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City Council to decide on CCTB funding

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Daily Egyptian

The future of the Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau could be greatly affected at Tuesday’s City Council meeting.

The Council will vote on authorizing City Manager Kevin Bailey to execute a contract with the CCTB, among other organizations.

According to the authorization resolution, the contract would provide $267,500, which is a $50,000 cut from last year.

The new contract comes amidst recent controversy concerning the CCTB and its executive director, Debbie Moore.

Mayor Joel Fritzler proposed removing $120,000 from the organization’s budget in February and redistributing the money to other organizations. That amount was later reduced to $50,000.

Councilwoman Jane Adams has emerged as a vocal critic of the organization and its practices. She released two extensive emails that outlined her critique of the organization and what she saw as its lack of verifiable results.

She said she has had more input from the public on this issue than any other she’s dealt with since she joined the Council. That input has been overwhelmingly critical of the CCTB, she said.

Adams said she hopes a contract can be reached that precisely lays out the city’s requirements in a way that the bureau would have to perform. However, she said she is becoming less confident that such a contract can be reached.

She said the bureau’s board expansion March 26 diluted the power of city-appointed members and appeared to indicate the organization was not taking the city seriously.

“It gave me pause,” she said.

Councilman Chris Wissmann said the move was like a slap in the face and seems like a taunt to the city to cut off funding.

He said the $267,500 should be reduced, though he would not specify by how much.

He said the city should not be overcautious in how it deals with the CCTB, as with no results from the organization, he said the city has nothing to lose.

“A half-measure would result in us doing less with less,” he said.

Councilman Don Monty said he would wait to see the final contract before he would know how he would vote.

He said the amount of money is fine to spend on tourism, but whether it’s the CCTB or some other organization that receives it could change.

Monty said while the board’s expansion was like a finger in the eye, he has to look beyond that action and focus on the interests of the community.

Jill Fager, owner of Cabin on the Hill, said Carbondale could be better served by another organization, and she would like to see the city completely sever its ties with the CCTB.

She’s had a negative experience with the organization, she said, and when she asked Moore how it was spending its money, Moore blew her off.

She said she’s hopeful the city will be decisive Tuesday.

Jim Zimmerman, founder and part-owner of Escape Locally, said Moore was more combative than collaborative when his business tried to work with her.

He said Escape Locally promotes area tourism and offers packages like a travel agency does, and its activities are complimentary to those of a tourism bureau.

Wind turbine project shelved, not cancelled

TARA KULASH
Daily Egyptian

The chair of the SIU Sustainability Council says he wants to squash negative rumors about the university’s wind turbine project.

Jonathan Gray, associate professor of speech communication and founding member of the Sustainability Council, said since the project has been shelved indefinitely, he’s heard that many students think the funding meant for the turbine has been absorbed into the university’s budget.

He said this is not true.

The proposal for the turbine came out of Plant and Service Operations rather than the Sustainability Council. It was estimated to cost about $7 million, said Justin Harrell, an engineer in Plant and Service Operations and member of the Sustainability Council.

Harrell worked closely with Phil Gatson, director of Plant and Service Operations, on the project.

Gray said the council was willing to help with the funding for the turbine.

The Green Fund, which is a subcommittee of the Sustainability Council and made up of three students, one faculty and one staff member, realized it didn’t have enough money in its budget to donate the $1 million requested for the project, he said, but the members still wanted to help.

“The Green Fund recognized this as probably one of the biggest and most ambitious of the sustainability projects,” Gray said.

The group decided to give half of its budget to the project per semester, which is gained through student fees. Harrell said the funding would be over a span of five years and would total about $375,000.

The project looked promising, Gatson said.

Wind turbines are mostly found in the northern part of the state near farmland, he said, but SIUC’s farmland and its electric distribution system made it possible for the project.

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Carbondale explores ways to show compassion

SHARON WITTKE
Daily Egyptian

Carbondale is kind, caring and concerned.

This is the message organizers want to spread during “11 Days of Compassion,” a community-wide exploration of the human instinct to aid others who are suffering.

The multi-venue initiative, which begins May 1, is patterned after “11 Days of Peace,” an event held in September that commemorated the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

NonViolent Carbondale and other community organizations joined to plan activities and events that promote the concept of compassion, said Diana Brawley Sussman, director of the Carbondale Public Library and the initiative’s lead organizer.

“During the ‘11 Days for Peace’ in September, we felt our community really focused on where we came from in the past decade,” she said. “With the ‘11 Days for Compassion,’ we want to continue the dialogue, but not with 9/11 as the focal point.”

She said her inspiration for the initiative came from a mask exhibit at Quigley Hall during the faculty strike and Occupy Carbondale demonstrations last fall.

