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Mom-and-pops leave small footprint on tax revenue

Debate on community relations position builds up

Fusion of housing, business development job irks residents

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Carbondale's cash crunch

The DAILY EGYPTIAN looks at different aspects of Carbondale's proposed fiscal year 2011 budget cuts, why they are needed and who they affect most.

Balanced FY11 budget proposed, taking heat

NICK JOHNSON Daily Egyptlan

City Manager Allen Gill has a lot on his mind.

In his 30 years of city management experience, Gill said he's seen his abare of recessions and budget trumched. He's haid to postpone projects and equipment purchases and even institute hiring and salary freezes.

But he's about to do something in Carbondale he has never had to do until now — put people out of work.

"And it's something I hope never to have to repeat," Gill said. "That part, especially, does weigh heavily on me."

In September, Gill warned the City Council of a projected \$5.8 million deficit over the next two fiscal years. Since then, the deficit outlook has grown by about \$1 million because of Gov. Pat Quinns proposed budget, which includes at least \$300 million in cuts to municipalities and counties statewide, according to a Chicago Tribune report.

Gill's department has submitted a balanced fiscal year 2011 budget to the council for an approval vote Tuesday. Even though the .05 percent sales tax increase approved by the council in December takes effect July 1, the city's income is expected to drop \$593,692 from FY10, according to the budget.

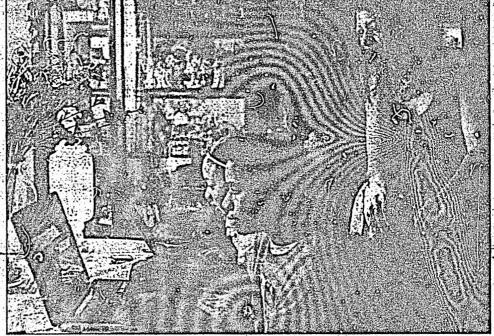
Gill's budget also includes the elimination of six city positions and myriad cuts in funding for community organizations.

Citizens have been outspoken against the budget cuts in recent City Council meetings, saying, among other things, that the city is going back on its plans for affirmative action, Equal Employment Opportunity, housing and green spaces.

Gill said he knew it was coming.
We expect that anytime we have
to cut back on services, that people affected are going to be heard from. Gill
said. "I think unfortunately with this
year the range of choices available to

us is pretty marrow."

The state is also behind on pay-



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Callie James helps her children, Alex, 14, and Mayah, 10, with their homework Wednesday at their home. James said all of her four children

have been a part of the I Can Read program since kindergarten. "You can depend on it," she said. "They're always open after school."

ny amount of leadership from the state would be helpful. We can manage our budget, and we have a good budget that's proposed, but if you're talking ... long term, we need to have some stability from the state Capitol.

--- Brad Cole mayor

ments to the city's pension fund.

The city's pension and benefits payouts have increased by \$1 million, or almost 68 percent, over the last five years, according to Gill's proposed FY11 budget.

Based on trends over the past 30 years, it's not likely pension costs will decrease anytime soon, Mayor Brad Cele said.

"Any amount of leadership from the state would be helpful," Cole said. "We can manage our budget, and we have a good budget that's proposed, but if you're talking __long term, we need to have some stability from the state Capitol."

Quinn has offered to restore income tax appropriations to mayors across the state who support his proposed 1 percent income tax increase, according to a report by the Chicago Tribune. But Cole said he's met with Quinns staff and doesn't think the offer is much of a compromise. "What he recommended was cutting us. So then what he is suggesting is if you support increasing the tax, then we won't cut dities as much. That's not a compromise; those are both serving his benefit." Cole said.

Part of balancing the city's budget is making difficult decisions that may negatively affect the community, Cole said.

"It's bad; but that's what we're here for. That's what we're supposed to do." Cole sald. "Maybe people get involved in government for the good times, but it's the bad times that define us, and I think we're doing that."

Gill said layoffs are something he always wants to avoid.

"But there comes a point when the solvency of the city has to come first," he said.

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Children could pay price of budget cuts

NICK JOHNSON Daily Egyptian

Sabrina Hill says she hopes the city of Carbondale is willing to spare enough money to help keep her children and others from being statistics.

The northeast-side resident sends two of her three children, ages 13 and. 15, to Attucks Community Services in the Eurma C. Hayes Center and said the after-school activity program keeps her bids off the streets and out of trouble.

Attacks Community Services, which serves between 40 and 70 children per year, won't receive any of its requested \$20,600 in program funding if the City Council approves the fiscal year 2011 budget Tuesday.

Executive Director Abdul Haqq said.
The budget proposed by City
Manager Allen Gill includes reduction for almost every community
program that gets money from the
city, including rest-only funding for
Attucks and I Can Read of Southern
Illinois, an after-school academic en-

richment program in the Eurma C.

The Boys and Girls Club of Carbondale, another after-school activity group that pays its own rent, will receive a reduction of just \$2,000 from its \$32,782 in program funds for FY10.

Some people get free rent, some people get program money, some people have gotten both. One of the things we tried to do was do one or the other. Gill said.

While it was easy to cut funding for events such as the Lights Fantastic Parade, it wasn't so easy to cut program funds, Gill said.

Hill, a single, working mother, said the Aimdes program acts as a support system for her family.

"If I don't have that support system. I have my 13-year-old doing things he shouldn't be doing, and I have my 15-year-old daughter going places where she shouldn't be," Hill said.

