The Illinois Board of Higher Education is gearing up to battle the effects of a $38.3-million cut to SIUC's budget.

The board approved preliminary plans Aug. 20 for forming a Committee on Affordability. The new committee is looking for ways to offset the decrease in financial aid dollars given to students and help make college costs more affordable, said Don Severne, director of communications for IBHE.

"Besides examining the high costs of college, the committee will look at ways to improve the financial aid given to students. Recent state budget cuts include a $38.3 million decrease in funding for MAP awards.

"Bost said congressmen have pushed for bypassing cities. The expansion is the committee will look at, Barr said. "The more you're going to sell them, something is worthwhile."

"The building, constructed in 1896, will be equipped with state-of-the-art facilities. This improvement is long overdue, according to some local legislators."

"When they originally designed the 1-25 system, it was to go through Carbondale to St. Louis," said State Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro. "The connection was removed when budget cuts occurred on the 1-25 connection."

"It is not as extensive as he had in mind. We're going to see a four-lane diagonal."

"Each alternative has more of an impact in an area."

"The Illinois Department of Transportation is looking for input at public hearings next week about proposals to expand a 22-mile stretch of highway from Murphysboro to north of Pinckneyville to four lanes.

"The proposed plans include widening Illinois Route 127 and different methods of bypassing cities. The expansion is the first of study mandated by the Transportation Equity Act passed June 2005. The plans for IDOT, said the project could cost around $60 million.

"The environmental and economic impacts of each plan are still being reviewed. Besides examining the high costs of college, the board said. "It only makes sense to make it a four-lane highway to cut across from the I-24 system, it was to go through Carbondale and Illinois Avenue."

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Coming into focus
Hyde remembers visiting a small village in the depths of Peru, looking at the stars, when he began to hear the dream voice of Kenny G wailing in the distance.

"Dunck that American culture," Hyde said as he relaxed with university. "It was my time to experience." Hyde had traveled to third world countries, since his mother was from the Philippines, but he was not familiar with a culture he had never experienced he found in Peru.

His sophomore year, Hyde attended a presentation on Peruvian shamanism and its correlation with medical providers and organizations. Finding the topic intriguing, Hyde began to write a script hoping to explore the tradition in the area, also hoping to find a shaman to engage in the film. After visiting several SIUC students and developers among the students, Hyde and his team traveled to Peru, finding more than he had hoped for a total of 14 days and four hours of filming. "We found the experience he found in Peru," Hyde said.

The idea transformed into following the film, the medical trip and a tourist trip that met the inca tribe and is preparing to die from increasing lung failure. Hyde said Vanishing Cultures was also providing care for the shaman, but Quipa: wants to die without further treatment.

Hyde said he learned a lot about film editing, editing, and filming, but more about other cultures as well as his own. He said they would go to a doctor if they or one of the local people needed medical treatment, but they tried to blend spiritually as Vanishing Cultures and Hyde came to understand.

"I was always interested in shamanism and how globalization was affecting it, but the real shaman will always be there," Hyde said. "Why do they need to be in front of a camera, because they are supposed to be connecting with outer worlds and people?"

Through the experience filming, "Despacho," Hyde learned to utilize what he learned at SIUC. He hopes he can eventually seeing his film for students, they can learn independent filmmaking does not have to wait until after graduation.

"If we can help gain their rights to the program, we can give them enough self-confidence to do something themselves," Hyde said.

Tackling an international issue
Saldana had the self-confidence to jump on a plane with his filmmaking friend and arrive near one shaman, Don Manolo Quipe, 97, is believed to one of the oldest living people from the Yugoslavian border ready to film the events of Kosovo four years ago.

Venturing around refugee camps, Saldana and his friend found their own refugee in a camp the first night they were in the country. Without money and knowing the language, local families, one which eventually the students follow them around the camps, helped the students tell the Albanian struggle. After more visits, Saldana followed the family that helped them film their initial struggles, experiences after the war and post-war events two years later.

