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Moore guilty of armed robbery

Marleen Truitt  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

MURPHYSBORO — A jury convicted a Carbondale man of armed robbery Tuesday for his role in plotting a holdup that led to the death of Midwest Cash manager Lucinda L. Catanzano.

Omer J. Moore, 20, was found guilty after the jury deliberated for 25 minutes after Moore took the stand in his defense.

Moore told jurors he was under the influence of marijuana and alcohol on the day of the robbery.

The most damaging testimony came in the form of Moore's videotaped confession, recorded hours after the March 24 robbery at the Carbondale Police station. Moore drove alleged p反感es Christopher Andrews and Robert Canton to the SIU Credit Union across the street from the Midwest Cash, 1200 W. Main St. This followed several conversations with the two involving robbing the store, and a previous visit to the business that he had previously robbed.

Jackson County State's Attorney Mike Wespinc said allowing the jury to view Moore's confession helped them discern whether drugs and alcohol were a factor in the case.

"He was not as unable to understand things as he claimed to be," Wespinc said. Moore's defense was that he didn't believe Canton and Andrews when they spoke about robbing the pawn shop.

"I didn't take them seriously," Moore repeated throughout his testimony. But Wespinc said passing across the street from Midwest Cash implicated Moore as the getaway driver.

"When you take somebody to a store, you don't drop them off across the street," Wespinc said.

Free Fallin'

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Bost says small town good enough for now

Wendy Lembirdo  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

When Mike was a young man, he could not understand why he had to learn about the government. He often wondered what the government was doing, and that little boy grew up to be Rep. Mike Bost, who not only understands but takes an active part in the political process.

"My old teacher still come up to me and laugh about how I used to hate learning about government," Bost said.

Bost, R-Murphysboro, announced that he would continue his involvement and seek a fifth term in the state legislature last week.

During the seven years Bost has served as a Southern Illinois representative, he has been instrumental in developing legislation to bring coal mining jobs back to the region. He has also moved to improve the state's education system.

"We have made great strides in bringing jobs into Southern Illinois with the coal bill, but we also have to put down on education," Bost said.

The coal bill that was signed last summer is already beginning to impact the region. New mines are scheduled to open in Equality and Galatia, as well as mines in Northern Illinois.

Bost also secured the baseline funding for schools across the state. He said the funding gives districts schools equal footing with those in more affluent areas of the state.

This fall, rumors swirled that Bost was in the running for a higher office, but he ruled that out.

"I'm not going to write off any possibilities to win, just trying to do a good job," Bost said.

In saying there was a need, he spoke of the strong push that has been gathering momentum since the terrorist attacks.

"With the slow down in the economy, there are going to be budget short falls," Bost said. "It will require us to make cuts in the budget.

Bost said he will enjoy the campaigning to come, but the negativity that some candidates bring into the race sometimes makes the job unpleasant.

"I love the people and going out and talking to them about the issues, but some people bring in negative stunts and it is hard on me and my family," Bost said.

Bost was re-elected in November 2000 and said his wife was the one that pushed him into the running in the first place.

"There was a problem at the local level in 1984 that I read about in the newspaper, it made me so upset, and my wife said they should go and try to win, so I decided to get involved," Bost said.

"I was not until his second run for state representative that he was victorious."

BOT likely to vote 'yes' on research position

New title will clarify provost as No. 2 position

Molly Parker  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The University is expected to have a provost with a shorter job title and a new administrative position after the Board of Trustees meeting Thursday.

The board will vote to approve changing the current provost of vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and provost to simply vice chancellor and provost. The job description will not change.

The provost oversees the university's academic mission, handling tenure and promotion of faculty, the academic budget and recruitment and retention methods.

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German troops to join war on terror
To back Germany’s pledge of solidarity with the United States, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder has offered up to 3,900 troops to help the United States combat terrorism. According to Schroeder, Germany is not asked to supply ground troops. However, they will supply help in combating chemical, biological and nuclear weapons; train locals to protect shipping routes; mediate in air transport and special forces.

The military participation is a sensitive issue for Germany, which requires parliamentary approval of any military troop deployment beyond the United Nations. In the event of US involvement, the Northern Alliance has said they would support the constitution of its own security forces. However, many predicted the war could stand to jeopardize

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Cleaning between the teeth of comedy

Improv comedy group to perform next week

By Beth Coldwell  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Six theater majors each glance from puzzled outciders as they shout in a variety of Korean and fringe illnesses in a nine hall­ way of the Communications Building. They are the rehearsing members of Community Floss, and they are completely immersed in getting a laugh — and wondering what or earth will happen next.

Community Floss, formerly Mentos Junkies, is a group that performs improvisational comedy every other Wednesday in the Christian H. Mele Laboratory Theater in the Communications Building.

The group consists of 13 actors and actresses. During their performances, they play games similar to those on "Whose Line is it Anyway?"

Les Reed, a sophomore in theater and psychology from Zion, said performing with Community Floss differs from playing roles in other productions because the material is new and fresh in every performance. They agreed that the performances are a release for both the performers and the audience.

"It is fun because it is not a lecture or a movie, it's just something you do for yourself," Reed said.

