Gov. Blagojevich's ax slices $6.4 million off SIU's budget

Administrators unclear about dollar amount of cuts

Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

One day after the governor's budget address, news of cuts from this fiscal year's state funding for universities appeared to be slowly trickling out, with some administrators still uncertain Thursday of how big a reduction will hit SIU's budget this year.

For the remaining months of this fiscal year, which ends June 30, SIU's budget will be cut by 2.7 percent, or $6.4 million, two state officials said Thursday. In the upcoming fiscal year 2004, SIU, along with other universities, will suffer a funding cut of 8.2 percent, said R. C. Carroll, spokesman for the Bureau of the Budget. This amounts to a $19.3 million cut over two years for the SIU system.

Although the figures for fiscal year 2004 were disputed, University administrators were surprised to hear that SIU would receive a 2.7 percent cut over this year, which is slightly lower than the 2.9 percent they anticipated. The 2.7 percent figure was confirmed by Carroll and Don Severson, spokesman of the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

"The blueprint is there now," Carroll said.

John Dunn, provost and vice chancellor, said he hadn't heard that amount before and added that the University is still formulating its budget plan and working out details. It is unclear how the $6.4 million cut will be shouldered between both SIU campuses.

"Administrators have said that cuts could lead to layoffs and fewer class options, while Gov. Rod Blagojevich has stressed that cuts come from administrative waste—not the quality of education." Ten campus-wide unions at SIUC have received letters informing them that benefits are possible, a legal stop necessary before employees can get pink-slipped, Dunn said.

Denny Work, vice chancellor for Administration, said he is expecting a memo from Chancellor Walter Wedderll this week that outlines the budget situation in greater detail. Wedderll did not return a call for comment Thursday.

"The budget planning process will continue and university officials will have more to share with the community," said Steve Bius, assistant to SIU President James Walker. "We are not aware of a change in the numbers," he said.

"We're not sure how many dollars, good days are slated for Illinois," said Steve Bius, Daily Egyptian. "No matter what happens, it's not going to be a good year," he said.

"The governor has changed his number three or four times in the last three or four months. This is just another kind of a black eye,"

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**International News**

**War Update**

Current as of 8 a.m. CST, Thursday

- A number of US marines have been killed and others seriously wounded in a suicide bomb attack on a military checkpoint in Baghdad. US Marine spokesman Mjr. Matt Baker said that "some" insurgents had been killed, although he could not say how many. US Marines who said they witnessed the incident told a BBC correspondent that an Iraqi man had approached the checkpoint and detonated a number of grenades. (bbc.com)

- A Shia cleric in the central Iraqi holy city of Najaf has been murdered, a spokesman for the London-based al-Khawla foundation said. Assassins armed with knives attacked Abdul Majid al-Khloei inside the Imam Ali Mosque in Najaf— one of the holiest sites for Shia Muslims. Fadel Milani told BBC News Online. (bbc.com)

- U.S. President George W. Bush and UK Prime Minister Tony Blair have issued a TV message to Iraqis, telling them that the fall of the Saddam Hussein regime is coming to an end. "American and coalition forces are now operating inside Baghdad — and we will not stop until Saddam's corrupt gang is gone," Bush said in his address. (bbc.com)

- Turkey is sending military observers to the Iraqi city of Kirkuk following the occupation of the city centre by US-backed Kurdish forces. Turkey’s foreign minister has said. Abdullah Gul said he had accepted an offer from US Secretary of State Colin Powell to allow observers to make sure Turkish fighters withdraw from the city. (bbc.com)

- A US marine was killed and 23 others were wounded in fighting Thursday after Marines went to the Imam Mosque in north-central Baghdad where senior Iraqi leaders were believed to be meeting. The Marines took fire from the mosque but did not enter the facility, said Navy Ensign Dave Lockett, a U.S. Central Command spokesman. He said the building was not damaged. (cnn.com)

- French President Jacques Chirac says his country is "rejoicing" in the apparent collapse of the Iraqi dictatorship. France strongly opposed a U.S.-led military attack on Iraq, preferring to work with the U.N. Security Council in supporting longer weapons inspections. (cnn.com)

**Today**

High 69
Low 40

Today’s precip: 1/10

Top: 3/10

Partly sunny staying clear throughout the evening. Highs in the upper 60s.

**Police Reports**

**University**

Hannah Amir Bussa, 20, Chicago, was arrested and charged with criminal trespass to premises and disorderly conduct at 6:14 a.m. Saturday at 6445 S. Ellis Ave. He was unable to post bond and was taken to the Jackson County Jail.

Readers who spot an error should contact the Daily Egyptian accuracy desk at 536-3311 ext. 255.

**Calendar**

French Table general meeting
Café Melange
4:30 to 6:50 p.m.

Japanese Table general meeting
Student Center, Gallery Lounge
5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Upcoming Events**

"Confessions of a Date Nymph" Video presentation and discussion
Students Lounge Room
Tuesday, 7 p.m.

**Corrections**

In Thursday’s issue of the Daily Egyptian, the photo that accompanied the front page article, "Regional ungulates have proposed cuts would play out," read, "Due to budget cuts I switched from Bush to McCain." The Daily Egyptian regrets this error.

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Students assess their alcohol consumption

Alcohol Screening Day provides SIUC students information on alcoholism

Kristina Dailing
Daily Egyptian

There are 25 million alcoholics in the United States and one in four in young adults. As a way to educate people about alcohol abuse a National Alcohol Screening Day was established in April, Alcohol Awareness Month. The SIUC Wellness Center joined college campuses as well as businesses around the country for the event.

The United States to educate people about the effects of alcohol Thursday. The Wellness Center also had three tables set up at different locations around campus where students could take a alcohol assessment test to see if their drinking behavior could be leading to alcoholism.

Students can contact the Wellness Center at 536-4441 for information on alcohol addiction.

Alcohol levels in the drinks you consume are based on a drink's alcohol content, not on its volume. One drink contains 14 grams of alcohol, which is equal to one 12-ounce can of beer, wine, or cider; one 5-ounce glass of wine; or one 1.5-ounce shot of distilled spirits. According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, an average-sized woman can drink 1-2 drinks in one sitting, whereas men can drink 2-3 drinks in one sitting. The legal limit for blood alcohol content (BAC) is .08.

