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 $84.9 million and an ending balance of $75.1 million.

Kevin Flame, 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.

Randi Hughes, president of the Faculty Association, which represents tenured and tenure-track professors, said he agreed the university cannot use money that 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 a lot 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.
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 Paul Cole, and for the City Council seats presently held by members Steven Haynes, Mary Pohlmann and one vacancy. Councilman Joel Fitts announced his candidacy for mayor Sept. 23, which means his seat may also have to be filled.

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

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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, says 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 looked with overwhelming needs.

"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 normally does to control her health in the long run.

"I've never been so stressed out. It's overwhelming," 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, says 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 can lead many students to eat fast food to get good grades. Gill says people resort to eating fast food on a regular basis because there isn't enough time to prepare a meal. Gill said students don't realize the cycle created by continuously eating in an unhealthy manner.

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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 foods labels.

"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 their stressors, Eckelkamp said she chooses healthier alternatives such as Zumba workout classes 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 response would "just move along" even if it does not hear back from all parties. Marshall said the "next step" might have been from the same situation last budget year, the year that did not receive $7.5 million in federal stimulus money.

But Marshall set the state cut back its appropriations to 2006 levels, or about $1.135 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."

At the university, the attended a $15.5 million shortfall coming in to fiscal year 2011. Cheng said in an email 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 fall, the SUI Board of Trustees approved this year's budget Sept. 16, which listed the 4 percent cut as saving $7.3 million.

The University's financial situation was a concern for the federal stimulus program ended and it received approximately $4.8 million less because fall enrollment decreased by 1.5 percent. In addition, she said it didn't receive the $3 million from the Illinois Veterans' Grant, which paid tuition and certain fees for veterans who are Illinois residents and attend an Illinois state-supported college, university or community college, according to the Illinois Department of Veteran's Affairs website.

"But I'm supposed to cut where the money for the veteran's grant is in the budget," she said. "If it's really a change in salaries, why don't they show it 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 reserve to cover shortfalls, or elsewhere."

Overall, SUI 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 minutes.

"The 4 percent cuts across campus saved just over $7.3 million," Marshall said there were fixed areas that were cut from the cuts such as Medicare expenses, group health insurance payments and audit expenses.

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

"We got 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, Cheng said the revenue figures shown on the board's agenda are a mixture of items to show why the university needed to implement closure day. Cheng also said Sept. 30 that she asked all zero-academic units to cut an additional 1 percent from their budgets for the coming fiscal year.

"Base said the cut became necessary because of the enrollment shortfall for this semester compared to the fall 2009 semester. However, he said the unit 's unit that must make the additional 1 percent cut has 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."

Humphries 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 actually appropriate that another 1 percent, maybe even more, be taken out of administrative because it's such a huge part of our budgets already, that would cover whatever difference there is in the incon of enrollment and what's lost."

Overall, Marshall said the university 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. "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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More Americans walk away from church

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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 1998, all but 7 percent of Americans disavowed 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 the American 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 leap in youthful disaffection from organized religion? The surprising answer, according to a mounting body of evidence, is politics. Very few of these new "nones" are the result of cloudy affiliations, 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 mainline 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, most 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 religious 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 every year.

For many religious Americans, this alignment of religion and politics was already ordained, a long-sought return 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 from 15 percent to 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, 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 religious intolerance of homosexuality) was the single strongest factor in this persistent shift. In religious affiliations, as in taste in music and preference for cola, 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-tenth 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 fell 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 now 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 losing 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 "followers 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.
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.

Chancellor Rita Cheng said after the State of the University Address 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.

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

Congemi said while closure days were mentioned during negotiations, anyone who understands Illinois' financial situation would see there were few other options.

"The university discussed what the financial situation was of the university, which is fairly obvious considering the state of finances in Illinois," he said. "They indicated they were searching for ways to save money to help the university and this was one of the options that they gave to us."

Congemi would not comment on what the other options presented were for fear of starting rumors and hearay.

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 Sunday at the earliest.

Patton says 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, 'Hey we'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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WASHINGTON
Police label shots fired at the Pentagon as a 'random event' as investigation continues.

WASHINGTON - Someone fired shots at the Pentagon early Tuesday in what security officials described as a 'random event.' No one was injured in the shoot-down incident in which shots were fired into two windows at the growing Defense Department just across the Potomac River in suburban Virginia.

