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LANE CHRISTIANSEN ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jamila Saidou, a senior studying microbiology, holds up one of the signs protesting the arrest of Moustapha Maman Maman, a junior studying mining engineering from Niger, on Monday afternoon in front of Anthony Hall. Saidou, who is also from Niger, is a close friend to

# Man accused of stealing textbooks arrested

Protesters claim evidence planted, police harassment

> Ryan Rendleman **Brandon Weisenberger**

Daily Egyptian

Police have arrested an SIUC student in connection with thousands of dollars in textbook thefts on campus over the past few months, and protesters on Monday claimed harassment of the African native who they said was an unlikely sus-

Moustapha Maman Maman, a junior from Niger studying mining engineering, was arrested Thursday and charged with possession of stolen property and burglary after thefts occurred in the Agriculture Building

earlier this year, Department of Public Safety Director Todd Sigler

Sigler said textbooks were stolen from the Agriculture Building, Rehn Hall and most recently, Faner Hall. He said the cost of the books taken from Faner Hall during Thanksgiving break was about \$1,000.

A dozen protesters gathered in the cold for more than an hour in front of Anthony Hall sporting signs that stated police treated Maman Maman unjustly.

International Student Council President Salman Mohiuddin described Maman Maman as a "straight-A student" who is always cheerful

African Student Council Director Ahmed Momoh said Maman Maman had no motive for stealing books.

"The boy is from a good family a wealthy family — and he is a strong student," Momoh said. "This boy does not deserve to suffer."

Maman Maman is being held in Jackson County Jail on a \$10,000

Sigler said Maman Maman sold textbooks to up to three different companies specializing in the resale of books. He said investigators worked with these companies who gave them information that led to Maman Maman's arrest.

Investigators also recovered surveillance footage of Maman Maman, and Sigler said more than 100 books were found at his East Park Street

The first report of theft in this series of robberies was made in June, and Maman Maman has been under investigation for some time, Sigler

Momoh and other protesters said police likely planted the evidence. He added that Maman Maman has poor English skills, and police used a large vocabulary so that he could not defend himself.

Sigler would not comment about the protesters' claims because he said he did not have enough information.

'We're in the process of finalizing information that would connect him to Faner, Rehn Hall and the Ag. Building," he said.

While Maman Maman has already been charged, Sigler said more charges could continue to add up as the investigation continues.

"The rest of the charges, any others that are pending, are still perhaps going to be forthcoming as we pull together more of the information," he said.

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## Mediacom might lose FOX station

Sean McGahan

DAILY EGYPTIAN

Mediacom customers might return from winter break to the absence of the nation's favorite yellow family and aspiring singers if negotiations are not met between two cable giants.

Sinclair Broadcast Group — the second largest operator of broadcast stations in the nation and owner of local FOX affiliate KBSI and My Network affiliate WDKA has announced plans to pull its programming from Mediacom Communication Corporation the nation's eighth largest cable provider — if the two do not come to an agreement over retransmission fees by Jan. 5.

The two companies have been in negotiations about the fees Sinclair charges Mediacom to retransmit its commercial programming for several months. On Sept. 28, Sinclair sent Mediacom a letter of its intention to pull programming if an agreement was not met by Nov. 30.

The loss of Sinclair programming would affect more than 700,000 Mediacom subscribers in 12 states, including Illinois.

If negotiations are not met, customers wishing to watch popular FOX shows such as "American Idol" and "The Simpsons" will have to buy a satellite dish system or try to get an antenna to pick up the KBSI signal.

Both parties reached an extension agreement on Thursday, several hours before the scheduled halt of programming at 12:01 a.m. Friday.

Mediacom Communications Manager Phyllis Peters would not comment on the financial state of the negotiations Monday but said they are ongoing.

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# They deliver anything ... for a small charge

Sarah Lohman

Daily Egyptian

SIUC students use a variety of tools to make money. They use computers, brooms and

hamburger buns to earn cash to pay everything from loans to landlords.

All Adam Milton and Luke Orr need is a set of wheels. The two sophomores recently

started their own bicycle delivery service as a way to earn extra money. They claim to deliver anything.

"If we can carry it and it's legal, we'll deliver it," said Milton, a sophomore from Urbana studying cinema and photography.

Their original plan was to get a job delivering for Jimmy John's Gourmet Subs on their bikes.

Jimmy John's wouldn't bite, they said.

66 If we can carry it and it's legal, we'll deliver it.

The pair then hatched a plan to start "On The Fly Delivery," in which they deliver anything within a reasonable distance on their

Orr, a sophomore from Chicago studying geography, said he would pick up an order in his car if it was too big for a bike.

They have made about seven deliveries since posting flyers a week ago. Milton said they have turned down several deliveries because both students were too busy or it was too early.

"People call for breakfast, but we just don't do that," Milton said.

Delivery hours are 2 p.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Thursday

bicycle delivery service rider and 3 p.m. to 4 a.m. Friday through Sunday.

— Adam Milton

Milton and Orr will not deliver any further north than the Tres Hombres area, further south than Huck's on Illinois 13, further west than the Murdale Shopping Center or further east than Lewis Park.

Orders have ranged from groceries to cigarettes. Orr and Milton buy the item and charge the customer the amount of the receipt plus several dollars for the delivery.

"We charge by size and how much we have to ride," Orr said.

Prices for on-campus delivery range from \$2 to \$4.

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**DUVALE RILEY** ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jackson Nolan, left, an undecided sophomore, pays his friend Adam Milton, a sophomore studying cinema and photography, after Milton picked up a few items and delivered them to Nolan's house Monday afternoon. Milton started the delivery business with a friend a little more than a week ago.

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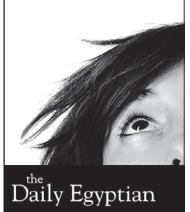
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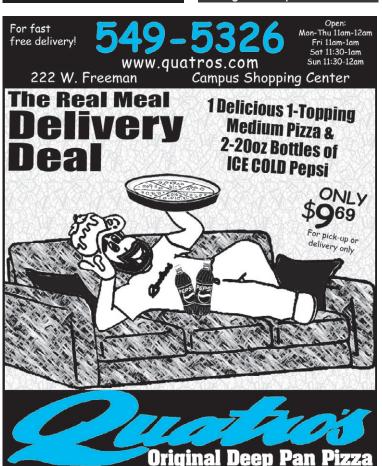
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#### CALENDAR

#### **Poverty and hunger in Africa: Think Globally, Act Locally**

• 7 p.m. today at the Law School Courtroom Learn about global poverty with a focus on Africa; a no-frills "poverty meal" will be

#### **SIU Amateur Radio** Club

• 7 p.m. today at the Engineering building, Room A-131

• Meeting to be followed by F.C.C. Amateur License Examination session – all classes

#### **Huge holiday sale**

• 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday at the University Museum Store • 40% off all merchandise

#### **IBM Mainframe tour**

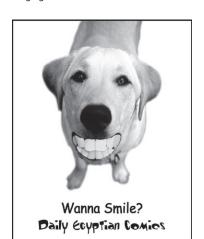
• 3 to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday at Wham IT • Tour of IBM's Mainframe here at SIU • Please RSVP to anil@siu.edu

#### Saluki launch party

• 7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday at the Student Center in the Renaissance Room Joan Higginbotham, an electrical engineer alumni of SIUC, will launch into space as a mission specialist aboard the space shuttle. Come watch the NASA launch live and enjoy free food, drinks and giveaways

#### **Mitsubishi Electronics** seminar

- 2 to 4 p.m. Friday at the Engineering A Room 131
- · Zigbee Networks and Ultra Wide Band ranging



#### McDonald's experimenting with mini-gyms for children as a new play option in their restaurants

CHICAGO (AP) — Climbing ropes, stationary bicycles and electronic dancing games could join the menu of play options for children at McDonald's if they prove a hit in a trial launched in several of its U.S. restaurants.