"We felt guilty because we were helping us when they were doing something helping help," Saldana said. As part of the storytelling process, Saldana and other filmmakers will make a presentation at the University of Southern California and other schools about their projects.

"This one is not just for themselves, educate other students and do it themselves," Saldana said. "You already have everything you need to make your own film and produced by simply looking at the people sitting across from you; the talent is already here — be bold enough of taking risks.

Directing future filmmakers
Jim Thompson, a radio-television professor, has developed the idea for a documentary center that will help provide ideas and companionship for local filmmakers, faculty researchers and filmmaking students.

"It would be a catalyst, so that it will help faculty and independent producers, people who are not students, such as people in the community, help them finish," Thompson said. "Documentaries take many phases. They will be able to have a companion that would be able to put that into a documentary form."

Thompson said the center would be dynamic programming and exposure for the University. The radio-television department already has a documentary unit for their department, but the center will be accessible to all University students.

Thompson said Saldana and Hyde are creative and courageous for funding and producing their own documentaries, and she hopes they will provide an example for current SIU students.

"You have to take risks," Thompson said. "The risks [Saldana] took look worthwhile."
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Dining hall computers provide information

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SPC-TV hopes to have students doing the 'Cha-cha'

10th year of production begins with new programs and equipment

Jessica Yoruma
Daily Egyptian

One of the stars of SPC-TV's newest show is not an SIUC student, but a sock puppet. The 10th puppet appears in the variety show, "Cha," that premiered last week.

The program, developed by SIUC freshmen Kenny Thomas and Joe Ojeda, features short films, interviews with random people on the street and numerous guests, is just one of several additions that SPC-TV members hope will increase audience and bring new technology to the station.

Although the addition of technology to the show was not planned, the show was not planned at all. SPC-TV's plans for improvement do not end with technology. Although they are confident about new shows, as well as older, staples in programming such as recent films and music videos, Annen knows that getting new members is essential to formulating new ideas, and as a result improving the station.

"We want people to know that our members are always welcoming," said Hunter, a pre-law sophomore and station engineer from Lockport. "We're moving forward and it doesn't matter what your skill level is."

As for other forms of promotion, Annen knows that new technology will help them expand their audience. "We're excited about the idea of new shows, as well as older, staples in programming such as recent films and music videos," Annen said. Basically, it involves getting the organization in front of a larger audience.

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The 160 inmates are seeking clemency from the death penalty, and the review board is ready for the challenge as November looms in the fall.

"We will make the time," said Illinois Prison Review Board Chairwoman Anne Taylor.

The review process takes 15 minutes to read the petition and 15 minutes to hear any opposition in the case, Taylor said. The board will then make a recommendation to Gov. Ryan, and he will make a decision.

There is controversy surrounding Ryan's thoughts on granting a blanket commutation of death sentences. The commutation is when a prisoner on death row is taken off death row.

Attorney General Jim Ryan voiced concerns in the Chicago Tribune yesterday and he is opposed to a blanket commutation and would like each case to receive individual attention.

Taylor said she didn't know what kind of kickback a blanket commutation would have on the prison situation because it's never happened before.

"Every case is different," Taylor said.

Blagojevich supports the governor on this issue, but he is urging Gov. Ryan to deal with each case on an individual basis, said Philip Weinberg, the governor's press secretary.

"It would be improper to do anything else," Weinberg said. "It's not something he looks at lightly."

Though Blagojevich supports the death penalty, he also supports the moratorium imposed by Gov. Ryan.

Ryan set up a commission last April that suggested 85 ways to eliminate errors in the Illinois criminal justice system. Ryan suspended the commission in light of 12 wrongly arrested prisoners since the death penalty was reinstated in 1977.

Blagojevich said the laws and policies regarding the death penalty should be reviewed and put more in line with the way it was originally intended, which he said he would do with them, based on the individual's merits or faults, said Weinberg.

"It's the prerogative of the sitting governor to deal with those circumstances," Weinberg said.

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Recreation Center to gain Internet access

Computer lab plans to be ready after Labor Day

Kristina Dalling
Daily Egyptian

Students will soon have an opportunity to "surf the Net" while watching television in the pool.

