The Great Cardboard Boat Regatta has been a popular springtime event for students and the Carbondale community for nearly three decades. Due to some disputes over the organization of the event, this year's competition may be eliminated.

Cardboard boats may not float for first time in three decades

New fraternity hopes to sponsor annual regatta

Jodie Milan
Daily Egyptian

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Grad students may shoulder budget cuts

At least 100 graduate assistantships will be yanked from the fiscal year's line item of student financial aid. It is anticipated that the University will replace at least 100 of the 1,500 graduate assistantships as a cost-saver for next year's fiscal year's budget. The final tally-up of proposed spending reductions is still in the works, Henry said.

The reductions are in response to Gov. George Ryan's recommended budget for SIUC, down $9.5 million from last year's original appropriation. This University's revenue stream is increasingly fluctuating, given that enrollment and state and tuition dollars could increase or decrease and annual appropriations. The University's revenue stream is currently being reviewed for state and tuition dollars.

Carol Henry, director of the Budget Office, said the colleges and departments must find places to trim their college's budget for the fall.

At least 100 graduate assistantships are currently funded mainly through state and tuition dollars. The deans must find places to cut about $1 million, the nearly $12 million normally set aside for graduate assistantships in state and tuition dollars.

A graduate student hired for nine months costs roughly $20,000. He said graduate assistantships are funded mainly through state and tuition dollars with the current position coming from outside funding streams.

Kopchak said it was his job to give them an increase in graduate student tuition would mirror that of undergraduate students. He hopes that a tuition increase will allow deans to keep graduate assistantships.

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Ginny Skalski
Daily Egyptian

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Man challenges celibacy clause in plea agreement
LOUISVILLE - A man charged with being a deadbeat dad after fathering a dozen children by 11 women is seeking to have the clause in his plea agreement that would prohibit him from ever having more children.

Luther Crawford, 49, said he thought the abstinence clause was just a joke. His lawyer claims it violates Crawford's constitutional rights and can't be enforced.

But a prosecutor said Crawford signed the agreement knowing what he was getting into when Crawford is sentenced on May 15.

Crawford is on trial, facing over $35,000 in support for two of his children and in jail awaiting another child-support case in which he owes $21,000.

On March 12, he pleaded guilty to two counts of flagrant non-support, which he was charged with in the same case.

The plea agreement calls for no more than a one-year sentence, but Crawford could be spared on probation or ordered to pay restitution.

Prosecutor Allen Coble said Crawford needs to swear off sex because he can't work and make money to support his children. Crawford is blind in one eye, nearly blind in the other and suffers from a heart problem and high blood pressure.

"This is a person who has gone a long way in showing that if he has children, he's not going to support them," Coble said.

Consumer confidence high

The Conference Board's closely watched reading of consumer moods jumped to 170.2 from 165.1 in February, the biggest one-month increase in 11 years.

The new number was not what economists expected - reading that the survey's barometers reported which view the recovery will be modest," says Joel Harf of National Economic Advisors. "While consumers feel really good, they buy a whole lot of everything."

"That's not a universal view," Dana Saporta of Steven & McCarthy Research Associates notes that the survey's bottom - rock-bottom mortgage rates and low energy prices that produced gasoline savings through the summer are still charging for the worse.

"We expect no better than moderate growth in consumer spending," Saporta says. (via usatoday.com)

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Death toll in Afghan quake rises

A huge earthquake -- An earthquake devastated mountain villages in northern Afghanistan, where officials on Tuesday estimated that at least 1,500 people died and thousands more were injured in a region already hard hit by hunger, drought and violence.

China bars U.S. warship from Hong Kong port

South Korea's new coal policy
gave way over U.S. deals with Taiwan, China blocked a port call by a U.S. warship to Hong Kong and refused Tuesday to see whether China would keep its pledge to work with a U.S. warship visiting Hong Kong, Hong Kong port

Arafat will not attend Arab summit in Beirut

JERUSALEM -- Yasser Arafat decided Tuesday not to attend a key Arab summit, his first since signed treaty with Israel was signed, and offered to meet with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, who would go ahead with a visit expected for April or May.

In Tuesday's story, "A Dream Not Delivered," the word "Koran," the American way of saying "Turan," appeared in reference to the Islamic text. The work, in its original spelling, should appear as Quran or Qur'an. The Daily Egyptian copy was mistyped.

