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Legislators consider university budgeting changes

Illinois House passes bill for more scrutiny of university budgets

Ben Bacik
Daily Egyptian

Springfield lawmakers are eying a couple of options aimed at keeping public universities on their feet as state budgets in check and under closer watch.

One of the many steps includes a bill the Illinois House unanimously approved last week that calls for state funds to be appropriated by the provost, not by the university president, as has been the case for years.

"We're trying to make the universities more accountable," said Rep. Kurt Granberg, D-Carlisle, the bill's sponsor. "Right now, they're given a huge amount of money.

Under the new bill, a separate line item would exist in appropriated budgets for items such as commodities and travel, he said.

"It helps us track how the universities are spending their money," Granberg said.

Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said the measure would give a clearer picture of how appropriated funds are spent and provides legislators with the same "information that the Illinois Board of Higher Education receives from public universities.

Although lawmakers have access to the budget figures, IBHE would work with universities to provide more details to Springfield during the budget planning process.

A different bill, which the Senate is reviewing, would require even more detailed spending.

Under this bill, funding is put into four categories — administration, instruction, research and service and reserves — each with a breakdown of spending expenditures.

Granberg said he is working with Gov. Rod Blagojevich's office to look for the best option before the Senate votes on a bill that would change university budgeting.

Although Granberg's bill received unanimous support, there are indications that the other piece of legislation might not be as widely popular if it goes up for a vote in the Senate.

Sen. David Luechtefeld, R-Oakville, expressed concern saying he would vote against the bill, but noted that universities are often the best judges of how to spend their appropriations.

"I'll take a serious look at it," he said. "Universities know more about what their needs are. This would take a lot of decision-making from them."

State legislators used a line-item system before 1999, but moved away from that type of budgeting to give universities more freedom.

"We got away from that with the idea of..."
WAR UPDATE
Current as of 10 p.m. CST, Tuesday

A team of U.S. military, CIA and private-contractor personnel are opening at a number of sites inside Iraq in hopes of finding evidence of weapons of mass destruction, terrorism activity and possible war crimes, according to Pentagon sources. (cnn.com)

A U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopter was shot down in southern Iraq Wednesday, killing seven of the 11 soldiers aboard, Pentagon officials said. The helicopter was downed near Karbala, the site of Force Fighting between the Army's 3rd Infantry Division and Iraqi troops, including Republican Guard forces. The other four soldiers on board the Black Hawk were wounded, officials said. (nytimes.com)

Six lanes to Baghdad," Lt. Col. Thomas P. Smith shouted today as a column of American tanks and armored vehicles lumbered slowly toward the bridge over a sharp bend in the Euphrates River. "We're home soon!" The exuberance, as it was, was premature. Rounds of Iraqi artillery began landing with a shuddering crack and thump on the riverbank, each impact moving closer to the bridge and sending plumes of white smoke skyward. (nytimes.com)

In a sweeping advance, Army and Marine forces closed to within 20 miles of Baghdad from two directions today after crippling or destroying two divisions of the Republican Guard that had blocked their drive on the capital. The Third Infantry Division battled for hours from a starting point north of Karbala, 45 miles from Baghdad, cutting through and routing disorganized Iraqi forces with no reports of American casualties on the ground. (nytimes.com)

- One of the most important episodes today in the intensifying war in Iraq was not the American advance toward Baghdad. It was the American military's effort to stop the Iraqi Republican Guard from getting to the Iraqi capital. As American Army and Marine columns rumbled toward Baghdad, Republican Guard units began to withdraw from their defensive positions outside the capital and retreat into the city, where some Republican Guard units have already managed to redeploy. (nytimes.com)

- The State Department is releasing $4 million for television and radio broadcasts by the Iraqi opposition, a U.S. senator said Wednesday. Sen. Sam Brownback, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage notified him Wednesday morning that an initial $4 million is being released. Brownback, R-Kan., and several other senators had urged the administration to clear red tape that was holding up State Department grant money. (foeinews.com)

- U.S. forces in northern Iraq received 40 nearly combat-ready vehicles Wednesday in a shipment via Turkey, despite Turkish insistence that the U.S. military cannot use its territory as a supply conduit for weapons. A convoy carried food, fuel and medicines for U.S. troops — items approved in a hard-won agreement between Washington and Ankara. It was the first significant transit of military equipment from neighboring Turkey since the war started. But the convoy also carried 40 pickup truck-style Defender 110 Land Rovers, which had poles in the open rear cargo that apparently could serve as mounts for machine guns. (foeinews.com)
Construction to make entrance to University more accessible

Work to be complete by end of year

Jessica Yorama Daily Egyptian

The current congestion that runs from Mill Street to Lincoln Drive is part of a $3 million dollar project performed by the Illinois Department of Transportation to make entrance into the University more accessible.