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"It is located on a very peaceful area, the observation area above the pool, so it won't be intrusive by a lot of people." Students will also be able to use the computer lab throughout the year; however, they must use the lab during regular lab hours which will be set up in the middle section on the upper level of the Recreation Center because the access will be so close.

"If students are at the Rec Center a lot, they may feel more comfortable staying here to use the computers," McNally said.

The popularity of the lab has already been noticeable to McNally because of the amount of students who have already shown up to use the computers.

"It is just reflective of our normalcy here that we are always looking for ways to improve and ways to see the students, and we are going to continue to do that every single day of the year that we are open," McNally said.

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Dining hall computers provide nutrition information

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The ingredients of the spicy chicken wrap and Mexican corn dog that frequent University dining hall columnists can now become common knowledge.

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NutritionBytes provides information about the various menu items, such as calories, fats and carbohydrates as well as ingredients for the foods served in the dining halls. NutritionBytes also provides information on food content, which could be helpful to students with food allergies.

"It probably gives you more information than you ever really cared to know," said John Weinhagen, associate director of Residence Hall Dining.

"It's a program," says Lacey-Smith, "to try to eat healthy, she said. "But I think it's good if you're going on a diet or something, so that you know what to eat and not eat in the dining hall."

While such information is often requested from Null; she admires the computer by the students. They consider it in their own building, so it's important for them to have this," McNally said.

"It's the progression of the situation that we're going on," Null said. "Not contain information regarding recipes, but this information will be available soon.

Null said she plans to update the system, which has not been used at this point. "I just hope it's not one of those days where you're just working on a nutrition guide for each of the dining halls later this month. The guides, which is entirely complete, will be available at the Residence Hall Dining office.

"If you're interested in Aerospace, we offer courses in every major of what kind of kickback a blanket commutation would have on the prison situation because it's never happened before."

"Every case is different," Taylor said.

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"If you're interested in Aerospace, we offer courses in every major of university, Lacey Smith, prepares to dive off the top platform at the University."}

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SPC-TV hopes to have students doing the 'Cha-cha'

10th year of production begins with new programs and equipment

Jessica Yorama
Daily Egyptian

One of the stars of SPC-TV's newest show is not an SIUC student, but a sock puppet. The sock puppet appears in the variety show, "Cha," that premiered this semester.

Resident Student Organizations new shows, as well as older, staples in programming such as recent films and movies videos, Annen knows recruiting new members is essential to formulating new ideas, and, as a result, increasing the station. Members of SPC-TV, such as station engineer Jeff Hunter, say they are always searching for new members, and have attempted to recruit students by passing out flyers, running promotions on-air and presenting information at the RSO Fair.

"We want people to know that new members are always welcome," said Hunter, a pre-business sophomore from Rockville. "That's the great thing about SPC—you can come in and do whatever you're interested in.

"You don't have to be a radio and television major, just an SIU student and it doesn't matter what your level is."

As far as other forms of promotion are concerned, member James McKinley, an undecided senior from Pekin who has been with SPC-TV for two years, said he tries not to engage in too much self-praise.

"It's a good experience because you get to meet a lot of new people and see their ideas," McKinley said. "But as far as the programs, I rather students watch us and decide on their own if they like us or if they want to join."

Reporter: Jessica Yorama

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Our Word
Support is all they need

McAndrew Stadium is ready. It is ready with new lights, scrubbed seats, a freshly laid turf and an enthusiastic football team.

McAndrew Stadium is waiting. It waits for Thursday night, when the Salukis will match onto the field and play their first night game since 1973.

McAndrew Stadium has a capacity of 17,324. Last season the average attendance was 6,177. It is time for Saluki fans to visit McAndrew.

Last year Tom Koutouzis broke the school rushing record.

This season he is again in the spotlight as one of 16 players on the watch list for the Walter Payton Award.

Freshman Joel Zambronsky has been named starting quarterback and is looking to have a good season.

Spectators will also see Junior Eric Eggle have a breakout season as linebackers.