Readers with an error in a news article should contact the Daily Egyptian Newsroom at 561-3311 ext. 252.
Students step up to open mic, revive old SIUC comedy tradition

Samantha Edmondson  
Daily Egyptian

"I've got one story for you here that people should listen to," said Thomas, a junior in theatre from Kansas City.

Thomas has used this joke and other stand-up comedic work to win first place at one of the open mic nights sponsored by the Student Programming Council this year. Now he will test his humor in front of a fourth open mic audience at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Big Muddy Room of the Student Center.

Sponsored by the Student Programming Council, the fourth installment of the open mic series provides a forum for students like Thomas and members of the Carbondale community to test their humor in the spotlight.

Duke Bohn, SRC comedy coordinator, said students at previous open mic nights have delivered a wide array of personal anecdotes, jokes, impersonations and stories. People often use their short performance time to tell Osama bin Laden jokes or just tell a random funny joke to get attention from the audience.

As most students are not accustomed to improving their performance, Bohn said some have told one-line jokes or told their entire weekends during a 10-minute monologue. But Bohn said the Big Muddy room has the right atmosphere for beginning comedians to familiarize themselves with the larger comedy club.

"It's downtown, it's dirty, it's dangerous and it seems like kind of place where a lot of people would get on stage and tell some dirty jokes," Bohn said.

During the late '90s and early '00s, the basement bar/hang-out hosted a larger scale comedy series called the Comedy Cellar.

Sponsored by Student Center Programming and Special Events, professional and amateur comedians headlined a weekly performance in the Big Muddy Room.

Comedians such as Judy Gold, Kathleen Madigan and one-time host of Mystery Science Theater 3000 Joel Hodgson, give hour-long performances, usually preceded by a SIUC student comedian or jazzy band from the School of Music.

Tom Connely, Student Center technical director, and his graduate assistants organized the weekly stand-up routines, booking comedians, arranging accommodations and running the sound equipment. He said that during his time, comedy was big and the budget was substantial enough to bring even well-known comedians to the University.

With a $1,200 budget per show, Connely said that at one time the Student Center booked a rising stand-up comedian, Denis Leary, to headline a show, but unfortunately for the SIU student he signed a CBS pilot show and canceled his appearance.

Connely said students like the professional series, but they also enjoyed the atmosphere of the Comedy Cellar. At one time, about 200 students were packed around the small stage in the Big Muddy Room watching one of the comics. Unlike larger comedy clubs, the students were four or five feet away from the stage.

"I think the comedians were a little intimidated and are not used to performing in a room," Connely said. "But they used their ownness and the new situation by saying something spontaneous."

The fall 99 and spring '00 comedy performances proved successful, but a variety of reasons led to the decline of student interest in the event. According to Connely, budget cuts reduced funding for the program, which resulted in a $2 charge for the night of laughter.

Also, the event was moved from the bar scene of the basement to the Student Center. See COMEDY, page 12

Students: register for laptop checkout service

Enrolled SIUC students can now pre-register for free access to the laptop checkout program provided by the Information Station starting Friday.

On April 1, the students who have previously filled out a registration form can check out one of six Dell Inspiron 3500 laptop computers for a two-hour interval.

The registration form calls for students to have two forms of official picture identification and is included with a faculty statement.

Funded through a $50,000 technology grant allotted to the University, the laptop checkout program allows students to plug into 36 different lines in the Student Center.

The computer is equipped with ethernet access, Microsoft Office, Microsft Word, Excel, Power Point, Netscape Navigator and Internet Explorer. Internet cables, an AC adapter, batteries, computer cables and carrying strap come with the laptop check out.

Doug Daugget, associate director for Student Center programs and services, said students will not be able to take laptops outside of the Student Center. The laptops are "unfurnished," and they are painted with Property of SIU, so they won't be taken out of the building and student charges will accrue.

Lisa Lambus, director of the Information Station, said she hopes the check out will let students prepare for the new situation by saying something spontaneous.

"Students may think they are going to hurt them, but don't be afraid," Lambus said. "Technology is running the world and it is here for them to use it."

For more information on the free laptop checkout service and the details of the pre-registration form, call the Information Station at 536-3500.