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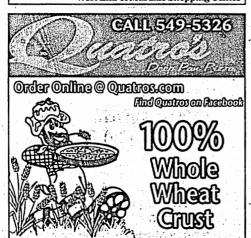




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Carbondale police responded at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday to the 400 block of East Jackson Street in reference to a report of an aggravated battery, a department release stated. Officers arrested Lonny Mayearx on suspicion of aggravated battery during the investigation.
Mayeaux is being held in the Jackson County Jail, the release stated.

Carbondale police responded at 2:10 p.m. Thursday to the 300 block of East Jackson Street to a report of unlawful use of weapons involving a knife, a department release stated. During the course of the investigation, officers arrested Leslie C. Walker on suspicion of unlawful use of weapons and disorderly conduct. Walker is being held in the Jackson County Jail, the release stated.

Carbondale police responded at 7:50 a.m. Thursday to the 500 block of South Wall Street in reference to a report of a burglary, a department release stated. Officers learned between 7 p.m. Wednesday and 7:50 a.m. Thursday an unknown suspect entered a residence under construction and stole property, the release stated. Police are still investigating the burglary.

Carbondale police responded at 4:50 p.m. Tuesday to the 1100 block of East Main Street in reference to a report of a robbery, a department release stated. An

unknown victim told a witness he was robbed at gunpoint by two black males in a white car. possibly a Ford Taurus, officers learned. The victim left the area before officers arrived, according to the release. Neither the victim nor the suspects were found by the responding officers, the release stated. Police are still investigating the incident.

Carbondale police responded at 5:15 p.m. Tuesday to the 700 block of South Wall Street in reference to a report of shots fired, a department release stated. Officers learned an unknown suspect fired shots at the victim, but no injuries were reported, the release stated. Police are still investigating the incident.

Carbondale police responded at 7:55 p.m. April 7 to the 100 block of North Gum Street in reference to a report of criminal damage to property, a department release stated. Officers learned an unknown suspect damaged a window at a residence and then fled the area, the release stated. Police are still investigating the incident.

Carbondale police responded at 8 p.m. Tuesday at to the 700 block of North Wall Street in reference to a report of an aggravated discharge of a firearm, a department release stated. Officers learned the driver of a red,

two-door vehicle, possibly a Buick Regal or Regency, fired a handgun at another subject during a verbal altercation. The person who was shot at also left the area in a blue Ford Crown Victoria, the release stated. No injuries were reported as a result of the incident. Police are still investigating the incident.

Carbondale police responded at 5 p.m. Tuesday to the 400 block of East Ashley Street in reference to a report of an aggravated battery, a department release stated. During the course of the investigation officers arrested Bruce D. Douglas Jr. for aggravated battery and resisting a police officer, the release stated. Douglas is being held in the Jackson County Jail.

Carbondale police responded Monday to the 500 block of South Beveridge Street in reference to a report of a residential burglary, a department release stated. Officers learned at 2 p.m. April 10 and 8:30 a.m. April 12 an unknown suspect entered the residence and stole property. Police are still investigating the incident, the release stated.

A blue 2007 RKTA MC-17-50 motorcycle was stolen between April 3 and April 11 from a business on the 200 block of North Illinois Avenue, a Carbondale police report stated. The suspect broke the window of the business. Police are still investigating the incident.

Identity of man killed by gunshot confirmed

Authorities identified 44-yearold Roger Cole, of Murphysboro, as the man found dead from a gunshot wound Tuesday in the Valley Ridge bousing projects.

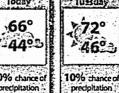
Officer Jennifer Thompson discovered his body at 5:01 a.m. near a fire hydrant on Apple Lane near 19th Street. He had suffered from a single gunshot wound, which resulted in massive blood loss; according to an autopsy performed by Jackson County Coroner Thomas Kupferer's office.

Murphysboro Police Chief Jeff Bock, as well as area residents, said he believes Cole may have been shot elsewhere, as there were no reports of hearing gunshots or other commotion

Bock said there are no suspects yet, and the investigation is contiming with help from the Jackson County Sherriff's Office and Illinois State Police.

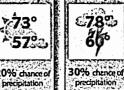
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The half-percent sales tax increase that takes effect July 1 is not expected to immediately offset increases in costs Carbondale faces, City Manager Allen

Gill accounted for the sales tax increase, which was approved by the City Council in December, in his balanced fiscal year 2011 budget. The budget also includes the elimination of six city positions and reduces funding for community service organizations to offset increasing pension payouts and decreased revenue from the state income tax. The city's income is expected to drop more than \$590,000 from fiscal year 2010, according to the budget.

Approximately 30 businesses either opened or expanded in Carbondale in 2009, according to data from the city manager's office. However, the major ity of those were small restaurants and shops, which Assistant City Manager Kevin Baity said don't necessarily carry the same magnitude of potential sales tax revenue as large-scale retailers.

Raity did not have information about business dosures during the same time period, but said the opening and closing of small businesses usually has little effect on sales tax income. .

"As long as the businesses are not major stores, or the ratio of dosures to openings is not one-sided, we really do not notice a significant change in tax revenues," Baity saki.

According to the FY11 budget, sales venues in Carbondale have stabilized in recent months, and are expected to grow by 1.5 percent during the year, versing a two-year decline

In 2008, Baity told the DAILY EGYPTIAN he was concerned about the lack of shopping options on the west side of town and the decrease in tax dollars as a result, citing the thennew Murphysboro Wal-Mart Supercenter as the culprit. Kroger closed its west side location in October 2007, followed by Aldi in 2009. Both have newer locations on the east side.

Baity said he's more optimistic about the future of the west side. The city hopes to announce a new business

moving into the vacant Kroger building in the coming weeks, though Baity said he couldn't release the name. Baity said the relocation wouldn't have a significant effect on sales tax income, but he's optimistic that the move will bring other businesses that might.

