Louisiana and Mississippi officials told the AP they have warned residents the river could bring the largest surge of water since the Great Mississippi Flood of 1927.

The water released, county commissioner Carlin Bennett said. He said the setback levee remains intact after the corps mission was completed.

Bennett said when the levee was initially blown, a 10- to 15-foot wall of water rapidly filled the spillway. When the water moved inland, it spread out over the wider stretch of land and had less pressure when it reached the setback levee.

The county is now trying to determine what actions to take after the explosions and whether it is possible to recover, Bennett said.
BRANDON COLEMAN
Daily Egyptian

When April’s storms dumped 9.18 inches of rain on Carbondale, roofs across campus were damaged, tree limbs were torn and Brad Dillard, director of the university’s emergency management, said “any time we have storms like this, it takes money out of our budget that was already being used for other tasks.”

Chancellor Rita Cheng said she would ask the Board of Trustees to use reserve money for the unexpected weather emergency. She said it would be used to pay for repairs and campus operating expenses should any other emergencies arise.

SIU President Glenn Poshard asked both SIU campuses to keep 8 percent in the contingency fund for emergencies, and the SIU system has about $8.8 million in emergency money, Cheng said. She said utility costs have increased, which means the utility budget is underfunded by approximately $1.1 million. Cheng said she will seek permission to use the contingency fund to balance the utility budget.

Dillard said the university paid $500,000 in claims from the May 8, 2009, derecho with the contingency money, and other funding sources “coming from FEMA and insurance money.”

The reserve fund was created as a buffer to ease the effects of financial cuts by the state, and because the state’s finances have been dismissed, said Duane Stucky, SIU vice president of financial and administrative affairs. He said the fund is used toward other expenses such as the energy bill or emergency repair of damaged buildings.

Immediately after the storm, the Physical Plant redirected money from its budget to pay workers to perform storm cleanup tasks, Dillard said. Concerns from the Physical Plant had to drain water from the basements of the university’s older houses on East Street and Chautauqua Street and clear clogged street and roof drains on campus, he said.

Stucky said those types of issues are part of the normal maintenance budget; they just cost the Physical Plant time and money.

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SIU president, wife more than meets the eye

JULIE SWEVENSON
Daily Egyptian

SIU President Glenn Poshard and his wife Jo had a love of children that spurred them to form an organization to help agencies that take care of and protect children. The Poshard Foundation for Abused Children gave $28 agencies that serve abused children in southern Illinois $100,000 on April 26.

Jo Poshard, executive director of the foundation, said state budget cuts to the programs prompted the foundation to financially help the agencies more recently than in the past.

"They are really being hurt by the budget, and we thought this would be the year to extend ourselves to help them as much as we could," she said.

The foundation usually gives between $70,000 and $80,000 a year, Jo Poshard said.

She said the annual Poshard Foundation Dinner and Auction raised about $130,000 in 2010. About $38,000 was raised to buy beds for places that house children, as beds cost about $300 apiece, Poshard said.

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FLOOD CONTINUED FROM 1

Quinn made an emergency trip to Cairo Monday after water levels reached 61 feet. Levels are expected to rise again with a 30 percent chance of rain in the forecast Thursday, according to the National Weather Service in Paducah, Ky.

Bob Science and says the levee in Mississippi County was blown at about 10 p.m. Monday to protect Cairo.

Joe DeBose, a specialist with West Frankfort National Guard, said before the explosion he and other guard members helped Cairo residents evacuate and later monitored the levee for 17 hours, Sunday. They also built support beams to sustain the wall while the Corps decided whether to blow the levee.

... The corps' decision came after the state government and volunteers had told the AP they have warned residents the river could bring the largest surge of water the Great Mississippi Flood of 1927.

More than 240 miles of levees between Cape Girardeau, Mo., and the Gulf of Mexico along the Mississippi River need to be made taller or strengthened, the corps told the AP.

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State Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said the water treatment plant next to the river was sandbagged with help from the National Guard and should hold.

