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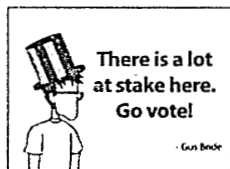
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Trends show Dems to lose seats



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Daily Egyptian

The political party that holds the White House historically loses Congressional seats during the midterm election, says David Yepsen, director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

While that trend may be seen working in this election, it is impossible to predict the outcome of the races in Illinois, Yepsen said. There are always wild card factors, he said.

"There are some larger trends at work here. The level of voter unhappiness and anger is palpable, and some people are also turned inward," he said.

Americans will vote today on 37 governorships, 37 Senate seats and all 435 seats in the House of Representatives. In Illinois, a U.S. senator and representative, a new governor and lieutenant governor as well as a state representative, state senator, state's attorney, secretary of state, comptroller and treasurer will be chosen.

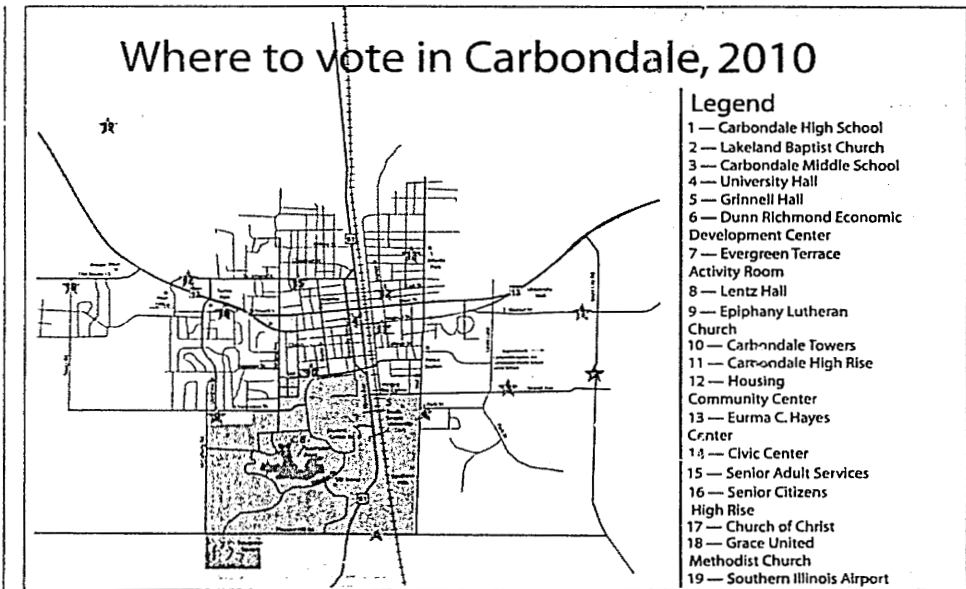
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Paul Simon Institute predicts Republican victories

NICK JOHNSON
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Projected low turnout rates in Illinois and across the country give Republican candidates an advantage in the midterm election, according to political analysts at the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

When lower turnout rates are anticipated, Democrats and Republicans rely on their bases to carry them through elections and Republicans almost always have the advantage, said John Jackson, visiting professor at the institute.

Democrats suffer in midterm elections because they claim to represent more marginalized people in society, he said.

"Meaning young people, minorities, African-Americans, Hispanics,

people who move a lot and all of them are less integrated in their communities and all of them are less likely to turn out to vote," Jackson said.

David Yepsen, director of the institute, said all the pre-election polls in Illinois are within the margin of error and can't be accurately predicted.

"It really is impossible to predict the outcome of these big races in Illinois," Yepsen said. "We can't do that. There are always wild card factors."

Visiting professor Charles Leonard said he predicts Republican candidates will carry the day, albeit by small margins. Age, education and income are the most prominent factors that determine voter turnout, he said.

"So who are the old, well-educated, rich people? They're the Republicans," Leonard said.

Like Jackson, Leonard said he predicts lower income, working-class people and young people who voted for President Barack Obama two years ago won't turn out in high numbers.

Early voting booths at the Student Center weren't all that busy, and that doesn't bode well for the demographic that usually helps out Democrats, Leonard said.

"If college students and young people in general don't show up, it will be a major disadvantage for the Democrats," Jackson said.

Recent rallies for Obama and other Democratic leaders at college campuses do have a chance of sparking the younger vote, though it's uncertain how far-reaching the message at such rallies will be, Jackson said.

Obama's rallies in Chicago may be the best thing for Illinois Democrats, Leonard said.

"That's the one place in the country where he's still popular and trying to whip up enthusiasm for turnout, that could work. Chicago is where all the people live in Illinois," Leonard said.

For Republicans, the important part is not whether they will get elected, but what they do if they get into state and federal offices, Yepsen said.

"People are very impatient," Yepsen said. "We're an impatient country. I think Republicans have a real challenge. (It's) dog chasing car — what do you do when you catch it?"

