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Gov. Quinn addresses MAP funds, pension in budget

LAUREN DUNCAN Daily Egyptian

Gov. Pat Quinn's proposal to boost funding for college students might come at the cost of significant

At his budget address Wednesday in Springfield, Quinn told legislators he plans to refrain from cutting higher education spending and increase grants for students in the next fiscal year. Much of his speech, though, focused on his idea to cut Medicaid spending, change the state's government pension systems and close state facilities, including one in Murphysboro and one in Carbondale.

"This budget contains truths that you may not want to hear," Quinn told the legislators.

In Quinn's \$33.8-billion budget, he did not make cuts to higher education. In both 2010 and 2011, SIU received less state funding than the previous year, which caused administrators to make cuts on campus.

Chancellor Rita Cheng said she was relieved to hear cuts for universities weren't proposed.

"There are definitely significant cutbacks and really hard decisions that are going to have to be made overall, and higher education has been spared in many regards," she

Quinn also proposed \$50-million increase in Monetary Award Program funding to provide more college students with grants. Cheng said there are about 4,400 students who recieve MAP funding at SIU, but almost 1,200 more could have had MAP grants last spring if the fund hadn't been depleted.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said the MAP funding is a big issue for

"It would make more students eligible, meaning that hopefully it would help open the door a little bit to those middle- and low-income students that need help," he said.

Cheng said an increase in MAP funding means there will be more students who can afford to enroll and stay at SIU, which can benefit the state because the university ensures that graduates are prepared for jobs.

Although increased MAP funding would be good for students, State Senator Dave Luechtefeld said it might be hard to accomplish with an overall budget deficit.

"I think there are a lot of legislators whose eyebrows would go up, because it's hard to say we're in debt almost to the point where we're bankrupt and then in the next breath say we're going to increase spending," he said. "That just doesn't fit together."

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DRAWING FROM A SUNNY PERSPECTIVE | Erin Benefiel, a junior from Carbondale studying art history, works on her one-point perspective drawing Thursday near Faner Hall. Benefiel was working on the project for her Introduction to Drawing class. The students were required to focus on architecture and create a perspective drawing in an outside environment.

Voters can still register in grace period

Clerk encourages students to vote in March 20 primary elections

ASHLEY ZBOREK

Daily Egyptian

Even though the Jackson County clerk said many students do not vote in primary or local elections, he said the clerk's office anticipates many voters in the November presidential elections.

Larry Reinhardt, county clerk and recorder, said an unexpected amount of students actually register to vote in Jackson County. Many take the presidential elections more

seriously than the primary ones, period lasts until March 13. he said, and the number of college voters spiked in the last presidential election.

though the primary Even registration election period officially ended Tuesday, students can still register through the grace period.

registration for Although the primary election — which narrows down the nominees for the presidential candidates - closed Tuesday, the registering grace

Reinhardt said during this grace period people can still register and vote for the March 20 primary election, but registration must happen at the city clerk's office and the voter must cast his or her vote at the time of registration.

Students can register to vote either online, at the Carbondale city clerk's office or at the Carbondale Civic Center.

Reinhardt said there are also several organizations around

the Carbondale area that have deputy registrars who can register anyone to vote, such as the WIDB radio station, the NAACP, College Democrats and College Republicans.

According to the Illinois state election website, registration is open year-round, except for the 27day period just before an election and during the two-day period after every election.

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House bill may give Board of Trustees student representatives a stronger voice

TARA KULASH

Daily Egyptian

Legislation being discussed in the Illinois House could give the SIU Board of Trustees' two student members a vote in all of the committee's decisions.

The Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses each have a student representative on the board to speak for their peers. While both members vote on decisions at meetings, only one student's vote is counted.

The bill, which is sponsored

introduced Feb 15 and applies only to SIU. Beiser could not be reached for comment after several phone calls.

The student representatives' voting power is supposed to alternate each year between the campuses, but the previous student keeps the voting power if the governor fails to appoint the vote to a member.

This has led to one campus' representative to have the vote two or three years in a row, SIU President Glenn Poshard said.

"Carbondale had the voting

Edwardsville people disenfranchised by the vote."

Poshard said it makes sense for both campuses to receive a vote in decisions since the Edwardsville campus is growing. He said sometimes there are issues that differ from campus to campus.

