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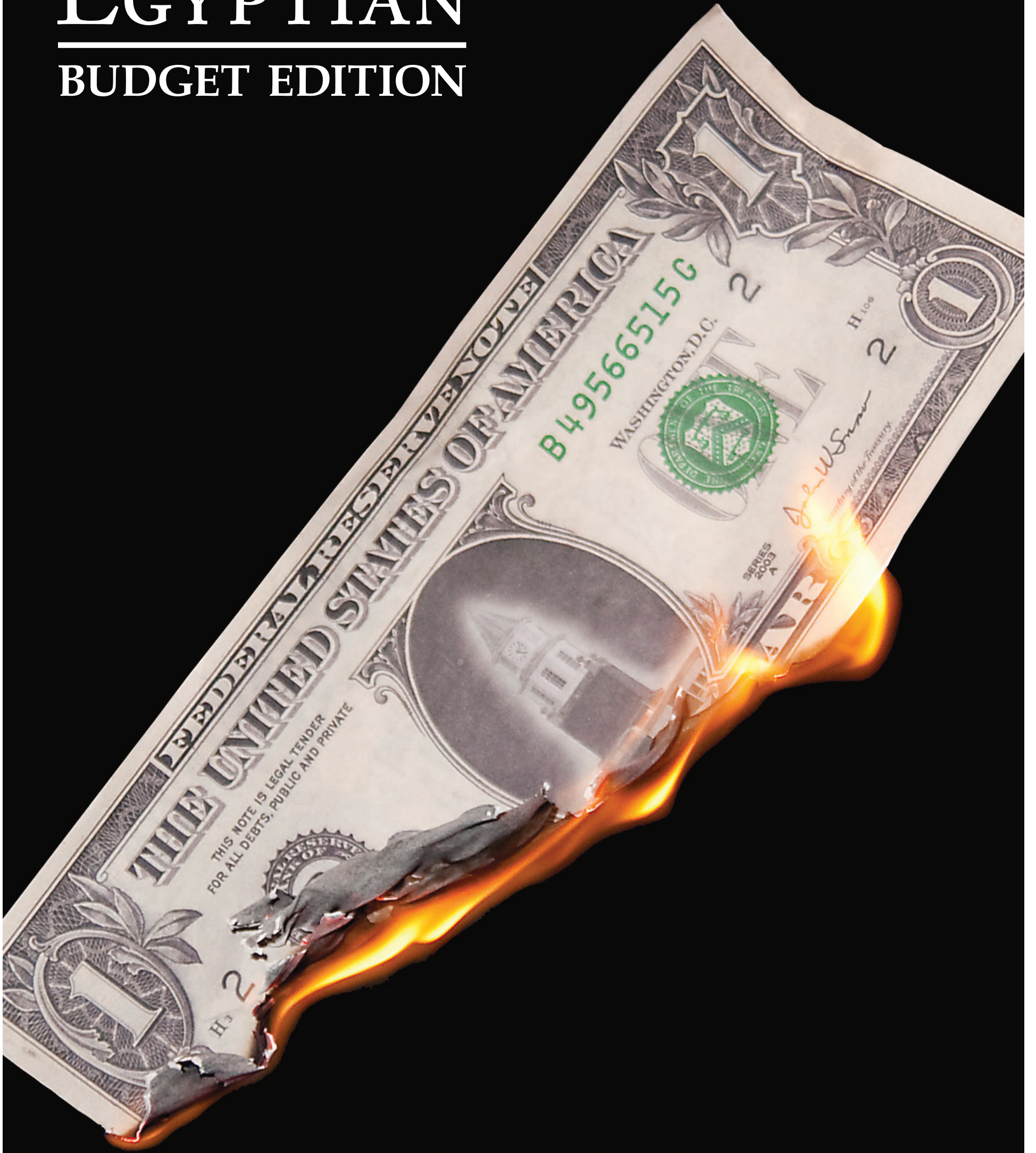
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## Up In Flames

As the state burns a hole in its budget, SIU is left to find ways to operate without the \$115 million the government owes it.