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Provost candidate seeks campus togetherness, on campus answers

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College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design, and director of the West Virginia Agricultural and Forestry Experiment Station at West Virginia University, was the fourth and final candidate for the provost and senior vice chancellor position to tour the campus and hold an open forum. More than 60 faculty members attended the presentation Monday in the Student Center Auditorium as Hackney described what direction he would take the university if he were to become provost.

Finalists Robert Hampton, a

professor of sociology and social work at Tennessee State University; Don Rice, current interim provost at SIUC; and Gary Minish, former dean of the SIUC College of Agricultural Sciences, held their forums Oct. 18, Oct. 20 and Oct. 26. Chancellor Rita Cheng said she hopes to pick a candidate by mid-to-late November.

Many of the answers to the problems the university faces are on campus, and Hackney said he wants to stress togetherness among staff to help the university reach its academic and financial goals.

"This is a great university and there are a lot of great people here right now," Hackney said. "I understand their concerns with the situation, but we can turn things around. If we work together, we can turn enrollment around and we can generate the revenue that's necessary. We'll have our cake and eat it too."

Hackney said during his presentation he fully wants to incorporate the faculty in his decision-making process, as the provost is a faculty member who acts as its liaison to the administration.

"You never want to lose track,

as an administrator, of what it is like to be a faculty member," he said. "And I think that is crucial to the future of the institute."

Dexter Wakefield, an associate professor in plant, soil and agricultural systems, said he liked how Hackney was focused on fixing the enrollment problems as well as his ideas of increasing diversity. The fact that Hackney is not an internal candidate offered a fresh perspective, Wakefield said.

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Wild card factors such as the absentee ballot program in Chicago have plagued the election and could cost Democrats thousands of votes or delay the final tally, Yepsen said. Illinois Democrat Party workers mailed applications for ballots to registered voters late, leaving few days for them to be mailed back in time to get a ballot.

"We don't know the effect. That could prove pivotal because there is so much at stake," he said.

Randolph Burnside, assistant professor of political science, said the economic shortfall is what is driving the election.

"Most Americans and Illinoisans are short-sighted. They are saying the Democrats are in power in Illinois, the Democrats are in power nationally, so it must be the Democrats fault. Never mind anything else," Burnside said.

Charles Leonard, professor of po-

litical science, said the 37 governorships up for grabs are particularly important because every state draws up its legislative and congressional district maps. The party that's in control has the upper hand in drawing those maps. The elected governors will help shape national policy even beyond the next presidential election, he said.

"That's why nationwide the Republican Governors Association and the Democratic Governors Association are fighting tooth and nail to win more state houses or keep the ones they have," Leonard said.

While the governor's race in Illinois is primarily focused on the economy, Leonard said turnout will be everything.

"Everything I've read leads me to expect turnout will be low," Leonard said. "Those who control their base the best will win."

Burnside said his research has shown middle and lower class people and minorities are less likely to vote.

The Democrats get support from a more diverse group of voters, causing them to work harder for votes, he said.

"The Democrats have played their trump card because they've asked (President Obama) to mobilize the base. What he's really targeting are African-American voters, Latino voters and people of color or minority status," Burnside said.

While Burnside said he thinks Obama's help will make a small difference in turnout, Republicans are set to win quite a few seats in the Senate, most likely taking the majority.

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"(Hackney) has a lot of experience at the place he's at now, which was good to hear," Wakefield said. "The newness of ideas that he brings from a different perspective from a different university — that's always a plus in my mind."

Hackney said his 10 years of experience at West Virginia has prepared him to come to Carbondale, as both are state universities located in rural areas. However, he

said the answer to the university's problems are in southern Illinois.

"A lot of the answers to the problems here aren't at West Virginia, they're in Carbondale," he said. "And together we can find these solutions."

Mike Murray, retired associate director of the SIU foundation, said he came to the forums hoping to hear more from Hackney and the other candidates about how they will develop relationships between the university and alumni. He said it is important for the university to have a strong person in the position.

"I want to see someone who has a commitment to the excellence of this institution," he said.

Hackney said he sees the university in the process of becoming a top research institute, and he would be privileged if he were chosen to help the university achieve that goal.

"This university can get to the next level, and I want to help it do that," he said.

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Sen. Bill Brady, Jason Plummer *Republican*

Senator Bill Brady is a graduate of Illinois Wesleyan University. Brady served in the House of Representatives from 1993 to 2001 and has served as a senator since 2002.

As a senator, he is an advocate for fiscal responsibility, an increase in educational accountability and funding and guaranteeing health insurance for the retired. He argued for insurance and financial reforms that were later used on a national level. He wants to cut taxes by \$1 billion while reducing spending throughout the state.

Brady, the Republican spokesman for the Senate Insurance Committee, is a member of the Senate Pensions and Investments Committee, Senate Revenue Committee, Senate Energy Committee and Senate Environment Committee.

Jason Plummer is a graduate of the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana. He is an Intelligence Officer in the United States Navy Reserves and is vice president of Corporate Development at R.P. Lumber Company in Edwardsville.