"Basically, we are realigning the entrance to campus," said civil engineer Jeff Satter. "We're moving Lincoln drive south and making it easier to get on and off campus.

While the main focus of the project is to make the area by campus less congested, those involved say it will be beneficial to the entire city.

In addition to realignment of the streets, the construction will add lanes to Grand Avenue.

It will also add dual and left lanes to many areas close to campus that are congested by student traffic.

The construction, which began on Mill Street one year ago, is now about 80 percent complete. The project aims to make entrance to the University more accessible for those traveling from the south.

Workers hope to complete the construction, which extends to the Physical Plant on campus, at the beginning of the summer. They hope to get the majority of work done during the summer when there are fewer students in town and less congestion.

Even before construction on this area is complete, workers started on another area that will assist in improving transportation. Construction on this project, which spans the distance between the Physical Plant and Boskydale Road began on March 17, and is expected to continue until November.

"Everything is pretty much going as planned," said Joe Lenzini, a construction engineer for district 9. "It's pretty much going as planned as far as congestion, things will probably get worse before they get better.

While workers said the construction has caused some congestion, Steve Glenn, an employee of the Saluki Express Bus Service, said that the work, which goes on for 10 hours each day, has caused only a slight delay.

In addition to the physical differences students and residents will see from the project, Lenzini said the construction will also add digital stoplights and help with drainage problems in the city.

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Workers from E.B. Simonds Construction Company use a sweeper to clean up dirt and debris along a curb of U.S. Route 51 near the Main Quad in Carbondale Wednesday afternoon. Once this job is completed, the curb will be removed in order to widen the highway at that point. This is all part of an effort by the Illinois Department of Transportation to make the entrance to campus more accessible.

Students swing Cole into office

Student-dominated precincts show power of each vote

Jennie Keane Daily Egyptian

Student-dominated precincts captured Brad Cole into Tuesday's, mayoral victory in a race that came down to only 21 votes.

In non-student-dominated precincts, City Councilwoman Maggie Flanagan led Cole by 70 votes. But in the student-dominated precincts Cole led Flanagan by 91 votes.

Cole said he was pleased with the result of his campaign efforts.

"I think it's great," Cole said, about his support from students. "We focused on the student vote just like we did any other segment of the community and they obviously felt strongly about supporting my candidacy.

Despite the important role students played in this election, student voter turnout was low, as usual. "In the student-dominated precincts, which were previously identified by Jackson County Clerk and Recorder Larry Reinhardt as 21 through 26 and 29, the total number was 583. This is a decrease from student-dominated precincts in the 1999 general election, which accounted for 1,212 student-voters. The decrease in voter turnout in student-dominated precincts has not been this low since 1995, when turnout was 462.

Reinhardt attributed the low turnout to lack of issues and good weather.

"There were no big issues this time to bring students out," Reinhardt said. "Plus, it was a beautiful day and younger people wanted to be out for the fact.

In 1999, the largest turnout of student voters in the last three city elections, raising the bar age to 21, was a big issue and candidates used the issue to rally student support.

Undergraduate Student Government President Michael Jarad said that the election shows that the students are part of the community. Jarad, who worked in Cole's campaign manager, worked to sign up 1,000 students to vote.

Jarad spent election day yelling "vote for Brad Cole" from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. outside of Brush Towers. He believes that the students would have some type of influence in politics in Carbondale because they are the vast majority of the community.

"Our swinging the election, the power we have and should have," Jarad said. "This shows we actually do make a difference."

Reinhardt, a resident at 518 S. Saluki Hall said that the close election will show the importance of the students and the student attention to students and encourage students to vote because their vote matters.

"The kids came out to vote," Reinhardt said. "While the student turnout may have been low, students who voted ultimately chose Carbondale's mayor for the next four years.

"Students worked hard to let the community know who we want for mayor of Carbondale," Jarad said.

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Business as usual day after victory; vote recounts uncertain

Sara Hooker

Daily Egyptian

Brad Cole's first day as mayor-elect was less dramatic than his 21-vote victory over Maggie Flanagan Tuesday evening.

He spent it tying up loose ends of his campaign and taking congratulatory phone calls.

"I have yet to catch up on about 100 phone messages at home," Cole said. "The answering machine was overloaded by 1,400 messages.

Cole's win, one of the closest mayoral races in Carbondale recently, will mark the first mayoral change since Mayor Neil Dillard took office 16 years ago.