Katie Shields, a sophomore in theater from Louisville, Ky., explained that being a member of Community Floss has been an enjoyable way to develop her skills as an actress.

"We're either funny, or we make asses out of ourselves trying to be funny," Shields said.

The members of Community Floss agreed that inventing new characters spontaneously while making the performances funny can be challenging and mentally exhausting.

Shields emphasized the importance of trust among the members of the group.

"It's tough. Sometimes your faith is shaken,' Shields said.

She said she trusts her fellow actors and actresses to keep the show moving during the moments she is creating a new character and twist for the scene.

Kevin Crispin, a sophomore in theater from Monticello, said each of the members contributes equally to the games during performances. He explained that rehearsing together can be difficult, because all 13 members want to contribute new ideas and suggestions, often at the same time.

"It's like that saying, 'I bring a brick, you bring a brick and we build a house', he said. The members of the group said they are deriving this moment to focus on becoming more disciplined and learning the fundamentals and effective techniques of any type.

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International soccer club nears end of season

Approaching tournament hangs over players

By Jane Hu

Korea and Africa are in for an expedient showdown this weekend.

The International Soccer Tournament approaches the final cup games on Sunday, the match between Korea and Africa will determine the fourth semifinal qualifying team.

Siddu Hangadoumbo, president of the International Student Council, said the team's starting time and length will be discussed at a meeting today with the team captains present. Hangadoumbo is sure the game will take place in the morning.

On Saturday, team Korea and the African All-Stars will battle in our once again at Stehr Field, near William Education Building. The final score at the end determines which team joins the other qualified teams for the semifinal matches following right after the match.

Last Saturday, the match was cut short after the early sunset darkened the field, hindering play.

Though on the field, the teams are athletic rivals, Suvi Eli-Rufai, a freshman in electrical engineering, said the teams have an unbreakable bond through the shared passion for soccer.

Eli-Rufai, who came to SIUC from Nigeria, feels the passion for the Africa All-Stars and maintains a challenging game against Korea. Win or lose, he is glad to be a part of the tournament.

"I get to see how different parts of the world play the game," Eli-Rufai said.

"It's good to win, but don't take it personal.

"From noon to 4 p.m. the semifinal matches will have two sets. In the first seed, the first-ranked soccer team plays the second-ranked team. The second seed matches the third-ranked team with the fourth.

For now, team Sudan, US Victory and United are slated for the semifinal matches. At today's meeting, the semifinalists' records will be assessed to determine which teams will be the only qualifying teams in.

The final cup match will be held on Sunday at Stehr Field.

"We want people to come and support the teams," Hangadoumbo said.

Last season, the tournament was meant to strengthen the spirit of competition and sportsmanship. Furthermore, it hoped the same spirit resonates with all teams and players, finalists or not.

Even with the competitive nature of the sport, Eli-Rufai says he is determined just to be on the field doing what he enjoys.

"I've been playing soccer back from where I come from. I just love playing soccer. It's for the fun of the game."

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For more information on the soccer tournament, call the International Student Council office at 432-3294.

State comptroller to run again

Illinois State Comptroller Dan R. Herrera announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for state comptroller during a news conference Monday morning in Marion. Herrera has said he has been asked by the state's Democratic leaders to run.

Herrera has developed the Agenda for Fiscal Stability plan. The plan calls for increased spending on education, health care, infrastructure and social services.

Herrera has also been asked by the state's Democratic leaders to run.
Public officials should take the high ground

Public officials have certain responsibilities, their specific job duties being the main priority. Their responsibilities also extend to their behavior and language as public officials. The verbal jousting between Jackson County Sheriff William J. Kilquist and Jackson County Board Chairman Gary Hartlieb concerning budgetary problems within the Sheriff's department has gotten out of hand.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN reported the story Thursday, Oct. 25. In it, Kilquist was quoted to say, "They're going to piss my money away, and that burns my butt," referring to money he believes will be taken out of his budget and squandered by the board. In response to "scare tactics" Hartlieb alleges of Kilquist, Hartlieb was quoted saying, "He is being a horse's ass about this, and I'm sick of his behavior."

We are not reprinting these quotes in order to tweak an already uneasy relationship between these two gentlemen nor to be sensational. The reprinting of the quotes, and more importantly, the reasons behind why they were said helps provide our readers with background and context in order to understand our position.

No one is suggesting that public officials speak in politically correct phrases. They are human beings and have human frailties as do all of us, however, they must set a higher standard. The feelings and frustrations of both officials are understood. We simply urge them and all public officials to not allow public discussion to deteriorate into name calling and crass language.

Their positions have equal merit and deserve a public airing, but are undermined by the lack of self restraint and basic respect. We are advocating civility, not censorship of our public officials. Kilquist and Hartlieb are not the only culprits, This type of personal back-and-forth wrangling is seen in mostly all levels of government — local, state and federal.

The public is tired of seeing their officials acting like children. Politics should be about improving public discourse, not contributing to its decline. That type of discourse is distracting. People will become more interested in the fight rather than the issues at the center of the disagreement.

