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Budget gap may prompt tuition hike

Administrators weigh options, struggle to ease shortfall

Molly Parker
Daily Egyptian

It's become a tough game of tag-of-war. On one side is SIU's tradition of being an affordable school, and on the other is the budget problem.

The hefty budget cut may prove to be the organizer of the two.

President David Werner was speaking with the idea of further raising SIUC's tuition to mitigate next year's state pay cut, which is expected to be about $9 million less than what the Carbondale campus originally estimated this year.

"Something extraordinary events require extraordinary changes and raising tuition is not the table," Board of Trustees chairman Moly O'Tadada said at the April 11 meeting Thursday following SIUC's annual testimony to the Illinois House Appropriations and Higher Education Committee.

He noted that a new way to look at every revenue option that's available to provide a quality education for students.

Wendler said the Carbondale campus is already slated to increase in percent in the fall part of a four-year tuition plan approved by the board last year.

SIUC administrators are not shy from the fact that they may further indicate tuition to ease the budget shortfall.

When SIU President James Walter, Chancellor Walter Wendler and SIU Edwardsville Chancellor David Werner testified before the House committee, they said professors and office workers would be cut from the salary line to allow the university to cut 15 of those positions.

The shortfall..."I want to be very careful and straightforward, without whining, without our leadership expressing concern, and painful and negatively impact SIU's students, faculty, staff and the region we serve," Walker said to the committee Thursday.

The Board of Trustees will review the tuition question at an expected meeting in April or May when it appears to examine tuition at the different campuses.

SIUC isn't alone in considering a turn to tuition dollars to help close the budget gap.

The University of Illinois is proposing a 10 percent increase in tuition for the fall, and that's on top of last year's approved 7 percent increase for the next two years.

At Thursday's hearing, 1 of President James Smith's key administrators was neither more than $15 million from its budget as well as eliminating 800 to 900 positions. If the tuition hike is approved, Stukel said the school could save 725 of those positions.

For this fiscal year, SIUC is projecting a 4.74 million budget hole caused by a variation of state aid and an inconsistent drop, according to Wendler.

That money has not been sent back to the state by June 30, Wendler recently announced 30 Physical Plant staff members would be in the salary line to alleviate the budget hole.

If SIU isn't going to say the way it is then it will be money-saving, said Scott Kriz, spokesman for the See TUITION, page 10

Poor conditions force Auto Department from building

Hazards cited include asbestos, sagging floors

Mark Lambird
Daily Egyptian

With conditions decreasing by the day in the administrative building of the Automotive Technology Program, students can't come fast enough.

Jack Lambrd, chairman of the Automotive Technology Program, said professors and office employees will begin moving March 18 into the Cool Research Center and should be settled in during the same week.

Carbondale residents on the go from University officials early this week to make the move.

The move is necessary because of structural deficiencies with the administrative building and asbestos that has been located in the curic.

The repairs that would have to be made to the dilapidated building are far too costly for the University to correct.

In a report obtained by the Daily Egyptian, KAM Solutions, a hazardous materials consulting firm in Carbondale, warned that before serious could be removed from the building, significant structural work would have to be completed. The repair, which was linked to the University, was dated Jan. 20 and highlighted several problems with the structure that were not discernible in the naked eye.

The company's inspectors found that the main support beam was breaking because of its sinking supports. The report also addressed the sagging floor in the back classroom.

Mark Mitchell, with KAM Solutions, addressed the floor in the report saying, "It is our belief that the wood structure members are deforming rather rapidly due to the improper ventilation of the floor space."

The damage has caused the floor in one of the classrooms to sag more than three inches creating a gap between the walls and the floor. The damage has become so bad that the classes that had been meeting in the room was forced to return to facilities that were already filled to capacity.

It was KAM Solutions' belief that metal shelving that had been placed around the building to prevent "vandals" from getting into the vac was to blame for the floor's damage. The KAM Solutions inspection of the site had to be canceled because 100 percent of the building would collapse if they removed any of the building's support to gain access.

Adams is a naturally occurring mineral that is fire resistant and was used heavily in building projects until it was discovered that it caused cancer.

The inspection had to be halted when it was determined that the cable core that the contractors were going to cut into were not made to be cut into. Former KAM Solutions manager said that the company faces cutting into the wall because it could cause the entire wall to crumble.

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World-traveled photographer visits SIUC

Chicago Tribune veteran Jose More has no regrets

Cedric Rodriguez
Daily Egyptian

Jose More is a traveling man. As a photographer, the Chicago Tribune has taken him all over the world. This week he visited SIUC to discuss his experience.

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More troops killed in Afghanistan
Three German and two Russian soldiers were killed when mines planted by Taliban forces exploded in Kandahar. An anti-aircraft gun was also disabled in the attack.

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Australia urged to release camp children
SYDNEY - Human rights watchdog Amnesty International has urged Australia to release children from remote detention camps where thousands of asylum seekers have spent their lives. The Senate has voted to spend $100 million on a new camp in the Northern Territory. Immigration Minister Phillip Ruddock told Parliament the United Nations and human rights groups have been urging Australia to release children from remote detention camps. The hard line adopted by Australia's conservative government has cost the country dearly. The Australian public has had to deal with the high cost and the high profile of the camps. The camp in the Northern Territory has been in operation for more than six months.

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As visitors drive on Big Muddy Levee Road they are greeted to La Rue Pine Hills by the massive sandstone bluffs at the entrance. One can choose to either take the gravel road on top of bluffs to Inspiration Point, or park and walk through the La Rue Pines Ecological Area.