Presentation shows consequence of fatal car wrecks

Driving will never be the same, according to the presentation of today's preview on the worst fatal car crashes in Jackson County.

A Jackson County Sheriff's Department official will present slides of fatal automobile crash scenes at 3 today in the Davis Center. The presentation will include a brief description of the event and the effect it had on the families of those involved.

Parents can work out without children

SIUC students and Recreation Center members who have children and want to work out can bring them to the Recreation Center on Wednesdays and Fridays from 6 to 8 p.m. Until April 26, there will be people on hand to watch parents while children play or work out at the Recreation Center. There will be movies, swimming, basketball games and children age two to 12 to participate in. For additional information, call Kary Hoffstater at 453-1257 or Debra Robinson at 453-1265.

Three arrested in alleged purse theft

Three men suspected of stealing a purse from Longbranch Coffee House Saturday were arrested by Carbondale police and charged with varying degrees of theft.

Chief Dempsey and Jeffrey Barton, both 21 of Carbondale, and Thomas Bowles, 22, also of Carbondale, allegedly stole a purse from a woman at the Longbranch Coffee House, 100 W. Jackson St., at about 7:30 p.m.

Witnesses told police that the three suspects were strolling around the table. Shortly after, the woman noticed her purse was missing.

Description of the three men was broadcast to police, and the men were located in the 300 block of South Washington soon after. Property from the stolen purse was allegedly found in the pockets of all three men.

The three suspects were identified by the woman and other witnesses.

Dempsey was charged with misdemeanor theft, Bowles was charged with felony theft due to prior convictions and Barton was charged with felony theft due to prior convictions and violation of bail bond.

All three were incarcerated at Jackson County Jail.

Scholarship applications available

Applications are available for the $1,000 Bruce and Mary Lou Swinburne scholarship. The scholarship is open to undergraduates, graduate and professional students in honor of Swinburne, who served as vice president for student affairs for 14 years before he retired in 1967, and his wife.

Requirements and financial need are the major criteria for the scholarship. Applicants must be full-time students and have a 2.00-2.003 financial aid application on file. Applications can be picked up at the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management in room 307 of Anthony Hall. Applications are due by April 5.

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Partisan politics may account for low voter turnout

Alexa Aguilar
Daily Egyptian

Year after year, turnout for primary elections is feeble, usually lingering somewhere between 20 and 30 percent.

Analysts blame voter apathy, confusion about the primary system, even the weather if it rains on election day.

Some question if the primary process itself is an unnecessary barrier that scares people away. In other words, is forcing voters to declare a party affiliation in an era when many don’t care for partisan politics turning people off from the polls?

Common sense would say yes, political analysts John Jackson said, but the research says no.

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“We vote in primary elections because we want to vote in the general election. That is an inherent right of citizenship. Why would anyone want to take that away from people?”

Sociery is having the first local Guan Pwnima Full Moon Festival in celebration of one of their annual holidays. These speakers include,

Krishna through Lord Chaitanya, who is kinda dancing between our traditions and our faith. He is dancing to unify the theme of people speaking there. The Dhanistha, org:iniud the festivity around an audience, is an important event for people who are committed to the party and who that party nominates, then you could make an argument for the current primary.

A completely open primary can also be an easy way for other parties to create a “mischief” at the polls, Jackson said. For example, if the Republican voter is a shoot-his-own, then Republican voters may raid the Democratic ballot to vote for the Democrat’s weakest candidate. Or middle-of-the-road candidates may attract members from both parties, and alter party leaders’ optimal outcome.

Jackson pointed to Lieutenant Governor Corinne Wood’s recent bid for the governor’s seat. "With the unification of religion, the stakes are too high for party leaders to have a heart of charity," Jackson said. "And parties are responsible for making sure they have an effective nominee," Brown said.

The right stuff

Conservative columnist comes to SIUC

Codell Rodriguez
Daily Egyptian

Patrick Coley feels there is not a fair depiction of conservative ideas on college campuses, and people like Codell Rodriguez can help solve that.

Coley is the director for campus programs at the Young America’s Foundation, a national organization that provides college campuses with individuals who have more conservative ideals. The organization schedules about 300 speakers a year, including an appearance by former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, at St. Louis University.

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Her legal background is why the SIUC chapter of the Federalist Society will host the event, whose topic of her speech to be President George W. Bush’s ability to nominate federal judges because of the separation of powers.

