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## SIUC can't use cash to cover shortfall

JACOB MAYER  
Daily Egyptian



Administrators say SIUC is likely to end the budget year the way it began, with a cash balance, but that doesn't mean the university has money to forestall budget reductions such as possible closure days.

The cash balance is made up of cash that auxiliary units such as the Student Center and Recreation Center are required to keep in reserve, grant money for projects and other money designated for specific purposes, said Judy Marshall, acting executive director for administration.

"We can't take the Student Center's money and pay a professor's salary," she said.

SIUC's 2011 budget projects an opening cash balance of approximately \$40.9 million and an ending balance of \$34.8 million.

Kevin Bame, vice chancellor of administration and finance, said some of the money is for grants or contracts, and the university cannot take that money and pay for something that does not fall under that grant or contract.

Randy Hughes, president of the Faculty Association, which represents tenured and tenure-track professors, said he agreed the university cannot use that money to

pay salaries, but he still believes the university is not being clear about the budget and the need for closure days.

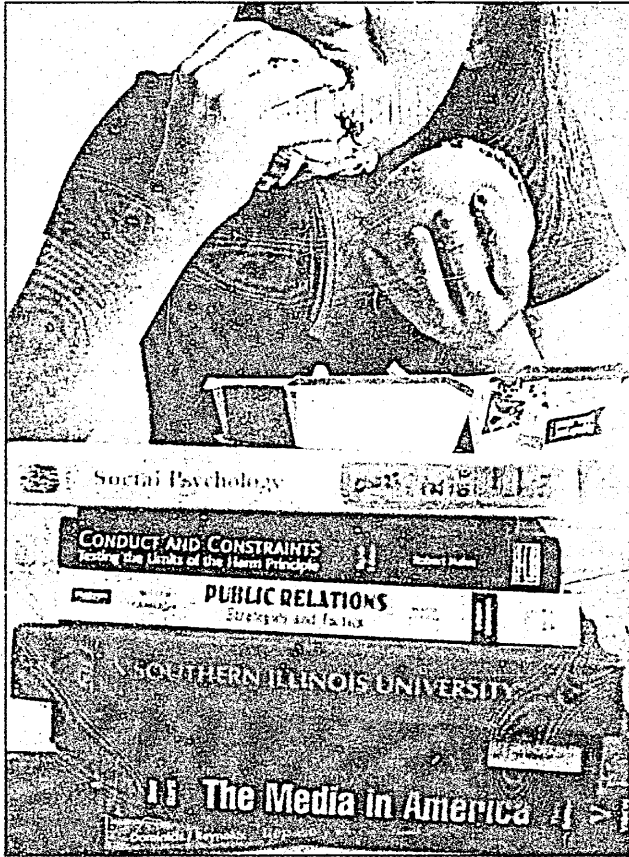
"We don't see the evidence in the budget that says that closures are necessary," he said. "The other thing is that although we think it would be wrong-headed to use it for this way, we don't see the evidence that the closures are necessary to deal with the cash-flow problem."

Hughes said he has not received answers to several of his questions about

the university's budget situation.

"There are lots of questions here, which shows that what they are doing is, first of all, not transparent," he said. "You have to dig information out of so many different places. ... These reasons do not match with the numbers that are out there."

Hughes said Oct. 12 that negotiations, including discussions about closure days, have been ongoing between the association and the administration for several weeks.



Students across the country often find themselves under stress during the school year, says Barb Elam, a stress manager at the Wellness Center. By not maintaining healthy eating habits students can often find themselves feeling worse and underperforming in school. "When it comes to the diet, oftentimes people don't realize the immediate impact poor nutrition has on their energy levels and their lifestyles," said Lynn Gill, a nutrition coordinator at the Wellness Center. For the full story, please see page 3.

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## Provost finalist wants another challenge: enrollment numbers

LAUREN LEONE  
Daily Egyptian

Editor's note: This is the second of four profiles featuring the four finalists for the provost and senior vice chancellor position.



Gary Minish says heads turn when he uses the words "increase" and "enrollment" in the same sentence.

Minish, who retired Dec. 31 as dean of College of Agricultural Sciences at SIUC, is one of the four finalists for the provost and senior vice chancellor position. Interim provost and vice chancellor Don Rice has held the position for three and a half years.

"You have to look at the academic programs and be sure they are relevant and fit with the times. You can recruit and market all you want, but you have to be sure you have a product."

— Gary Minish  
finalist for the provost and senior vice chancellor position

on good terms with a successful track record.

"I saw challenges when I got here, and I can explain how I fixed them," he said. "I want the opportunity to do so again, but as provost."