The media will do its job to present the conflict and all its dynamics. The media cannot act as the verbal police. No one else should have to either. Our officials are capable of disagreeing with one another passionately without calling each other names. Don't resort to childish behavior. There's enough room in the sandbox for everyone.

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The fresh, autumn air was enough to make me jump out and inspect my battered car, "you NIGGER."

I, then, thought for a moment, is race that important to the identity of Africans in America, or am I and my recently attacked blackness discredited as an alternative to "stopping.

Hey, Steve, stand back. This guy's going to blow!

Monday morning, on my way to class, I stopped at the bank to make a quick deposit. The fresh, summer air was enough to make me decide to walk inside, rather than take the usual drive-up window approach.

However, as I parked my non-payment-allowed car and began maneuvering through my purse for a checkbook, a loud THUNK jolted my attention. I looked up, started, and saw a man climbing out of his illegally parked vehicle beside me. He unevenly pulled himself up a ramp and began weaving in a broad new dent on my car's shiny exterior. He weaved a nonchalant gait and hopped back into his sedan. As he took off, I jumped out and inspected my battered car, beautiful no longer.

Nothing. He had recognized his description and was able to give me his name, but advised me to take care in my pursuit of reimbursement, as this man suffers from chronic paranoia. I want to send an open letter to the police station where I was told essentially the same thing. The officer was familiar with the man's situation, and informed me that because he was handicapped and not in charge of his own money, the city owned any financial negligence. It turns out, because the vehicle was not moving when he created my car, this insurance is not directly responsible. And the officer said that because he was sure this poor "handicapped" man had no intent to destroy my side panel, I shouldn't pursue reimbursement anymore. After all, he didn't mean to screw me ever, and the man had enough problems and obstacles on his own, being a victim of the disease. T is too enough, but if parents neglect them, it would be less excused despite the fact that they didn't mean to be actual killers. I don't presume to say my assistant is of the same caliber as a situation like that, but I think the same principle applies.

In no way do I mean to discriminate against handicapped drivers, but I feel like if the state sees this man fit enough to award him a driver's license, he should be as non-base to the police stations when it comes to any collisions. While my insurance agent and I are still weeding out the red-tape involved, I would like to remind Mr. Curry that should this be the case that their speech, racist and ignorant. At what point did we not become the experts of our own experience? This is truly the battle. Who tells who to believe about themselves? This is what the Sept. 11 tragedy is, this is what the University is and this is what life is for an African.

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Microscopic dust particles might threaten public health

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BALTIMORE (U-WIRE) - In the near future, researchers and scientists expect to observe microscopic particles in the air.

Environmental scientists long have known of this threat and have spent years studying the physics of these particles, which are so small that they can be seen by eye only with the help of a microscope. These particles, called nanoparticles, are formed when a substance is broken down into smaller pieces and can remain suspended in the air for long periods of time.

The size of the particle is very important due to the physiological structure of the lung. Starting from the small branches of the lung, these particles are transported into the blood through the capillaries and are eventually released into the bloodstream, where they can be carried to different organs and tissues.

Scientists and researchers are working together to better understand the impact of these particles on human health. Some nanoparticles can penetrate deep into the lungs and cause damage, while others may be absorbed into the bloodstream and travel to other parts of the body.

“Microscopic dust particles” is the term used to describe these tiny particles, which range in size from about 0.05 microns to 10 or 20 microns, where a micron is one-thousandth of a meter. Once released into the air, these particles can remain in the atmosphere for long periods of time, and they can be transported by wind and weather patterns for miles or even thousands of miles.

The health effects of these particles are not well understood, but they are believed to pose a serious risk to public health. Some studies have linked the exposure to nanoparticles to respiratory problems, cardiovascular disease, and even cancer.

In short, the threat posed by microscopic dust particles is a matter of great concern for scientists and public health officials. It is important to continue research in this area to better understand the impact of these particles and to develop strategies to mitigate the risk they pose to human health.

Man sentenced in attempt to poison surgeon

Two weeks later, Mettetal resigned from the neurosurgery residency program at VUMC and completed his final year of residency in neurosurgery.

“Obviously, Dr. Mettetal harbored some deep resentment towards Dr. Allan, and his resignation was part of a broader attempt to damage the reputation of the neurosurgery program,” said John Flavin, assistant director of News & Public Affairs. “When doctors feel that their rights are not respected by their colleagues, it can lead to serious conflicts and even violence.”

Two weeks after Mettetal resigned, he was convicted of attempted second-degree murder, a felony charge.

Mettetal never returned to VUMC after his resignation and was never seen again.

“After he resigned, Mettetal disappeared without a trace,” said Dr. David Harrison, head of the pathology department at VUMC.

“Unfortunately, we have no idea what happened to him after he left the hospital.”

The case of Dr. Mettetal raises important questions about the role of the medical community in preventing violence and protecting patients. It is crucial for doctors and hospitals to take proactive steps to address issues of violence and to provide a safe and supportive environment for all healthcare workers.

“Healthcare workers deserve to work in a safe and healthy environment,” said carrots, a protective measure that doctors use to prevent injuries to patients.

“Any time a healthcare worker is hurt, it is a serious concern for the entire medical community.”

