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State shaves SIU cuts to $6.7 million

Katie Davis
Daily Egyptian

Eight letters were released Wednesday informing SIU administrators of employees that their jobs had been eliminated, said University spokeswoman Sue Davis. Two layoffs are expected.

Nathan Klemme
Daily Egyptian

Six layoffs were announced Wednesday by Chancellor Walter Wendler as a result of cuts to the University's budget by as much as $6.7 million, down from earlier estimates of $12.2 million.

"It's a result of tough financial times and not the result of major decision made at the state level," said Wendler. "I think there will be other layoffs [but] we don't know anything until the governor's budget address." Wendler said.

Davis said three positions were cut because of decreased grant money that will expire by July 1. One was reclassified because of retirement and more positions may open after July 1, allowing the two to continue employment. A position was also eliminated from the College of Applied Sciences and Arts off-campus military program.

"Due there for those positions we down and our revenues are down because of the war," Davis said.

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WAR UPDATE
Current as of 8 p.m. CST, Thursday

- American armored divisions left Thursday launched an assault on Saddam International Airport, which is 10 miles from the center of Baghdad. Loud explosions were heard coming from the airport as the assault got underway, Reuters reported. Dozens of Iraqis, including civilians and soldiers, were killed in what witnesses called a barrage of U.S. artillery and rocket attacks in the area, according to a Reuters correspondent. (cnn.com)

- Drivers are starting to see relief at the fuel pump as gasoline prices have slipped about 4 to 6 percent from the record highs reached just before fighting began in Iraq two weeks ago. The AAA Daily Fuel Gauge, which surveys more than 60,000 self-serve gas prices nationwide daily, reports an average price of $1.647 a gallon, down another 1/10 of a cent from Tuesday. (cnn.com)

- American marines chased away a CIA plane on Thursday evening from the airport as the assault got underway, Reuters reported. Dozens of Iraqis, including civilians and soldiers, were killed in what witnesses called a barrage of U.S. artillery and rocket attacks in the area, according to a Reuters correspondent. (cnn.com)

- The Arabic news channel al-Jazeera said, "It is attacking Iraqi government buildings. The situation is tense." (cnn.com)

- The wife of an ITN cameraman missing in Iraq has been given a personal pledge from US Secretary of State Colin Powell that he will do all he can to find out what happened to her husband. French television's Fred Nerac and his colleague have not been seen since they were caught up in an incident just south of Basra last month in which ITN reporter Tony Ford died. (bbc.com)

- Lawmakers are expected to push aggressively for new and expanded benefits and services for military families in response to the numbers of killed, missing in action and prisoners of war that are increasing, experts say. "Everyone is scrambling to see what they can do," observed Kathy Moeller of the National Association, a non-profit advocacy group that facilitates aid for military families and educates the public, the military community and Congress on available benefits and services. (memo.com)

- The Arabic news channel al-Jazeera says it is suspending its reports from Iraq in protest after Baghdad banned two of its correspondents from working there. The station said the Iraqi Information Ministry had barred Dary al-Arabi - an Iraqi - from reporting, and ordered correspondent Tayseer Al-Awadi to leave the country. The channel's editor-in-chief, Ibrahim Helal, told the BBC that the fees had given no reasons for their action, which he called sudden and unjustified. Al-Jazeera says it will continue to transmit images from its offices in Baghdad, Basra and Mosul. (bbc.com)

- A U.S. service-woman held captive for a week in Iraq has arrived in Germany for treatment at an American military hospital. Pfc. Jessica Lynch, 19, has two broken legs, an injured arm and multiple gunshot wounds, but is said to be in a stable condition. (bbc.com)

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- Increasing numbers of Baghdad residents are fleeing their homes, airport sources said on Thursday. (aarabc.com)

- Dozens of Iraqi civilians, including women, children and elderly seen dead, were killed by US and British forces, according to witnesses quoted by a number of news agencies. (cnn.com)

- Thousands of civilians have been left homeless as the US-led assault on Iraq began, witnesses have told a number of news agencies. (cnn.com)

- Saddam Hussein's regime has lost control of its fighters and most of the Iraqi population, a Central Command spokesman in Qatar said. "Without giving a precise location, the spokesman, Brig. Gen. Vince Brooks, said coalition forces were "in close proximity to Baghdad." Leading elements of the 101st Airborne Division were reported to be within 10 miles of the capital. (nytimes.com)

- In Tuesday's issue of the Daily Egyptian, the student-run newspaper of SIUC, is committed to being a trusted source of information, commentary and public discourse while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.
Affirmative action under fire in Supreme Court

Two lawsuits challenge University of Michigan admissions policy

Lindsey J. Mastis  Daily Egyptian

Affirmative action, which began 30 years ago, was intended to give an equal opportunity to people of all races.

In previous cases before the U.S. Supreme Court, Gruetter v. Bollinger and Gratz v. Bollinger, the students say that in trying to abide by that policy, the University of Michigan was discriminatorily whites by implementing a point system the gave points based on race.

As President George W. Bush said in a statement on Jan. 15, the University of Michigan awarded a perfect SAT score 12 points and 20 points to applicants of a minority race.

Bush came out in support of the cases against the University of Michigan.

"I strongly support diversity of all kinds, including racial diversity in higher education," he said. "But the method used by the University of Michigan to achieve this important goal is fundamentally flawed."

"At their core, the Michigan policies amount to a quota system that unfairly rewards nonrepresentative students, and directly on their race."

The plaintiffs in the cases are being represented by the Center for Individual Rights, a nonprofit public interest law firm based in Washington, D.C. Curt Levey, the director of litigation, said in a press release that the cases do not oppose affirmative action, but do intend to fight against the racial preferences some universities use to ensure diversity.