"If only one student has a vote, I think the other campus feels like they maybe don't have a vote on something that's very important to them," Poshard said.

Roger Herrin, Board of

this year also," he said. "The know enough about the bill to comment.

> SIUE student trustee Jeffry Harrison, a senior from Red Bud studying business administration, said he thinks the change would be positive for the Board of Trustees.

> "Future student trustees will both have their votes counted equally," he said in an email Thursday. "As sister institutions, this is crucial, as we'll move forward together as a united university system."

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by Daniel Beiser, D-Alton, was representative last year and Trustees chair, said he did not





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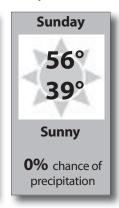
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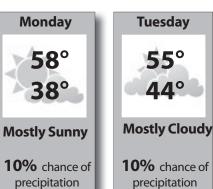
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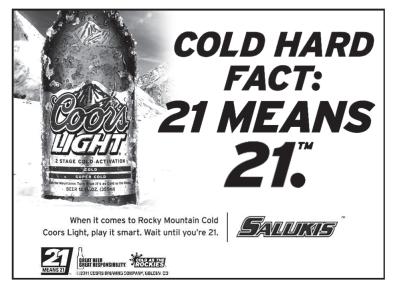
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Correction

In the Wednesday edition of the Daily Egyptian, the story "Burn barrel fire spreads in DeSoto shed" should have read, "The DeSoto Township Fire Protection District responded to a fire in a shed on Crane Road, about a mile west of DeSoto, Wednesday afternoon." The Daily Egyptian regrets this error.



QUINN

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Pensions and Medicaid

While education was a priority of Quinn's for increased funding, the governor proposed cuts or reform in many areas, including Medicaid and pensions. His proposal includes a \$2.7-million cut in Medicaid spending, and calls for reform of the state's pension systems.

Quinn said for the past three years the state has paid the minimum it can for pension costs. Additionally, he said, 90 percent of retirees pay nothing on their health insurance premiums.

"This lack of fiscal accountability has cost us dearly today," he said.

This year's general-revenue fund payment for public pensions is \$5.2 billion, he said, which is three times as much as it was in 2008. Today, he said, pension payments make up 15 percent of the state funds.

"For these reductions to work, we must also stabilize and strengthen our public-pensions systems once and for all," he said.

Last year, Poshard said legislation would affect pensions of employees hired after Jan. 1. This spring, he said, the reform is intended to grapple with issues surrounding pensions of the employees who were already employed.

"That's going to be more difficult, because

these are employees who may have 25, 30 years already in service," he said. "You're going to change the system on these people, so that's going to be highly controversial."

Poshard said there is a law that states a person's present retirement benefit cannot be diminished, but he said the law will affect future employees.

Cheng said there has been talk among legislators of a shared solution for pension costs, which she said means the employer, or SIU, will likely be asked to pick up some of the costs of employee pensions.

"The concern is that we'll have to cut some other expenditures in order to fund pensions, which means we'll be cutting back again," she

Cheng said if the university has to take on extra pension costs, there may not be extra money for other programs on campus.

"I was hoping to go into next year without having a budget cut," she said. "Ever since I've been here, I've been cutting budgets, and it would be really nice not to have to do that."

Cheng said every SIU employee is covered under the state pension plans.

There is an \$83-million shortfall of funding for the state's pension system. Quinn said a pension-working group will provide a possible solution by April 17.

Closures

Quinn also announced the closure of 14 state facilities and consolidation or closure of 59 others. He announced the closure of The Southern Illinois Adult Transition Center in Carbondale, which, according to the proposed budget, has 17 employees and 65 inmates, and will save \$1.3 million in its closure. The Illinois Youth Center in Murphysboro, which has 91 employees and 59 juveniles, will save the state \$6.8 million with its closure.

The Illinois State Police Forensic Lab in Carbondale,

which has 17 employees, will be consolidated, he said, with the new facility being built in Belleville, and 20 state police communications centers will be consolidated to four, including the Du Quoin center. A family-transition center in Carbondale will also be consolidated.

"These consolidations and closures are hard but necessary," Quinn said. "They impact every region in our state, but the need for lower spending in our budget gives us no choice."

