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Athletic Department seeing red

Department makes reduction in sports budgets to alleviate deficit problem

With the Athletic Department's budget deficit totaling $923,000, administrators within the department have been calling close to try and figure out how to stop the flow of red ink.

At the end of 1999, the department's deficit reached $139,000, and it accompanied another quarter of a million dollars' worth of budget cuts.

A budget meeting, took place Thursday to merely request coaching staff members—mostly low to mid-level sports who already have relatively small operating budgets—that reductions will have to be made to save money.

Interim Athletic Director, Harold Banks, sent a signed memo to several staff members calling the meeting regarding budget reductions...

Even though his signature was on the memo, Banks said he was unaware of a meeting having been scheduled.

"I had no idea," Banks said.

Banks, who did not attend the budget meeting, opted not to comment on questions pertaining to the budget or the meeting. He admitted that Athletic Director Kathy Jones is making the meeting.

In recent weeks, SIU Board of Trustees Chairman A.D. Van Meter and the Provost's Office have been somewhat vocal about the deficit that the Athletic Department has dug itself into.

"It's a difficult situation," Van Meter said that it is important that the athletic department get a handle on their budget and get control of the deficit.

Therefore, the first step in getting a handle on expenses such as travel costs, coaches, and equipment, will not be forced to find even more efficient ways to stretch money for their respective programs—something they have been expected to do since 1998.

Numerous employees in the department were prompted to discuss the meetings and the budget.

"It wasn't a friendly meeting, by any means," said Dan Callahan, SIU's high school sports coordinator. "I think you'd have to do it more poorly than I did, but it's not much better than what he was saying.

The Athletic Department's budget is roughly 1 percent of the entire University. The fiscal operating revenues budgeted for the Athletic Department in 2000 were about $1.1 million. The expenses were about $5.5 million.

By comparison, Missouri Valley Conference rival Illinois State University is up by 7.7 million to operate in Athletic Department.

At intercollegiate Athletic Department, fundraising is important in order to set the final fee in $58,000 per semester which was opposed by Undergraduate Student Government and voted down by Graduate Professional Student Council.

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- Christians Unlimited meeting with guest speaker Bob Spilatro, Apr. 30, 7 p.m., Mississippi Room Student Center, Aisha 536-3929.

- Northern Illinois University Library Affairs meeting, every Thurs., 5 p.m., Activity Room B Student Center, Aisha 556-3389.

- Church of the Nazarene Student Ministry meeting, every Fri., 7 p.m., Student Center Assembly Room, Todd 353-4002.

- Library Affairs Power Point, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Library Room 103D.

- Student Programming Council meeting, every Tues., 5 p.m., Activity Room B Student Center, Aisha 556-3389.

- Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Power Point, 5 p.m., Mississippi Room Student Center, Aisha 556-3389.

- College of Liberal Arts Student Learning Assistance, meet through May 11, Mon. and Thurs., 5 to 9 p.m., Wed. 1 to 5 p.m., Foster 1229, Mary Jane 435-2466.

- Speech Communication Department "Green Face," Apr. 27, 18, and 20 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Classroom, 55 general admission and $5 for students, 435-5618.

- SIUC Kendo Club meeting, every Thursday, 5 to 6 p.m., Davis Gym, Todd 353-4007.

- Gamma Beta Phi Society meeting, 6 p.m., Room 141, Student Center.

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UPCOMING

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Black Affairs Council election postponed

Lost ballots and unprofessional behavior cited as problems

JASON COXER
Daily Egyptian reporter

The Black Affairs Council elections were postponed Wednesday because the election commissioners couldn’t find the ballots.

Quinette Brynt, BAC coordinator, said the elections have been postponed until Wednesday to re-examine ballots for all the candidates.

Brynt said on the ballots Tuesday and have since been in the hands of the re-election commissioners before postponing at 11 a.m. Wednesday. The elections were to be Wednesday from 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the Student Center but the last ball was halted election. Brynt said.