Alcohol and drug programs at the Wellness Center stated that a large number of young adults engage in risky behavior that could be leading to alcoholism.

"The assessment is a way to help students become aware of their risky behavior and what their drinking behavior could lead to," Colton said.

"I don't think a lot of people realize they could die from drinking," Stephens said. The Wellness Center will also offer two more alcohol screening days on April 17 and April 24. Report Kristina Dailing can be reached at kdailing@dailyegyptian.com

The consequences of not knowing what to say 'when' can be high
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Three US presidential candidates share their platform on student, university issues

Jane Huh
dailyEgyptian

Editor's note: Earlier this week, the Daily Egyptian met up with the Undergraduate Student Government candidates running for president. Neal Young, a junior in social studies education from Springfield, is on the Freedom Party ticket and is one of the younger candidates running. Michael Rivers, a junior in sociology, is on the Student Government ticket. Paul Ray, a sophomore in political science from Cairo, is on the Renewal Party ticket.

Here are excerpts from the interviews:

Daily Egyptian: What made you decide to run?
Neal Young (Freedom): I joined the Senate two years ago and I work really hard as a senator to represent us.

When I was elected vice president last year, I came to the realization that it's hard to do my job and then some this year. I feel like I've done a good job, the best job I think I could do and so I think I deserve to change another direction at leading the students from a president's office.

Michael Rivers (SUN): It pretty much goes along the same reasons why I decided to run last year. My main platform would be the funding guidelines and the way the student senate functions. I am involved in Beginning Student Government. I've been the president of the club and the way the RSOs have to go through. I called to many RSOs.

A lot of RSOs vented their frustration that they've had with USG. I was a part of USG last year on the finance committee where I heard a lot of the complaints from the RSOs so I know exactly what they're complaining about.

Paul Ray (Renewal): We decided to run for president and vice president respectively because we feel that we got a good list for the students next year. We've been really involved with students over the last two years. I was a senator on the Student Senate Hall Council so we talk to students a lot and we hear what their input is. We're ready to take all that input that we received and get some issues done next year.

DE: What are the main issues you are campaigning about? (When asked this question, Rivers did not address housing and the HRC issues at length)

Young: You've been working with a couple of the new members (on City Council) as well as discussing with a few of the old members of the council who are still on it at the moment. I hope to be excited about USG getting involved in working with them on this issue. What we believe is the roundtable discussion way of going about it rather than trying to create something overnight.

We need to go to the city and with the landlords and find out where we stand. For things like how to develop the student housing that the city is. We need to work with the city and with the landlords and find out what works for them. Then, I think we need to sit down and figure out where we can all be happy with what we're getting. Maybe not everything we want and maybe don't get everything we want but we get all of something we want. Then from that point on, we can then move forward and develop a student rent union.

Ray Gilmer (Ray's running mate): The issue that we have is that we have an underfunded budget and under the current administration has been swept under the rug. We hope that if we were elected we could turn that around.

We feel that housing campus is not to far and if we can bring some sort of many together, it will increase property value off campus and allow our students nice to live.

Human Relations Committee

Young: We want to make sure that it's respected. We want to make sure it's fair and we want everyone, the interest of the students first and foremost.

Rivers: I believe that the HBC should have sub-peoples powers so that we can get things done when they're being complaints to us. We don't want to be the bad guy. We should be associating to problems that students have been wrangled from one committee to another.

Student Activity Fee allocations

Young: We're working for two years to make up the funding system that we have now. Members of the Freedom party were the first ones to start this idea that hey, maybe we should funding that everybody like their equal. We want make sure you get last system. We've worked very hard developing guidelines that treat everyone as equal. We've worked very hard in making sure we take a viewpoint neutral stance on how we allocate money and who we allocate it to.

The system has worked and if you go around and ask the vast majority of the RSOs, they are pleased with it. What they are saying is that their initiatives that we've been sitting down with these groups for weeks, especially SPC. What so we want to do is sit down with them and ask many groups and find out how it's going to take to make the system easier for them. We don't need to change the system itself just fine tune to make sure people find it easy to use, accessible and fair. I think with just a little bit more work, we'll get there. No system will ever be perfect but as long as it works for the majority of people, we can deal with the other individuals on a case-by-case basis to try to make them happy.

Rivers: To me, every RSO on campus has been hurt with their new funding guideline and rules in which they allocate the funds.

There aren't Student Development rules, there aren't University rules, there aren't state rules. We're just rules that a select people within the student government thought of. The problem with these rules is it's limiting the ability for all the RSOs on campus to do their usual functions they're doing for doing years. See it as a problem. Everything that a RSO does can't go through student development so USG has to work on it, and that's been the case here harder for the students. It seems like these last two years, we've gotten away from the idea that RSOs need to do an idea that RSOs need to do ABCs for RSOs. I think that what we need to do is get back to the ABCs for the RSOs. I believe funding will be a lot smoother if they stick to the basics.

I am involved in RSOs, I've been the president of the student government and the RSOs need to defend the interests of the students first and foremost.

Ray: I would like to set up an independent board outside of USG that would take care of that. The reason for that is that I believe that the president and vice president's don't sit directly with USG. There's been a number of years and I hope that this external board would provide more structure, stability and a better fairer process for RSOs to get their money.

DE: If elected, how would you improve the way USG operates?

Young: I would make sure that USG isn't a president-centered office where the president does the job and the president does everything on their own. That's what Michael Rivers did last year, he was a great president but that's how he ran office. He was in charge, he did everything and ultimately, he got to do things. This year, Michael had a lot of responsibilities off campus. He was very hands on, a lot of issues at a lot of different places and I deal with what's going on. It allows us to get more things done. Ultimately, we need to make sure that everyone in USG is pulling its weight and we need to the funding system that we have now.

Rivers: If the SUN party administration is elected, the first thing we would go about doing is asking the students what they want, having a meeting with them and then telling them what we plan to do. We will find out what the students want, and we're not going to bring these complaints here. We will tell people here at SIU or so they can be made most comfortable at SIU. There are more complaints from the international students that their issues aren't being addressed. We're trying to go about making next year's USG more caring for the students and their needs. Making things as simple as possible. We're not trying to complicate things. I'm not saying there should be rules at all but what I'm saying is it's a lot to meet the needs and wants of the students.

