong president."

"They had Abrahan Lincoln on it," Priddy said. "If people know where the signs should be on the bills, then they should recognize it." Businesses should check the watermarks they are selling to ensure the veracity of the bills, Priddy said.

When someone uses counterfeit money, Priddy said the police investigate to determine if the person might be guilty of or if they were unaware they were using the fake money. In one case, Priddy said the Secret Service was contacted.

"Normally what we do is we take the bills and get the information from whoever it is that is in possession of the bills," he said. "Then we kind of do an initial investigation to try to make an early determination of whether we think this person is responsible or an innocent bystander." The school would've introduced feature films in high-def formats, and need a standard way to distinguish the way DVDs and VHS tapes allowed them to distribute standard-definition content.

The school is, much like VHS and Betamax, there’s some agreement about how to talk about it, and we have two formats competing for dominance: HD-DVD and Blu-ray.

Unlike VHS and Betamax, where there was a real and very strong desire to stop the flow of bootleg copies of movies released on either format (Beta movies were usually quite a bit sharper), there really isn’t any tangible benefit to the consumer for changing from one dollar bill to another.

Most movies are encoded exactly the same way on either disc (usually as MPEG-AV3 or H.264, and theoretically, there’s no reason the same level of video quality cannot be achieved on either disc). So the discs themselves are the same size and shape (unlike Beta and VHS tapes). The only real difference is that, as of right now, which discs can fit in a little bit more content onto a Blu-ray disc than an HD-DVD disc, but that’s not likely to be a major issue any time soon.

So, the problem for consumers comes from the fact that many new movies are released exclusively on one format or the other. This means that those of us who can only afford to buy one really expensive player have to make do with a limited selection of movies. What can be done? Well, the short answer is we have to catch up with the rest of the world.

Instead of just looking at the typical real-likely scenarios that make films easier to illegally download, the film industry has spent the past two years running a series of 'war rooms' and hiring soldiers to try to root out the pirates.

Anyway, the point is this: the film/record industry is spending a lot of money to make the pirates not only lose money, but lose respect because of their arrogance.

"I really think the school would've introduced feature films in high-def formats, and need a standard way to distinguish the way DVDs and VHS tapes allowed them to distribute standard-definition content."
Brush knew he had found the perfect place to establish from Murphysboro in 1852 he found Daniel Harmon Brush Central Railroad wilderness according to “The square, which bordered the newly placed rectangle around it, served as the center of the fledgling city, Historic Town Brush and others purchased 360 acres including a large public prepared by Thomason and Associates Preservation Planners for the Carbondale Development Department. Over the next 155 years, Carbondale grew into the city it is today by overcoming depressions, the decline of railroads and the constantly changing dynamics of a small southern town. Throughout the history of the city, the business scene remained intact and the railroad continued to serve as the city’s focal point.

With the loss of the town square as the economic center of Carbondale, the town has seen what so many people think that downtowns are dead or that there is nothing here,” Conley said.

Carbondale has a newly restored and as well-known as the place to find businesses. Whether it was the anti-Vietnam marches led by students from the university in the 1960s or the student strike and sometimes violent Halloween parties throughout the years, the Strip has been the breeding ground for the volatile reputation. The Strip garnered its moniker because of the large number of bars that traditionally, “both east side of Illinois Avenue. Though some parts such as Merlin’s and the American Tap have dissolved, others such as Hangar 1 and The House have been mainstays, helping to fuel the party scene reputation.

Doug McDonald, owner of Phoenix Cyclone since 1987, said the image of the Strip is typical for any college town. “In any college town there’s going to be a strip with bars, and it’s going to be the popular hangout for the kids that are of age to go to these places, or even undergrads,” he said.

Bryan Black, manager of Napa AutoPlex, came to Carbondale as a student in 1977. He said it was common for Illinois Avenue to get shut down at 10 p.m. each weekend when parties spilled into the streets.

"Every weekend at 10 o’clock kids took over the Strip and they removed traffic around that area," Black said.

After bars began offering a few alcoholic beverages, the Strip turned into a big party, and there was even occasional nudity, he said. But the party atmosphere did not appeal to everyone in Carbondale. Carolyn Szemek of Koldscoppe, owner of Koldscoppe since 1966, said the student presence on the Strip and the constant punishment deterred some from walking around the downtown district.