The burger-and-fries company, often accused by critics of contributing to child obesity, is tinkering with the mini-gyms as a possible successor to the popular McDonald's PlayPlace, with its ball pits and crawl tubes.

It opened the first R Gym — that's R as in Ronald McDonald for those who missed the clown plug — last March in Tulsa, Okla., and now has six more, at McDonald's in Santa Ana, Whittier and Elk Grove, Calif.; Broomfield, Colo.; and Chillicothe and Woodridge, III.

More are planned based on what the Oak Brook, III.-based chain says has been a positive early response.

"As long as our customers see a benefit in it, we will continue to look at this," spokesman Bill Whitman said Monday. "We have for many years supported programs that promote physical activity, and we will continue to do that."

Incorporating more technology than the traditional PlayPlace, McDonald's Corp. says the R Gym is intended to provide a fun, easy way for children to increase their physical activity.

It isn't likely to be confused with mom's or dad's gym. The stationary bikes are attached to video games, and kids shoot hoops on tiny courts that electronically cheer players. Other offerings include air hockey and foosball tables.

R Gyms feature a toddler zone for ages 0-3, where soft balls and slides remain; an active zone for ages 4-8, including an obstacle course and climbing challenges; and a sports zone for ages 9-12, with bicycling, jumping, dancing and other sports-oriented

Analyst Bob Goldin agrees with nutrition advocates who note that it would take a child a long time to burn off the calories from a Big Mac and fries in the R Gym.

#### Reseachers: Latin America is most likely to bring deadly bird flu to the main U.S.

WASHINGTON — Birds from Latin America — not from the north — are most likely to bring deadly bird flu to the main U.S., researchers said Monday, suggesting the government might miss the H5N1 virus because biologists have been looking in the wrong direction.

The United States' \$29 million bird flu surveillance program has focused heavily on migratory birds flying from Asia to Alaska, where researchers this year collected tens of thousands of samples from wild birds nesting on frozen tundra before making their way south.

Those birds present a much lower risk than migratory birds that make their way north from South America through Central America and Mexico, where controls on imported poultry are not as tough as in the United States and Canada, according to findings in the latest Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Nations south of the United States import hundreds of thousands of chickens a year from countries where bird flu has turned up in migratory birds or poultry, said A. Marm Kilpatrick, lead author of the study.

"The risk is actually higher from the poultry trade to the Americas than from migratory birds," said Kilpatrick, of the Consortium for Conservation Medicine in New York. Other researchers on the study came from the Smithsonian Institution.

If bird flu arrives in Mexico or somewhere farther south, it could be a matter of time before a migratory bird carries the virus to the United States, Kilpatrick said.

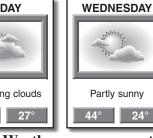
"It's not just a matter of worrying about who you trade with, but it's a matter of thinking about who do your neighbors trade with, and who do your trading partners trade with," Kilpatrick said. "We need to be looking both south and north."

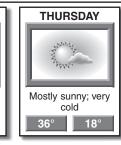
The study concluded that "current American surveillance plans that focus primarily on the Alaskan migratory bird pathway may fail to detect the introduction of H5N1 into the United States in time to prevent its spread into domestic poultry."

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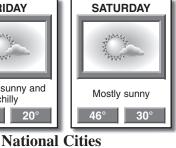
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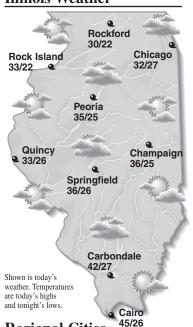
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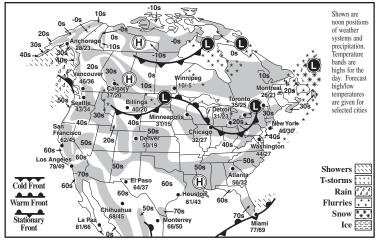
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#### NEWS BRIEFS

# Council to hear Halloween report

Alicia Wade DAILY EGYPTIAN

People hoping for a wild Halloween celebration on South Illinois Avenue next year might have their dreams dashed at tonight's City Council meeting.

The City Council will discuss a recommendation to keep the current Halloween restrictions for Carbondale at 7 p.m. at City Hall. The current ordinance closes bars in the South Illinois area — the Strip — and bans kegs during Halloween weekend and on Halloween.

City Manager Jeff Doherty said the history of problems during the holiday caused him to write the recommendation to keep the restrictions. His report outlines a number of historical instances of crime dating back to the 1970s during Halloween

It also cites occurrences in 2000 when restrictions were lifted by the City Council because the members thought, "the crowds were manageable, and the problems could be prevented." According to the recom-

mendation, crowds between 2,000 and 2,500 people caused the closing of South Illinois Avenue. On Halloween night, a Tuesday that year, a fight broke out in the street, and police who were attempting to resolve the situation were forced to use tear gas to get the hostile crowd to disperse.

"It's a historical situation where we have experienced some real problems over time," Doherty said.

He also said the ordinance has been successful because bar closings prevent people from gathering and spilling onto the street. No problems such as those in 2000 have been experienced since the current ordinance went into effect,

As far as students being unable to find places to celebrate over Halloween, Doherty said the city was not shut down - just South Illinois Avenue — and also said other bars and house parties were open.

"I don't know if anyone is lacking an outlet to celebrate that time of year," Doherty said.

According to the recommenda-

tion, the bars shut down by the ordinance are compensated by the city for their economic loss by not being required to pay the annual liquor license fees.

Carbondale Police Chief Bob Ledbetter said the restrictions have been effective in preventing incidences of street closings, property damage and personal injuries during Halloween.

"Halloween has become the kind of Halloween that can be celebrated in the community with kids trick or treating and not worrying about crime," Ledbetter said. "The ordinance is making a safe Halloween for everyone.'

The complete recommendation is available on the city's Web site.

> Alicia Wade can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 274 or alicia\_wade@dailyegyptian.com.

#### Halloween recommendations

For more information on the Halloween recommendation, look online at www. ci.carbondale.il.us.

# **Missing family** members found

Jeff Barnard THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GRANTS PASS, Ore. -Three members of a San Francisco family missing for more than a week were found alive Monday in a remote area of southern Oregon, police said. A search continued for the father.

Investigators said a helicopter spotted 30-year-old Kati Kim waving an umbrella about 1:45 p.m. PST. Her daughters Penelope, 4, and Sabine, 7 months, were with her. They were airlifted to Three Rivers Community Hospital in Grants Pass.

The three "are in good condition" Linda Rankin, vice president for patient care at the hospital, told The Associated Press. "Mom arrived in an ambulance smiling and waving."

Rescuers continued to look for Kati Kim's husband, 35-year-old James Kim. He left on foot two days ago to seek help, police said. Helicopters with thermal imaging technology were added to the search

Oregon State Police Lt. Doug Ladd said there is "a very reasonable chance" that he is still alive and that the family said he had some outdoor experience. Russell said the family reported that he had eaten berries in the area, but they weren't sure if they were poisonous.

Josephine County Undersheriff Brian Anderson said the family turned off a side road and got stuck in the snow. The family had been driving along rural roads that are often used as shortcuts to Gold Beach on the south Oregon coast. The roads are typically used by whitewater rafters in the summer but often are treacherous and impassible during the winter.

Nursing supervisor Cynthia Russell said the mother nursed both the children while they were lost because there was no food or water in their car. The baby will be admitted, and the other two planned to stay overnight in the same room,

# **Chemicals leak from** derailed freight train

A dozen people suffered from mild symptoms

> Jim Suhr THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHRISTOPHER, Residents who evacuated their homes Monday after a freight train derailed and leaked 20,000 gallons of petroleum products were allowed to return to the area in late afternoon, officials said.

