Budget plans take shape

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

SIU can now prepare its own budget knowing how much it will receive in state appropriations. Gov. Pat Quinn has signed the state budget for the next year.

University spokesperson Rod Stiver said the university would receive the same amount of money as it did last year from the state, but without the 7 percent federal stimulus money. He said there were no real surprises in the amount the university would receive.

Chancellor Rita Cheng said she, the deans of the colleges and the vice chancellors were also aware of the possibility that the university would receive the same appropriations as last year from the state and had already done some budget pre-planning with the same amount as last year, minus the stimulus money.

"We knew the state didn't have the resources to supplement the stimulus money that was going away," Cheng said. "So we anticipated that we would have to — and indeed the governor's actions confirmed it — that we would have to work without that $14 million to the system, and allow us the $7.5 million towards the Carbondale campus."

SIU is expected to receive more than $211 million in state appropriations in fiscal year 2011, which started Thursday. More than $122 million of the $211 million will go toward the Carbondale campus. Cheng said she has already asked all university units to adjust for a 4 percent cut for next year.

"These plans are due near the end of July," she said. "We're hoping we can reduce our expenditures, not fill positions and reduce how we will move forward with less funds coming our way."

Cheng said she has prepared a budget planning committee to help create a new budget. The committee includes members of the Undergraduate Student Government, Faculty Senate and deans of several colleges.

"There are still some uncertainties in regard to creating a budget for next year, such as what we will do, who will return and what the fall and spring plans are," she said.

Lions Clubs' contributions explode July 4

MICHARA CANTY
Daily Egyptian

Carbondale citizens have the Lions Club and its contributions to thank for the fireworks' boom July 4. Members from the local Lions Club service organization hosted the 42nd annual fireworks show for the Carbondale community Sunday at Abe Martin Field near SIU Arena.

Ellis Mitchell, member of the civic organization, facilitated the initial fireworks show for the city in 1968, with permission from Dwight Morris, former university president.

"People are starting to enjoy the fireworks, it is an opportunity for the entire community and all parks of life to come together and enjoy the moment without any worries of what life may bring today," she said.

Thirty members from the Lions Club volunteered to start the fireworks setup, Mitchell said. Members of the organization volunteer as a way to contribute to the community.

"We support independence day and what it stands for. We give our heart and work for the people of the community. It's a shame that Carbondale residents had to travel to Murphysboro to see a show — now they no longer have to."

— Tim Mitchell, Lions Club member

The show was funded through the club's bi-annual pancake sales, which take place every fall and spring. The fundraiser generates between $2,000 and $5,000, said Mitchell.
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**BUDGET**

President Glenn Poshard said the main concern he had regarding the upcoming budget was finding a proper way to fund the Monetary Award Program grants and for the state to pass the pension bill, which he said would allow the university to receive the rest of the money owed to it for the fiscal year 2010 as early as October.

"If that bill is signed, it alleviates some of the funds now," Poshard said. "We could possibly see all of our state appropriations by the end of October. That is the best-case scenario for us right now."

The bill, which is awaiting a vote in the Senate after passing in the House, needs two more votes before it can be sent to Quinn, Poshard said.

Cheng said she hopes everything will go into place now that the amount the university is owed this fiscal year is official.

"The good news is we have been planning for this all spring, as this bill was approved," she said. "So we will be finishing up the planning later in the summer, and go from there."

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Physiology department catches break with grant

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After stretching the physiology department’s dollar as far as it could reach, the physiology program caught a break when it was awarded more than $200,000 in grand money in a research project, said James MacLean, assistant professor of physiology.

US. Congressman Jerry Costello announced Tuesday that the physiology department received the grand from the National Institutes of Health of the US. Department of Health and Human Services.

MacLean said his program was in desperate need for the grant.

“The five of the last six years, (National Institutes of Health) of Health offers only about 15 to 20 percent of (NIH) grants are funded,” he said.

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The project grant, titled “Regulation of an activity of the Rhodanese Gene in Gramma Ctid” was submitted through the National Institute of Health, MacLean said. It was the first grant that MacLean was awarded.