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First things first: they don't spit. (At least not often.)

Secondly, the llamas tend to be more similar to cats than humans. The curious and cautious animals creep up to strangers and gently sniff their visitors, but are quick to turn away in impatience to avoid movement. "They don't go around spitting just for fun," said Bunny Shupe, owner of the 18 animals who reside at Drury Lane Llamas, 598 Drury Road.

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Llama lovers appear to abound in Southern Illinois, Shupe being just one of many. Shupe said she began raising llamas because of their clean, gentle and intelligent nature. The South American natives are trained to carry up to 250 pounds, but in North America, they are most commonly seen as domesticated pets. Shupe's farm, established in 1990, includes services and sales of Peruvian, Chilean, Bolivian and North American offspring.

Shupe calls the animals "therapeutic.

"They just make you feel good," she said, as she eyed her "Chimpanzee Bay Retriever," Daisy, playing with her head of llamas. And pets they are. While Shupe also uses her llamas commercially for breeding and wool sales, others in Southern Illinois keep them only as companions. Dale Burns, owner of six of the animals, says his llamas "are his stress busters."

"We love these guys," he said as he watched one llama, Lucy Lou, greet the camera. Above: Bunny gives one llama the injection while Bill holds it down.

Shupe's husband, Bill, comforts his llama after it received a routine immunization injection.

Above: Bunny gives one llama the injection while Bill holds it down.
breeding. The names vary from Dolly Llama to Thundercloud and Godiva, Bocardo and Ziek.

"When they get to know you, they get to know their name," Shupe said. "Although it's a herd, it's not like a bunch of beef cattle. It's more one on one."

Bruns said one of the best things about owning a llama is the easy care. Except for feeding and shots to prevent worms, the only thing he must do is clip the animals' nails occasionally. Because llamas are from a mountainous region, the soft soil and clay of Southern Illinois does not grind the nails down enough.

The llamas' wool can be used for knitting, and comes in gray, black, brown and white. Because llamas do not have hooves on their feet, many people are not allergic to it. The lanolin protects the wool from water, so llamas are often seen rolling in the dirt to acquire a shine.

Llamas, like horses, can sell from a few hundred dollars to several thousand, depending on their quality and purity of the animal.

Bruns bought his llamas from Dave Barlett, another Southern Illinois resident. Barlett, who first acquired llamas in 1994, used the animals for carrying supplies while hiking. Because llamas feel very free, they impact trails less than horses or even people.

Although they are pack animals, Barlett said llamas work with people, not for them. "Horses see humans as being their lord and master. Llamas, you can't force anything," Barlett said. "They become one with you in the sense that when you go hiking they work with you and they enjoy it."

While Barlett displayed pictures of Lucy Lou romping in the snow, he explained that llamas come from a cold climate. Llamas survive best in the temperatures between -20 and 60 degrees Fahrenheit. Southern Illinois' hot summers make electric fans and a source of water a necessary part of owning a llama farm.

Llamas are induced ovulators, which means they can get pregnant almost anytime. In fact, one of the few times a llama will spit is when warding off males while pregnant. The pregnancy lasts for 11 and a half months. The extended pregnancy makes the baby llamas less vulnerable, and upon birth they can outrun a man within three or four hours.

Shupe said watching the herd run across her eight-acre field is breathtaking.

"They put their heads down and they sail," she said. Llamas run to escape predators, but if necessary, they will fight, using their necks and chests. They will run and bump into an enemy with their strong sternum and a neck so strong it feels like a tree trunk.

Shupe said despite the fact that the animals will fight, they are gentle, especially toward people. Used for Alzheimer's patients and as guides for blind skiers in Colorado, the animals are a soothing presence for Shupe. "I could just be in the pasture all the time," Shupe said. "They're fun to watch. The very things are in the wild — it charges you up."

Top left: Bunny combs off wool from the llama for grooming. She then uses the hair for sweaters.

Top: Llamas graze near the pond of the farm.

Left: Bill holds a llama while Bunny gives it an injection.

Bunny feeds three of her llamas some grain at the farm. She says she sometimes spoils them by feeding them straight out of the can.
IN THE WAKE OF A STORM:
PUERTO LARGA, CUBA — Playa Larga resident Olga Rivera Reyes, 43, wades through water looking for her possessions on Monday, November 5, 2001, the day after Hurricane Michelle struck the island.

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WORKIN' AT THE CAR WASH: James Murphy, a senior in plant and soil science from Ellery, washes his truck at the Pump House Automatic located on East Grand on Tuesday. "I'm just enjoying the weather, going to go home and take a nap," Murphy said.
Teen mourns Afghan rebel father killed by Taliban

T.T. Pham and Lisa Fernandez

Eleventh Hour Newsletters

SAN JOSE, Calif. (KRT) — When he was 14 years old, Abdul Majeed Arsala saw his mother and brother shot to death in Pakistan. On Oct. 26, the Afghan rebel checked an Internet news site at a Union City school and learned that his father, an anti-Taliban leader, was executed while on a secret mission.

For two years, the junior Logan High School student known as Majeed had lived quietly with his cousin's family in Union City, Europe for Afghan students, few knew he was the son of Abdul Haq, a famed Afghan rebel leader.