“We don’t know who misplaced them yet,” Brynt said.

Brynt said it is considered to postpone the elections for these circumstances.

Henry Stelman, the student government president, said everything about the election was unprofessional. He said he will be present Wednesday morning and see one was conducting the election.

Henry said every time the ballot was there, the petition extension was not made on time and the time of the ballot was the evening of the election that the BAC is consistently in violation of its constitution.

Henry said postering the petition did not have the signatures that the number valid for the BAC and so the petition deadline was done, not correct.

Brynt said seven of the candidates and students were always in the ballot line without a public notice being granted, but she said because of “unnerving circumstances” they did not want to turn the lines on the campus.

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The second section in the resolution states that “the Board of Trustees” and administration only use lip service to the idea of shared governance.

The problem the majority of the council had with the resolution focused not on its intent, but its wording and tone.

“People came to me telling me they couldn’t vote,” Bidwell said. “The election should have been today. A lot of people have been waiting for the voted to be done and very supportive. Things wasn’t very well.”

Brynt, a representative from the Graduate Council, wrote the resolution. She said she expected a strong reaction from the council and the administration.

“I welcomed any suggestions for revision,” she said.

The resolution will be revised and presented at the Council’s next meeting.

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In the past, the Daily Elephant has reserved the right to publish opinions that are relevant to SILC, Carbondale and the Southern Illinois region. Our policy has been to lend our voice to issues that we are able to have a direct impact on concerning the community.

The Daily Elephant decided to forego editorial policy this time with respect to the ongoing saga surrounding Elian Gonzalez, the young boy who has captivated the consciousness of the City of Miami and American community and many American citizens.

As a college newspaper, it is not unknown to observe how certain stories are handled by the national press, and the Elian Gonzalez case has taken the notion of blanket media coverage to new highs, or perhaps a new low. American audiences have not been treated to this level of media circus since the death of John F. Kennedy Jr.

The national media has been both lavished with well-warranted coverage of the child's plight beginning with his dramatic arrival to the United States in November to last Saturday's raid on the home of the Miami relatives. In addition, the four-month-old custody battle itself is not difficult to comprehend, but the politics involved from both the Cuban and U.S. governments have turned the case into a public relations nightmare.

The Daily Elephant is in no position to doubt the relative intentions as far as trying to act in the child's best interest, but this situation began to take on the facade of a twisted game between the relatives and the father, with little Elian as the main prize. And last Saturday's raid of the Miami relatives' home was an incident that should have never escalated to that point.

More than anyone else involved in this saga, the Miami relatives could have avoided the shocking spectacle of a 6-year-old Elian being taken away from his home at gunpoint. The relatives frequently balked at invitations for a peaceful settlement made by U.S. Attorney General Janet L. Reno but were apparently not coming Elian to his father. RENO had no choice but to act.

With all due respect to the Miami relatives, Elian's father, Juan Miguel, deserved custody of Elian after the mother's death, and it is in the father's discretion as to whom he wishes to raise his son. This is the same country that has made an example of absent fathers who abandon their children, and who place family values and the preservation of the family unit.

A child's place is with his parents unless the parents are proven to be unfit. And despite unsubstantiated allegations made against the father, nothing suggests that Juan Miguel is an unfit parent. The government's decision to take action to retrieve father and son was the right move. However, its method in removing the child and how the government handles the case is a concern to those who worry about the over-reachng nature of the federal government into our lives.

In conclusion, the drama should end, and let's hope it ends quickly. Not because American audiences cannot wait for the next sensational story, but because this particular one has been a little too much to bear.

Elian saga takes participants to new lows

Fenile 1x, Nov. 7 That Wicked Winter of the South, winter lasted far too long for my taste this year. So when the sun finally came out behind the clouds last weekend, I couldn't wait to enjoy it. Spring was finally here, another listening to birds chirping outside as I squatted in the snow.