Brawley Sussman said she was struck by how the masks reflected different emotions people were expressing during the discontent time in the city.

She said she thought about the ways people appear to others during disagreements.

“How does our face, our ‘mask,’ communicate to others? What happens when we put ourselves in another person’s shoes, in their skins and look through their eyes?”

Brawley Sussman said.

With the Quigley Hall mask exhibit in her mind, she said she applied for grant money from the Fetzer Institute and the American Library Association to fund the “11 Days of Compassion” initiative.

She said she used the Charter for Compassion, a document created in 2008 by multi-faith and multi-national religious leaders that exemplifies the Golden Rule, as a blueprint for the initiative.

The Rev. Bill Sasso, minister of the Carbondale Unitarian Fellowship and an organizer for the event, said the Golden Rule is a tenet of every major religion in the world.

The idea for the charter stemmed from the book, “Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life,” by theologian Karen Armstrong, he said. 

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Moore declined comment on the contract or allegations made against the organization Monday and referred questions to CCBT board members. Board President Trace Brown was not able to be reached for comment Monday.

The money from the Green Fund was not absorbed into the university’s budget either, Gray said. It was never taken from the council’s account, he said.

The project also managed to get a $500,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, but it was given back when the project got shelved, Harrell said.

Both Gatton and Harrell said they think the project could be picked back up in the future when electricity prices are higher and there is more significant grant funding.

“"I’m not giving up,”’ Gatton said.

“"We put up a lot of time into this thing, and you never know how the economy is going to change.”

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COMMpassion

Sasso said the Carbondale Interfaith Council formally endorsed the Charter for Compassion, which he said bears Carbondale a step closer to its goal being designated as a compassionate city.

Mask-making is the central theme of the initiative, Brawley Sussman said, and residents can create masks at library-sponsored workshops or decorate a mask at home.

“I wanted to use an art activity as a means to ease tensions in the community,” she said.

Completed masks will be displayed at the library, Town Square Market, Varsity Center for the Arts, Carbondale Civic Center and Dayshift, Brawley Sussman said.

Chris McKinley, owner of Dayshift, said she and Brawley Sussman spoke often about collaborating on projects that connect art with the community.

She said she’ll hang the finished masks on her storefront window and expand the display to her interior walls if necessary.

“I believe in the philosophy of the ‘11 Days of Compassion’ and what’s behind it,” McKinley said.

Brawley Sussman said other community organizations will be sponsoring speakers, exhibits, workshops, music and vigils throughout the city during the first week and a half of May.

“We hope the activities help people think about ways they can start constructive dialogues and be proactive when there’s potential for confrontation — to think ahead instead of reacting,” she said.

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Students use design skills to keep boat afloat

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Daily Egyptian

As boats sink in the Campus Lake Saturday during the 39th annual Great Cardboard Boat Regatta, members of the Construction Management Association of America Registered Student Organization successfully tested the craftsmanship of their boat.

Nathan Guiny put a final coat of blue paint on his cardboard boat late Friday night in hopes that it would dry in time for the race.

Guiny, a junior from Ashley studying technical resource management, said before the race he felt confident about his boat, Wet Willey, and its ability to transport him and another person safely across the finish line.

Guiny and Rachel Buesker, a junior from Dieterich studying technical resource management, paddled their cardboard boat safely around the course to finish. Both are members of the construction RSO and said they were encouraged by faculty advisors to test their craftsmanship in Saturday’s race.

Guiny said 10 people originally signed up to help construct Wet Willey, and after two weeks of work, a lot of laughs and beer, the boat was finally complete.

“I’m looking forward to next year’s race. We plan on making the boat bigger and better though,” Guiny said. “This definitely won’t be the last time you’ll see Wet Willey.”

More than 20 boats were involved, with three classes used to separate the different styles — paddle boats, instant boats and mechanical boats. Wet Willey was part of the largest class, the paddle boats, with Guiny and Buesker both using oars supplied at the race. Neither had tested their boat in the water, and despite Guiny’s confidence in its ability to float, Buesker said she felt differently at first.

“I’m a little nervous about this. Its kind of patched together, and we never hardly worked on it.” Buesker said.

“The basic design is pretty sturdy though, I think it will stay up for a while.”

As fans chanted, “Sink, sink, sink,” Wet Willey’s design turned out to be less than pleasing to the fans who wanted to see the boat go under.

“This is just good clean fun. After the first race, it gets pretty obvious why people come out here,” said Cal Muehlenbein, a junior from Dale studying technical resource management. “I just saw a guy walk by with a cardboard boat hat full of water balloons. Everybody in the crowd wants the boat to sink so they can throw stuff at it.”