# State struggles to find fiscal solution

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With Illinois' declining revenues and growing bills, university funding is falling through the cracks and a simple solution can't seem to be found.

SIU President Glenn Poshard sent a message out to faculty and staff Nov. 10 announcing a freeze on most non-salary expenditures in an effort to try and make payroll in December.

Poshard said the university is owed more than \$115 million in state appropriations for the fiscal year and, without some form of payment from the state, December payroll may not be made.

Kelly Kraft, director of communications for the Governor's Office of Management and Budget, said Gov. Pat Quinn has been working with the General Assembly to increase revenues through income tax and fee increases, but has had little to no success so far.

"With revenues coming in so far below expectations, in particular because unemployment numbers were higher than projected, we have limited options on what we can do," Kraft said.

According to the Wall Street Journal, Quinn has said he wants to borrow \$900 million to pay late bills and fund tuition grants for low-income college students. Quinn has also proposed an income tax increase, but will not put it to a vote until after the Feb. 2 primary elections.

Poshard said the idea of borrowing an additional \$900 million could help short-term problems, but would cause more difficulties in the next fiscal year when that money would need to be repaid. He said the only solution for the university and the state would be more revenues.

"The governor has proposed that; he seems to indicate that he wants to take that up in the spring session," Poshard said. "We're hopeful and willing to help in that regard, because unless that happens, I don't know how the state resolves its budgetary problems."

Kraft said they are working to cut spending and every state department, agency and grant program is going to have to continue with decreases in state funding.

"The governor inherited this fiscal disaster that had been created over several years of mismanagement and he is committed to correcting it," Kraft said.

Poshard held a town hall meeting Wednesday on the Edwardsville campus, informing faculty and staff of the possibility of SIUE also not being able to make payroll in December. According to the Belleville News-Democrat, Poshard has spoken to the comptroller's office and Quinn's office, asking for just enough state funds to make payroll.

Carol Knowles, spokeswoman for Comptroller Dan Hynes, said there are no priority levels for state funding and



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Jason Crabb changes the oil of an SIUC truck at the SIUC Automotive Center Monday. Because of lack of state funding, SIU will be restricting university travel. He said the budget cuts would affect what kind of maintenance is done.

the money appropriated to the university has not been spent on any other program; the money just isn't there.

"You can't spend what you don't have," Knowles said. Knowles said because the state has received money through the federal stimulus program, it is required to make payments to hospitals, doctors and nursing homes within 30 days, a payment cycle the state had not been keeping before.

"That means others who receive funding from the state have to wait longer," Knowles said. "We are continuing to work with the universities to help meet their needs during this very difficult situation."

Knowles said the state backlog, as of Tuesday, is \$4 billion, which does not include \$2.25 billion in short-term loans taken out in May and August that must be paid back beginning in March and completely paid back by early June.

"Revenues coming into the state are lower than anticipated and the state continues to spend more money than it takes in," Knowles said. "The comptroller has warned about this over and over for many years."

According to a report by the Pew Center on the States, Illinois is one of 10 states heading for economic disaster. The report outlined the state's history of persistent gaps between revenues collected and money spent, and stated that Illinois, among others, put off tough budget decisions by borrowing, ultimately worsening the financial situation.

The report also found that, historically, states have their worst years shortly after the end of a national recession. According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the state is facing an \$11.7 billion budget gap for the next fiscal year.

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I think Chancellor Sam Goldman should keep his post.	16%	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%

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# SIUC colleges cope with spending freeze

## Officials uncertain about future plans

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Each academic college at the university is coping with the recent spending freeze in similar ways, but faculty and staff say they have mixed feelings about the future.

SIU President Glenn Poshard sent a message out to faculty and staff Nov. 10 announcing a freeze on most non-salary expenditures in an effort to try and make payroll in December.