"It has yet to be determined whether Flanagan will contest the tally because we have not heard either way. Cole's first order of business Wednesday morning was a radio interview at 7:30 a.m. Afterward and between phone calls, he drove around town and picked up campaign signs from his constituents' yards and tidied his campaign office.

As planned, Cole won or lost. Cole went to Mary Lou's for a breakfast burger, which he said made him very happy.

While Cole's day-after celebration was seemingly ungimmery, he attributed it to a long campaign and work and respect for the current mayor. He said he has not been sworn in yet and will respect that fact.

"I'm not going to get in Neil Dillard's seat for the last 30 days," Cole said. "He's been in charge for 16 years and there's no reason to hurry him.

He said he is working on the logistics of getting the new council together during the first few weeks of May, and after he is sworn in, will become more active.

"The new candidates and mayor will be sworn in May 6.

"I'm very appreciative of winning the election. I feel good. It's a great day!"

Cole said. "I know now that I need to work to bring everyone together. I'm going to wait to do that until my term begins, because I don't want to in any way disrespect the last 30 days of Neil Dillard's term."

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Gus says: Hey! Who's that guy stealing Brad Cole's signs?

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Footage of hotel robbery released

Three suspects still at large

Greg Cima
Daily Egyptian

Police released footage from surveillance camera that recorded a robbery at 2:56 a.m. at the Hampton Inn, 2175 Reed Station Parkway.

Police are looking for three suspects in connection with an armed robbery at 2:56 a.m. at the Hampton Inn, 2175 Reed Station Parkway.

Police said one man and two women demanded cash as the man displayed a choker revolver with a black handle. Money was taken from the cash drawer and they fled east on foot.

The first suspect is described as a white male, 5 feet 6 inches tall, about 170 pounds, with black hair and hazel eyes, wearing a black hoodie jacket, grey tights shoes and a white cotton mask.

The second suspect is described as a white female, 5 feet 6 inches tall, about 100 pounds, with reddish-brown hair, wearing a black jacket, black pants and a blue cotton mask.

The third suspect is described as a white female, 5 feet 3 inches tall, about 200 pounds, wearing a white and gray jacket, black pants and a black cotton mask.

Police said the hotel's clerk was not harmed during the robbery and the department would not release the amount stolen.

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Comedian set to crack up campus

Samantha Robinson
Daily Egyptian

Laughing is said to be good for the soul.

And Maji DiGiorgio plans to make SIUC laugh when she performs in the Student Center Ballroom D tonight.

Before DiGiorgio performs, two of SIU's own will open the show. Chidi Okonmah, a senior in speech communication, and a junior simply as Student Center Ballroom D tonight.

Ne'·i·teractive

Samantha Robinson

Graffiti artists are using this image to promote diversity in the museum.

This image was recorded during a robbery at Hampton Inn located on Reed Station Parkway in Carbondale early Saturday. Anyone with information regarding the robbery should contact the Carbondale Police Department.

Diversity shown through Boxes and Walls exhibit

Samudra Robinson
Daily Egyptian

SIU students and University Housing are bringing a "Virtual museum" to the basement of Grinnell Hall to promote diversity throughout the campus.

Beginning April 7 and running through April 10, the Boxes and Walls exhibit will be in Grinnell Hall from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with tours beginning every half hour.

Boxes and Walls is an exhibit where students can tour rooms made designed to teach diversity by addressing issues relevant to society and making people aware of others around them.

Some of the rooms displayed in the museum will focus on the current war in Iraq, homelessness and issues facing different ethnic groups.

The program began at the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse about 10 years ago and has taken place at other universities under different titles through the years.

Thomas Harris, the assistant housing coordinator for diversity worked with the woman who created the interactive "diversity museum" and said it is time for SIUC to have an exhibit that deals with diversity, even when it is not a big issue or topic of conversation.

"This is more for educational purposes," Harris said. "It is to expand people's minds about other cultures."

Jay Sedory, a senior in athletic training at Tuscon, Ariz., and vice-director of the Student Programming Council, described the event as sort of a toured haunted house, with each room having a specific message. "When people leave the exhibit, they should be able to open their eyes to other scenarios and groups they may have misconceptions about," Sedory said.

He said it is important to have an exhibit that deals with diversity on campus and hopes it can be an annual event.

Boxes and Walls is a student-led exhibit with contributions by the Hispanic Student Council, the Vietnamese and World Society, Delta Phi Mu-multipurpose sorority, the Black American Student department and several others.