Road Tripping

Everyone seems to dismiss the person who has no spring break plans. When someone admits they're staying in town for the mid-semester break, they're usually lumped into the category of “the one who's not going anywhere for spring break.”

But adventures lurk around Southern Illinois that the spring breakers “who are going somewhere” could only hope to embrace next week.

A little ambition and a tank of gas can take just about anyone who is staying in “Saluki Country” to many exciting places, from an old-fashioned root beer saloon to a beach on the Mississippi River.

As you travel east of Carbondale on Route 149, the landscape remarkably transforms into a hilly tree-laden postcard. Within miles of leaving Carbondale the road joins Route 3, unlocking a key to several sites, beautiful landmarks and the nation's most storied river.

Head north on Route 3 and you'll be riding alongside the banks of the Mississippi River. The road is a National Scenic Byway Great River Road and either way you turn you'll find attractions along the way. There are numerous pull-off points along the Mississippi River as you head north on Route 3 so you can soak up its intrigue.

Or you can wait until you hit Chester and catch a glimpse of a historic river town that also serves as the home of Popeye, the famous strong, sailor character.

The creator of Popeye, Elzie Segar, worked in the Chester Opera House and is said to have based many of the Popeye characters on people from the town. The town boasts many other notable landmarks, including Mary's Covered Bridge, a wooden bridge built in 1854 and the Cohen Mansion, the same house with blue windows cited by Mark Twain in “The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.”

After you finish exploring Chester, head south on Route 3 to Grand Tower, where you can visit Devil's Backbone Park and spend some time watching barges float along the Mississippi River. The spot appears desolate, except for the random time that float ashore, but regardless it remains a romantic beach. A

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Students volunteer time off for community service

Samantha Edmondson  
Daily Egyptian

A group of SIUC students spent their spring break in Panama City Beach. But illegal consumption, indecent exposure and drug possession were not the reasons why they were there. Instead, the students volunteered their time to help others.

"We slept in jail cells with people incarcerated in cells right next to us," said Chrissy Einsmann, a freshman psychology major from Eureka. "It was actually the worst part. We had to work from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day with a 30-minute break in between.

After the shelter for homeless people involved with the Salvation Army, the group continued through the afternoon at the Habitat for Humanity site. The students were working on a house that will be completed by April 12.

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Built In 1854, Mary's River Covered Bridge is all that remains of a planked toll road that ran between Bremen and Chester. Two-horse wagons paid 20 cents to cross but today it is free to visitors. (right) Watch the great river barges float up and down the Mississippi River at the scenic Devil's Backbone Park in Grand Tower. The only signs of people are the litter that washes up on the shores and the remains of a beach bonfire.

Alternatives

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natural gas pipeline is suspended over the river, forming what looks like a miniature Golden Gate Bridge in the skyline.

Once you've had your fill of the river, head back south on Route 3 again, turn left on Big Muddy Levee Road right after you drive over the Big Muddy River to become more acquainted with nature at Inspiration Point at La Rue Pinc. Hills. At this high Shawnee National Forest bluff, observe what the hand of nature has created while pondering anything on your mind.

To get there, turn left at the end of Levee Road and make a right on the next road you see. Continue driving until you see a sign on the right side of the road proclaiming Inspiration Point. Hike up the somewhat steep trail until you get to the top of the cliff — the view is phenomenal. You can see the Big Muddy River drift off into the distance, rows of trees and the river you traveled in on disappears off in the horizon. The site can leave anyone in awe.

After spending the day seeing the sites along Route 3, you can work your way over to Route 127 south to Alto Pass if you still have time. The small town buried in the Shawnee National Forest boasts the old-fashioned Root Beer Saloon, located at 4 Main St. Pop into the "lloon and sample one of its micro-brewed root beer and munch on gourmet sandwiches or an ice cream sundae.

Finally follow the signs to Bald Knob Cross of Peace, a 111-foot tall and 63-foot wide white cross that looms over the Shawnee National Forest. Whether you're religious or not, the massive cross is amazing to see from the bottom peak and even more fascinating up close. Although the weather or other spring break plans can alter an outing to most of these sites, they're practically in the backyard of Carbondale and are worth the trip.

The National Weather Service's 10-day forecast calls for showers on Monday with partly cloudy conditions through the week along with a chance for light rain on Friday. High temperatures throughout the week are in the 50s and lows are in the 30s.

Southern Illinois has many attractions hidden within it. On the way to any of these sites there are multiple diversions and other fun places to check out.

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Debbie Brooks, reporter, Popeye Museum

you're staying in the area you don't have to be person "who's not going anywhere" if you don't want to be — it's only a matter of hopping in a car and finding the destination that suits your interests.

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Have a blast, but keep it safe

You've worked hard. You've sweat through mid-terms, and now it has finally arrived: SPRING BREAK! Go ahead and get buck wild; you deserve it. But just keep it safe. Every year, students return to Saluki Land from exotic locales, dripping in tans and stores of week-long, booze-fueled escapades. But occasionally, students who leave to party do not make it back.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN values the life of everyone on this campus. That is why we do not want to come home from our own revisits and have to read articles about accidents or deaths suffered by our fellow students.

No amount of fun is worth risking your life. Keep an eye out for your friends, and don't fall into the temptation to leave your own moral standards at home. In other words, while you're throwing caution into the wind, try to keep your condoms from flying off with it.

Also, as you venture out to the far corners of beackdom, you are still representing this University. Yes, we know, the whole point of spring break is to forget about classes all together. But here's a friendly word of warning: while you might leave your maroons in the dorm room for the week, your Saluki status cannot be washed away.

Our for your friends, and stunt in Cancun could not fall into the end with a suspension.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN does not want to come home from our visit to Mexico to see that you might have missed during wintry vacation.