If the water level continues to rise, Bost said later on Monday, the Route 13 bridges between Carbondale and Murphysboro are possible.

While he couldn't say how many people in the region have been driven from their homes, Bost said Jackson County has two locations sheltering displaced people. As of Monday, the Church of Latter-Day Saints on old Route 13 in Carbondale is sheltering two people, and the Erma C. Hayes Center on Willow Street is sheltering 33, he said.

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Arab uprising: The U.S. must take a nonviolent stance

ANDREW J. BACEVICH
McClatchy-Tribune

As Arab dominoes tumbled, the Obama administration faced a choice: support the efficacious anti-government movements in the region. Washington chose to fall in line with the 'normal' state of affairs. This approach is problematic because the United States has a moral duty to support democracy and human rights. The administration of George W. Bush and the Obama administration have both failed to provide clear leadership or a coherent plan of action. This failure has led to a crisis in the Middle East that is likely to result in bloodshed.

The administration's principal achievement thus far has been to buy itself what it needs least: another war, one that looks less righteous, less powerful and less susceptible to resolution with each passing day. Can the United States formulate a response to the Arab uprising that reconfigures the regional power structures and offers a genuine opportunity for change? The answer is yes, indeed, such an approach is staring us in the face.

Thus far, the Obama administration has tried to split the difference, favoring one new wave of protesters: calling for change and another: taking a flyer on change.

The choice is clear: Washington finds itself in a dilemma. What should concern the United States: propping up the existing order or trying something new? Sticking with the 'normal' state of affairs, or taking a flyer on change?

Arbitrariness and belligerence are the results of nasty autocrats except where the United States is willing to risk its own credibility. The time has come to reorient U.S. foreign policy away from tools like 'regime change' and toward peaceful means, not to buy itself what it needs least: another war, one that looks less righteous, less powerful and less susceptible to resolution with each passing day.

The United States has not done so. Who resorts to guns and tanks, whether their aim is to promote change or avert it. Tied, forewarned any further use of force as an instrument of U.S. policy in the Arab world, thereby demonstrating that the United States is less the evolving substance of Arab politics than the form, not the destination but the means employed to get there. After all, a region in which marches and demonstrations supplant bombs, torture and arbitrary imprisonment as the currency of everyday politics just might be able to manage its own affairs, without constant American supervision. For a United States suffering from severe overstretch that defines strategic success.

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New mayor looks to community to fill old seat

Carbondale Mayor Joel Fitzler addresses fellow council members Tuesday at the Inaugural City Council meeting for recently elected members. Fitzler and newly elected council members Jane Adams, Lance Jack and Don Monty were sworn in. Fitzler said his mother, who was in attendance Tuesday, was one of his main inspirations for running for mayor.

JUSTIN KABBES
Daily Egyptian

Carbondale's newly elected mayor, Joel Fitzler, were flowers on the lapel of his suit at his inaugural City Council meeting.

"I had to do this to get my mother to come see me," Fitzler said. "She wouldn't fly out (from Portland) unless I became mayor."

Incoming council members Don Monty, Jane Adams and Lance Jack wore flowers as well. In the council's first meeting, it discussed how to fill Fitzler's former council seat and how to improve future elections. It was the first time since 2014 a new person sat in the mayor's seat.

Former Mayor Brad Coke did not attend the meeting. Mayor Pro Tem and Fitzgerald, a councilman before he was elected mayor, were the only former members at the meeting.

Fitzler is a resident vacant. He said he will review letters from citizens interested in the position and collaborate with the council before it votes on a candidate. The deadline for applications is at 1 p.m. May 13 at the city clerk's office.

He said the council will discuss the candidates in a closed session. If a majority of the council can't agree on one candidate, the top prospects will present themselves before the City Council. The meeting is in the general election, Don Grant, was eight votes behind Jack for the third-open council seat in the April 5 election. "We need to consider," he said. "I will look at all the letters." Fitzler said. 

"I could imagine the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh place persons will turn to applications. I don't know."