"We hope the outcome is that the Supreme Court draws a bright line and says that race can never be used in admissions nearly to achieve a diverse student body," he said.

"These admissions policies at these nation are going to have to rework their admissions policies to achieve diversity in a race-neutral manner."

But some people are worried that the cases, if won by the plaintiffs, could cause decrease in racial diversity on college campuses nationwide. Mike Lawrence, associate director of the SIUC Public Policy Institute, said he supports the Bush administration on many issues, but disagrees with their stance on affirmative action.

"I believe that we are not at a point in this country that we can achieve diversity without affirmative action," he said. "In the years of different races get to know each other as individuals."

Next Year Undergraduate Student Government vice president, said USG supports SIUC affirmative action policies.

"Regardless of what decision the Supreme Court comes to, I think it's important that we as a society continue to strive for diversity in our workplace and educational settings because it ultimately would be the benefit of all of us," he said.

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Illinois representatives turn down proposal for death penalty bill

Bill proposing end to execution pulled due to lack of support

Andy Horony  Daily Egyptian

A bill that proposes the abolition of the death penalty was withdrawn by its sponsor Wednesday after it was approved by the House without the support needed to bring it to a vote.


Turner, who after numerous attempts to pass the bill at the start of the session, got his wish. Turner, who has long been a proponent of life in prison for criminals, said the speaker would have voted no had the bill ever come to a vote, but he never expected it to get that far.

"I think it was just a matter of time before it became obvious that the support just wasn't going to be there," Brown said. "Brown also said he fully expects a death penalty proposal similar to Turner's to surface before the House ends its session, but not without several revisions.

Another explanation for the bill's failure was the large number of lawmakers who felt executions in such cases could still serve a purpose.

Brown said he objected to Turner's proposal because he felt the death penalty was an effective deterrent to criminals.

According to Brown, Turner's proposal would remove the possibility of a death penalty for any convicted criminal.

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House members' views that those who commit certain heinous crimes should be sentenced to death.

Brown said, along with many other legislators, believes there are noticeable problems with the current system, but he is not prepared to do away with it yet.

"I think the first thing we have to look at is our current prison system," Brown said.

"Right now life imprisonment is the only thing we have, but it is not near as hard as it could be," Brown said.

said two alternatives to execution would like to eventually see reenacted as a due process at the state level.

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USG passes SOAF account separation legislation

Resolution passes by acclamation to separate funding into four units

Kristina Dalling
Daily Egyptian

The Student Organizational Activity Fee should only provide funding for activities of the student organizations listed in the Resolution on the Undergraduate Student Government. A resolution passed on Tuesday at the last USG meeting stated that four units that receive funding out of the SOAF account be separated and considered funding for the SOAF account. Rainbows End, Campus Safety, Staffing Overhead, Tucker charges, are the four other units that would be considered.

The resolution said that USG "does not request that the funding received by these units remain in the SOAF account, for it to be transferred from the SOAF with each unit into a separately named account."

The resolution was submitted by College of Liberal Arts senator Ally Wagner and Erik Starck, won by one event coordinator at 618-4017. Paperbacks to the Noise: Journeys: Explorations of Verse, featuring music by Kristina Dalling, won by one event coordinator at 618-4017. Paperbacks to the Noise: Journeys: Explorations of Verse, featuring music by Kristina Dalling, won by one event coordinator at 618-4017.

Resolution passed onto the Office of Student Affairs and the SIU Board of Trustees for approval.

News Briefs

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Road to USG funding allocations not smooth

USG maintains it's the best system

Valerie N. Donnals
Daily Egyptian

Each year, the Student Organization Activity Fee has been the proverbial pot at the end of the rainbow for Regional Student Organizations.

It represents the means by which they will put on events and how their organizations will survive into the next money.

HovC'CI', obtaining the fee money begun for next Regional organization sponsors unique event to fund their event each year.

How it allocates the SS00,000 in general and RSOs say the process is running smoothly so far this year but said there’s room for improvement.

They agreed that the fee would work better for their organization so that they would be able to work bigger and better events without having to worry about money being cut because other RSOs need the funding.

However, he said that their main goal is what is important.

"We here for the students, and we all ask fit to benefit the students as much as possible," Annen said. "I hope we'll get the opportunity to do that." USG's balance is a little more toward micro-managing Landgraff said. "We should be able to have a better method of tracking if we're going to use the money, it is the students' money." Although Paynter said proms such as this were common in Illinois and Indiana, it's not common in any other states.

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Affirmative action must stay

U. California- Los Angeles (U-Wire) — The Supreme Court heard oral arguments for the University of Michigan affirmative action case, which has gained notoriety over the past few months, on Tuesday. It is widely expected that if Michigan's affirmative action policies are struck down, the case can be used as precedent to end affirmative action completely. Whether or not the Supreme Court decides Michigan's affirmative action methods are illegal, it should not rule that using race as a factor in itself is not allowable.

Michigan's admissions system attracts anti-affirmative action sentiment because it bluntly rewards race in relation to other academic factors, rather than using other colleges' more subjective means. For example, the university's system awards applicants 20 points out of a possible 150 for minority status, 12 for a perfect SAT score, and one for an outstanding essay. The plaintiffs, using academic factors, rather than using other colleges' more subjective means. For example, the university's system awards applicants 20 points out of a possible 150 for minority status, 12 for a perfect SAT score, and one for an outstanding essay. The plaintiffs, using academic factors, rather than using other colleges' more subjective means. For example, the university's system awards applicants 20 points out of a possible 150 for minority status, 12 for a perfect SAT score, and one for an outstanding essay.

