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Agencies say SIU is good borrower

Joe Crawford

The state is threatening to tighten the university’s budget.

Enrollment numbers indicate fewer students are opting to spend their tuition dollars at SIUC. But regardless of what might seem like financial hard times, two independent rating agencies recently said lenders should still consider SIU a safe bet.

Due in part to the large amount of money brought in by student fees, the rating companies said financial institutions are taking little risk when they allow the university to borrow their money.

The university plans to take out nearly $32 million in loans this year that provides no increase in funding for its loans.

Two agencies, Moody’s and Standard and Poor’s, assigned SIU a rating that is one point lower than the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. SIU has received the same rating for the past few years.

Joe Stucky, vice president for financial and administrative affairs, said the rating is one indicator of how the university is viewed by other institutions.

“It’s unfortunate that the way we’re strong is that fact that we’ve increased student fees, but that’s what makes our bonds ratings strong,” Stucky said.

Stucky said the rating is also a reflection of the university’s very good bond rating. Moody’s rating is A3, and Standard and Poor’s rating is Bbb+, which is four notches above junk bonds. Moody’s said SIU actually meets all the benchmarks for a higher credit rating means the university will have to pay less interest on its loans.

Typically, major projects don’t start until after the bonds are sold, she said.

“We generally don’t want them to sign the award of contract for the big work until the money is actually in the bank,” Galik said.

Jessica Matsumori, associate director at Standard and Poor’s, said her agency visits campuses roughly every five years to interview university officials when assigning ratings. The company does phone interviews when it cannot make it to campus, she said.

Matsumori said SIU received a high rating, although she cautioned against assigning more meaning to the report than what is intended.

“We’re looking at this purely from the standpoint of whether or not they can repay debt,” she said.

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Sharon S. Roberts, a 19-year-old SUIC student from Aurora, and Kristen L. Losee, a 19-year-old SUIC student from Chicago, were arrested at 1:46 p.m. Thursday at Schneider Hall. Roberts was transported to Jackson County Jail for not appearing, and Losee was charged with retail theft on DuPage County and could not make bail. Losee was released and issued a ticket for fighting.

There are no suspects in the theft of nylon rope and carabiners from Campus Lake between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Thursday.

There are no suspects in a report of a cell phone and domestic incident(s) occurred Wednesday and Thursday at Schneider Hall. The victim of the battery did not require medical attention. Loper was transported to Jackson County Jail. At the same time and location, police located Leonard A. Mason, a 21-year-old resident of Lansing, carrying possession of marijuana.

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### Greek Week Event Schedule

**Today:** Punt, Pass, Kick at the fields by Brush Towers at 5 p.m.
Speaker TJ Sullivan at Student Center Ballroom D at 7 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Car Crunch and canned food drive at the parking lot next to the Alpha Gamma Rho house at 5 p.m.

**Thursday:** Obstacle Course at the field next to the Alpha Gamma Rho house at 5 p.m.

**Friday:** Volleyball tournament and barbecue between Sigma Kappa house and Alpha Gamma Rho house on Greek Row at 5 p.m.

**Saturday:** Relay for Life at McAndrew Stadium at 6 p.m.

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More convicted felons allowed to enlist in Army, Marines

Lolita C. Baldor
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Under pressure to meet combat needs, the Army and Marine Corps brought in significantly more recruits with felony convictions last year than in 2006, including some with multiple convictions and sex crimes convictions.

Data released by a congressional committee shows the number of soldiers accepted by the Army with felony records jumped from 249 in 2006 to 511 in 2007. And the number of recruits accepted by the Army with felonies rose from 208 to 350.

Those numbers represent a fraction of the roughly 40,000 successful recruits brought in by the active duty Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines during the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 2007. But they highlight a trend that has raised concerns both within the military and on Capitol Hill.

Concerns have been raised that the significant increase in the recruitment of persons with criminal records is a result of the strain put on the military by the Iraq war and may be undermining military readiness.

Henry Waxman, Government Reform Committee Chairman

The bulk of the crimes involved were burglaries, other thefts, and drug offenses, but nine involved sex crimes and six involved manslaughter or vehicular homicide convictions. Several dozen Army and Marine recruits had aggravated assault or weapons charges, including incidents involving firearms.

Both the Army and Marine Corps have been recruiting more felons in an effort to keep up with a list of who exceeds requirements. Such persons are granted only a second chance.

But he added, "Concerns have been raised that the significant increase in the recruitment of persons with bad conduct has grown in recent years, as well as those needing medical or aptitude waivers."