“A lot of people during the time of the anti-war riots began to feel very uncomfortable about coming down to this area,” she said.

The image and consist of the small town avenue took a further hit as Halloween celebrations turned from fun, costume-filled events into dangerous messes. Halloween riots in the 1980s and 1990s brought problems from all over the Midwest and caused thousands of dollars of damage to local businesses and private property.

In addition to feeding the boom-up breaker reputation of the city. “I went from being a consumer party to being a buzzed town,” McDonald said.

Black, who took part in Halloween festivities as a student, also remains bemoaned the violent shift of the celebrations. "Halloween was a pretty fun thing originally until you start turning cars and doing things like that, and then it’s gone far," he said.

The street parties and disastrous Halloween bashes forced the city to respond, and modifications were passed to limit Halloween activities in the mid-1990s. The Lugent Control Commission was formed to govern Square business and try to move establishments away from simply being bars.

The city’s efforts have calmed the Strip in recent years, but the manic nature is still problematic to some.

“I don’t like to hear people talking about the Strip, because to me that portrays an image of bars with students hanging out,” Szemek said.

“There’s nothing wrong with that. But we are trying to overcome that image, so I like to think of it as Illinois Avenue and not the Strip.”

The scene and the city bustle to back the party image and make it family friendly.

With 168 businesses located in the downtown area, businesses and the city have worked to shed the party image and make it family friendly. And a lot of it is my strip with bars, hangout for the crowd in there as well.”

Andrea Barclay, owner and editor of A Strip said there has been a change in consumers who want family friendly places to go to."I think that in the past decade as empty storefronts have moved to the outskirts of town, suburban residents have revamped the Strip. Downtown businesses and the city have worked to back the party image and make it family friendly," she said.

When I think of the Strip, I just think of something innovative and a few days in that area, Dodds said.

He said that despite the decline in bar scene, some business has been found by local businesses and strong efforts from the city and Carbondale Main Street organization have encouraged the Strip. Downtown businesses and the city have worked to back the party image and make it family friendly.

In addition to the Strip’s new image, there has been a change in consumer markets from largely students decades ago to daytime students to visit. "When I think of the Strip, I just think of something innovative, and a few days in that area, Dodds said.

The Strip once fought heavy traffic along Rte. but Conley said soul searching is healthy. "We all face the same thing, but Conley said. "But the Strip seems dilapidated and its identity as consumer markets has fluctuated between the 1950s and 1980s, but Conley said.

Downtown business owners are the city have worked to back the party image and make it family friendly. Todd Johnson said.

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But the businesses downtown need to find to do business downtown, Business District Manager for Economic Development Karen Baity said there has been a change in consumer markets from largely students decades ago to daytime students to visit. "When I think of the Strip, I just think of something innovative, and a few days in that area, Dodds said.

I think that Barby has been greatly renewed and there’s a lot of foot traffic down there even during the week," Baity said. "And a lot of it is in a age, 40s and over, but then we have a younger crowd there as well.”

Andrea Barclay, owner and editor of A Strip said the renaissance of the Strip has progressed steadily over the past decade, but the perception of it has been slow to change. "I am bound and determined to change the perception of what so many people think that downtowns are dead or that there is nothing here," Conley said.
By Linda Black
Today's Birthday (04-05-07) - You are probably not well known for your thrifty habits. This year, it'll be easier to develop some. You'll continually be reminded that it would be a good idea. To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - You've been rich and you've been poor, and rich is often more comfortable. It can also be quite temporary, if you don't plan ahead. Now's a good time to do that.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - Get the information to your teammates, so they can advance. If you provide support, they'll do most of everything else.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - You're working hard but it's less fun when you're not making very much money. Think of this as paying off karmic debt, and try to be cheerful.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - You're so cute and so popular now, you can talk just about anybody into just about anything. Be good - you've got a lot of power in that smile.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 5 - You may be tempted to run away and leave your troubles behind. Unfortunately, that's not possible. They'll find a way to tag along.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 6 -Hide out and study, even if friends want you to come over and play. The preparation you do now will help you succeed in the next competition. And you do love winning.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is an 8 - Keep your nose to the grindstone, and your mouth shut. Don't talk about what you're doing. Stay busy and get it done.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - You're intensely focused and the job is sure to get done. You will go to extraordinary means to make sure that happens. This is good because others are depending on you.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - It's hard to curtail your enthusiasm. Don't get into trouble by talking about something that should be kept quiet for a while longer.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - The one with the information everybody's seeking. All that homework was time well spent. You'll ace the test.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 7 - They say time equals money but what about your thoughts? If they take up a lot of your time, can you turn them into cash? That's today's test question. The answer is yes, if you can prove it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is an 8 - Actually, you're doing quite well. You may not be certain about which path to take, but you are making really good time. And pretty good money, too.