Ray: I think the president and vice president of USG needs to get out into the community more and be more visible. Students aren't bringing their problems to us to see our vote is going to bring more to ourselves to the students. I'll go to all these meetings the people want be and I think I'm going to work with that and try to get that done.

Gilmor: We feel that USG over this past year and the previous years has lost focus vs us what it's supposed to be. It is the official voice for the undergraduate students and we feel that as of late, it has dealt with issues that are not of its core. We feel like there are too many students when you leave the city's hands. We think that USG needs to be reinvigorated with dealing with issues that focus on the students of SIU. Once that can happen, we'll have a better Undergraduate Student Government.

DE: How do you stand out from the other two?

Young: The Freedom party has a vision. We've worked on it for two years. We started on the idea that everyone is able to participate in our system. First time, we moved to appealing all of that to the issues we deal with. We have dealt with hundreds of issues in the last couple years and we've accomplished many things, our record proves it; our record dealing with the city issues, dealing with the funding, dealing with RSOs and dealing with the students. Everyone is able to participate in the new members and everyone is able to participate in the city. We would work with the city and with the council who are still on it and they are all really the new members and learn what works for them.

Paul Ray (Renewal): I'm a little bit older. But I think me and my vice president have a strange combination because we have more experience with leadership and by being members of the organization. So it's not just me, it would be my administration when I would bring with them.

Ray: I think the biggest difference between our party the others is that the large majority of people who haven't been involved in USG yet, people who have no ideas and by same perspectives. I think they can be more fanatic because they haven't been so involved in recent years, in recent truffles of USG.

DE: What do you during your down time?

Young: I like to hunt, I like to fish, I like to garden, I like to hike. I spend a lot of time outdoors. I like to fish. Strange combination isn't it? I hang out with my friends and a lot talk politics.

Rivers: I go to the Rec a lot. When I'm not playing, I go to the Rec a lot watch TV. I like people, I can watch how the troops are doing over there. I play basketball a lot. A lot of people are watching the Rec playing. I'm a simple guy, I don't do anything complex.

Ray: The big question is what's free time? I'm in Sigma Nu fraternity. I spend time with close friends and family and have fun.

Ray Gilmer (Ray's running mate): I don't have much else to add. If asked this question, Rivers did not address housing and the HRC issues at length.

Carbondale: Easter egg hunt April 19 at Lakeland Church

The Third Annual Eggstravaganza will be at 11 a.m. April 19 at 1500 S. First St. This event is for children, ages 1-10.

The event will feature a puppet show egg hunt, carnival games and prizes. Events to accompany children, the Eggstravaganza will take place rain or shine. For more information, contact Trent L. Provost, director of Christian Education at 529-4906 or at lakelandchurch222.org

Campus

South Pacific to be performed at Shryock Auditorium

The 13th Annual bodybuilding and fitness show will be held tonight at 7:30 at Shryock Auditorium. The entry fee is $3.00 and bodybuilders will compete for the title 5 p.m. at Shryock Auditorium. Tickets are $10 at the door and $6 in advance. They are available at Check

Cahill in the Student Center.

Angolan Ambassador will not attend cultural show Friday

Because of a time conflict, the Angolan ambassador to the United States and her family will not be able to attend the cultural show. The Cultural show will be held Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Student Center. All the activities for Saturday involving East African culture will be held Tuesday. Attendees are scheduled to follow the program according to the information.
Former presidential candidate George McGovern to speak at SIUC Monday

McGovern trained for several months at SIUC for WWII

Former Anthony Hall resident and B-24 bomber pilot George McGovern will be returning to SIUC Monday to speak to the community after spending a substantial time on campus training for the military before the onset of WWII and then running for U.S. president.

He will speak at 7:30 p.m. Monday in Shryock Auditorium, as part of the Marton-Kenney lecture series sponsored by the Public Policy Institute and the Political Science Department.

Former Sen. McGovern was selected as the Democratic Party’s nominee for president in 1972, and ran an unsuccessful bid against incumbent Pres. Richard M. Nixon. He was the only South Dakotan Democrat to receive a presidential nomination.

McGovern has lectured at more than 1,000 colleges and universities around the world.

He has also received many honorary degrees and distinguished awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the highest civilian honor, which was bestowed upon him by former President and former SIUC alumnus Gerald R. Ford.

McGovern has special ties to southern Illinois community. Upon receiving his diploma from Mitchell High School, in South Dakota in 1940, he was an exemplary student, and his proficiency in debate won him a scholarship to Dakota Wesleyan University, in Mitchell, where he enrolled in 1940.

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McGovern served as a B-24 bomber pilot at Cowan on August 9, 2000.

In 1972, McGovern returned to Carbondale to host a presidential rally and visit a place that endeared him earlier in his life. Stephen Ambrose, who served as the historical consultant on Stephen Spielberg’s “Saving Private Ryan,” mentioned Anthony Hall, McGovern’s squadron and the train in his book “The Wild Blue: The Men and Boys Who Flew the B-24 Bomber into Europe.”

During the 1972 presidential campaign, McGovern described himself as a Democratic antiwar candidate, while Nixon was described as a Republican supporter of the war.


However, McGovern was forced to resign his position as ambassador after the Senate were unable to confirm his nomination on the Senate floor.

The Senate, by a vote of 20 to 19, confirmed the nomination of John McFarlane, a prominent businessman and member of the Senate.

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Our Word

Young for USG president

It’s USG election time again and the Daily Egyptian met with this year’s candidates to discuss their issues and backgrounds. They are Neal Young, Paul Ray and Michael Rivers.

We endorse Neal Young for president. Young, 26, is a junior in social studies and education. He has been involved in USG for two years, one as a senator and one as vice president. His experience this year as vice president of USG has given him a good idea of what he can do next year and the ability to accomplish it. In the past, he has shown superior effort to get students involved, such as sponsoring drives to register students for voting.

Bringing realistic, Young acknowledges that you can’t get everyone involved, but he will continue to fight for more student interest just the same. His own fight includes going to Springfield to lobby for students’ higher education rights and getting involved in city issues relating to students.

For next year, Young plans to continue working on these types of problems. For example, he has spoken with all the new city council members and mayor-elect about the Human Relations Commission, eminent domain and student housing. He cited the number of renters and rental housing in Carbondale, demonstrating the research he has done, and has already begun work with the new council members on revising a “communitarian” based way of dealing with housing. An approach one that allows students, community members, University staff and administrators and the Council to address the problems. He has fought in Springfield to put caps on tuition increases, and locks on tuition prices for freshmen. Bills pertaining to those issues are under review in the General Assembly.

