Accountant considered to fix USG errors

**CHRISTIAN HALE**
**Daily Egyptian**

A projected amount of $500,000 could be taken from the Student Activity Fee to improve management of the Student Organization Activity Fund, said Undergraduate Student Government President Bill Archer.

According to Archer, the intent of the money would be to pay for another accountant to finance the present accountant and provide an office manager. The money for this change would affect the amount of money available for registered student organizations.

At present, two people work within Student Development, managing both Student Development and student organization's accounts.

Nancy Hunter Pet, director of Student Development, declined to comment, saying without a formalized proposal, discussion would be premature.

If the plan goes through, the transfer of funds could occur as early as next fall, pending the approval of Larry Dietz, vice chancellor of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management.

Dietz said while no official proposal exists yet, the accounting positions that balance the budgets for Student Organization Activity Fund program's accounts would be the first.

Murray State makes a play for SIUC's students

Tuition decrease may spell trouble for SIUC officials

**ANNE MARIE TAVELLA**
**Daily Egyptian**

The day after sitting down to his table at the SIU Cafeteria, Chancelor John Jackson received a surprising phone call from the Associated Press. The wire service wanted his reaction to a policy that could lose students away from SIUC.

Beginning in fall 2001, Illinois students will no longer have to pay $4,600 in out-of-state tuition and fees at SIUC.

"I thought that was a little surprising and frankly unwelcome," Jackson said.

Phil Bryan, Murray State's dean of admissions, said they chose to match SIUC's tuition and fees because SIUC was the closest four-year school in Illinois to use as a benchmark.

"It's easier to understand and it's a regional tuition," Bryan said.

The school is also matching the in-state tuition rates of Indiana State University, Southeast Missouri State University and Austin Peay State University in Tennessee.

"We just wanted to give another viable option to students," Bryan said.

Bush nabs Florida's electoral votes; Gore contests election

With no president named, election in legal limbo

**GEOFFREY RITTLER**
**Daily Egyptian**

Three weeks after election, 2000 came into overtime, the war continues to rage on — and the battle has moved from the ballot to the bench.

Despite Florida Secretary of State Katherine Harris' Sunday announcement, which passed the state's 25 electoral votes to Texas Gov. George W. Bush, controversy is flowing into Florida and federal courtrooms regarding the final tallies.

The legal town for Vice President Al Gore, who lost the electoral vote by a margin of only 537 votes, is currently contesting results from three Florida counties — Miami-Dade, Nassau and Palm Beach — based on alleged irregularities in the recount process.

While a circuit court judge ruled last week that a courthouse revote would be unconstitutional, upset voters continue
CALENDAR

Museum Auditorium, Pcm 453-4646.

- SPC Marketing Committee meeting, 5:00 p.m., Student Center Activity Room, A. Lower Student Center.
- Beta Phi Pi workshop on "How to Graduate from 1977," held on November 30th, SPC Student Center, 4:00 p.m.
- Pre-Health Professionals Association final meeting, 7 p.m., Missouri/Kaskaskia Room Student Center, Bryan 453-5316.
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority information meeting and Ms. Kadijoh Sweetheart Still auditions, 4:00 p.m., Activity D Student Center, 529-7456 or 4:00 p.m., Activity E Student Center, 272-7458.

UPCOMING

- Small Business Development Center offers business strategy sessions, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Room 25, 5 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Burr-Buchanan Economic Development Center at Carbondale, 534-3242.
- Library Affairs workshop with the Web, Nov. 28, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Library Room, 1030, 534-2818.
- Christian Apologetics Club meeting to understand Christianity, every Wednesday, 5:30 p.m., Student Center, 529-4041.
- Ninth Street Tabernacle Ministries Bible study, every Thursday, 4:30 p.m., Student Center, 529-4041.
- Women's Action Coalition meeting to discuss issues facing today's women, every Wednesday, 7 p.m., Women's Studies, 1211.
- Public Relations Student Association of America meeting, every Wednesday, 4:30 p.m., Student Center, 529-4041.
- Healing Towards Wholeness Support Group, every Wednesday, 5:00 p.m., Activity D Student Center, 529-4041.
- Model U.N. meeting, every Wednesday, 5:00 p.m., Activity E Student Center, 529-4041.
- SPC News and Views Committee meeting, every Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Sangamon Room Student Center, 534-3353.
- Scholarships for new students, every Thursday, 5:30 p.m., Student Center, 534-3353.
- Gamma Beta Phi general meeting, Nov. 30, 6 p.m., Kaskaskia Room Student Center, 529-4041.
- Alpha Chi Omega Mississippian African-American Bible study, every Thursday, 7 p.m., Ohio Student Center, 529-7088.
- SPU Advertising Agency meeting, every Thursday, 7 p.m., CBC Room.
- Diverse Relations Finding Support Group for women seeking single, every Thursday, 4:30 p.m., 534-3353.
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**AIDS awareness week promotes education**

Ginny Seals

Fifty percent of newly diagnosed HIV

infections in the United States are younger than

25 — slightly older than the average SIUC graduate student.