The spending freeze is in response to the cash flow problem in Illinois; the state owes the university more than \$115 million, Poshard said.

Gary Kolb, dean of the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts, said no one could have anticipated the spending freeze.

"It's a difficult situation," Kolb said. "I don't think anybody prepared for it, really."

When his college received notification of the freeze, it immediately halted all nonessential travel and postponed purchases for various supplies such as computers and darkroom equipment, he said.

Kolb said equipment would only be bought if it were essential to the function of the college.

The cancellation of travel is also inconvenient but necessary, he said. Kolb said faculty and staff members can no longer travel to conferences and workshops unless those trips are approved.

"There's no doubt (the freeze) is having an effect on everything," Kolb said. "We're going day by day; we're trying to be as frugal as we possibly can with our budget."

Kolb said he has a mixture of pessimism and optimism about the

cash flow problem, and is trying to stay with the latter.

"It's going to get worse," he said. "But I'm hopeful things will turn around and start improving."

Lisa Brooten, associate professor of radio and television, said the department prides itself on having cutting-edge equipment for students, which she said could ultimately change.

"Right now, we'll be able to maintain that in the short run," Brooten said. "Whether or not we'll be able to maintain that in the long run remains to be seen."

Brooten said the department has been told to be as conservative as possible but hasn't received any instructions about specific cutbacks.

"I think the problem is that we don't have any directive from upper administration at this point about exactly how cutbacks will be happening," Brooten said.

Rick Smith, associate professor of blacksmithing and metal-smithing in the School of Art and Design, said he's feeling more pessimistic about the spending freeze and the future.

"My optimism has been kind of beaten down," Smith said. "Every year it gets a little harder and a little harder to maintain."

Smith said the college has not felt the full force of the spending freeze yet, and he thinks it is better off than other colleges.

"The deans have certainly made an effort to help us out," he said. "And we've raised our money a lot by ourselves."

Smith said he continues to see more and more students interested in blacksmithing and metalsmithing, which he said keeps him



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**Kara Stark, a sophomore from Christopher studying elementary education, measures drops in a centrifuge tube Tuesday in a Microbiology 301 class. Deans from every college on campus are looking for ways to restructure their budgets after the university implemented a freeze on non-salary expenditures.**

hopeful for the future.

"Right now we have such a good reputation," Smith said.

Dennis Cradit, dean of the College of Business, said he is confident the cash flow and budget problems will be worked out. He said his college is struggling to decide what to cut back on, but everyone understands the need to do so.

"What we'd love to do is freeze everything and not spend another dime," Cradit said. "But there are some things we can't stop."

The college doesn't want to cut expenditures that focus on recruiting students, he said. Keeping enrollment up helps to take the edge off the college's monetary struggles, Cradit said.

The college can, however, cut back on simple items such as travel and equipment purchases, he said. Cradit said saving money little by little is what will help the college flourish in the long term.

"We're in a situation in which we'll be as efficient as we can be," he said. "But there's really not

much we can cut back on."

Rod Sievers, university spokesman, said the cutbacks would only apply to nonessential equipment and would not affect recruitment and retention.

"We'd just be shooting ourselves in the foot," Sievers said.

Kenneth Teitelbaum, dean of the College of Education and Human Services, said his college has tried to save as much money as it could in general.

"We've always been very careful as a college in what we spend," Teitelbaum said. "And we are sure to have money set aside for staff in the spring."

Teitelbaum said the university is at the mercy of the state. It may seem as though the colleges are being punished for being careless with money, he said, but the spending freeze is mostly in response to a lack of funding from the state.

"We have to hope that the state comes up with a healthier budget that will help all colleges in the

state," Teitelbaum said.

He said enrollment is possibly one of the most important factors in generating money at the university, regardless of whether Illinois can properly fund the university.

Even though the state is getting into rough times, Teitelbaum said the spending freeze could have been in response to something much worse.