He has served as the chairman of the Madison County Republican Party and as a Republican precinct committeeman. He has worked for the conservative public policy group the Heritage Foundation.

Gov. Pat Quinn, Sheila Simon *Democrat*

Gov. Pat Quinn is a graduate of Georgetown University and Northwestern University's School of Law.

Quinn was elected Lt. Governor in 2002 and took the position as governor in 2009 following the impeachment and removal of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich.

Quinn founded the Coalition for Political Honesty, supported the Cuthack Amendment and created the Citizens Utility Board.

Quinn reopened several historic tourist sites that were previously shut down by the Blagojevich Administration. He also signed into law the \$3 billion Jump Start Capital Plan with the intention of creating more jobs in Illinois.

Quinn intends to continue focusing on economic development and creating more jobs in the state.

Sheila Simon is a graduate of Wittenberg University and received her law degree from Georgetown University.

Simon spent four years as Jackson County prosecutor, four years as a Carbondale City Council member and has participated in the Illinois Reform Commission. Simon has worked as a law professor at SIUC and as an Assistant State's Attorney in Jackson County. She helped initiate Southern Illinois University's Law School domestic violence clinic.

Rich Whitney, Don Crawford *Green*

Rich Whitney is a graduate of Michigan State University and received his law degree from Southern Illinois University's School of Law. Whitney has an office in Carbondale and practices employment law, civil rights and criminal defense.

Whitney is one of the founding members of the Illinois Green Party and has been politically active in the support of the labor, environmental, civil rights, women's and antiwar movements. In 2006, he became the first Green Party member to ever run for governor, winning 10.5 percent of the total votes, enough to make the Green Party an established party under Illinois election law.

Whitney supports the protection of the environment and resistance of urban sprawl. He is against the war in Iraq, and has also been active in his local ACLU, the Illinois Coalition for Peace, Justice and the Environment and the Big Muddy Media Center.

Don Crawford is a graduate of Eastern Illinois University. He is a teacher at Windsor High School.

Crawford is a member of several organizations including St. Elmo Lions Club, Sierra Club, Illinois Stewardship Alliance, Evangelical Environmental Network and IEA/NEA. He is co-chair of the South Central Illinois Greens, and was appointed to the Board of the St. Elmo Library District in 2009.

Scott Lee Cohen, Baxter Swilley *Independent*

Scott Lee Cohen has a high school diploma.

Cohen won the Democratic primary for lieutenant governor but was forced off the ballot.

In the past Cohen hosted job fairs throughout Illinois and created a scholarship for students who want to pursue a career in law enforcement. He is a sponsor of the Junior Council of Children's Memorial Hospital, founder of Rod Must Resign citizen group and an advocate for the Jeffrey Pridle Childhood Cancer Foundation. He also was the recipient of the Illinois Law Enforcement Explorer Conference Appreciation Award.

He is an advocate for quality health care and good education for every Illinois resident. He is also an advocate for increased access to a first-class education for all residents, and is for financial reform.

Baxter Swilley is a graduate of Truman State University. He has spent time working as a public relations professional.

Swilley has worked on behalf of organizations such as the Chicago Metropolitan YMCA and the Metro Board of the Chicago Urban League. He also created and maintained the 1000 Healthy Kid Campaign that was successful in signing up more than 1,000 young people for All Kids, Illinois public health insurance in one day. He is a member of Wilya B. White Park Advisory Council.

Lex Green, Ed Rutledge *Libertarian*

Lex Green is a graduate of Illinois Central College. He works at Mitsubishi Motors automobile factory in Normal.

He is a member of the McLean County Campaign for Liberty, the McLean County Freedom Coalition, the McLean County Libertarian Party and Libertarian Party of Illinois.

Green, a fiscal conservative, is an advocate for putting a stop to irresponsible spending, bringing prosperity to Illinois citizens and helping the businesses, providing Illinois the opportunity to grow.

Opposed to tax cuts, he supports an immediate freeze on new spending and the elimination of some state programs in order for the state to be debt-free.

Ed Rutledge is a graduate of Miami University. He spent time working throughout the U.S. and many years working overseas.

He has chaired the Libertarian Party of Chicago, where he focused on funding special interest groups and promoting small local government. He is an advocate for reducing the size, scope and cost of government while letting citizens keep more of what they earn.

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For U.S. Senator

Mark Kirk — Republican

Mark Kirk, of Highland Park, graduated from Cornell University and received a law degree from Georgetown. He is in his fifth congressional term representing the 10th Congressional District of Illinois.

Kirk holds the rank of Commander and has served military time in Afghanistan, Iraq, Haiti and Bosnia. He finished his second deployment in Afghanistan in December 2008.

Kirk works to change a suburban agenda that is pro-defense, pro-personal responsibility, pro-environment and pro-science. He has written several provisions that became law, including the advance of veterans health care, ensuring military voting and bringing in funding for commuter rail.

Alexander "Alexi" Giannoulas — Democrat

Alexander "Alexi" Giannoulas, of Chicago, graduated from Boston University and received a law degree from Tulane University's School of Law.