In an attempt to raise campus and

community awareness, Special Programs and Center Events have arranged AIDS Awareness Week, which will run through World AIDS Day on Friday.

The Student Center-based events for AIDS Awareness Week include an information table that will offer red ribbons and literature about the virus. A guest speaker and the AIDS Memorial Quilt Exhibit will also highlight the week.

"If we raise awareness and cause a red flag to go up on AIDS it may prevent someone from getting the infection in just one person," said Jason Henry.

There are 76 people in a 15-county Southern Illinois region being treated by the Joliet AIDS Project. The department for HIV/AIDS. With statistics showing one person is infected with HIV every hour of every day, increasing awareness about the virus is crucial.

"We heard about AIDS for so long now, and it's never affected us personally," said Clark, HIV/AIDS program coordinator for the Jackson County Health Department. "It's a very new disease, but the college-aged kid had always known about it."

Clark worries the disease is ignored by adults because it has been present in the United States for as long as most college freshmen. She said people hear that AIDS deaths are declining and assume that transmission of the disease is down. However, it is still being contracted, particularly by young adults.

The theme of World AIDS Day is "AIDS — Nice, Make a Difference." The theme is intended to bring attention to men who typically have more sexual partners than women, said Brecht, special education coordinator for the Wellness Center.

Mills said men, who are infected with HIV or AIDS are less likely to seek health care or even acknowledge they have the disease to other sexual partners. She hopes this year's theme will help men and women learn more about the disease.

Last year SIUC only observed World AIDS Day, but this year Henry said he and other SIU coronavirus organizers wanted to do more to increase the awareness of HIV and AIDS. Henry hopes guest speaker Mike Johnson from Wisconsin will do just that.

Johnson contracted AIDS in college. He was married shortly after college. One day, Johnson's wife took a phone message for him and the caller said she needed to see him. When Johnson came home, she asked him how he was. He told her about the disease and that he had it. He was diagnosed with AIDS and his wife was diagnosed with HIV. He learned about the disease and wanted to help.
**Firing Quarless solves small part of a larger problem**

Four losing seasons and a sour public disposition were enough to cost Jan Quarless his job as SIU football coach. The Daily Egyptian supports Athletic Director Pau Kowalczyk’s decision to replace Quarless, but the Saluki football program’s losing ways will not magically be reversed just because of a coaching change.

It is well-documented that the SIU football program has among the poorest facilities of any of its peers schools. SIU Athletic Director John Jackson seemed to admit as much when he announced his goal for SIU to have a new football stadium built by 2004. That pledge must be met — or at least every effort must be made at that end — if the administration intends to show it is sincere when it says it takes athletics seriously.

Whoever is hired to head the football Salukis will face a daunting task. The administration is powerless to fix its most damaging problem.

And while the new coach will ideally be a better fit than Quarless in the continuing rebuildig of SIU’s football program, the coaching change would be an exercise in futility if the University shrinks from its promise to make as quickly as possible to modernize SIU’s substandard football facilities. And it would be foolish for the deficit-plagued athletic department to foot the bill for Quarless’ final year of his contract — effectively paying two head coaches at once — unless the University proves it is serious about breathing life into the football program.

Athletics can be an invaluable asset to a university of SIU’s size, and along with most football, basketball, is one of SIU’s sports capable of galvanizing student and alumni support for the athletic department. Athletic success also leads to increased revenue and a highly visible recruitment tool for students. But while the men’s basketball program keeps helping the cause, the Saluki football program will remain crippled in what it can accomplish unless it has the tools to compete with rival schools.

The announcement of a new SIU football coach in the coming weeks will undoubtedly trigger renewed hope of a better future for the Saluki football program. But that optimism will ring hollow unless the administration can prepare to turn its lip service into real action. Only then will the University have a legitimate chance to tap into the substantial benefits a winning football program can bring to SIU.