Steven Galvey, director of the civilian Pentagon Force Protection Agency, told reporters that a number of his officers reported hearing five to seven shots fired at about 4:45 a.m. EST near the south parking lot of the Pentagon. The Pentagon building and the machine were later briefly shut down as officers did an initial sweep of the area.

An internal search of the toxic, structure found fragments of two bullets still embedded in two windows—one on the third floor and one on the fourth. The bullets had shattered but did not penetrate the windows, Galvey said. The windows were part of offices that are being renovated and were unoccupied at the time.

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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 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.

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

Shelton said just because the IT department fixes 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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Illinois Senate candidates talk immigration

The Associated Press

CHICAGO —Democratic Senate candidate Alexi Giannoulias says he'd support the DREAM Act, while Republican opponent Mark Kirk says it's not the time for such immigration reform.

Giannoulias says he wants comprehensive immigration reform and that families are being torn apart.

Kirk says the first priority is border security. The five-term U.S. representative said he wouldn't consider the DREAM Act until other parts of the immigration system have been repaired.

The DREAM Act would help grant U.S. residency to some young immigrants brought into the country illegally by their parents. The legislation says young people would have to spend time in college or the military.

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Horoscopes
By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clement

Today's Birthday - This year your potential to bring everything together into a beautiful, successful package is high. Handle the details, you care more than anyone else, but at times meet adversity to form just enough energetic mix. Follow your heart for best results.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8. You must decide a course plan that includes your partner and other important individuals. You won't satisfy everyone, but will provide basic needs.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is a 7 - your need for independence may lead to travel away from home. A friend suggests an unexpected destination that suits your mood beautifully.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - Today is a 6 - Rapidly developing circumstances force you to adapt to social demands. In the process, an idea transforms and you discover opportunities.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - Today is a 7 - if you want the spotlight today, you can have it, but only if you overcome objection from a close associate. You can share, so beware writing.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - What you think you want in the morning changes radically halfway through the day. Others offer alternatives that seem more appealing. Now you have choice.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 5 - You may need to spend money today on others. Listen to demand, and then figure out what can be done to accommodate them without breaking the budget.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - Creative requirements at home; you can make it work. Check calendars, with a signing of a contract. Shop carefully for the best bargain available.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 7 - The course of love doesn’t run smooth for someone in your family. You can pick up others’ relatives by telling jokes and being literally silly.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 6 - Apply your creativity to design problems with a signing of a contract. It’s better to have a firm plan than to run forward without one.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - You want change; you’re willing to run right out and make it. Younger people may seem undecided at least one point, be patient.

Jumble
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one word for each square, to form four ordinary words.

(R) E D
C E R D Y
TOOB
UNDASE
FRIEY

That Scrambled Word Game by Mike Argirion and Jeff Knurek

When the Exhausted Spy is Not a Spy, He Was ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprising answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Tuesday’s Answers
GUILD
ACRID
MARQEN
AVENUE

Answer: 

Suduko
The Samurai of Puzzles by The Mepham Group

Level: * 8 9 7

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Suduko, visit www.sudoko.co.uk.

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1 3 4 2 1 6 7
2 8 9 7 1 4 6
3 6 5 2 3 9 8
4 3 2 9 8 5 1
5 1 6 4 7 3 2
6 2 9 3 8 6 1
7 4 5 8 2 1 3

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Volley

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

Creighton coach Kirsten Ber-
nethal Booth said coaches in the
MVC have learned how to effec-
tively schedule pre-season matches
against quality competition in
greater conferences to better their
teams' performances and increase
the conference competition level.

This season coaches scheduled
pre-season games against tough
opponents from powerhouse con-
ferences such as the Big Ten. Doc-
10

Golf

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Junior Meg Gilley finished in a
tie for 26th place and shot 213, while
Fresman Cacie Rusting shot 213 and
finished in a tie for 19th.

Fresman Ashleigh Rushing and
junior Alisha Matthews combined to
place for the scorecard for the Sahuks,
as they tied for 59th and 63th with
scores of 249 and 251. Senior Alex
contribute.

place a score of 231.

Rushing said the course was in
great condition but the greens were
tricky to put 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. I
got a few birdies, but I couldn't
get the speed down, and that's what
hurt me the most," Rushing said.