He was elected State Treasurer of Illinois in 2006 and was the youngest state treasurer in the nation at the time. Giannoulas has introduced an economic plan "FutureWorks" to ramp start the economy and create the next generation of jobs. The plan includes tax relief for families and small businesses.

Giannoulas believes the country needs to move forward, rebuild the

economy and create the next generation of good paying jobs instead of returning to the failed policies of the past.

Lealan M. Jones — Green

Lealan M. Jones, of Chicago, has worked on Wall Street and in Hollywood and is a linebacker coach at his younger brother's Chicago school.

In 1993, at the age of 13, he became the youngest recipient of the Peabody Award for his documentary "Ghetto Life 101" which he made with his friend about life on Chicago's south side.

Jones plans to use a four-point plan to create green jobs, reduce the cost of living and protect the people.

Mike Labno — Libertarian

Mike Labno, of Oak Brook, is a senior project manager in the electrical construction industry.

Labno volunteered with the Chicago Guardian Angels, helping the community public by providing person security in homes and escorting them to court appearances.

Labno's primary goal is to bring in more employment for Americans by eliminating unnecessary federal departments, taxes, regulations, subsidies and tariffs, and to give business owners the opportunity to grow and hire more employees. He also wants to provide quality health care at an affordable price by allowing people to purchase any health care plan they desire.

Terril Newman — Republican

Terril Newman, of Highland, is for fiscal responsibility and supports the implementation of the Fair Tax. Newman is against health care reform, but is a supporter of education.

Steve Kim — Republican

Steve Kim, of Northbrook, is the first Asian-American candidate for Attorney General in Illinois history. He was the Director of Export and International Trade for the Illinois State Chamber of Commerce.

Lisa Madigan — Democrat

Lisa Madigan has been Attorney General of Illinois since 2003. She fights against domestic violence and

For U.S. Representative

Rep. Jerry Costello — Democrat

Jerry Costello, of the Belleville area, has served in Congress since 1988. He is senior Democrat on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

Rodger Jennings — Green

Rodger Jennings, of Alton, is against NAFTA and supports cutting military spending and establishing single-payer "Medicare for all" insurance.

For State Attorney General

sexual assault and is a supporter of safeguarding seniors. She is for financial reform, consumer rights, fighting corruption within the government and limiting the sales of products used to make methamphetamine.

David Black — Green

David Black serves as secretary of the Green Party. His priorities are to eliminate capital punishment, reform the drug policy so treatment is emphasized rather than jail sentences

and protect the rights of consumers and all citizens, specifically those of women's reproductive choice and civil rights for gay and lesbians.

Bill Malan — Libertarian

Bill Malan, of Chicago, practices law and is an advocate for representing small businesses and individuals in civil cases. He is an advocate for reducing the size and scope of government and constraining it to its constitutional limits.

For Comptroller

Rep. David Miller — Democrat

David Miller, of Lymwood, is on committees for Appropriations for Higher Education, Business Occupational Licenses, Health Care Licenses, Mass Transit and Transportation Regulation.

Erika Schafer — Green

Erika Schafer, of Chicago, has held advocacy positions in environmental and Fair Tax policy at both the federal and state levels.

For Treasurer

Robin Kelly — Democrat

Robin Kelly is focused on creating jobs, protecting taxpayer dollars, promoting small businesses and protecting consumer rights throughout Illinois.

Scott Summers — Green

Scott Summers is an advocate for enforcing fiscal responsibility and plus to develop more green-collar jobs and incorporate money management skills into education as early as grade school.

Judy Baar — Republican


Judy Baar's campaign focuses on bringing back public confidence in the management of tax dollars and demands reform.

Sen. Dan Rutherford — Republican

Sen. Dan Rutherford, of Chenoa, is an advocate for agricultural interests and promoting legislation to enhance the use of ethanol and soy products.

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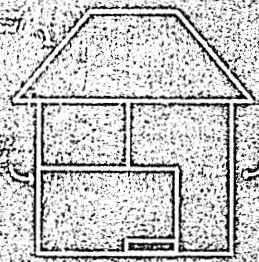
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OUR WORD

Higher education cannot handle Brady, Quinn

The term "slim pickings" applies to more than this year's pumpkin harvest — the gubernatorial selection is in desperate need of a fairy godmother.

Unfortunately, no mythical solution maker stands ready to wave a wand and turn these gubernatorial mice into men, or reveal them to be weasels similar to those in the state's past.

Illinois is well represented by Democrats and Republicans in prison, men who promised solutions similar to those proposed by Republican candidate Bill Brady and Democratic candidate Gov. Pat Quinn.

Now, with the state and its universities struggling desperately, voters must put their faith in Illinois politicians in today's election. That faith shouldn't go to an overconfident Republican or a lame-duck Democrat.

We know third party representation is more of a democratic joke than a reality, but the DAILY EGYPTIAN's editorial board almost unanimously supported Green party gubernatorial candidate Rich Whitney's unconventional, idealistic solutions to the steaming pile of ... proposals by Brady and Quinn.