The title of the speech is "The Art of a Liberal Sneer: Smashing the American牌子."

Justice Antonin Scalia, a law student from O’Fallon and president of the SIUC chapter of the Federalist Society, said the topic is important one and that Coulter is a strong choice.

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Architecture and Interior Design Departments take students abroad

Mediterranean study to give students hands on experience

Jovan Thomas
Daily Egyptian

Picus exploring classical architecture, art and culture in a Mediterranean paradise and spending time taking in the sun and mystique of ancient scenery from the mothers of architectural civilization. There is nothing more an architect major or guru could ask for.

This is what students will witness during the summer, when the Department of Architecture and Interior Design takes them to Italy and Greece. The program, called "Le Petit Grand Tour d'Architecture," which means "the little grand tour of architecture," is named for the popular, instructional, 16-week course at the University of Illinois that is available to Architecture and Interior Design Department students. It is named for the popular, instructional, 16-week course at the University of Illinois that is available to Architecture and Interior Design Department students.

"The idea of the trip is going to be very interesting because I will get the chance to learn about ancient architecture, history and culture," he said.

Fester is also excited about the trip because it is a great way to experience another program by Deyo, who was also the creator of the Kid Architecture Program the participant

for in before she came to the University and she has learned a lot under his instruction.

"Mr. Deyo is such a good teacher and that is one of the reasons I am going," she said. "We stay in a four-star hotel, the service and architecture was fabulous, I also liked Florence a lot. All the roofs are made of red clay tile. The architecture is much older than American architecture."

So far, there are 22 students signed up for the program, said Deyo, which is quite an improvement from last year. "I think we have a full and will never forget.

Todd Haun, a senior in architecture, went on the tour last year and traveled to England, Germany, Italy and Greece. He thinks in order to really learn about what you're studying, it helps to experience it from a personal aspect.

"Last summer I learned a whole lot. We went all over and saw interesting things," he said. "We got to see things in person, get your own personal overview and take pictures. Films and slides just don't do it any justice."

Deyo said where he went on the tour it was four weeks long and there was almost too much information to digest. As a result, he thinks it was shortened to its present state of necessity from another perspective.

"The chance for students to witness civilization from another perspective will most likely change their views on the world and advance their architectural imagination, leading to the new ideas of the future," Deyo added. "There is no way to experience something that you can't see and we can't experience.

"If you are talking about a place and you haven't been there then it is like critical fiction. Standing in the center of the great tombs and Galilean ground or the coliseum is overwhelming," Deyo said.

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the festival and learn about Lord Chaitanya's message. She will be telling the story of the miraculous spirit to the crowd, so people will understand the purpose of the event.

According to Dhanis, Lord Chaitanya was an incarnation of Krishna, who the society worships as God. Some people call him Jeevaah, Aah and Honu, but Krishna is the name they use for their faith.

"We very much emphasize that whatever the name of God is in your own terms, according to your own heart, that is a boonful name of God," Dhanis said. "You can please and connect to God through sound in that particular name."

Dhanis said the priority of the festival is worshipping God by using his holy name, which is dance manually. The reminder consists of sounds of drums and small symbols that make the rhythm to the chants.

The sounds of the chants and songs show, like any other ancient culture, such as Native American and East Indian are very avid in their rhythm because it helps spiritual bond ride," the said.

As people in Southern Illinois celebrate the Soar Purim Fall Festival at Dhanis' home, Dhanis and her family believe the celebration will open others to understanding of the festival and the religion's books, chanting and prayer.

"Someone cannot actually understand the sentiment without actually experiencing it," Dhanis said. "You describe honey's joy and when it might taste like, but it's like finding the outside of the jar, you can't sum up like you're someone who is practicing how experiencing it, is then you can understand it."
Sweet 16 brings a greatness back to being maroon

The Saluki basketball team's role in the Sweet Sixteen reaches much farther than realizing the pipe dreams of local sports fans and SIU students. The men's passion on the court and the determination it took to meet goals no one believed they could have made the Salukis a household name.