But resident Jean Kroening said the west side has become "blighted" in recent years, pointing out the lack of sit-down restaurants and other retail outlets.

When Kroger moved out, that was hard on many of us on this side of town." Kroening said. "There, wen't many restaurants either. We have this hotel here that's never made a go and all these little used-car places."

Though the west side has expe-

rienced its share of business closures in recent years, new businesses in the Murdale Shopping Center, as well as the addition of a new Walercens in the old Mugsy's lot projected to open this fall, are helping with its revitalization, Baity said

"From what I'm hearing, your cost of operation on the west side is a lattle less than on the east side," Buity said. There are a lot of positive things for operating on the west side."

The City Council will vote whether to approve the budget at Tuesday's

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The Attucks program will go on without city funding, but with the financially strepped state giving less, or possibly no money in grants this sun it won't be able to provide services for as many children as it does now, Haqq sald. Attucks' paid staff would also have to

become volunteers, Haqq said.

Yolanda Rivera, an Attucks emplayee who also has three children in the program, said Attucks provides an essential positive environment and an alternative to gangs for her 15-year-old on, Christopher Williams

"He's the kind of boy that if he has nothing to do, nowhere to go, he's going

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to be out in the street," Rivera said.

Older children aren't the only ones affected by the funding cuts, if the FY11 budget is approved, the volunteers in the I Can Read program won't be able to provide snacks for its children or have updated reference books, said Fila Lacey, one of the volunteers

' While it wouldn't stop its services completely, the dimination of city funding compromises the quality of the 1 Can Read program, which has about 40 grade-school children enrolled, she said.

Resident Callie James said without the I Can Read program, her four children wouldn't have the reading and morehension skills they have loday.

Isbari Simon, a sophomore at Carbondale Community High School, said his participation in the I Can Read program in grade school was crucial to his academic success

Being here really helped me learn to focus on what I'm doing (and) concentrate on school" Simon said.

Councilman loci Fritzler said programs like I Can Read and Attucks need to find alternative funding on their own if the city can only afford rent.

When did it become the city's job to teach children how to read?" Fritzler said.

The local school districts should work together to contribute money to such programs, Fritzler said.

Noel McKinney said she doesn't always have the time to read one-onone with her second-grade daughter. Alexis, and the I Can Read program gives her that and the structure and

discipline she needs.
McKtnney (aid she hopes the program will be available when her three younger children are eligible to participate.

Transportation issues also prevent children from the northeast side of town from getting to the Boys and Girls Club on Springer Street, which is another reason the I Can Read program should receive money, said Patty Johnson, a counselor at Carbondale Middle School and Simon's mother.

Randy Osborn, executive director of the Boys and Girls Club, said there are about 450 kids served by the organization each year. Each organization needs to be considered individually for city funds because they offer different services to different people, Othorn said

"Our program, as busy as it is we're only receiving a fraction of the kids that are digible or can benefit from the servicet. Othorn sald.

Hill said her kids used to attend the Boys and Girk Club hut she switched to Attucks because she lives down the street from the

Furma C. Haves

Center 7 need this service where I live, Hill said. Tis much needed for our children, (and) especially being a single parent, I need this

The \$20,600 in requested funding would be earned back if Attucks

help.

prevents just one child from ending up in jail, Hagg said.

The investment in the disadvantaced youth of communities often loses out to budget concerns, Hagg said.

FY11 cuts in program funding

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I Can Read of Southern Illinois,	9270	9270	0
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Boys and Gris Qub of	32782	30000	-2782
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Senior Adult Services	37041 .	33750	-3291
Southern Illinois Regional	13454	12500	-954
Social Services		1725	
The Women's Center	12111	12500	389
Carbondale Community Arts	38281 B	48000	-10281
Good Samarttan Ministries	18560	18500	-60
The Science Center; a	10327	100000	-327
Jackson County Mass Transit	5000	5000	0
Carbondale Convention	3175001	317500	0
and Tourism Bureau Tu		2000	7 3 30
Carbondale Main Street	12021	12000	-21
Surget Concerts	9213.	7000	-2233
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Family Advocacy Services (YES)	25571	0	-25571
Southern Illinois Center		917	2060
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New Zion Summer	4000	0	-4000
Food Program			
Carbondale Junior Sports	2500	0.5	-2500
Splash'n Saturday	2000	.0	-2000
Carbondale Lions Club	3000	.0	-3000
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Lights Fantastic	5000	0	-5000
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"We need leadership that recognizes that it takes a sense of fairness and a sense of where the best place is for our resources to go. And this is a community that needs the resources," Hagg said.

Source: City Manager's Office, FY11 budget Pablo Tobon I DAILY EGYPTIAN



Emoni Mckinzie, 8, is a second-grader who attends the I Can Read program at the Eurma C. Hayes Center. The program's funding is in danger of being cut from the city's budget for fiscal year 2011.

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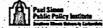
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Southern Carbondale

Relations officer position could be axed

NICK JOHNSON Daily Egyptlan

Eliminating the city's community relations officer position will result in a step back for affirmative action and equal employment opportunity in Carbondale, said David Watkins, secretary for the Illinois Municipal Human Relations Association.

The community relations officer is one of six positions on the chopping block in the proposed fiscal year 2011 budget submitted by City Manager Allen Gill. The position is responsible for 45 separate duties, including supervision and enforcement of the city's affirmative action and equal employment opportunity plans, said Marilyn James, the current community relations officer.

Enforcing the city's affirmative action and equal employment opportunity plans is a time-consuming effort, James said.

James said she visits construction sites multiple days of the week to ensure they're in compliance.

James' duties will be consolidated with those of Administrative Services Director Deborah McCoy, who served as community relations officer before her current position, Gill said.