"I am certainly worried," he said. "Things certainly could be worse and hopefully they don't get that way."

Sievers said the university should receive money in January for Pell Grant and Monetary Award Program reimbursements, and through spring tuition checks, but without some kind of payment from the state, the fiscal situation of the university is not going to look any better.

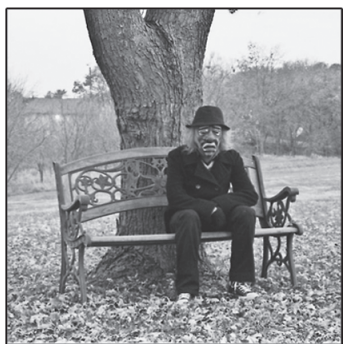
"Unless the state ponies up, we may be in the same situation come April," Sievers said.

*Stile T. Smith contributed to this report.*

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# University research affected by budget crisis

## Hundreds of journal subscriptions canceled

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The university's reputation for being a research institution could be affected by cuts in the library's journal subscriptions if students and scholars continue to lose resources, said Eric Hellgren, chairman of the Graduate Council.

David Carlson, dean of Library Affairs, said almost 900 journal subscriptions, which include annual series, print and electronic resources, have been canceled as a result of a dwindling budget and rising costs from publishers.

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Ron Fields, a graduate student in English, said officials should consider redistributing some of the student fees to library resources, because the university's mission has always been aimed at being a top research institution. Fields said from the 871 journals canceled, 67 percent were in science, 24 percent in social sciences and 7 percent in humanities, which is almost \$500,000 in titles. "In a research institution,

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having anything like this be canceled is awful," Fields said. "The way to become a top-notch research institution is not to cut 67 percent of science journals."

Carlson said over the last eight years, the library has only seen one budget increase while publishers raise prices sometimes as much as 8 percent annually.

Hellgren said library officials try to cut the journals no one uses, but because several rounds of cuts have been made over the years, they are starting to cut the journals people access on a regular basis.

Hellgren said the lack of library resources combined with the university's cash-flow problem could affect the professors who come to do research and teach at SIUC.

"That's how we attract (professors) — the fact that we have strong research," Hellgren said. "If we can't replace faculty who retire or offer competitive salaries, that will hinder our ability to grow."

# Business managers say freeze will hurt local economy

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Though an SIUC spokesman said the university's spending freeze is flexible enough to allow some purchases, managers of Carbondale businesses who provide the university with various products say it will affect the city's entire economy.

SIU President Glenn Poshard sent a message to faculty and staff Nov. 10 announcing a freeze on most non-salary expenditures to curb the effects of the state's inability to make its monthly appropriation payments.

"It will definitely have a negative impact," said Dan

Buechenschuetz, manager of the Murdale True Value, which often provides the university with cleaning supplies and small appliances.

Though his business does not rely on the university, SIUC is an important client, Buechenschuetz said.

Randy Johnson, manager of 710 Bookstore, which provides the university with everything from computers to art supplies, said his business hasn't seen the effect of the freeze yet, but anticipates it to be negative.

"We really don't adjust to stuff like that," Johnson said. "These things come and go in their cycles, and we just try to work through them as best we can ... it's not

really a local decision that's causing this."

Though city officials say it's too early to tell exactly what the effects of the spending freeze will be, they too have concerns.

City Manager Allen Gill said the university might still purchase goods it needs from local businesses.

"What I'm more concerned about is if they don't pay their bills, then were going to have local businesses that could end up with cash-flow problems," Gill said.

Though the state could come up with the money at any moment and start spending with local businesses again, the immediate effect will not be good, city councilman Chris Wissmann said.

University spokesman Rod Sievers said the university still has money available, but officials are taking a close look at any expenses.

The university will not stop its recruiting efforts, he said.

"If something needs to be done, we're going to spend money on it," Sievers said. "It's a cash-flow problem, not a budget problem."

