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College combats student decline



LAUREN LEONE Daily Egyptian

Marcus Odom said student recruitment is more than getting the word out there - it requires follow-through

"We can't just sit here and hope they come," said Odom, director of the School of Accounting, a school within the College of Business. "That's not going to work. There's too many options and opportunities for students out

Odom said the College of Business uses several tactics in an effort to recruit prospective students, including multiple one-on-one meetings, Freshman Interest Groups and on-campus events. The college will also offer an online undergraduate degree program in the spring.

He said he meets prospective students at least five times at various recruitment outings before the applicant is interviewed in his office.

"That way it's just us talking," Odom said. "If I've met you five times, I know you and you'll be comfortable speaking with me.

The College of Business has taken advantage of Freshmen Interest Groups, a program that groups students taking a number of the same courses together on the same floor in residence halls. Odom said. He said although the university's retention rate has decreased, only one of the 19 students in the college's group dropped out.

When they come here, we want them to feel they are part of a family," Odom said. "It's helping them acclimate to the university and build a network with their friends and faculty. So that relationship keeps them here

He said the school's annual Accounting Challenge event brings roughly 300 to 400 prospective students to campus to compete for scholarships. Almost \$3,050 was given in scholarship money last semester, Odom said.



EDYTA BŁASZCZYK I DAILY EGYPTIAN

oman tries to climb a tree to join fellow rally-goers during the Rally To Restore Sanity and/or Fear Saturday in Washington, D.C. The event brought more than 200,600 attendees to the National Mall where Jon Stewart, host of The Daily Show, and Stephen Colbert, host of The Colbert Report, and special guests such as Ozzy, Osbourne, Sheryi Crow and the Roots, promoted rationality toward American

COMEDIANS HOST RALLY AT MALL WASHINGTON D.C. Michelle Sanchez Justin Marshall and their 7-year-old son Mike Acevedo of New York, pose outside of a Fox News TV truck doing the "hear no evil speak no evil, see no evil" gestures before the Raily To Restore Sanity and/or Fear which started Saturday in Washington D.C. "It's for people who are tired of being depicted as a devided electrate," Jon Stewart stated on CNN. **EDYTA BŁASZCZYK**



Sundown towns halt movement of a post-racial society

LEAH STOVER Daily Egyptlan

Throughout the southern Illinois region, many communities have been associated with racial segregation in the past, and these ideas are present today even if they're in the slightest form, says Elena Esquibel. . . . towns and the racism they create.

"Sundown in Southern Illinois," staged performance presenting the oral history of southern Illinois towns, took place Thursday through Saturday in the Marion Kleinau Theater. The presentation was aimed toward creating social change through engaging dialogue about sundown

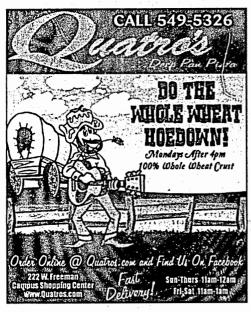
said Esquibel, a doctoral student in speech communication from Los

The term "sundown town," refers to communities with organized jurisdiction that has excluded African Americans or other groups from being in the towns after dark, Esquibel

She said she has studied sundown towns for the past two years and has interviewed 30 southern Illinois residents from various towns, using their stories as narratives in the performance.

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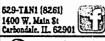
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- · McCorvie will discuss recent surveys and research on the Trail and efforts to mark the Trail in Illinois.
- · SIESC meets at 7:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of each month.

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FROM PAGE 1 REFER PHOTO Kiersten Holmes, the master of ceremonles at The Rocky Horror Picture Show, announces the terms of initiation Saturday in the Student Center. First-time viewers were plastic wrapped together and marked as "virgins"

with red lipstick. The film was released in 1975 and achieved cult status soon after when it found popularity as a midnight movie. Members of the audience interact with the movie by reciting lines, throwing toasts, acting out scenes and dancing.



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MBA program highlights online course importance

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The growth in the College of Business's online master of business administration program showcases the importance of online courses to colleges, says Dennis Cradit.

Since its creation in 2008, the program has risen to 24 students, an increase of about 60 percent from the initial enrollment of 14 students. The students go for their master's degrees completely using online courses, said Cradit, dean of the College of Business. He said students generally begin to come back to college to get degrees during tough economic times

Historically this is a time when business people attempt to go back to the graduate level and increase their education," he said. "And we see no reason why it shouldn't continue to grow."

The program is one effort in the university's attempts to create more opportunities for students to earn their degrees online.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said the focus of both SIUC and Southern Illinois University Edwardsville has to shift toward online courses to adapt to the changing academic culture.

"If you look across society today, you're seeing more place-bound students." Poshard said. "You are seeing a lot more older, non-traditional students, and students are not able to be on campus all day."

SIUC Chancellor Rita Cheng said during the State of the University address Sept. 30 that it was vital for the university to shift its academics to accommodate more students looking for online courses

To put it simply and directly, we are behind the curve in this area, and distance learning must be a fundamental part of our mission," she said.