Illinois Municipal Human Relations Association is a nonprofit that promotes equal opportunity for all people throughout the state, accordCoy has proven herself to be a capable and competent administrator, and I have every confidence she can handle it.

ing to its Web site. Sandy Robinson, Community Relations Director for Springfield, spoke on behalf of the group at the City Council's public learing on the FY11 budget April 6 and stressed the importance of the position.

Though each municipality may have a different title for it, many cities across the state have positions like Carbondale's community relations officer, and losing such a position would have a serious effect, Watkins said.

"Many people in the community would also see this as a reversal of the (citys) commitment to fight against discrimination, to fight for equal opportunity, equal housing, all the duties those positions tend to address for their municipality," Watkins said.

Gill sald McCoy's department has seen a decrease in workload and wouldn't have a problem taking on the extra responsibilities.

"(McCoy) has proven heiself to be a capable and competent administrator, and I have every confidence she can handle it," Gill said.

McCoy said she would not comment on whether her department would be able to handle the additional duties.

Though she has held the position before, McCoy didn't have as many levels of responsibility then as she would under the 2011 budget, Councilman Steven Haynes said.

Even though Gill, not McCoy, does the hiring for the city, McCoy does have a part in making recommendations regarding employment, Haynes said.

"It has the potential for a conflict of interest," he said.

The Rev. Sidney Logwood, president of Carbondale's NAACP branch, collected more than 1,000 signatures on a petition to keep the community relations officer position and submitted it to the council at the April 6 hearing.

Councilman Chris Wissmann said new automated technology that streamlines data gathering would also help McCoy with her responsibilities.

"I think she would do a fantastic job even without it," Wissmann

Haynes said climinating the position would be shortsighted on the parts of the city and council. James would not comment on whether McCoy's department would be able to handle the inceased workload.

Though Wissmann said he believes the council is in agreement with Gill, Haynes said citizens have convinced the council to change its mind before.

"I truly believe the last minute conversation can happen and get people to change their minds," Haynes said.

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Proposed city position cuts in FY11

Allen Gill

city manager

"I think they're actually looking

at the dollars and cents of the situa-

tion more than any future repercus-

James herself has expressed the importance of the position, though

not specifically to council members,

she said. The position served as an ag-

gressive, independent bridge between

the city and community, she said.

sions," Haynes said

POSITION	DUTIES	WHERE DUTIES WILL GO
Deputy Police Chief	Assisting in administration of the police drips there.	
Community Relations Officer	Monitor and enforce affirmative action equal employment opportunity plans, others.	Administrative
Director of Development Services	Planning and coning housing rehabilitation and building and rental inspection.	Assistant City Manager
Two support positions in purchasing/risk management	Help administer the city's property and liability insurance, purchasing function and safety.	IVA .
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ource: City Manager's Office, FY11 budget Pablo Tobon I DAILY EGYPTIAN

Fusion of city positions could 'water down' responsibilities

NICK QUIGLEY Daily Egyptian

The city is expected to save thousands by combining the assistant city manager and director of development services positions, but some City Council members and residents are holding their applaces.

The consolidation is one of six position cuts proposed for fiscal year 2011 and would take effect July 1, saving the city \$77,000 next year, according to Gill's budget.

Mike Pierceall, who has held the development services position since July 2007, announced last month he would retire later this year. His position will be eliminated because of provisions in the city's FY11 budget. Assistant City Manager Kevin Baity would take over the position.

Baity's duties as assistant city manager include overseeing loan programs, business development and tax increment financing. If the City Council approves Gill's fiscal year 2011 budget Tuesday, Baity would also be responsible for planning and zoning, housing rehabilitation and building and rental inspection duties.

Despite the increase in responsibility, Baity is not new to this kind of supervisory role — he oversaw building departments in Centralia and Perry County, he said.

Gill said he's confident Baity could handle the extra workload.

In Gill's initial proposed budget cuts, which he presented to the council for review in September, only the community relations officer and a deputy police chief position were eliminated. But Gov. Pat Quinn's recent proposal to cut the amount of income tax revenue the state shares with municipalities will cost the city more than \$500,000, Gill said. Quinnis proposal forced Gill to eliminate the development services director position, the city forester and two others, he said.

"The city would not be forced to make these kinds of adjustments if the state of Illinois had its fiscal house in order," Gill said.

Cheryl Bryant, a landlord who owns about 60 properties in Carbondale, said she lisht concerned with the fusion of the offices and has had mostly positive experiences with the inspection process.

"If you can put the offices together and have them still be functional, I don't have a problem with it," Bryant

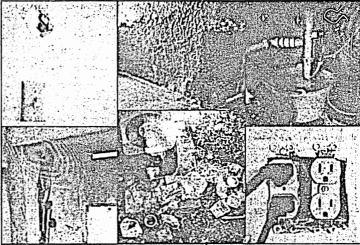
But Councilman Joel Fritzler does. He said he believes the city is "watering down" the positions, and said Baity would not only be overseeing developmental services, but also building and neighborhood services and the planning commission.

"I don't support it," Fritzler said. "I think the assistant city manager has enough on his plate. Now it's like we're putting four jobs into one."

Fritzler said he proposed reallocating \$100,000 from the Convention and Tourism Bureau, which has \$317,000 available in FY11, to the developmental services department, as most visitors to Carbondale are lured in by the university.

"It's SIU that brings tourism to Carbondale," he said.

Pritzler said while promoting tourism is an important activity for the city.



DAN DWYER | DAILY EGYPTIAN

These images reflect damage in three different student rental apartments in Carbondale. The city's budget for fiscal year 2011 stipulates the consolidation of two positions, director of

it should not be the primary mission of the city government. The focus, he said, should be on providing and maintaining essential services that problem in an another the needs of citizens as a whole.