House Oversight and Government Reform Committee Chairman

Higginbotham led the county's drug unit when Congress passed a 2002 law limiting pseudoephedrine purchases to 9 grams every 30 days. That's roughly two 15-dose boxes of 24-hour Claritin or six 24-dose boxes of Sudafed.

Missouri and Illinois then passed laws that authorized licensed pharmacies to sell the products. Anyone buying pseudoephedrine products had to show ID and sign papers that kept them from using pseudoephedrine for meth.

Higginbotham said, "And it's sad because the meth is already made or something like this happens."

"They just go from store to buy to store until they have the pseudoephedrine that they need to make meth."

"Just sit here shaking his hand, not really talking. "You know, that's the beauty of the United States Army. It's about leadership.”

"We'll show you."
Cave Fest Earthday Gathering 2008 saw hundreds of people come out to the Shawnee Saltpetre Cave to camp and listen to music. Rock bands and live DJs rocked the weekend on two stages set in a large natural amphitheater.

Festivals like Bonnaroo and Lollapalooza may draw huge crowds and big name bands, but Cave Fest has something none of those festivals can provide — a huge cave as its stage.

The weekend at the Shawnee Saltpetre Cave south of Murphysboro saw headliners Cornmeal and a Grateful Dead tribute by Joint Chiefs of Staff play on the Cave Stage, while DJs spun records into the early hours of the morning on the Beyond the Moon Stage.

Although rain drenched the campground while campers set up Friday, moods were not dampened as people crowded the stages until the music stopped.

Mud caused by the rain did cause some problems. Many people fell on the slippery mud while tow trucks had to help cars get out of the muddy parking lot.

The next event held in the cave will be Underground Sound 4 on Aug. 15 and will feature headliners Shpongle and Hallucinogen.
LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Men can help stop violence

Dear Editor:

The article by the Wellness Center in the April 9 Daily Egyptian spoke of the critical importance of breaking the attitudinal underpinnings and silence that can lead to an environment where sexual (and other) assault and other cruelty takes place.

Kudos to the Wellness Center for engaging in the Men Against Violence week from Monday through Friday. I strongly suspect with the creation of the Progressive Masculinities Mentors program and the progressive attitudes of the students that many of the men who learn to open their hearts, embrace their sensitivity, engage in meaningful relationships, honor their emotions and their inherent spiritual nature at the same time as honing their fundamental fire and warrior essence are bound for a rich life that makes an important contribution to the overall social fabric.

He is a strong man who can correct his errors in thinking and join others to root out the violence, fears, prejudices and bigotry they have been conditioned with through unhealthy social systems, parental and social conditioning and difficult experiences. When men do this type of inner work, they pave the way for other men (and women) to nurture positive developments that will lead to healthier individuals and a healthier society.

Curt Wilson
information technology specialist

Can’t shelter yourself from this

Dear Editor:

I’m honestly a little puzzled by Leigh Ann Kriestman’s recent letter (“Disappointed with the front page”) to the Daily Egyptian.

SIU is a university. Universities are hotbeds of social conservatism. Did she expect anything less than a liberal slant to SIU’s newspaper? Why is she surprised? From reading the letter, one might think the image in question was pornographic or otherwise lurid; it was an image of two men exchanging a very tame kiss, in shadow, out of the central focus of the frame.

Ms. Kriestman insists firmly that she isn’t a bigot, merely interested in protecting her children from images of adults kissing. Is she as outrageously offended by “The Kiss,” by Gustav Klimt? How about the Times Square Kiss, photographed by Alfred Eisenstaedt?

I’d be very surprised if her children hadn’t seen those — they’re great, iconic images, firmly enshrined in our culture. Both are far more sexual than the kiss on the cover of Wednesday’s Daily Egyptian. If she doesn’t object to her children seeing these, why not?

Does Ms. Kriestman write angry letters to her local newspapers, requesting that they stop running photographs from the second Gulf War? Or do we? And did she really have that much upside if you came back to her with broadened horizons?

It’s a shame, though, that while she’s busy changing TV channels and frantically hiding newspapers from them, she can’t hide them from reality.

Jackie Schmitt
junior studying linguistics

THE WEEKLY WENGER

Save the planet, eat a cow

It’s time to be honest: If you really are concerned about global warming, go eat a double-stack burger from Wendy’s.

Cows, long considered to be mundane and docile, have become critically endangered. In a plot to destroy mankind in a manner similar to their own unfortunate fate — being cooked — cows have leaped to the front of the line of greenhouse gas emitters.