To prevent another election with a field of 16 candidates for four positions, Monty said the city needs to change its election process.

"The current election process deprives the newly elected members from being able to say they won a majority of the vote," he said. 

He said the state changed election laws to potentially eliminate primaries in small towns, thus saving the town money. However, Monty said, the state inadvertently forced voters to vote through large amounts of information to make informed decisions. Even worse, it may be keeping voters away from the polls.

"Time after time in this country, we elect somebody and then later you find out they have some really weird positions you wish you knew about," Monty said. "Not even coming our past govern." Adams and Fitzler agreed with Monty. Adams said voters may only vote for candidates because of name recognition and not because of their stances. She said there should only be two candidates per position.

If those rules applied to the last election, that would have meant only two mayor candidates and six city council candidates. 

Fitzler said he will face many challenges during the next few years as mayor. He said the financial situation of the state is unstable and puts the city in a bind. The city has been forced to make cuts, so it would have to avoid because it does not know if it will receive payments from the state, he said. A majority of the cuts have come from community organizations, he said.

"We're doing fine. It's just that we don't have anything extra," Fitzler said. "It seems like the governor is holding us hostage."
World-renowned pianist has deep history with campus

BRENDAN SMITH
Daily Egyptian

At 8 years old, Stephan Moller was introduced to the piano, an instrument for which he would earn worldwide recognition.

Moller is an accomplished concert pianist as well as a professor at the University of Vienna, one of the most prestigious music schools in the world. Moller said the university staffs more than 800 faculty members that cater to more than 30,000 music majors in individualized lessons.

Moller performed in Japan and is soon to play in Carnegie Hall, but Tuesday the musician returned to Carbondale to visit with an old friend.

Don Beattle and Moller were introduced in 1988. Beattle, a professor in the SIUC School of Music at the time, said the two met through their combined passion for music. After winning an international music festival in Vienna, Moller said he sent letters to music schools in the United States with offers to play a recital.

Beattle was the first person to respond.

"From that time on we have been best friends," Moller said. "(Carbondale) is such a marvelous location that I always like to return to. I've always liked this place very much."

In the two decades since his initial performance, Moller has returned to play in Carbondale, festivals and recitals 10 times. After 30 years of teaching, Beattle has retired, and now he and his wife work as house parents at Saint Germain Square, an apartment complex geared for SIUC students.

After two years and some renovations, Beattle opened Beethoven Hall, a concert hall located inside the complex. Sunday, for the opening ceremony Beattle said he reached out to his old friend for a performance.

"There was absolutely no other person in this whole world to better inaugurate this hall than Stephan," he said.

Beattle performed at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. The performance was open to the public and presented by the Beethoven Society, an organization Beattle said he created as an all-inclusive alternative to the classic performance of which he was accustomed.

"My wife Delaysa and I have been to enough competitions where someone wins and others lose," Beattle said. "There's heartbreak. We never wanted to create that, we wanted a celebration of music."

Since its founding, Beattle said the Beethoven Society has raised more than $500,000 for the School of Music, started chapters in Boston, Toronto and Germany, and has attracted a number of world-renowned musicians to campus. Beattle said it was this mindset that resulted in the 1984 founding of the Beethoven Society in the School of Music.

Beattle said his choice in naming the organization after Ludwig van Beethoven came not only from his admiration of Beethoven's work as a musician but from the composer's ideologies and personal struggles.

"Beethoven seemed like he must have been a descendant directly from heaven," Beattle said. "Beethoven is a descendant of the Earth, a man of the street, of the common people. That's what drew me to him."

Beattle said the School of Music and the university were not only supportive of the Beethoven Society, but also the work he and his wife put into the organization.

While he is happy for the accomplishments he's achieved, Beattle said he struggled initially with the program.

"The first person I invited, Maurice Hinson, who's probably the world's foremost authority on piano music, was featured in Shyrock, and 12 people came," Beattle said. "That was a little embarrassing to say the least. That's when I said I must create an audience."

