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The engine of a Toyota Camry Hybrid gives a maximum of 650 volts. First responders attended a safety training session to ensure their safety when rescuing drivers and passengers involved in accidents with hybrid cars Tuesday morning at the Marion Toyota dealership.

First responders back in class

Alicia Wade
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Anyone driving past the Marion Toyota dealership Tuesday probably thought an emergency of epic proportions occurred inside.

Two fire engines, three ambulances, two police cars and one air evacuation helicopter converged on the lot, located in Marion, at 9 a.m. However, the emergency responders weren't there to save anyone. They were the first session in a group of more than 130 people to participate in a safety seminar, which taught them how to rescue victims in hybrid vehicle accidents while keeping themselves safe.

The seminar consisted of a one-hour classroom session in

which participants were taught how to recognize hybrid vehicles and immobilize them safely. The second portion was hands-on, in which the hybrids were opened up, and emergency responders could see where batteries and cables were located.

Barbara Gramlich, business development manager for Marion Toyota, said the seminars are needed to teach emergency responders how to extricate someone from a vehicle with high voltage batteries, such as the hybrids.

"The first responders are afraid to get within vehicles because they don't want to get fried," Gramlich said. "If the responders are afraid, let's show them how."

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Jackson County paramedic Ken Sutton, left, peeks into a Camry Hybrid as Connie Falkenburry sits in the passenger seat to figure out how the car starts during a first responder safety training session for hybrid cars Tuesday morning at the Marion Toyota dealership.

Union proposes two dates to resume contract talks

Brandon Weisenberger
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

SIUC's Faculty Association on Tuesday proposed two dates to resume contract talks with the Board of Trustees bargaining team, aiming to end more than a month-long standstill in negotiations.

Union spokeswoman Lenore Langsdorf said the Faculty Association has suggested reconvening with the BOT bargainers Monday or Dec. 18.

The next meeting will be the first time representatives for the two sides have sat face to face at the table since the BOT team made its "best and last" offer Oct. 18.

Langsdorf said the union issued two proposals to resume talks within the past two weeks but received no response from the other side.

"In both cases, Gary Kolb — as their spokesperson — said he'd get back to us, but he never did," said

Langsdorf, who is also the union's vice president and a professor of speech communication.

Kolb said he responded to Faculty Association negotiator Morteza Daneshdoost, a professor of electrical and computer engineering, between the proposed dates of Nov. 27 and Monday, asking for additional meeting times.

He said scheduling conflicts have prevented the BOT team from getting together as a whole again.

"It's all been logistical," said Kolb, associate dean of the College of Mass Communication and Media Arts.

He said he was unsure if Monday's proposed meeting date would work because it was the beginning of finals week. Kolb said he would soon contact BOT team members to set up a date.

Negotiations got under way in the summer just weeks before the latest contract expired June 30. Both sides

have agreed to operate under the old contract until a new agreement is reached.

The sides have met two impasses this semester, and the BOT made what Kolb called its "best and last" offer Oct. 18. Kolb has said the offer also marked what the BOT team considered the end of interest-based bargaining, a peaceful negotiations tactic the two sides have engaged in since their first meeting.

The Faculty Association's Departmental Representative Council unanimously rejected the offer Nov. 2.

Union leaders have called for more faculty power in the appeals process when professors are denied tenure or promotion and have also requested a vote to determine if all teachers pay a Faculty Association service charge regardless of membership.

The BOT has turned down both requests while the union has disagreed

with the team's salary offers, claiming university leaders aren't doing enough to make SIUC's faculty pay comparable to peer universities.

Kolb has said the BOT team has not received an official response from the Faculty Association in regard to the Oct. 18 best and last offer, only learning of the union's stance through media reports.

Langsdorf would not talk specifically about what the union has discussed during the latest impasse and what negotiators have in store for the next meeting but said she hopes talks with BOT representatives resume before Christmas break.

"We are waiting for them to get back to us and set up a time to get back together at the table to toss these new ideas around," she said.

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Local bar appeals fines and scores deal

Council requests more recommendations for Halloween

Alicia Wade
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

A bar owner fighting the punishments stemming from liquor law violations earlier in the year won a compromise Tuesday night after her appeal to the city's liquor control commission.