The spill forced the evacuation of more than 70 homes and sent a dozen people to hospitals near this city of 2,800, about 20 miles north of Carbondale, officials said.

Two of the 21 cars that derailed from the 83-car union Pacific train leaked a petroleum product used as an additive for lubricating oil and a petroleum diesel-type lubricant, Union Pacific spokesman James Barnes said.

He said rail service through the area was expected to resume by noon Tuesday.

the derailment site came back clean, but it will take time before the area is back to normal, said Environmental Protection Agency spokesman Kevin Turner.

"It's a mess back there," Turner said. "It's going to take a long time to clean up.

About a dozen people were taken to two area hospitals for mild symptoms related to the spill, including burning or irritation of the throat, eyes and nose, said Tracey Karnes, a spokeswoman for Benton-based ambulance provider Mercy Regional Health Services.

The victims included residents and emergency responders, but the injuries weren't serious enough to require hospitalization, Karnes

The Union Pacific train was on its way to Chicago from Houston. The train derailed near a crossroads between a Burlington Northern Santa Fe track and Union Pacific rail around 2:35 a.m., said Barnes.

A cause has not been determined, said West Frankfort Fire Lieutenant Craig Lemmon.

"Several cars are piled on top Early air-quality tests around of each other, 40 feet in the air,"

More than 70 homes in the area of Mitchell Lake were voluntarily evacuated as a result of the derailment, said Franklin County Emergency Management Agency Director Ryan Buckingham.

The American Red Cross set up a shelter for evacuees at the Christopher Civic Center.

"There was kind of a smell in the air. It had a metallic taste, but kind of made the back of your throat burn a little bit, kind of scratchy," Brian Mosley, 19, said at the shelter after being examined at Marion Memorial Hospital. He and his grandparents live about 150 yards from derailment site.

William Taylor, 73, woke up to the sound of two people "pounding like crazy" on the door of his house, located about an eighth of a mile from the derailment site.

"They told my wife there had been a train accident down there and that one tank car was spewing out whatever it was in that car, said Taylor, who went to the Red Cross shelter with his wife, Mary, and 15-year-old dog. "It's aggravating, to say the least.

## Police investigation widens with three officers charged

**Michael Tarm** 

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Three police officers were charged Monday in a probe into allegations of officers shaking down drug suspects, and authorities tacked on additional charges for three other officers indicted earlier.

James McGovern, 40, Frank Villareal, 38, and Margaret Hopkins, 32, all members of the department's special operations section, turned themselves in Monday, said Marci Jensen, a spokeswoman for the Cook County state's attorney's office.

All three were charged with official misconduct, and Villareal and Hopkins also were charged with home invasion. Villareal also was charged with armed violence. Authorities did not provide any other information.

In September, four other members of the same special operations unit, which focuses on gangs and drugs, were charged with robbery, kidnapping and false arrests. All four pleaded not guilty.

Three of those officers turned themselves in Monday on additional charges of home invasion and official misconduct, Jensen said.

In the earlier indictment, the officers were accused of using their badges to intimidate people and gain access to their homes, and of robbing, kidnapping and intimidating drug dealers. Those accusations forced prosecutors to drop felony charges against dozens of suspects in more than 100 cases, the state's attorney's office has said. Superintendent Phil Cline said

police are committed to rooting out bad officers. "No one is above the law, not even a Chicago police officer," he said Monday in a news release. If convicted, McGovern faces a

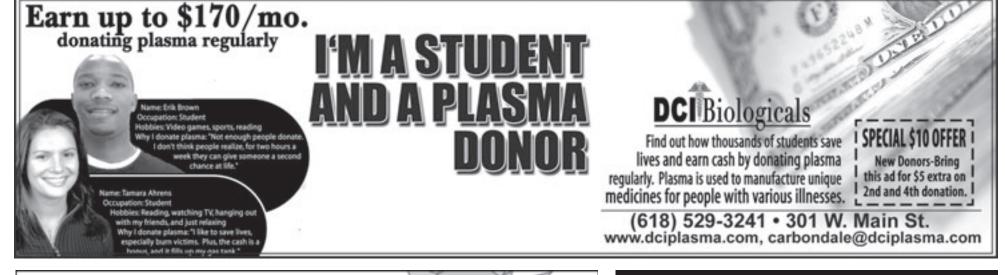
maximum of five years in prison; Villareal and Hopkins could spend up to 30 years in prison, Jensen said. At a hearing Monday, bond was

set at \$50,000 for McGovern. The other five charged Monday were due in court Tuesday.

A man who answered the phone at a listing for a Frank Villareal identified himself as the officer's father, saying he believed his son is inno-

"In 13 or 14 years in the service, he's never done anything wrong," he said. "And I've always talked to him about being on the up and up. As far as I'm concerned, he's a decent, outstanding boy."

There was no answer at a listing for a Margaret Hopkins, and a listing for McGovern couldn't be found. Neither the state's attorney's office nor the police department could provide names of the defendants' attorneys.





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#### **WORLD & NATION**

# Bush meets with Shiite leader

**Terence Hunt**The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush told an Iraqi power broker on Monday that the United States was not satisfied with the progress of efforts to stop the sharp escalation of violence in Iraq.

Bush met at the White House with Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, the Shiite leader of the largest bloc in Iraq's parliament.

Al-Hakim said that he "vehemently" opposes any regional or international effort to solve Iraq's problems that goes around the unity government in Banhdad

"Iraq should be in a position to solve Iraq's problems," al-Hakim said.

The president said he spoke with al-Hakim for more than an hour and said they had a "very constructive conversation."

"I assured him that the U.S. supports his work and the work of the prime minister to unify the country," Bush said, referring to Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki.

"Part of unifying Iraq is for the elected leaders and society leaders to reject the extremists that are trying to stop the advance of this young democracy," Bush said.

"We talked about the need to give the government Iraq more capability as soon as possible so the elected govern-

# Iraq should be in a position to solve Iraq's problems.

— Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim

ment of Iraq can do that which the Iraqi people want to secure their country from extremists and murderers," Bush said. "I told his eminence that I was proud of the courage of the Iraqi people. I told him that we're not satisfied with the pace of progress in Iraq. And that we want to continue to work with the sovereign government of Iraq."

Al-Hakim, after what he called a "very clear" meeting earlier with Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, told reporters in Arabic that "we have asked for the American forces to stay in Iraq" to enable Iraqi security to deal with terrorists.

Monday's developments came amid an atmosphere of rising expectations about a new U.S. policy in Iraq and an acknowledgment by Bush's national security adviser that Bush accepts that a new approach is warranted.

National security adviser Stephen Hadley said Sunday that while Bush recognizes something different needs to be done, the president won't use the recommendations due this week from the Iraq Study Group as political cover for bringing troops home.



CHUCK KENNEDY ~ MCT

**President George Bush, right, shakes** hands with Sayyed Aziz Al-Hakim, an Iraqi Shiite leader, in the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, D.C. on Monday.

"We have not failed in Iraq," Hadley said as he made the talk show rounds Sunday. "We will fail in Iraq if we pull out our troops before we're in a position

to help the Îraqis succeed."

He added: "The president under-

stands that we need to have a way forward in Iraq that is more successful."

But, with the leak of another insider's secret memo, the second in a week, the administration found itself on the defensive.

The latest showed that Donald H. Rumsfeld called for a "major adjustment" in U.S. tactics on Nov. 6 — the day before an election that cost Republicans the Congress and Rumsfeld his job as defense secretary.