Last Friday was a regular day for me, I went to school even though my family was worried because my father had been expected,” Majeed said.

Majeed and Sarwat Hashimi, a close friend, decided to check on the news about Haq on the Internet. Sarwat logged on and stumbled on the news. Haq had been killed. He quickly shut off the computer so his friend wouldn’t see.

But Majeed turned on his own computer and saw the headlines telling of his father’s death.

“My whole body was shaking, I left school and ran home as fast as I could,” Majeed said. Car’s drugged the street near his cousin’s house.

Afghans from all over the area had come to share the family’s sorrow and mourn over the 43-year-old Haq, sometimes called the “Lion of Afghanistan” by supporters and “Hollywood Haq” by detractors, because he sought out reputation.

“All the Afghan people are mourning for him,” Sarwat said. “His father was a great hero. His mother and brother were killed too. He’s like a brother to me. I don’t want to leave him alone. He has no parents.”

Now that Abdul Haq is dead, his serious-minded 16-year-old son’s wish to keep the family with peace to Afghanistan.

“My last words to my Uncle Daud in Pakistan were tell the United States to stop bombing Afghanistan,” said Naseem Ansari, a nephew who lives in Union City.

Years before, Haq had warned if the U.S. ever sent troops to Afghanistan, the country would become mired in yet another lengthy war.

“We have a British grave in Afghanistan. We have a Soviet grave. And then we will have an American grave.”

Abdul Haq had been a Mujahedeen since the Soviets invaded Afghanistan in 1979. On his final mission almost two weeks ago, he entered Afghanistan with lightly armed crew of nine people, including his 23-year-old nephew, Naseem, on what his family calls a “peace mission.”

The goal was to build an anti-Taliban coalition, according to James and Joseph Richie, wealthy American brothers who had grown up in Afghanistan and financed the trip.

When Haq was surrounded by the Talibs on a steep mountain road, he used a satellite phone to call Joseph Richie who shared Robert McFarlane, Ronald Reagan’s security adviser, who then informed the CIA and an official from the U.S. Central Command.

The Predator ultimately decided against a rescue. Haq was captured trying to escape on horseback. The Talibs executed Haq, hung him and then beheaded him. Although his family in Pakistan pleaded for his body, the Talibs waived him in Surkhod, the family home town.

Death is no stranger to this Afghan family, which has lost 21 members to the conflict that began with the Russian invasion 22 years ago.

On Jan. 1, 1999, while Majeed’s father was away on business, two masked men broke into the family home in Pakistan. They cut off the electricity and phone lines, and killed a bodyguard, he said.

The intruders burst into the room where Majeed, his mother, four brothers and sisters were sleeping. His mother and younger brother were shot. Majeed tried to shield his younger siblings from the grisly sight.

“God had mercy on my brothers and sisters because they have a strong heart,” said Majeed. “But we had our father.”

Some say the deaths were business-related, while others say it was the Talibs. The family is not saying whom it suspects.

Near a juvenile at Logan, Majeed is a member of the Afghan Student Union and loves listening to Afghan folk music, a passion he shares with his father.
Confederate flag brings vandalism to dorm room

U. Missouri student with rebel flag in window loses TV

ADDIE BROYLES
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COLU.MBIA, Mo. (U-WIRE) - Since Matthew Pitts put up a confederate flag in his window in September, he has seen a lot of controversy surrounding it. But he did not think the negative response would reach the point it did this weekend.

He said vandals came into his unlocked room in University of Missouri's Gillett Hall Saturday night or early Sunday morning, took three-fourths of the flag and threw Pitts' 19-inch TV out the window.

"It was definitively due to the flag," Pitts said.

Both Pitts, a freshman, and his roommate, sophomore Joe Naumann, were out of town Saturday night,, and Naumann was the first to reach the room after the incident.

"I knew something was wrong when I drove up and saw the screen was bent outside," Naumann said. "Then I came upstairs, and there were (residence hall staff) and police all around, and I knew for sure it had to do with the flag."

Before the incident, Pitts and Naumann said they had been having problems related to the flag. They spoke of incidents ranging from someone hitting their door with a hammer to people shouting "racist" outside their window have resulted from the 3-by-4-foot flag.

Last week, the residents of Gillett's second floor had a meeting to discuss the situation with two law professors and a judge.

At the meeting, Pitts was able to explain to his floormates why he wanted to hang the flag.

"I grew up in Florida, and it's up to symbolize rebellion and southern pride," Pitts said. "It doesn't symbolize what it used to, but it's just not as accepted here as it is in the South."

Freshman Kim Wohlgemuth, one of Pitts' floormates, said some people were overreacting.

"It hasn't been that big of a deal," she said. "It's his opinion."

Wohlgemuth also said she does not feel threatened by the fact that someone vandalized a room on her floor.

Neither Pitts nor Naumann said they have any idea who entered the room, but they don't suspect anyone on their floor.

Burglary is a felony crime and the minimum punishment is a year in jail or a $1,000 fine, MU Police Maj. Jack Watring said.