The team as a whole is going to be better than before and is expected to secure a few wins.

This year the team will play seven home games, and it will be great to not only see them out for the field, but also to see the stands filled with screaming fans cheering them on.

Over the past three years, the average attendance has been less than half of that.

What can be done to get more fan support at games?

All of these factors should bring Saluki fans running, and not just for one game.

There are some die-hard Saluki football fans who attend every game no matter what the outcome may be.

Over the last two years, the average attendance was 6,177. It is time to have faith in our team and stop downplaying our losses.

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What can be done to get more fan support at the games? Let's take some of their enthusiasm, put on our game face and root for the Salukis.

All of these factors should bring Saluki fans running, and not just for one game. There are some die-hard Saluki football fans who attend every game no matter what the outcome may be.

Attendance should be based on the love of the game.

Self control to blame; not fast food

Zac Chase
The Daily Vidette (Illinois State U.)

NORMAL III, (U-WIRE) — Let stupid people beware—their silly gains are growing thin on the patience of true American families such as it is.

Guilty in one of the more recent waves of stupidity are not only those involved in action lawsuits against fast food giants, holding them responsible for their obesity.

Adding another source of ridicule to this high-class meeting of the minds was President Bush’s mid-July unveiling of his “Obesity: It’s what you do” campaign.

Designed to combat obesity in America which is up 400% since 1980 — the campaign is a $100-million fiasco in logic.

“The campaign hit adolescents where it hurts: television and the Internet.”

The website for the campaign is a virtual playground, with kite patterns, desktop wallpapers and paper airplane guides to get kids outside and consequently doing as little as possible.

I can’t imagine little Johnny is going to break much of a sweat folding a piece of paper and then launching it.

If the folks over at Health and Human Services are trying to get kids outside, they should consider creating the world’s worst website or most distracting commercials with a name that’s edibly-sensuous to entice kids to fill the forms or check their e-mail.

“Maybe it’s for the best that the today’s youth miss in on the nation’s foundation of fast film in the nation.”

At least then they’ll be able to follow the steps of Cesar Barber, a 272-pound New York maintenance worker who filed suit in July against McDonald’s, Burger King, Wendy’s and KFC.

For years, I use fast food because it was efficient and cheap. I told my kids I would be damaging my health,” Barber said in an Aug. 19 CNN.com article that inspired pity and little else.

“This is a little hard to swallow. Barber is at the forefront of a movement pegged on by George Washington University Law Professor John Banzhaf.

A front-runner in the initial legal battle against big tobacco in the 80s, Banzhaf has said it is time to hold America’s fast food giants responsible for the country’s growing obesity epidemic.

According to a December 2001 Surgeon General’s report, 61 percent of Americans are overweight, and about 200,000 people die each year of obesity-related health problems.

Additionally, these are disturbing figures that require attention.

Even the 56-year-old Barber has seen his share of complications, with two heart attacks behind him and a daily struggle with diabetes and high blood pressure ahead of him.

“Blames these problems on a diet heavy in fast food. It is unlikely Barber was suddenly affected by experts who were concerned for his health.

People do not wake up one morning and say: ‘I want health, people must eat.’

Barber told CNN, ‘I didn’t know there was a better way to go about this.’

‘Doubts the scenario in which obese people are victimized by their own diet, instead of corporations, trying to make money off of our love for bad food. The answer to the problem is not, as Banzhaf says, Americans using their own fat selves off.’

‘Americans making better choices. We can only hope Barber and company follow Bush’s lead and drop their suits soon, just as the former French fries are lowered into a bath of boiling oil and wait out thinking they’ve just had the driving equivalent of a garden shed, it’s time for the food industry to come up with a better answer.”