Beattle said he feels he since has found that audience.

City Council member Jane Adams attended Moller's performance of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony on Sunday's reception.

"Hearing that symphony played by one person on the piano and the way it just flowed out of him, it was wonderful," Adams said.

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Finance disagreement stirs USG debate

BRANDON COLEMAN  Daily Egyptian

As Registered Student Organizations stated their case for more spring funding, some claimed their requests were unjustly cut.

The cap limit placed on spring allocations by the University Student Government (USG) was $300,000, said Ashley Jordan, chair of USG's finance committee. Jordan said she was told not to cut requests from any RSO for $40,000 to help fund events for their original funding request of just $10,000 when Council and the International Student Organizations were submitted a request to try for $300,000, said Ashley Jordan, chair of USG's finance committee. USG expects to have $300,000, said Ashley Jordan, chair of USG's finance committee. USG received more than $300,000 for their spring allocation, Jordan said.

"The reason if you look at the numbers for spring allocation, everyone across the board has received approximately $100,000," she said.

Board members for the Native American Student Organization (NASO) received a request for $40,000 to help fund events for National American Heritage month and the Southern Illinois University. However, which was held off-campus, there wasn't enough money to host on-campus. Boyd, vice president of the Native American Student Organization, said she didn't think it's right that USG forces RSOs to compete against each other for limited funds. "We're never expecting USG to give us almost $40,000," Boyd said. However, I think we need to know what the value of the events are and how much it costs to put on an event.

"Kappa Alpha Psi saw its original funding request of just more than $22,000 cut to $8,100 to host its Kappa Karnival it had since the 1940s and Campus Activities Board has held since 2003. Representatives from the fraternity stated the event's significance was its lure to attract prospective members.

Representatives of Alpha Kappa Alpha society had their request suspended for an indefinite amount of time because of spring allocation was handed in late. Omega Phi Phi fraternity's spring allocation was also suspended by the senate because they failed to meet the spring allocation submission deadline.

In all, 23 RSO's received funding from their spring allocation submissions. Brandon Coleman can be reached at bcoleman@dallyegyptan.com or 536-3311 ext. 525.
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**Comics**

Wednesday, May 4, 2011
**Crossword**

**THE Daily Commuter Puzzle** by Jacqueline E. Mathews

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**THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME**

**SUDOKU**

THE SAHM OF PUZZLES, By The Mepham Group

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

**Horoscopes**

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

Tuesday, April 19, 2011

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We really set the tone early. We were aggressive at the plate and swung at fastballs early in the count, and it paid off for us.

— Jake Welch

freshman shortstop

CORY DOWNER

Daily Egyptian

A five-run first inning led the Salukis to a shutout against the Fighting Illini in the fourth annual Interstate Baseball Classic Tuesday at Rent One Ballpark in Marion. SIU (17-27) beat Illinois (17-32) 9-0 and took the second of three games in the season series. The Salukis rallied at the plate early in the game and held on to the lead as their pitchers dominated the mound.

Interim head coach Ken Hendmon said the team hit the ball exceptionally well Tuesday and played a sound, fundamental baseball game.

"Any win is good, no matter what day it is," Hendmon said. "We had some guys who came up and delivered, but we just played well.

The Salukis got on first with the Illini early in the game as they hit through their lineup in the first inning and scored five runs on five hits. Hendmon said it was nice to see the whole team get in on the action because it allowed his players to relax, have fun and build more confidence, which he said they need to continue to play in the Missouri Valley Conference.

Freshman shortstop Jake Welch said the win was a huge boost for him and the team and gave them bragging rights against their intrastate rivals.

Junior outfielder Jordan Silvertsen takes a ball Tuesday during the fifth inning of the Salukis’ 9-0 win against Illinois at Rent One Park in Marion. The Illini cycled through three pitchers to let the Fighting Illini hitters get themselves out.

He said his main focus in the Illinois game was to force hitters to swing by getting ahead in the count and limiting pitches that were out of the strike zone. He said he doesn’t worry about pitching with a lead, but when the team is ahead he is most effective.