With the city Increasingly reliant on sales tax, the city should continue to support tourism, Gill said.

Mayor Brad Cole said he couldn't address whether positions diminated in the FY11 budget, such as those of Pierceall and community relations officer Martlyn James, would return.

"We're making decisions based on

information we have today," Cole said.
"We're not putting off decisions for six
months or a year, which is what the
problem is in Springfield."

In an e-mail sent to the Arbor District, a neighborhood watchdog group, Carbondale resident and district member Mary O'Hara stronglysuggested the council consider Fritzier's proposition to reallocate the

"(it) is a role conflict and advantages those with economic and political dout," O'Hara wrote.

development services and assistant city manager, which would leave current Assistant City Manager Kevin Balty with an increased workload that could affect future rental inspections.

> Gill said the decision to eliminate the position was a "matter of necessity" and that all positions with a vacancy will be evaluated.

Development activity overall is down due to the economy, so the workload is more moderate, at this time, Gill sald. Everyone will do their best to keep high priority projects on track.

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A response to Professor Wittmer

DEAR EDITOR

I applaud Professor Dale Wittmer's Monday letter to the editor for focusing on the expertise of the main participants in the anthropogenic global warming debate. As scholars, we should definitely assess the credibility of sources.

To that end, let me clarify my expertise I am not a climatologist. I am, however, a published and active scholar of public discourse about environmental issues. It is based on this area of expertise that I enter this discussion.

Let's be clear about the credibility claims for some of the experts Wittmer discusses. I agree that Al Gore is not a climate scientist; he is a former politician who was prescient enough to listen to them. Sometimes, in his advocacy, he gets the science wrong - for example, a gaffe like the mistake he made once about the temperature of the Earth's core in an interview on "The Tonight Show," an error he quickly corrected. However, one gaife in a late-night interview does not refute an entire position

And then there is the so-celled *Climategate," about which Wittmer conveniently fails to note that a UK investigative panel recently cleared the scientists at the University of East Anglia, finding no evidence of manipulated data and that the scientific consensus about AGW remains sound. Indeed, Dr. Wittmer, why your "need to cheat"?

Wittmer's reporting of the recent polling of the American Meteorological Associations membership is similarly misleading. The poll I believe he refers to simply surveyed television weathercasters, some with basic degrees in meteorology, but most in broadcast media.

The AMA, however, was recently on record supporting the U.N.s IPCC reports concerning human influences on climate change. The American Geophysical Union recently surveyed nearly 3,000 practicing climatologists, i.e. actual scientists; 90 percent of respondents agree humans are influencing climate change.

Perhaps most egregiously, Wittmer offers a link to a very official looking report published by the very official sounding "Oregon Institute for Science and Medicine" that refutes the role of carbon dioxide in climate change. The lead author and founder of this institution has also overseen the publication of books on surviving nuclear war because, apparently, the dangerous effects of radioactive fallout have been wildly exaggerated. He now produces faithbased home school curricula that advocate, among other fringe beliefs, "intelligent design" and the Christian imperative to use fossil fuels. He does not currently conduct scientific research or publish in peer-reviewed scientific iournals.

Time and space in this letter do not permit a more detailed analysis of the OISM "synthesis" (read: "smear") of climate science. I encourage readers to check out the Source-Watch.com entry for OISM that includes a detailed case study of the misleading arguments made in the article Wittmer directed us to.

So, by all means, let us practice our critical thinking skills and assess the credibility of sources on AGW - all sources, especially those so bold as to contradict rigorous scientific Investigations with little more than dyspeptic disavowal and a Web page.

> Jonathan M. Gray associate professor of speech communication

Early Childhood Education: The key to success in life

DEAR EDITOR:

Nelson Mandela, the well-known statesmen, once said, "Education is the great engine to personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that the son of a mineworker can become the head of the mine, that the child of a farm worker can become the president of a great nation."

The truth of this statement can only be fully appreciated if one considers the enormous importance of early childhood education. The fanous Japanese violin teacher and educationist, Shinichi Suzuki, once expressed a great truism when he said, "The destiny of children lies in the hands of their parents." The direction and the quality of this destiny are largely determined by the parents - in the first years of the child's life. Please explore, support and participate in your children's great early childhood programs in your community.

Early childhood encompasses the first years in the life of an individual. The education given during these years plays a very important role, helping in the proper development of children. Early childhood education can be fundamentally termed as "learning through play". Recent research has shown that the early years in any child's life are a crucial time for brain development when much of its 'wiring' is laid down. The educational experiences and relationships a child has, along with the quality of nutrition received, can enormously affect the child's mental growth. While good early childhood education helps the brain to develop in healthy ways, improper education, lack of opportunities for play and little or no exposure to literacy-building activities may affect brain development in a different manner. The experiences and learning of a

child in the early years can support him or her throughout his or her entire life.

· Recent studies of early childhood education have shown some remarkable success. The resulting effects on child motivation and learning power last for a long time. Today, because education's importance in our society has increased significantly, it is not right to postpone investing in children's education until they reach school age. In fact, early childhood is a vital phase of life in terms of a child's intellectual, emotional and social development. The most important point to know is that an astounding rate of owth in mental abilities and a high proportion of learning take place during this period.

It deeply saddens me that Early Childhood Block grantees, Prevention Initiatives Programs and Parents as Teachers Programs are threatened by the State of Illinois budget crisis. Parents and educators together can develop productive early education patterns for the children in their care, ensuring that those children will be on their way to achieving great educational success.