Quinn is a hard candidate to trust given his lack of progress in the last year and a half as governor and the cuts he already made to education. His lack of confidence and unwillingness to really answer questions doesn't bode well for his abilities. His best asset in gaining southern Illinoisans' votes is running mate Sheila Simon, who would at least offer Carbondale a voice it hasn't had in recent years.

Quinn's proposal to raise taxes or cut education funding again scared us as students. Brady's pro-

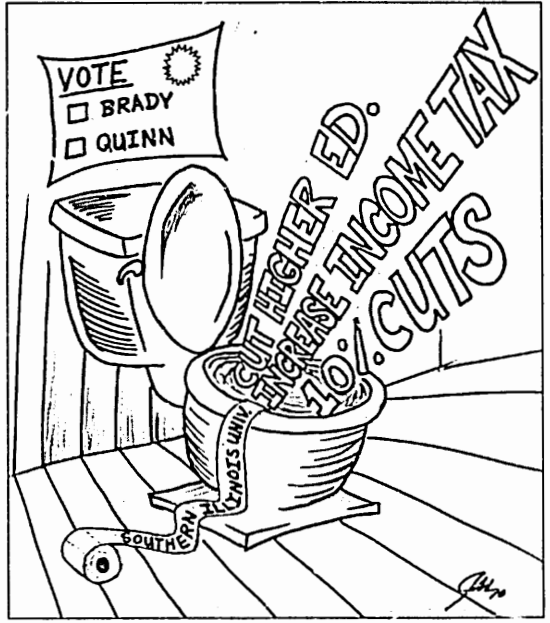
posed 10-percent cut across the board was equally terrifying. SIUC probably would not survive such a cut, nor would other state universities.

Recent cuts haven't done much for the state's budget woes, and they've only rubbed salt in higher education's deep wounds. We're more than willing to pay an increased income tax, but aren't sold on taxes or cuts as permanent solutions. Illinois needs drastic changes to escape having the second-worst state economy in the country.

Those drastic changes don't include teaching creationism in schools, continuing to refuse gay citizens the right to marry or the rest of Brady's extremely conservative, anti-progression ideals.

Whitney could offer that voice as well. He also brings new, comprehensive ideas into Illinois' stagnant mix of non-solutions. His goals are lofty and atypical: he criticizes bringing more corporate businesses to the state by driving wages down, would expand public employment and plans to drastically change public policies in an attempt to change the entire structure of taxation and spending. Without lofty goals, aren't we only hoping to salvage the situation instead of succeeding fully?

We know we're voting more for the dead idea of democracy than for a candidate with the potential to win. But we're also voting against corporations by not voting for corporate-backed candidates. Voting for Brady and Quinn is throwing dry wood and gasoline on the fire. At the very least, those candidates should know their plans to cut the legs out from under higher education weren't supported by their constituents at this newspaper.



GUEST COLUMNS

College Democrats, Republicans speak out for party favorites

College Democrats

Now is not the time to sit out on Election Day.

Illinois is \$15 billion in debt and unemployment is through the roof. Students are at risk of losing their loans and our universities can barely make ends meet.

Today, we have the ability to set a new course for our state and our country, but we must act. Too often students ignore the importance of participating in the midterm election cycles. We get disheartened by the partisanship of politics and tend to believe our vote does not count. That could not be more false.

In the Republican race for Governor, 300 votes ensured Bill Brady his party's nomination. With 600 newly registered voters at SIUC alone, half of them could have played a decisive role in that election. Students need to understand they can make a difference.

Ignore the rhetoric. Ignore the attack ads. Ignore the mainstream media and journalists. Though the concept of politics can be disheartening, we need to look beyond it. When students choose not to vote, there is no check and balance on our leaders. We are not offering them any incentive to care about student issues.

When the time comes for budget cuts, higher education is the easiest cut to make. Why

should we tolerate that year after year when we don't have to? Let's do things differently in 2010.

We can start by making an informed decision when we enter the voting booth. There is a stark choice in this election. From the top of the ballot to the bottom, the Democratic Party offers the candidates who have served as strong advocates for education.

Gov. Pat Quinn fought and saved the state's Monetary Assistance Program, a loan that more than 5,000 SIUC students, a third of our undergraduates, depended on last year. His running mate Sheila Simon is a Carbondale resident and a former SIUC School of Law professor. Who better understands the needs of our university than one of our own?

Candidates Alexi Giannoulas and Robin Kelly, through their tireless work in the State Treasurer's Office, made their Bright Start college savings program one of the top five family investment programs in the nation.

Also up for re-election is our Congressman Jerry Costello. Costello has been a resilient voice for education in southern Illinois. He led the effort alongside his Democratic colleagues in Congress to pass a sweeping jobs bill, which saved 5,700 teaching jobs across Illinois. These are the leaders we deserve in elected office. We urge you to vote for them.

But whether you are a Democrat or Republican, just vote. When the polls finally close, you can say you played your part. Thank you.