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George Washington University Law Professor John Banzhaf.
Reparations won't solve issues

Growing up, I was what they refer to as a "street person." Neither of my parents being active supporters of the war against poverty, I never had a child's room or a bicycle. But I found my freedom and self-esteem in the streets. I still remember my first fight. It was in 1960, 95 years after the Civil War. I thought I was invincible. I could do anything, and nothing would stop me. But the older I got, the more I realized that my generation was being let down. They were passing laws that would keep me from achieving my dreams. I thought reparations would make things better, but they didn't. I was just another statistic in a system that was rigged against me. Now, I understand that justice is not just about money. It's about changing the system that has kept me down for so long. I want my children to have a better future, and I know that reparations can help.

Britney Spears and the masculine mystique

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Deficits could pose long-term challenges

Ken Marris, U.S. correspondent

WASHINGTON (KRT) - The federal budget appears headed back into the black through 2005, a sharp reversal after four years of surpluses. But new projections released Tuesday by the Congressional Budget Office paint a more pessimistic picture than similar White House projections last month. Some independent budget analysts think it could be worse, with deficits lasting through the rest of the decade.

In the short term, deficits are not a problem. In fact, the government is giving a boost to the sluggish economy by spending more than it collects in taxes.

The biggest short-term consequence of the new projections is that the deficits will make it more difficult politically for Congress to raise taxes or cut spending to reduce the federal budget deficit. It now looks as if the budget will continue to expand, even though the economy is in recession.

But the long-term questions are growing. As the government borrows more of its own money, it will pay higher interest rates on its debt. This will add to the cost of the budget deficit, making it more difficult to balance the budget.

The government claims that it is facing a temporary budget surplus, but the deficit will still rise because of the large interest payments on the government's debt. The government is borrowing more money to pay its bills, as the budget deficit continues to rise.

Highway

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No data has been found for the cost of construction. Zdzislawski said the public input and environmental review process would be complete by fall 2003, and the project could be in place by 2005. He also said the money would be available by then.

"The project is in place," Zdzislawski said. "The funding will be in place by that time." He added that the project would be completed in segments to spread out costs. Zdzislawski said the money right now, we would still need to go through the hoops we're going through right now, but Zdzislawski said the funding will be in place by that time. He added that the project would be completed in segments to spread out costs.

DSS receives $55 million grant

Faculty to learn about adaptive technology

Katie A. Davis

Daily Egyptian

SIUC Disability Support Services has received a $55,000 grant to help students with disabilities. The grant will be used to hire a faculty member to study adaptive technology and to develop a program for students with disabilities.

"We're excited to have this grant," said Dr. Betty Johnson, SIUC's director of student services. "This grant will allow us to hire a faculty member and develop a program for students with disabilities." Johnson said the grant will be used to hire a faculty member and develop a program for students with disabilities.

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Daily Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

Today's birthday (Aug. 28) If you settle into a routine at work, your job will become much easier. You'll seem more mature and get even richer, as you memorize a tough job. Postpone travel and higher education while you take care of old obligations. Becoming debt-free will be a wonderful sensation.

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 is the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) Today is a 6—There are a few more fences to be fixed, unfortunately. Success is still slightly beyond your grasp. It'll help to be forgiving, so make the effort.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Today is a 7—You've encountered this hassle before, but this time you're not alone. A loved one provides the encouragement you need to go on.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) Today is a 5—Don't forget to do something you promised. It concerns either your place or one of your roommates. Postpone travel and romance until you've met this obligation.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) Today is an 8—You and your friends can block a measure you oppose by taking it together. You don't have to say much—except, of course, "No!"

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) Today is a 6—This is not a good day to throw caution to the wind. The profits is the wind. Fine craftsmanship pays; and saves, in the long run.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Today is an 8—You're very prevalent but not very assertive. You didn't used to be this way.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Today is a 6—There's plenty of love, it's the money that may have you concerned. Don't be afraid of the numbers. Face them squarely.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Today is a 7—You'll solve your dilemma with the help of a couple of friends. One destroys your adversary while another helps you find exactly what you need.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Today is a 6—You're good, but it's a bit of a tough, not only is it a tough, but your old methods won't work. Ask a Virgo with power to teach you.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Today is a 10—Your persist isence is paying off all that hard work. A person you admire thinks you're fabulous. And it's true!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Today is a 5—You may feel as if you've dropped anchor. Your forward movement is stopped. Don't feel it's time to implement, add up your resources again.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20) Today is an 8—The others may argue about what you can't have, but you know there's always enough. It just a matter of how much there is. It's how you hold it that's important.