However, it can be argued Michigan's point system is not technically a quota system as described in Bakke because it does not set aside a finite number of positions for minorities. Instead it gives a large boost to minority applicants. Quotas were found illegal because they excluded non-minorities prior to their applying. Granting minorities a boost makes them more competitive, but doesn't automatically exclude others.

Critics argue that Michigan's system is a form of discrimination in the absolutist sense, but it is not. But there is a difference between discrimination maliciously applied to group~, and that technically a quota. As described in Bakke because it does not set aside a finite number of positions for minorities. Instead it gives a large boost to minority applicants. Quotas were found illegal because they excluded non-minorities prior to their applying. Granting minorities a boost makes them more competitive, but doesn't automatically exclude others.

Amendment Bi of Michigan's equal protection clause. argues Michigan's program constitutes a quota system.

Affirmative action programs increase opportunities for minorities who do not have access to the same resources as others born into privileged circumstances. The programs are meant to have a trickle-down effect that will ideally lead to minorities who can both serve as role models for their community and increase representation of their group in society's higher echelons.

True, affirmative action programs based mostly or exclusively on race are no panacea for curing society's ill in admissions and hiring. There are many poor whites who do not reap the benefits of affirmative action even though they are born into similar or worse circumstances than minorities who benefit from affirmative action. But race should still remain an independent factor in admissions because of institutionalized racism's undeniable existence in our society.

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For those who are already in a relationship, after you have finished your list compare it to the qualities your current flame has. You may lack out and find that she/has already has similar standards. Or, you may be surprised to find she has only a few of the standards you are looking for. Important to remember is that each quality your partner did not possess could be a possible source of conflict, either now or later. You will need to determine if you are willing to sacrifice any of the standards for the sake of staying in the relationship.

Communication: If you want to be heard, being a good listener is vital. This means listening without interruption. After all, the reason for communication is to get to know the other person. Understand the thoughts, feelings, attitudes, and beliefs of your special person.

To create emotional intimacy, practice being vulnerable in your relationship by sharing deeper insights about yourself when it is safe to do so. This is the staying power in long lasting relationships. Spiritualität: For couples who have a spiritual/religious ideology setting aside time to share in these beliefs is a way to enhance and build on that spiritual connection with the Higher Power of your understanding of each other.

Resolving Conflict: When faced with conflict in a relationship it is important to not only identify the cause of the conflict (partner not coming home when expected) but also the underlying feelings ("I felt slept and neglected when you didn't call me"). Anger is often a feeling used to block deeper feelings.

Take the time to look inside and get to the real feelings and then share them appropriately. Try to focus on only one issue at a time. Bringing up several problems at once is non-productive and the original issue may never be fully addressed. In addition, it is important to validate the feelings of your partner ("I can understand how you must feel very upset at school"). The use of "I" statements when presenting your side will go far in reducing conflict. The typical use of "You" statements places the listener in a defensive position and the likelihood of continued listening will decrease or could even escalate the conflict. Setting aside time to discuss the issue in a setting where there are no distractions is preferable. Avoid name calling and cursing as this tends to only escalate an already heated situation and will do little to resolve the issue. Remember, fights fair! The point is to resolve the conflict and enhance the relationship, not win the battle.

It is important to note that it is not appropriate at any time to use physical aggression. For those who have a relationship that has escalated to the use of physical force or emotional abuse, seek assistance from a trusted friend, your clergyperson, a counselor, or through resources on campus such as the Wellness Center or the Counseling Center.

The relationship tools mentioned will go far in achieving a worthwhile emotionally intimate relationship full of rich experiences and memories.

For additional help in dealing with relationship issues, please contact the Wellness Center located in Kennel Hall 215 A Kennel Hall (on Greek Row), at 536-4441.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Love looks not with the eyes, but with the mind; And therefore is winged Cupid paintt.-d blind.

"I want people to see the war from a Turkish view, not the American view that shows it to make people feel better in the United States. The real stuff is very brutal. It's like fireworks on TV."

Words Overheard

Byung Akiyama commenting on the difference between war coverage in Turkey and the United States
**LETTERS**

**Child's view of war different from Fanner chalk**

**Dear Editor:**

My name is Kodee and I am almost 8. My dad is in Iraq and I miss him dearly. Does he have a dad in all of us. But now he's gone to war and he might not come back. It's a lot of fun. I don't understand why we can have a war, but my dad said there are two really bad boys who hurt us and soldiers have to protect us. That makes me proud of him.

I live with my dad's best friend and he takes me with him to school sometimes. It's a lot of fun. But where we go — I think the building is called Fanner — there is a bunch of dust on the ground and above. It's not the good kind. The dust is all over the place and the dust is all over the place. I think that's the best way to do it.

I have a dad's best friend and he is the only person that I know. He is a soldier because he can help everybody, not just a few people.

Even though I know people can have different opinions, sometimes they don't make me feel very... individually the ones who are mean stuff. Those people think they can say anything they want and nobody will get their feelings hurt. But that's not true. There is a lot of fruit left on the tree that is not great. I didn't even try to get a fruit because what they said made me cry.

Sure, you don't have a bad fruit in the woods and I think that if people had animals to have for food, kids to have to play games with, then they might not be so mean. In fact, if they thought about how soldiers are mothers and dads and not just people who do stuff, then they might try a little harder to say bad things about them. That's the only way I live. I'm afraid that they think soldiers should not have any fruit and not get killed.