While the university does offer core curriculum courses online, along with web-based standard courses and individualized learning programs,

Cheng said she wanted the focus to indude more "full online programs" that result in degrees. A Distance Learning Steering Committee was appointed in the spring to study methods of improving the availability of online programs to students, Cheng said.

The Office of Distance Education, which provides alternative ways for students to receive their education, offers 29 core curriculum courses, acconding to its website.

Cradit, a member of the committee, said online courses are key to improving SIUC's declining enrollment

Right now we're taking initial steps to creating these new online programs to help seek out new sources of enrollment from the population which we haven't been able to address before," he said. "But it's quite clear to us, that sooner or later ... this is going to profoundly change the ways we teach and deliver higher education."

Enrollment at SIUC has dropped

every year since 2005, with a total loss of 1,404 students in the past five years. Enrollment peaked in 1991 at 24,869, but has steadily decreased during the pust two decades.

Poshard said the convenience and flexibility of these courses are what appeal to students.

You can increase enrollment by increasing off-campus online classes. Poshard said. "They can provide salditional income for the university.

Cradit said a major challenge in the creation of online courses is how to pay faculty who teach the courses. He said it could cause a work "overload". which would place faculty above their regular teaching and research load and create a need for compensation. The goal is to find a way to balance the faculty's pay and the cost of offering

He said despite questions regarding faculty payment and the financial state of the university, the investment in online courses is a long-term necessity.

We couldn't have picked a more challenging time to do this." Cradit sald. But this is the very time where we need to start investing in these programs which help us increase our enrollment and get out of this difficult

He said the cost of online courses is cheaper than the traditional classroom environment, but he did not have specific numbers.

Cradit said though the committee would not have a report on how to increase the ability of offering online courses until later in the year, he said the university is starting to match up with its academic counterparts in courses offered online.

This is a good thing," Cradit said. "SIU has been behind before, but we're moving to close that gap and I feel very positive about this."

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RECRUITMENT CONTINUED FROM 1

According to a 2010 study by the University of California Los Angeles, the interest level of high school students who intend to major in business or se-Tusiness as a career is at the lowest levels since the 1970s.

To counteract this trend, SIUC's College of Business is finalizing an undergraduate online degree completion program, which will be launched in January, Odom said.

Dennis Cradit, dean for the College

of Business, said the decrease in interest is normal during a recession.

To make sure this doesn't happen, we are reaching out to those non-traditional groups or students who are going to want to stay close to home because it's more affordable," he said.

The College of Business has seen a 3 percent decrease from 2006 to 2009, according to SIUC's Factbook. Although the number of transfer students has increased while the number of freshmen and graduate students decreased, the College of Business still targets students from community college, he said.

Jill Gebke, coordinator of recruitment and retention for the College of Business, said the online program will help the college keep up with competitors that offer online programs without the same level of accreditation as SIUC's College of Business.

We're going to start small, but I can see this being a very strong program for students who are tied to another area, she said.

Community colleges have typically seen an increase in enrollment, which affects SIUCs incoming freshmen numbers, but Gebke said the College of

UPCOMING

Business is optimistic in its recruitment of high school and transfer students.

Cradit said making the transfer of prerequisites from a community college to four-year-university as seamless as possible is key.

"We want to make sure transfer students are as well-prepared as possible in terms of the prerequisites they need so they don't lose time trying to make up course work," he said.

Although Chancellor Rita Cheng has mentioned a tuition increase for the fall semester, Gebke said she hopes the numbers speak for themselves when compared to the price of a private university.

When a student is considering paying \$30,000 a year to go to a private school, that's a little scary," the said.

Gebke said the College of Business wasn't a choice for some students until bearing the college was in the top 10 percent of public business colleges in the nation. The School of Accounting is within the top 4 percent, she said.

Were trying to make our presence known a little more," she said. "It's about getting out there and making those connections"

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2010 Election Analysis

Featuring David Yepsen, John Jackson and Charles Leonard. Thursday, November 4 at 11 a.m. Paul Simon Public Policy Institute Lobby

Former Assistant U.S. Attorney General Jeffrey Sedgwick

Presenting the Morton-Kenney Public Affairs Lecture Series His remarks will focus on crime statistics, crime control policy and law enforcement challenges in the 21st Century. He is also a professor emeritus from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Monday, November 8 at 7 p.m. SIUC Student Center Ballroom B

2010 Election Post-Mortem by the Legislators

Featuring State Rep. John Braziley (D-Marion) and State Sen. David Luechtefeld (R-Okawville) Tuesday, November 9 (NEW DATE) at 7 p.m. SIUC Student Center Ballroom B

The 2nd Amendment in Focus

Featuring former NRA president Kayne Robinson, Chris Boyster of the Illinois Coalition Against Hand Gun Violence and SIU Law Professor Leonard Gross. Monday, November 15 at 6 p.m. SIUC Student Center Auditorium

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Cast member Jeff McGoy, center, listens to director Elena Esquibel, right, Saturday following the final performance of "Sundown in Southern Illinois" in the Marion Kleinau

She said sundown towns are pre-

dominantly white and have enforced

unofficial ordinances even after

anti-discriminatory laws were put in

place. Though they're not as direct

about their unwelcoming nature to-

ward minorities. Esculbel said these

blacks didn't go there because they knew it wouldn't be accepted," said

Jake Beck during the performance.

ing speech communications, was one

of four cast members who reiterated

the interviews done by Esquibel and

transformed them into the narrative

the part of several Caucasian men

from southern Illinois based on

those interviewed by Esquibel.