"This is something that will help everyone learn," Harris said. "It is a program for the students, by the students."
Slaughtering chicken seen in bad taste

Carrie Sturrock
Knight Ridder Newspapers

BERKELEY, Calif. (KRT) — A UC Berkeley student apparently was trying to make the point that people are too removed from their food sources by slaughtering a chicken in front of shocked classmates.

A campus animal rights group has called for the arrest and expulsion of the student and the suspension of the instructor who taught the art class.

Knut Hovde, UC Berkeley Department of Art Practice, represented the student for the event, which occurred last month, but will not make mistakes and be accountable for our mistakes. We need the flexibility to make mistakes and be accountable for our mistakes. Giving them more flexibility, said Don Scéner, the larger "university that we're not removed from the animal, he said.

"He was making a point that we're too removed from the production of food that we eat," said Loren Partridge, chairman of the UC Berkeley Department of Art Practice. "He wanted to make the point that people are oblivious to the suffering of animals." The student wanted to try to deliberately torture an animal.

Slaughtered chicken seen in bad taste

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The press release went on to say that the student who brought the chicken incident to BOAA's attention: "The undergraduate "New Genres" student, who brought us the chicken, said the chicken was not eating and bloody death." The Berkeley East Bay Humane Society has also reviewed the case and decided not to pursue it, Partridge said, because the student wasn't trying to deliberately torture the chicken.

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But they also said they were never physically isolated and the journalist offered them tea after each session of grilling them over whether they were spies.

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Our Word

The next step for City Council

After hours of waiting and tense moments for the candidates, the results came in.

Brad Cole was elected as the city's new mayor after 16 years with Neil Dillard at the top. Filling the four-year seats were Sheila Simon, Steven Haynes and Lance Jack. Chris Wissmann scaled a spot for the lone two-year seat. Corene Medanil will return to her position on the City Council along with Maggie Flanagan rounding out the City Council to seven members.

There will be some new faces on the City Council for the next four years and with that comes new expectations and goals for the future of Carbondale. We hope that the new collaboration of council members will bring out more ideas for the betterment of the city and less bickering on the part of the council.

With that said, the DAILY EGYPTIAN editorial board would like to see some changes in the next four years.

Human Relations Commission: The City Council needs to send the current proposal back to the Task Force for revision. A new proposal needs to include a commission with subpoena power and an oversight of all municipal services as well as private businesses.

Downtown (The Strip): The downtown area of Carbondale has become an eyesore in recent years. Dilapidated and vacant buildings have become the norm as small businesses come and go. A new plan is needed to revitalize this area and help promote new businesses to come and stay. We ask that the City Council come up with a plan to promote new businesses to the Strip, the heart of Carbondale, and work with private owners to help them with their businesses so that they stay.

Housing: Housing begins with the enforcement of city codes. That means on the landlords and tenants. We understand that it’s not always the landlord’s fault just as it is not always the tenant’s fault. Enforcing these codes involves follow-ups on complaints and more stringent fines on repeat offenders. This will not only prevent future problems but also clean up and prolong the life of the buildings.

The University/City relationship: Carbondale would be nothing without the University, just as the University would be nothing without Carbondale. This relationship is vital to the area in regards to jobs and the economy of southern Illinois. It is our wish that the City Council work more closely with students to try and get them more involved in city government. If students become more interested in the city then the chances are greater that they will stay and raise a family here.

Quote of the Day
Better not take a dog on the space shuttle, because if he sticks his head out when you're coming home his face might burn up.

WORDS OVEREARD

"I'm glad to see that alumni like Brad Cole can achieve this kind of success — it really motivates all of us." — Cary Gargi, junior in journalism, comments on Brad Cole being elected mayor
Chalking it up to free speech

I'm not exactly sure who wrote the song, or for that matter the actual text of it. Nevertheless, a line from this song has stuck in my head the last few months. This weekend, I decided to give the song another listen and try to find a way how what I'm writing is relevant to political correctness.

Instead of writing "war bad," write something like "support our troops".

DEAR EDITOR:

Chalking it up to free speech

"Support our troops." I have a feeling this line will be coming up more often than the lack of options for anyone to stand up for what they want to say. This is because much of the current political climate is centered around free speech and the ability to express one's views without fear of persecution.

First off, let me add one more thing to the clutter of the world. I am not saying that the Bush administration is not trying to be offensive in any way. I am simply saying that the Bush administration is trying to get its message across in a way that will be effective.

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Chalking it up to free speech

"Support our troops." I have a feeling this line will be coming up more often than the lack of options for anyone to stand up for what they want to say. This is because much of the current political climate is centered around free speech and the ability to express one's views without fear of persecution.