Well, my dad promised me he would not get killed and he had done it long enough that he knows what to do. But nobody warns soldiers to get killed. That still had to be supported. I guess what I want to say to end my letter is that my dad did not want to stay in any more towns to stay and people to get killed. He wants people to not be scared to ride in airplanes or kids to be scared about storms and death and such things. I will see you at the movies. There I will be waiting for you to come and see me.

Kodee Corbella

**USS helps SIUC with positive actions**

**Dear Editor:**

In Wednesday's issue, Paul Gay struck USS on several issues. USS has done a lot this year, and will continue to do even more for students and I would like to defend ourselves against this negative attack. USS registered 800 students to vote and the results of that vote were clearly seen in the city elections this week. USS has organized trips to Springfield where students discussed education issues with their representatives. These are examples of what USS has been doing and examples of what USG has been doing in the Legislature.

The state is now considering a bill to limit minivan hire at Illinois colleges and we felt that this week's issue influenced this decision. USS also worked year against the current minivan bills and organized a letter-writing campaign that garnered more than 1,000 student participations. We have continued to voice our opposition to these bills while working constructively with the Administration on more efficient spending at this time.

USS spent less than half of the Administration's two years on this issue and has proposed a solution which has been supported by the Administration. The entire staff has worked long hours to educate students and has been constructive for the students and a healthy USG election.

Neal Young, vice president, SIUC
A mysterious illness has been found in people who have traveled overseas. There have been a few cases in the United States, but it is feared the numbers will rise and eventually result in death.

The five people in Illinois reported to have the illness are between the ages of 33 and 88 reported in the United States with no deaths.

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Mysterious illness in China has been linked to deaths, but none in the U.S.

Signs and symptoms

The symptoms of SARS are common that it is hard to tell someone actually has the illness or if they are just suffering from cold or the flu.

Signs and symptoms in China and other countries that have been affected:

- Sore throat
- Coughing
- Headache
- Heavy coughing
- Difficulty breathing
- Fever
- Chills
- Headache
- Fatigue
- Shortness of breath
- Diarrhea

SARS is transmitted through direct contact with someone who is contaminated.

Spread of SARS

Jerry Bell, a sophomore in early childhood education from Aurora, Ill., said he had not heard much about the illness until he asked his roommate, who works at the hospital, was worried that she might have caught it from a woman who went to the hospital in fear that she was infected.

"I didn't really know what it was, but after she told me what happened, I knew a little more about it," Bell said.

In China and Hong Kong, it has been reported infections have been transmitted through persons living in the same household and health care workers who have treated patients with the illness.

According to the Center for Disease Control, SARS has been spread through the air. If someone infected coughs or sneezes, droplets are released and someone else breathes them in. It is believed, but not proven, that a microbe called coronavirus causes the illness, but scientists have not been able to officially identify the cause.

Also, it can be transmitted through objects that have been contaminated.

At this time, it is not known how many of the infectious have spread in the United States but some cases have been linked to international travel.

Red, said he worries about how the illness first appeared and eventually spread. He said that this epidemic of the super Co from Stephen King's "The Stand."

The report I've heard makes me think how contagious it is. I'm not sure if this is a cold or a flu can kill you, it's bigger than anything we can ever comprehend."

Where it all began

One concrete fact known is where SARS is reported to have originated. According to the Chinese government, China agreed to allow health technicians to investigate Guangdong — a southern province of China.

The first cases of SARS were reported in November and since then, China has been secretive about the illness. It was not until March 16, that the China's Health Ministry reported that the situation was under control and the patients were cured one by one.

But since the first case was reported, there have been new cases nearly every day around the world.

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Sudden Acute Respiratory Syndrome has been reported worldwide with a majority of deaths around China. However, there has been no deaths that have occurred in the United States.
Official vote count today

Hamza's case

Hamza is an educational technology researcher who was born in Syria and raised in Kuwait. He has lived in the United States for more than 20 years. An advisor to the FAU Muslim Student Organization and the Islamic Center of Boca Raton, Hamza also has written about anti-Arab sentiment and Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the South Florida Sun-Sentinel.

Miami, however, says its reasons for not renewing Hamza's contract are purely academic. University officials would not give Hamza a history of events in his resume and unprofessional c- 

Mr. Flanagan

Mr. Flanagan has until April 11 to contest her 21-vote loss Tuesday in her run for mayor, according to Jackson County Clerk and Recorder Larry Reinhardt. Reinhardt said a petition for discovery of voting irregularities as the official vote canvassing is completed. It takes place today at 10:30 a.m. at the Civic Center and is open to the public.

If requested, the discovery process would provide answers to 20 percent of precincts, or 6 precincts of Flanagan's choice. Among the aspects that could be examined are particular problems within the precincts, ballots and voting devices and their operation and layout. The candidates can be present.

Flanagan did not return the Daily Egyptian's phone calls Wednesday. Reinhardt said Flanagan can always ask for an entire recount, but we typically discourage candidates to do so because of cost. In order to return the ballots, the county has to call the company back in to operate the machine. In addition, the preliminary tests must be performed again, with the entire process costing about $2,000.

He said the ballots could be examined more accurately and be thoroughly by hand.

In order to file for discovery, the unsuccessful candidate must be within 5 percent of the vote of the winner. Hamza received 1,533 votes and winner Bead Boyda 1,774, about a 12 percent differential.

Reinhardt said repairs were made on some of the devices at various precincts Tuesday, but repairs are not usually made on Election Day.

"That's not something that would ever hold water in a challenge," Reinhardt said. "It's standard that people break the rules.

He said hopefully repairs will be a thing of the past, as Tuesday's elections will probably be the last time Jackson County will see punch cards. He said the county should be transitioning to the paper scan, which will save time and money.

"It's tremendously more convenient for voters and election judges," Reinhardt said.