Many of these roles focused on the

perpetuating cycle of racism and

how it is passed down from genera-

Playing the role of a woman in

her mid-20s from Cartes ville, Meggie

Mapes, a graduate student in speech

communications from LeMars, Iowa,

said the town population consists

primarily of Caucasians. She said the

lack of diversity can take away from

In the performance, Beck played

There were no blacks, and the

Beck, a senior from Sterling study-

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Sundown

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the cultural aspect that is connected to an objective mentality regarding

"People don't choose to be racist; they just don't know any better," she said during the performance.

On Route 13, traveling from Murphysboro to Pinckneyville, a sign on the side of the road says "coon club," Jeff McGoy said while performing.

Though the term "coon," is an abbreviation for a raccoon, McGoy, a graduate student in speech communication from Cairo, said it can also be a derogatory term for African Americans.

"Raccoon hunting is done at night, which in the past has been a dangerous time for people of color after sundown," he said.

McGoy said this shows that racism still distinctly exists within the southern Illinois area.

Throughout her research, Esquibel said she found the history of sundown towns continues to unfold today. She said over time she has learned the racism within this area isn't just related to the past sundown towns, but to racial structures that revolve around inclusion and exclusion.

"I've learned that from a social understanding of racism we all participate," she said.

Growing up in Cairo, a town

have had regarding sundown towns.
that is connected strongly affected by segregation, Mcmality regarding Goy said he has experienced situations where he felt unconstrable in

Theatre. The performance featured oral histories that explored the stories and experiences southern Minoisans

Goy said he has experienced situations where he felt unconsfortable in his environment strongly due to his race. After performing the narratives and listening to them, he said deeper issues regarding race were brought up that he hadn't previously thought of. "There's so much history here that

doesn't really get talked about," he said. After the first performance Thurs-

day, Esquibel said a Caucasian male resident whom she had interviewed thanked her for her work.

"You told them like I told you," he said, 'and I want to thank you," she 'said,

Nichole Nicholson, a senior from Ottawa studying speech communications, said she personally knows people in the community who have been discriminated against, even recently. She said events like the ones discussed in the performance are necessary to raise awareness and to promote social change.

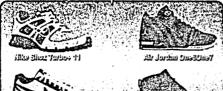
"I think its important to recognize those who have worked hard in this community, and most importantly are willing to engage in critical discussion like this," she said.

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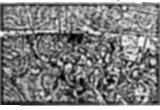
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GUEST COLUMN

Tea Party stomping provides larger lesson

James Anderson graduate student in mass communication and media arts

At a Rand Paul rally Oct. 25, one valorous Tea Party vigilante stood up for himself and his principles by stepping down on a woman pinned to the concrete. There is, after all, no better way to stomp out brutal, Fascist repression than by brutally stomping someone who disagrees with you.

Granted, she instigated it. The guy was acting in self-defense. I can't even count how many times I've had to defend myself from appreciably smaller, non-violent persons, just lying there, forcibly restrained against curbs, ready to pounce.

Of course, I can't count the number of times because that has never happened and the suggestion is utterly stupid, almost as stupid as stomping antagonists.

I'm not a devout pacifist. I have a hard time teiling populations being systematically alaughtered by authoritarian regimes they should let bygones be bygones, bust out a guitar and sing some "Kumbaya." Similarly, at the individual level, I find it hard to tell folks who are beaten up, knocked around or stomped on, that their only legitimate recourse is to go on a Ghandi-esque hunger strike or sing John Lennon's "Give Peace a Chance" while being repeatedly bashed in the face.

But the onus is always on those who would utilize force to prove their actions justified. That axiom should hold true whether you are talking about persons with inexplicable urges to stomp on others, or nation states that would engage in acts of war to fill the coffers of contractors and protect the privileged monied interests that exert

such profound influence on policy, foreign and domestic.

Unfortunately, those with power tend to have a monopoly on the use of force. On the micro level, this is true of schoolyard purveyors of purple-nurples and administers of atomic wedgies. At the macro level, it is true of countries employing predator drones that inevitably punish civilians while stockpiling atomic weapons should they need to pulverize entire populations.