College Republicans

The Clinton administration's mantra, "It's the economy, stupid," coined by Dick Morris, is as true today as it was in the mid-90s.

Coming off the 2008 populace wave that swept Democrats into control of Washington, Republicans were considered dead by some, and others questioned if there should be a "no resuscitation order" entered on behalf of the GOP. In less than two years, Democrats have lost their allure, not because of misinformation, as some Democrats have complained, but because Democrats misunderstood their mandate.

This election, unlike most in the past several years, will be based more in political ideology than party politics. People want change, but not the liberal progressive change the Democrats have offered in the last two years. Voters recognize that policies emanating from Washington are not mainstream and haven't instilled the confidence required to re-establish the U.S. economy as the "shining beacon on the hill," as former President Ronald Reagan so eloquently said.

Now, Republicans have recognized the folly of their ways, that which lost them their majorities in Congress in 2006. A few examples of this realization are the facts that Republicans were against the unfocused and virtually ineffective stimulus bill, which increased our national debt by almost \$800 billion; Republicans were against

the more than 1,000 page health care bill, the effects of which are still unknown; Republicans support extending the Bush tax cuts, smart regulation and not demonizing the private sector.

The Democrats believe spending our way out of this recession is the path to success, while many in the European Union halted spending and cut government entitlements because of the effects these have had on these countries' economies. Taxing is not the way out of a recession. Government is not the cure. Only the private sector can save the U.S. from its dismal financial situation.

The Republicans recognize this and stay above the fray of class warfare because job growth can only be had if the private sector has confidence the government will not undercut its attempts to turn a profit through taxation, heavy regulation and demonization.

Profit, the underpinning of the "invisible hand," and the capitalist mentality can't be lost in determining the direction and future of the United States. It is time we get back to our fiscally conservative roots, right the ship and allow private industry to do what it does best: create opportunity for those who are barely hanging on. The only way to do this is by electing Republicans in office, including Bill Brady, Jason Plummer, Mark Kirk, Steve Kim, Mike Boz and Dave Luechtefeld. It is time the Republicans lead Illinois and its citizens and prove through their actions in Washington that they learned their lesson after 2006. America will be better for it.

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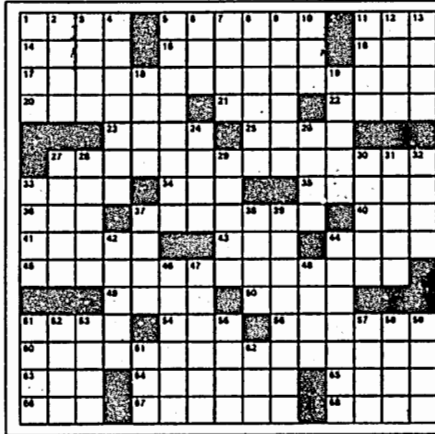
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Across

- 1 Throaty attention getter
- 5 Contemptible person, in slang
- 11 Brewery cask
- 14 Midwest's ___ Strip
- 15 Set in waves, as hair
- 16 Prompt on stage
- 17 Being convincing via coercion
- 20 Ski resort grooming vehicle
- 21 Yves's yes
- 22 Bow-tied god
- 23 Boxer sounds?
- 25 Food package meas.
- 27 Making a comeback, say
- 33 Gossipy Barrett
- 34 Vintage car
- 35 Ship-locating system
- 36 Yiddish laments
- 37 Sticks to, as a task
- 40 One of the "Little Women"

Down

- 41 Part of a front-end alignment
- 43 Mississippi or Mersey; Abbr.
- 44 Water shade
- 45 Sneering
- 49 "Was ___ loud?"
- 50 Drawer feature
- 51 Access Chase
- 54 Miner's find
- 56 Genetics pioneer Mendel
- 60 Telling a little white lie
- 63 Pasture call
- 64 Wobble
- 65 London art museum
- 66 When one hand is up and the other is down
- 67 Doctor's directives
- 68 Melville's "Typee" sequel

Sisters'

- 3 Opera star Pinza
- 4 Lash cosmetic
- 5 One who's quick to anger
- 6 Sportscaster Berman
- 7 Therefore
- 8 Total
- 9 Kadir's opposite
- 10 Netherlands city
- 11 Plymouth Reliant, e.g.
- 12 Continental currency
- 13 Jeweler's stock
- 18 Mountain lake
- 19 Brief fight
- 24 Dagger of yore
- 26 Whip mark
- 27 "Happy birthday ___"
- 28 Racers Al or Bobby
- 29 Decide to play for pay
- 30 Kuwaiti neighbor
- 31 Keep from flowing, as a stream
- 32 "Orinoco Flow" New Age

singer

- 33 Univ. military program
- 37 Heal, as bones
- 38 File-of-dishes place
- 39 Steed and Mrs. Peck's show, with "The"
- 42 Homeric war epic
- 44 ___ VDS: beauty product
- 46 Twelve o'clock meeting
- 47 Stuffed with food
- 48 Do a laundry task
- 51 Certain PCs
- 52 First of 13 popes
- 53 Port featured in "Goldfinger"
- 55 Cigar suffix
- 57 Largest of the Mariana Islands
- 58 Director Premierer
- 59 Prefix with stat
- 61 Skater Midori
- 62 The Beatles' "I Saw Standing There"

COLUMN

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Steve Spagnuolo and the rest of the coaching staff need to use the bye week to figure out how to get a couple wins on the road this season. Bradford's average completion percentage in five home games is 62.5, while in three away games it's been 52.3. But star running back Steven Jackson, who has 224 rushing yards in the last two away games, remains a constant bright spot for

the offense. So the coaches need to keep coming up with ways to get him yards against the better defenses they'll be up against in the second half of the season. Jackson's success will undoubtedly improve Bradford's completion percentage.