Registered Student Organization funding is one of the biggest issues relating to USG. The funding process has become more complicated during the past few years, but Young stands by the record that these procedures have been successful. Now, he says, is the time to tune the system, eliminating “red tape” to make it easier for RSOs to access their money. Young said it takes a certain type of person to be USG president, one who will go out and get things done.

While Young pointed out, to accomplish this goal, you must get people to understand what they’re doing and get the process moving. Ray said USG will hire someone to take care of the siphon of the little of good and bad landlords, taking a huge chunk of money out of USG funds. This will only aggravate funding and spending more.

While Ray’s goals are strong, they will be stronger in another year. We hope to see him run again.

Michael Rivers has been involved in both USG and the Black Affairs Council, among other organizations. He has done good work in both areas. But as a candidate for USG president, he just doesn’t hold up. He had two main goals, one of which is to get more students involved. However, requesting that, he didn’t have many specifics to accomplish this task. The second goal had to do with the USG funding process for RSOS, which he said is messy and difficult.

We don’t disagree. But the only change he cited to make was “back the basics.” We’re not sure what this means or what it will do and he didn’t seem to either.

Overall, Rivers has had some problems dealing with funding while operating as BAC president. Under his administration, the BAC misallocated funds to buy computers, putting them in debt. While this is not in direct relation to Rivers not receiving our endorsement, and while we do not place all blame on Rivers; it must be considered when assigning someone to run an organization in charge of $300,000 of students’ money.

In addition, Rivers just didn’t seem as organized as the other candidates, and didn’t have any ideas for his potential presidency. Both his goals are worthy: things we hope to see a USG president examine, but Rivers is not the person to accomplish them.
Introducing your Democratic nominee: in for 2004

Brad Goodman
The Journal (U. Illinois-Springfield)

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (UPI) — With the next presidential election a year and a half away, it's time to look at some of the major presidential candidates.

The Democratic Party after a tough loss in the 2000 election is looking for redemption with a decisive victory in 2004. The party, as of now, has more than a few members who have officially announced their intentions to run for President of the United States. These candidates have many similarities and many differences, ranging from background, political views, race and religion.

One of the most interesting of the Democratic candidates is former Gov. Howard Dean of Vermont. Gov. Dean's career is one of natural development. He started as a State Representative in 1983 and in 1991 was elected governor of Vermont, a post he held until early 2003. Dean, the Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist is a physician. Governor Dean is very popular with the progressive branch of his party, and is becoming well known for his stand against war approach. Though, Dean is finally building a name for himself in his party, his lack of experience on his party's platform are slim. Interestingly, for the historians out there the Dean of Vermont is the one who gave known governor to run for President and was none other then Bill Clintons. So while Hillary Clinton is running for first state, he could be the next Bill Clinton.

Another well-known New Englander is also interested in the presidential run and is a Vietnam veteran. Name: John Kerry; the senator from Massachusetts — has formally thrown his hat in the race for President. Kerry recently spoke up a notch when he compared the need to remove Saddam Hussein with the need to have a "morning in the Middle East."

One of the major Democratic Party candidates is the former House Minority Leader from Illinois, Dennis Hastert. He is a former Speaker of the U.S. House, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee and is a Vietnam veteran. His political prospects are very uncertain, and he is not expected to make a run for President.

The most unusual Democratic candidate to run for President is John Edwards, the senior U.S. Senator from North Carolina, Edwards is a typical Democrat, running for his third term. Edwards made his name as a fairly young trial lawyer who won major cases, and raised major money. Sen. Edwards is gun rights advocate, but he has no experience is stranger at best. His only political experience is his current position. He was North Carolina's Attorney General from 1993 to 1997, beginning in January 1999. Some believe that while he has the look and can talk the talk, he is really only a political player and needs time to fundraise and build awareness.

Joe Lieberman, a-senator from Connecticut is well known nationally for running as Al Gore's vice president candidate in 2000. Lieberman, an attorney, was the chief legal counsel to the Senate's team in 2000. In 2003, Lieberman is well known, moderate, bipartisan, but his ideologically is highly questionable. Most of the country feels Lieberman's political stance in acceptable, but being an Orthodox Jew may hurt him. Also Lieberman's politics are very attractive, but are much further to the right than most other major candidates. Lieberman is the most experienced politician, and is a likeable candidate.

Political ads for the Democratic nominations campaign run (in the normally television) and on radio. The most noticeable is a set of political ads from Ohio's Sen. Bob Graham,漂亮的 Senate race is on track to be very close. The public now is aware of the costs and benefits of the war in Iraq and is less likely to support the war.

The upcoming presidential election, likely to be held in the spring of 2004, is probably the most important election in the United States. Kerry, the former Secretary of State, is the only candidate who can reasonably expect to win the nomination. Kerry's campaign is well known for his 24/7 availability to the media. Kerry has been formally announced as a candidate and is seen as a front-runner in the Democratic nomination, and, after all, his name is John F. Kerry, or JFK, for short. John Kerry was a front-runner in the 2004 Democratic nomination until the newspaper story became public knowledge.

The real story of the election is the political line that President Bush has been following. In the 2004 election, Bush cannot deny that he will take a very good campaign. Bush is the most popular and is a good candidate, but his political lines are not popular with the American public.

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Joe Lieberman, a-senator from Connecticut is well known nationally for running as Al Gore's vice president candidate in 2000. Lieberman, an attorney, was the chief legal counsel to the Senate's team in 2000. In 2003, Lieberman is well known, moderate, bipartisan, but his ideologically is highly questionable. Most of the country feels Lieberman's political stance in acceptable, but being an Orthodox Jew may hurt him. Also Lieberman's politics are very attractive, but are much further to the right than most other major candidates. Lieberman is the most experienced politician, and is a likeable candidate.

Political ads for the Democratic nominations campaign run (in the normally television) and on radio. The most noticeable is a set of political ads from Ohio's Sen. Bob Graham,漂亮的 Senate race is on track to be very close. The public now is aware of the costs and benefits of the war in Iraq and is less likely to support the war.