Those who turn to brute force not only have a moral obligation to question whether their measures are warranted, but it is also in their best interest to do so. Perpetrators may not tarry too long on what they've done, but victims don't soon forget. Sure, the purplish color of my nurples has long since faded and my underpants are no longer lodged between my buttcheeks, but some of the mental sears remain.

Populations that have been devastated by warfare often come to resent foreign invaders who occupy their lands, regardless of the stated magnanimity of their presence.

I certainly have no intention of tracking down fourth grade foes to retrieve lunch money stolen in 1995 or demand punitive damages for ill-advised attempted purchases of Hertz doughnuts ("Hurts, don't it?").

On a larger, more somber scale, people who have suffered, directly or indirectly, from others' misapplication of force react in different and unpredictable ways. The old adage that violence begets more violence has played out time and again. Aggressors or those who accept complicity in those acts should keep that in mind.

On a smaller scale, that means not stomping on people. On a larger scale, it means holding policy makers accountable. That does not mean you should insist politicians and elected officials investigate the wanton wet willies incurred in my yesteryear. Instead, it entails refusing to allow those in power to evade the issue of the billions of dollars squandered on morally questionable, illegitimate efforts while heated debates about the deficit dominate political discourse.

The media is not doing a good job of this. On the other hand, politicians have become amazingly adept at avoiding media scrutiny altogether. In the case of Alaskan Senate candidate Joe Miller's private security guard handcuffing a reporter who had the audacity to try to ask Miller a question, they have even resorted to force. Clearly, forceful domination is a perennial problem for society, but I'm confident democracy can't be stomped out that easily.

THEIR WORD

Congress should consider ban on caffeinated booze

The following editorial appeared Tuesday in the Seattle Times.

Caffeinated booze is a growing menace. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration should heed calls by attorneys general in a majority of states and ban drinks that mix alcohol and caffeine.

The FDA is investigating the safety of caffeine in alcoholic beverages. Health experts can tell them the combination of a stimu-

lant such as caffeine and a depressant such as alcohol in a single drink can be dangerous. A stimulant can mask a person's level of intoxication, possibly leading to an alcohol-related accident or other injuries. These drinks also cause dehydration, which can be fatal.

It's time for the FDA to, if not prohibit these drinks outright, strictly regulate them.

This region is still reeling from

an incident earlier this month in which nine Central Washington University students were sent to the hospital after drinking a beverage called Four Loko at a party. A single 23.5-ounce can of the caffeinated alcoholic drink is comparable to five or six beers.

The college students had bloodalcohol contents ranging from 0.123 percent to 0.35 percent. That is beyond the legal limit of 0.03 and frighteningly close to and above the potentially lethal limit of 0.30.

Schools around the country have responded with campuswide bans, but government officials are on the right track by calling for a federal ban.

Smaller measures have not resolved the problem. Twentyfive state attorneys general successfully persuaded MillerCoors Brewing to drop its caffeinated alcoholic drink, Sparks Red. Anheuser-Busch and a few other energy-drink makers removed caffeine from their alcohol-containing energy drinks in response to lawsuita and complaints by consumer health organizations.

But similar concoctions remain on the market. They are sold in bright containers and given hip names in an effort to market to young people.

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Thrills, chills and chocolate



Michael Sanders, a sophomore from Morris studying business, takes part in the showing of The Rocky Horror Picture Show on Saturday in the Student Center. The cult classic film is often shown throughout the country at midnight and is an interactive experience for those in attendance. People who attend the movie for the first time are marked as "virgins" and are asked to eat strategically-placed brownles and Twinkles off others' bodies.



A group stands waiting for an apple bobbing contest to start at Lee and Sue McMeen's house Saturday outside Carbondale, in addition to bobbing for apples, a brick-throwing contest and a pumpkin carving competition were available for visitors. The Halloween party was held for different small groups from Vine Community Church to get to know one another. According to the East Chicago Public Library site, the Halloween game of apple bobbing probably began as a Roman tradition to honor Pomona, their goddess of fruit and fertility. It was thought that the first to grab an apple would be the next to marry. GENNA ORD

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Chip Loghr, left, and Aimee Kelbeck, both of Herrin, have late-day ice cream Saturday in front of Dairy Queen in Carbondale. The two dressed up Saturday as bride and groom for the Carbondale Zombie Walk. Those who participated in the walk donned makeup and costumes and marched from the 710 Bockstore parking lot to the Town Square Pavillon. After the walk, participants

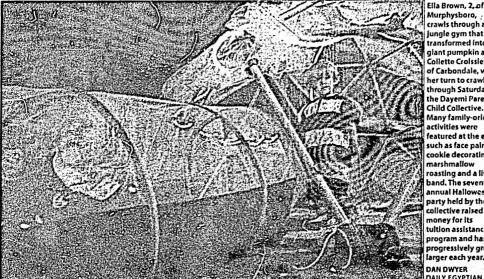
dispersed through the downtown area before they returned to the pavilion to watch Dawn of the Dead, Shaun of the Dead and Army of Darkness. Jessie Simms, organizer of both the spring and fall zomble walks, said the event held in May was a preliminary test for Saturday's walk. She said they hope to have the zomble walk yearly.