"This is a serious crime," Watring said. "We are looking for suspects, but as of now, I don't think we have any."

In the 10 years he's worked at MU, spokesman Christian Basi said he has never seen an incident like this.

"We at the university encourage the expression of differing of opinions and a free "market of ideas, but we do not condone what results in violence," Basi said.

A fine for first time surrounding flag, MU officials released a statement that read, "MU does not condone the displaying of the confederate flag, but it does not have a policy prohibiting this action, since it is within the student's right under the First Amendment."

Pitts said he is not sure if he will replace the flag that was taken Saturday.

"I don't know if I'll put the flag back up," Pitts said. "I'm not sure what I will do."

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Congress debates airport security, House split on party lines

Senate says federalize baggage checkers, House says keep it private with federal oversight

WASHINGTON (KRT) — The U.S. House of Representatives voted to give the federal government a greatly expanded role in air safety by stripping out a complete federal takeover of baggage screening, putting it at odds with the Senate.

The Senate voted unanimously on a bill that would make airport security personnel federal employees. As a result of that House-Senate dispute, Congress will continue to grapple over who should screen baggage at airports, delaying enactment of the air safety law indefinitely.

The key vote came on a bill favored by most Democrats that mirrored the Senate's and would have brought 28,000 screeners at more than 140 big airports into the federal workforce, screening at smaller airports would have been done by state and local police.

That bill was defeated 218-214, on a largely party-line vote.

The House then approved overwhelmingly 286-139 a version of the legislation, championed by Republican Bush and House GOP leaders. It would have had a screening system that private companies are now but would add new federal oversight. It also would delay until 2003 full compliance with requirements for more- thorough screening of checked luggage, which is already used with the biggest vulnerability in U.S. air travel.

To return the final few steps they needed for victory, House GOP leaders gave some lawmakers, and a few special interests, more than usual amounts of money to get out of the way of Congress.

By Congress in September, New York lawmakers were reviewed with a provision that would protect some of their state's interests from costly lawsuits stemming from the Sept. 11 attacks. The law would shield from personal injury or wrongful death lawsuits the New York Port Authority, which owns the destroyed World Trade Center, Boeing, which makes airplanes; and airport engine manufacturers, such as General Electric.

Airport vendors, who have been lobbying hard for a federal bailout, won a provision that would allow them to share in $12 billion in government assistance for airlines approved by Congress in September.

And small, privately owned airports would get a federal grant to help them pay off debts. GOP leaders withdrew their special deal for airline executives from their bill, with Democrats and their own rank and file members knowing that it was outrageous. It would have changed a provision in the existing airline bailout bill that capped executives' annual compensation at $300,000 a year.

The bill would have also imposed a new tax to help pay for the safety improvements. The House bill would impose $2.35 per trip, the Senate's $2.50 every time a person gets on an airplane, so multi-leg trips would incur higher taxes.

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FSU academics looking for national limelight

The campaign's premise is that ideas in constantly changing and that, in the right environment, they will grow and develop. For example, an ad featuring Professor T.N. Krishnamurthy, known for his hurricane forecasting model, pictures palm trees blowing in the wind above a caption that reads: "We developed one of the most accurate hurricane forecasting techniques in the world. Conditions here were perfect."

A few of the ads have already run in the paper. Others will gloss the pages of Fortune, Science and Florida Trend magazines starting this month. Florida Trend, starting in February, will also distribute the university's research magazine. The print ads will be complemented by 30-second TV spots that will run on ABC and ESPN during Florida football games. The first ad was Oct. 6, during the Florida State University/University of Miami game.

"We feel like a lot of people know about football," said Raymond Bye, vice president of research and president of the FSU Research Foundation. "We wanted them to focus on the faculty and research (component) of the university. We wanted to raise our national visibility."

"We feel that the university officials started working on last year's sales during the summer," said Professor Neil Charness, chair of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory over Tallahassee and FSU. "And Florida hasn't done it before. The campaign was to catapult FSU's academics".

"When you have a fantastic university, you attract some of the brightest people to it," said Jack Crow, director of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory. "And people talk about it in research circles."

"The faculty and FSU will be better recognized as a top research university within the research community," he said. "And when you talk about grants and contracts, they will see us as a big league player."

Charness said the university would also be able to catch the attention of top-notch scientists and graduate students.

FSU's track record in research can be seen in the numbers. It received 4,000 dollars with the year. The fiscal year ending June 30 was a record-setting, bringing in $129 million, 11.3 percent more than the previous year. About 65 percent of the awards were from the federal government, which gave $214 million in 1999. The campaign was quintessential for state/local sector and private sources.

"We're coming back," Crow said. "I know we can do it again."

The advertising campaign began just weeks before FSU officials announced the start of a $160 million money-raising effort to help endow professorships, scholarships, and programs as well as build new facilities. The school's last capital campaign — held from January 1999 through December 1997 — raised $301 million.

FSU's research capabilities factored to national prominence in the early '90s, when the university was awarded the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory over Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Charlie Reed, who was Florida's university chancellor from 1993 to 1999, and was also instrumental in helping FSU get the magnet, remembers papers such as the one that Dr. James Tribane played at its 1979.