Flanagan denied the Federal Help America Vote Act inspired the commission to reconsider its findings, and Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the South Florida Sun-Sentinel.

Still, according to the commission's findings, Hamza had five years of superb evaluations, enjoying most of the education faculty's tenure committee's recommendations for reappointment.

The College of Education had recognized his research on educational technology, and many had nominated him for a teaching honor.

With a computer-science colleague, he had applied for designing a system for conducting laboratory experiences online. In 2000, he won one of four university-wide President's Faculty Excellence Awards.

In June, a committee of his fellow faculty members had narrowly agreed Hamza was on track to qualify for tenure fall, according to the commission findings. Two months later, the education faculty's tenure committee concluded he was not. He was told soon after that his contract would not be renewed, the commission found.

Meanwhile, four white male faculty members were recommended for tenure with far less scrutiny, according to the commission report.

But the university says it developed information about Hamza because he had exaggerated his academic accomplishments in applying for university awards, and several students had complained that his course materials were confusing and he was unhelpful, according to commission and FAU documents. Further, the university questioned whether Hamza had offered students extra credit if they would compromise and withdraw in an ordinance.

Hamza says the university's claims are not true.
U.S. forces reach Baghdad, take control of airport

Trent Perkins, junior in electrical engineering and German from Wayne, checks out one of 234 motorcycles owned by the Motorcycle Rider Program. The program is one of several operated throughout the state. Perkins is a certified rider coach. He teaches motorcycle safety at weekend classes that take place every week at the SHUC location and consist of a 24-hour course. The classes are a minimum of 10 people and one instructor per every six students. The motorcycle he is checking out is a Honda 250 Nighthawk. All the motorcycles owned by the program are used to train those who want to ride. The program is funded by grant money and has been for the last 30 years. Eddie Storkey is the assistant coordinator for the program. Anyone interested in taking the program must fill out a mail-in form, which is available at locations such as motorcycle dealerships or the Illinois Department of Motor Vehicles.

Safety bound

Drew Brown, Juan O. Tamayo & Martin Merzer
Knight Ridder Newspapers

OUTSIDE BAGHDAD, Iraq (KRT) — The vanguard of U.S. ground forces dashed to the gates of Baghdad, stunned one of Saddam Hussein’s presidential palaces and seized a key objectiv...
Bush visits Camp Lejeune, shares burdens of war with families

Ron Hutcherson
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — Linda Somaroma limits her intake of news from Iraq to late at night or early in the morning, to avoid scaring her children, Jennifer O'Brien says she watches “almost until it hurts,” even though she leaves her unable to sleep at night.

Both women were in the crowd Thursday when President Bush came to North Carolina to share the burdens of war with some of the people who feel them most directly.

Few communities have as much personal stake in Operation Iraqi Freedom as the neighborhoods clustered around Camp Lejeune, a 216-square-mile installation that has sent about 20,000 Marines to the battleground.

“Everybody in my neighborhood is deployed, just about. It’s just all women and children,” Romasano said, cradling a newborn daughter whom her husband has seen only in e-mailed photographs. “All the families are in the same boat.”

At least a dozen Camp Lejeune Marines have died in the war with Iraq. About a half-dozen more are missing. Bush assured their loved ones that their sacrifices will not be in vain.

“These missions are difficult and they do involve danger, but no one becomes a Marine because it’s easy,” Bush said to applause. “Marines are in the thick of the battle. Having traveled hundreds of miles, we will now go the last 200 yards. We’re going to get them.”

Our destination is Baghdad, and we will accept nothing less than total victory.” Asked how Bush handles such a speech, “He’s very careful,” Romasano said, “I’m too late in the year, let’s deal with next year’s budget,” Clark said.

The reductions could very well affect office and clerical workers represented by ACE, a powerful lobby group in Springfield that works to protect workers from potential layoffs.

And although she hadn’t heard word about the proposed cuts, Romasano’s eyes welled with tears as she discussed the effects on the people who do.

“We’re sensitive to people’s jobs.” Vice Chancellor for Administration Declan Clark acknowledged that the state budget deficit needs to be fixed, he said it’s not fair for Civil Service employees to bear the brunt of the burden.

The impact of the 8-percent figure, if implemented, is that it would come from the entire year’s budget but only applied so the remaining months of the fiscal period, which ends June 30.

“So in 2007, if indeed an 8 percent cut takes place, it would be the equivalent of a 10.5 percent cut,” Romasano said.

“If the governor would ask me, I would say, ‘It’s too late in the year, let’s deal with next year’s budget’,” Clark said.

Although the reductions could very well affect office and clerical workers represented by ACE, Romasano said, “I don’t believe the governor’s announcement is in balancing the budget on the backs of the low-paid employees,” she said.

Reporter Katie Davis is contributed to this report.

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LAYOFFS

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down to the next level and take that classification and say, ‘This person in pay, may go down, and it dominates until in open positions are filled or there are no lower classifications in which case, someone is laid off.’

One employee, who wished to remain anonymous, said she was dumped out of her position and insisted to go down the line, through the she doesn’t want anyone else to lose to Academic Affairs, office systems and administration.

“I’m here, and I’m out of a job,” the source said, “I don’t want to do this, but I don’t have a choice.”

More layoffs are expected after the governor announces the budget April 9.

“We ask the patience of the campus,” Wedler said. “I know how hard this is for people if I had answers to go, I would. I know there are rumors flying around, but all I can do is beg for patience and let everyone keep in mind that the budget is only a portion of her bargeing unit of SIUC,

Somaroma said she was laid off Oct. 26 from 125 employees, about 25 percent of which operate under unions other than ACE. More than 700 are not represented at all.