When I rose from my hide, however, the horrid feeling began to set in. I tried to swallow, but my mouth had swollen almost completely together with my 87 feet having been swelled into an amazing amount varying every time I breathed. And good heavens, there was some sort of stick coming out of my eye. I felt like I was in some far distant where I was transforming into a hideous, skinny creature with growing hair from every fascia/stere.

I ran to the bathroom, to open the glance into my mirror and finally confirmed that I was, in fact, turning into a skinny miser. My eyes were a bloodshot, my throat glands were swollen, and my whole face puffy. "Come on, Grace," I cursed myself. "You can't get sick. Spring is in the air and the first signs are only a week away." Even as I spoke, my nasty voice sounded less than familiar, like Grace and increasingly more like Goofus from the "Smurfs." I threw open the medicine cabinet and downed every vitamin and antibiotic I could find. No little cold or bug was standing in my way of enjoying the weather. These days and a bottle of Nyquil later, I was on the mend when at least something is being done about the cold of "the North." What had stood out as a common cold was turning into a more over-dramatized version of the Black Death. Easter came and went. I sat despairs upon my "couch" of colds and formed for hours out the window. I tried to stay for my finals, but I couldn't keep my mind from the people outdoors. Elian remained inside, trapped in the poison called influenza. I missed my family and friends, and they missed me. I didn't begin to feel better. For the first three days, I breathed in deeply and I could smell the clean scent of all around me. I shut my eyes and felt the raindrops slowly start to wash my symptoms away. As I stood up, I realized that I was feeling better.

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the homelessness problem in Illinois. "People don’t see the urgency of it, but if you’re one of the 32,400 people that are homeless in Illinois, it’s an urgent issue and a very tragic issue."

In fact, statistics show that Illinois ranks very high in terms of homelessness when compared to other states, with Southern Illinois garnering dramatic numbers in and of itself. According to a recent study, 8.3 percent of all Illinois residents have been homeless at some point in time, with more than 32,000 living without a home right now. Of those, 22,000 are children.

"The family portion is the fastest growing," Meina said. "The main cause is that we don’t have enough jobs that pay a living wage."

And the overwhelming number of homeless people continues to drain state pockets, Poshard said while the state continues to pour money into social programs and rehabilitation efforts. 90 percent of all homeless problems could have been prevented by a one-time grant of $1,000 to each struggling family.

"If you think it’s expensive to rehabilitate people, look at what we pay not to rehabilitate them," Poshard said. "Why not find a way to salvage these people’s lives and help them become useful citizens?"

Therefore, campaign organizers are pushing for a bill in the Illinois legislature that would introduce such a program. The Homeowner’s Stabilization Program, modeled off a program that proved successful in Pennsylvania, would provide mortgage loans to 500 Illinois homeowners at a total cost of $5 million, thus allowing people in financial trouble to keep their homes. "A lot of people own homes, but they may be a paycheck away from losing it," said Sharon Hess, executive director of the Southern Illinois Coalition for the Homeless. "In Southern Illinois, it’s especially important to talk to legislators because a lot of that money will come down here."

While officials say the new program would definitely help to improve the homeless situation in Southern Illinois and throughout the state, making people aware of the situation is also an important step. Stereotypes of homeless people as drug abusers and alcoholics pervade public thought, Hagan said, and people must be willing to re-evaluate their ideas in order to see change effected.

"People need to rethink it," Hagan said. "Bad things happen to good people, and they need to get help. Bottom line is, you are your brother’s keeper."
Four women to participate in Gay and Lesbian Millennium March

Jennifer Wig

Of more than one million people marching in Washington D.C. Sunday for the ninth annual Gay and Lesbian Millennium March, one SUIC resident, one SUIC faculty member, and two Carbondale residents will be among them.

Proceeds of Sunday’s Gay and Lesbian Millennium March will walk one mile around Washington D.C. ending at the National Mall. Kendra Sweezy, director of the SUIC Rainbow Network, said some of the women have been in the march before and are "set to be part of history."

"It’s far too good a cause," said Amy Farnen, a Carbondale resident who will be attending the march, "just can’t wait."