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Neko Lloyd, 2, and Amari Burns, 10, both of Carbondale, sort through candy they received while trick-or-treating Saturday on the Strip. Several businesses remained closed during the event, despite registering to be on the list of participating stops. In addition to the trick-or-treating, a

zomble walk beganw at 710 Bookstore and headed north on the Strip. Neko and Amari were out with their family and friends enjoying the late warm weather in Carbondale. "We're just glad to be outside and enjoying a beautiful day," said T'na Llard, of Carterville.



Murphysboro, crawls through a jungle gym that was transformed into a glant pumpkin as Collette Croissier, 2, of Carbondale, waits her turn to crawl through Saturday at the Dayemi Parent-Child Collective. Many family-oriented activities were featured at the event such as face painting, cookie decorating, marshmallow roasting and a live band. The seventh annual Hallowsen party held by the collective raised money for its tultion assistance program and has progressively gro larger each year. DAN DWYER DAILY EGYPTIAN

Bomb plot just narrowly averted, officials say

ADAM GOLDMAN ADAM SCHRECK The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The mail bomb plot stretching from Yemen to Chicago may have been aimed at blowing up planes in flight and was only narrowly averted, officials said Sunday, acknowledging that one device almost slipped through Britain and another seized in Dubai was unwittingly flown on two passenger jets.

Senior U.S. officials met to develop a U.S. response to the al-Qaida faction linked to the powerful explosives addressed to synagogues in Chicago.

Investigators were still piecing together the potency and construction of two bombs they believed were designed by the top explosives expert working for al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula, the Yemenbased militant faction thought to be behind the plot. Yemeni authorities hunted suspects linked to the group, but released a female computer engineering student arrested Saturday, saying someone else had posed as her in signing the shipping documents.

But authorities admitted how close the terrorists came to getting their bombs through, and a senlor U.S. official said investigators were still trying to figure out if other devices remained at large.

"We're trying to get a better handle on what else may be out there," deputy national security adviser John Brennan told NBC's "Meet the Press" on Sunday. "We're trying to understand better what we may be facing." He told CNN's "State of the Union" that "it would be very imprudent... to presume that there are no others (packages) out there."

Brennan said authorities are looking at the potential that they would have been detonated en route to those synagogues aboard the aircraft as well as at the destinations. But at this point we, I think, would agree with the British that it looks as though they were designed to be detonated in flight." He made those remarks on CBS "Face the Nation."

British Prime Minister David Cameron had raised the possibility the bombs were aimed at blowing up the planes carrying them, but Brennan and other officials had previously concentrated more on the threat to the American synagogues.

One of the explosive devices found inside a shipped printer cartridge in Dubai had flown on two airlines before it was seized, first on a Qatar Airways Airbus A320 jet to Doha and then on an as-yet-undisclosed flight from Doha to Dubai. The number of passengers on the flights were unknown, but the first flight had a 144-seat capacity and the second would have moved on one of a variety of planes with seating capacities ranging from 144 to 335.

Such a plot aimed at blowin; up jets in flight is not new for al-Qaida. A mid-1990s scheme hatched by now-imprisoned terrorist mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed aimed to bring down a dozen jets simultaneously, but the plan was shelved in favor of the flying bomb approach used during the 9/11 attacks.

After masterminding the attempt last December to blow up a U.S.-bound airliner with explosives hidden in a passenger's underwear, the Yemen terror affiliate appears to have nearly pulled off its own audacious plot capitalizing on weak points in the world's aviation security and cargo systems.

The U.S. has tried in the past to kill or capture the group's leaders, by the American response to the thwarted attacks was still being developed Sunday. Brennan headed a meeting of national security and

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intelligence officials at the White House to determine the U.S. response in concert with a Yemeni government that has been reluctant to give free rein to the American military in taking on the militants.

About 50 elite U.S. military experts are in Yemen training its counterterrorism forces and Washington is giving \$150 million in military assistance to Yemen this year for helicopters, planes and other equipment.

A Yemeni official said Sunday his government is aiming for a "surgical" response with the help of the U.S. against the cell that carried out the plot. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the talks.

As the two countries decide a course of action, new details have emerged about the events leading up to the near-disaster. U.S. officials said a call from Saudi intelligence with information about packages containing explosives led to a frantic search in Dubai and England.

"It was a race against the clock to find those packages, to neutralize them," Brennan told CNN.

German Interior Minister.
Thomas de Maiziere said German,
Federal Police were tipped off to
the suspicious package on the cargo
plane Friday. The package was flown
from Yemen to Cologne-Boan sirport, where UPS has its hub. From
there it was transferred to a plane
bound for Britain's East Midlands
airport in central England.