You've worked hard. You've sweated through class. Now, it is time to kick back and have a good time. Enjoy spring break, but keep it safe.

GUEST COLUMNIST

The death of a small town

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Where have all the hippies gone? To Carbondale!

Whatever happened to the hippies of old, the rebel, counter-culture crowd? Can you remember when they grew up, got jobs or faded into obscurity?

They were America's angry youth saturated in ideals, the draft dodgers of their age, the idealistic youth who held Tacky Dickey's empty bed and demanded peace. After the war they fell into drug-induced happy days—yes, the same happy days they tried to fight against, that they were offering to their own self-admiration.

These past hippies have gained favorable newspaper opinions and having a good time according to the results of the Vietnam War and the billions of dollars of reparations that have been justified. Influenced by these aged hippies and pacifists, Carbondale receives a new batch of second-hand hippies of today undeterred by the news. 

Swimming in their own memories, they wander about the United States, believing that their idealism is still strong. They believe in peace and love and write their idealism in letters. They are usually misguided youths bred with ideals.

Sadly very few of the young people of today really believe in the ideals of their parents. The major difference is that the parents of today have had to fight and live for their own ideals; whereas the young people of today have been given them by their parents. Paradoxically, who is to say that these parents are not just as naive as the hippies of the Vietnam War? They have embraced the same movement as being wrong, but is it our fault that they grew up in a world where the alternative was war and beatings? Waging war because of America's arrogance is not necessarily wrong.

By Chris Hodgson

Saluki Fans Stunk up the Conference Game

Dear Editor:

I was in attendance at the game against Missouri on March 5, As an avid fan living in St. Louis, it was great to see our Salukis out on the court. I am happy to report that Saluki fans are an asset to our school!

The only reason that the game came out as negative was due to the fans in the stands. As a Saluki fan I am ashamed of the fans in attendance. We need more fans at our games, but I would have no problem doing that, I just don't want to see the fans who were there.

It is important to keep in mind that we are part of a larger community, not just a basketball team. We are representing our school and our university.

John Bradley
Class of 2000

Everyone Needs to Get Over It

Dear Editor:

I am writing in response to a letter that was written last week. I feel that some people have not taken the time to understand their own generation's values and how they relate to the values of the past. I hope that this letter will help people to understand that the past is not necessarily better than the present.

Chris Homan

Letters to the Editor

HappySad

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Steven Shastka, '98 10/13/98

Columbia

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What are we still doing here? Are you really reading this? Which is why the hippies are holding a party in Chicago. It's almost out of "go-go" and Godd and Godd are looking for someplace safe for the openminded people of America to go. The only place is Chicago. You don't have to go, you just have to get out of here. Still into it? Maybe a history lesson will help you out.

They once fired a man named Sprouse who was fired for "yard work" through the mail. Some people think that it's okay to steal on a beach. One day many years ago, there was a hard time, and they decided to take a road trip to Carbondale to visit his favorite places.

Twenty years from now, Socrates sought the Student Center in hopes to trade some wisdom for 17 hours of sleep. That never happened. It was either the doing of the springtime air or the Grateful Dead. It was somehow the doing of many of the young SFTU students seemed particularly infamous.

All of sudden—WAMM-MTT: Trump.

A blue top in lumpy pursuit of a "perfect" audience, a group of show people... down the shooting prophet. Lowell, a Britney Spears look-a-like was able to arrive the old man was able to arrive in the absence of the Grateful Dead. It was somehow the doing of many of the young SFTU students seemed particularly infamous.

With no protest, the hippies were left with future commitments. If you were the Greatful Dead, Pink Floyd, Bob Dylan, or some of the more famous artists. As you can see, the Vietnam War is not one that remains to be forgotten.

Peace and love are mere illusions. They are only possible due to the results of the Vietnam War. These young men are sworn in by some-what they believed to be succumbing to the wu they fell into drug-induced helplessness. Where have all the hippies in Carbondale?

Sad! Very few know the roots of the movement. They believe in the movement. They believe in peace and love and write their idealism in letters. They are usually misguided youths bred with ideals.

Where have all the hippies gone? Somewhere in Carbondale! What are they still doing here? As you can see, the Vietnam War is not one that remains to be forgotten.

A Tote Le Monde

Dave Musser

Spring Break Decree No. 1

This does not take the place of Spring Break. No work is expected. I will not attend Spring Break, so faithful to your town to work. No travel outside of the Carbondale area is permitted.

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This will not upset the friends. Those restrictions are just for the rest of you. The rest of you need to worry about Spring Break, so faithful to your town to work. No travel outside of the Carbondale area is permitted.

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Where have all the hippies gone? To Carbondale!

What are we still doing here? Are you really reading this? Which is why the hippies are holding a party in Chicago. It's almost out of "go-go" and Godd and Godd are looking for someplace safe for the openminded people of America to go. The only place is Chicago. You don't have to go, you just have to get out of here. Still into it? Maybe a history lesson will help you out.

They once fired a man named Sprouse who was fired for "yard work" through the mail. Some people think that it's okay to steal on a beach. One day many years ago, there was a hard time, and they decided to take a road trip to Carbondale to visit his favorite places.

Twenty years from now, Socrates sought the Student Center in hopes to trade some wisdom for 17 hours of sleep. That never happened. It was either the doing of the springtime air or the Grateful Dead. It was somehow the doing of many of the young SFTU students seemed particularly infamous.

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A blue top in lumpy pursuit of a "perfect" audience, a group of show people... down the shooting prophet. Lowell, a Britney Spears look-a-like was able to arrive the old man was able to arrive in the absence of the Grateful Dead. It was somehow the doing of many of the young SFTU students seemed particularly infamous.