**Why I’m convinced the Internet will kill us all**

"Why the Internet will kill us all" (please keep this headline, I’m going to refer to it right away) Do you have your attention? Don’t worry, I haven’t turned into one of those people who lives deep in the woods, wearing off-electricity and sending my column via carrier pigeon. However, it is apparent to me that the Internet is somehow disconnected (or at least somehow the current state of Internet technology) is turning us into a modern-day "Lord of the Flies," with lootings, violence, and general mayhem. I convinced myself of this while attempting to navigate my way through a mall on Sunday, with my last week of customer-service related abuse from the last week still fresh in my head. The week ended with me in a fashion that was characteristic of how everything else had gone: I slipped and fell, pretty much on my face. I helped the customer whose transaction I was performing shut down my register and limped painfully to the itching, burning, and general mayhem.

We all know that Internet shopping is a phenomenon to be reckoned with and that online shopping can be a profit center for today’s Internet companies, but do the losses outweigh the gains? The answer, of course, is that the Internet is a tool whose effect on society is both beneficial and detrimental. The Internet is a tool that allows people to communicate with each other, but it also allows people to spread misinformation and engage in cyberbullying. The Internet has the potential to be both a force for good and a force for evil.

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"Read This During Class"

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**OVERHEAD**

"Everything about [Being in The Nutcracker] is special .... I’ll learn a lot from it, and I’ll be a good dance someday.

**RIP**

39-year-old Tyler is the only boy in the ballet, but he will be no problem taking in a real aspect of himself. He’s going to be an active opponent.

**MAILBOX**

Former congressional candidate thanks voters for their faith and support

**DEAR EDITOR:**

"I wanted to take this opportunity to thank those hundreds of people who supported me with their time and their continued support to other voters on my behalf. Citizens who have courage, conviction and intelligence to cast a vote for a "long-shot" write-in candidate experience the very essence of the democratic process. I don’t expect anyone how highly I value you. The support I received from the 12th Congressional District of Illinois as a write-in candidate was a tremendous source of strength and encouragement. Meeting the voters, especially the young people at the colleges and universities, was a delight; I’ve never received such positive expressions. I had a lot of fun doing it. Science fiction is one of my very few exciting experiences I’ve had."

There were the greets times when I met unreasonable people, but I also come to understand that people can disagree politically and still be friends or at least be civil to one another.

I learned valuable lessons and insights into the political process. It is very apparent to me, now that the two-party system is actually one of the major problems in the United States that it is almost impossible to compete favorably for those seats. Without the support of one of the major political parties it is understandably difficult to run in the political realities set in quickly when every political action committee chooses to not respond with any money at all."

"Since I was an independent I did not expect any support from any party, so the Party leadership (however, one former candidate chronicled his experience as a write-in candidate in The Nutcracker, a stage musical) does not have to be a candidate on the ballot. On the other hand, I hope of some (read: the candidates their support for the Democratic Party. No! Very, little, if any came from that source. One former candidate claims to have given a little boost and assist on a couple of occasions. That was hardly helpful. A special thank you is in order for Harry P. He is a man of courage and conviction too."

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"I hope you can pick up on some of my experience, if you may see me again as an active opponent. Thank you, all again!"

**Ray Sigler**

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Student Health Programs received the highest grade of accreditation for compliance this month from the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care. "The AAAHC conducted a survey to ensure compliance with the intricate policies and procedures of everyday operations. The surveyor marked each student's medical stuff and handed ones in a medically-sound fashion or found them in "substandard" condition," said Perkins. "A lot of people do not appreciate the care they receive, said Perkins. "Students have a good program here."

It is important that we get closer to this as soon as possible. Public confidence in the system is going to erode substantially if this problem is not brought to a conclusion soon," said Lawrence. "I think we're on the verge of losing students to Murray State," said Thomas.

"We've been trying to compete with Murray State in our own backyard," Jackson said. "Jackson said the University has to be concerned about losing students from other schools, and continue with recruitment efforts already in progress. SUC, a large school, is trying to compete with Murray State, Jackson emphasized, which large undergraduate curriculum and graduate programs. Murray State has benefited from record enrollment for the last five years. The SU campus hopes to continue that growth spurt, Brown said. About 650 of Murray State's 9,500 students are from Illinois. Jackson said the University also hopes to compete with Murray State. Since 1972, students who live in border counties that qualify as "spread out" counties have paid the in-state Kentucky rate of $2,256 for tuition and fees. The surveyors marked each student as "passed," "incomplete," or "failed" for the various areas they were graded in, the health programs received the highest grade of "satisfactory compliance" by the AAAHC. Perkins agrees with her on the quality of care provided - "It's important that we get closer to this as soon as possible. Public confidence in the system is going to erode substantially if this problem is not brought to a conclusion soon," said Lawrence. "I think we're on the verge of losing students to Murray State," said Thomas.