De Maiziere said that by the time German officials received the information, the package was already en route to Britain. The Germans then alerted their British colleagues, who had also been contacted by the Saudis. The cargo plane landed in the dead of night at East Midlands Airport on what seemed like a routine trans-Atlantic run. The plan was to stop at the relatively small airport that handles both passengers and cargo, then continue to Philadelphia and Chicago.

There was almost no movement at the airport when the flight landed shortly after 3 a.m., and British officials removed cargo from the plane for an extensive search. As a standard precaution, a cordon was put in place outside the cargo area of the airport, even though there was very lattle traffic in before dawn.

But the search came up empty. Even a computer printer cartridge later found to contain plastic explosives was cleared, and the cordon was removed at around 10 a.m., restoring traffic flow.

The incident seemed almost over — but then officials in Dubai told their British counterparts that a suspicious computer printer carridge had been found to contain the lethal explosive PETN, or pentaerythritol tetranitrate.

The Dubai officials told British police precisely how to pinpoint the explosive, which was carefully placed to pass through an X-ray machine undetected.

The cordon went back up, the search teams went back in and this time they found the deadly explosive, judged capable of blowing up a plane in flight.

What happened in Dubai was even more troubling. The bomb had traveled on two commercial passenger planes, a Qatar Airways spokesman said.

The package with the second bomb arrived in Qatar Airways' hub in Doha, Qatar, on one of the car-

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rier's flights from the Yemeni capital San'a. It was then shipped on a separate Qatar Airways plane to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, where it was discovered by authorities late Thursday or early Friday.

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British Home Secretary Theresa May said the plotters would not have been able to control where the bombs detonated because cargo planes often change their routes at the last minute. She said it was unclear if the bomb found at East Midlands Airport would have exploded over Britain or the United States.

She said the device was capable of downing an aircraft if detonated while the plane was in flight.

Forensic analysis indicates the same bombmaker had a hand in the devices used in the failed bombing on a Detroit-bound airliner last Christmas and the attack on Saudi Arabia's counterterrorism chief last year. All three bombs contained PETN. The latest bombs have been described as sophisticated and professional.

U.S. intelligence officials believe the suspected bombrasker is a 28-year-old Saudi named Ibrahim Hassan al-Asiri, who is believed to be in Yemen. His own brother, Abdullah, died in the attack against the Saudi counterterrorism chief.

U.S. intelligence is also looking at U.S. born cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, who has been linked to the Christmas attack and has inspired other terrorists with his violent message. He's also believed to be hiding in Yemett.

The Yemeni official said that while more than one source has indicated that al-Awlaki blessed this operation, the cleric is not believed to be involved in the operational planning.







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Aries (March 21 - April 19) — Today is a 5 — Your attention is on others today. This could be good if you maximize the opportunities that come your way while attending to other people's concerns.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) — Today Is a 7 — Spending time with a partner or associate opens up opportunities everywhere. Early in the day, a creative idea gets you started on a new track.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21) — Today is an 8 — Most of your energy is directed at others. Work requires research before you tackle a project. Consider the long-term ramifications in your calculations.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22) — Today is an 8 — Stay close to home and work on creative projects today. Do some research. Take care of details from the weekend before moving on to the next task.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — Stay close to home loday. Opportunities arise for completing tasks and organizing space. A trip to the hardware store is in order. Make a list before you go.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22) — Today is a 6 — You fall into a discussion about a creative plan and how it fits with your emotional needs. Others play a practical part with suggestions and committed listening.

Libra (Sept. 23 - Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Imagine it to accomplish it now. Multiple opportunities for increasing both bank balance and self-esteem come with no strings attached. Choose.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — At last, you and a partner reconnect. Recent stress has kept you apart, but now you get to play together and enjoy the magic.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — Focus your attentions on research behind the scenes to discover what will work when you go public. You want it all neat and tidy when you present.

Capricom (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — Attention to philosophical motives helps relationships grow. Listen to a woman who's researched a group goal. Her information opens opportunities for all.

Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18) — Today Is a 9 — Today can really be fun. Enjoy the details, and practical problem solvinates Social contacts up the ante, inviting you to present your skills. You're up to it.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) — Today is a 6 — Your attention is on abstract problems or communication with distant associates. Don't expect instant results. Work closely with a partner.

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Favre has had a spectacular career and has proven to be an extremely tough guy. But I'm ready to see someone come at him like a concussion. That will do lt.

BRANDON LACHANCE

Rose's 39 lift Bulls past Pistons, 101-91

The Associated Press

"MVP! MVP!" for Derrick Rose.

Rose matched a career high with 39 points, helping the Chicago Bulls stage a big rally Saturday in a 101-91 victory over the De-

"I'm just taking the shots that they gave me," said Rose, who was 13-of-27 from the field. "They're giving me wide open shots. I'm going to take them. They're giving me wide open lanes, I'm going to drive it. My teanimates gave me the confidence to do that.