# Helicopter plunges into a lake in Anbar, killing four U.S. Marines

Mechanical problems believed to have caused deadly crash

Kim Gamel

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Four U.S. Marines died when a Sea Knight helicopter plunged into a lake in volatile Anbar province, the military said Monday, raising to 13 the number of American troops killed during a bloody weekend in Iraq.

It was the second military aircraft to go down in a week in Anbar, a stronghold of Sunni insurgents, although the military said mechanical problems rather than gunfire had forced the emergency landing on Sunday.

"The pilots maintained control of the aircraft the entire time," the military said.

A Marine was pulled from the water but attempts to resuscitate him were unsuccessful. The bodies of three missing Marines were found in a subsequent search, the military said. Twelve other passengers survived.

Lt. Col. Christopher Garver, a U.S. military spokesman, declined to provide details about the twin-rotor CH-46 helicopter's mission or the reason for its forced landing, saying the incident was under investiga-

The helicopter, from the Third Marine Aircraft wing, had the ability to land and taxi in the water in case of emergency. It came down in Lake Qadisiyah, a huge reservoir behind the hydroelectric dam at Haditha on the Euphrates River.

The deaths came on a weekend in which nine other U.S. troops were killed, including five in Anbar. The weekend's violence pushed the total number of American service members who have died since the war started in March 2003 to at least 2,901.

A U.S. fighter jet also crashed last week in a field, killing the Air Force pilot.

Iraqi state TV, meanwhile, reported that Iraqi police found half a ton of explosives, including suicide belts and roadside bombs, in Anbar—a province the size of North Carolina that stretches west from Baghdad to the borders of Syria,

Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

High numbers of U.S. casualties as well as a recent spike in violence between Shiites and Sunnis have contributed to doubts about the war in the United States. These concerns were considered a major factor in the U.S. Democratic congressional victory.

President Bush told one of Iraq's leading Shiite politicians, Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, in a White House meeting Monday that the United States was not satisfied with progress in Iraq.

"I assured him that the U.S. supports his work and the work of the prime minister to unify the country," Bush said, referring to Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki. "Part of unifying Iraq is for the elected leaders and society leaders to reject the extremists that are trying to stop the advance of this young democracy."

The president is under pressure to draft a new blueprint for U.S. involvement in Iraq. A bipartisan commission — headed by James A. Baker III, former Republican secretary of state, and former Democratic Rep. Lee Hamilton of Indiana — is expected to present its recommen-

# St. Louis residents struggle to keep warm in blackout

Betsy Taylor
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — People slept among strangers and browsed a little longer in lighted bookstores during their search for warm surroundings Monday, the fifth day of a blackout caused by a winter storm.

After staying at a shelter in a converted recreation center since Friday, Angela Luster hitched a ride with the National Guard to check on her apartment.

"It's terrible. You just had to uproot your life," said Luster, 28. "We have to live by other people's rules and regulations. It's difficult being around people you don't know."

The Missouri National Guard was sent to the area after Thursday's snow and ice storm to make sure people were surviving without electric light and heat during the sharply cold weather.

Instead of a shelter, Anne Leners was able to share a friend's spacious house with a dozen other people.

However, the 46-year-old resident of suburban Richmond Heights said she had to put her cats in the only kennel her spouse could find

that still had room, a county away.

After a run of temperatures only in the teens, the St. Louis area got a break Monday afternoon with thermometers showing almost 40.

The St. Louis-based utility Ameren Corp. said it would be several more days before power is fully restored.

"We've had some ice storms before. This one puts them to shame," said Ron Zdellar, vice president of energy for AmerenUE, who has worked for the company for 35

About 296,000 Ameren customers in Missouri and Illinois were still without electricity Monday.

The storm also caused widespread power outages elsewhere as it blew snow and ice from Texas to Michigan last week and battered parts of the Northeast with thunderstorms and high wind.

The storm was blamed for 19 deaths, seven of them in Missouri.

The combination of low temperatures, downed power lines, ice-covered poles and brittle tree limbs hampered repair efforts.

"We knew when this thing hit, it would be far different from anything we've seen before," Zdellar said.

#### WIRE REPORTS

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#### **British investigators arrive in Moscow**

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's foreign minister warned Monday that continued suggestions of Kremlin involvement in the death of a former KGB agent could damage relations with Britain, which sent police to Moscow to expand the investigation into the London poisoning.

Lawyers for an imprisoned security officer, Mikhail Trepashkin, said he has key evidence in the case. They appealed to the British officers in Russia to collect testimony from him as soon as possible, saying his life was in danger.

Alexander Litvinenko, 43, died Nov. 23 in London after ingesting the radioactive isotope polonium-210. In a deathbed accusation, he blamed Russian President Vladimir Putin for the poisoning. The Kremlin has vehemently denied the accusations.

Trepashkin, who is serving a four-year sentence in Yekaterinburg in the Ural Mountains for revealing state secrets, reportedly said in a letter from prison that he had warned Litvinenko several years ago about a government-sponsored death squad that intended to kill him and other Kremlin opponents.

#### Houston

## Truck driver convicted in deaths of 19 illegal immigrants in Texas smuggling case

HOUSTON (AP) — A truck driver was convicted Monday in the deaths of 19 illegal immigrants crammed into a sweltering tractor-trailer in the deadliest human smuggling attempt in U.S. history.

The jury will return on Wednesday to begin hearing evidence on whether Tyron Williams, 35, should get the death penalty.

It was the second time Williams was found guilty in the case; an appeals court said the earlier verdict was flawed and ordered a new trial.

The federal jury deliberated a little more than four days before convictions.

The federal jury deliberated a little more than four days before convicting Williams on all 58 counts of conspiracy, harboring and transporting for agreeing to drive the illegal immigrants from South Texas to Houston in

The more than 70 immigrants packed into the airtight trailer clawed desperately at the insulation, broke out the taillights and screamed for help as the heat climbed inside. Nineteen suffocated or died of heat or dehydration.

#### MEDICAL

## Newer Glaxo drug slows diabetes but weight gain, heart risks a concern

(AP) — A newer drug appeared to delay the progression of the most common form of diabetes a little longer than two older medications but also raised the risk of heart problems, weight gain and fractures, a large study has found.

The results, along with the higher cost of the new drug, suggest that metformin, sold as Glucophage and other brands, should remain the first choice for newly diagnosed patients with Type 2 diabetes, several specialists said.

Avandia, by GlaxoSmithKline PLC, did a better job of controlling blood-sugar problems than the two older drugs, according to the study of 4,360 newly diagnosed patients. After five years, only 15 percent of those taking Avandia, or rosiglitazone, had to add a second drug to treat their disease compared with 21 percent of those taking metformin and 34 percent taking glyburide, sold as Micronase, Diabeta and other names, the study found.

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**OUR WORD** 

# Save the Strip

he issues surrounding Carbondale and its Halloween celebrations have spread over a four-decade period.

Periods of peace in relation to these festive occasions have always given way to years of riots, mass arrests and tons of bad publicity for the city. Since Halloween night in the year 2000, when riots on the Strip had to be contained with tear gas from the police, those in town during that time of the year have seen that vital part of the social scene become a ghost town.

Fortunately for those who have resented this decision by our local government, the time has come for the Carbondale City Council to think over its restrictions on bars and other Strip businesses during Halloween. A report on the city's Halloween restrictions was requested earlier this year by Mayor Brad Cole and is scheduled for discussion at tonight's City Council meeting.

In the interest of fairness and the spirit of good fun, an opposition to

the restrictions should be made, or at least some sort of manageable middle ground that could make the Strip functional and still safe.