It is unclear whether or not the employees were union members or represented in a bargaining unit, but Pommier said they were not ACE.

Pommier said he expects most layoffs for ACE-represented employees to be confined mainly to Academic Affairs, office systems specialists, office systems assistants and administration.

“There is a great deal of fear and worry of course for the civil service employees,” she said. “Many of our employees are older females who returned to the workforce as the primary breadwinner after the death of their spouse. The average salary is $10 and $12 for hours. Many still have mortgages and car payments and their take home salary may only be $1,000 a month, clean and free.

The effects are felt across the division, she said. ‘We won’t have a unit affected in one way or another.’

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The University Honors Program congratulates the winners of the 2003 Super Student Scholarship and 25 Most Distinguished Seniors

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European nations want major role in post-war Iraq

Warren P. Strobel
Knight-Ridder Newspapers

BRUSSELS (KRT) — The United States and European nations捏 Thursday for the first time in a month since the war that hit tice

divided them and confronted another potentially explosive ques-
tion: Can the United States and Europe strike a new, more

collaborative relationship in Iraq?

"We are definitely seeing a change," said a European diplomat who asked not to be identified. "Europe has come to realize it can be a more effective partner, and the American public is starting to want that as well."

But the outlook was clouded by a potential new irritant: international resistance to a war in Iraq, as well as the ongoing controversy over the role of the United Nations in the post-war period.

"We need to work together," said a senior European official. "The United States and Europe must be in this together, and we must be united in our approach."
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Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (April 4). If you're so smart, why aren't you rich? You can be this year if you give some thought. Work through an old barrier - don't try to avoid it any longer - and achieve abundance.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, o the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today Is an 8 - That check you've been waiting for could actually be in the mail, and not a moment too soon. Don't spend it all in one place.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today Is a 7 - Yet don't have to overpower your opposition. Just outwait him or her. One who's been resistant is becoming easier to convince.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - Today Is a 6 - There's nothing to be gained by hurrying. Move slowly and avoid a big mistake. Think carefully before you speak.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - Today Is an 8 - An anchor you've been dragging is about to be set free. You'll have more energy soon. Meanwhile, don't get impetuous. Be patient. 

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today Is an 8 - An anchor you've been dragging is about to be set free. You'll have more energy soon. Meanwhile, don't get impetuous. Be patient.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22) - Today Is a 7 - Your imagination is being unleashed. Ideas will soon be abundant. You don't have to act on all of them. Start with the ones that look fun.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22) - Today Is a 7 - Euphoria. If you're hard-earned savings for a household repair or improvement, it's good to pass the roof before the rainy day.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today Is a 6 - Your opinion is important and can help others make a decision. You'll see something they've missed, so speak up even if you're not asked.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today Is an 8 - If you concentrate and get a difficult job done, you'll be well rewarded. Give up an outgrown fantasy to achieve a realistic goal.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today Is a 7 - Keep your money in your pocket and in the bank. You don't want to lose what you've earned. If you're careful with your money, you'll be better off.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today Is a 6 - A person who's been dragged through the mud could finally get what they deserve. If you're careful with your money, you'll be better off.

 Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) - Today Is a 7 - The longer you stay the issues, the better your chances of making a wise choice. Don't tempt your luck. Question everything.

Jumble

Unscramble these four Jumbles one letter to each square to form your ordinary words.

PAMCH

DUOSE

RESNAW

BOYDUL

Answer:

PAMCH = Peru

DUOSE = Ouse

RESNAW = Raven

BOYDUL = Builder

Yesterday's Jumble: MASH

Answer: SASH

What the mechanic got kick, his les was "LEFT IN A HAT."

Hi. My name is Gabe. One day I was at work checking people out. I had to go get change for my register, so I turned off my light. But the people kept getting in line. So I put out my Lane Closed sign. The people kept getting in line. So I pulled out my baseball bat and beat them. I love my job.
Saluki men's tennis is as hot as ever

SIU off to its best start since 1998 with a 3-2 record

Zack Greglow

The last time the SIU men's tennis team began the season with this record of a start, SIU's top player, Peter Bong, was just starting to grow facial hair. The team was still a year away from becoming a national power, which is their best since 1998, into this weekend's doubleheader against Creighton and Drake.

The Dawgs are hosting both games on Saturday at University Courts starting when the Salukis battle Drake (8-3) at 10 a.m. and Creighton (4-10, 0-3) at 4 p.m. on Sunday.

"We're getting Creighton and Drake this weekend, and Creighton is going to be weaker than Drake is," and should get the doubles points," senior Savid Sidor, SIU's No. 2 player, said in singles.

Drake actually poses as a big match up for the Salukis, but head coach Missy Jeffrey stated earlier that they are one of the three teams that seemed to be caught in that dogfight along with the Salukis, in the middle of the Missouri Valley Conference.

"Drake is one of the three teams we think we need to beat to get into the top three in the conference," Jeffrey said. "Indiana State is kind of on the hill in the MVC and Illinois State, Wichita State and Drake are the three of the team we need to beat to get there."

This is a very important match against Drake on Saturday. We are looking forward to it.

Jeffrey insisted that her players understand the magnitude of these games and how a no-holds-barred approach to the matches.

"A few dropped predictions that would rival the boldness of his Australian accent," well, he does not necessarily think so, but Drake and Creighton may.

"We are going to be hungry since we have just started to grow facial hair."

The magnitude of these games is going to be weaker than Drake is," and should get the doubles points," Jeffrey said. "I reckon we should come pretty close to beating Drake and should get the doubles point this time."

"They will have to shore that if last three years. We are at a good place right now."