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Women's basketball seeks to return to prominence, but there is a steep hill to climb

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The SIU women's basketball program has been on a downward spiral since the early '90s, but those involved say it's time for a turnaround.

Head coach Lori Opp, her players and Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk have plans to return the program to where it once stood.

Up until the 1995-96 season, SIU consistently ranked near the top of first the Gateway Conference and then the Missouri Valley Conference, except a fourth-place finish in the 1993-94 season. But every season since 1995-96, the team has ranked lower than sixth.

Most of the people now involved with the program have only recently joined SIU, which explains the lack of concern for how or why the program dipped. Opp and company are only focusing on what can be done now to turn the program around.

Kowalczyk said he hopes this season, which opens tonight with SIU's first exhibition game, will help return the program to its traditional position among the elite programs in the conference.

"I think we're starting that process," Kowalczyk said. "The critical thing to the success of any program is having a strong coaching staff and I think we've got that talent on board." Opp recently signed a three-year contract after serving as an interim coach for eight months. Opp took over as head coach after Julie Beck — who had replaced the legendary Cindy Scott — retired after two losing seasons.

Additional assistant positions were also added to the program this year, which Kowalczyk said will "eliminate the coaching disadvantage SIU once faced. Two assistant coaches, Carl Clayton and Tricia Floyd, in addition to Alex Wellman, were newly hired for this season.

Although there are no concrete plans to improve the condition of the program, Kowalczyk said there are many ideas in progress.

"From here we're just going to continue with trying to get the proper amount of funding so the coaches can recruit and travel well," Kowalczyk said. "These are the kinds of things we need to do to elevate this program and get it back on the map.

Opp said the team's immediate goal is to return to the conference tournament, an opportunity it was denied last season.

This season, the Salukis have been picked last in the preseason polls, but Opp is not discouraged.

"Being picked 10th in the conference, there's no pressure on us as a team; to do well," Opp said. "People assume we're not doing much out of us as a team, but we have high expectations.

Opp will be working her team hard in practices to see some results this season. She said she will be playing with the lineup and rotating everyone on the team.

"We're going to be a team that's probably going to run a half-court set offense and we're going to try to do some different things offensively and mix it up," Opp said.

SIU downward spiral in wins and losses has also resulted in dwindling community interest, as the Salukis have games routinely played in front of tiny crowds.

Boosting community support and attendance at games is also a crucial part of revamping the program. Again, there is no agenda on exactly how to spark community interest, but there are some plans.

"We're trying a more grassroots approach and trying to make it a family venue," Kowalczyk said. "We're working with different groups, school groups as well as by trying to get media and we're definitely doing some different things to try to drum up some interest.

According to Opp, the team is always conscientious about community interest, because more fans means more support for the program. The team has already this year participated in Habitat for Humanity and visiting programs at elementary schools. Opp said there are also some clinics and a fundraiser planned for this year.

"Community involvement is real important to us, real important to this program," Opp said. "The more people identify with our kids and our staff, hopefully the more people will come to the games.

Holly Teague, returning senior guard, said the team has started its effort to turn over a new leaf.

"Our main goal is to first of all start winning more games. When you start winning games, you start getting more fans and it just totally turns your program around," Teague said. "I think with Coach Opp keeping the head coaching position down and us getting a solid coaching staff, I think that's a main start to turn it around.

Opp said with the work, the program could see immediate results.

"Again, being picked 10th, what other people's expectations, that really doesn't matter," Opp said. "We want to make strides this year, get back to the conference tournament, make a move up in the conference standings and make some immediate changes in the program.

Although the past years have been tough ones for Saluki women's basketball, Opp said it's time to leave the past behind and concentrate on the present.

"We hope the students will come out and watch us play, give us a chance," Opp said. "To see that everybody will come out and give us a look and not make any judgments based on last year's record, come out and see what we've got to offer this year.

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she has always been better at defense than offense. While playing at Sand Lake College last season, Phillips was named the team's defensive player of the year.

Several of her Saluki teammates and coaches this year have noted her presence on defense.

McDonald said that since Phillips is a junior, she'll need to use her skills to become a team leader.

"I really think she brought mostly her defensive abilities to the team," McDonald said. "Even though she has a lot of offensive skills and defensive abilities, her main key is her defense.

Phillips, who is majoring in math, put up some rather impressive numbers last season at Sand Lake, averaging 9.2 points, 8.6 rebounds and 3.1 assists per game.

Weinmiller has known Phillips since she was in third grade when he coached her at a grade school, and he realized then that she was a natural for the sport. When Phillips did not play, Weinmiller would line her up at the point on the court.

"She was a littlerunner. She could rebound and she could shoot, and she ended up being a very good player," Weinmiller said.

Although Weinmiller never coached her until she arrived at Sand Lake, he always knew there was something special about Phillips.

"Ever since back in third grade Hui has always done everything she needs to in order to win," Weinmiller said.

"She makes everyone around her so much better," Phillips said. She knew transferring to a Division I program would be difficult, but she didn't realize just how difficult it would be.

"It was a big jump, it was a bigger jump than I thought it would be," Phillips said. "It's just a lot harder work, but I like it."