The march will be part of the worldwide event to promote awareness of gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgender and allies. The women plan to visit the Holocaust museum, which has a special area for bystanders who suffered during Hitler’s reign in World War II.

Paulette Guinn, adviser to the SUIC, will also leave Friday for the march. Sweezy, who attended the march in 1995, "still the experience has kept her going in the Carbondale community, where homosexuality is still accepted."

"Not only is it a political statement to gather and show our numbers, but also an energizing experience by being around people like me with the same direction," Guinn said, "I just felt empowered.

On Saturday, numerous musicians will display their talents at a concert called "Human Rights Campaign Hooks," which will take place at the Robert F. Kennedy Stadium, Chicago.

Guinn excited about fun, possibility

"It’s such a wonderful feeling being surrounded by people like me," Sweezy said. "It’s an amazing feeling."

She also pointed out that because homosexuals have the highest disposable income of any group, Vermont will gain a great deal in tourist dollars. Guinn’s final comment on the matter was a positive one.

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Governor signs bill allowing gays, lesbians to form legal unions

Jennifer Wig

Vermont Gov. Howard Dean signed a same-sex union bill into law Wednesday that allows same-sex couples to be joined in "civil unions," and that more than gay and lesbian residents at SUIC existed about possibilities.

The union would give same-sex couples the same legal rights and privileges of marriage, such as property rights, health care benefits and inheritance rights. Civil union ceremonies in Vermont will take place as early as July 1.

Sweezy, Swenney, director of the SUIC Rainbow Network, is excited about the news because it sets a standard for other states to follow.

"I love Vermont," Sweezy said, when asked whether she would emigrate. "They never really thought about it, but by the time I come to that point in my life, I hoping other states will follow suit also.

Sweezy and her seven-month partner, Sherry Robinson, have considered joining together this bill was passed. Now that the matter is legalized, Sweezy said she will need time to consider her options.

"To be joined in a civil union, gay or lesbian couples would obtain a license from town clerks and then receive certification for their union by a judge or layperson.

To total up the unions, the couple must go through family court to dissolve their partnerships.

Sweezy though, when Sweezy was inspected by the bill, she was not surprised that the first state to pass a same-sex union law was on the East Coast.

"The East Coast is generally known for their liberal views," she said. "I think it’s a wonderful step in the right direction."

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Group dating offers students alternative, insight

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Irish dancing machines, watch them get down

Prominent dance company comes to Shryock

The Southern Illinois Festival of Irish Music and Dance will come to a sell-out crowd Saturday night at Shryock Auditorium as the Trinity Irish Dance Company from Chicago takes the stage.

The company's 20 dancers consist of 18 to 25 year olds schooled in the art of traditional Irish dancing by attending the Trinity Academy of Irish Dance.

They have played many distinguished venues including New York's Joes' Pub and Washington D.C.'s Kennedy Center, and have performed on "The Tonight Show" and "The Conan O'Brien Show."

This year, the company's work was awarded a gold medal.

Cathryn Humphrey, an SUIC music major in elementary education from Chicago, makes up the dance in the company.

She said the best part of the experience was the thrill the audience received from the performances.

"The audience leaves with amazement and a smile. It's something they never expected," Humphrey said. "The best part was the rise the audience gets and the way we felt after doing a show."

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"It's a rousing conclusion Saturday night at Shryock Auditorium as the Southern Illinois Festival of Irish Music and Dance will come to a sell-out crowd Saturday night at Shryock Auditorium as the Trinity Irish Dance Company from Chicago takes the stage."

The company's 20 dancers consist of 18 to 25 year olds schooled in the art of traditional Irish dancing by attending the Trinity Academy of Irish Dance. They have played many distinguished venues including New York's Joes' Pub and Washington D.C.'s Kennedy Center, and have performed on "The Tonight Show" and "The Conan O'Brien Show."

This year, the company's work was awarded a gold medal.