In years past, Halloween in Carbondale has gone from a freewheeling street party to an organized city event with stops everywhere in between. SIUC has tried to do its part by establishing midsemester breaks during Halloween week, but nothing has curbed mischief during the end of October better than closing the bars on the Strip. It wouldn't be surprising to see the restrictions extended for another several years — the last thing that Carbondale or SIUC wants is to have everything open for Halloween 2007 and see another headline-grabbing incident on the Strip.

From the 32-page report that will be deliberated today: "Carbondale and SIUC cannot afford new negative publicity for a problem Halloween. The community has invested six years into having success at Halloween; one bad year

would render that success moot." Yes, it would, but are we so sure the students of this university and the residents of this city are so willing to throw the goodwill of recent years away and put Halloween in Carbondale back into a dark age?

There is a chance of seeing relaxed restrictions, but the bars could still be affected. For instance, they wouldn't be open after sunset, but is that enough? There is a middle ground to be found to this issue, but there's no chance of it coming to fruition with only this report to go on.

Like SIUC on a bigger stage, the University of Wisconsin and the city of Madison have had their share of Halloween riots in which, for the past four years, police have had to use pepper spray to detain out-of-control crowds. This year an estimated 35,000 partiers spent their time having fun but with a strong police presence and an admission fee charged by the city. With those actions, Madison saw 300 fewer arrests during Halloween weekend. It

has to be noted as well that the town saw 45,000 less people attend their Halloween outings.

One of those who showed up happened to be from SIUC. Senior Tom Berringer was quoted in an Associated Press story about Madison's Halloween and was quoted as saying he thought it would be "more chaotic."

Those who are affected by this issue, those who plan to spend many more Halloweens in Carbondale, should attend tonight's meeting and let the council know how much of a reality a tasteful Halloween celebration is in Carbondale because they don't believe it right now.

Carbondale has recognized the economic hurt that the Halloween shutdown has meant to Strip businesses, and the report shows a willingness to make payments to the bars that have to close. Even if the ban isn't immediately lifted, perhaps the council can find it within itself to slowly allow students to experience Halloween freedom once again.

STUDENT COLUMNIST

# The party school blues

ANDY FRUTH



Last time I checked, I don't recall traditionally academic institutions having a cumulative student GPA of 2.72.

As much as the university doesn't want to talk about it, SIU has a rich tradition of being one of the most rowdy, rambunctious party schools he was there when they pulled the goal posts in '83 and threw into the lake after SIU had just the I-AA football championship

in the Midwest. It has even gained national attention of people who claim the Salukis were among the nation's elite when it came to partying harder than everyone else.

I know when I told people back home in Freeport, six hours from here, that I was going down to Carbondale for college, the most common response from just about everyone was, "Are you going down there to party, or are you going down there to go to school?" One guy even told me that Carbondale was "the best seven years of his life" and reminisced about how he was there when they pulled down the goal posts in '83 and threw them into the lake after SIU had just won the I-AA football championship.

In 1987, Playboy magazine ranked SIU the 17th best party school in the country ahead of Texas, LSU, Florida and even that university up I-57 in Champaign that still refuses to play us in basketball and football. More recently in 2002, SIU received an honorable mention in the poll, but its status as being among the top 20 had dropped significantly.

Over the past few years, the university has been attempting to shed the whole "party school" image and is now aspiring to be one among the top research institutions in the country. It's as if administrators woke up one day and decided all of a sudden that we are going to be this great research institution. Last time I checked, I

don't recall traditionally academic institutions having a cumulative student GPA of 2.72.

I think we all need to admit to ourselves that, outside of a few select programs, most students aren't choosing SIU for academic reasons. They come here because it's cheap, it's just far enough from home, and there's always something to do any night of the week.

That has to be a tough pill to swallow — what the school has to offer won't be attracting Rhodes Scholars anytime soon. Instead, the social atmosphere of Carbondale is attracting the state's and region's best drunkards and alcoholics.

We should all be comforted that at

least there still are parts of the party school left on campus. Of course, they're the part of campus that's falling apart because they haven't been updated since 1971. With so much calculated neglect on campus, you almost wonder who was doing more partying, the university administrators or the students?

As long as the rest of the state views us as a giant cocktail party down south, we're never going to get away from the party school stigma. It shouldn't be a big shock that enrollment is down over the past few years. When you try to take the party out of the party school, the partiers go elsewhere, along with their tuition money.

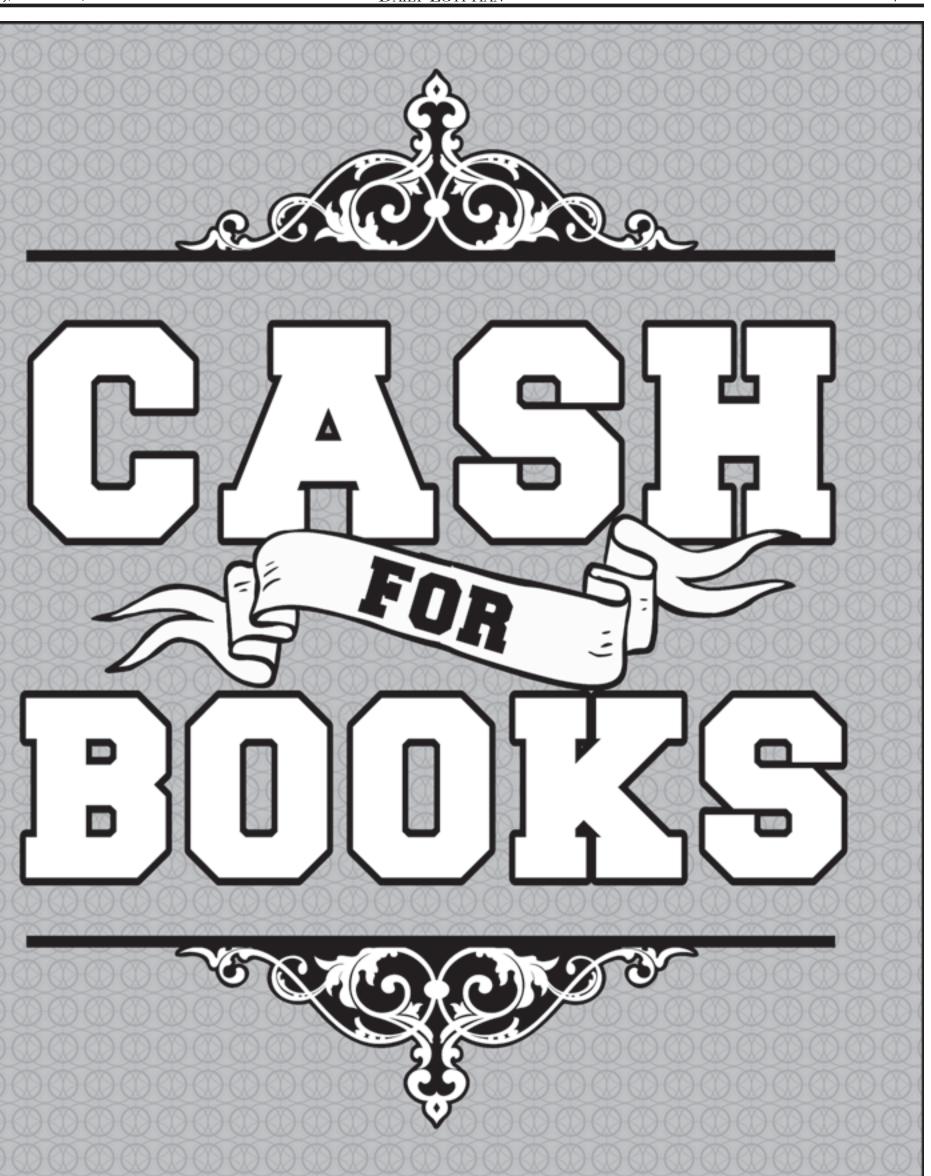
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# Would you like pottery with that?