The upcoming presidential election, likely to be held in the spring of 2004, is probably the most important election in the United States. Kerry, the former Secretary of State, is the only candidate who can reasonably expect to win the nomination. Kerry's campaign is well known for his 24/7 availability to the media. Kerry has been formally announced as a candidate and is seen as a front-runner in the Democratic nomination, and, after all, his name is John F. Kerry, or JFK, for short. John Kerry was a front-runner in the 2004 Democratic nomination until the newspaper story became public knowledge.

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The Dangers of Drinking

Social drinking can lead to serious problems in the future, but early detection and treatment can prevent one from becoming a problem drinker or an alcoholic.

story by Samantha Robinson • art by Josh Miskinis

Social, problem, and alcoholic classifications of drinkers:

- Social drinkers - men who have five or more drinks in a row, frequently
- Problem drinkers - men who have five or more drinks in a row, but do not always mark their limits
- Alcoholic - that people often drink alone, may blackout, get themselves into trouble after a heavy drinking session.

Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT)

For the following questions, check the box that comes closest to your answer:

1. How often do you have a drink containing alcohol?
   - Never
   - Monthly or less
   - Two to three times a month
   - Four or more times a month

2. How many drinks containing alcohol do you have on a typical day when you are drinking?
   - 1 or 2
   - 3 or 4
   - 5 or 6
   - 7 or 8
   - 9 or more

3. How often do you have four or more drinks on one occasion?
   - Never
   - Less than monthly
   - Monthly
   - Weekly
   - Daily or almost daily

4. How often during the last year have you had that you were not able to stop drinking once you started?
   - Never
   - Less than monthly
   - Monthly
   - Weekly
   - Daily or almost daily

5. How often during the last year have you tried to cut down on your drinking but could not?
   - Never
   - Less than monthly
   - Monthly
   - Weekly
   - Daily or almost daily

6. How often during the last year have you been unable to get up in the morning after a heavy drinking session?
   - Never
   - Less than monthly
   - Monthly
   - Weekly
   - Daily or almost daily

7. How often during the last year have you had a feeling of guilt or remorse after drinking?
   - Never
   - Less than monthly
   - Monthly
   - Weekly
   - Daily or almost daily

8. How often during the last year have you been in trouble with the law because of your drinking?
   - Never
   - Less than monthly
   - Monthly
   - Weekly
   - Daily or almost daily

9. Have you or someone else been injured as a result of your drinking?
   - Yes, but not in the last year
   - Yes, during the last year

10. Has a relative, friend, a doctor or health worker been concerned about your drinking or suggested you cut down?
    - No
    - Yes, but not in the last year
    - Yes, during the last year

If most of your answers came from the farthest right column, you might have a bit of a drinking problem.

More than 25 percent of college students are academically affected by their drinking habits.
Cops play charity basketball
Game raises hundreds for Special Olympics

Greg Cima
Daily Egyptian

Carbondale police were helping those less fortunate in a different kind of court Tuesday night.

Family members, off-duty police, high school students and a few Saluki basketball players made up most of the crowd of about 50 people that came out to watch Carbondale Police Officers ditch their uniforms and badges for shorts and t-shirts to raise between $500 and $1000 of dollars for the Special Olympics.

Amen only with a water cooler, the officers played four quarters against the 200 Zipper Hoopers, members of the Zimmer Radio Group, at Carbondale High School to benefit the Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run for Illinois' Special Olympics.

A thinly spread crowd sat in the first few rows of benches and seats and cheered as nicknames such as Sweetman, Sucker Weapon and Rook were called out. During warm-ups, a few of the younger cops ribbed their teammates from the sidelines, telling them to "hustle up."

Some officers said they came out because, "This may be police brutality," said Saluki ranks basketball starter Sylvester Willis from the sidelines as the score reached a 20-point difference.

"It's a little slower paced than normal," said Marvin Spyer, whose son-in-law was playing for the police.

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When asked how he would do it in a way that's non-threatening way. "I can't make a living doing that, but to dispel stereotypes and build an understanding, we've been known to bend the rules, as the score reached 14-2 at halftime," Quest said.

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Ethnic diversity of U.S. troops puzzles Iraqi citizens

Ron Harris
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

TWENTY MILES SOUTH OF BAGHDAD, 7th MARINES (KRT) — The Marines were less than 48 hours into their invasion of Iraq when Pfc. Michael Lara of Raymond, Ill., was first asked the question that he and some other Marines would get repeatedly from civilians.

Lara, 19, was standing guard in the turret of his Humvee, manning a machine gun along the Shatt Al-Sara bridge in southern Iraq when an old man and his two sons asked permission to pass across the strategic checkpoint.

"Kuwait?" the man asked again.

"Naw, lar," responded, "American, Mexican."

But I don't think he believed me," Lara, a member of Weapons Company, 3rd Battalion, said later. "He just kept looking at me."

Cpl. Raul San Martin, a 23-year-old Mexican American from Los Angeles, was first mistaken for Iraqi, then Kuwaiti as he was standing guard a few days ago in defense of the Marines' position at a soccer stadium in the town of Numaniyah.

"He just kept asking if I was one thing and then the other, and I was thinking, 'Well, now I know that if I wanted to I could get a job for the CIA. ' San Martin said Saturday as he again was standing guard, this time along a road leading into Baghdad.

"Yeah, those kids asked me if I was Iraqi," Navy Corpsman Ron Dawson, 20, an African-American from Columbus, Ga., said incredulously. "I don't look Iraqi."

But Corpsman Benedict Biro, 19, of Alameda, Calif., may have gotten the strangest question while at his post in Numaniyah.

"One kid asked me if I was related to martial arts movie star Jackie Chan," said Biro, who is Filipino.

"I said no, American, " Biro said incredulously.

Their business concluded, the exal moved toward his house, but as he did, Milroe and Haskamp said they could hear him muttering to himself in disbelief; "Syrian. Syrian."