Cathryn Humphrey, an SUIC music major in elementary education from Chicago, makes up the dance in the company. She said the best part of the experience was the thrill the audience received from the performances.

"The audience leaves with amazement and a smile. It's something they never expected," Humphrey said. "The best part was the rise the audience gets and the way we felt after doing a show."

Sing me an Irish ditty

The traditional Irish folk trio, Chulra, will perform at SIUC.

Even though St. Patrick's Day has already passed, it's not too late to get into the Irish spirit.

Chulra, a trio of traditional Irish musicians, will be joining the Southern Illinois Festival of Irish Music and Dance. The band has been together for six years touring the United States and Canada. Individually, the members have toured various parts of Europe.

The name Chulra translates from the Irish as "red back." This was the name and distinguishing feature of the favorite wolfhound of the ancient Irish hero, Fionn MacCumhaill.

The members of the band are traditional Irish instruments to produce a "vivid" dance rhythm such as jigs, reds, and hornpipes. Some of their tunes come from an Irish musician from the 17th century, Turloch O'Farrell, and his blind harp player, Egan, who was a native of Tipperary, handles the guitar and the vocals.

"I'm looking forward to it," O'Brien said. "I think it will only grow larger. We hope next year we can bring back some of the musicians that have been here the first four years and have a five year anniversary." O'Brien said. "I'm looking forward to it."

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American Indian Association needs support

Native-American RSO fighting for survival

By TERRY L. DEAN

The American Indian Association is in need of a few good members.

The 5-year-old Registered Student Organization once deferred in the University with some 50 members at its high point. Now with less than 10, the only organization on campus for Native-American students is trying to keep itself alive.

The organization was founded by its president, Iris Creasy, a graduate student in psychology from Tahlequah, Okla., who took some of the time to tell the American Indian Association some 50 members at its high point. Now with the loss of numbers, the RSO has not been completely invisible on campus. AJA, a student group of Native-American students, is trying to maintain an active role on campus, and that any predictions of its demise are unwarranted.

"It's going to take an energetic membership drive to attract members, but I wouldn't categorize the association as being in any kind of trouble," she said.

The RSO is one of 400 RSOs in SIUC. RSOs have to have more than 10 members in order to be recognized by the University. SIUC has 67 recognized Native-American RSOs, according to Administration and Records, but attracting three students into the organization has been a Catch-22, said AJA member Rachael Green.

"They might not want to join because they don't see a lot of active members, but we can get a lot of active members if people don't join," Green said.

All of AJA members are gradute students, and the group is looking for larger undergraduates.

The organization is also working to establish an American Indian Student Endowment Scholarship Fund at SIUC. Despite a lack in numbers, the RSO has not been completely invisible on campus. AJA, a student group of Native-American students, is trying to maintain an active role on campus, and that any predictions of its demise are unwarranted.

In 1998, AJA members created The Red Eagle Alliance, a group based in that provides education presentations on Native-American culture to local schools. Creasy said The Red Eagle Alliance was not an extension of AJA and not a replacement.

[AJA was meeting the needs of the students, not the creation of AJA. As much as the group has tried to stay active, the lack of members have taken a toll on the organization. AJA was dropped from the American Indian and Engineering Student Society (AISES) after Argersinger's termination, said Green. A two-year member of the group, is even open to the idea of non-native students being part of AJA.

"We're an equal opportunity organization," Green said. "I think an organization like this is only a benefit to people."
The Daily Egyptian is accepting applications for the following newspaper position for the fall 2000 semester. All applicants will also require some Sundays with flexibility to work additional hours and other days as needed. For employment, all applicants must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours for the fall and be in good academic standing.

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Salukis' best getting ready for the best at the Drake Relays

Christine Bolin

SIU women's track and field coach Morteno Hilli Roberts causes winter for 18,000 people to watch her compete in the triple jump this weekend. Roberts is just one of the selected Salukis traveling to Des Moines, Iowa, this weekend for the Drake Relays, the most prestigious meet SIU will compete in this season.