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Instead of writing "war bad," write something like "support our troops."
The retrievers at Larry's Towing are known to sniff out illegally parked cars, but they also assist motorists with their urgent needs 24/7

Tow away zone

story by Samantha Edmondson

A golden retriever is friendly, dependable—a family dog. But many Carbondale residents who know the "Golden Retriever" see it as a different breed. They relate it to its namesake, a retriever or a hunting dog that suits small game.

Permit to the CFM Convenience Food Mart on East Walnut Street displayed this sentiment as the "Golden Retriever," a 4-year-old, golden brown tow truck, pulled into the parking lot on the night of March 21.

A man turned from filling up his car with gas to watch the "Golden Retriever" pull a blue Monte Carlo moved from the SUCC campus into the station. The truck came to a halt near "Little Retrievers," the second tow truck for Larry's Towing.

The retrievers' owner, Larry Georgeff, stepped out of the vehicle, ready to switch shifts with his right workers, Hank Hamilton and Kevin Tackett.

Larry has been in the towing business for 35 years and realizes the toll feelings Carbondale residents and students toward his company and other towing businesses in the area.

"The same ones," said Georgeff, "that we tow for illegal parking call us the next week to call for a jumpstart for their car or the regain the keys and the CC phone to Hamilton and Tackett for the night. The "Golden Retriever" was ready to retire for the night and allow "Little Retrievers," the typical weekend night shift truck, to assume the duties.

Before making the rounds, Hamilton and Tackett had to fill up the truck with diesel gasoline at the CFM. Even the workers at Georgeff's get paid on a salary basis and not per tow, the expense for the truck adds up.

Georgeff said his company spends $20 per day for gas and $50 to $60 a day for gasoline for "Golden Retrievers." But other expenses appear in the monthly bill.

"We charge every 12,000 to 15,000 miles. At about $150 a piece, it adds up pretty quick," Hison said. "Insurance is outrageous and license plates on a tow truck can be about $250 at a sticker and a monthly fee for the state." Georgeff's SPIC and SPOTIC plates on a tow truck can be about $250 at a sticker and a monthly fee for the state.

After filling up "Little Retrievers" with diesel gas, Hank and Tackett hop into the truck, soda in hand, ready to make the rounds. The rounds go mainly to parking lots of apartment complexes looking for illegally parked cars. But like the perception many residents have of the retrievers hunting down cars, Georgeff explained his company is contracted to tow certain businesses and apartment complexes to tow illegally parked cars.

A simple call on the phone from a complex owner or resident could prompt inspection for Larry and Tackett, but they also noted signs are clearly marked at all locations where Larry's Towing is contracted to tow. Because Georgeff's most commonly towns illegally parked cars, making rounds fills up most of the weekend late night shift for Hank and his fellow employee.

Hamilton pulled into the lot at Garden Park Apartments, "Little Retrievers" bounding over the waste in the cement separating the city street from the lot. Tackett grabbed a large flashlight and shined it on the rear windows looking for proper stickers.

"Got a white cavalier here. Do you remember it from last night?" Hamilton said.

"No, let me go check," Tackett replied.

Tackett exited the "Little Retriever" and walked over to the white automobile and the car was OK.

"You get a routine going and you can tell what belongs here and what doesn't," Tackett said.

He has worked for Georgeff for 27 years, but Tackett as well as Hamilton and other tow truck drivers in town, often have occurrences that are out of the ordinary.

Strange towns and regular encounters

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Tow

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pointed toward a sign that was marked "Visitor's Parking," saying he was there to visit a friend in Marshall Reed who was not home and decided to see other friends at the party.

But Tackett said the tow is already in process at this time by the parking committee they would have to tow. The young man did not like this news and decided to sit on the front of the tow truck, not allowing it to move one inch.

At this point, the police were called to the scene to handle the dispute. Tackett and the young man were close to each other at this time by the front of the tow truck. Four friends of the owner of the blazer trooped out of the house and stood in front of the tow truck with him. Refusing to talk about the tow and attempting to stand his ground with Tackett and the police, the young man declined to comment on the situation.

But the car owner's friend, Larry Coggins, said this is not the first time he has helped a friend stop the tow truck operation service. Coggins, a sophomore in electrical engineering from Pekin, in progress and $10-per-day fee for parking where they shouldn't be but he insists on filing a complaint to the helpful," Walker said. "With the price increase, he said, "I think it would be a lot easier, say if somebody has a two-bedroom apartment, each person is given an assigned parking spot. This way if somebody is parked in your spot, you know they don't belong in that spot."

He stood next to two of the other friends as they watched the owner of the blazer pay the $55 for the tow. But he insisted on filling a complaint to the manager of the complex and Georgeff. The story that he told his to do.