When Minish signed on as dean in 2004, enrollment was decreasing within the college. As dean, undergraduate enrollment in the college increased 18 percent. In the last three years of his tenure, enrollment increased to 21 percent, according to the 2009-2010 SIUC Factbook.

"It took us two years to stop the decline," he said. "But the college had been steadily losing 60 or more students every

year for five years before I got there."

He said recruitment and retention at any university must go beyond creating and spending money on recruitment programs and strategies. During his time as dean, academic programs and course offerings were analyzed and needed improvements, he said.

"You could see we were just an animal production management department, and that the job and career (offering) wasn't quite as strong," he said. "So we added business, science and pre-vet medicine areas."


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## Former assistant city manager joins four-year term council race

CHRISTINA SPAKOUSKY  
Daily Egyptian

Donald Monty announced his candidacy for Carbondale City Council on Monday.

Monty said he would not run to fill the vacancy left by Lance Jack, who resigned Oct. 5, but would instead run for the four-year term that would begin in May.

Monty said many people have asked him to run for council, and his belief that he can serve the community well and his love for the city and its people are the reasons why he has decided to run.

"The primary function of the city

is to protect the public health, safety and welfare. In this time of stress on the city's budget, the city needs to strive for stability," Monty said in a press release.

Monty worked for Carbondale for 35 years, with the last 10 as assistant city manager, which gave him a thorough understanding of the city's operations and budget, he said.

The general elections for mayor and City Council are scheduled for April 5. If more than five mayoral candidates file for the position of mayor and/or more than 13 candidates file for the three council positions by Nov. 15, a primary election

will be held Feb. 22.

The election will be for the mayor's seat presently held by Mayor Brad Cole, and for the City Council seats presently held by members Steven Haynes, Mary Pohlmann and one vacancy. Councilman Joel Fritzer announced his candidacy for mayor Sept. 23, which means his seat also may have to be filled.

Jane Adams, Jessica Bradshaw and Janet Donoghue are circulating petitions for council, but have not yet officially announced their candidacy.

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# Nix junk food to get good grades

LEAH STOVER  
Daily Egyptian

Barbara Elam says the secret to reducing stress and achieving good grades mid-semester is to cut the junk food and focus more on balance.

Elam, a stress management coordinator at the Wellness Center, said she meets with students every day who need guidance in reducing the stressors in their lives. She said midway through the semester is the time of the year where the life management services offered in the Wellness Center are booked with appointments.

"It's not just school, but there are issues regarding roommates, romantic partners and trouble sleeping that all seem to come up this time of the year," Elam said.

Kayla Eckelkamp, a sophomore from Washington, Mo., studying dental hygiene, said this year has been harder than she could have ever imagined.

"I have to go to the library around 7 p.m. every day and I don't leave until midnight," Eckelkamp said. "I've never been so

stressed out. It's overwhelming."

When it comes to reducing stress, Elam said most students are under the impression that both extra time and effort are needed to create the relaxing lifestyle they search for. She said the real secret to lowering stress comes down to maintaining a balance between what is going on around you and the basics.

"Eating on a regular basis is important," Elam said. "Some students are so busy they skip breakfast and even lunch, then wonder why they're fatigued."

Elam said maintaining a healthy diet, along with managing sleep and taking a little time to incorporate exercise into your daily regime, will in turn help your body deal with stress.

Elam said many students turn to unhealthy means to relieve their stress that might be satisfying instantly, but could be detrimental to their health in the long run. She said one of the mechanisms most commonly used to cope with stress is overeating.

"Physiologically, your body reacts to stress in a way that causes your

heart rate to increase, blood pressure to go up and your blood sugar to rise," Elam said. "People choose eating to make themselves feel better because food is associated with comfort, especially carbohydrates."

Lynn Gill, a nutrition coordinator at the Wellness Center, said young people have been programmed to associate good behavior with food because it has been used as a reward system.

"One reason why people use overeating as a coping mechanism is because it's socially accepted," Gill said.

She said convenience eating is the other issue facing students under stress.

This can lead many students to resort to fast food or other processed foods that are difficult for the body to digest simply because they're easily available, Gill said. A majority of meal options surrounding students are packaged and convenient, so people tend to purchase them over healthier alternatives, Gill said.

"Physiologically, the body hasn't changed significantly in the past 1,000 years, so the body we have today is that same body that was designed when our ancestors were hunters and gatherers," Gill said. "Nowadays, people are eating foods like McDonald's that are filled with additives that were developed more recently, and our bodies don't exactly know how to

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— Barbara Elam  
stress management coordinator at the Wellness Center

break them down."

Eckelkamp said her overabundance of homework, especially during the middle of the semester, has led her to experiencing feelings of frustration and even depression. She said her busy schedule sometimes leaves her with no time for leisure activities, and even a limited amount of time to eat.