Chicago trailed by 21 early

in the third quarter and was still down 86-73 about three minutes into the fourth when it went on a 19-2 run to pull out a dramatic win in the home opener. Rose led the year scoring eight in the final

and 17 rebounds. Taj Gibson scored 11. James Johnson wound up with eight points and nine rebounds, and the Bulls delivered in the end to give new coach Tom Thibodeau his first win after coming up short down the stretch in the opener against Oklahoma City.

a lot of guys who did something that were helpful," Thibodeau

a few more attempts than (Friday). It

helped us out a little bit," Mayes said.

"(The win) kind of balances ourselves

out, I guess, get our confidence back

up. Obviously UNI is a good team but

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it's good to follow with a win."

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Groome and junior Matt Parsons added two first-place finishes to the Saluki lead in the 200 butterfly with times of 2:07.78 and 1:52.78.

Parsons said the team handsou the pressure of competing with its conference rival well. He said the Salukis won many events but MSU was able to grab many second through fourth-place finishes, which kept the score close until the end.

Near the end we pulled out a couple of big first, second and third place finishes and we won pretty convincingly, and I am really happy about it." Parsons said.

The diving teams also contributed to the win against MSU. Freshman Brittany Weigel along with sophomores Michelle Bell and Anna Beeck took the top three spots in the 3-meter diving with scores of 230.10, 223,50 and 209,62,

For the men, junior Justin Ruszkowski took first-place in the 1-meter and 3-meter diving with scores of 287.10 and 279.23.

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The Salukis return to the pool Friday when they travel to Champaign to compete in a tri-meet against University of Illinois and Michigan State.

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Conner and Mayes said it felt

good to get a win after the loss Friday, and it was key to not be too relaxed against a team at the bottom of the conference Saturday, Mayes said the passing attack was much

"I think it helped (that) our passing was pretty on tonight and we got

put the Salukis even further down at

"We knew we were gonna be in a shootout up here. That's kind of how its been all year for Missouri State: they've been scoring a lot of points," Dicker sald.

Dicker threw another touchdown pass before being knocked out of the game for one series. He came back afand backup quarterback Paul McIntosh's two-point conversion rush tied

But Witmer added another field goal and the Salukis went three and out on their next possession. Douglas battered in for the dinching touchdown with 2:20 remaining and Dicker's fourth-down pass on the Salukis' lastgasp drive fell incomplete.

the game at 41.

The Salukis' three turnovers — two fumbles early in the game and intercep- conference and Indiana State (5:3, 3:2 ... or, 536-3311 ext. 256, ...

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> tion in the third quarter - lost them the game, Dicker said.

We've had a problem with (turnovers) all year and it came back and hurt us (Saturday)," he said.

SIU has three conference games left, including a trip to Fargo, N.D., to play North Dakota State and two home battles against Western Illinois and Indiana State. Western Illinois (6-3, 4-2 MVFC) is in second place in the MVI-C) is third.

We're going to go out there and have fun still and enjoy our time that we have together," Franklin said.

North Dakota State is seventh in the conference standings and will come off a bye week to play the Salukis at 3 p.m. Saturday in Pargo.

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ANDREW SELIGMAN

CHICAGO - Fans chanted and it probably won't be the last time he hears it.

troit Pistons.

period, but he had help. Joakim Noah had 15 points

"It was great and there were said.

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The game was scoreless with just under 10 minutes to go in the first quarter when the Saluki defense earned a safety and SIU werst up 2-0. The Salukis led 19-10 in the second

quarter when the game started to get nuts

Missouri State wide receiver lermaine Saffold caught a 7-yard touchdown from Kirby, speedy Bears running back Chris Douglas scored two goal-line touchdowns and kicker Austin Witmer added a field goal to give the Bears a come-from-behind 27-19 lead. Kirby's second touchdown pass , , ter Strother's second touchdown run

On first and 10 the ensuing SIU possession, running back Steve Strother caught a swing pass from senior quarternack Chris Dicker, turned the corner and blasted 60 yards down the sideline for a touchdown, bringing it back to a nine-point Missouri State advantage.

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FOOTBALL

Bears batter Salukis' playoff hopes

NICK JOHNSON **Daily Egyptian**

Missouri State put a serious damper on the Salukis' Missouri Valley Conference title hopes when it racked up almost 500 total yards and outgunned the Salukis 51-41 in Springfield, Mo.

The game Saturday, the Salukis' second straight conference loss, bumps SIU (3-5, 2-3 MVFC) to eighth place of nine conference teams, 13 Northern lowa moved into first place Saturday by beating Youngstown State (3-6, 1-5 MVFC), the only team with more conference losses than Southern Illinois.

"It hurts," senior SIU linebacker Stephen Franklin said. You're not really used to it, but you still obviously want to get better, still prepare the team for next year."

SIU coach Dale Lennon said frustration has been high this season.

Now you just play for the next game," Lennon said. I dont think that talking conference championships or anything else is something that is realistic at this point in time, but I do think preparing to win the next game is something that is realistic, so that's how we're going to adjust our thinking."