The others on the road

At first concerned the young owner of the blazer as Hamilton and Tackett lowered the vehicle and detailed it from "LittleRetriever. Voices rang out with a "good job Larry" and "you guys suck" from the gray house porch. But those mixed attitudes did not disturb Tackett and Hamilton as they finished the job and drove off, giving a small wave to the police.

Vanessa Reyes, a senior in administrative process of parking from Chicago, ran to the incident that ensued with the owner of the blazer and Larry's Towing.

In Reyes' case, she said the towing company that attempted to tow her vehicle had started to tow cars on the street. They were in the process of towing Reyes' car but had not yet hitched it to the truck.

"We had to jump on the truck so they could hook my car alone, but they still charged me $25 not to tow it," Reyes said.

Her sentiment and perception of the tow truck drivers are not completely universal, since she recently had been towed from Express Towing and the incident was handled respectively on both sides.

By city regulation, all tow companies are suppose to charge a flat towing fee for illegally parked vehicles and a flat fee for a service charge in towing those cars, according to Walker.

In fact, in 1997, the City Council voted unanimously to regulate towing service rates for nonconsensual tows. The Tongue.

After the city's capped fee contract expired in September, the City of Chicago, can one of its senators to oversee a bill. But the lot is designated for Marshall Reed Apartments.

As an engineer in the United States Air Force, there's no telling what you'll work on. (Seriously, we can't tell you.)
The physical and psychological distance between their native countries in the Middle East and Carbondale has an effect on these four SIU students. So does war and instability in the region. But ultimately

They are students just like any other on the SIUC campus, with lives, homes, and families. Only they are so distanced from their homes and their lives that it has become difficult for some to cope. They are students from one of the most volatile regions in the world — the Middle East. With a war raging near many of their homes, many of their thoughts turn to the importance of family. From the countries of Turkey, United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia, students Burga Akaktan, Selenk Demir, Sami Moussawi and Ammer Alshehmi are the future and the present of the international community, and these are their stories.

A world Carbondale will never know

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"That is just a stereotype... When you sit with them and talk with them, you'll find that they're open minded and respect everybody."
Ammer Alshehram is surrounded by his four children at their home in Evergreen Terrace on the south end of campus. Although his children miss their home in Saudi Arabia, Alshehram knows that by finishing his graduate degree at SIU he will be able to provide a better opportunity for his wife and children.

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Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

--今天的Birthday (April 3). You’re quick yet deliberative this year, innovative yet practical. This can be a successful combination, especially since you’re also lucky. And, of course, the better prepared you are, the luckier you’ll get.

To get the advantage, check the day’s ratings: 10 is the easiest day; 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) • Today is an 8. You should be a wealthy person; you’d do so much good with the money. Allow abundance into your life by being extra generous.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) • Today is a 6. You’re becoming more decisive, though you still have considerations. You hate rushing into things, and that’s good. You’re becoming more certain. Keep asking questions.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) • Today is a 6. Just when you thought you couldn’t bear the pressure, it starts to ease. Friends are coming to your rescue. You’re not alone.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) • Today is an 8. New contacts you’ve made and data you’ve received can help advance your career. Don’t brag, but do let the news get out to someone who’ll be impressed.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) • Today is a 7. You’ve seen through a few tough days. Give up a celebration. Insight and honesty are good, but Saturday isn’t bad either.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) • Today is a 7. Don’t let your partner spend all the money without your input. Stay involved, or you’ll end up paying for something you don’t even like.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) • Today is an 8. A gentle, quiet person can teach you some valuable skills. Follow orders from a brassy type, but do settle down with one who’s paid at the table.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) • Today is an 8. You’ve had time to do some serious bonding, get back to work, show that your love is true by building something solid together.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) • Today is a 6. You may feel as if you’ve been trying to convince people who already had their minds made up. Relax tonight with someone who understands you without a word being said.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) • Today is a 7. Try out a new idea in the privacy of your home. Something that you’ve been thinking about could greatly improve your level of comfort. Go for the best.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) • Today is a 7. Although you might be able to get by on your good looks, it really isn’t necessary. You’re smart, too. Prove it by taking on a challenging assignment.
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Madawi just mastered the art of walking. How? Having used two words of the word "HI" makes her even more irresistible to hold. Abdallah easily gives her to smiling face.

While it is easy for Abdallah to hold his daughter in his hands at work, his mother, on the other hand, half a world away in Saudi Arabia, cannot see her children and grandchildren. Her son is in the United States trying to further his education, so he can return home and provide his family with the best life possible.