On Aug. 26, Nights Over Egypt, 218 N. Illinois Ave., had its liquor license suspended via a hand-delivered letter by police and accompanied by Mayor Brad Cole. In September, Undergraduate Student Government passed a resolution that refuted Cole's actions.

Owner and liquor licensee Kathy Pierce's appeal contested a \$400 fine for four violations of liquor laws, four letters of reprimand for the violations and a seven-day suspension of a liquor license, which her representation called the harshest punishment. Her lawyer also said they were given no hearing regarding the suspension, which was unjust.

At the end of the meeting, the council voted, because of the seven-day suspension, to give Pierce four letters of reprimand and to make her responsible for appeal costs.

At the appeal, which consisted of City Council members and Cole as the local liquor control commission, Sheila Simon raised a concern of Cole's conflict of interest as both the hearing officer of earlier hearings dealing with the suspension of Nights Over Egypt's liquor license and chairman of the liquor commission.

Cole would later abstain from votes concerning the appeal, except for the first vote used to confirm the facts found in earlier hearings. Among the four charges against Pierce, one stated that Nights Over Egypt had given free alcohol to an undercover police officer after the officer paid \$10 for a ticket to obtain the drink.


"A free beverage for \$10?" Simon said. "I suppose that's my question."

During the first vote, Cole slipped and said yes to the motion that the findings of the hearing officer were true before correcting himself and abstaining from all further votes.

Later, Councilman Chris Wissmann mentioned other establishments found to be in violation of liquor laws were given letters of warning that Nights Over Egypt was not given.

"We may end up facing discrimination charges because of educating some and not others," Wissmann said.

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siuDE.com Question:
Do you think the Salukis will win Saturday against the 11-1 Grizzlies of Montana?

Yes, for sure.	42%
No, probably not.	46%
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Up next: Greydog was recently suspended for two games for "mooning" the opposing team's fans. Do you feel the administration's actions were appropriate?

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IBM Mainframe tour
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"The Innocent Unwanted" - Working with HIV positive babies in Kenya
• 6:45 p.m. Thursday at the Student Center in the Ohio Room

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

NEWS BRIEFS

More than 100,000 still with no power in Illinois
DECATUR (AP) — More than 100,000 Ameren Corp. customers in Illinois were without power Tuesday, and the company warned that some might have to wait up to three more days for service.
Most of the outages were in the Decatur and the Metro East areas, Ameren spokesman Leigh Morris said.
Crews will restore power to most customers by Wednesday night, but some homes in the hardest-hit or rural areas won't get service until Friday, Morris said.
"You can't imagine how bad the debris is in some areas," Morris said. "You can't get to a downed line if you can't get down the roadway."
Commonwealth Edison sent 50 volunteers to Hillsboro, about 65 miles northeast of St. Louis, after Ameren requested help, spokesman Jeff Burdick said.
Conditions were good for pole and wire repairs, with temperatures in the 30s and 40s, ComEd team leader Gene Leavitt said Tuesday.
"They had ice... some trees it looks like they had more than an inch of ice," Leavitt said. More than 250 National Guard troops were in Decatur and Macon County checking on residents who've been without electricity since the snow and ice storm passed through the state last week.

Southern Illinois railroad reopens after derailment
CHRISTOPHER (AP) — A stretch of Union Pacific railroad near this southern Illinois community reopened Tuesday, a day after a freight train derailed and spilled 20,000 gallons of chemicals.
Crews reopened the route Tuesday afternoon after testing the stability of 1,200 feet of track replaced since the derailment of about one-fourth of the 83-car train bound for Chicago from Houston, Union Pacific spokesman James Barnes said.
The accident occurred about 2:30 a.m. Monday near Christopher, a town of about 2,800, about 20 miles north of Carbondale.
The spill prompted the voluntary evacuation of more than 70 homes within a half mile of the wreckage site. About a dozen people were treated at area hospitals for mild symptoms related to the spill, including burning or irritation of the throat, eyes and nose, officials said.
Residents were allowed back in their homes later Monday.
Ben Burkhamer, a spokesman for the Franklin County Emergency Management Agency, said Tuesday that efforts to clean up the spill — largely a petroleum product used as an additive for lubricating oil and a petroleum diesel-type lubricant — could continue into the week.