Autographed Saluki T-shirts flew off Ebay as local bookstores continue to watch maroon stock disappear from shelves. CNN, ESPN and the New York Times were just a few major media outlets that recognized the amazing "underdog" rise to glory.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN has received several letters from proud alumni, some of whom are wearing their SIU threads to work for the first time. Thousands cheered the Salukis off to the Big Dance, and hundreds applauded upon their return, even though they lost. This is because everyone in the community understands something about the Salukis' winning streak: It showed the nation this University's pride, skill and talent - traits no one had bothered to notice for a long time.

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GUEST COLUMNIST
Reminders of the Ancient Aristocracy

Joshua Magill
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Right now I'm taking this World History course. Talking about the beginnings of Civilization, Democracy and Republi - stuff like that. All that get me thinking about our own government. In Rome they had an aristocracy of rich men that controlled just about everything. These men were political power for life most of the time. Politicians.

In the end, these life-long professional politicians ruined outstanding governments, causing them to crumble under the weight of the greed. Greed for POWER. I see this happening today in our government. Why do we allow someone to become a professional politician? We limit the number of terms the president can serve, yet senators can almost get them to the front porch, maybe we can get them in the house.

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Our Word

"There's always work that needs to be done. If they said this was the No. 1 university in the state, that means there's more work to be done. We are perceived as a school at the top within the state. We just have to work harder and harder to get our fair share of the budget."

James Walker
SIU President, on SIUC's future

"When one door closes, another opens: but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us."

Alexander Graham Bell
To vote or not to vote, that is the question

Along with thousands of others last week, I made my way to the polling booth to cast my vote in the state election. But as I stood there, I couldn't help but wonder what difference did it make? It's hard to be on the losing team for anything, but I think voting is especially hard because it's so ... well ... American. Our ballot system sets us apart from most of the world. It makes us feel good as individuals to march in there and punch in those little circles in the name of democracy. So what happens when you realize your vote wasn't worth any change? Wouldn't that mean America doesn't work?

I think back to last Tuesday. I was late for work because the line was so long at the election booth. I could barely get myself all the people, gotten to work on time, and all had time for Chicken McNuggets along the way. Not a single position would have changed. Instead, I intended to make a change by not voting that day. I just couldn't vote. I just can't ignore my rights, no matter how futile the whole thing sometimes seems. I was brought up in one of those families where voting wasn't an option. I did not want to be part of the process, I've failed my fellow Americans. So I have to wonder as I look at the numbers this March, where exactly were my fellow Americans?

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Not Just Another Priddy Face

BY GRACE PRIDDY
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The BBQ dipping sauce and picked up a ballet, if you're like me, a lot of you feel apprehensive about casting your vote because you think it won't make a difference.

The reason I mean, we've got a lot to do already. We don't have two to sit in front of CNN day and night, counting the candidates' positions and lives. The responsibility rests with each of us and having to choose one of those potentially corrupt individuals makes us sick, and we don't feel good about it. But I still have a problem. We go to the polls, we have a choice, but is there actually a difference? I know I'm going to be broke - either way. I'm not really concerned over health care or pharmaceutical costs, but I'd like if Ortho was a little more affordable in the drugstore. I don't know exactly what's going on. And it's funny, but one candidate's gun control campaign made me see that I am actually like the guy was trying to train. So really, I've found my peace within the system, I don't think it can't change the world. But by being a loser who voted, I have now earned the right to hold everything the wussies do, and point a finger when they screw up. And I have earned the good consolation prize. Had I won on the winning team, I'd have been in there, I'd have been doing everything right. And by not voting, I'd have justified the right to complain about what either side was doing. But this is the truly American way. So give it your best shot, winners. Maybe you'll help us all out a bit with time. But in case you don't, nah nah nah nah boo-boo.

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It ain't over till it's over

Dear Editor:

Why do some African-Americans feel that racism is no problem in this country? Why must some African-Americans magnify bad problems as if they are the only problems that exist in our society? Until groups such as the NAACP, Black Enterprise, the National Association of Black MBA's and Meridian in Computer Science and the National Society of Black Engineers charge their names and stand behind discrimination and other negative actions, then we will always continue to experience differences with racism.