The grant is designed for institutions that are major players in producing undergraduate and graduate students, but have been relatively underfunded.

Academic Research Enhancement Award grants support small research projects in the biomedical and behavioral sciences conducted by faculty and students in health professional schools and other academic components that have not been major recipients of the group's grant money, according to the National Institutes of Health website.

“The government has some programs like AREA because we're a little smaller than University of Illinois so our share of the pie is a little bit less,” MacLean said.

Despite the restriction of universities that typically receive more funding, MacLean said it is still very competitive.

MacLean said he did not work alone on the proposal. Two undergraduate students, Ryan Edwards and Matt Davis, were involved in most of the preliminary data.

Both Brown and Davis were undergraduate researchers in MacLean’s lab, and will continue to work closely on the project in the fall.

Brown, a graduate student in cellular and molecular biology, and Davis, an undergraduate, worked on a project that used the restriction of universities that typically receive more funding, MacLean said.

Dale Hede, the physiology department, said he has worked with MacLean on the research project for the last year, and was pleasantly surprised to hear the university received the grant.

Hede said the project is designed to find out if — and how — the rhodanese gene directly regulates the evolation in its last stages.

“Want to find out the proteins — or master regulators — that control the expression of other genes,” he said.

MacLean said the research project would be beneficial for cancer research.

“If I can find out that rhodanese regulates some gene that is essential for evaluation that one knows of, that would be beneficial to other investigators more clinically inclined to come up with alternative non-toxic or fertility treatments,” he said.

The benefits of this project go beyond the lab as the grant money will also help create jobs, MacLean said. He said a technician, graduate student and undergraduate researchers would be able to continue to work on the project and they would have been unable to do without the grant money to cover salaries.

Hede said size of the grant is the whole amount given to the university.

Despite the restriction of universities that typically receive more funding, MacLean said the grant has allowed the department to do things it never could have done before.

“By having this new award, I don’t have to keep stretching the dollars,” he said.

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FIREWORKS

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The organization shipped in $8,000 worth of fireworks equipment from S and N Display Fireworks Incorporation in Lincoln. They brought three more than dozen of four to six inch shells and explosives, said Tim Mitchell, a Lions Club member.

Local merchants and residents also contributed $3,000 to the event. The biggest contribution came from Carbondale Convention and Tourism Bureau. According to the city’s fiscal budget, $1,500 for the event was generated from local sales tax.

“We support Independence Day and what it stands for. We give our hard work for the people of the community,” Mitchell said. “It’s a shame that Carbondale residents had to travel to Murphysboro see a show ... now they no longer have to.”

As to ensure the safety of the event attendees, the Lions Club sought out a licensed fire team from the Illinois State Fire Marshall Office to fire the explosives, SUC police also monitored the crowd safety precautions and directed parking lot locations.

“The fireworks could have been better, but overall it was a safe and fan-filled environment. I enjoyed it,” Lenterman said.

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It’s time to refund the Superfund

Remember Superfund, the emergency response program created to clean up the most polluted sites in America — places like Love Canal in New York and our very own Times Beach? It’s still around. But for the past 15 years, the pace of its work has slowed to a crawl. Just 19 Superfund sites were worked on last year, down from 89 in 1999.

The problem is especially acute for so-called orphan sites — properties that were polluted by a person or company that has filed bankruptcy or disappeared, leaving only a toxic mess behind.


Without it, money in a special federal account used to clean up orphan sites slowly dwindled. By 2003, it was gone entirely. Now, it may be replenished.

Last week, the Obama administration asked Congress to re-institute the tax on polluters. It would seem like a no-brainer, but the polluter tax always has been controversial. Business and industry groups already are lining up against its reinstatement.

Oil companies and refiners, both of which would be required to pay the polluter tax, are facing the prospect of significant hikes in the Oil Spill Liability Fund tax.

Horrified by the massive BP spill in the Gulf of Mexico, some in Congress want that tax increased from 8 cents to as much as 49 cents a barrel.