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Nun charged of indecent behavior in sex abuse case
MILWAUKEE (AP) — A 78-year-old nun was charged with two counts of indecent behavior with a child Tuesday in connection with incidents involving male students at a Milwaukee elementary school where she taught and served as principal during the 1960s.
The complaint filed in Milwaukee County Circuit Court against Norma Giannini, who is a member of a Chicago-based order, said many of the incidents took place at a church convent and the St. Patrick's School office.
One of the boys was 13 when the abuse began, and the other boy was in the seventh grade, according to the complaint.
The first count quoted one of the boys as saying that the nun told him in 1965, when he was 13 years old, to open the buttons of her habit, but he was shaking so badly he could not do so. He said she opened her buttons and instructed him to feel her breasts, grabbing his hands and showing him how.

CORRECTIONS

If you spot an error, please contact the DAILY EGYPTIAN accuracy desk at 536-3311, ext. 253.

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POLICE REPORTS

University
SIUC student Kevin C. Butak, 24, of Carbondale was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and illegal squealing of tires at 1:15 a.m. Saturday on Illinois Avenue, south of Pleasant Hill Road. Butak posted \$100 cash and his driver's license as bond and was released.

Bradley J. Henningfeld, 22, of McHenry was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and failure to signal a lane change at 1:44 a.m. Sunday on Grand Avenue, west of Lewis Lane. Henningfeld posted \$100 cash and his driver's license as bond and was released.

SIUC student Adam A. Tavangaran, 18, of Caledonia was arrested and charged with underage consumption of alcohol at 1:22 a.m. Friday at Schneider Hall. Tavangaran was issued a Carbondale notice to appear and released.

A theft under \$300 occurred between 8 and 9 p.m. Saturday at the Recreation Center. A jacket, cellular telephone and keys were reported stolen. There are no suspects at this time.

Criminal damage to property occurred between 9:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:05 a.m. Sunday at Schneider Hall. A desk was reported damaged. There are no suspects at this time.

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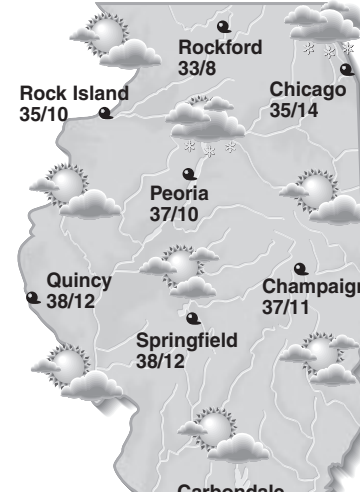
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	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny and colder	Mostly sunny and chilly	Sunshine	Partly sunny
	46° 21°	37° 16°	39° 27°	48° 30°	50° 33°

Illinois Weather



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Regional Cities

City	Today	Thu.
Bloomington	36 12 pc	18 15 pc
Cape Girardeau	47 22 pc	35 14 s
Champaign	37 11 pc	19 9 s
Chicago	35 14 c	18 12 pc
Danville	37 16 pc	17 14 pc
Edwardsville	43 20 pc	29 18 s
Moline	35 10 pc	24 10 pc
Mt. Vernon	43 20 pc	27 14 s
Paducah	47 25 pc	33 15 s
Peoria	37 10 pc	20 12 s
Quincy	38 12 pc	22 14 s
Rockford	33 8 pc	16 8 pc
Springfield	38 12 pc	26 12 s

Almanac
Carbondale through 3 p.m. yesterday
Temperature:
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Normal high/low 47°/29°
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Month to date 0.12"
Normal month to date 0.72"
Year to date 48.50"
Normal year to date 42.86"

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Moonset today 8:56 a.m.