Points of Gov. Pat Quinn's Budget Proposal

Closure of 14 major facilites, 59 consolidations

\$50 million more in MAP grants

\$2.7 million reduction in Medicaid

Pension reform

BRENDAN SMITH | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Source: Governor's proposed budget

Luechtefeld said he hopes that does not happen. Although he said it would have been hard for Quinn to give a positive budget address, he said the announcement of closing facilities disturbed him.

He said the closures could add up to more than 130 job losses.

"Those are all pretty good jobs, and obviously it will not be good for the area if that happens," he said.

VOTERS

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Registration requirements include U.S. citizenship, residency in precinct area for at least 30 days prior to election and being at least 18 years of age by the election date.

Reinhardt said the amount of students who have voted in recent years breaks the carefree collegestudent stereotype.

"That being said, there are many more students who could be registering," he said.

Reinhardt said because students make up a large amount of the Jackson County population, their votes could make a difference.

Scott McClurg, an associate professor of political science, said he suspects students do not vote for two reasons: either they don't think their vote will matter, or they are just cynical about politics.

Jonathan Martinez, a sophomore from Chicago studying pre-music, said he doesn't see a point in voting in the presidential election.

"I think the electoral college overrides all popular vote, so voting would be pretty pointless," he said. "It seems like the government lets the general public vote just so they can feel like they have a say in something." Jenny Mick, a junior from Carbondale studying psychology, said she has not registered to vote yet because she has had no interest in politics until now.

"I have always been ignorant to politics up until this point in my life," she said. "I have just recently made an effort to be informed about presidential candidates. I feel like voting and not knowing why you're doing it is just as bad as not voting."

McClurg said students should be interested in local elections.

"For some reason students do not consider Carbondale to be their home when in a year they probably spend at least 75 percent of their time here," he said. "While they think that local issues might not affect them, the reality is that it is the exact opposite."

McClurg said everything from parking to zoning is under local politicians' jurisdiction, and these things play a role in everyone's daily life.

Greg Gault, a freshman from Buffalo Grove studying sports administration, said he thinks voting is the American thing to do.

"Local or not, we are expressing a right we earned, a right that we might not be able to have if we didn't live in this country," he said.

Reinhart said he expects a great turnout for this fall's elections.

"In a county this size, when students come out it makes a tremendous difference," he said. "In Jackson County we will see a 10,000-vote jump from local elections to the presidential election."

According to the Jackson County website, 25,716 people voted in Jackson County for the 2008 presidential election.

Reinhart said students are part of the community and they have every right and reason to exercise their right to vote.

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Harrison said he thinks the student trustees' opinions weigh heavily at the meetings because they are on campus every day and bring insight to what their peers want. He said he always feels encouraged to share his thoughts with other members.

"(The encouragement) could be from the comfortable atmosphere and respect the Board of Trustees has for its members,"

As a board member, Harrison said his job is to represent the SIUE student voice in all board matters by collaborating on issues with faculty, staff, administrators Tuture student trustees will both have their votes counted equally. As sister institutions, this is crucial, as we'll move forward together as a united university system.

> — Jeffry Harrison senior from Red Bud studying business administration

and students. Harrison said his position has given him the opportunity to learn about the SIU university system and make networking connections. A board member since July 2010, he said he has not had a chance to work closely with an SIUC student trustee.

SIUC's previous student trustee, Michelle Hook Dewey, a graduate student in health law and policy, resigned from her position last week, said Misty Whittington, executive secretary of the board. Whittington said Dewey was unable to be reached for comment.

State Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, said he does not support the bill. He drafted and sponsored the original bill that gave university board memberships in 2000. At the time, the bill appointed both students as full members of the board but

gave neither of them a vote. He said he made an agreement with SIU that he would not push the bill forward for students to have a vote, so he plans to stick to his commitment.

Bost said he thinks the student trustees play a key role on the board because they give good insight, but it could be a conflict of interest if they vote.

"They're great for advice, but because it would affect them personally on a lot of votes, it's almost like it would be controversial," he said.

Bost said the students could be the deciding factor if there is ever a split vote.

Just about every university has the same situation, Bost said.