Gill said eating processed foods can lead to poor concentration and an overall feeling of dissatisfaction after eating. For students especially, Gill said people resort to eating fast food on a regular basis because there isn't enough time to prepare a meal. She said students don't realize the cycle created by continuously eating in an unhealthy manner.

"When it comes to the diet, oftentimes people don't realize the immediate impact poor nutrition has on their energy levels and their lifestyles," Gill said. "If students are fatigued all the time, they usually blame it on lack of sleep or stress, instead of realizing the direct effect their diet has on both of those things."

If a student is having difficulty choosing between foods that provide

their bodies with nutrition and ones that don't, Gill said she suggests reading the food's label.

When it comes to stress from school work, Elam said resorting to convenient foods to save time may seem like a temporary fix but will not be beneficial in the long run.

"The more people overeat, the more they tend to feel bad about themselves which can stress them out even more; it's a cycle," Elam said. "You can't eliminate all of the stressors in your life, but you can change the way you deal with them."

When it comes to dealing with her stressors, Eckelkamp said she chooses healthier alternatives such as the Zumba workout class to escape the pressures of school.

"It seems like a lot of students tend to procrastinate on their school work and lose track of their priorities, which leads to unhealthy stress management habits," Eckelkamp said. "If you don't do your work, it all builds up. You can't get rid of the stressors, but you do have the ability to change the way you handle them."

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Chancellor Rita Cheng said after the State of the University Address on Sept. 30 that letters were sent to all bargaining units to see whether they want to negotiate, but the university would "just move ahead" even if it does not hear back from all parties.

Marshall said the university might have found itself in the same situation last budget year had it not received \$7.5 million in federal stimulus money.

Bame said the state cut back its appropriations to 2006 levels, or about \$113.5 million, and the stimulus money filled in the gap to keep the overall appropriations at about the same level as fiscal year 2009.

Marshall said the entire \$7.5 million of stimulus money was used to pay salaries, and the use of that money was audited in September by the state auditor general's office.

"There was very keen oversight on that whole process," she said. "We used every penny on salaries."

As the university faced a \$15.3 million shortfall coming in to fiscal year 2011, Cheng said in an e-mail to university personnel Aug. 2 that she had asked each department on campus to submit plans for an average 4 percent reduction in its budget for the fiscal year. The SIU Board of Trustees approved this year's budget Sept. 16, which listed the 4 percent cuts as saving \$7.3 million.

The university's financial situation worsened as the federal stimulus program ended and it received approximately \$4.8 million less because fall enrollment decreased by 1.5 percent, Bame said. In addition, he said it didn't receive the \$3 million from the Illinois Veteran's Grant, which paid tuition and certain fees for veterans who are Illinois residents and attend an Il-

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— Randy Hughes  
president of the Faculty Association

linois state-supported college, university or community college, according to the Illinois Department of Veteran's Affairs website.

But Hughes said he cannot find where the money for the veteran's grant is in the budget.

"If this is really a change in revenue, why doesn't it show up in the budget?" he said. "It just doesn't seem to be quite forthright in the way it is presented. The thing is, it's not presented as the budget. It's presented as just some sort of reason to cover furloughs, or closures."

Overall, SIUC saw a 4 percent, or \$9.3 million, decrease in the revenue for its general operating budget for fiscal year 2011, according to the Sept. 16 Board of Trustees meeting agenda.

The 4 percent cuts across campus saved only \$7.3 million, but Marshall said there were fixed costs that were exempt from the cuts such as Medicare expenses, group health insurance payments and audit expenses.

Marshall said the university couldn't make cuts in those areas.

"We get a bill from the state for our share of the audit," she said. "We can't say 'We're not paying you but for 96 percent of it.' That doesn't work that way."

However, Hughes said the revenue changes shown on the board's agenda are a mixture of items to show why the university would need to implement closure days.

"This is sort of concocted in some way to make it come out to exactly needing closure days," he said.

Cheng also said Sept. 30 that she asked all non-academic units to cut an additional 1 percent from

their budgets for the coming fiscal year.

Bame said the cut became necessary because of the enrollment shortfall for this semester compared to the fall 2009 semester. However, he said the units that must make the additional 1 percent cut have not been determined.

"We're still evaluating what would be deemed academic versus non-academic," he said. "Obviously there's a debate. We're just trying to figure out what is the fairest way to deal with an additional 1 percent budget cut."

Hughes said the academic departments are, in effect, also giving up an additional \$1.6 million that would have gone to salaries for new hires because of the hiring freeze.