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5. Small wood
11. Goose-like bird
14. Wax "fllab"
15. Japanese word
16. "Tories" descendant
17. Jason's ship
18. Wise crane
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After a year-long three-man battle with two of his best friends, redshirt freshman Joel Sambursky earned the spot as the Salukis' starting quarterback

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**Joel Sambursky**

Hometown: Liberty, Mo.
Age: 19
Major: Broadcasting
Year: Freshman
Height: 6'0"
Weight: 180
Stats: Posted a 27-5 record as a starter in high school while compiling more than 1,800 total yards.

**Stanley Bryant**

Hometown: Naples, Fla.
Age: 19
Major: Health Education
Year: Freshman
Height: 6'1"
Weight: 180
Stats: Southwest Florida SA Player of the Year as a senior in high school.

**Kevin Kobe**

Hometown: Naperville, Ill.
Age: 22
Major: Finance
Year: Senior
Height: 6'2"
Weight: 200
Stats: Flanked 13th in career pass completions (1,172) and 12th in career completion percentage (49.4) at SIU.

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**Roger Williams**, a transfer from Syracuse, is a redshirt freshman Joel Sambursky earned the spot as the Salukis' starting quarterback.

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The following is a look at what made Kill's decision so difficult and why he waited until the 11th hour before finally making his choice.

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The SIU football team practiced under the lights at McAdrew Stadium Thursday night for the first time this year.

Most of the players were either on the field practicing or watching from the sidelines. Two men, however, were behind the south end zone running a seemingly endless series of passing drills.

Play after play, they mimicked each other and often appeared to be the same person.

Joel Sambursky and Stanley Bryant are battling each other. They are battling for the starting quarterback spot for the Salukis. More importantly, they are battling for the chance to lead SIU to its first winning season in 11 years.

Quarterbacks coach Patrick Forrest was with them Thursday, just as he has been everyday, making them run through hoops and throwing everything he could think of at them.

"We are making it, from a criteria standpoint, as non-competitive as possible," Forrest said. "It's tough. They are strictly tack and tack. They understand it and they just keep coming out and competing."

This is not one of those competitive settings where the two players are awaiting each other's decision. It's not the complete opposite.

"You don't sit back on the sidelines hoping each other will make a mistake, but we really want to push each other. I've been pushed so much in this camp, more than my entire life," Joel Sambursky said.

"It's one of those things that it's hard because he's your best friend, but we're both so competitive and we both want each other to do better," Sambursky said. "We really want to see each other excel."

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The two redshirt freshmen have been pushing each other throughout the preseason, making each other better and making it nearly impossible for head coach Jerry Kill to choose a starter.

Adding to the difficulty is the fact that the two players share so many similarities, both in terms of their physical build and their skills and abilities.

Sambursky, a 19-year-old broadcasting major from Liberty, Mo., stands six feet tall and weighs 180 pounds. Bryant, a 19-year-old health education major from Naples, Fla., is 6-4 and also weighs 180 pounds.

At Liberty High School, Sambursky compiled more than 1,800 total yards in offense and was named second-team all-state. He also lettered four years in track.

While at Naples High School, Bryant set his school's single-season passing record with 396 points and was named Southwest Florida SA Player of the Year the previous season.

"I feel like me and Joel, our talents and abilities are very close," Bryant said. "So it's in the coaches' hands to make decisions."

This is not the first time Kill has had a difficult time choosing a starting signal caller at SIU. Last season, he ended up having two starters -- senior Metcalf Williams and junior Kevin Kobe.

Williams started in six games, while Kobe started in five. Kobe knew going into the season that he would be splitting time with Williams, a transfer from Syracuse, but tried not to let it affect him.

"Coach Kill told me straight up he was going to bring in another guy," Kobe said. "He told me you guys are going to have to battle each other out. You've just got to block it out and do your own thing because I know we have different types of quarterbacks."