With no protest, the hippies were left with future commitments. If you were the Greatful Dead, Pink Floyd, Bob Dylan, or some of the more famous artists. As you can see, the Vietnam War is not one that remains to be forgotten.

Peace and love are mere illusions. They are only possible due to the results of the Vietnam War. These young men are sworn in by some-what they believed to be succumbing to the wu they fell into drug-induced helplessness. Where have all the hippies in Carbondale?

Sad! Very few know the roots of the movement. They believe in the movement. They believe in peace and love and write their idealism in letters. They are usually misguided youths bred with ideals.

Where have all the hippies gone? Somewhere in Carbondale! What are they still doing here? As you can see, the Vietnam War is not one that remains to be forgotten.

A Tote Le Monde

Dave Musser

Spring Break Decree No. 1

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When Leigh Wolf's son became sick, she sought out Chinese medicine for a cure. In accord with the results, she devoted her life and career to the ancient medicine. Leigh Wolf's Paradise Center for Acupuncture, Oriental Medicine and Massage, at 415 E. Old U.S. Highway 51, in Makanda, treats people's illnesses without drugs, but by restoring balance and energy, or "qi," in the body.

"Unlike Western medicine, which treats identified disease, Chinese medicine treats the person as a whole," Leigh said.

The 3,000-year-old practice is widely used in Australia, Hawaii, Tibet and Japan of Asia. The oldest remedies are recorded on silk scrolls and carved in wood. Leigh is now a licensed acupuncturist, after getting receiving certification from the Midwest College for Oriental Medicine. She has been practicing Chinese medicine for more than seven years. However, when she began practicing, it was considered a felony to practice in Illinois. Chinese medicine became legal four years ago, but patients today must still receive a referral from a medical doctor.

"Some people believe it could be dangerous. The FDA (Food and Drug administration) fights what is not tested by scientific research," Leigh said.

While the focuses of Chinese medicine are in balance and energy in the body, there are numerous treatments to achieve proper harmony between state elements. Acupuncture, aromatherapy, cupping, herbal prescriptions and massage are the most common therapies.

Acupuncture heals patients by inserting needles in the skin at certain points in the body, where energy flows. Leigh holds the needle with her fingers to help get the energy moving. Acupuncture is often used to treat headaches, migraines, arthritis, insomnia, sinus and other conditions.

In acupuncture, the needles are inserted at certain acupoints in the body to regulate qi, or energy flow, through our one's system. The exact placement and amount of needles depends on the individual patient's needs.

(Above) Cupping is a method of removing "sho," or negative energy, from the body in order to restore one's health. A suction between air and rubbing alcohol cause the skin to be suctioned up into the cup, pulling out the air. (Right) Acupuncture can treat illnesses such as migraines and colds almost instantaneously. Unlike Western medicine, which only relieves symptoms, Chinese treatments, like acupuncture, cure the root of the problem, decreasing the chances of it recurring.

See NEEDLE, PAGE 9
As painful as it looks, the needles do not go in the skin very deep. Acupuncture is actually a soothing, meditative form of therapy, that lasts about an hour.

Like any profession, Leigh uses a variety of tools in her work. Needles, oils, glass cups and cotton swabs are used in the different treatments.

**NEEDLES**

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Digestive problems. When a patient comes in with a problem, they leave about an hour later cured, said Leigh. The needles do not hurt, and the amount and placement of needles depends on the patient.

Herbal remedies are very important in oriental treatments. Centipedes, radish seeds and tortoise shells sound like the ingredients of a witch's brew. But these along with hundreds of other plants and herbs, put together in specific combinations, are very nearly any illness, Leigh said. The idea is to give the patient a combination of herbs that will balance whatever is disrupting harmony, or lacking in the body, causing the illness. For example, substances found in tangerine peels build up chi, or energy, in the spleen. This is ideal for someone with a spleen deficiency.

Most of the herbs are grown in China, although some, such as a root called Dang Shen, are grown in Southern Illinois. The patient's own body and personal history are also considered in mixing a prescription. Two people may come to Leigh with very similar symptoms, but will be given different remedies. Once the proper herbs are determined for a cure, they are usually brewed into a tea-like drink, although they are occasionally applied topically to the skin. Patients leave Leigh's center with specific bundles of herbs along with dose amounts and instructions for brewing. Although it is not as easy as popping a pill three times a day, the benefits of Chinese healing convince many people to use it over traditional Western medicine.

Another interesting form of treatment in Chinese medicine is called cupping. The goal of this technique is to not only promote energy flow, but to release negative chi, called shang, from the body. The procedure begins with dipping a cotton swab into rubbing alcohol. Then with a song-like tool, the swab is rubbed in a small glass cup. Simultaneously, a match is lit under the cup, while flipping it over onto the skin of a patient's back. The reaction of the alcohol and fire cause a suctioning effect, sticking the skin up into the cup. While the cups pull out shang, the patient is left in a darkened room with soothing candles and meditative music, usually for up to a half an hour.

Leigh's practice also includes massage and aromatherapy. She works with four other practitioners who help her prepare herbal prescriptions and are licensed massage therapists. A patient who comes to Leigh for acupuncture and an herbal remedy is charged $60. An herbal prescription by itself is $30.

Today in Chinese medicine both Eastern and Western practices are commonly used together. But a combination of just Eastern treatments can be used.

"Chinese medicine is never left out, especially with acupuncture," Leigh said.

"Diets and exercises are also important in their health. Slow-paced exercises such as tai chi and bicycling are common. Instead of using up chi, [they] develop movement that moves chi, in a way that strengthens chi," Leigh said.