"We have won three games in a row. The program is the most confident it has been since I have been head coach, more's the merrier."

"We have won three games in a row," Jeffrey said. "The program is the most confident it has been since I have been trying to turn things around the last three years. We are at a good place right now."

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SIU women's tennis hopes to ride momentum

After strong weekend at UT-Martin, Salukis hope the superb play continues

Zack Greglow

The sun is starting to poke through the seemingly volcanic ash cloud that has haunted the SIU women's tennis team during the past year and a half.

The team returned freshman Zerina Palovic, who was ranked in the top 150 in the nation with chronic leg injuries, last weekend and beat conference foe Evansville 6-1 and Western Kentucky 7-0 during a limited number of games and is 1-3, 0-2 on the year.

"We are just getting our win streak going," said Jeffrey. "It is her first athletic season and we have been doing drills and working out the wrinkles — but one more, as Bong said, still rears its ugly head and needs to be ironed out.

"With the doubles we have been doing drills and match play in practice," Bong added. "But we have had a lot of practice since the Evansville match (Mar. 22). I reckon we have had a very hard time this weekend earlier in the spring. Now it is just about fine-tuning."

"Missy Jeffrey head coach, men's tennis"

"We have won three games this weekend," Jeffrey said. "The program is the most confident it has been since I have been trying to turn things around the last three years. We are at a good place right now."

"We are going to be hungry since we have just started to grow facial hair."

The magnitude of these games is going to be weaker than Drake is," and should get the doubles points," Jeffrey said. "I reckon we should come pretty close to beating Drake and should get the doubles point this time."

"They will have to shore that if last three years. We are at a good place right now."

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SPORTS FLASH

SIU track and field heading to Cardinal Challenge

The SIU men's and women's track and field teams will head to the Cardinal Challenge Saturday hosted by the University of Louisville.

Field events will begin at 9:30 a.m. CDT with the women's hammer throw. Running events commence at noon with the men's 3000 meter steeplechase.

The Salukis will compete against Cincinnati, Eastern Kentucky, Marquette and Western Kentucky. In the men's events, only two competitions per team will be allowed to score.

MVC baseball action

Wichita State currently holds the top record in the Missouri Valley Conference with an unblemished 4-0 record. The Shockers will take on Northern Iowa at Cedar Falls, Iowa Friday at 2 p.m. and are scheduled to take on the Panthers again on Sunday at 1 p.m.

Indiana State currently has the top overall record at 18-5 and 4-2 in the MVC. The Sycamores will be playing host to Lipscomb in a four-game series.

Other league action includes Bradley at Southwest Missouri State in Springfield, Mo. for a four-game set.

Recapping the weekend will be Creighton and Evansville, who will have two games in Evansville, Ind.

MVC softball action

The Illinois State softball team is sitting atop the Missouri Valley Conference with an unblemished 11-0 league mark. The Redbirds will keep by their undefeated momentum when they play host to Bradley this weekend in a three-game series.

Creighton will be taking on the Evansville Purple Aces 6-2 in a three-game set, in a three-game set.

The Wichita State Shockers will be playing host to the Southern Illinois Salukis this weekend in a three-game series in Wichita, Kan.

Rounding out league play are Northern Iowa and Southwestern Missouri State, which will be doing battle in a three-game series in Springfield, Mo., this weekend.

Superworm is now building a new nest to go along with the alighthip she has been hampered with for the past three or so dates, the Salukis' chances.

"Maria [Ilinic], Zoya [Honarmand] and Jessica [Knitsen] have been a sneaky team, a hard-fighting team," Auld said. "They are very strong at the top of their lineup, but they don't go as deep. We need to get those points, not just at the top but down below that also."

"Northern Iowa is down this year, Drake is kind of like us, they are 9-3 on the year and they also have a tough match. They will be the toughest team we face. It could go either direction." Auld added.

The Salukis, who are currently missing in action are Karl Stark and Yana Uvarik, Stark has been in and out with a back injury and is still scheduled to start hitting balls, the next few weeks. Meanwhile her junior teammate Tryptan is now building a neck injury to go along with the ailings

Auld set at hand will be the "man lag from driving."

"We have to improve our doubles," Auld said. "There is the indemnity there, I hope we can get that worked out. We also need to get the (singles) 5-4, 5-2 games." The final hurdle to pull off the task

Auld set at hand will be the victory for their first match and a win in the 140 broadcast for the first time in their career without a head card, 15-13. To add to her first place finish in the hurdles, Dunbar also took second in the 200 meters (23.25) and third in the 100 meters (11.29)."
NCAA Final Four teams at a glance

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Marquette vs. Kansas
6:07 p.m. EST, Saturday

Marquette (27-5)
Coach: Tom Crean
How the Golden Eagles got to New Orleans: Defeated No. 14 seed Holy Cross 72-68 in the first round; defeated No. 6 seed Missouri 70-52 in the second round; defeated No. 2 seed Pittsburgh 77-74 in the regional semifinal; defeated No. 3 seed Kentucky 83-69 in the regional final.

Why they got there: After bowing out in the first round the last two seasons, coach Tom Crean introduced Marquette to the nation. New Orleans. He had all his players sign an enlarged photograph of the Louisiana Superdome, site of the Final Four. The photo traveled with the team all season. On the court, Marquette evolved into a dominant defensive unit and a versatile offensive team. Jayhawks like to score. in transition and can dominate teams away until late in games, when, NCAA Tournament history: This is Knight Ridder Newspapers

61-59 victory over North Carolina. basket makes the Jayhawks a complete team. season became the first freshman to lead selected should he renounce his collegiate

check against Missouri State, but Kentucky's Youth gets it in

How they got there: After bowing out in the regionals, coach Roy Williams would say), these guys just keep playing. They arc also bound by purpose and, with Jeremy McNeil), Syracuse's youth gets it in

SiU shortstop and relief pitcher PJ. Finigan reaches his base safely against Southeast Missouri State Wednesday. The Salukis will play host to Illinois State this weekend for a four-game series beginning today at 2 p.m. at Abe Martin Field. Saturday she will see if it turns around," Ruebser said.