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Jackson said the University has been seen as the competition from Murray State quite some time. "As we look for growth it's natural for us to look north to the Illinois area," Brown agreed that the competition increases are an attempt to continue that growth spurt. Murray State has benefited from record enrollment for the last five years. The SU campus hopes to continue that growth spurt, Brown said. About 650 of Murray State's 9,500 students are from Illinois. Jackson said the University also hopes to compete with Murray State. Since 1972, students who live in border counties that qualify as "spread out" counties have paid the in-state Kentucky rate of $2,256 for tuition and fees.

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Winter prep vital for automobiles

Matt Brennan
Daily Egyptian

With winter lingering around the corner, it is important for drivers to make sure that their vehicles are prepared for harsh weather conditions.

"The change in temperature puts different demands on vehicle systems," said Mike Behrmann, an assistant professor in Automotive Technology. "With snow and ice you have different driving conditions."

Several precautions should be taken to ensure proper safety for automobiles.

The engine's cooling system needs a proper ratio of antifreeze and water. A 50-50 ratio of antifreeze and water can give engine protection in weather as cold as 30 degrees below zero depending on the brand and strength of the antifreeze, Behrmann said. He also recommended that drivers change their antifreeze every three years or 30,000 miles.

There are several things that can be stored in an automobile to aid in winter driving safety in case of emergency including a flashlight, flares, a blanket, jumper cables, an ice scraper and a small shovel or broom. A bag of sand or ice melt also helps to gain traction if the wheels are stuck.

The strength of the antifreeze in the car should be able to withstand zero-degree weather. Tires should also be replaced on a car during this time of year. It is important to have better traction in the winter months.

"A worn out tire is more forgiving on pavement," Greenberg said.

The third area that people should pay attention to is visibility. It is important to make sure that wiper controls, especially defrost mode, and the windshield wipers work.

It is also beneficial to have the brakes and the engine systems to be in top condition in the winter months, said Greenberg.

Trucks and other rear-wheel-drive vehicles should have weight in the back during this winter months to prevent swerving.

The weight should be a sandbag rather than cement blocks. The sandbag gives weight, while cement puts a drag on the passengers of the vehicle if the brakes are quickly applied.

It is important to have the brake system and suspension systems checked, Behrmann said. It is important to check the fluid levels and the pressure level in tires.

Finally, Behrmann said before the winter months drivers need a "good, thorough, under car, bumper-to-bumper inspection."
Public transportation to increase during winter

The cold, rainy days and strong winds of an Illinois winter will influence many students to reconsider their options to utilize the forms of public transportation on campus.

The Saluki Express, Amtrak and Transit Service will all be out in full force as students prepare to bear the ever-approaching reality of the winter season. "Besides school, that bus is my life," said Shannon Hunter, a junior in mathematics from Elgin. "I take it to my job and to all my classes." The Saluki Express picks up students with valid student IDs from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. taking them around Carbondale through 11 various routes. The buses provide students without cars with an alternative form of transportation.

While many contemplate visiting home during the winter months, Amtrak offers a safer alternative to braving the slick icy roads of Interstate 57. Amtrak officials said students will receive better rates as they make early reservations. Only when students wait until the last minute to book tickets, do they get stuck with skyrocketed prices.

As winter months blanket SIUC with early darkness the Night Transit provides women safe transportation around Carbondale. Night Transit, which is open only to women, allows them to travel from on campus to off campus destinations.

The decision for the creation of Night Transit partially stemmed from the amount of campus assaults on women. Night Transit provides transportation from 6 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
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Salukis shake jitters, but not Cajuns
SIU women hoopsters split its two opening road contests

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Easy game jitters proved easy enough to overcome in game one, but a bruising second contest didn't quite meet an idealistic expectation of Southern Hospitality.

The SIU women's basketball team split a pair of road contests to open the season, winning a 57-40 shooting contest against the University of Illinois-Chicago in Chicago and dropping a rough-and-tumble 70-74 heart, against the University of Louisiana-Lafayette in Lafayette, La., Saturday afternoon.

The Salukis (1-1) scored just 22 points in the opening half against Illinois-Chicago, "but we picked it up the second half," said assistant coach Scott Koutsos. "We were able to put them down a little bit and keep them afloat," Opp said.

Tague led all scorers with 14 points, while senior forward Kristine Abramowski chipped in 12 points to go along with a team-high nine rebounds.