In the last few years, Leigh Wolf has treated more than 500 patients with the skills of Chinese medicine. Her patients range from an infant with a rash to a 97-year-old, and all have felt the unusually effective results of Chinese medicine.
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**Engineering program eases transition for transfer students**

Transfer students from community colleges find many options open.

**Jodie Milan**

Daily Egyptian

The Engineering program provides transfer students with options, providing experience for future career goals.

Engineering students enrolled at two-year community colleges traditionally train for their associate of Science Degree. The degree includes completion of general education classes, such as math and science, then transferring to a four-year school.

Some students take the alternative route and go directly for an Associate of Applied Science Degree (A.A.S.), an occupational training degree program, which gives students two years of education and prepares them directly into their careers.

Ron Marusarz, interim chair of the Technology Department, found that some students were ultimately unsatisfied because they want to further their education and get more hands-on experience.

"Many students who go into the two-year program found that after they finish it, that they would really like to get more depth into the theoretical subjects," Marusarz said.

Instead of going out and getting a job at that point, we have modified our program to set up an efficient transfer for these students so we can give them transfer credits for many of their technical courses that they have taken.

This transfer with an A.A.S. degree can enter into the Engineering Technology program at SIUC. In an additional five semesters of study, the student can transfer for an associate of science degree and be qualified to transfer into either mechanical engineering technology, electrical engineering technology, or industrial engineering technology.

Some students take the alternative route and go directly into another engineering program depending on their aspirations. Programs suitable for transfer include areas ranging from biomedical electronics to materials production control.

The new accommodations provide transfer students with many options.

"We can give the student many options," Marusarz said. This will broaden their opportunities.

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FAMU student president says Governor Bush not welcome at commencement

Bill Cotterrell & Melanie Yang
Knight Ridder Newspapers

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (KRT) - Florida A&M University students did not want Gov. Jeb Bush to give commencement speech, the student body president said.

Senior Andrew Gillum spoke at an evening rally Wednesday marking the second anniversary of a mass march on the capital protesting separate boards for each of the 11 institutions of the State University System.

After the rally, Gillum said he did not know if students would boycott commencement exercises or walk out if Bush is the speaker.

"Hopefully we don't want to get to that point," said Gillum. "It's my commencement speech. That's a very special moment for many of our seniors, so we'd rather not see that happen."

Gillum said he hopes Bush will decline the FAMU invitation.
Instructor teaches children about architecture, environment

Architectural history professor instructs children in camp

Ivan Thomas
Daily Egyptian

John David Davey created a program to only young aspiring architects explore the world of construction, the environment and what it means to become a builder of society. Camp architecture and design is an area of study without sufficient understanding, and Davey wanted to end that by tossing children into the jaws of experimentation.

Fourteen years ago he organized the Kid Architecture Program, a one-week camp that teaches youth from elementary to high school levels about architecture. Davey, an architectural history professor and associate professor of the Architecture and Interior Design, has dedicated himself to the University for twenty years. His camp was recently selected for the Conventions Award of Distinction. This award is set up to recognize and display the excellence of educational and innovative efforts. More than ninety institutions applied for the award, and only six were chosen.

"I started the program because students were coming in and designing architecture without knowing they wanted to do it," Davey said. "I really just did it to show the parents or teachers that they were good artists."

"Architecture is not just about being able to draw, according to Davey, but about problem solving and the design of the built environment. It also includes computer graphics, sketching, design, animation and construction."

Davey said children who are exposed to architecture early will have a better perception of the built environment and will be able to make more complex decisions in the field, and that is one of the reasons he started the camp.

Throughout the past several years, the program has won various awards, including the Citation of Honor from American Institute of Architects (AIA) Illinois, Award of Distinction from the United Network, Chapter Educational Award from the Construction Specification and the Regional Education Award from the Construction Specification Institute.

Although Davey is pleased with his recent award, he is prouder of the impact he makes on young students.

"I think it is as honorable to be selected for the award, but I have a greater opportunity to teach 15- and that is what I am happy about. I just haven't done this for the past 14 years if I didn't think it was," Davey said.

"Kid Architecture camps have been conducted twice in the Smithsonian Institution Building and once in the National Building Museum in Washington D.C. The camps work with children from a variety of different backgrounds, including inner city kids, the disabled, at risk and gifted children. The camps are also known for having exceptional hands-on activities for their participants."

Terry Owen, chairman of the Architecture Department, said Davey's program is excellent and represents exactly the kind of person Davey is, someone who wants to spread his knowledge to others.

"It is a very innovative program that allows kids to really understand their surroundings and why things are the way they are in the environment," Owen said.

According to Owen, Davey is a unique professor and always incorporates history to the lessons he gives. Owen has gotten the opportunity to attend some of the camps and is not surprised with their success.

Owens also said Davey does a great job of bringing the class down to the kids' levels so they can relate to what is going on. Sometimes on the first day of class, Davey brings a baseball bat and speaks with the kids about baseball and what their favorite players are, just to make them feel more comfortable and interested.

There are not many professors who can receive unfunded attention from young students, but they have such a short attention span. Davey's personality is just intriguing and he makes the students want to learn, according to Owens.

"He is talking about Greek architecture, for example, in Latin," Owens said. "He really attracts students to him, and they respect him for the experience he has had as his actually been to the places he talks about."

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House of Representatives vote to extend jobless benefits

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WASHINGTON (KRT) - The House of Representatives on Thursday overwhelmingly to extend unemployment benefits by 13 weeks, coming to the aid of some 3 million Americans who have exhausted the normal 26 weeks of government checks during the past year's recession.