Since the event started in Cardboard in 1973, The Great Cardboard Boat Regatta’s website said the race has since spawned 15,000 nationwide imitators.

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Seniors Mallory Duran-Sellers, Haley Gorman and Alicia Junker will say goodbye to Rochester Field at Charlotte West Stadium today at the final regular season home game of their SIU softball careers.

The Salukis (32-16) will play against Ohio Valley Conference team Murray State (29-16) at 4 p.m. today. The Salukis hold a 15.6 home record, while the Racers are 7-8 on the road.

Even though the Salukis dropped their first conference series Sunday at home in the loss to MVC first place team Northern Iowa, the three seniors remain optimistic and look to finish their last home game with unforgettable memories.

Duran-Sellers said she hopes to finish the season strong with a win against the Racers. She has averaged 382 in hits, along with four home runs, 22 RBIs and 41 walks this season.

Gorman, starting shortstop, has started all 183 games of her career at SIU and holds a .327 average with 67 RBIs. She said she wants the last home game to be memorable, and she wants the team to come out on top.

“It means everything to be a Saluki,” Gorman said. “My years have been pretty much everything I’ve expected and everything I’ve wanted it to be. We have to come out focused and be ready to play no matter what the team we play.”

After the team’s loss Sunday, coach Kerri Blaylock said she saw strong effort coming from the team, and she wasn’t going to let one loss affect her season. She said although she’s prepared the team for today’s game, the team has spent more time focusing on the May 10 MVC championship.

“We have five weeks in the regular season, and we still have a lot to accomplish,” Blaylock said. “My message to the kids was, ‘Let’s not only come out and be ready to play for tomorrow, but let’s be getting prepared for a little bit further down the year.’

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Daniels: I wanted to leave for all the wrong reasons

JOE RUGUSA Daily Egyptian

Even though he requested a release from his scholarship, Daniel Daniels was never really sure he wanted to leave.

“It was a lot of pressure, I’ve never been through that much,” Daniels said. “I just thought if I stayed here, we could build something, and I wanted to give coach (Harry) Hinson a chance.”

Phone calls flooded Daniels’ phone, and he said he ignored it for a couple of days to clear his mind. After he met with his mother several times, including this past weekend, Daniels said he will be back at SIU next season.

“I really feel like I’m established here. It’s not that far from my house. I love the fan support we get, and my teammates; I love those guys,” Daniels said.

He was finally able to focus with the Salukis was up in the air when Hinson hired March 28 to replace former coach Chris Lowery.

When Hinson let go all three of Lowery’s assistant coaches from last season — Brad Korn, Anthony Stewart and Ron Smith — Daniels said he made the decision to leave April 11.

“I was really close with those guys, especially Brad Korn,” Daniels said. “(Korn) actually recruited me since I was a freshman in high school. For AAU, he was always on the circuit at all my games, sending me letters, always calling me, so I had a real close relationship with him.”

Hinson said he will not comment publicly until he announces all three of his assistant coaches, but he said April 14 he wasn’t going to keep an assistant coach just to keep a player.

“I wanted to leave for all the wrong reasons. I wanted to leave because I didn’t think we were going to win instead of giving coach Hinson and my teammates a chance,” Daniels said. “I tried to justify me leaving as I had a good year, but we were 8-23 and coach Lowery and the whole staff was fired, so it was a good reason to get out.”

Daniels’ release was denied because his 2.4 GPA would have been too low for men’s basketball to escape a hit to their Academic Progress Rate, but he said he would have gone to a junior college regardless of how the situation played out.

He said he was ready to go to Northwest Florida State in Niceville, Fla., the same junior college that Wichita State junior forward Carl Hall went to before he transferred to the Shockers. Daniels said he didn’t thought much about his future beyond that.

Another turning point for Daniels was when CBS’ Jeff Goodman contacted him for Goodman’s April 25 article about the APR and Treg Setty, who also asked for a release.

“I didn’t want to comment or get involved with that because in the back of my mind, I knew I wanted to stay here,” Daniels said.

Setty asked for a release from his scholarship April 16 but was denied by the Athletic Department until the end of the semester because his GPA also falls below 2.6.

Setty met the NCAA appeals committee April 26 and said he was denied because of days he missed due to athletic activities, but he isn’t sure he’ll hear back from them.

Athletic Director Mario Moccia said he had no comment.

Daniels said Setty, who is also his roommate, won’t change his mind now just because Daniels is back with the Salukis.

“It’s how that Daniels is back, he’s said he’s not worried about what role he plays in Hinson’s offense, whether it be center or power forward. He also said he wasn’t concerned about his playing time going forward,” Moccia said.