— Randy Johnson  
manager of 710 Bookstore

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# Aviation department hits the brakes on spending

Recruiting will not be affected

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The university spending freeze could also freeze tenure.

The Department of Aviation and Flight could suffer setbacks if the spending freeze lasts for an elongated period of time, said David NewMyer, chairman of the Department of Aviation and Flight.

SIU President Glenn Poshard sent a message out to faculty and staff Nov. 10 announcing a freeze on most non-salary expenditures in an effort to try and make payroll in December.

NewMyer said right now spending was limited only to the essentials.

“Our spending is frozen; we’re having to do the very, very essential things only,” NewMyer said. “Right now, that is only processing old bills and processing my travel vouchers slowly.”

NewMyer said the school was not authorizing any new travel, which means the aviation department would be unable to present research at conferences. He said if the freeze lasts for a long time, the inability to present research and get published could hurt professors who are trying to get tenure.

“Professors need to publish or perish,” NewMyer said. “If they don’t publish, they don’t get promoted, they don’t get tenured and then they are out of the university. A lot of departments with young faculty will not be able to travel, and that will be hard for tenure.”

Despite the economy, Jeff Jaynes, assistant instructor in the aviation program, said the department has had no problem getting students interested in the program.

“I know that I haven’t necessarily seen a freeze in students coming in,” Jaynes said. “They still want to fly, it’s just been more difficult for students to afford flight training.”

Jaynes said the declining economy did not stop students from finding out about the aviation program and said he does not



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**Derek Rehbock, a senior studying aviation technologies, and Jeremy King, a mechanic at the Department of Aviation and Flight, work on the regular overhaul of one of the SIUC fleet planes. Jeff Jaynes, a graduate student working for the department and teaching flight classes, said he is worried about the recent SIU budget cuts. He said because its students have been paying fees that cover much of the program, the aviation program is better equipped to deal with a smaller budget.**

think a university spending freeze will prevent new students from finding out about the program.

NewMyer said he still has to spend, even if the university will not pay for it.

“We’re still going to be spending. If you’re going to teach a class, you have to operate equipment. Can’t stop spending there — we fly airplanes every day. When you fly, things

might break,” NewMyer said.

He said about two-thirds of the program is paid for through student flight fees, which covers fuel and expendable income. NewMyer said the other third of the funding for the flight program comes from the state and said state funding was part of a deeper problem.

“The state hasn’t had new money for universities since 2002,” NewMyer said. “The board

has been doing all it can to support us, but the state isn’t supporting the board. The state hasn’t been forthcoming with the money to look to the future.”

NewMyer said the freeze would hurt, but the larger pain comes from the lack of state funds.

“The current freeze is problematic, but the long-term problem is the state budget,” NewMyer said. “The state of Illinois is hurting us.”

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## Horoscopes

By Linda C. Black

**Today's Birthday** — You're moving in the direction of solid, practical work. It may take some time to perceive opportunities that are right in front of you. Don't let this worry you. By your next birthday, you'll have earned accolades from friends and associates.

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

**Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8** — Get close to your partner now. Massage works wonders. Prepare simple foods.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8** — Jump on the romance wagon! It's going exactly where you need it to go. Spare no effort.

**Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8** — Make sure that you get to do what you want today. There will be plenty of time to do what others want.

**Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7** — No need to recite epic poems now. Just say what you want and how you want it. Be straight.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8** — Whatever you do today, lace it with words and actions that say, "I love you." For example, do the dishes.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8** — Today's work or play should revolve around you. You'll feel better if you take charge.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8** — Personal magnetism controls your environment. Everyone seems to be ready for a better relationship.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7** — You can accomplish more in one day than you thought you could do all week. It's Thursday, so that's a good thing.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8** — You find yourself drawn to the exact people you wanted to see. Take care of business today and leave socializing for later.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8** — Take care of yourself first today. You won't do anyone much good if you're too tired to move. You know your needs best.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7** — You're worried about a side issue. Stop that! The problem will be resolved with very little effort.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8** — Throw yourself into your work. You get tons accomplished and love every minute. Tie up loose ends.