"I think it's totally appropriate that another 1 percent, maybe even more, be taken out of administration, because it's such a huge part of our budget already, that would cover whatever difference there is in the loss of enrollment and whatever else."

Overall, Marshall said she understands people may think money can be used in several different ways, but much of that money is restricted for specific projects and can't be moved.

"I know people don't understand," she said. "They wouldn't. ... There's a lot of misconception that there's funds that could have been diverted for something else when in reality they are restricted to purposes."

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Before Minish began recruiting left and right, a few changes had to be made within the college itself, he said.

"You have to look at the academic programs and be sure they are relevant and fit with the times," he said. "You can recruit and market all you want, but you have to be sure you have a product."

Interim Dean Todd Winters, who took over when Minish retired, said he believes Minish successfully increased enrollment because he was proactive in his plans.

"He understands you have to get out and recruit," he said.

Minish said his first plan of action, which he would implement if he were provost, was to connect with community colleges.

"(When we would arrive) we would speak with agriculture program leaders and would ask why anyone hadn't sent their students to come to SIU," he said. "And they would say, 'Well, nobody's been here recruiting.'"

Minish said he doesn't see why his style of recruitment wouldn't work on a larger scale at the university level.

"These are not new ideas," he said. "It's been proven, time and time again." Undergraduate enrollment also increased 76 percent during

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— Gary Minish  
finalist for the provost and senior vice chancellor position

Minish's time as department head of animal and poultry sciences from 1994 to 2001 at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, he said.

Research productivity also increased, with faculty bringing in more than \$1.2 million in grants during 2001, according to a 2004 SIUC press release.

Minish served as a faculty member and later as assistant of resident instruction. He moved up to associate dean while serving as director of development and agriculture technology at Virginia Tech for 34 years, he said.

Chancellor Rita Cheng said Minish presented himself as having strong ties to academics and an involvement in many student success efforts.

"I think he has the background ... to be successful as provost here," she said.

He said enrollment could still increase during the university's budget crisis and he wants to see it happen quickly. He said he believes recruit-

ment costs less than others think. "You have to do more with less, and it can be done," he said. "If you don't grow enrollment, you won't have a budget."

Cheng said Minish, along with the other candidates, has a long line of experience with academic program development and student success.

"I'm very interested to see how the campus feels about all the candidates (during the next two weeks)," she said. "And how I feel I can work with each individual. That'll be key."

Winters said though Minish retired less than a year ago, he considers his mentor a "workaholic."

"Retirement doesn't suit him," he said. "Academia is his hobby, and he has tremendous amounts of energy."

Minish's campus-wide open forum is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Oct. 26 in the Student Center Auditorium.

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GUEST COLUMN

## More Americans walk away from church

Robert D. Putnam  
David E. Campbell  
McClatchy Tribune

The most rapidly growing religious category today is composed of those Americans who say they have no religious affiliation. While middle-age and older Americans continue to embrace organized religion, rapidly increasing numbers of young people are rejecting it.

As recently as 1990, all but 7 percent of Americans claimed a religious affiliation, a figure that had held constant for decades. Today, 17 percent of Americans say they have no religion, and these new "nones" are very heavily concentrated among Americans who have come of age since 1990. Between 25 percent and 30 percent of 20-somethings today say they have no religious affiliation — roughly four times higher than in any previous generation.

So, why this sudden jump in youthful disaffection from organized religion? The surprising answer, according to a mounting body of evidence, is politics. Very few of these new "nones" actually call themselves atheists, and many have rather conventional beliefs about God and theology. But they have been alienated from organized religion by its increasingly conservative politics.

During the 1980s, the public face of American religion turned sharply right. Political allegiances and religious observance became more closely

aligned, and both religion and politics became more polarized. Abortion and homosexuality became more prominent issues on the national political agenda, and activists such as Jerry Falwell and Ralph Reed began looking to expand religious activism into electoral politics. Church attendance gradually became the primary dividing line between Republicans and Democrats in national elections.

This political "God gap" is a recent development. Up until the 1970s, progressive Democrats were common in church pews and many conservative Republicans didn't attend church. But after 1980, both church-going progressives and secular conservatives became progressively more rare. Some Americans brought their religion and politics into alignment by adjusting their political views to their religious faith. But, surprisingly, more of them adjusted their religion to fit their politics.

We were initially skeptical about that proposition, because it seemed implausible that people would make choices that might affect their eternal fate based on how they felt about George W. Bush. But the evidence convinced us that many Americans now are sorting themselves out on Sunday morning on the basis of their political views. For example, in our Faith Matters national survey of 3,000 Americans, we observed this sorting process in real time, when we interviewed the same people twice roughly one year apart.

For many religious Americans, this alignment of religion and politics was divinely ordained, a long-sought retort to the immorality of the 1960s. Other Americans were not so sure.