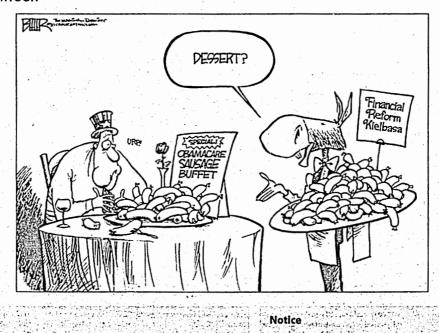
I urge you to support the early childhood programs in your community: ages 0-3 agency grantees, local preschools, Early Intervention programs, Early Head Start and Head Start Programs. They are building a foundation for our future and a lifetime of learning.

Remember: "Children are the living messages we send to a future we will not see."

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> **Barb Razer** southern tillnois resident

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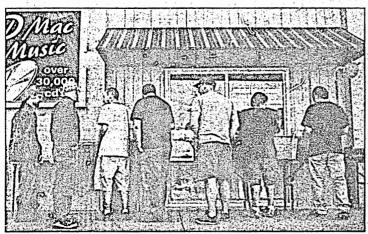
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VINYL HITS RECORD SALES



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Customers line up Saturday outside of P Mac Music in Carbondale to thumb through halfpriced vinyl records as part of the store's Record Store Day celebration. P Mac Music was one of many record stores across the country participating in Record Store Day, morating the holiday with special sale and limited releases from artists such as Beach House, Bob Dylan and Regina Spektor. Along

with half-priced, used vinyl and DVDs for sale, P Mac Music featured a live performance from the Himalayas, a local band. Record Store Day began in 2008 and has followed along with the country's sudden obsession with vinyl records. Vinyl record sales doubled between 2007 and 2008 with 1.9 million records sold. In 2009, it rose again to 2.8 million vinyl records sold, eccording to Nielsen SoundScan.







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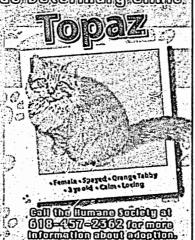
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The SIU women's golf team is picked to finish eighth out of the 10 teams at the 2010 State Farm Missourt Valley Conference Championship in a pre-championship poll of league coaches.

Women's golf head coach Diane Daugherty said she would have liked the team to be picked to finish seventh, but she said the team has not had the finishes that it had hoped for this season.

We are picked eighth, so we have everything to gain and nothing to lose," Daugherty sald

Daugherty said the team is very youthful compared to the rest of the conference as Southern's conference team consists of one junior, two sophomores and two freshmen

We're not going to go over there and be satisfied with finishing eighth." Daugherty said. "I would like to see us in the top half so we can gain some confidence going into next year.

Sophomore Alisha Matthews said the low pick gives the Sahikis an advantage, and the teams morale is high despite the low expectations.

We really don't have a lot of pressure on us going into the tournament, which is nice, so we just need to go out there and play our best," Matthews said. "Nobody thinks we can do anything, and we are all pumped to go out show people up and shoot the low numbers that we

lunior Alex Anderson said the team doesn't face as much pressure as two-time defending champion Illinois State, but she said the team needs to come out and play better than last year's ninth-place finish.

I think we just want to set ourselves up and feel good for next season," Anderson sald. Nobody wants to come in last, and we played horrible last year at conference so there is a lot of pressure not to conform to the standard that has been set for us."

Daugherty said practice last week was a big help to the team and some of the players traveled to Newburgh, Ind., and played on the course where the championships will be held.

"(The team) came back saying that the golf course is tight, so we have been working on a lot of ball striking and our short game to improve our up-and-down game," Daugherty said.

The MVC Championship, hosted by Evansville, began Sunday morning and wraps up Tuesday at Rolling Hills Country Club in Newburgh, Ind.

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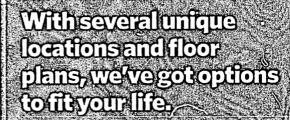
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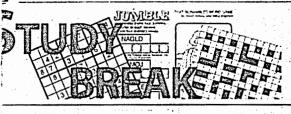
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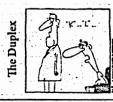
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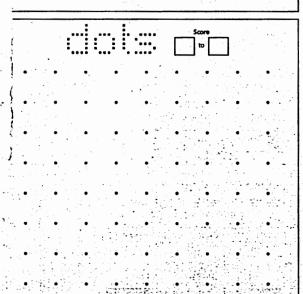
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By Nancy Black and Stephanle Clement

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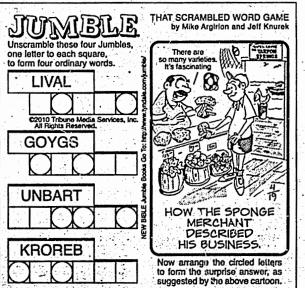
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SPORTS



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Game three would prove to be the pivotal game in the series, as the winner would get the top spot in the MVC

The game saw pitchers Glosson and Warner hit the circle again and had the same feel as the first game. with both teams going scoreless through three-and-a-half innings.

The Salukis broke the stalemate by diving in Duran with a bases loaded RBI single by designated player Allie Hanson in the bottom of the fourth to take a 1-0 lead. However, they could not capitalize further, leaving three stravided at the end of the inning

Illinois State came right back at the top of the fifth, with junior right fielder Jessica Roche hitting the tying RBI single.

The contest would remain tied through the seventh inning funior Christina Trapani cranked a monster triple to left center that looked to be a walk-off homer to both fans and the dugout.

The dupout was cleared before it was even close to hitting the fence, said second baseman Alicia Garza. "She was so close to getting it."