Against Louisiana Lafayette, the Salukis either caught a dazed-eye efficiency spike or were introduced to a new style of play in the South. While the Salukis fought a physical battle in the Cajundome, the Ragin' Cajuns won the war with the five-point victory.

"In the UIC game and the two exhibition games, the games were called rather closely. In the Cajundome it was officiating completely different and we never made the adjustments," Opp said.

Although the Salukis relocated their shooting touch, led by 23 points from Haithway, the physical play best them in the end as Opp cited surrendering too many second-chance buckets.

Stephanie réuss onboarding Louisiana 48-31, the offensive putbacks were crucial in the final outcome.

"I think they now understand the importance of fundamentals because we continually failed to block out and keep people off the boards, and as a result of that they got 13 offensive boards and probably converted 10 of them," Opp said.

Saluki BASKETBALL NOTE: SIU starting sophomore forward Katie Berwanger is out for the season with torn ligaments in her left knee. Berwanger is working for surgery and will start rehab following the procedure.

Basketball Results

MEN'S

11/17 at SIU Arena 1st 2nd Total
SIU 59 36 95

Long Beach State 35 56 - 91

High Scores - Jermaine Quarless (23) 41 39 - 80

11/21 at SIU Arena 1st 2nd Total
SIU 67 79 - 146

SL Louis 56 36 - 92

High Scores - Kent Williams (23) 36 37 - 74

11/23 at Cajundome 1st 2nd Total
SIU 41 39 - 80

Lafayette 41 39 - 79

High Scores - Jermaine Quarless (23) 18 18 - 36

WOMEN'S

11/16 at SIU Pavilion 1st 2nd Total
SIU 51 67 - 118

UIC 47 49 - 96

High Scores - Holly Teague (22) 17 17 - 34

11/23 at Cajundome 1st 2nd Total
SIU 41 39 - 79

Lafayette 41 39 - 79

High Scores - Katie Halloway (21) 10 10 - 20

SIU BASKETBALL NoTE: SIU's second road game opened the season against Illinois-Chicago, "With the UIC game and the two exhibition contests, the team inproved to 5-6 during 1999. But another 3-8 season this year paved the way for Kovalevsky to make the change."

While reaction from players appears mixed, Scott is one of the Salukis who sees logic behind Kovalevsky's decision.

"Kovalevsky pretty much said exactly what the players wanted to hear. That we want a coach who pretty much loved and adored by the players first," Scott said.

"It's easy to play your heart out for somebody when you love and care for them," Scott said. "I think [Kovalevsky] got the maximum output that he could have gotten out of his team if everyone loved him."
Salukis charge to homestand sweep

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 28, 2000

Saluki football reacts to Quarless’ dismissal

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SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk met with the SIU football team Monday afternoon to discuss the trial and uphold its legal commitment against Ball State University. The Nov. 19 firing of head coach Les Lawing.

"I was happy against Saint Louis make sure we rebound," Weber said, pointing to the 93-89 win against Ball State University. "That talent left first-year Ball State head coach Bart Scott surprised. "I didn't really think of that one going into the game," he said. "It was like it's going to take a little more for us to get everything together, but we've got a lot of talent."

That talent led first-year Ball State head coach Tim Buckley shaking his head on how any SIU effort could Saturday but it didn't keep him from elaborating on the caliber of team the Salukis are capable of becoming this season.

"This is, in my opinion, an NCAA tournament team," Buckley said. "People (in Carbondale) are going to enjoy watching this basketball team all season."

SIU closed five players in double-figures against Ball State, with sophomore forward Jermaine Dearman leading the way with 18 points, 10 rebounds and five assists.

Before that can happen Weber said the defense must improve, as it is still looking for a defensive stopper. "I was happy against Saint Louis when we struggled and we had a few that we were able to fight through that and come back," said Saluki head coach Bruce Weber.

Weber used the analogy of odd-tops and finals for the first three weeks of the season. Weber referred to last week's home games as mid-terms and the upcoming three road games, starting Saturday at Indiana University, as finals.

"Coach said it was like mid-terms, and we passed, we're 3-0 now," said Dearman following the homestand.

Weber said he will have a better feel for just how good his team is by Christmas. The Salukis were ranked No. 4 in the prescension Missouri Valley Conference polls, but have the athletic bodies to contend for the title.

But before that can happen Weber said the defense must improve, as it is still looking for a defensive stopper. "We need to understand this is a difficult time and an uncertain time, but if we have our intruets, then the team will be here," Weber said.

"We've got weapons to score at a lot of different positions, we've got athletic ability — now we've got to refine some things and get a better better on defense, get a little smarter and make sure we rebound," Weber said.

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