Throughout the 1990s and into the new century, the increasingly prominent association between religion and conservative politics provoked a backlash among moderates and progressives, many of whom had previously considered themselves religious. The fraction of Americans who agreed "strongly" that religious leaders should not try to influence government decisions nearly doubled from 22 percent in 1991 to 38 percent in 2008, and the fraction who insisted religious leaders should not try to influence how people vote rose to 45 percent from 30 percent.

This backlash was especially forceful among youth coming of age in the 1990s and just forming their views about religion. Some of that generation, to be sure, held deeply conservative moral and political views, and were very comfortable in the ranks of increasingly conservative churchgoers. But a majority of the Millennial generation was liberal on most social issues, and above all, on homosexuality. The fraction of 20-somethings who said homosexual relations were "always" or "almost always" wrong plummeted from about 75 percent in 1990 to about 40 percent in 2008. (Ironically, in polling, Millennials are actually more uneasy about abortion than their parents.)

Just as this generation moved to the left on most social issues — above all, homosexuality — many prominent religious leaders moved to the right, using the issue of same-sex marriage to mobilize electoral support for conservative Republicans. In the short run, this tactic worked to increase GOP turnout, but the subsequent backlash undermined sympathy for religion among many young moderates and progressives. Increasingly, young people saw religion as intolerant, hypocritical, judgmental and homophobic. If being religious entailed political conservatism, they concluded, religion was not for them.

Sociologists Michael Hout and Claude Fischer of the University of California Berkeley were among the first to call attention to the ensuing rise in young "nones," and in our recent book, "American Grace," we extended their analysis, showing that the association between religion and politics (and especially religion's intolerance of homosexuality) was the single strongest factor in this portentous shift. In religious affinities, as in taste in music and preference for colas, habits formed in early adulthood tend to harden over time. So if more than one-quarter of today's young people set off in adult life with no religious identification, compared with about one-twentieth of previous generations, the prospects for religious observance in the coming decades are substantially diminished.

Evangelical Protestantism, which saw dramatic growth in the 1970s

and 1980s, was hit hard by this more recent development. From the early 1970s to the late 1980s, the fraction of Americans age 18 to 29 who identified with evangelical Protestantism rose to 25 percent from 20 percent, but since 1990, that fraction has fallen back to about 17 percent. Meanwhile, the proportion of young Americans who have no religious affiliation at all rose from just more than 10 percent as late as 1990 to its current proportion of about 27 percent.

Continuing to sound the trumpet for conservative social policy on issues such as homosexuality may or may not be the right move from a theological point of view, but it is likely to mean saving fewer souls.

Nevertheless, predictions of the demise of religion in America would be premature. More likely is that, as growing numbers of young Americans reject religious doctrine that is too political or intolerant for their taste, innovative religious leaders will concoct more palatable offerings. Jesus taught his disciples to be "fishers of men," and the pool of un-churched moderate and progressive young people must be an attractive target for religious anglers.

To be sure, some of these young people will remain secularists. Many of them, however, espouse beliefs that would seem to make them potential converts to a religion that offered some of the attractions of modern evangelicalism without the conservative political overlay.

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# Civil service union agrees to contracts

**RYAN VOYLES**  
Daily Egyptian

Brent Patton says he hopes the dominoes have begun to fall in regard to labor negotiations between administrators and unions.

Patton, director of labor and employee relations, said the Graphic Communications International Union, which represents press technicians and copy center editors among others, is the first union to sign a new contract this semester, one which includes unpaid closure days.

"The union's contract was open, and we have concluded that contract negotiation, and it does include the closure days in it," he said. "They were very good to work with."

Michael Congemi, secretary and treasurer for the union, said the negotiations lasted only a few days, and both sides were willing

to sign the contracts as soon as they could.

"We have a history of very good relationships with the university," he said. "There really weren't a lot of difficult issues that faced us during these talks."

To help offset the university's budget deficit, the Board of Trustees voted unanimously at its meeting Sept. 16 in Edwardsville to grant SIU President Glenn Poshard the ability to give SIU chancellors the authority to declare unpaid administrative closure days. Poshard said at the meeting it would be up to the chancellors to negotiate with the unions on how the leave days would be used.

The new policy allows up to six unpaid administrative leave, or furlough, days to be implemented every year. However, the days are not to be scheduled during periods when classes are in session. The previous policy stated that any clo-

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secretary and treasurer for the Graphic Communications International union

sure of campus would be considered paid leave for all faculty and staff.

Chancellor Rata Cheng said after the State of the University Address Sept. 30 that letters were sent to all bargaining units to see whether they wanted to negotiate, but the university would "just move ahead" even if it does not hear back from all parties.