The offensive line seems to finally be coming together, but if it were more consistent it could help the team win on the road as well. That will be tough considering its inexperienced bookends, second-year pro Jason Smith and rookie Rodger Saffold. Both offensive tackles

have enormous potential, but they still get beat far too often. As long as they stay healthy for the remainder of the season, the experience from this season should be enough to take them to the next level next year.

If the 2010 Rams don't make the playoffs or even finish 500, they will have at least raised the standards for next year's group and given fans in St. Louis some much-needed football excitement.

Put away the ropes and razor blades, St. Louis. Everything's going to be OK.

CROSS

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Sparks said he's proud of the way Heffernan, Dixon, Dahleen and sophomore Lucas Cherry progressed this season, but if the Salukis hope to contend for the MVC title in 2011, the four runners will have to strengthen their times as a pack. He hopes they can progress and strengthen their times similar to what Indiana State's team has done with Michael Disher, Al Escalera, Craig Padgett and Jeremiah Vaughan, he said.

The Salukis will take their seven best runners from the men's and women's team to the NCAA Regionals Nov. 13 in Peoria.

"Dan, Emily and Megan can take a shot at being all-region, which is top-25," Sparks said. "If you're all-region,

then you have a chance to qualify for the national meet."

The top two teams in each of the nine regions automatically qualify for the national meet, and 13 at-large teams are selected based on a points system that ranks the teams in each region, Sparks said. Additionally, the top four individuals who finish in the top 25 at regionals and aren't a member of the 31 teams already qualified for the national meet will qualify for the national meet.

Hoelscher said her finish at conference gives her more confidence to place in the top 25 at regionals.

Sparks said the team will work on tempo transitions during practice to help work on finishing races.

Dunbar said the NCAA Regionals is more even-temper throughout than conference races.

"There is a little change in pace, but

not a whole lot. Some of the guys in there are so fast that their relaxed pace is going to be like (our) fast pace," Dunbar said.

The even pace of the race should help junior Neal Anderson and senior Kyle Kirchner, Dunbar said.

Losing Toennies and Hoelscher will hurt the women's team, but it is fortunate to return four starters next season, Sparks said.

"That's probably the best one-two-punch that we've had here in my nine years," Sparks said.

The women's team finished in sixth-place, nine points behind Bradley and 11 points behind Indiana State.

"That's a learning experience for the younger girls," Sparks said. "I had they been able to finish up higher, each of them five spots higher, it would have put us fourth instead of sixth."

QUAD RUGBY

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"We bounce ideas off each other and give tips on what each other does in their house to accommodate the type of injury a person may have," Melton said.

Boebinger said quad rugby provides a support network for newly-injured quadriplegics.

"There are questions that somebody who's newly injured might have that they're uncomfortable asking their physicians, they're uncomfortable mentioning around their family or nurses," Boebinger said.

The athletes recognize how limitless their opportunities are by being around each other, Boebinger said. When a player sees a teammate hop out of a truck or hears his teammate's wife will

have a baby, they see possibilities for themselves.

"(When) you put your mind to it, it's amazing what you can do," Melton said.

Boebinger said quad rugby isn't for everyone because of its physicality.

"Rugby definitely attracts a certain type of person. It tends to be those people who are a little bit more thrill-seeking," Boebinger said.

Mike Hasler, a quad rugby player who also plays for the St. Louis Rugby Rams, said he isn't as physical as some of his teammates but enjoys the sport nonetheless.

Hasler said he knows what his teammates have gone through because he was born with a neurological disorder that limits his control and has been in a wheelchair all his life.

"Everything works but nothing

moves," Hasler said.

Quad rugby is an expensive sport, Hasler said. The custom chair required costs between \$2,500 and \$5,000, he said.

"Depending on how often you play, these chairs might only last you a season," Boebinger said.

Boebinger said the teams rely heavily on corporate sponsors for chair upkeep, equipment and travel expenses. The association has grant systems in place but it doesn't cover all its needs.

Challenged Athletes Foundation is one organization that donates money for quad athletes to get replacement tires, gloves, spare wheels, belts and chair straps, Boebinger said.

"The CAF (is) absolutely phenomenal at donating grant money for equipment," Boebinger said.