"My goal is to always go out there and throw to contact," Welch said. "If we have the lead, that works to my advantage.

The Salukis will take on Bradley Friday as they continue conference play. The series will start at 6 p.m. in Peoria.

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Bever, Harding lead Salukis to shutout of Illini
It's official: Bulls G Derrick Rose is NBA MVP

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Associated Press

LINCOLNSHIRE — Right from the start, Derrick Rose wondered why he couldn't be the MVP. It turns out, nothing could stop him.

Rose officially became the NBA's youngest MVP Tuesday and joined Michael Jordan as the only Bulls player to win the award, which was no surprise given his spectacular season and Chicago's leap to a son. Miami's LeBron James was third, the Lakers' Kobe Bryant was fourth and Oklahoma City star Kevin Durant finished fifth.

A product of Chicago's South Side, Rose established himself as one of the top players in the league after going from Rookie of the Year to All-Star in his first two seasons. He took another step this year with one of the best all-around performances by a point guard.

He averaged 25 points and 7.7 assists while leading Chicago into contention for its first championship since the Jordan-Scottie Pippen era. For all the grousing over the Bulls missing out on James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh in free agency, they did quite well for themselves anyway.

Rose showed up training camp openly wondering why he couldn't be MVP. Then, he backed it up.

"It really just came out," Rose said. "That's the way I thought at the time. I put a lot of hard work into my game, especially during the summer. I dedicated my whole summer to basketball. Even though it was tough, I did it."

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— Derrick Rose

Bulls on Twitter

Rose was a picture of humility during the news conference. He thanked everyone from the fans to his teammates, coaches and management, and he choked up when he mentioned his mom, Brenda Rose, and older brothers needed in front row.

At one point, he looked at her and paused.

"Just thinking how hard she works," he said. "Those are hard days. My days shouldn't be hard because I love what I'm doing. That's playing basketball. You keep me going every day and I love you."
Freshmen stand out among crowd

JACQUELINE MUHAMMAD
Daily Egyptian

While most freshmen adjust to their first year as college students, very few transition into college athletes, distance coach Matt Sparks said.

For the track and field team this school year has brought standout performances from freshmen jumpers and distance runners Brian Dixon and Eileen Schweitz.

Culmer, a native of Nassau, Bahamas, came to SIU shortly before the indoor season began in December. She made an immediate impact on the team and won the first event of her collegiate career. Culmer won the high jump with a mark of 1.70 meters on Jan. 15 at the Saluki Open.

Culmer also took fourth in the women's triple jump with a leap of 11.24 meters.

Yoga stretches minds, bodies of participants

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When Lisa Dover began her career as a massage therapist, she realized it could take more than just massage to maintain a healthy body.

Dover, proprietor of Lisa Dover Massage and Therapy in Carbondale, said her interest in yoga as an alternative healing method began after a colleague introduced her to Bikram, a form of yoga that takes place in a 95-100-degree room.

"That's when I fell in love with it," she said. "I started doing yoga to help maintain my flexibility, and I realized it helped me maintain my energy level."

"Inspired by her Bikram experience, Dover began her career as a yoga instructor in 2007. She said the practice of yoga has seen some dramatic changes in its move from India to America.

"The term yoga in India represents so much of the lifestyle in the East. Here in America, most people might practice yoga purely for the physical exercise, but we still see people practice yoga for the spiritual, mental and physical aspects, just like in Eastern cultures."

"We combine different aspects of all kinds of endurance exercises, from yoga to pilates," Tyler said. "The classes are meant to help build up both your flexibility and core for a stronger, more lean body."

Cheryl Muhammad, a junior from Chicago studying psychology, said she felt stronger and more flexible after she started yoga classes last semester.

"I like yoga because I'm getting a workout while relaxing my body and my mind," Muhammad said. "Not everybody can go lift weights and do squats, but I like doing yoga, and I know it's more for me."

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