The tax breaks for business also are included in the legislation, representing a purely stabilizing version of President Bush's economic stimulus plan.

The 417-3 vote sent the bill to the Senate, which is expected to approve it within days. White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said that President Bush would sign the bill into law even though it is a shadow of his original economic stimulus proposal.

The $33 billion of many of the controversial items that delayed it for two months. House Republicans and some GOP Senators who have pressed this cuts this week to satisfy the Democratic-controlled Senate, which refused earlier versions of the House legislation.

Democrats wanted a new program of the bill that simply extended unemployment benefits by 13 weeks, without any other terms.

The Senate is expected to vote on a bill with tax cuts and Democrat voting in a last attempt to keep federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan told the Senate Budget Committee on Tuesday that the economy already is expanding faster than expected, and that to simply extend unemployment benefits is a "most reasonable approach" for government to take.

The legislation would extend regular 26-week jobless benefits by 13 weeks, but the extension would may be available only through the end of this year. The Senate plan would provide a one-year extension of the 13-week extension in states where the unemployment rate is 8 percent or higher.

The legislation also would give business two tax breaks: A three-year, 30 percent tax write-off for new equipment and a more generous procedure for spreading losses over a longer period of time.

The White House has supported a special "Liberty Zone" tax break in lower Manhattan, providing $5 billion in various tax incentives to help New York recover from the terrorist attacks.

Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D., indicated that the Senate would pass the bill. "It's overdue and awful worse, but I am encouraged by the at least within the package are things that Democrats can be supportive of".
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**Daily Horoscopes**

By Linda C. Black

Today’s Birthday (March 8). Disguised with the way things are, ready for a change! What are you wearing? Take action! A difficult situation may be a blessing in disguise. It could finally get you to doing something you’ve been thinking about for years.

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

*Adios (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 3 — Do you have the feeling that the boss, your teacher or your mom is watching your every move? It’s probably true, but a silent agent is watching too. Put on a great performance.

*Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5 — An issue you’ve been worried about for a while may well be resolved. Regardless of the outcome, you’ve just relieved the weight and are able to do something you’ve been wanting to do, celebrate.

*Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 6 — You have a lot now, but that may not always be the case. Better stash some more away for the future. It’s not about you not having enough — you will, it’s about abundance.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Baby is a 7 — It’s wise to help form a person with a lot of experience. That’ll be much easier than doing an unfamiliar job all by yourself. Be smart, especially somebody important is watching.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 8 — There’s no slack — you’re working from morning to night. It’s about time. You’ve let things stack up. It’s hard so that you can do what your mate wants on Saturday, night. This day (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 9 — A few final touches, and you can relax. Take a break. You’ve had to stem the flood; to keep everything on schedule. Now, be a gracious host or hostess.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — Don’t be discouraged, even when something you try doesn’t work. It’s part of the learning process. A failed one will help you succeed with a better idea next time.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — You’re getting hourly and determined. That thing you try may not work, but the second or third thing will. Keep at it (Flagstaff, Aug. 22-Sept. 21) — Today is a 7 — This day isn’t much fun, but it could be quite productive. You’re earning a gain (Aug. 22-Sept. 21) — Today is a 6 — Allocate your time for work and more time for family. Somebody who’s much more active will remain.

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22. Hot pair
24. Movie genre
25. Rallonde
26. Salt Lake City
28. Crossword solution
30. Late period
31. Hunted
32. Meal
34. Bool on wheels
36. Vanished
39. Light to pay
40. Saliander
41. Showy shrub
46. Glasgow boy
51. Symbol in WWW addresses
52. News bit
54. German release
56. Extreme
58. Shirts
59. Admiral
64. Piccolo
65. Black olive music
66. Palk trees
67. Computer nerd
68. Hair style
69. Year

DOWN
1. It is on one side
5. Street
6. Web
8. "I..." cross
9. Applies oil to
10. Racquet
11. Promotion
12. Head
13. Cart
14. Fly area
15. Mountain peak
16. Cattle
17. Large amount
18. "No!
19. Sincock
20. "Yay!"
22. "I love Mountain!
23. Fire area
24. Finisher
25. Mountain tip
26. "Hey!"
27. "I'm crazy!"
28. Large piano piece
29. "It's over!"
30. "Tell her..."
31. "It's over!"
33. "It's over!"
34. Tilt equal
35. Commodore hex
36. Crossword
37. Why me?
38. Sarcastic
39. Loose
40. Leave out
41. Take from
42. "Tell her..."
43. Leave out
44. Study groups
45. Spoken
46. Tale selling
47. Leave out
48. "Hey, you..."
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Girls and Sports
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DO YOU CRAZY?

Don't she break you a FEW MONTHS AGO?
YEAL BUT I BROKE UP WITH HER THE FIRST TIME
HE DATED

He decided to have a RUBBER RING.

Hey kid; shouldn't you be in school?
No, school sucks!

Look Water, I'm not going to lose! So why don't you...

Yes, I don't think you be in school...

No, I don't...
Our lawyers do that for us.

No apparent reason

Hey kid, don't you realize the importance of an education in this day?

Son, don't you realize the importance of an education in this day...

Look, just go you little jerk!!

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SIU men's golf eyes MVC crown
Saluki hope to beat out Wichita State, win tournament
Michael Brenner  Daily Egyptian

The SIU men's golf team is reaching for the sky, but it might need to save a pole if it wants to touch the clouds above Wichita. The Salukis will begin their spring season with enthusiasm and high expectations when they roll into Louisiana on March 15 for the New Orleans Sportscar of Methodist Hospitals Classic.