Missouri State (4-4, 3-2 MVFC) quarterback Cody Kirby threw for 348 yards and two touchdowns and the Salukis ran for 265 yards as a team to put on a show, but it didn't start out that way

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Senior right side hitter Alicia Johnson tries for a dig Friday during the Saluki's match against Northern Iowa at Davies Gymnasium.

The Salukis lost Friday to the Panthers, but came back for a 3-1 win Saturday over Bradley at home.

SIU splits Northern Iowa, Bradley matches

BRANDON LACHANCE Daily Egyptian

SIU struggled against the top Missouri Valley Conference team but performed when it needed to against the bottom team in its matches against Northern Iowa

Friday, UNI, the No. 13 team in the country and undefeated in the MVC, came to Davies Gymnasium and kept their 29-match win streak alive. After defeating SIU in three games (25-12, 25-20, 25-12) and defeating Evansville on Saturday, UNI has won 31 consecutive matches in the conference and is 13-0. The Salukis softened the blow delivered by UNI with a fourgame match victory Saturday over Bradley, winning game one 25-19, losing game two 25-21, winning game three 25-23 and game four

After the loss to UNL coach Brenda Winkeler said the team's offense ran smoothly but the de-

fense could have been better. In the first game, UNI had a hitting percentage of 56 which was low ered to 21 percent in the second game and 41 percent in the third game as the Salukis adjusted to UNI's offensive attack.

"We were really playing nonaggressively there (in the first game), even though they're a good team. We could have done better defensively, definitely blocking wise," Winkeler said.

Senior outside hitter Jennifer Berwanger agreed with Winkeler about the strong offense and the defense not challenging the UNI hitting attack.

"The first game we had a good offensive game but our defense wasn't ready to come out and play yet," Berwanger said. "We had a lot of bad touches at the block and weren't staying still on defense so we couldn't dig any balls. We weren't getting second opportunities on anything."

In the second game, the Sa-

lukis picked up the defense and were in the spots they needed to be, but the tall and powerful UNI kept coming at them.

"We started getting our blocking assignments and we started being more aggressive and picking up easy balls," Winkeler said. "A lot of players are above the blocks so they have the ability, like Jessica Whitehead does, to kind of look around and place balls, they have four or five of those, so it makes it hard to defend."

Senior right side hitter Alicia Johnson said UNI is No. 13 in the country for a reason. UNI fills all the gaps on the court and doesn't allow many opponent runs, she said.

SIU had 26 errors, including 16 hitting errors, while UNI committed 16 total errors.

"They're just dynamic. They play awesome defense and they have all hitting options at all times," Johnson said. "It's pretty hard to defend and they keep ev-

Bradley came to Davies Gymnasium on Saturday after getting its first conference win of the season Friday against Evansville.

SIU came out sluggish, committing errors which it could have easily avoided, but tightened up its fundamentals and came away with the win, Winkeler said. Berwanger led the team with 15 kills and 16 digs while Johnson added 11 kills and 16 digs.

The middle blockers transformed into middle hitters and became a key component of the victory as they not only contributed with defensive blocks but scored as well with kills of their own, Winkeler said. Sophomore middle blocker Alysia Mayes had 12 kills and two blocks while senior middle blocker Jasmine Conner had nine kills for a teamhigh hitting percentage of 44.

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SWIMMING & DIVING

Southern Illinois sends Missouri State home with loss

RYAN SIMONIN Daily Egyptian

The Salukis shut down conference rival Missouri State as the swimming and diving team captured 20 first-place finishes.

The meet Saturday marked the Salukis' first conference win of the season as the women's team beat the Bears 140-103 while the menfollowed with a victory of 143-99.

Coach Rick Walker said the win was big because it was against a conference rival but the team still has to work hard if it wants a conference title. He said as dissatisfying as it was to go to Missouri State last season and lose, it was just as satisfying to get the win at home.

"Last year we went there and got our swim caps handed to us and this year they got theirs," Walker said.

The Salukis started the meet with a sweep in the men's and women's 400-yard medley relays.

Following the relay, freshman Csaba Gercsak and sophomore Kirsten Groome both took top honors in the 1000-yard freestyle events with times of 9 minutes, 35.31 seconds and 10:15.12. Junior Jennifer Kwok followed Groome

with a second-place finish, clocking a time of 10:22.11.

The Salukis continued their success throughout the meet as juniors Matt Kruse and Jill Weckbach took top honors in the 200-yard freestyle with times of 1:41,92 and 1:53.63.

Weckbach said the win was a complete team effort and it wasn't just about swimming fast.

hands on the wall first because last week we got out-touched and this week we wanted to make sure that it didn't happen again and that is what we did," Weckbach said.

Freshman Luisa Silveira also swam her way to a first-place finish in the 50yard freestyle with a time of 24.36.

"It was all about getting our. Please see SWIMMING | 11