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(Top left) Stanley Bryant, a sophomore safety, helps Amed Elshkary, 5 1/2, of Carbondale look for Easter eggs at the Head Start school, 1900 N. Illinois Ave. The SIUC football team came out in force to hunt eggs and play with the children. (Bottom left) Kia Smith, 4, collected her five Easter eggs and shows them to Travis Jumper, a freshman offensive lineman. (Bottom right) The kids were hard to keep up with as Desiree Knight, 5, ran one way under the watchful eye of Sterling Haywood, a freshman tailback. Desiree said she was not a cheerleader as she was just wearing an outfit her mother bought her. (Top right) Amed Elshkary opens one of the Easter eggs she found to see what prizes were inside. Holly Duckworth, Head Start Center director for Carbondale said that the children were excited all week waiting for the football players to show up.
Proposed student-fee increases take one step closer to reality

Valerie N. Donnals Daily Egyptian

Students may be required to pay an additional $2.60 in student fees beginning fall 2004. The proposed student-fee increases have been vetoed by the Undergraduate Student Government and Graduate and Professional Student Council presented to the Board of Trustees.

The proposal was introduced at Thursday’s meeting and the board is expected to vote on them during its May meeting.

If approved, the fees will go to six units on campus: Primary Health and Graduate and Professional Student Activity, Athletics, the Student Center and the Recreation Center. The money is projected to go toward the maintenance of facilities, salaries and student programs.

The elimination of all the fees will result in a total of $665.55 students will pay in addition to tuition for fiscal year 2004. The Board has already approved an increase of $33.55 for fiscal year 2004.

USG approved the $2.60 increase for the Student Safety Program. USG also approved an increase for Campus Recreation, which supported the Student Activity Fee Fund.

The $1.90 increase is divided. Campus Safety Program will use 15 cents to cover the cost of the increase in student minimum wages and to fund a new handicap-accessible van.

Rainbow’s End Child Development Center, which provides daycare services, will receive the remaining $1.75 increase and will replace grant money that currently pays for four teachers, food and equipment for the infants.

“Both provide a vital service to our students on campus,” Young said. “People really wanted to say no across the board, but I think it was a fair compromise to say yes to these.”

The Graduate and Professional Student Council rejected the fee increases for the Student Center, the Student Recreation Center, saying they did not believe that the administration gave sufficient reasons or demonstrate that they needed increases in those areas.

USG voted down the housing increase by a slim margin. Young said their main reason for not supporting it was because it was too expensive for students to live off campus. Undergraduate Senate, made up of returning students, could not endorse the increase in the past because it felt too expensive for student-housing on campus.

Senate for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences said that they have supported housing increases in the past because it felt too expensive for students to live off campus. Undergraduate Senate, made up of returning students, could not endorse the increase in the past because it felt too expensive for student-housing on campus.

USG also rejected increases for athletics, the Student Center, and campus recreation, citing the current budget crisis state of the economy.

With 10 percent of students losing their MARP grant for next year, USG thought students could not financially handle the increases.

“The real issue here is how we pay for things while keeping the cost of the great things right now by planning construction and new buildings, but it would be too force freshmen to live on campus.”

Emily Wong Managing Daily (California Poly State U)

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (U-WIRE) — After studying abroad in Florence, Italy last year, he attended his first graduation at the Polytechnic State University. Five days before he planned to drive back to school, architecture senior Vincent Michael Estrada, 24, was fatally shot.

Estrada and his cousin, Alex Estrada, were participating in a Spring break trip to California at SMI Machine Shop in Sacramento, police said. Derek Allen Jones, 41, allegedly fired a .38-caliber revolver at Estrada and Working while guarding the auto service in the parking lot, the shooting occurred at about 2:03 a.m. on March 25. Sacramento Fire Department personnel were on scene.

Prior to the event, three custom rims had been stolen from a Cadillac at the site.

Police arrested and booked Wedding for grand theft and trespassing. Currently Jones is on trial for murder, police said, but he was initially arrested on suspicion of murder for the death of Estrada.

Estrada was a good student with a promising career as an architect.
2 & 3 BDRM, smoke & pet area, 1st, 2nd, no dogs, avail May, call 549-0031.

2 BDRM HOUSE, 1st, May, 2nd, large yard, new paint, 550/mo.

2 BDRM HOUSE, 1st, May, near SIU, single parking, new paint, 547-4172.

2 BDRM HOUSE, 2nd, fire/water, pets OK, call 549-8829.

2 BDRM HOUSES, 3rd, fire, w/d, porch, new, May, call 549-4411.

2 BDRM HOUSE, 4th, pets, call 549-1731.

2 BDRM HOUSE, 1st, 2nd, pets OK, call 549-1731.

2 BDRM HOUSE, 4th, fire, pets OK, call 549-1731.

2 BDRM, close to campus, pets OK, call 549-1731.

3 & 4 BDRM, extra large rooms, extra nice, c/air, 2 bath, wide, 2 bay windows, 524-4145.

3 & 4 BDRM, C/OALE, 3 BDRM, large yard, w/d, study, 457-5664.

3 BDRM, NEAR rec center, avail Aug, good walk center, 529-2535.

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3 & 4 BDRM, C/OALE, 3 BDRM. large yard, w/d, study, 457-5664.

3 BDRM, WEDGEWOOD Hills 2, bed, bath, parking, with shelf, 524-6191.

4 BDRM HOUSE, 4th, pets OK, call 549-1731.

5 & 6 BDRM HOUSE, w/d, c/a, lor rent $1100/mo, 549-4808.

5 BDRM W/BASEMENT, 805 Walnut, ceiling fan, 529-2535.

5 BDRM HOUSE, 4th, close to campus, c/air, 2 bath, wide, 2 bay windows, 524-4145.

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3 bdrm - 103, 310, 313, 610 W Cherry 405 N Ash, 322 W Walnut 105 S Forest, 306 College

2 bdrm - 303 W College 406, 324, 319 W Walnut

TOP CDALE LOCATIONS, 2, 3, 4 & 5 BDRM HOUSES, w/d, have w/f, 1 free room, some c/air, deck, 609-4145 or avail, 544-6515.

TOP WOODSIDE LOCATION, Luxury 3 bdrm, 1 1/2 bath house, w/d, garage, pets, all new units avail, 544-8414 or 654-8552.

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DE Newsroom Job Listings for Summer and Fall 2003

The Daily Egyptian is accepting applications for the following newsroom positions for the summer 2003 semester and fall 2003 semester.

All summer jobs require Monday-Friday regular work schedules (except where indicated), and fall jobs will also require some Sundays with flexibility to work additional hours and other days as needed. All applicants must be in good academic standing. For summer and fall employment, all applicants must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours.