Victor H. Gaulther
afroamerican.org

Hall Ann Coulter

Dear Editor:

Allow me to be the first to commend the recently announced IJC (Institute of Federalist Society), who are setting, for their choice of Ann Coulter as guest speaker. Nothing herein pertains the converse agenda of a blonde-hued black from the Clinton baseline. I'm sure your letter staff will be shocked at this "willingly unorthodox" piece about the former president, with no shortage of white skin, blue dress, jeans. I mean really, does anyone have to ask about "media" views of Muslims living in this country, elsewhere for that matter? What about the issue of our African-American president? If we're going to say that people are free, then we will continue to experience differences with racism.

N. K. Gaulther

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School of Art and Design gets ready to present annual awards

The finalists for the Rickert-Ziebold Trust Award recently announced

Keva Gaston
Daily Egyptian

After much hard work and dedication, the finalists in the 2002 Rickert-Ziebold Trust Award Competition are preparing to present their projects in the final stages of the selection process and are anxiously awaiting the announcement of a winner.

Haris Deller, director of the School of Art and Design, said the department takes pride in the achievements of the Rickert-Ziebold scholars, Deller said.

"Because of their vision, love of art and confidence in the future, we are able to make an annual distribution of approximately $20,000 in awards to outstanding Rickert-Ziebold scholars," Deller said.

The top winner receives a direct cash grant, which can be applied to a professional education, advanced study, research, travel or other means appropriate to the pursuit of excellence. Awards to more than one recipient will be distributed in equal amounts.

Twenty finalists were announced on March 7, including Jerome Drayer, senior, with Erin Slimit, Margaret Wagner and Heather Wesfall. The students entered from a group of 24 competitors during the slide presentation judging process by the School of Art and Design faculty the day before.

The finalists will present their work at an exhibition setup in the Allyn Building on April 20. Myra Kahl, a senior in art and culture, Champion, is one of the finalists and will be presenting functional ceramics at the exhibition. She said that the selections process can be "trying."

"In order to get in the show, you have to present an artist statement, 20 slides and a vita resume that explains why you do want you do," Kahl said.

Deller said the event is a challenge because it is one of the school's first experiences with peer competition and professional evaluation.

"The faculty will judge the projects and determine the award recipients on April 1. The winners will be honored with an exhibition of their work in the University Museum on April 6, preceded by a formal luncheon and an awards ceremony."

"The School of Art and Design takes pride in the achievements of the Rickert-Ziebold Trust Award recipients, past and present," Deller said. "They reflect the ideas and aspirations of the benefactors of this award."

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City Council to begin discussing budget

Overall decrease in spending for fiscal year 2003, city manager says

Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

The completion of Carbondale's Mill Street underpass has created a much lighter budget for the city this year.

The proposed budget for fiscal year 2003, which begins in May, will be reviewed and discussed by the Carbondale City Council Tuesday night at the meeting. The City Council will vote on the final version of the budget April 15.

The body for the upcoming fiscal year has a decrease in overall spending, mainly because of the Mill Street underpass project that the city worked on last year, City Manager Jeff Doherty said. The proposed overall spending for 2003 is $36.5 million, a 6.7 percent decrease from last year's budget of $39.15 million.

The Mill Street underpass, which had a total cost of $11.3 million, cost the city $2.8 million last year, Doherty said.

But the general fund budget, which includes police, fire and community services spending, has a proposed 5.4 percent increase compared to last year.

Last year's spending was $32.2 million, compared to fiscal year 2003, which has a proposed total of $33.7 million. A portion of the increase will go toward a new computer software program for the city and increases in personnel services, Doherty said.

The city's current computer programming software from the 1970s that requires multiple entries to be made for financial data that show the flow of financial information by several days, Doherty said.

"We're really obsolete," he said. "It's giving up outdated information."

The proposed increases include three percent across-the-board increases for non-maintenance employees and the addition of five part-time community service officers in the Carbondale Police Department. The new mili
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The Weekly Horoscope
By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (March 27), Your assignment this year is to learn how to trust. If you do well, you'll be really rewarded, but don't think you have to be in control. That's one thing you may have to give up or postpone, be patient, this will make you a better leader

To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 6 is the most challenging

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 6 - It's just your imagination, or you're things going wrong that small. Instead of being impatient and making things worse, relax and take deep breaths, focus on what the others need.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - You may be the one who has to make the tough decision. Luckily, you're good at that. Make everybody stick to the budget you'll be glad you did.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - You're at a crossroads in your life, although people may seem to follow you as tentatively as it may seem, it could be your leader like you're like the one with the confidence sense this time.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 6 - There are a lot of changes going on, that's for sure. If you're trying to please someone else, you may wonder why. The key is to decide what you want. Kids will be squirmy, too. Deep breaths!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - Keep your eye on the poo under the deck. Even it may not work, there are so many changes coming on, it may be hard to find the barn again or the path. It's there, though.