Coming into this season, Kobe knew that he did not have the starting job locked up and would have to battle the two freshmen for the spot. The Salukis' offense has become dominated by the run, and Kill is looking for a quarterback who is skilled at both running and passing, which has left Kobe as the odd man out.

Kobe realizes that, depending on how Sambursky and Bryant perform, he may not see much playing time at all. Yet he has remained upbeat and has continued to work on his game.

"Obviously I would be disappointed, I want to play," Kobe said. "I've stuck around here for a long time and I've been through a lot, but..."
Cal prof says coaches should kick themselves

Corey Lyons
Knight Ridder Newspapers

BERKELEY, Calif. (KRT) -- At a campus known for its esteemed professors and intellectual joining matchings, David Romer poses a question sure to fetch a double-take it any faculty oriented party. It's fourth down. Go for it or kick.

The economics professor recently finished a three-year study of the NFL in which he analyzed thousands of plays that ignore coaches. His paper, "It's Fourth Down and What Does the Belief Equation Say," offers a center-minded spin to a game often dismissed as simplicity squashed by yards and helmets.

In a swift kick to conventional football wisdom, Romer concludes NFL teams could benefit by ditching the conservative nature of fourth-down plays.

"The results are striking," Romer, 44, said. "The analysis implies that teams should be more aggressive, especially when their defense is running well, however, teams almost always kick on fourth-down early in the game."

Romer reviewed nearly 20,000 first-quarter plays in 2006 regular-season games between 1998-2006. He narrowed his interest to the first quarter, possibly when another team had insignificant advantage over the other that could influence pre-playing.

He used an economic concept called the "Belbin equation," which helped explain the elements of trying for a first down, field goal or touchdown.

In the end, Romer was able to calculate the average value in points for decisions made at specific positions on the field.

For instance, a team inside its own 50-yard line has a better chance at going for it on fourth down and 4 yards or less. But in a 1,500 fourth-down scenarios that Romer felt teams should have gone for, it, coaches opted as kick on fourth downs 90 percent of the time.

"It's not quite sure why coaches are so conservative in calling their plays," Romer said.

"I don't know. Maybe they hadn't thought of it," he said. "When you have a football coach, maybe analyzing plays is not as important as being able to motivate players or lead a team."

What Corey Lyons esteemed as simple 

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At the same time it's all about the wins. "You're not talking about accomplishing if we're winning and these guys are playing well."

Instead of being_Son with his situation, Kobe has named became a mentor for his younger counterparts, helping them improve their games.

Both freshmen gained priceless knowledge from watching Kobe and William had a season end 30 minutes ago. They continue to learn from Kobe season.

Sambursky, especially, has taken to Kobe, referring to him as a "big brother" of sorts.

"Kobe's one of my best friends; I love the guy to death," Sambursky said. "He's from Memphis and he's got an incredible heart. I stake and still remain the same and..."
Saluki volleyball team looks to erase the past

Senior class hoping to put behind three years of losing

Michael Brenner
Daily Egyptian

The Saluki volleyball team is looking to history for inspiration this season.

"I am Michael Jordec, senior Ciao Nelson said at an Aug. 15 pre-season volleyball banquet. "I came here to play volleyball before I made it to the NBA." That same year Armstrong outside hitter Talm Caines said, "I deflected testicular cancer and went on to win the NCAA statue for women."

The rest of the seniors went on to describe the lives of Hillary Martin and the team's Lady King, Lauren Armstong, Oppah Winfrey and Heather Whitehouse before describing themselves.

"We were ranked 8th in the pre-season polls. We were denied respect for three years. We didn't reach our goal of becoming Missouri Valley Conference Champions. But in November of 2002, in Peoria, Ill., we became the Missouri Valley Conference Champions. We are the 2002 Salukis."

That is the time of this season's nowhere to go. SIU volleyball is 8-9 and losing of connecting and receiving little respect from the rest of the conference.