According to the U.N. Food and Agricultural Organization, cows are one of the top three contributors to environmental problems. Cows, besides being a source for delicious meat and fashionable leather, are a huge source of methane and nitrous oxide, two gases that put carbon dioxide to shame when it comes to trapping heat. A gassy heifer can belch out anywhere from 25 to 130 gallons of methane a day.

If the more than 1.5 billion cattle in the world, 100 million grace in the United States, according to the International Emission Control Association, means that the U.S. cattle industry could be putting as much as 13 billion gallons of methane into the atmosphere daily.

So while we are slow cooked in our own juices like a beef brisket, cows are getting the last laugh. Every last gas emission from the forward or aft portions of the bovine brings them closer to their kamikaze-esque goal. The only option left is to eat our way out.

Refraining from eating beef would be a strategic blunder, one of the worst in history.

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Wenger is a senior studying journalism and Spanish.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Daily Egyptian, the student-run newspaper of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, is committed to being a trusted source of news, information, commentary and public discourse, while helping readers understand the issues affecting their lives.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

“One thing is for certain, the world has consumed more than it has produced.”

Ban Ki Moon
secretary-general of the U.N.
FOIA: Democracy doesn’t mushroom

Linda P. Campbell
MCCARTHY-TIGHE

Tom Blanton wasn’t hurt when he heard a noon full of open-gov-ernment fans to act squarely.

Scientists have found, he informed us last Friday, that “squirrels have no idea where they’ve dug that hole and put that nut.” They survive the winter by putting away nuts that “wherever they go, they’re likely to uncover a couple of buried items,” he explained. “But if not enough squires are dug out enough nuts, they’re all going to starve.”

Then he drove the point home. “It news papers, as news publishers and as citizens, we’re going to starve — our democracy, our accountable government, our information flows — unless we get out there and plant some FOIA requests, write some stories and get the story out.”

Blanton and the researchers behind FOIA and Information Act requests across all the federal government to shed light on what agencies are doing in our name. FOIA is the 1966 federal law that requires agencies to give people records they ask for (with certain exceptions), supposedly in timely fashion and without regard to why the information is being sought.

Through FOIA, the archive has uncovered fascinating nuggets of history as well as documentary treasure troves of insight into how government operates.

Right now, the archive’s Web page, www.muckchive.org, links to: • Declared histories compiled by the Air Force that show CIA involvement in combat air attacks during the Vietnam War. • Stories about the archive’s mailing list that forced the Bush White House to preserve and restore thousands of missing e-mails. • An analysis of open records prac-tices in Mexico. • The CIA’s “family jewels” — a 693-page file detailing years of domestic spying and other improper practices by the CIA. • And there’s “Nixon meets Elvis.” It turned out, archive staffers discovered, that the documents they had requested were to be seen at the National Archives — home of our nation’s founding documents and other precious papers — was a photo of President Nixon hosting Elvis Presley at the White House on Dec. 21, 1970.

National Security Archive staff filed a FOIA request for all related documents and received a file that included Elvis’ letter on American Airlines stationery seeking a meet-ing with Nixon, telling participants recommending that the president ask the singer to create a TV special about getting high thoughts, not drugs; and a photo of Nixon inspecting Elvis’ cufflinks. (You can see these on the group’s site.)

During its history, the privately funded group has filed more than 35,000 open records requests and more than 10 million pages of documents. Blanton told an audi-ence at the First Amendment Awards banquet sponsored by the National Coalition of Professional Journalists/ Fort Worth chapter last Friday.

Release of the “family jewels” last year came about after the archive had asked a range of federal a-gencies for documents related to 10 oldest pending FOIA requests. Though the laws set specific dead-lines for responding to information requests by the public, they often aren’t met, some years. A request for the “family jewels” had sat unfilled for 15 years, Blanton said.

Because of a 2005 executive order signed by President Bush and because of FOIA changes pushed into law last year by Sens. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., and John Corrump, R-Texas, many agencies are reducing their backlogs of old open-records requests. But the two senators are continuing to try to strengthen FOIA.

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The Full Monty this week

Six men line the stage, dancing to the music and removing articles of clothing one by one until, in a grand finale, they’re letting it all hang out.

“The Full Monty” presented by the theater department and the School of Music, plays in McLeod Theater this week. The musical is about a male striptease act and is rated PG-17 for coarse language and nudity.

The musical is based on a film by the same name that came out in 1997.

William Barney, who plays one of the main characters, said stripping on stage was unnerving at first, but he became comfortable with it once he got to know the rest of the cast.

“We’ve gotten so close with each other that after a while, it doesn’t even matter. We’re just guys in the locker room — that’s how we’ve been looking at it,” said Barney, a junior from Chicago studying music theater.