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**GOVERNOR**

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"Does he think that airline is not going to pass that tax on to us?" Anderson said.

Sen. David Luechtenfeld, a Republican from Okawville, had this to say about the tax increase: "I was encouraged in the sense that he appeared to be agreeing with some of the points that we made," he said. "I'm not going to be so presumptuous to imply what Judge Eggers' comments."

**SETTLE**

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"The judge questioned that, saying a potential admission of guilt is an important point, in terms of the integrity of a professor is important," he said. "I'm not going to be so presumptuous to imply what Judge Eggers' comments."

Lowenstein said he was "cautiously optimistic" he and Bilinsky could make to the three-year head coach.

"He was sought after by programs that, quite frankly, $750,000 is an afterthought," Moccia said. "I don't want this to get lost, but he's not going to go after more money. He wanted to stay here, but he also wanted to be paid market value."

"Only New Mexico contacted Moccia about a possible interview with Lowery for a head coaching position," Moccia said.

"Lowery being mentioned as a candidate for head coaching positions at other schools and getting SIU's best offer was flattering. It's very flattering because when you do something in order to receive something, you always want the best results and the positive things about what you've done," Lowery said.

"I think we've done a very positive job here and very positive things about what you've done," Zeman said. "We are always looking for players that have a team-first mindset with strong character," Vidal said. "We had very high expectations for Saline, and what we are really happy about is that he appeared to be agreeing with some of the points that we made," he said. "I'm not going to be so presumptuous to imply what Judge Eggers' comments."

"He's been jumping well all season, and he will continue to jump well," Riley said. "I'm glad other people are starting to get some attention because I don't like the spotlight being shined just on me."
Moccia wishes
19-year basketball
goach good luck
Scott Mieszala
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Salukis could be close to los-
ing assistant coach Rodney Watson, a mainstay with the program for
19 years.
Watson recently interviewed at
SIUE-Edwardsville for the Cougars'
head coaching position and was
named one of three finalists for
the post.

SIU Athletic Director Mario
Moccia said Edwardsville athletic
director Brad Hewitt called and
asked for permission to interview
Watson, and Moccia gave Watson a
positive endorsement.

“I think Rodney has been a huge
key to our success over many years.
At the same time, I hope he gets it,” Moccia said. “I wish him
good luck in the process. If this is
the job he wants, I hope he gets it.”

Watson joined the Salukis in 1998 with Coach Herrin at the
helm. Watson has also been an
assistant coach under Bruce Weber
and Matt Painter before serving
under SIU coach Chris Lowery the
last three seasons.

With Watson on the coaching
staff, the Salukis have amassed a
399-205 record and earned a berth
in nine NCAA Tournaments.

Alongside Watson in the final-
list pool are Bradley's Lennox
Forrester and Western Michigan’s
Jeff Dunlap, both who are assistant
coaches for their current teams.

“We have three outstanding
candidates,” Hewitt told the Alton
Telegraph. “We should name our
new coach by the middle or end of
next week.”

Assistant up for SIUE job

Lisa Madigan
Illinois Attorney General

To speak at the SIU Law School as part of
the “Law and Politics Speaker Series”

Thursday, April 12 at 3:00 in the auditorium

Illinois’ highest ranking legal officer will discuss how her legal education aids her public
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Craig Coffin

Saluki kicker Craig Coffin looks
for a kick during SIU’s 20-13 win
over Western Illinois.

Coffin needs six points to pass
former Saluki running back Tom
Indiana State.

Saturday’s 6 p.m. home game versus
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