Vega (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - Others look to you to figure out what to do next. Your ability to keep your feet firmly planted strongly is priceless now. Pay attention! It'll be like directing traffic in the middle of the hurricane.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - If you're cleaning up, watching and following through, also check on possible changes. There'll be plenty of them. People may not want things. Pay attention! They could be in a lot more prepared to be flexible.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - You can get a lot accomplished, most of it through someone else. You provide the direction and motivation, of course, you won't get all the way, but you'll make progress

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - Don't believe everything you hear. Give people a chance to take back what they say. You may get to the truth eventually.

Keep asking.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 9 - On the one hand, you're moving forward and changing, you can see what needs to be done. Provide direction, inspiration, even a little security.

Vega is a great tool.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - The money will flow through your fingers if you're not careful. Don't make promises that will be expensive to keep.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March. 20) - Today is a 6 - If you and 'some partner get into a fight, things will get out of hand, if you listen and learn from each other, you become the Dynamic Duo.

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3 Innocence, inoffensiveness
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5 Balloon
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11. Lake maker
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Former SIU track star breaks the color lines, becomes first American-American to win a Winter Olympic medal

Story by Todd Merchant

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G odwinus. He also had a nice American squad, and athletics. Tennis, attending Central high school before finally graduating from Illinois. Hines was the badminton on the "I didn't celebrate until I found out that we had actually won the silver and bronze," Hines said. "I was happy for our team. I was happy for Brian's team. Everything centred me. He she was emotion..." Perhaps more important to Hines than helping the American bobsledders was the medal for the team, which finished fifth at the Winter Olympic Games. The team had worked hard for that particular medal, Hines said. "I think that the Games are something I'll never forget," Hines said. "I'd like to be a part of something that made everybody feel so good." Reporter Todd Merchant can be reached at tmerchant@alaysiaonline.com

Garrett Hines was a member of the SIU football team from 1987-89. Hines, who was also a track star, recently won a silver medal in bobsledding at the XIX Winter Olympics.
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The next review for SIU will be during fiscal year 2008. Next year, fiscal year 2003, will be the five-year peer review to see if the department has done what it said it would to keep up to code.

"We are not in a position of eliminating any of our programs," Kowalczyk said. "SIU has had a good history of complying with the rules and being in good standing, and we will continue to do so."

Title IX was created for the fairness of women in sports, but at the same time some believe it creates an unfair target for male athletes.

Athletes who do not compete in basketball, baseball or football are the first to see their programs eliminated because those sports are usually the highest in money and attendance.

Not only do students lose the ability to play sports on the college level, many of them lose scholarship money and can no longer pursue their academic dreams.

The number of participants in sports is not the only reason a school may not be in compliance, according to Kowalczyk. The amount of money spent on uniforms, travel and overall treatment of the male athletes versus the women are also taken into consideration.

Bowling Green had previously cut men's tennis and wrestling earlier this year and now on the line is tennis, swimming and track and field.

"It's unfortunate and I just hate to see that happen," Kowalczyk said.

SIU has 14 athletic programs, seven of which are women's teams. This equality in programs is what keeps the University in compliance.

"Our numbers are looked at and if need be, we rearrange some things and increase our women's numbers," Kowalczyk said.

As for the universities that have and are currently in jeopardy of losing some of the men's programs, the No. 1 priority on the agenda is to get within compliance and hopefully maintain some of the best programs.

Losing a program is not an easy thing to deal with, but it is a reality some universities sometimes have to make in order to stay in step with the times.

"We will continue to make every effort to keep things fair for both the men and women of the athletic program," Kowalczyk said.

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SIU looks to dominate Saint Louis

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Talk about just plain old dominance. Since 1992, the SIU softball team has won 22 straight games against rivals Southern Illinois. The Salukis lead by a combined score of 163-19.

The yearly meeting between the two teams takes place today, with the Salukis welcoming the Billikens to HAY Fields for a doubleheader starting at 2 p.m.