**David Lopez** DAILY EGYPTIAN

For some home-style cooking in a comfortable and relaxed atmosphere without having to take a trip home, look no further than the Helen Celeste Mabus Pottery Studio and Restaurant.

The restaurant, located on 1525 Walnut St., in Murphysboro, instantly brings to mind images of a cozy family gathering as soon as customers walk through the archways leading to any one of the restaurant's dining rooms.

Helen Mabus started the restaurant with her husband Merrill Mabus and their son Kory. The restaurant, which offers healthy, homemade dishes, also doubles as Helen Mabus' pottery stu-

Patrons can come to the restaurant to dine or peruse the many works of pottery on the walls, which range from teakettles to mugs to plates. The pottery is all made in-house and ranges in price from \$15 to \$150.

The Mabus' decided to open the unique restaurant a few months ago when they noticed the old Essek house had been vacant for years.

The Essek house is one of the oldest homes in Murphysboro, having survived the Dec. 18, 1957, series of tornadoes that leveled most of the town.

"It was a lot of work," said Helen Mabus. "It took months and months of hard work."

The house, which had fallen into disrepair in the five years it was vacant, was restored by the Mabus' themselves. They spackled and painted the chipped

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- Matt Arms a 2006 SIUC graduate from Murphysboro

walls, replaced the leaky roof and restored water-stained ceilings to their

Kory Mabus, a senior from Carlinville studying creative writing and English, usually manages the restaurant. He lives in the upper level of the Essek house.

"It's a good place to bring a date without a bar being involved," Kory

Though the restaurant has only been open for a little more than a week, it has already earned its share of loyal

Julie Shaldemore works for Ozburn Insurance Agency in Murphysboro. She and her co-workers have ordered carryout from the restaurant on several occasions.

"It's delicious," Shaldemore said. "You can tell everything is homemade — it's very tasty."

Aside from the food, Shaldemore said she found the atmosphere and hospitality of the restaurant very endear-

"The owners are probably some of the friendliest and sweetest people you can meet," she said.

Along with pottery, the restaurant offers musical acts. There is no house band or set schedule of performers



MAX BITTLE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Helen Mabus, owner of HCM Studio, 1525 Walnut St., and her husband Merrill opened up the pottery studio and restaurant last week in Murphysboro. Helen has been throwing pottery for 12 years.

yet, but Kory Mabus' drum kit sits in the middle of the restaurant. He and another musically inclined family friend play it every once in a while.

The Mabus' are currently working on building a house band or establishing some regular musicians to play on weekends. They are considering speaking to the instructors in the music department at SIUC to help them find some students who would be inter-

"We're mainly looking for violin-

ists or acoustic guitar players," Kory Mabus said. "Basically anything that isn't plugged into an amp."

The restaurant also happens to be Wi-Fi connected, so any patrons who want to bring their laptops to browse the Internet can do so.

Matt Arms, a 2006 SIUC graduate from Murphysboro, said he stops by the Helen Celeste Mabus Studio every once in a while after he went in last week and fell in love with the Italian beef sandwich.

"This is definitely a place where I can just come in and hang out," Arms said. "This is one of the more perfect atmospheres for studying."

The Helen Celeste Mabus Pottery Studio and Restaurant is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for lunch and from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. for dinner.

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Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21 - Today is a 4 - You'll be buying and selling rapidly, if you want to make a huge profit. The possibility is there. Be decisive and move quickly.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - You're in for some tough criticism. Luckily, you're in a good mood. Listen respectfully, and use the parts that will actually work.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 4 - As you get further into this project, you'll find all is not as you expected. Of course, now that you know that, you can have fewer expectations.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 9 - Tempers have cooled in some ways, and the climate has warmed up in others. Nobody's changed their minds, but everybody's laughing.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 5 - Don't do a private project on company time. Nothing but grief will result, for you and everyone else.

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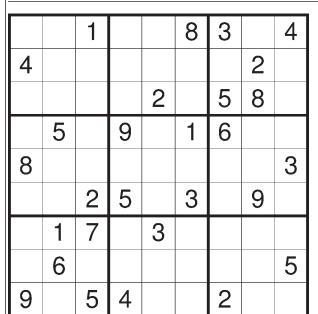
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restaurant - "WAITERS"

# Tired Saluki picks up his teammates at U.S. Open

Hedo finishes 16th overall in two events

Matt Hartwig
Daily Egyptian

Without any expectations, sophomore swimmer Dennis Hedo found his chance to make a mark on the SIU swimming and diving team.

When the seedings were handed out before the U.S. Open, Hedo was picked to finish no better than 46th in any event.

But of the six members of the Saluki team who attended the three-day meet, Hedo shined with a pair of 16th place finishes in the 50- and 200-meter freestyles.

Head swimming and diving coach Rick Walker said Hedo was by far the most impressive performer from the weekend-long event — especially after coming off an exhausting month.

"This has been a crazy month for him because he's been trying to keep up grades in addition to a slew of competitions," Walker said. "It really shows how hard he's been working lately, and it was good to see him step up."

Hedo competed in the Missouri Dual Challenge, the Northwestern Invitational and a national team time trial in Sweden in addition to the U.S. Open. The four events came one after another for a month straight.

In his efforts to qualify for the Swedish national team, Hedo finished fourth in the 200-freestyle.

Hedo said he was tired going into the U.S. Open but was able to shake off the exhaustion because of his competitive nature.

"I love going out there and competing against all the top swimmers in the world," Hedo said. "Despite feeling fatigued, I went out there and did much better than expected."

Hedo's time of 1:54.38 in the 200-freestyle and 23.89 in the 50-freestyle weren't his best of the season but got the job done.

He gave some hope to a struggling

teammate as well.

Junior Stephen Ackermann had a rough weekend. He didn't qualify for the finals in any of his three events and said he suffered two asthma attacks while in competition.

Ackermann is a chronic asthmatic but hadn't had an attack all season. Despite the issue, Ackermann finished the race with his teammates.

Ackermann said watching Hedo compete makes him want to push limits.

"It's inspiring to watch Dennis go on such short rest and do so well," Ackermann said. "When I had my asthma attacks, I still finished the race because I want to be strong in front of everyone."

Hedo, Alex Marrucho, Antonio Santoro and Ackermann combined to finish 14th in the 400-meter freestyle relay with a time of 3:35.28

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# Cards sign Carp to five-year deal

Jimmy Golen
The Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — St. Louis Cardinals general manager Walt Jocketty looked at the price of pitching on the free-agent market and decided to throw his money at a guy he already had.

The Cardinals announced a five-year deal with 2005 NL Cy Young Award winner Chris Carpenter on Monday, locking him up through the 2011 season for about \$65 million. The deal also includes a club option for 2012 that would bring the total value to \$77 million.

"It was important for us to show what we think of him," Jocketty said on the first day of baseball's winter meetings.

Carpenter was 15-8 with a 3.09 ERA last season, finishing third in Cy Young balloting and helping the Cardinals win their first World Series title in 24 years. He was 3-1 with a 2.78 ERA in five postseason starts, including the clincher in the division series against the Padres and eight shutout innings in game three of the World Series against the Tigers.

St. Louis has made the playoffs in each of his three years there, reaching the World Series twice.

"This is a place you're going to have an opportunity to win every year," Carpenter said during a conference call with reporters stationed at the meetings outside of Orlando. "Winning the World Series is the best feeling I've ever had playing sports. I'd love to do it again."