The game was sent into extra in-



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Sophomore outfielder Mallory Duran, center, celebrates Alicia Garza's walk-off double after scoring the winning run Sunday against illinois Stath. The Salukis defeated the Redbirds in the bottom of the eighth inning 2-1 and reclaimed the No. 1 seed in the Missouri Valley Conference.

nings, but not for long as Duran was walked and Garza hit the game-winning double that drove the speedy Duran home for the 2-1 win in the . bottom of the eighth.

We needed to adjust better to their pitcher. We tried moving back in the box, and we tried moving it up in the box and ultimately, moving us up really helped us a lot," Trapani "The adjustment hitting definitely helped because (Glosson) did the same thing today, holding them to one run.

Coach Blaylock said the team should enjoy the win, but the Dawgs should be focused on their next MVC opponent, Wichita State.

The Salukis return to the field at 5 p.m. Wednesday, as they head to Champaign to take on the University of Illinois Fighting Illini.

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BASEBALL

Dawgs squander leads, swept at Illinois State

Daily Egyptian

The Salukis (16-20, 5-7 Missouri Valley Conference) ied the conferences first-place team, Illinois State (18-15, 8-1 MVC), in each of the weekends three contests in Normal, III.

The Redbirds, however, used lateinning rallies in each to sweep SIU for the first time since the 1999 season.

The baseball team has lost four straight and six of its last seven games. Head coach Dan Callahan said in his eyes, the team should have walked away with wins in three of its last four

"If you didn't know anything about eball and you saw us compete these last few days, especially the last two innings of each game, your first thought would be, "That team doesn't know how to win, Callahan said. That's need somebody to emerge as a leader. ning. George pitched four innings and

as far as being able to get the big hit ... or somebody to close the door in the bottom of the ninth."

Callahan said if he had to grade the team's performance this past weekend, it would be a resounding F.

In game one of the series Friday, senior catcher Tyler Bullock accounted for all but one of the Salukis' five runs with two, two-run horners.

Junior second basemen Plake Pinnon drove in the fifth run for SIU, as he plated senior right fielder Aaron Roberts with a sixth inning RBI double.

However, Illinois States senior designated hitter, Anthony Ruffolo, put an end to Friday's contest with a walkoff RBI single to center field. Ruffolo finished 2-5 at the plate with a solo home run and two RBIs.

Senior :: right-hander :: Bryant George (4-1) made his first collegiate start Friday and gave up three of the something we have to figure out. We- Redbird's four homers in the first in-

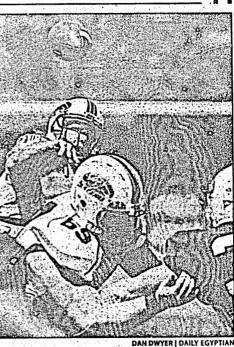
allowed four runs off five hits with one walk, while striking out six, a career

George said he would like to redeem himself as a starter, but will go wherever the team needs him, be it as a starter or closer.

"I'm here to do my role, whatever helps the team win," George said. "If it's me coming in for the start or for me to be back in the bullpen where I feel I belong. One way or another, I'm not going to be upset with what we do. I'd like to get another start in, but if (Callahan) wants me back in the (bull) pen into a save situation, I'd love that

Illinois State's redshirt sophomore closer Kenny Long (4-2) picked up the win Friday and senior reliever Kellen Candau (2-1) was credited with the 6-5 defeat.

Check out dallyegyptian.com for the rest of the story.



Senior quarterback Chris Dieker delivers a pass as part of the SIU football team's Spring Game Saturday at McAndrew Stadium. The Salukis look to continue their success next season after posting an 11-2 record during the 2009 season.

FOOTBALL CONTINUED FROM 12

This team may be a little ouleter, but we're going to have a quiet confidence that we take into the games," Lennon said. "And I like that. Hopefully, we can keep developing good, solid leadership. Do the little things right and the big things will follow

Many of the team's leaders from a year ago have departed, but each side of the ball does return a key contributor from the 2009 season in quarterback Chris Dieker and safety Mike McElroy - leading passer and interceptionist.

Dieker was sidelined last year for six weeks after the Oct. 24 game against Youngstown State with a broken left clavicle.

Dicker ran the offense for only two full series Saturday, but threw for 88 yards on 10-16 passing, finishing with two touchdowns, both of which to former Saluki field general, senior wide receiver Joe Allaria.

"We put a lot in this spring, as far as the offense goes," Dieker said. I feel as a whole offensive unit, we picked it up real nice. We still have some strides to make, but we're going to keep working hard. ... We're right where we want to be right now.

Former Saluki offensive coordinator Phil Longo resigned Jan. 21 after two seasons at SIU. Longo finished with a 20-5 record during his brief tenure and had the seventhranked scoring offense in the nation in 2009 at 34.0 points per game.

It took Lennon and his remaining staff only 15 days to hire Longo's replacement, signing Kalen DeBoer Feb.5. As the head coach at the University of Sioux Falls, DeBoer finished with a 67-3 record and was named the NAIA National Coach of the Year in all but two of his five seasons at the helm.

The games not going to hange too much. Dieker said. We're still going to try and establish the run game; that's how you.

win football games."

Filling the vold in the rushing game will be a key factor in the overall team's success in 2010, as the Salukis will be without the services of Deji Karim - who led not only the Salukis, but all of Division I-AA with 1,694 yards on the ground.

Sophomore Steve Strother, senior Lucien Walker and Junior transfer Shariff Harris put in their bids for a starting role at Saturday's. scrimmage, but Lennon said there is no clear-cut starter yet.

"It's close enough between the three of them that, right now, I'm not going to go out on a limb and This is our guy," Lennon said. "But I do feel all three will be a good complement to each other, regardless who's starting."