A renewed Superfund polluter tax would be added to that and, no doubt, would be passed to the consumers of petroleum products. Chemical companies always have complained that the Superfund tax was unfair to them. Reinstating the tax, they say, would force them to pick up a disproportionate share of the cleanup costs on orphan sites.

The president of a chemical industry group told the Washington Post last week that imposing a new tax would shift jobs out of the country and threaten the economic recovery at a very vulnerable stage. "It's blatantly inequitable and unfair," he fumed.

The perfect solution, of course, would be for the companies that polluted to pay to clean it up. But the very nature of orphan sites makes that impossible. The companies that polluted those sites are gone. That's why the federal government is on the hook for the cost of cleaning them up.

Orphan sites now make up nearly half of the 1,279 Superfund sites across the country. That helps explain why progress has been so slow.

A House bill introduced last week by Rep. Earl Blumenauer, D-Ore., would raise about $19 billion over 10 years. That's exactly the kind of cash needed to completely clean up many of the worst sites. Blumenauer's bill would impose an excise tax of 9.7 cents per barrel of crude or refined oil. That would add (gasp) 0.033 cents per gallon to the price of oil.

The bill also would impose taxes of between 22 cents and $4.87 per ton on certain chemicals and hike income taxes on some companies by 0.12 percent. A similar bill has been introduced in the Senate.

Think of those extra taxes as an insurance policy against the social costs of pollution. Someone has to pay the cost of cleaning up orphan sites, even if big polluters don't.

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This editorial originally appeared June 30 in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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Rick Hatfield took advantage of the break in the rain Sunday to set off some fireworks in his driveway in Valley Center. "You have to set off fireworks on the 4th of July, it's raining," Hatfield said. Though the wind was weak, the firecrackers were still smoking with fireworks set off by community members throughout the valley.

JESS VERMEULEN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

TEXAS

Texas official says first known tar balls from Gulf oil spill wash up on state beaches
GALVESTON — A Texas official said Monday that tar balls from the Gulf oil spill have been found on state beaches, becoming the first known evidence that gusting winds from the Deepwater Horizon well has now reached all the Gulf states.

Rand Corporation's Amy Patterson said two crews were removing tar balls found on the Bolivar Peninsula and Galveston Island on Monday.

"We've said since day one that if and when we have an impact from Deepwater Horizon, it would be in the form of tar balls," Patterson said in a news release. "This shows that our modeling is accurate. Any Texas shores impacted by the Deepwater spill will be cleaned up quickly and BP will be picking up the tab."

GEORGIA

Clinton calls on Russia to meet its cease-fire commitments in former Soviet state of Georgia
TIBLISI — U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton visited Russia on Monday for falling to live up to the cease-fire agreement it signed nearly two years ago to end the fighting in this small former Soviet state.

She addressed the reoccupying parts of Georgia and building permanent military bases in contravention of the truce.

"While calling on the Russians to enforce the agreement they signed," she told a news conference with Georgian President Mikhail Saakashvili at his side. "She said that includes making sure troops return to the positions they held before the invasion."

Several times the partners referred to Russian forces as elements of the breakaway Georgian territories of South Ossetia and Abkhazia. She said the U.S. was "appalled and totally opposed" these countries' stance for the invasion, which temporarily put U.S.-Russian relations in a deep freeze and prompted NATO to suspend cooperation with Moscow.

ISRAEL

Israel eases Gaza closure, but restrictions remain
KEREM SHALOM CROSSING — Israel eased its blockade of the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip Monday by allowing a few trucks to cross into the territory, but restrictions remain in place from the territory's neighbor, Egypt.

In an apparent effort to ease the suffering of thousands of Palestinians in Gaza, Israel agreed to increase by a few trucks the number crossing a border post at Kerem Shalom, which connects Egypt and Gaza.

The new blockade rules come in response to an outcry following a deadly Israeli raid on a flotilla bound for Gaza at the end of May.