Carpenter had been signed for \$7 million in 2007 with a \$9 million option for '08. But with pitchers such as Adam Eaton getting more than \$8 million per year from the Phillies, Carpenter might have made more if he pitched out his contract and hit the free-agent market

"I don't know how much is

enough," he said. "I'm comfortable here, my family's comfortable here, and we have an opportunity to win here."

Carpenter led the NL with a 1.81 ERA at home last season, and was tied for the league lead with three shutouts overall. In three years with St. Louis, he is 51-18 with a 3.10 ERA in 93 starts and the Cardinals are 65-27, a winning percentage of .707, during that span.

His 36 victories the last two seasons are tied for first in the major leagues with Jon Garland of the Chicago White Sox.

"Chris is one of the elite pitchers in all of baseball," Cardinals chairman William O. DeWitt said. "In addition to becoming just the second Cardinal to win a Cy Young Award, Chris has been the leader of our pitching staff and we are pleased that he will continue in that role for the next five seasons."

The Cardinals signed Carpenter as a free agent in 2003 even though he was recovering from shoulder surgery, and he missed that entire season. He rewarded them with a 15-win season in 2004 before a biceps injury knocked him out of the postseason.

"Ît's an honor. It's nice to know they believe in me this much to keep me around for five more years," he said. "Any security is good security, no matter how long it is. Getting here from the situation I've been in, it's a great feeling. It lets you relax and concentrate on what you need to do, and that's relax and pitch. There's no other worry."

Jocketty said taking a chance on Carpenter and Jeff Suppan made the championship possible. Suppan, the MVP of the NL championship series, was originally signed for two years and \$6

"We wouldn't have had the success we've had if we hadn't signed those guys," he said.

#### **M**EDIACOM

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"Mediacom has offered compensation in several proposals, and we need to continue to reach the kind of agreement Sinclair will accept," Peters said. "In negotiations, you strive to close a gap between two parties, and that's what we're doing."

Sinclair did not return multiple calls for comment, but Sinclair Vice President and general counsel Barry Faber said in a written statement released Thursday the gap was "wide enough that we are not optimistic in getting a deal done."

Peters disagreed and said the implementation of an extension shows progress.

#### Mediacom vs. Sinclair

Sept. 28 Sinclair sends written notice to Mediacom detailing intention to pull stations on Dec. 1 at 12:01 a.m.

Nov. 30 Mediacom runs ads detailing Sinclair's position. Sinclair soon counters with similar ads.

Oct. 31 Mediacom and Sinclair announce negotiation extension.

Jan. 5 New deadline for negotiations between Mediacom and Sinclair.

"I'm very optimistic that we will reach an agreement," she said. "Obviously, if we don't have permission, we can't carry those stations, but that would be very rare, and I think the extension shows that both parties, are willing to work even harder than we have before to come up with a reasonable and fair agreement that is in the public interest."

Both parties have run advertisements locally to make customers aware of the situation. Mediacom's ads urge its customers to call local station managers and tell them to "Be Fair, Sinclair."

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#### **DELIVERY**

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Skyler Cavallo, a freshman from Gillespie studying aviation, said he would consider taking advantage of the service.

"I'm lazy, and I don't have a vehicle or a bike either," Cavallo said.

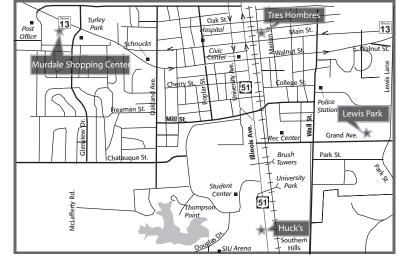
But Avis Jacobs, a senior from Peoria studying forestry, wasn't so excited by the idea of hiring a delivery boy.

"First off, I'm capable of doing things myself. Besides, you can only carry so much on a bike," Jacobs said. "With a car you can get a couple refrigerators full of groceries instead of what, a few bags with a bike?"

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#### Drop zone for On The Fly Delivery

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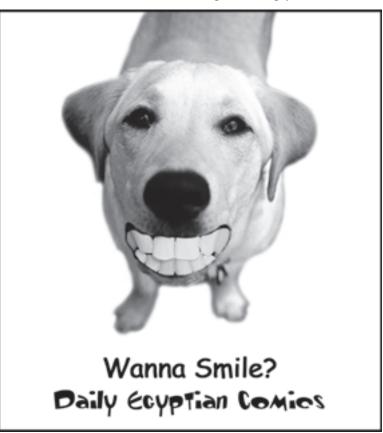
Many buildings on campus remain unlocked until 10 or 11 p.m., and Sigler said this could have provided Maman Maman entrance. He said Maman Maman worked as a student custodian and could have gained access to the buildings in nat way.

Since 2005, Maman Maman has faced nearly a dozen felonies and misdemeanors, with charges including criminal trespass, unauthorized computer access and resisting a peace officer, among others, according to Jackson County court records.

He is set for a Jan. 2 jury trial for

previous charges and is scheduled for a Dec. 21 preliminary hearing in regard to the textbook thefts.

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SIU FOOTBALL

In their second-round playoff loss to Montana, the Salukis

gained 129 yards on offense, including 37 passing yards and 92 rushing yards. All three

totals are the lowest for SIU this

limited to just seven first downs

in the game — another low for

the season — en route to the

20-3 defeat.

season. The Salukis were also

**STATS OF THE WEEK** 

## Saluki Insio

With the San Francisco Giants not offering Barry Bonds arbitration, Bonds is now on the market and for a new team. Bonds sits just 21 home runs away from breaking Hank Aaron's home-run record. Which team will Bonds play for next season, and will he break the record with that team?



JORDAN WILSON jordan\_wilson@

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"Everyone's thinking Oakland, so I'll just jump on that ship. This late in his career, I doubt he'll be gung-ho about moving halfway across the country. I can't believe Bonds is this close to breaking the record. I just watched 'Rookie of the Year' the other day, and Bonds looked like he weighed about a buck-20."

"Barry Bonds will break the record before the all-star break. He will break it with an American League team so he can be the DH. My guess at this point is the Oakland A's, who are looking for a DH after Frank Thomas split for Toronto. The A's also make sense because they are just across bridge from San Fran."



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"I predict Bonds will hit No. 756 within a month of the all-star break, but as for the uniform he'll be wearing, I have no clue. Oakland makes the most sense because he's got a nice cocoon in the Bay Area, where people like him, as opposed to everywhere else, where they hate him."

Do you have questions for the Saluki Banter that you want answered?

E-mail de\_editor@dailyegyptian.com

Women's Basketball

# Sweet home South Alabama

Scott Mieszala DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU women's basketball team looks to keep rolling tonight against the University of South Alabama after winning a nail-biter to begin a stretch of four straight road games.

The Salukis are coming off two hard-fought wins that head coach Dana Eikenberg called ugly and a dogfight.

SIU (3-4) hopes to build on its two-game winning streak against the Lady Jaguars (3-4). The game will be in Mobile, Ala., and will begin at 7 p.m.

"It's not an easy road," Eikenberg said "It's a tough road, and our defense is going to carry us through it."

The Salukis' defense was on display Saturday against Weber State University — especially in the first half. SIU held the Wildcats to 23 points in the first frame en route to a 69-65 victory.

The defense's strong first half was a continuation from SIU's Nov. 29 win over Austin Peay State University — a 58-41 win in which the Salukis held the Lady Governors to 11 first-half points.

Despite the recent strong play, Eikenberg said SIU can't afford to overlook the Lady Jaguars.

"South Alabama will be very athletic," Eikenberg said. "We're going to have to be very disciplined. We bothered them last year with some switching and some traps.'

Last season, the Salukis trounced South Alabama, 82-61, scoring 29 points off of 24 forced turnovers.

SIU also out rebounded the Lady Jaguars, 36-32, in the 2005 game. In Saturday's win over Weber State, the Salukis won the battle on the boards, 36-24.