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SPORT CLUBS

Quad athletes dispel beliefs

BRANDON COLEMAN
Daily Egyptian

Most people assume a quadriplegic person has no function in his or her legs or arms, but quad rugby helps to disprove the presumptions of able-bodied people about what a quadriplegic can do, says three-year quad rugby player Chuck Melton.

"I thought the sport was fascinating before I got involved. I thought 'quadriplegic' and I automatically thought Christopher Reeves," said Carolyn Boebinger, vice president of the United States Quad Rugby Association.

Boebinger, who is able-bodied, said she learned more about the injuries of each quad player in the league after she became the association's first vice president. What the quad rugby players can do on the court amazes her, she said.

Melton, a junior studying history who sustained a spinal cord injury eight years ago that left him partially paralyzed in his arms and legs, said he heard about quad rugby from St. Louis Rams press staffer Glen Bell, who was in the hospital with him.

"It invited me several times before I finally came out," Melton said.

Melton plays for the St. Louis Rugby Rams and said able-bodied people's assumptions of quadriplegics' fragility are quickly put to rest when they see the collisions and durability of the athletes for the first time.

"Some able-bodied people there for the first time are completely amazed at the way we play and how hard we hit and the intensity overall," Melton said.

Before his injury, Melton said he was an active able-bodied person. After his accident, he fell into a state of depression; it was difficult to look at pictures of him holding and playing with his children, he said.

"It's a great release just to let loose some anger. After a traumatic accident or something that causes you to become paralyzed, or whatever the case may be, it's not always easy to go to a support group to let out some emotions," Melton said.

Being around other individuals who have suffered similar injuries and who one can relate to does more than therapy, he said.

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CROSS COUNTRY



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The women's cross country team jogs down Pleasant Hill Road on Monday. Emily Toennies and Megan Hoelscher are the first women from SIU to make the All-Conference team since A'Seret Dukobo in 2007.

Momentum to be carried into regionals

BRANDON COLEMAN
Daily Egyptian

Seniors Dan Dunbar, Emily Toennies and Megan Hoelscher have their sights set on the NCAA Regionals after they earned Missouri Valley All-Conference honors in Augusta, Kan.

Toennies' and Hoelscher's fourth- and fifth-place finishes at the conference championships Saturday were the first top-10 finishes for the women's team since A'Seret Dukobo placed ninth in 2007.

Additionally, Toennies' fourth-place finish was the best individual finish since 2005 when Sarah Rinker placed third.

Toennies said she's finished with her and Hoelscher's finishes, but she could have ran harder.

"If I had five more steps I possibly could have gotten the next girl, but overall I was happy with how it resulted," Toennies said.

Toennies said the MVC Championship invite wasn't traditional because instead of a pack of four

or five lead runners, 15 girls were in the lead pack throughout the race.

Dunbar, who won the MVC championship in the men's individual, said Indiana State's sudden shift in race tempo was difficult for his teammates to adjust to.

"Talking to all the other guys that's what they all said. As soon as the pace changed really fast they were able to keep up for a kilometer and then they just felt dead," Dunbar said.

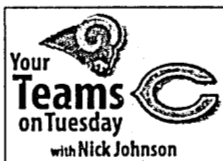
Sophomore Zach Dahleen and freshmen T.J. Heffernan and Brian Dixon ran well, but half the team was gassed after Indiana State made their push, Dunbar said.

"(Indiana State) ran a great race. I don't think there's much we could have done to stop them from winning, but I'd like to have seen a few of the guys ... be a little more competitive with that Indiana State pack," Coach Matt Sparks said.

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STAFF COLUMN

St. Louis safe at home after fourth win



Editor's note: Chicago had a bye week and will not be featured in this week's column.

For a number of unexpected reasons, the St. Louis Rams have little to feel bad about going into their bye week this season.

After eight games, the Rams have quadrupled their win total from last season and sit second in the NFC West. Rookie quarterback Sam Bradford has exceeded expectations though the offense around him has been inconsistent and decimated by injuries.

Also, the defense finally has a playmaker on each level: Chris Long at defensive end, James Laurinaitis at middle linebacker and O.J. Atogwe at free safety. All three played key roles Sunday in defeating the Panthers. Long recovered a fumble, Laurinaitis had a sack and an interception and Atogwe

had the game-sealing interception.

The receiving corps has been nearly wiped out by injuries, just like last season. But Bradford's youthful arm and cool demeanor, as opposed to 2009 starter Marc Bulger's shell-shocked brain and declining accuracy, makes the difference. It also helps that guys like Brandon Gibson, Danny Amendola and tight end Daniel Fells have come from the edge of oblivion to be relevant receiving threats.

But while Rams fans have every reason to be happy with their young team, it's important to keep in mind the season is only halfway done and

the Rams' toughest opponents still lay ahead.

St. Louis goes to San Francisco in Week 10 to play a re-emerging 49ers team that has won two straight games, then plays the NFC South-leading Atlanta Falcons at home (thankfully) in Week 11. The Rams go to Denver, Arizona and New Orleans as well in the second half of the schedule, so they'll be extremely fortunate to get four more wins this season.

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