Teague knows how difficult it can be to jump from junior college to the Division I level. Teague, last year's MVC Newcomer of the Year, transferred to SIU from Three Rivers Community College last season.

"Being a JUCO player, not every team is good, not every player out there is good," Teague said. "Being in Division I, every game you've got to work hard, you have to go out and be prepared, you can't just go out there and hope it's going to be a walkover.

But Teague has been impressed by Phillips' all-around skills and her attitude.

"Her defense is really good, she can shoot the ball tremendously well and she has a great three-point shot," Teague said.

Phillips hopes she can use her skills to help the Salukis succeed in their first season in the MVC.

"That was a pretty low blow," Phillips said. "We're not really happy with that. It's kind of motivating us to prove everybody wrong."

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volleyball. The Salukis have averaged a mere seven wins per season in the past three years.

However, try and find one thing Locke does wrong as a coach. Her teams are streaked with talented hitters, good servers and have had an exceptional setter this season. Locke knows the game of volleyball, and luck for her job.

But attitude alone doesn't translate into victories. Coaches and players have more than one responsibility to their teams. Both must learn how to get along with one another in order to be successful.

Coaches not only need knowledge and patience, but also relationships. A coach's players must believe their coach.

Locke knows what it takes to win.

A coach must also utilize the talents of the players to the fullest, just as players need to believe in their coaches. A coach must believe in his players. You bring in talent for a reason. Why waste it? Why buy a Ferrari to drive in a park? Ill have the stamina and Locke utilizes the talent efficiently. A

"Training is a lot harder, a lot harder, not easy," Forster said. "It's different because you have the girls trained together at my old school and they don't train together here but that's weird, but I guess it's good."

She credited her new teammates with helping her along and said it's a nice change from the situation she was in as an Indian fiber.

"It's actually a lot down," Forster said. "We had a lot of problems on the team the past few years. [At SIU], they're all real friendly so it's easy."

One thing Olson and Forster have in their favor is they've both been through the college experience, so the transition has been easier than it would be for a freshman.

"It's [Olson's] second time being in this situation, so she's kind of like a mentor for the rest of us," said freshman Janey Cooke. "It's her second time being the new kid."

Olson said last year was difficult in that she could only go back home to Canada during Christmas and the summer, but that experience helped her prepare for this time around.

"I found it easier because I knew what I was expecting," said Olson. "I think that was the best part of this situation."

"This season reallychengy, but Kendall brings a really good smile," said senior Mary Trailor. "Sometimes when you're not making it through a practice, she can brighten you up. And Brigitta is a+workhorse. You just see that and you want to work hard too."

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Who is to blame when teams lose?

It's overtime and your football team is driving down the field. Your star quarterback throws a perfect pass right at your chest, and you bungle it. Instead of making the contemplated run and winning for daynight, you jugggle the ball just enough so the defender can make the completion for you and score the winning touchdown.

You go back to the locker room all humble and sorry, and when given the chance to apologize for blowing the game, you say it was the coach's fault.

Terrel Owens, wide receiver for the NFL San Francisco 49ers, took a brief timeout from making believe hard to explain to the media that it was his coach's fault for losing the game to the Chicago Bears in overtime.

His explanation was that his head coach, Steve Mariotti, was good friends with the Bears head coach Dick Jkosso. So instead of putting the game away, Mariotti forced the Bears to "take it easy" on the Bears, thus enabling them to win the game.

"They've been stopped running inside his head years ago, but a good point comes from this situation.

Who is at fault when a team loses?

Here at SIU, there are two teams that are currently experiencing losing seasons. The football team is 1-7 and the volleyball team is 9-16.

So are the coaches to blame, or is it the players? Or is it something else, like new logos just?

I have a gut feeling that if I asked Saluki football head coach Jerry Kill why his team is losing, his response would not be, "Because I really don't care that much about football, Clint, there is just something I love about hearing my voice when I shout our instructions."

If I asked junior Kristie Kemner why her volleyball team is not going to make it to the conference tournament, I'm almost positive her response would not be, "Because finally, I suck. I'm surprised I even make contact with the ball most of the time."

With the experience that both Coach Kill and volleyball coach Sonny Locke contribute, mixed with the talent that both teams possess, too, who do you blame for the losing?

Kill has just begun his second season of struggles in the Missouri Valley Conference and his players believe in him. On the other hand, it would seem easy to blame Coach Locke for another season of struggles in the MVC.

The season started off promising with a 20-20 record and two junior college transfers in forward Megan Miller and guard Hillary Phillips. Assistant coach Alex Wellmaker said Phillips has been a key addition to the team. "She's a great reader of the game," Wellmaker said. "She's probably one of the best players we have as far as defensing offenses. She knows exactly what the other team is going to do, and she'll make adjustments."

Phillips said she thinks that defense is an extremely important part of the game and that she has named her to the starting lineup for tonight's exhibition game. Phillips will be joined in the backcourt by Molly McDowell and Holly Teague and Geisha Woodard and Jodi Helden will patrol the frontcourt as the Salukis take on the Salukis tonight at 7:05 p.m. in the first game of the season.

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