"Easy three days my mother asks me, "when are you coming?" Abdallah said with a grin on his face, "Tell her same answer, two months, but subtract three days from that. She just wants to hear your voice. She wants to ask about your children, and about your wife, and you know in Islam we respect your parents."

His mother is not the only member of his family who misses Saudi Arabia. His children, Abdallah, 12, Nijad, 7, Saud, 9 and Madawi all miss her.

Home means more than just family for Ammar. As the saying goes, the only way to reach a man is through his stomach, and while Abdallah doesn't miss the food because his wife has an endless cook, there are few foods he can have in Caracas.

"There are some foods we just cannot do at home," he says. After leaving the restaurant, but there are no restaurants here."

Almost every day he is inundated with phone calls from various friends from back home telling him of updates and bringing him up to speed on the happenings at home.

"I miss the society. I have so many friends there. I really miss my friends," Abdallah said. "I have a really strong relationship with them. Here, instead, I consider them as family, and they miss me, and I miss them as well."

In two months, Ammar Abdallah will be going back to a world he left behind ready to work and get to know life as he remembers it.

Abdallah said that country to popular, Saudi Arabia, is a country that has been influenced by the.itemView("dependence on oil, but is a country that is starting to change.

"That's just a stereotype. They are as open-minded as the rest of the world."

Ammar was taken from Islam, the word Islam is derived from the Arabic word Isilam, which means "to submit. The culture here is very similar. Abdallah said he even had a teacher who lived in Saudi Arabia who had only praised for the people and the culture."

"My teacher told me, 'I liked it and I would like to spend more time there,' he said.

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Salukis making run at record books

Jens Deju
Daily Egyptian

A trio of SIU softball players are seeking to have their names go in the school single-season and career marks.

Sophomore outfielder Katie Jordan and freshmen infielders Katie Louis are both on the verge of leaving the previous home run records in the dust.

SIU's single-season home run mark is 10 set by Marra Vierhau back in 1999. Jordan currently sits tied for second place all-time with eight, and Louis is in seventh place with seven. Both players have close to 20 games remaining this season to reach the milestone. Sophomore Kelly Creek is also in the running, with five home runs.

The career record for home runs is 24 set by Eric Stremlow, who suited up for SIU from 1998-2001. Jordan currently sits tied for fifth place with 13 career home runs.

Pitcher Amy Harre, just a sophomore, is ranked in the top 10 all-time in the career record books in several categories.

Her current career ERA of 0.88 is well ahead of second place Amy Mick, who posted a mark of 1.05 from 1990-93. She also sits in fifth place with 17 shutouts, sixth in wins with 30 and appearances with 57, ninth in complete games with 29 and innings pitched with 287.2.

Pitching once again dominating

The SIU pitching staff of Harre and seniors Renee Mueller and Katie Kloess is once again dominating opponents.

Harre and Mueller have identified 0.85 ERAs and limit hitters to a .190 batting average. Harre has a mark of 12-4 with three saves and Mueller sits at 7-1 with one save. The duo has also combined to strike out 111 hitters in 163 innings pitched.

Kloess has been limited action but sits at 2-0 with a 2.43 ERA in 23 innings pitched.

- As a staff, the Salukis did not allow a home run for their first 24 games of the season until Creighton hit two in the Bluejay's 3-2 victory on Sunday.

SIU has led the Missouri Valley Conference in the ERA, a mark that's good for six straight seasons and through its first 25 games was sitting in first place again with a team ERA of 1.06. Evansville sits in second with an ERA of 1.70.

Creek saving the day

In the past week Creek has hit two game-winning home runs.

She had three-run home runs in both a 5-1 victory over Southeast Missouri State and another three-run shot in a 4-2 win over MVC rival Creighton.

For Creek this season Creek has knocked in a team-high 20 runs.

Road warriors return home

When the Salukis face Drake in the first of a three-game series this weekend at Charleston West Stadium, it will mark just the fourth game the team has played in Carbondale all season long.

SIU has had seven home games postponed or cancelled due to poor weather, and therefore has played 23 of their 26 games on the road.

The Salukis are 2-1 at their new stadium thus far and 19-4 away from it.

SIU still receiving recognition in national polls

The Salukis are still receiving national recognition and are receiving votes in both top 25 polls.

SIU tallied six votes in the USA Today National Fastpitch Coaches Association, which was good enough for No. 31.

The Salukis received votes at 21-5 with a 7-2 mark in MVC play.

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Fritsche was introduced to the game by her father when she was nine years old, beginning a lifelong love for the game of golf.

"I heard about Tiffany prob-ably when she was in eighth grade," Daugherty said. "People around here would say you need to get that little Fritsche girl from Waterloo. You need to make sure you recruit her. I had been watching her from the time she was nine years old."