For example, Poshard said University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign has three campuses with a student representative from each. He said the bill may influence the university to do something similar.

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Senior guard Justin Bocot, left, runs through drills Tuesday while junior guard T.J. Lindsay defends. Bocot averaged 5.3 points per game and has had 23 steals for the season.

SENIORS

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Lowery said Seck has been the clear leader of the team because he's one of the only players who hasn't been suspended, ineligible or in trouble. Seck came to SIU after he spent a year at Southeastern Illinois College in Harrisburg.

Before his time at SIC, he lived in Dakar, Senegal, and was a three-time MVP for University Cheikh Anta Diop.

Seck said he came here in hopes of making it into the NCAA tournament.

"It's really tough when I decided to come here, because way bigger teams that were ranked wanted me," Seck said. "I was thinking if I come here with last year's team, with Carlton (Fay) and Gene (Teague), at worst we'd make the NCAA tournament."

Seck said he still holds hope to make the NCAA tournament this year, even though SIU will be the ninth seed in the Missouri Valley Conference tournament, which starts Thursday.

Northern Iowa is tied with three other teams (Illinois State,

Indiana State and Evansville) for the fifth seed, and they beat SIU 58-49 Jan. 31. SIU had a lead late, but UNI finished the game on an 8-2 run, sparked by guard Deon Mitchell's 17-point performace.

UNI's leading scorer, Anthony James, missed the game due to an injury, but he'll be back for Saturday's game. He's averaging 13.1 points per game.

Tip-off is set for 2:05 p.m. Saturday at the SIU Arena.

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LYNETTE OOSTMEYER | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Freshman forward Antonio Bryer, left, guards senior forward Mamadou Seck Tuesday at the SIUC Arena. Seck led the team in scoring and rebounding with an average 13.1 points and 7.8 rebounds per game.



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- indifference 24 Safety __; old
- diaper fastener 26 Plant pests
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- 34 Bring about 35 In what place?
- 36 Lofty poem
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- 40 Forest animal
- 41 Seat at a bar
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- 45 Phantoms
- 46 Poe's initials
- in the neck: difficult person
- 48 Voting alliance 51 Unable to put up a defense
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- 60 Actor Sandler 61 Gall
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- 63 Drill a hole
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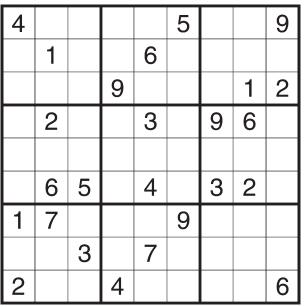
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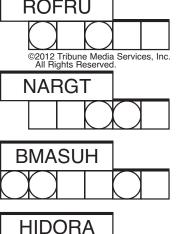
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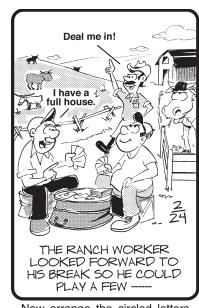
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Last hurrah for Seck and Bocot

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Seniors Mamadou Seck and Justin Bocot will play their last home game as Salukis Saturday against Northern Iowa.

"As a player, you always remember your last game on Senior night," said coach Chris Lowery. "I remember mine was here against Drake (as a fall 2008 semester, but couldn't play

player in 1994), and I remember how many points I had because you remember that stuff because it's important, particularly as a player."

Seck and Bocot are the only two seniors leaving the team after this season, and both players had unique paths that brought them

Bocot came to SIU during the

or have any contact with the team because his grades in high school weren't good enough to qualify him to play on the team. Bocot said he didn't take high school seriously until his junior year, when he realized playing college basketball was a possibility.

After he worked a custodial job his first year at SIU, Bocot became eligible during fall 2009 and started the last nine games of that season. Going into the 2011-12 season, Lowery said Bocot would be one of the team leaders, but he was suspended for four games Dec. 7 after an off-the-court issue that led to a police investigation.

Since Bocot was reinstated Dec. 22, he's started twice, averaging 14.5 minutes per game and 4.6 points per game.

"It's unfortunate for (Bocot) that things have gone the way they have, but we've given him every opportunity to be successful," Lowery said. "It's unfortunate because you want to see him have success with all he's been through and all the things he's gone through to even be a basketball player at Southern."

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