Defensively, the Salukis lost all four of their starting linebackers from a year ago. However, the team does return some veteran leadership in the defensive backfield.

McElroy, a three-year starter entering his senior season, led the Salukis and tied for fourth in the Football Championship Subdivision with seven picks in 2009.

Picking up right where he left off. McElroy intercepted Dicker's pass Saturday for the lone interception on the day and finished with four tackles, all solo and one for a loss.

McElroy said it's still too early to make any comparisons to last season's defense, but there will be no shortage of athletes.

"It's hard to tell right now; we have a lot of young guys who are still learning their roles," McElroy said. "But I think we're going to be pretty athletic; we're going to be pretty sound defensively. It's not going to be the same defense as it was last year, but I think we're going to be all right. :.. We have a lot guys that have a lot of different strengths."

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BASEBALL

SIU swept in three-game weekend series with Illinois State

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FOOTBALL

Southern wraps up spring schedule

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With 73 years in the books, McAndrew Stadium might have seen its final pigskin action Sat urday as the Salukis wrapped up their spring practice schedule with the annual intersquad Spring Game.

The scrimmage culminated a 15-practice schedule, which is the maximum amount of spring practice time allotted by NCAA. regulations.

With the offense donning white uniforms and marcon for the defense - both being a famil lar look for the many fant who were in attendance - the team

took to the field with a much different cast of players.

The feam returns eight starters in 2010 from the 11-2, 2009 Missouri Valley Championship campaign — five on offense and three on defense.

Head coach Dale Lennon said he was looking for a sense of consistency Saturday, as there were many new players looking to solidify their a roles on the team.

"We are a younger team than we were last year," Lennon said. "So the maturity is a concern and, usually when you're young, you're sometimes very good, and sometimes you're not so good. You want to make sure you're consistent on a day-to-day basis.

and that's what we really tried to develop over the course of the spring.

Lennon said the team might not have the same vocal leadership it had a year ago, but that has no bearing on the end result.

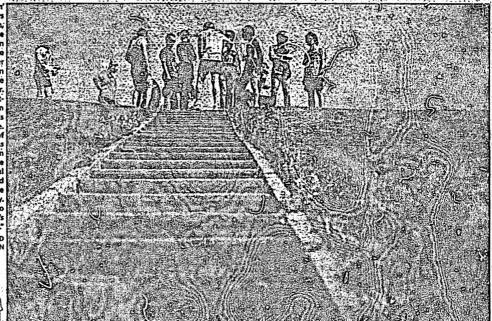
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RELAY DRAWS RUNNERS, REVENUE TO REGION

Team members from Movin Shoes and Run Til the Cown Come Home, both of Madison Wis stand on the level overlooking the Ohio River in Galconda. The town was the finish for the River to River Relay race, which had begun cight hours earlier near the anks of the Mississippi River The race is an 80-mile, eightperson relay that began in 1988, according to the Illinois River to River Relay Web site Tom Kaufman, a member of the Movin' Shoes, sald this was his 18th year participating in the event. Kaufman sald he thinks the relay is so successful because it is well organized and many people enjoy the team aspect of running a relay. "There's a certain allure to running relays," he said. "it's usually an individual thing:

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SOFTBALL

Salukis clip Redbirds' wings in game three

Dawgs keep top spot in Missouri Valley Conference

Daily Egyptian

In most cases, the early bird gets the worm.

However, if the "worm" is the top spet in the Missouri Valley Conference standings, the Illinois State Redbirds did not wake up early enough.

The Salukis lost both games of the doubleheader against the Redbirds Saturday, but made sure to grab the key win Sunday to retain the top spot in the conference by half a game.

Game one was an old-fashioned

pitcher's duel between Saluki funior Danielle Glossen and Redbird sonbomore Megan Warner, marked by key defensive plays across the board.

Glosson and the rest of the Salukis, wearing their pink uniforms in honor of Strike Out Cancer weekend, held the Reabirds scoreless th ough six innings.

She was helped on a tremendous defensive play made by sophomore lest fielder Mallory Duran, whose leap at the fence robbed Redbird senior first baseman Michelle Henderson of a would-be two-run homer in the top of the fourth.

Glosson's only other problems of

the game came in the sixth, when she gave up a single to freshman left fielder Ihavon Hamilton and an RBI double to senior third baseman Abby Olson.

Hamilton would score the only run of the game as the Redbirds beat the Salukis 1-0. The Salukis were held hitless for the first time all season and scoreless for only the second time

I wanted to keep that ball low and to try and keep the ball on the ground torgive something for our defense to work with," Warner said. "It feels great getting the no-hitter against the top team in the conference, it boosts your confidence even more and gives you momentum going into the game Sunday.

The Salukis then flip-flopped game two, registering six hits against Redbird sophomore pitcher Ierdan Birch, but ran into problems with pitching and defense in the third inning

An RBI single by Hamilton drove in the first run for the Redbirds on two outs. Junior pitcher Alex Peters then walked Olson, and freshman Elizabeth Kay bombed a three-run homer to left field giving Illinois State a 4-0 lead.

Lack of ball control by Peters in the fourth and by Glosson in the sixth led to two more runs.

The Salukis, in fear of losing be-

cause of the run rule, showed signs of life in the bottom of the sixth, with senior Katie Wilson hitting an RBI double to left, driving in two for a 9-2 score at the end of six.

- Salukis could not rally back, eventually losing 11-2.

Head coach Kerri Blaylock said that SIU's downfall began in the third inning with the missed opportunities to end the inning before the home run.

We did not make the plays we needed to make ... and we were not aggressive enough on offense to where we could battle back," Blaylock said.

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