Eikenberg said rebounding will be one of the keys in tonight's matchup.

"We're going to have to continue to board," Eikenberg said. "It's a critical game for us, and we've got to have the same kind of effort and



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Erin Pauk passes the ball around Austin Peay State University's Kellea Reeves, left, and Ashley McGee during Wednesday's game at the SIU

also get a little bit more out of our post play."

Eikenberg said the Salukis had "a sense of purpose offensively" against Weber State, keyed by junior point guard Erin Pauk.

Pauk didn't score any baskets but had a 5-to-1 assist-to-turnover ratio. Eikenberg said the game could have been Pauk's best of the season.

"We know she can do that every game," Eikenberg said. "She clearly communicated, she played great defense. It was good for her because she needed a game like that."

Pauk said she played well within her role Saturday, which is to take the shot or drive to the basket when the opportunity is there. Otherwise, she said her role is to set up the offensive and defensive sets, which

she did well Saturday.

"I was just trying to be relaxed," Pauk said. "I was really communicating with my teammates to make sure everybody knew what we were doing and just trying to be a good leader for them."

Senior forward Carlai Moore, who keyed the Salukis' offense against Weber State with 24 points, said the last two wins have provided momentum for SIU on this road trip.

"It was a great confidence boost for all the girls on the team," Moore said. "We really don't look at it as tough. We look at it as a challenge that we're willing to accept and ready to take on."

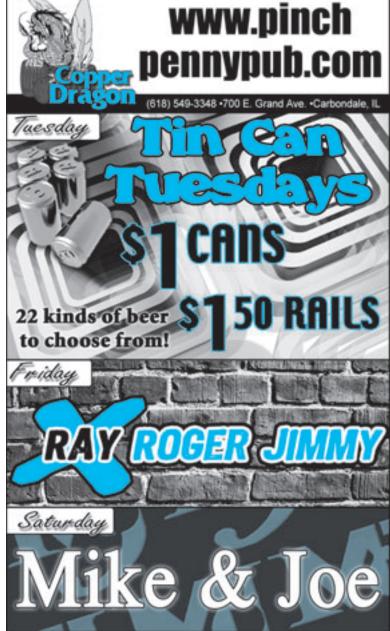
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# From the field to the classroom

New requirements have changed the way college coaches recruit

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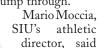
t won't be the same when SIU coaches hit the recruiting trail this year.

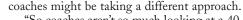
Suddenly, prospects' English courses will be measured comparably with their athletic prowess.

A new rule that takes effect with 2008 recruits requires prospective collegiate athletes complete 16 core courses in high school to become eligible to play in Division I sports. The old regulation, which will be ousted after the 2007 recruiting class, required 14 core courses.

Saluki coaches looking to get a head start on 2008 recruits have taken notice of the vast changes — the

already hectic world of recruiting just added another flaming hoop for coaches and recruiters to jump through.





"So coaches aren't so much looking at a 40-yard dash time or a jump shot," Moccia said. "Now they're looking at the academic credentials of

Chris Lowery is in the process of doing just that.

The third-year men's basketball coach is in the thick of his 2008 recruiting. Lowery has already finished next year's recruiting class and has seen the change while searching for prospective players to man his 2008

It's become more of a gamble now.

Will Player X finish that fourth year of English? Does Player Y have enough core classes offered at his or her high school?

Lowery said it's these types of scenarios that have altered his recruiting philosophies.

"It makes you have to recruit a different kid," he said. "It makes you have to put a kid who's talented enough on hold who may not have enough core courses."



Going from 14 to 16 required courses can't be devastating — two courses is chump change, right?

On the contrary.

Requiring an extra year of mathematics and an extra year of an additional course — which can come from any core area — is a substantial increase in workload.

Case in point: Out of about 320 student-athletes at SIU, compliance director Christian Spears said only 19 would comply with the new requirement of 16 core courses. Of course, current collegiate student-athletes don't have to worry about such requirements, as the 2008 class is the first class to be affected.

Yet, the discrepancy of compliance, one Spears called "scary staggering," shows the stark shift in recruiting that will ensue.

Spears admitted the transition won't come without

There's a cloud of confusion at the high school level concerning what is a core course and what is not. To make matters worse, most universities hold different requirements than the NCAA bears. Simply put, a specific class might be considered a core course by a certain university but not by the NCAA. At the same rate, an NCAA-certified core class might not be recognized by a certain university.

That's where the perplexity sets in.

Spears said some high schools don't know the intricacies of the new guidelines. Some might not have an updated list of NCAA certified core courses, while Spears said others don't even know the password to check their current list on file.

"It's kind of sad," Spears said. "There's still some schools in the dark ages. What do you do?"

#### **Schooling the School**

Ensuring recruits comply with the 16-course requirement is not an easy task; lapses can stem from the high school's lack of adherence.

SIU football coach Jerry Kill said the issue isn't at the collegiate level. He understands the core course change. It's not to Kill's advantage — his coaching colleagues across the country have grasped it also.

It's the high schools — in particular, Kill said, high school counselors — that have to adjust.

"Some counselors and some schools may not understand it," Kill said. "Then the parents don't understand it, and you have all kinds of problems.'

Spears is taking an external approach to keeping those problems away from the SIU Athletic Department.

He's teaching the schools how to teach.

Spears said he's traveled to high schools throughout southern Illinois, including Marion, Mount Vernon and Murphysboro. SIU is also hosting a conference Dec. 20 to educate high school athletic directors on

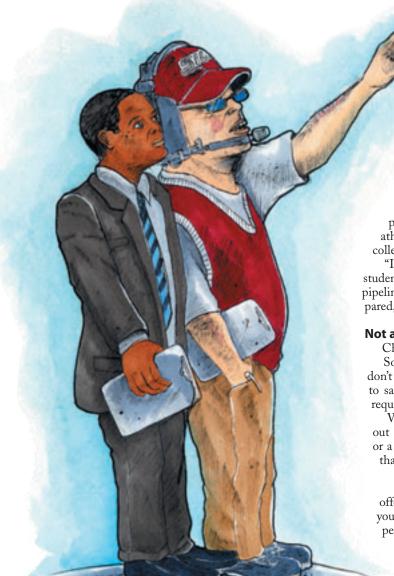
Moccia said such action is necessary to ensure SIU recruits come in with a clean academic bill.

But in the end, Moccia said the burden would be on the Athletic Department to ensure high schools are doing their part to make a smooth transition for recruits into the college classroom.

Before the Salukis start instructing their highly touted recruits, they must first teach the high schools a

"You would think that every school in the country would automatically know that there is a new rule change in core classes," Moccia said. "That may not be the case especially if you're in a more rural school that's not producing Division I athletes on a regular basis."

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Doug Elgin, the commissioner of the Missouri Valley Conference, said there will undoubtedly be an adjustment period until high schools, colleges and recruits can all be on the same page.

Elgin said there would be an adjustment period until the academic incongruity lessens; the requirement might have an adverse effect on some until the word gets spread properly.

In the meantime, 16 core courses exemplify the NCAA's prerogative - incoming studentathletes will be better prepared for a college workload.

"It will definitely send a message to students that are coming up through the pipeline that they have to be better prepared," Elgin said.

#### Not a perfect world

Chris Lowery calls it a flaw.

Some high schools, Lowery says, don't offer ample classes for students to satisfy the recently passed 16-course requirement.

Why should one of the recruits shell out his own money for an online class or a class at a community college to get that 16th core course?

Lowery doesn't get it.

"Kids in smaller schools who only offer 14 or 15 core courses, what do you tell them?" Lowery said. "You're penalizing their school system because

they can't afford to have those types of cores."