Clark said.

Barney said he hopes audiences will walk away from the production with the realization that even if they’re at their lowest low, they can still do anything.

“Both Clark and Barney said they are looking forward to performing ‘The Full Monty’ in front of an audience.

Clark said he draws energy from the audience during the performance and is anxious to see and hear the feedback and reactions from the audience.

“Once there’s an audience, something snaps and the energy that you get back from the audience and that you give to them, it just makes so much of a difference,” Barney said.

‘The Full Monty’ in front of an audience.

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“The Full Monty” runs in McLeod Theater Wednesday through Sunday. The curtain opens at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are $15 for adults, $12 for seniors and $6 for students and can be obtained through the theater department box office Monday through Friday 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. or an hour before the performance.

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In last night's episode of NBC's game show "Deal or No Deal," President George W. Bush appeared in a taped message, wishing luck to a contestant who has served three tours of duty in Iraq. What do you think of the president taking part in a game show?

Devin Vaughn
I was surprised he didn't prematurely declare the contestant the winner while standing in front of another "Mission Accomplished" banner.

Audra Ord
I must play the part of the ultra-conservative and say that I think it's great that President Bush is still showing such strong public support for members of the military.

Alicia Wade
Unless at the end of the tape there was at least an utterance of "I'm sorry," I have no interest in this.
GLBT director retires after 21 years

Luke McCormick

One year after the grand opening of the student center, Paulette Curkin is leaving SIUC.

Curkin, director for the university’s GLBT Community Resource Center, plans to end her 21-year career at the university after this summer semester. Curkin was working toward the center’s January 2005 grand opening, the best achievement of the two decades.

Throughout her time in Carbondale, Curkin said there had always been a clear need for a support network for GLBT community members.

“There was no place that faculty or students could go to have a sense of community besides maybe a gay bar,” Curkin said.

Those concerned began asking for a resource center around 1993. Curkin said, “At that time, the GLBT community faced a negative stigma on campus. That was the only feeling I had while I was here.”

After August 2005, a new generation of the GLBT community emphasized the need for a resource center. Curkin said the need is more than 120 universities across the nation.

Curkin helped lead the way for funding SIUC’s resource center. Curkin employment began at the university in 1987 as the assistant coordinator of University Housing, a position she held for 11 years.

“We had a special student Development helping student leaders of various organizations,” Curkin said.

Curkin said through her various positions, the highlight has been those she has worked to help.

“The best part of the last 21 years has been working with the students,” Curkin said.

A number of students have appreciated her guidance.

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“She has taught me that no matter what, you can keep your spirits high and a smile on your face,” Duncan said.

John Teigen, a senior studying political science and administrative justice, said that after taking a leadership class from Curkin, the two developed a friendship that has continued to now.

“Shes a mentor for anyone as soon as you meet her,” Teigen said.

Though her goals for the resource center have been accomplished, Curkin said she would not stop striving for change.

For campaigning the presidential candidate of her choice is on the horizon, she said.

Though Curkin said she plans to celebrate in Carbondale after retirement, more plans will take her to Italy this summer and around the country to visit family and friends.

“My most of my family is in Florida, so when the tie and him and students are worried about how they get to class, I’ll just hop on my car,” Curkin said.

Curkin has been at SIUC for 21 years and will be retiring at the end of this school year.

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Rouch, who also finished in seventh place in the shot put, finished in eighth place in the discus behind Leeth.

Sophomore Thomas Smith garnered three top-10 finishes on his own. Smith posted a fifth-place finish in the hammer, a sixth-place finish in the javelin and a 10th-place finish in the discus. Freshman Jessica Vermeulen finished sixth in the women’s javelin toss. Saluki throwers weren’t the only athletes who garnered top-10 finishes.

Freshmen Justin C. Kozak and Brandon Deloney, along with sophomores Sammy Biggs and Steve Warren finished in second place in the 4x400-meter relay with a time of 3:12.32. Deloney also finished seventh in the 100-meter dash and Warren finished in eighth in the 200-meter dash. Despite the top-10 finishes, Deloney said he did not think he performed as well as he should have.

“I felt like I had some ups and downs,” Deloney said. “I don’t think I did as well as I should have, but I stayed consistent in my four-by-four time.” Sophomore Toni Whitfield and freshman Emily Toennies combined to collect three eighth-place finishes. Whitfield finished eighth in the 800 and 1,500-meter runs and Toennies finished eighth in the 3,000-meter run. Senior Nick Wasinger posted a sixth-place finish in the men’s 3,000-meter run, finishing in 8:59.46.