"The big word is believe," senior and former starting setter Kristi Kuykendall said. "Believe in truth. Believe that we are believe in this system and believe in our team."

The Salukis, especially the senior class, will need a run of faith this year considering they are coming off a disappointing 11-19 campaign last season. The team finished in last place the two years before that, so for the seniors, this is their last and only shot at being a winner.

"This is our last go around," Kuykendall said. "We hope we have a really good shot at making it to conference, so we're using that as a motivational factor."

Along with Kuykendall, Caines and Nelson, seniors Lindsey Schulte and Yoko Hatsumi and fourth-year junior Britten Follett stayed in Carbondale during the summer to improve their chemistry in hopes it will lead to a conference championship, or at least keep them out of the conference.

"The majority of the team stayed downtown and trained," head coach Sonya Locke said. "I think that itself will help keep the gray away. I hope it turns out to be a priceless decision."

Locke said the team is crisper than it was before and that its communication level is high because of the extra work.

"We see the SIU volleyball is buying the pretense MVC poll that places the Salukis eighth out of 10 teams, despite the fact that this is the strongest overall conference in MVC history according to Locke."

"I'm not sure if we win the MVC, followed by Southwest Missouri State and Bradley."

"At minimum, we're in the top half of the conference," Locke said. "But I just want them to play to the best of their ability, play as a team, and their ability is very, very high."

Kuykendall takes Locke's confidence a step further. She believes if it is not every bit as talented as the Panthers, Bears and Braves. They just haven't shown it yet.

"If we play to our potential and what we've supposed to be, I'd easily put us in the top three," Kuykendall said. "The last three years we've had the talent, we just didn't do it."

Locke and Kuykendall's predictions are contingent on the one thing Sonya Locke calls the "unknowns" — who will start alongside Schulte at middle blocker and how well Follett will be able to mesh with the team after missing the last year and a half with an ankle injury.

The Salukis' first big matches will be Sept. 14 at SMS and Oct. 4 at home against Northern Iowa, though Locke insists those games aren't more important than any other.

The Salukis open the season this weekend at the Southwest Texas State Bobcat Classic in San Marcos, Texas.

Locke said wanting breeds confidence, so she believes winning the first matches could be a huge Early season wins at the Bobcat Classic and against small schools such as Central Michigan and Murray State could give the Salukis confidence needed to make a run for the MVC. But as of yet, the team is not having any self-esteem issues.

"You have to be realist," Follett said. "But realistically speaking, we can beat anyone in the conference."

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SIU men's cross country team young but talented

SIU hopes last year's newcomers are ready to run

Zack Creglow
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Fellow Missouri Valley Conference streak cross country teams better take note of the men in Carbondale.

Even though most SIU runners are barely able to vote, the Saluki men's cross country team is not looking at the past.

"We want to be in the top three in the Missouri Valley Conference," senior class hoping to put behind three years of losing 2002 Men's Cross Country Schedule

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Baker agreed.
"Top three is very doable for us," Baker said. "A lot of the guys in the conference lost a lot of runners. We just have to continue to work hard."

Melchior, a former SIU runner, led the Salukis to a 15th-place finish at the NCAA Midwest Regional last year.

"Last year was kind of weird because we didn't have a full-time coach," Melchior said. "I had a job off campus and came here to coach at night."

One runner who has caught the eye of Melchior is Baker, a native of Missouri. "When you talk about Eli, you talk about a kid who wants a lot of things," Melchior said of the sophomore. "He wants to be an All-American before he leaves and qualify for nationals."

"He is into cross country and runs a lot into it. He has mention even that he wants to coach in the future. As long as he doesn't take my job, then it is great."

Gist, from Greece, will make Melchior's coaching job much easier if he continues on his past success.

"Gist placed fifth at the MVC championships in the eight-kilometer run. Overall he placed in the top five in four of his five meets."

"These guys are really good," Melchior said. "Tony came in good shape, and he is ready to roll. Murray also did some work over the summer and he is ready to roll, too. Gist always looks good."

Baker echoes his coach's thoughts regarding the improvement of SIU runners.