The university holds 18 contracts with different labor unions, including the Graphic Communications International Union, International Union of Operating Engineers and Graduate Assistants United.

sented were for fear of starting rumors and hearsay.

Patton said Wednesday there were several other civil unions close to signing new contracts, which include leave days, but he said Monday he could not comment on which ones those were until today at the earliest.

Patton said he is hopeful that more unions will sign contracts, and he hopes most of the civil service unions will be signed "shortly."

"I'm hoping that once these two or three other units sign off, we'll hopefully start seeing more," Patton said. "We really haven't had many at all that have been adamant. They're not going to do this. I think they're concerned, and I understand, is that all of the alternatives have been discussed."

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# Bandwidth limit, router designated as problem

RYAN VOYLES  
Daily Egyptian

An excessive amount of bandwidth use and an old router are the culprits behind why computers across campus have been slowed to a halt, says Michael Shelton, deputy director of information technology.

Shelton said these problems have gone on for several weeks, and while there have been a few temporary fixes put in place, more work would need to be done for a long-term fix of the problems.

"Fundamentally there are two problems going on here. Number one, depending on how you want to look at it, you could say we are using too much or that we don't have enough," he said. "And the second problem is with an old router here on campus which simply can't handle all the processing."

During a presentation Tuesday to the Computing Advisory Committee,

Shelton said the university would need to buy more bandwidth from its service provider, while also replacing the main router which connects the campus to the Internet.

He said neither problem is likely to be corrected soon. He said in the case of the router, it would need to be replaced at some point, but that is unlikely due to the campus' budget situation. He would not say how much a new router would cost.

Shelton said the university had attempted to purchase more bandwidth during the summer from its Internet provider, Illinois Century Network, but was told they could not receive any more.

Dave Mollet, the Illinois Century Network supervisor for the region that oversees Carbondale, said the amount of bandwidth available in the area has reached its max, and could not be raised until the completion of a new provider hub in the area. He said one

should be finished in the next several weeks, and that extra bandwidth would be accessible to people as soon as it is completed.

Dan Stover, chair of the advisory committee, said he was pleased with Shelton's presentation Tuesday and that it answered many of the questions in regard to Internet problems across campus. He said the IT department seemed to have a handle on the situation.

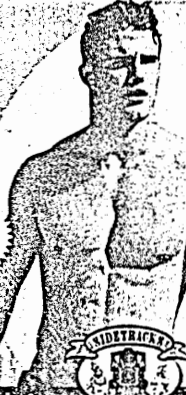
Shelton said just because the IT department foresaw these problems does not mean the problem could have been fixed ahead of time.

"We're not caught unaware on this situation, we are well aware and have been for quite awhile," he said. "Our hands are somewhat tied with our service providers. ... We do try to stay on top of everything."

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The Associated Press

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Giannoulias says he wants com-

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VOLLEY

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"If you take a good look, if you intend to win this conference, you will be ranked in the top 20," Myers said.

Creighton coach Kirsten Bernthal Booth said coaches in the MVC have learned how to effectively schedule preseason matches against quality competition in bigger conferences to better their teams' performances and increase the conference competition level.

This season coaches scheduled preseason games against tough opponents from powerhouse conferences such as the Big Ten, Pac-10

and the Big 12.

"It hasn't happened by fluke. It's been very calculated on how we schedule our non-conference season to put ourselves in the best situation as a conference," Booth said.

One of the benefits of a high RPI is that more high school recruits want to play in the better conferences, Peterson said. Student-athletes enjoy winning a competition, not winning a gimme game, so the better the competition, the more better-quality recruits will want to join the programs in the conference, Peterson said.

"Part of it is kids come to a conference match to see how tough the competition is," Peterson said. "It's

not exciting for them to come and watch blowouts even if you get the win."

SIU athletic director Mario Moccia said he thinks volleyball is the best winning sport the Valley has to offer.

"If you look at the MVC from top to bottom, every single sport, I think you'd say volleyball is the most successful sport that they have," Moccia said. "You've got four teams going to NCAA competition. You don't have that in baseball, softball, men's or women's basketball."

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GOLF

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Junior Meg Gilley finished in a tie for 31st place and shot 237, while freshman Cassie Rushing shot 213 and finished in a tie for 39th.

Freshman Ashleigh Rushing and junior Alisha Matthews rounded out the scorecard for the Salukis, as they tied for 59th and 65th with scores of 249 and 251. Senior Alex Anderson competed as an individual and finished in a tie for 51st

place with a score of 247.

Rushing said the course was in great condition but the greens were tricky to putt on. She said her score wasn't really bad but could have been a lot lower.