**ATHLETICS**

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Men's basketball coach Chris Lowery said the key to handling the tighter budget is to be smart.

"We're only doing stuff where we can drive to right now just to make sure we're not in a situation where we're spending a whole lot of money recruiting, because we don't have to," Lowery said.

Head football coach Dale Lennon said he has not seen any real change yet, because recruitment for football doesn't usually start until the spring.

Scally said scheduling future opponents for the Salukis would also focus more on cost than previous seasons.

"It's really pushed us for some of the games we're considering

playing," Scally said. "We're taking a look into playing games with bigger paychecks — just to help make ends meet. Maybe that decreases our chances of winning a little bit, but we need to find ways to bring in more money."

Poshard said if the state does not come through with the money for December, there is a possibility of layoffs and furloughs. Moccia said if it comes to that, then the athletic department will have to make some difficult decisions.

"We would wait for our marching orders," Moccia said. "I guess at that point we would have to look at the positions that may have the ability to keep the doors open. I doubt you could lay off coaches, but there are other personnel which are not as important. If it ends up to be the case, we'll have

to see which ones we could move on without."

Even if more cuts do come, both Moccia and Scally said they would not consider cutting any of the athletic programs unless told to consider it.

"That is like the ultimate poison pill, the last step before death for an athletic department," Scally said. "Once you start cutting sports, there's no way to go back."

Scally said having the No. 1 football team in the Football Championship Subdivision and a competitive basketball team has been huge in helping the athletic department.

"When you're the No. 1 team in the country, a lot of people show up," Scally said. "Just goes to show; when you're winning, everybody loves you."



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A backhoe sits unoccupied behind the construction area for Saluki Way Tuesday. Athletic Director Mario Moccia said the athletic department has been hurt by the freeze as much as anybody else on campus, but the Saluki Way project has not had any negative effect on the department's profit.

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# Athletics department tightens budget

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Right now, not even the top-ranked football team is allowed to purchase a new pair of cleats.

"Here we are, heading to the playoffs with the No. 1 ranking, and even the equipment manager has to make sure we can buy new cleats," Associate Athletic Director of Finances Mark Scally said. "It's gotten down to that level."

SIU President Glenn Poshard sent a message out to faculty and staff Nov. 10 announcing a freeze on most non-salary expenditures in an effort to try and make payroll in December.

It is in response to the cash-flow

problems with the state, which Poshard said owes the university more than \$115 million.

Athletic Director Mario Moccia said the athletic department is just as much a part of campus as any other department and said the effects of the freeze have been felt.

"With this latest thing, it was 'Hey, lets remove as much unnecessary things as possible,'" Moccia said. "Every single request for an expense has to be signed off now by Scally and myself — and I mean everything. And that will go over for the rest of the year."

Moccia said the process is done through e-mails, and anyone who needs to make a purchase must contact either him or Scally to receive approval.

Scally said some items usually purchased around this time, such as the softball team's cleats, are being postponed until the spring semester to ease the complications.

However, Scally said the financial situation is better in the athletic department because its ability to generate revenue.

According to last year's financial statement sent to the NCAA, the athletic department made \$19 million dollars in revenue, including \$1.9 million from ticket sales and \$8.8 million from student fees. However, student fees are split, with roughly \$4.2 million going toward the Saluki Way project.

After expenses, the athletic department reported a total profit around \$84,000, but Scally said

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most of that also goes toward the Saluki Way project.

Moccia said there has always been planned, dedicated funding for the Saluki Way project, so there are no surprises with the amount of money going toward it.

The athletic teams have also had to cut back.

Moccia said the coaches have

all been informed to be smart with their traveling arrangements, and to take the cheaper option whenever available. However, Moccia said he does not want this to affect recruitment — which he said is the lifeblood of any athletic department.

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