Reporters
- Report and write stories for daily paper; responsible for covering assigned specific beat.
- Knowledge of journalistic writing style preferred; strong spelling, grammar skills required.
- Average 20 hours a week.
- Daytime 3-4 hour time block required.
- Writing and editing exam required of all applicants.

Photographers
- Shoot news and feature photos for daily paper.
- Must possess own camera equipment.
- Must be able to shoot and process 35mm black-and-white film. Knowledge of photojournalism and digital processing preferred.
- Flexible 3-4 hour daily time block, including weekends
- Photocopies of 5-10 photos that you have taken should accompany your application. Portfolios are welcome, but we cannot guarantee that they will be returned.

Copy Editors/Designers
- Responsible for page design and layout of daily paper, including headline writing.
- Monday-Thursday evening work block during the summer. Sun-Jay-Thursday evening work block required for fall.
- Must be detail-oriented and able to work quickly and efficiently under deadline pressures.
- Strong knowledge of spelling, grammar and word usage required. Knowledge of journalistic writing preferred.
- Desktop publishing with PageMaker, QuarkXPress or InDesign preferred.

Newsroom. Graphic Designer
- Produce illustrations, charts, graphs and other graphics for DE stories and special sections.
- 10 hours a week, late afternoon-evening work schedule, other times as needed.
- Knowledge of graphics software, such as Adobe Illustrator, preferred.
- Photocopies of about 5 examples of your work should accompany your application.

Columnists
- Write one general-interest column per week for the DE. Human interest-type column relating to student life and student interests preferred.
- Schedule flexible but must be able to meet a deadline.
- At least two sample columns should accompany your application.

Cartoonist
- Script and illustrate daily comic strip or panel.
- Schedule flexible but must be able to meet a deadline.
- At least one week of sample comics should accompany your application.

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Daily Horoscope

By Linda C. Black

To day’s Birthday (April 11), You’re lucky this year, but it’s not all a gift. Your own judgment has a lot to do with it. Although you face challenges, don’t be afraid. With faith you can come out on top. Play by the rules, the way you were taught, and you’ll gain wisdom and success.

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

Aries (March 21–April 19) • Today Is 1 • Don’t get so interested in playing that you forget to take care of business. You’ll have a lot more fun with a few more coins in your pockets.

Taurus (April 20–May 20) • Today Is 5 • Your place would be perfect for the party this evening, and for most of this weekend. Schedule private time for Sunday.

Gemini (May 21–June 21) • Today Is 7 • Continue to study as much as you can. What you learn may seem to contradict what you already know, but that’s what makes it interesting.

Cancer (June 22–July 22) • Today Is 6 • The work may be challenging, but you’re the best one for this job. You’ll be rewarded if you concentrate on doing it well.

Leo (July 23–Aug. 22) • Today Is 10 • You’re looking good, and so are most of your favorite people. You may have a few little squabbles, but you’re usually the ones others follow.

Virgo (Aug. 23–Sept. 22) • Today Is 5 • The best investment you can make now is in fixing up your place. Besides, it’ll make you feel much better. It’s a win-win situation.

Libra (Sept. 23–Oct. 22) • Today Is 8 • Stick to your routine as much as you can, and the day will go quickly. Follow an enthusiastic friend for a way around any problems.

Scoiie (Oct. 23–Nov. 21) • Today Is 5 • Your general rule is to never volunteer, but maybe you can make an exception this time. Check with the people who need help.

Scorpio (Nov. 22–Dec. 21) • Today Is 10 • You’re ready to go, but there are still a few important tasks on your list. If you don’t do them now, they’ll slow you down tomorrow, and that would be awful.

Sagittarius (Dec. 22–Jan. 19) • Today Is 5 • It’s hard to get your message across to a person who is tight-lipped. Save your breath, and show what you mean with deeds, not words.

Capricorn (Dec. 22–Jan. 19) • Today Is 5 • Some folks insist on staying the course, and some say it’s time for a change. If you keep pointing out what works, you’ll benefit either way.

Aquarius (Jan. 20–Feb. 18) • Today Is 8 • Hand the baton to an enthusiastic teammate. The others can push your project forward while you watch for possible problems.

Pisces (Feb. 19–March 20) • Today Is 5 • Some folks insist on staying the course, and some say it’s time for a change. If you keep pointing out what works, you’ll benefit either way.

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Collective action a powerful tool for SIU men's tennis team

Saluki boast four players with one or more wins in the spring season

Sauk sports editor

by up and down the SIU men's lineup has made light weight of the season so far this spring season.

SIU men's tennis is 9-4 overall and has a solid shot at the top tier of the Missouri Valley Conference.

"Every day we try and keep the players on track," said Tony Barone, head coach.

A win over Drake last weekend continued that trend and the Salukis are currently 2-0 and 6-1 at home.

Now it just has to continue that play on the road - the Salukis make the nine-hour trip to Texas A&M on Saturday and then take on Southeast Missouri State (4-8, 1-3) on Sunday.

"This weekend is really important for us," Barone said. "It's the biggest SIU men's tennis weekend of the year so far, and we need to put our best foot forward on the court for the rest of the season.

The Salukis are taking on two challenging opponents this weekend, and Barone is counting on his players to step up and deliver.

Jeffrey said, "Wichita State is one of those teams we are not yet. We feel like it is going to be a tough match.

"We are tied with them in fifth in the MVC for the season," Jeffrey said.

Wichita State boasts the MVC men's tennis program, and Barone is ready for the challenge.

Gonzales, a junior from Sales System Ltd., and Williams, a senior from Portsmouth Invitational, are key players for the Saluki program.

But despite their experience, the Salukis have shown that they can compete with any team.

Barone is counting on his team's depth and talent to give them the edge this weekend.

So if you're a Saluki fan, make sure to catch the matches this weekend. It's going to be a tough one, but Barone and his team are ready to take it on.
Saluki softball takes on SW Missouri St.
SIU hopes to hold off Bears in crucial Missouri Valley Conference series

Jen Deja
Daily Egyptian

Although the SIU softball team still has 14 Missouri Valley Conference games remaining on its schedule, this weekend’s series against Southwest Missouri State will allow the Salukis to give themselves a little bit of breathing room.

The series begins with a noon doubleheader Saturday at noon at Charlotte West Stadium. The final game is Sunday at noon.

The Salukis sit in third place in the MVC with a 9-3 league mark. The Bears are in fourth with a record of 7-6 in MVC play.