"They're ready to play, they want to play, they're anxious to play," said head coach Leroy Newton. "They had a good fall season and everybody that has showed up at practice seemed confident and simply ready to play."

The Saluki squad includes three seniors: Brad Dunker, Likec Smith and Leroy Newton. "They had a good fall season and everybody that has showed up at practice seemed confident and simply ready to play."

The Salukis will begin their spring season with the 2002 Missouri Valley Conference Tournament at the St. James Country Club on March 30. The team agrees Wichita State is the team to beat. "I think that we're gonna outplay them," Dunker said. "I want to go out with a bang, and we'd kinda like to go out with a bang, too." Newton's goals for his team are to finish in the top five or six in every tournament and finish at least third in the MVC. Newton would consider a third-place finish a victory, but the player, especially the seniors, believe this spring could bring more than that. "There's three seniors on the team, and we kind'a like to go out with a bang," Smith said. "We'd like to win the Missouri Valley, and I believe we're capable of it."

The team agrees Wichita State is the best team in the Valley, followed by Northern Iowa. The Salukis place themselves about third in the conference, neck-and-neck with Evansville and Illinois State.

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This tournament success is contingent on good weather, according to Newton. He wants the rest of the team to mirror Dunker's dedication, hoping to avoid a repeat of last year's seventh-place finish at the Valley tournament.

Newton is expecting big things from the Salukis No. 1 player and all-conference selection, Brad Dunker. Dunker has been around for long enough to see the changes the MVC has undergone over the years. "I've been around for long enough to see the changes the MVC has undergone over the years. That's the limit for us if we can be confident in our abilities and show that attitude to the rest of the conference."

Dunker especially wants the team to be confident in itself. "I think we need to come together a little more," Dunker said. "We're all kinds doing our own thing, some of us don't want to play, some of us wanna play. We need to see if our hearts are really in it, and we need to play a lot better."

Despite that, Wheeler is optimistic about the season. "I believe with consistency and a few good rolls, the Salukis could take the conference. Disselor took that optimism to the next level. "Look for us to do good this year," Disselor said. "I think that we're gonna outwork any Saluki team that they've ever been, and we probably will out-play any of them, too."

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Illinois' Krupija back in the game
Larry Hawley
Daily Illini (U. Illinois)

CHAMPAIGN (U-WIRE) - Illinois' Danaj Krupija will come off the injured list for the second time this season to see limited action in this weekend's Big Ten Tournament in Indianapolis.

The 6-foo-9 senior forward has suffered through a season filled with nagging injuries that have resulted in missed playing time. Krupija, who averaged a stress fracture against Michigan State on Feb. 3 and only four games during Illinois' Big Ten schedule, said he's ready to go.

"I think it feels better I might be able to do a little more with it," said Krupija. "I think I'll be at least 15 minutes per game."

"There's no reason he can't play a little bit, though his timing will be off," said Illini head coach Bill Self. "By getting in there hopefully we'll get him back to where he can help us in the NCAA Tournament."

One more time
Illini's seniors get their last shot at bringing home a Big Ten tournament title this weekend.

"That's one of the only things we haven't done," said Illini forward Cory Heynderickx. "Every year we had two chances and couldn't get it."

"I think we have a shot this year," said Illini forward Robert Smith. "We'd like to have that going into the tournament."

Moving on east
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Two track standouts get national exposure

Men's track and field sends members to NCAA championships

Samantha Robinson
Daily Egyptian

The SIU men's track and field team will be among competitors to compete in the NCAA Indoor Championships for the first time in almost 10 years this weekend at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

Jeff Young and James Udmue had regular indoor seasons, but the ice on the cake came when they met the provisional qualifying mark in their respective events. The two will compete in Arkansas March 8-9.

"We're excited about taking them to nationals," men's head coach Cameron Wright said. "They have worked hard and I think they will produce some positive results this weekend."

"If we can break the SIU record in the 60-meter hurdles," he broke the record two times this season and was seventh in the nation in the event. Young is eager to participate this weekend because he will be going up against the best collegiate competition in the country. Although Young has done well this season, he knows he has a ways to go before he is where he wants to be.

"I'm happy that I was also to qualify and get the chance to compete with the best in the nation," Young said.

Even though he had a record-breaking season, Young is not content with where he stands. With his remaining time at SIU he wants to continue improving.

"Young in Arkansas will be freshman Udmue, who is currently ranked 11th in the nation in the triple jump.

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get in, and it's a shame.

So No. 7 on the season, is \cap
by it doesn't share that heartbreak. The Salukis were given a couple of days off to recoup both their mental and physical energy after last week's Missouri Valley Conference tournament, and Weber hit the road for a recruiting trip to Ohio to help pass the time during the SIU's Bye Week.

The Salukis — who are expected to be featured in today's editions of the USA Today — were back at it Monday in a practice that included plenty of chatter about how other teams that could play SIU at large chances are doing this week.

Deansman said SIU's goal is the Sweet 16 if it cracks the NCAA field, while Weber is speaking of the Salukis' aim in broader terms.

"Whether we play in the NIT or the NCAA, we're going to win games," Weber said. "If we get the NCAA, it's to threshold deserve it, if we get the NIT, it's that we are a good team and we can be successful.

"Deansman and his counterparts in the paint, Rolen Roberts, should be extra anxious for postseason play. The duo wasn't productive as usual in the MVC tournament title game, one of the main factors contributing to the 69-76 Skal's defeat.

"I think we and Rolen have to establish ourselves down low; if it opens it up for everyone else to get open shots," Wright said.

As a freshman, Udmue knows that competing in the NCAA Championships is something that people would not expect of him. Everyone wants you to do well, but they don't expect you to go as far as we go, "Udmue said. "Now that I am competing in the championships, some of the pressure is taken off of me because no one expected this and now I can just relax and do my best."