To make things worse for SLU, the Salukis are riding a five-game winning streak into today's games.

SIU head coach Ken Blaylock said the reason for their success is that it has just out-fought opponents.

"We've just pitching extremely well, we're getting good defense, I really think like the kids have really been but­ ting really hard," Blaylock said.

They're not giving in on their opportunity and then they're able to score.

SIU's pitching has been phenomenal, with all three Saluki pitchers boasting winning records and ERA's under 2.00. Freshman Amy Faye stands at 8-4 with a minuscule 0.66 ERA, but she is being closely followed by junior Kesa Alm (4-1, 1.89) and Tannue Mueller (4-3, 1.21).

Blaylock expects to have all three get a few innings under their belts against the 12-11 Billikens.

"Ronin's going to start the first game because she's been having some back problems and I want to get her some innings," Blaylock said. "She has been feeling a little bit more healthy, but I actually think all three of them will get some time.

While some may point at SLU's 1-7 record in Conference USA play and insist SIU to chalk up two more easy wins, the Salukis are expecting a tight ballgame.

Blaylock said SLU head coach Jim Molloy has done a great job of rebuilding the program back up to a competitive level in recent years.

"Molloy has recruited really well," Blaylock said. "He has imported a lot of talent greaty over the past two or three years, and I think it'll be a good ball­ game.

"The players know this isn't the same Billiken squad they have abused in previous years.

"They have some good hitters, good pitching and they haven't been average in the past, but I know that they're pretty good this year," Koons said. "We're going to have to come out and be at the top of our game."

SIU (16-8, 5-0 Missouri Valley Conference) is looking forward to the games because poor weather conditions have already cost them a few games this season, the most recent coming this past Sunday when a game against Drake was canceled.

It is because of cancellations that this mid-week game is so vit:11 to the team.

"Some think it's no big deal, but you can't treat them lightly because you have so many games canceled," junior out­ fielder Kendra Moore said. "You got to go out and take two because we haven't had two good opportunities to play lately.

When they have had the opportu­ nity to play, the Salukis have made the best of it, and they intend to continue doing just that.

"Once you get into the pattern of winning, you don't want to lose. You don't like the feeling of losing," Moore said. "You want to keep this awesome feeling of winning because it makes it so much easier when you're winning."

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Salukis look to stay ahead

Men's athletics programs fall due to Title IX complications

SIU not among universities across the nation cutting teams

Samantha Robinson

Men and more universities are losing sports athletic programs fall due to complications under Title IX. But all of the cut-gone on, where does SIU stand? "There is no question about it — we are in good shape," SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalzik said.

On March 23, Tulane University in New Orleans and Bowling Green University in Ohio were the latest universities to fall victim to the Title IX gender equality law enforced by the NCAA Gender-Equality Task Force.

A university can lose an athletic program because of many reasons, but Title IX is one of the most visible. A school is not in compliance when the student-athlete ratio is not equal to the overall student population of a university.

The programs hardest hit are typically men's track, field, swimming, tennis and wrestling.

In many instances, the University of Colorado, University of Kansas and Iowa State cut their swimming and diving teams.

Michigan State University had to lose its men's gymnastics, Seton Hall University, Syracuse University and Bucknell University all discontinued their wrestling programs.

Since the inception of Title IX, a total of 425 schools reduced wrestling in order to become compliant, the most of any program cut.

To see the impact of Title IX on SIU, one would have to go back to 1972, when the wrestling program was cut, and then in 1999, when the university lost its men's gymnastics.

According to Donna Turner, the athletic director of Tulane University, once a school is found to be not in compliance with the law, the athletic director and his team must cut athletic programs that will be cut.

"They look at the numbers at the teams that will be cut, which will be within compliance and have the least impact on the student-athletes," Turner said.

The track and field team at Tulane posed the least threat because it consisted of mostly women. Once the season is over, the student-athletes will be able to keep their scholarships as long as they are in academic good standing.

As for the programs lost at Bowling Green and some other universities, the student-athletes will lose their scholarships and have to face the possibility of paying for school expenses or transferring to another college where they will be able to participate in another sport.

Every 10 years a school has to be certified. The three main areas that are assessed are sports, student-athlete welfare and Title IX compliance. These areas can affect enrollment at universities and change, and when the number of female students increases, the number of female athletes has to change as well.

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