"It wasn't horrible but I just couldn't seem to get it in the hole. The greens were nice but I couldn't get the speed down, and that is what hurt me the most," Rushing said.

Daugherty said the team needs to work on its conditioning so the team can compete when tired, es-

pecially on the first day of tournaments where the team plays a total of 36 holes.

"We have identified some weaknesses on our team and one of them is on our 36-hole days. Other teams tend to go down in scores and we tend to go up and I think that has to do with conditioning," Daugherty said.

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COLUMN

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Plus, the team bolstered the one weakness commentators pointed out during the Lakers' run to the 2010 Finals: Fisher's age. Fisher is getting old and is too slow to guard some of the younger, more athletic guards such as the Boston Celtics' Rajon Rondo, who the Lakers faced in the finals. Steve Blake, signed in the offseason to be Fisher's backup, is quick and skilled in stealing, assisting and shooting threes.

Not only did they sign Blake to solidify the bench, but they added the physical defender and shooting threat Matt Barnes to back up Artest. This Lakers lineup is full of players who contribute, while the Heat just have Mike Miller as a consistent producer behind the big three.

Although they're not a championship contender, the Chicago Bulls have the chance to be an elite team in the Eastern Conference. With the additions of Carlos Boozer, who will miss

the first month of action because of his fractured hand, Kyle Korver, Ronnie Brewer, Keith Bogans and Omer Asik, the Bulls will finish third in the conference behind the Heat and Orlando Magic.

Derrick Rose is sitting on the border of becoming a superstar, but by the end of this season he will rise up to the higher level. In preseason action, he is taking control of the team and making clutch shots to prove he wants to be one of the best point guards in the league. If they can stay healthy, the Bulls have the opportunity to be a powerhouse team.

Also posted on the Heat gossip board is the question of whether James will be able to win the MVP trophy for the third consecutive season.

In one word: No. There is no way James is going to run the Heat as he did with the Cleveland Cavaliers. Wade is Miami's go-to guy and will either have more looks, or the two superstars will be equal counterparts, meaning someone with more oppor-

tunity to shine by himself will take the trophy. In the preseason NBA coaches poll, James only received four percent of the vote to win MVP again.

The man with all the makings of being the best player in the league is Oklahoma City Thunder's Kevin Durant. In one year, he turned the Thunder from a 23-win team to a 50-win team and gave the team its first playoff berth under the Thunder name.

Durant led the league in scoring last season and has improved his rebounding and defending in each of his three seasons in the NBA. There is no reason he shouldn't improve in these areas enough to prove he is the best player in the NBA in his fourth.

Other predictions: Minnesota Timberwolves will prove bad drafting leads to a bad team; John Wall will replace Gilbert Arenas, who will probably get his third gun possession charge; the Cleveland Cavaliers won't win 25 games and Carmelo Anthony will leave the Denver Nuggets before December.

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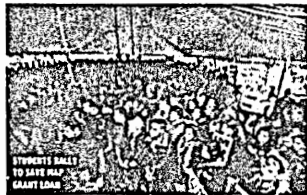
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### VOLLEYBALL

# No easy victories in the Valley

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Daily Egyptian

The era of thinking a match is an automatic victory in the Missouri Valley Conference is over, as each of the 10 schools in the conference are doing what they need to do to strengthen the entire conference, University of Northern Iowa coach Bobbi Peterson said.