If SIU hopes to continue its outdoor success, it will have to take how they perform at practice to add to their collection of titles. Deloney said he was going to try hard from start to finish to do it hard from start to finish. Deloney said he was prepared to do just that.

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“The sixth man is obviously the best fit for him and right now I don't think there is anyone more deserving. Glosson might not be as productive in the starting line up, so people who think this might mean he will get a starting spot, don’t hold your breath.”

“Manu obviously deserves the award. I don’t consider him a ‘bench’ player though, he is a star that happens to come off the bench. I would just like to mention the last sixth man to lead his team in scoring was a Milwaukee Buck, Ricky Pierce.”

“Manu deserves it, but Leandro Barbosa and Jason Terry were good off the bench, too. However, the award is kind of a joke. Should Kobe or LeBron be handed the award if they didn’t play the first 30 seconds of the game?”

“The reason why we went to the NCAA Tournament six years in a row and won the Valley so many years in a row is because of the caliber of players we have on a physical and mental level. They know the game and they can play the game.

— Former Saluki guard Jamaal Tatum on his former teammates helping to hold his old teammates.

Falker is one Saluki who wants to continue helping at Tatum’s camp as he said his second year volunteering was just as fun as last year. “It’s kind of been our plan all along to do stuff like this,” Falker said. “We have a good time out here. You just talk to the kids and they find you’re just like they.”

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Like this especially for guys in my age group. Foster helps 6-year-old Lily, a participant in the basketball camp, with her shot Saturday at the Recreation Center. This was the second year former Saluki Jenny Tatum has held a basketball camp for the youth in southern Illinois.

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Men’s and women’s basketball camps are being held this summer. To find out more, contact Jenny Tatum at 536-3311 ext. 963.

“Danielle is just going to get better and better,” Blaylock said. “And I tell them all the time it’s not about a year. It’s about a career.”

The Salukis will face Tennessee-Martin in a doubleheader 3 p.m. today in their final regular season home series.

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Saluki basketball guard Bryan Mullins runs a shooting drill with elementary students Saturday at the Recreation Center. The drill was part of former Saluki Jamaal Tatum’s youth basketball camp.

Jamaal Tatum’s camp brings Salukis together

Jeff Engelhardt  
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While Saluki fans were excited to play basketball with Jamaal Tatum during his Carbondale return, Tatum was just as excited to see his former teammates.

Tatum hosted his second annual youth basketball camp at the Recreation Center Saturday. The camp drew more than 100 children between the first session of 13-year-olds and under and second session of 14 through 18-year-olds. The children were visibly excited before and after the camp as they lined up for autographs and photographs with the players. Tatum shared a similar expression when talking to the other volunteers at the camp. “It’s always fun to see the older players I played with,” Tatum said. “It shows me how much these players really care and what our relationship meant to them while we were playing when they take time for something like this.”

Some of his former teammates who attended the event included Stewart Haiston, Kyle Smith, Jeter, and Randall Falker, among others. Most of the Saluki Tatum played with have continued with basketball in some capacity.

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Siemons was head assistant coach at Lincoln Trail Junior College during the Carbondale return, his third title on the first day of competition and junior Bianca Stuart picked up the lone women’s title during day two.

With four meet titles and numerous top-10 finishes, Siewert added 57 feet. It marked the fourth consecutive meet where Siemons won the men’s shot put with a toss that measured over 75 feet. It marked the fourth consecutive victory at that meet. Siemons has won the men’s shot put with a toss that measured over 7 feet. It marked the fourth consecutive victory at that meet. Siemons has won the men’s shot put with a toss that measured over 7 feet.

The SIU softball team concluded their first session of 13-year-olds.

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Despite coming off a successful season, the Salukis together camp brings more motivation to become a better pitcher. When she stepped into the circle for the first time, it was clear she needed to make a change in her approach — just a change of mentality. “I just think I was lacking confidence,” Glosson said. “I just needed to get over it and throw the ball.”

Now, Glosson, a native of Winston-Salem, N.C., leads the team in earned run average at 2.33 and strikeouts with 98.

Blaylock said Glosson struggled early in the season because she would fall behind in the count and let runners on base before she could establish a rhythm. Blaylock said she has seen more confidence from the young pitcher lately. “She’s confident on the mound, throwing a lot of strikes and very, very tough to hit right now,” Blaylock said.

Despite coming off a successful high school career where she recorded 1,346 strikeouts — the second most in North Carolina history — 26 career no-hitters and eight perfect games, Glosson said she knew pitching in college would be no easy chore.