"We're pretty confident going into this weekend," said Barnett, who comes into this weekend; said Barnett, he's been here, thc Salukis always play hard. She has been here, the Salukis always play hard. She has been there. The best 11 together is when we have fun. When she stops to think: "We're not supposed to do something, and just stay away. supposed to win, and our players about this weekend, he'll find out if it turns around. He stepped up his players' time in the batting cages, and this weekend, he'll find out if it paid off.

Senior catcher Toby Barnett is expecting a better performance this weekend but is cautioning his teammates not to be overly aggressive in an attempt to break the team's slump.

"We're pretty confident going into this weekend," said Barnett, who comes into this series with a .385 batting average and the fourth-highest single average in Marquette history. He can take over games easily and is also remarkably selfless and puts a high premium on defense. 21.3 points, the fourth-highest single average in Marquette history. To win, the Salukis had to win games, and that is exactly what Finigan did in the Salukis' game against Southeast Missouri State. The Salukis' win over the Redhawks was a testament to their hard work and determination. Finigan's performance was a reflection of his team's effort and dedication.
SIU rugby hyped for All Fool’s

Christopher Morrical

The men lined up, one of them holding a ball, and started running across the field.

“Me? Me!” one shouted.

The ball was passed to him and he crossed between two teammates and passed the ball to someone else.

Across the way on another pitch, a group of students chased one another. Whoever was holding the ball was destined to be tackled and brought to the ground. The wind was strong, and as her body bounded, a plume of dust went into the air.

Things always get rough at SIU rugby practices.

Tune-ups like these will be needed as SIU sponsors the 13th Annual All Fool’s Classic Saturday and Sunday at the rugby fields.

The tournament is the largest collegiate rugby tournament in the Midwest and includes such teams as Eastern Illinois, Colosseum Boys, Memphis, Central Baptist State, Illinois, Illinois State, Western Kentucky, Indiana State and Illinois-Chicago.

In past years, the All Fool’s Classic has pulled the Golden Privet Cup from the West Coast to host a team meeting to discuss Midwest and includes such teams Classic has won the Golden Privet Illinois, Illinois State, Western Illinois, and we’ve won it many times since 1993.

But this year, the tournament will be extremely important to men’s club teams as the “Coated Horns” back to Carbondale, and the ball was destined to be tackled back to the Salukis. -

Christopher Morrical

All Fool’s was created by the men’s club president Eric Reiner.

“Yes, we’re going win it,” Reiner said.

“I am so hyped about this tournament, man! This is probably my last year I’m going to be down here and we’ve won it many times since I’ve been here. We’re gonna win it again. We’re gonna come out here and we’re gonna play hard and we’re gonna walk off champions.”

The women’s team did well as well, finishing second to Illinois. This was an especially important occasion because it was the first time since 1993 that there was a women’s bracket at the tournament. The women are as psyched as the men about the tournament and want to bring their own team of hams home.

The horns are a set of bulbs horns that are given away as a trophy to the winners of the All Fool’s Classic. Each finish is awarded a different sized pair with a plaque on it identifying the team the winner. First place gains the largest pair. It’s always fun to get a trophy that is a little bit different, women’s club vice president Cheryl Coulson said. “We work for the horn. It’s a nice trophy to get. We’re gonna first get first this year and we’re gonna get the big ones.”

The women will take the pitch against Western Illinois University on Saturday at 9 a.m. at Illinois State and Northern Illinois square off.

All Fool’s was created by the men’s team, and while the women participate, they have their own tournament in September called Rappeganidos. At this competition, the award is a little gnome.

The trophies are throughout the years are passed down to each new team and accumulated at one house whose horns over the walls showing the rich history of SIU’s oldest club sport.

“Next year is All Fool’s only a day a way, SIU rugby tradition will continue.

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For more information on the men’s or women’s rugby clubs, visit the team’s website at www.siu.edu/RUGBY and www.siu.edu/siurugby

SIU baseball hopes birds can boost bats

Salukis look to break three-game skid with four games against Illinois State

Michael Brenner

SIU head coach Dan Callahan was fuming mad at his team following Wednesday’s loss to Southeast Missouri State. He cut his media interview short to host a team meeting as discuss what had recently become his team’s third straight loss.

His team is on a three-game losing streak, including an 0-3 stretch in conference, and we’ve won it many times since 1993.

Saturday against the Salukis.

“A lot of guys are working on a new.TO. and having a tough time staying focused,” Callahan said. “We got to dig deep and get ready to go.”

The Redbirds come into this weekend’s series at Abe Martin Field near or in the Birdville area with at least one extra day’s practice after the Missouri Valley Conference television schedule resulted in every major statistic. Illinois State is last in fading percentage (.247), second last to last in ERA (5.93) and third last to last in team batting average (.233). It has also lost four of its last five, including an 8-3 shutout in conference.

Team members say it will take a sweep to maintain their current second-place standing.

Salukis are staying loose despite recent success

SIU softball team ready for three-game series against MOC ve Drake

Jens Dej

The Salukis are holding their third straight game at home, looking to avoid a fourth straight loss and get back to winning.

“Let’s win this game,” Callahan said. “We’ve got a good shot at getting back to winning this weekend.”

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