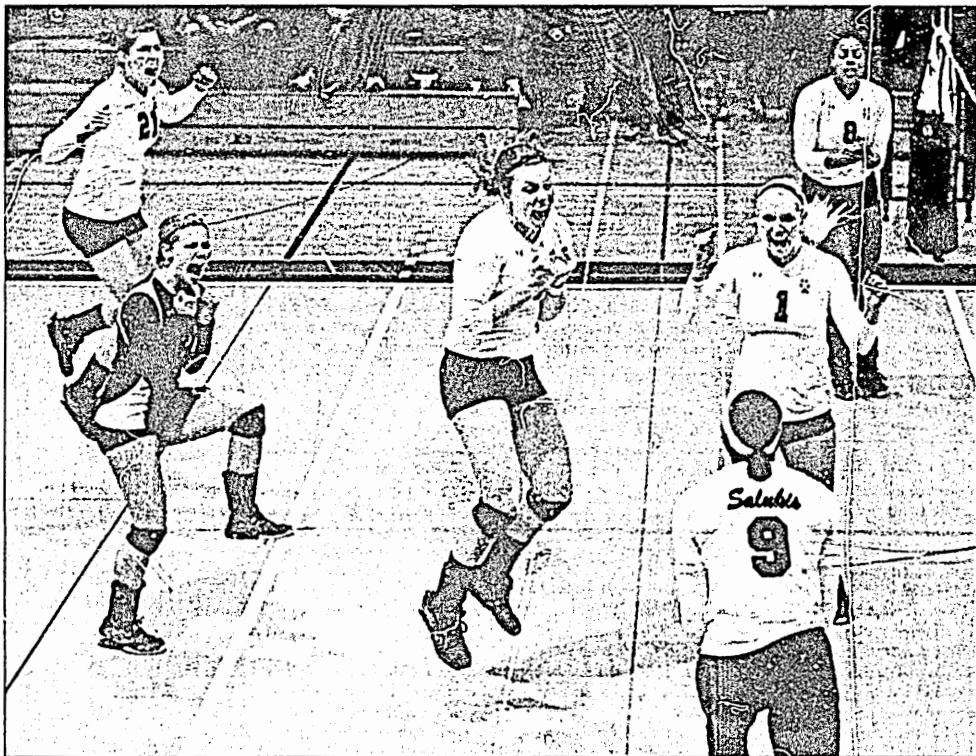
The MVC is ranked by the NCAA as the fifth-toughest out of the 32 college conferences, as eight teams have overall winning records and six have winning conference records. With the conference being one of the best in college volleyball, MVC coaches have help with recruitment and getting multiple bids in the NCAA tournament, Peterson said. Instead of being able to count conference games on the schedule as a win, teams have to prepare for every match, she said.

Peterson, who has coached the Panthers for 11 seasons, has her team ranked No. 14 in the country with a 9-0 conference record and a Rating Percentage Index of four. The RPI measures strength of schedule and how the team does against that schedule.

Eight of the 10 MVC teams are ranked in the top 100 out of 328 schools in the RPI index. UNI, Missouri State University, Wichita State University and Creighton are the four top teams in the conference and are ranked in the RPI top 40.

"For each match, we have to game plan for more than one player now," Peterson said. "In the past, we knew we would walk away with a win if we could shut down one player."

Senior Saluki right side hitter Alicia Johnson said it is fun to play competitive games compared to games



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The volleyball team celebrates a point won by senior middle blocker Jasmine Conner during a 5-set come-from-behind victory Oct. 8 against

conference foe Indiana State in Davies Gymnasium. Conner led the Salukis to victory with 19 kills and five blocks.

that would take little effort.

"You never want to go out in a match and be like 'Oh, it's them again, a weak team,'" Johnson said. "I think it's good to go out every night not

taking anyone for granted in our conference. It's fun that way; it makes us more driven, because if you play easy preseason teams we're like 'Here we go,' but coming out every night in our

conference is exciting."

Illinois State coach Melissa Myers, whose Redbirds have the same conference record as the Salukis (3-6), said there is never an easy conference game

because everyone is trying to make it to one of the top spots.

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### WOMEN'S GOLF

# Salukis stricken with short game woes

RYAN SIMONIN  
Daily Egyptian

The short game for the Salukis proved to be a problem Tuesday as they slipped from seventh to ninth place in the final round of the Payne

Stewart-Memorial.

Coach Diane Daugherty said putting hurt the team at the tournament and she wasn't sure why.

"We missed an incredible amount of putts. We seem to putt really well in practice, but then we

get into competitions and we don't putt as well," Daugherty said.

The University of Arkansas at Little Rock won the tournament with a score of 903, the University of Texas at El Paso and Missouri State University finished in

second and third with scores of 918 and 920.

Sophomore Shaina Rennegarbe finished on top for the Salukis in a tie for 16th place with a score of 230.

"I shot pretty well in this tourna-

ment but we all definitely struggled, and it is hard to focus when you are out on the course for ten hours," Rennegarbe said.

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### STAFF COLUMN

# Basketball fans' burning questions to be answered soon



The answers to many questions about the summer moves in the NBA will reveal themselves when the 2010-11 season

begins in six days.

Finally, the almost unbearable hype to the new big three in Miami is going to become an actual basketball game fans can view on TV sets instead of watching highlight reels in fantasy land. LeBron James, Dwyane Wade and Chris Bosh are easily the

best top three on any team's lineup, but can they translate what reads on paper to actual success in the form of, what many think is in Miami's future, a championship? This is one of the many burning questions fans are asking. Honestly, one team in the league

can beat the Heat: the Los Angeles Lakers, the two-time defending champs.

The Lakers can match up with the big three and also have a younger supporting cast. Kobe Bryant is still the best player in the league, Pau Gasol is one of the most talented frontcourt

scorers in the NBA and on any given night, players such as Lamar Odom, Andrew Bynum, Ron Artest or Derek Fisher will be at the top of many different categories in the box score.

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