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

The team bonded the weekend
before during the Lakers' run to the 2010
Final's Fisher's edge. Fisher is getting
older and is being forced to guard some of
the younger, more athletic guards such as
the Boston Celtics' Rajon Rondo, who
the Lakers faced in the finals. Stew
Blake, signed in the offseason to be
Fisher's backup, is quick and skilled in
stealing, assisting and shooting threes.
Not only did they get Blake to
walk the bench, but they added the
physical defender and shooting threat
Matt Barnes to back up Aikpit. 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 champion-
ship contender, the Chicago Bulls have
the chance to be an elite team in the
Eastern Conference. With the addi-
tion 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 con-
ference behind the Heat and Orlando Magic.

Derrick Rose's sitting on the bor-
day of becoming a superstar, but by the
eend of this season he will rise up to
the higher level. In pre-season action,
he is taking control of the team and
making clutch shots to prove he wants
to be one of the best guards in the
league. If he can stay healthy, the
Bulls have the opportunity to be a
perhaps team.

Also posted on the Heat goup
board is the question of whether James
will be able to win the MVP trophy for
their 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.
Vadde is Miami's go-to guy and the
other have more looks, or the two
supertars will be equal counterparts,
meaning someone with more oppor-
tunity to shine himself will take the
trophy. In the preseason NBA coaches
poll, James only received four percent
of the vote to win MVP again.

The wars won't end with the makings
of the best player in the league is
Oklahoma City Thunder's Kevin Dun-
ce. In one year, he turned the Thun-
ders 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 re-
bounding 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 probably win bad
draft
rebuild.

The Wolves should be able to win at
least a few more games, if not win-
ning, to build around their young
talents.

DON'T WAIT UNTIL NOV. 2
"VOTE EARLY"

EARLY VOTING TIMES AT STUDENT CENTER:
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Thursday, October 14th
Friday, October 15th
Thursday, October 21st
Friday, October 22nd
Thursday, October 28th

You don't have to wait until November 2nd to vote in the 2010 Election.
EARLY VOTING BEGINS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14TH AT THE STUDENT CENTER

In order to vote you MUST be registered in CARBONDALE, but it is possible to register at the
ealy voting site, just bring your student ID and a piece of mail with your Carbondale address.

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Senator, Governor, and many other statewide and local offices. Our state is in a fiscal crisis and higher
education under assault to fill the $1 billion it is imperative that we show up at the polls and
make our voices heard. Voting student tickets, securing essential funds for our university, and
counting a quality education all depend on our participation.
No easy victories in the Valley

BRANDON LACHANCE
Daily Egyptian

The era of thinking a match is an automatic victory in the Missouri Valley Conference is over. With just 10 schools in the conference doing what they need to do to strengthen the entire conference, University of Northern Iowa coach Bob Petersen 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 had to work with recruitment and getting multiple bids in the NCAA tournament.

Petersen said. Instead of being able to count conference games on the schedule as a win, teams have to prepare for every match, she said.

"There are 13 teams who have coached the Panthers for 11 seasons, her team ranked No. 16 in the country with a 9-0 conference record and a Rating Percentage Index of 38. 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-10.

"For each match, we have to game plan for more than one person now," Petersen 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 Alivia Johnson said it is fun to play competitive games compared to games

Salukis stricken with short game woes

RYAN SIMONN
Daily Egyptian

The short game for the Salukis proved to be a problem Tuesday as they dropped from seventh to ninth place in the final round of the Payne Stewart Memorial. Coach Dave Dauksher said putting hurt the team at the tournament and she wasn't sure why.

"We missed an incredible amount of puts. We seem to put really well in practice, but then we get into competitions and we don't putt as well," Daukher said. "The University of Arkansas at Little Rock won the tournament with a score of 903, 1 0 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 second out on the course for 99."

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Women's Golf

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

"You never want to go out in a match and be like 'Oh, it's them again, a week 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 press teams we're like 'Here we go, but coming out every night in our conference for Indiana State in Davies Gymnasium. Conner led the Salukis to victory with 19 kills and five blocks. Because everyone is trying to make it to one of the top 5 spots.

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Staff Column

Basketball fans’ burning questions to be answered soon

The answer to many questions about the competitive nature of the NCAA 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. Lettron James, Dwayne 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.

N hoses, 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, but Gasol and one of the most talented frontcourt scores 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 best score.