Her personality has allowed her to succeed at a game that requires patience and a calm demeanor.

"She's about the most even-keeled person that I know. She's positive and she's not afraid to lose," Daugherty said. "That carries over to her golf, too, because in golf you can't give up too.

Her development was also facilitated by her father's golf ethic, which started when she was a youngster and kept a log of her practices.

"There's never been a day that I don't practice, even in the summer," Fritsche said. "People think that you can just pick up the golf club and just swing it and hit it good. But it is a lot of work. It takes a lot of hitting balls, and a lot of short game work, too."

Though she has a passion for the game, being a student-athlete wasn't too difficult, za she knew the positives would greatly outweigh the negatives.

"We have to qualify to go to each match, and I don't qualify in the fall," Fritsche said. "In the spring I qualified for one and she asked me if I wanted to play in it or if I just wanted to redshirt. I felt that the experiene that I get being a redshirt, I feel like it would better me in the future, I practiced a lot, and just got ready to go to the next level, and in the fall, I'm gonna help me in the long run. I'm gonna have to study hard in the fall and therefore have to practice."

"It was hard on me. Like in any sport, if you're going to be practicing, you still want to go out, and you want to compete with the team. It was hard on me, but I just told myself I gotta help my team, and in the long run, I'm gonna have that extra year and I'm gonna help me, too."

"I'm sure by the time she's through and she's graduating, she'll be one of the top players to come through there," Gildevecil said. "She's that good. I'm sure by the time she's through, she'll have left a good mark."
Maria Damico
You had me at hello

Zack Creglow Daily Egyptian

Maria Damico is a sophomore on the SIU softball team. She is returning for her second season and has already become a fan favorite with her positive attitude and the spirit she brings to the game.

With a brash, brash taking place in big, the Daily Egyptian has reflected the spirit of our sport and has decided to end an age-old rivalry — Cubs versus Cards. The following is a series of interviews with current and former baseball players from both teams.

Cardinal concensions

Article 1 — Cardinals fans are allowed to refer to Chicago as a superior city because of its larger population and recognize St. Louis as a legitimate metropolis.

Article 2 — Chicago fans are not allowed to refer to St. Louis as "our brick brothers," especially because this title belongs to Milwaukee, and Big Red fans refer to themselves as "the Brick Brothers."

Cardinal concensions

Article 4 — Cardinal fans are not allowed to refer to Chicago as an urban nightmarish, or a city of confusion and corruption. Referenced to the 1940s, Democrat won the City in 1940, and the arrival of "new blood" in the political system advanced the team's success.

Cardinal concensions

Article 5 — St. Louis fans are not allowed to call Cardinal fans and must at least pretend to respect Cardinal fans for their loyalty to the Chicago National League club.

Cardinal concensions

Article 6 — St. Louis residents concede that St. Louis is not a flawless community.

Section 1 — Chicago superior population and fanbase vs. St. Louis as the world's friendliest city — Debates regarding which city and which fans are better.

Cubs concensions

Article 1 — Cubs fans agree to stop proclaiming Chicago as a superior city because of its larger population and recognize St. Louis as a legitimate metropolis.

Article 2 — Chicago fans are not allowed to refer to St. Louis as "our brick brothers," especially because the phrase belongs to Milwaukee, and Cubs fans refer to themselves as "the Brick Brothers."
A dilemma

New vs. old. Soft vs. hard. Boys vs. girls.

This weekend on the campus of SIU, the decision-making process begins.

Before your mind divest further into the gutter and visions of orgies dance in your head, let me throw out a few more matchups.

Chuck West vs. Abe Martin.

Softball vs. Baseball.

Amy Harris vs. Jake Alley.

For only the second time this season, fans will make their allegiances clear to either baseball or softball. Both will be playing at the same time, so there is no room for neutrality.

This week, the school seemed to choose softball, but that weekend could be misleading. Next year’s softball player and families members at The West and some came simply for the novelty. Unquestionably, the baseball school was not in session, leading to very few student fans on the hill.

This is it. One weekend for the distinctiveness of summer round-up.

Softball is never going to play night games because of the schedule. With baseball going at night, softball will forever play conflicting schedules.

The case for baseball

- It’s baseball, and it is April. That should be enough of the
- Though not state of the art, Abe Martin is twice the size of The West. Softball fields are the size of little league fields.
- Even if you don’t like baseball, softball, baseball and softball will forever play conflicting schedules.

The case for softball

- The case for softball is, this is baseball, but for whatever reason, I can’t have my cake and eat it too.
- The West is being seeded and Stu-...