“I’m just going to continue to try to keep my grades up, get them higher. Try to get my GPA to hopefully further than a 2.6,” Daniels said. “We’ll have a very good team this year. Hopefully we’ll win more than eight games.”

Women’s tennis ends record year with loss to Shockers

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Although the SIU women’s tennis team lost 4-0 to Wichita State University in the semifinals of the Missouri Valley Conference Championships, it finished with the highest winning percentage in school history, and the MVC Championships were Saturday in Omaha, Neb., and ended for the Salukis with a loss to the Shockers.

The Salukis entered the matchup after their 4-0 win against Evansville University. The Shockers came into play ranked No. 8 in the nation and swept the Salukis in their previous meeting in the regular season.

Play started with an 8-5 win for No. 1 doubles partners junior Melanie Deslant and sophomor Korey Love. The Salukis did not win the doubles point, however, as the next two seeded lost their matches. Natasha Tomishima and Ona Lee and Anastacia Simons lost 8-6 at No. 3.

With the doubles wins, the Shockers needed three singles wins to clinch the win overall. No. 2 singles Deni l-6, 6-1, and Tomishima l-6, 6-2, 6-2 at No. 4. The Salukis’ loss was sealed when Gisela Cairo Baza lost 6-0, 6-2, the remaining matches were left unfinished, as the match was already decided.

Despite the loss, coach Audra Notthwehr said she was proud of how her team performed.

“Everyone played with passion. Everyone was 100 percent focused,” Notthwehr said. “I don’t think that everyone played their absolute best match, they had a hard time to do ... to get everyone playing their best tennis match on the same day, under pressure, when a conference championship is on the line.”

While WSU had experienced players in its top two singles spots, Notthwehr said next year it will be the Salukis with the experience as they return every player from this year’s team.

The 17-6 Saluki women had key contributions from several underclassmen on the way to their best record in school history.

Men’s tennis drops MVC Championship opener

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The SIU men’s tennis season ended with a loss Friday to Illinois State University at the Missouri Valley Conference Championships in Omaha, Neb.

The Salukis dropped their final match of the season to finish with a 9-13 record overall. The team went into the No. 6 singles match tied 3-3 but couldn’t capture the win as it lost 4-3.

The match started with doubles play as No. 1 pair senior Stanislas Roder and junior Brandon Florez captured an 8-3 win against MVC partners Alexander Pelaez and Tuomas Manner, who spent the majority of the year nationally ranked.

No. 3 pair Baddr Chorei and Jordan Snyder lost 8-5, but No. 2 partners junior Orhan Spahic and freshman Syrmon Opiceconek were able to clinch the doubles point with an 8-6 win.

The momentum from the doubles point did not go over into singles play, as the Salukis dropped four out of six singles matches.

Florez lost 6-3, 6-2, but Spahic won at No. 4 for the first win in his last three matches. Rosler won the first set of his match but ultimately fell 6-0, 6-1.

Rafael Cuadrilero lost 6-1, 7-5, which made the next two matches must-wins for the Salukis. Cherradi battled back after dropping the second set to win 7-6(7-5), 7-6, 7-5.

Opiceconek, who pulled off a win April 21 against Bradley University when he clinched the game-winning point, couldn’t pull off the victory as he lost 6-2, 6-4, at No. 6.

“I thought we played tremendously,” coach Dann Nelson said. “We came out ready to play and took it to them in doubles ... our No. 2 doubles team, when we play well, we can beat anybody. It was tied three all (and) it came down to Nos. 1 and 3, and we couldn’t get it done.”

But I’m super proud of the guys; they played up to their potential, and that’s all that I can ask for.”

Junior Brandon Florez returns a hit March 25 during a match against Chicago State University at Sports Blast. The SIU men’s tennis team was eliminated from the Missouri Valley Conference tournament Friday with a 4-3 loss against Illinois State University. The Salukis ended their season with a 9-13 record.

Nelson said one of the season’s highlights was when the team started the season with a nationally ranked doubles team of freshman Martijn Admiral and Florez and the team’s dramatic home win against Bradley.

“For our guys to do what we did, having the toughest schedule since I’ve been here, us finishing third in the conference and going 9-13, is a testament to the guys and how hard they worked,” Nelson said.

Especially considering the time of year, the team weathered the season, and we played our best at the end, which was a goal, without arguably out top player, than player’s (sophomore Jorge Cavedro).”

Cavedro returns to the team after he missed the entire conference season with a wrist injury. The Salukis will lose Snyder and Rosler to graduation. Nelson said it will be tough to replace them, but the team will continue to grow.

“It’s super hard to replace those guys, but we hopefully get Jorge back from his injury, and we’ve got some new guys coming in,” Nelson said.

“We’re hoping to build on this year’s success into next year.”

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