FRESHMEN TWIST STANDARDS

“SIU head coach Kerri Blaylock said if the Salukis can come out and play like they did against Evansville in Thursday’s 8-6 victory, they should be able to handle the Bears.”

“I know SMS is right in the battle up at the top of the MVC, and I think if we come out and play like we did [Thursday] they should be no problem,” Blaylock said.

“Early on in the season, we were hitting a wall and having trouble getting on base against the younger pitchers they were throwing against us. We have really shown our resolve.”

“SIU sophomore Amy Harre began the weekend when the Salukis defeated Evansville 6-0, making the third time in the past five games the Salukis defeated a team with the eight-run rule.”

TheSalukis have won four of their last five matches and hold a 2-1 record in MVC play.

“We are still focused as intense as we were,” Blaylock said. “This weekend gives us a chance to put ourselves a little bit of breathing room.”

“SIU women’s tennis still hot going into weekend matches

Salukis begin five-match homestand this weekend against SMS, WSU

Zack Creglow
Daily Egyptian

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Salukis zero in on Aces
SIU softball team tops Evansville 8-0, Adie Viehhaus hits first career dinger
Jens Deju  Daily Egyptian

During batting practice before the SIU softball team's 8-0 victory over the Evansville Purple Aces on Thursday, head coach Kerri Blaylock took a hand at predicting the game.

"I will tell you her hit," said Viehhaus during batting practice in front of the entire dugout. "She hit the ball so well!"

"It's about time that you come up with a big one," Blaylock said.

In a season where the Salukis (25-6, 9-3 Missouri Valley Conference) have been crushing the ball all over, producing a home run seems about as hard as predicting Kerri Williams will hit a three-pointer. That is until you realize the only home run Viehhaus has hit this year was an inside-the-park run at high school.

This is the bottom of the third inning of the Salukis' 8-0 win over Evansville Thursday at Charlotte West Stadium. She later scored on a three-run homer by Jenny Doehring.

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\text{The Salukis play 20 SNS this weekend.} \\
\text{Hare allowed just three hits and struck out six Evansville hitters while lowering her league leading ERA to 0.73.}
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The sophomore has been credited with three straight complete games, but has needed to make more pitches because her team outscored their opponents.

"I was laughing so hard when I came around second," Viehhaus said. "I saw her and she was just like I called it."

The Salukis breeched out of the 0-0 tie in celebration and mugged Viehhaus at the plate as she scored the go-ahead run. Viehhaus is 5-0 against the preseason MVC Favorites at Charlotte West Stadium-Rochman Field.

Following the game reporters jokingly asked Viehhaus if she was going to go to her mother while she was at SIU. Viehhaus said she did not have the ball, but her family wanted her to hit it down.

"My mom said, 'did you get the ball and I'm proud of you, even if it is hit into the water."

Viehhaus said, "I don't know, I might get it. It's out there somewhere."

Juniior shortstop Jenny Doehring, who earlier hit a three-run home run and finished the day 3-5 with six RBIs, said Viehhaus' home run was just another highlight in a game where the Salukis were hitting on all cylinders.

"That was a big hit and we went all excited for her," Doehring said.

The game was called after five innings because of the eight-run rule, marking the third start for Amy Hare where she has had to throw just five innings because her team outscored their opponents.

"I didn't think about that," Hare said with a look of shock on her face. "It's a relief. It's a little bit better obviously they're doing something right. I don't have any control over that, that's a good job by our team.

While the Salukis played Blaylock called their most complete game of the season, the mullet they didn't see the best that Evansville had to offer.

"I'm going to tell you right now that they're a better team than 0-0," Blaylock said. "We just beat a good team."

The Purple Aces record dropped to 3-13 and 0-7 in MVC play with the loss, but the Salukis expect to see a different team when they travel to Evansville. And, near Wednesday for a doubleheader.

But for the present, the No. 26 ranked Salukis simply smelted blood in the water and took it to Evansville, knowing they could now allow a strong team to stick around.

Salukis battle college club with minor league feel
Christopher Morrical  Daily Egyptian

On April 1, the Bradley Braves played the same game against the Purple Aces, who have a club baseball team.

The Salukis team played a club team, but was not bad enough, the Braves were forced to face major league opposition.

Cardinals closer Jason Isringhausen and starting pitcher Jason Marquis both pitched for the Chis. The Braves managed two runs, but allowed 13 in the ninth inning. The game was stopped because of rain, and the use of wooden bats instead of the usual aluminum ones.

In the fourth inning, the Salukis rallied on two hits and scored five runs. The game was stopped due to a rain delay.

"Bradley's strength is pitching," said Jason Isringhausen. "The Braves have a 3-0 mark ERA — something that could make things difficult for a Saluki team that has struggled all season." Bradley has been weak against this type of offense and has struggled to gain ground.

"We've never done one of these things before, we're going to be successful this weekend," the表示 said.

"We've never done one of these things, we're going to try to make the best of it," said Jason Marquis.

Junior Steve Primal has been leading the Salukis offensively, hitting .346 with four home runs and 11 RBIs. His brother, Troy, also a starter, is hitting .340 with six home runs and 23 RBIs. Just as impressive, he has a .530 on-base percentage.

Both the Salukis (17-12, 8-3 MVC) and the Braves (13-14, 4-6 MVC) are contending for the Valley Conference and NCAA tournament commitments, and both are working on their respective goals.

The two teams have struggled against the same opponents in the Valley, but have improved this season. The Salukis have improved in all categories, including hitting.

"They're a tough team, we have a lot of respect for them," Primal said.

"Our team has struggled the last few years," Braves head coach Danny Krawczyk said. "We've been very good. We're probably a little bit better this year. Generally, we're a team that has decent pitching and we struggle offensively.

The Braves have accumulated a .285 batting average, while their last four games, they have a 0.300 batting average. The Braves have also been beaten only by the injury bug at a stepper pace than Bradley.

"The teams will not meet their skills in the newly built home park of the Peoria Chiefs called O'Brien Field," Primal said. "But it was a good game for both teams."

"We played a good game," Primal said. "We played a good game and we have the opportunity to help them match up with Wisconsin State and Indiana State.

"The games that are out there are won games that are really going to make money when it comes down to it," Primal said.

"We have a really good team," the Braves said. "We have a really good team and we have a lot of respect for the competition."