"It is like Big Ten — there are so many people there," Roberts said. "I have competed in many meets and I have never seen a larger crowd in my life. The atmosphere there is so great, I got so pumped up when I jumped." Roberts, which take place at Drake University, is in its 90th year. This weekend marks its 35th straight sellout, which is the longest such streak on the U.S. track history.

The competition offered at the meet includes a wide variety of college, high schools, athletic clubs and unattached athletes. Because the meet is not open to just anyone, only a handful of Salukis are guaranteed to be competing in events — Roberts in the triple jump, junior Jimmy Nuzzo in the 10,000-meter run, junior Carey Prugens in the discus and hammer throw, four separate relay teams and freshman Serena Torrey-Clegg in the long and triple jump.

All of the other Salukis traveling to Des Moines are amateurs, who will not know if they are competing until the day of their event. Torrey-Clegg, who is competing at this meet for the first time, said she is glad she was not on the alternate list. "I am excited because I have never been there," Torrey-Clegg said. "It is one of the most important meets of the season because it is near the end of the season.

After the Drake Relays, the Salukis have only one more meet left before the Missouri Valley Conference Championships (May 17-19).

Hand coach Don DeNoon thinks the Drake Relays is the perfect meet for the Salukis to record their best marks before conference. Even though the meet is not scored, DeNoon hopes SIU will stay focused and consistent on their own individual performances.

"We are trying to go into this meet with a little more serious attitude than we have in the past," DeNoon said. "It should be fun."
Women's hoops: letting down their guards

Coach Beck says having three players deciding to transfer isn't just coincidence

CHRISTINE BOLIN
DAI! EPISCOPAL REPORTER

First it was LaToya Graves, then Janice Lopez. Then last week, it was announced that sophomore Kim Holloway added her name to the list of SIU women's basketball team members that will not be returning for the 2000-2001 season.

Liz Graves and Lopez, Holloway, who lives in Montgomery, Ala., said she is leaving because she wants to be closer to home.

"My decision just nothing to do with LaToya or Janina leaving," Holloway said. "It was a decision made on my own. I just wasn't happy here." 

Oddly enough, all three of the Salukis have left the program in the last year or so.

"That is just strange coincidence," Beck said. "Sometimes these things happen. When you have an injury, half of your center, it doesn't help the situation."

The 5-foot-1-inch Holloway, the Salukis only true point guard, has battled injuries since she was a freshman.

In her rookie year, she only played only eight games before hav-

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Like the previous years, the Salukis will also have a food drive event scheduled for this week. For more information on how to donate, please contact the SIU Office of Student Life or visit one of the collection sites on campus.

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GIVING BACK

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"I don't think I can say enough about the shot I made over the past few weeks," Block said. "I didn't know I could make that shot, but I'm not afraid to take it anymore." 

"We were in a good spot offensively when we scored the basket," Beck said. "But we also didn't capitalize on our opportunities." 

The Salukis entered Wednesday's game 21-4, including 12-1 in the MVC.

"I'm really proud of this team," Beck said. "They've come a long way since last year." 

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Saluki pitching strikes back

Five pitchers team up to shut out Murray State

By VICKY HANSON

The Saluki softball team sent three ‘pitchers to the mound in Wednesday’s non-conference game against Murray State University in an effort to preserve a first-place tie for the upcoming weekend conference series against Bradley.

Bradley had won its last five games, including a 2-0 win over Murray State in the series opener.

But Hardin, Chris Reed, Bill Hardin and Jake Allen had two scoreless innings before Lake Nelson was the lone hit in the first game of the two-game series against Murray State on a snow-free day at Abe Martin Field.

The Salukis (27-24) defeated the Racers 2-1, improving their record to 37-17. The win was the team’s first in the series, and it kept the Salukis in the top four of the MVC.

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The Salukis won the first game 2-1, thanks to a strong performance by the pitching staff.

It’s no secret that our pitching staff has been struggling lately.

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