The changes will improve Gazans' access to goods from householder dealers to timber, but Israel will continue to ban most travel and exports from Gaza and enroll the import of desperately needed construction materials.

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He said he has gelled everyday for hours this summer to prepare for the fall. Miller said his goal for the summer is to get better so he can play every tournament in the fall. Right now I am working on not having that big miss where I have no chance of making cut. Miller said, "I am trying to hit the ball solid and make consistency."  

Last year, Harp finished in first place at the Benton Gold Cup and Miller followed up with a second-place finish. Harp said he is looking forward to defending his title in his hometown against his new teammate.  

"Jeff is great competition and we'll have fun out there," Harp said. "I'm not sure where there will be no hard feelings."  

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Mid-major conferences could become a little more mid and a little less major.

With the addition of the University of Nebraska to the Big Ten and the University of Utah to the Pac-10, AUU Athletic Director Mario Moccia said there were concerns about negative consequences with potential “super conferences.”

Moccia said schools with larger student enrollment and big bank accounts would make even more money with television deals and media coverage while smaller schools would get pushed away if big schools continued to congregate in larger conferences.

“Four super conferences”) would have been a further line of demarcation between the big schools and the mid-majors,” Moccia said. “I think it would have made a big difference to schools in this area.”

The potential for super conferences continued to congregate in smaller schools.

Moccia continued, “There is a huge amount of dollars being offered for more schools to follow suit, Moccia said.

The Atlantic reported the Big Ten Network was a crucial part in Nebraska's move as the network is expected to pay out more than $7 million to each of the conference's 11 schools. Nebraska will be the 12th school in the conference when it officially begins play in 2011.

The report also said University of Texas, Oklahoma University, Oklahoma State University and Baylor could leave the Big 12.

Other conferences such as the Big East and Atlantic Coast conferences were in the discussion of obliteration as well.

Moccia said he is glad there has only been minimal movement between conferences so far. He said schools at the mid-major level such as SIU are getting less and less opportunities to play in the NCAA basketball tournament every year.

“It seems like the trend is to keep everything for themselves,” Moccia said. “I think it would give some of the smaller conferences the invitation to eat us out even further — and I'm the ones with modest budgets, like, $15 million instead of $50 to $100 million.”

Putting the conference's bank books aside, player recruitment could also be affected. Junior Bocot, senior Sahil basketball player, said a conference realignment could do little to change the decisions of potential players.

“Players are just going to play. They’re looking for a school that plays a similar style as they do,” Bocot said. “In our conference, you have to play defense.”

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With the addition of the University of Nebraska to the Big Ten and the University of Utah to the Pac-10, AUU Athletic Director Mario Moccia said there were concerns about negative consequences with potential “super conferences.”

Moccia said schools with larger student enrollment and big bank accounts would make even more money with television deals and media coverage while smaller schools would get pushed away if big schools continued to congregate in larger conferences.

"Four super conferences”) would have been a further line of demarcation between the big schools and the mid-majors,” Moccia said. “I think it would have made a big difference to schools in this area.”

The potential for super conferences started to become a reality with the additions to the Pac-10 and Big Ten and substantial amounts of money being offered for more schools to follow suit, Moccia said.

The Atlantic reported the Big Ten Network was a crucial part in Nebraska's move as the network is expected to pay out more than $7 million to each of the conference's 11 schools. Nebraska will be the 12th school in the conference when it officially begins play in 2011.

The report also said University of Texas, Oklahoma University, Oklahoma State University and Baylor could leave the Big 12.

Other conferences such as the Big East and Atlantic Coast conferences were in the discussion of obliteration as well.

Moccia said he is glad there has only been minimal movement between conferences so far. He said schools at the mid-major level such as SIU are getting less and less opportunities to play in the NCAA basketball tournament every year.

"It seems like the trend is to keep everything for themselves," Moccia said. “I think it would give some of the smaller conferences the invitation to eat us out even further — and I'm the ones with modest budgets, like, $15 million instead of $50 to $100 million.”

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