Udmue said it would be nice to walk away with the title, but if he doesn't, then he will be satisfied with setting a personal record.

In Adam Judge was scheduled to compete this weekend along with Young and Udmue, but recent developments have determined otherwise.

Because of the abundance of relay teams that qualify for the meet throughout the season, the NCAA had to limit the number of entries in other events. Judge was one of those casual investors, who will be forced to stay at home this weekend.

"If we had been, now and now is it behind me," Judge said. "Even though I did not get to go, I still had a good season."

Judge is now preparing for the outdoor season and hopes that maybe next year he will have the chance to compete at ratials.

With Judge could have gotten the opportunity to compete because he had worked so hard this season, with his distance being a strong point.

Though is disappointed that Weber said that Judge was unable to attend, he is still pleased that the other two are competing.

"I am proud of them; both are legitimate athletes and hopefully they will do well and have a good meet," Wright said.

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SIU softball jumps back into the ring

Team ready for final tune-up before starting conference action

Jens Deju
Daily Egyptian

The SIU softball team is hitting the road for its third early season tournament and final run up before the beginning of conference play.

The Salukis, fresh off of a doubleheader sweep of regional rival Southeast Missouri State Tuesday, head down to Tallahassee, Fl., to take part in the Florida State Invitational.

The tournament will feature 16 teams split into four pools beginning today and running through Sunday. The individual pools will cap off against each other over the first two days before having the playoffs lasting on Saturday and all day Sunday.

The other teams in SIU's pool are Massachusetts (6-5), Providence (2-4) and Southeast Louisiana (11-12). SIU's record currently stands at 8-4.

The rest of the tournament consists of host school FSU, Auburn, Ball State, Florida A&M, Iowa State, Maine, Massachusetts (6-5), Providence and West Virginia.

The Salukis offense finally mustered some runs in their last game, a 7-1 victory over the Osprees, but lost its non-offensive play in the process.

Senior outfielder Elissa Hopkins was injured in the first inning and will be out on a stolen base attempt and will be out for the rest of the season.

Outfielder Karlie Fortman, who leads the team in batting average, doubles, triples, home runs, RBIs and slugging percentage.

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Tournament popularity not without problems

Jay Schwab
Daily Egyptian

The NCAA tournament is a big deal. Too big of a deal.

As the Salukis continue their waiting game to find out if they’re in the tournament field, one has been more evident that the Big Dance couldn’t be much bigger in the realm of college basketball.

“It’s part of why we got excited about being in this business — having a chance to showcase our team and our University in the spotlight like that. It’s something you don’t get too often,” SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said.

Senior Jermaine Dearman said the team is preparing itself for the possibility that it might wind up in the NIT, so no disappointment isn’t too thick if Selection Sunday brings bad news. He said, “I want to go to the Big Dance. That’s where we can actually showcase our talent in a tournament.”

Dearman was referring to money in a figurative sense, but there’s no question dollars are a part of the NCAA equation. Kowalczyk noted the often-discussed correlation between sports teams achieving prominence and the influence that can have on improving enrollments. That especially could hold true for the SIU teams that are up for an upset or two in the tournament.

“I don’t think there’s anything that can approach the exposure that can happen far into the NCAA tournament,” Kowalczyk said.

Although the potential financial rewards, national TV hype and sheer excitement of the games have schools across the country parsing for a place in the action, not all aspects of the Big Dance are attractive.

What are some drawbacks to the massive emphasis placed on the NCAA tournament? For one thing, it costs coaches their jobs. Both Dearman and SIU head coach Bruce Weber expressed regret that so many coaches are fired, in many cases, not playing their teams in the NCAA field frequently enough or not having enough success once they get there.

“Obviously, the Big Dance is the thing everybody kind of looks forward to on season — do you get them or not,” Weber said.

In addition to parting coaches at risk, the country’s fixation on March Madness also tends to sideline the excitement of the games that fill all slots of the NCAA field.

While the Salukis could manage a Tennessee Techese current example of a casualty of the structure of college basketball. Tennessee Tech easily won the Ohio Valley Conference with a 13-1 league record, but lost to Murray State in the championship game of the conference tournament. Unlike SIU, which played a tougher non-conference schedule, the Salukis play in a more respect- 

Conference Tennessee Tech is almost devoid of being left out in the cold.

They lose in their championship, and they don’t get to go to the Big Dance,” Weber said. “Even though they’ve had an unbelievable season, they’re probably not going to make the NCAA Tournament.

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Saluki baseball has something to prove

Todd Merchant

Playing seven games in the next nine days, the SIU baseball team hopes to prove to its Missouri Valley Conference that it is for real and that it will contend for the MVC title this spring.

The Salukis (6-2) begin the trek this weekend with a trip to Illinois State. The华夏 (3-5) at Abe Martin Field.

The Eagles will not be an easy opponent, having recently taken two of three games against the nationally-ranked University of Tennessee, which made it to the College World Series a season ago.

Head coach Don Callahan said eastern Missouri’s victories over Tennessee opened his eyes, especially since they came so early in the season.

“Considering what happened on the mound, considering what they did against Tennessee, I’m sure we’ll have our hands full,” Callahan said. “You have to have a pretty sound ballclub.”

Saluki left fielder Brad Korn (left) and Rolan Roberts (middle) drive a ball for a hit against several Bradley Bawaes in the opening game of the MVC Tournament in St Louis last Saturday.

Despite losing in the opening round of the MVC Tournament, the Salukis have compiled an impressive regular season record and are still hoping for an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament.

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