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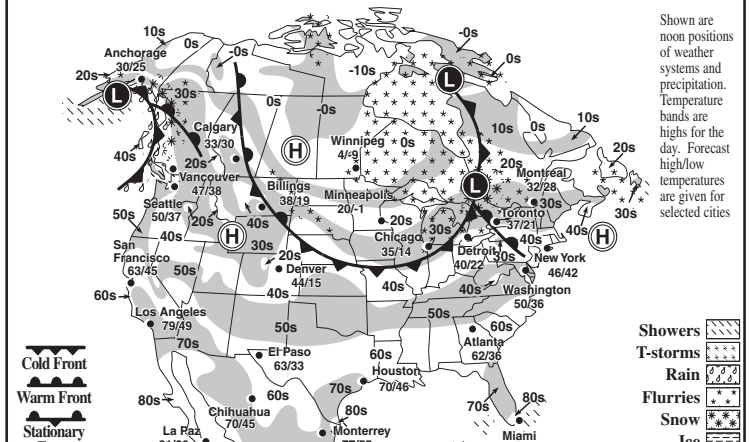
National Cities

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	62 36 s	50 20 pc
Boston	42 38 pc	48 31 pc
Cincinnati	46 23 pc	26 14 pc
Dallas	61 37 pc	52 22 s
Denver	44 15 pc	40 21 s
Indianapolis	42 17 pc	20 11 pc
Kansas City	42 16 pc	30 17 s
Las Vegas	63 39 s	65 41 s
Nashville	54 28 pc	36 20 pc
New Orleans	65 46 pc	59 34 pc
New York City	46 42 pc	48 31 pc
Orlando	73 56 pc	71 44 pc
Phoenix	73 44 s	75 46 s
San Francisco	63 45 s	65 48 s
Seattle	50 37 pc	47 36 pc
Washington, DC	50 36 pc	50 27 pc

Legend: W-weather, s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

Showers T-storms Rain Flurries Snow Ice

Second focus group small in number, big on suggestions

Wayne Utterback
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Fewer than 20 students attended a focus group meeting Tuesday to make suggestions on how student government can be improved.

The attendance might have been lower because fewer colleges were involved in the second meeting, College of Agricultural Sciences Dean Gary Minish said.

Nearly 30 students attended the previous meeting on Nov. 28.

"We may not have quantity, we have quality," Minish said.

The meeting was the second hosted by the Student Leadership Task Force, a group formed by former Chancellor Walter Wendler earlier this semester. Its goal is to evaluate Undergraduate Student Government and Graduate and Professional Student Council to make suggestions for improving both student bodies.

The suggestions made by each group at the focus meetings will be collected and presented to administrators and the student governments. One of the new ideas presented was requiring Registered Student Organizations to have more criteria, such as volunteer work, before being awarded more money in allocations.

The primary concerns raised were participation, visibility of student leaders and moving student government offices from the third floor of the Student Center to a more visible area of the building.

Stacy Lemery, a junior from Rockford studying foreign language and international trade, said she was happy the university offered students a chance to discuss student government



DAN CELVI ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Paul Sarvela, dean of the College of Applied Arts and Sciences, speaks before students go into smaller focus groups at a focus group meeting Tuesday night in the Muckelroy Auditorium.

and hoped there would be more meetings similar to the focus group.

"I want to be involved on campus. I don't have the time to be a senator," Lemery said. "So many people believe that everything's going to be decided by some administrative bureaucracy."

USG President Akeem Mustapha attended the meeting and watched each group as they answered questions. He said he liked the topics discussed, some of which were issues the senate plans to work on next semester.

"It's a good exercise," Mustapha said. "So far, they are touching almost every facet."

Groups listed more online interactivity between students and student leadership as a good idea. Mustapha said the idea of students being able to vote for representatives online is a topic USG is currently reviewing.

GPSC President Jon Pressley said

there was an increase in participation during the focus group from graduate students. He said he sent out e-mails to ask them to attend. A few members of GPSC also attended.

"I just want to see how they address this," Pressley said.

The first meeting had little mention of GPSC, but Minish said most topics discussed at the focus meetings deal with student government as a whole and not one particular body. One topic that reaches both student bodies is the current method of allocating the student activity fee.

"Eighty percent of what we've got crosses over," Minish said of the topics.

Mustapha offered a suggestion of his own to those in attendance.

"Just because you're not a senator doesn't mean you can't be involved," Mustapha said.

Technical concerns might affect launch

Mike Shneider
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA wrestled with two late-breaking technical concerns which showed up Tuesday two days before the launch of space shuttle Discovery, but managers weren't sure if they could delay the start of the mission.

The launch still was scheduled for Thursday night.

The first problem dealt with a power surge which shot through one of the space shuttle's power systems during preparations overnight, although key elements such as the external tank, the solid rocket boosters and the main engines probably weren't affected, said LeRoy Cain, launch integration manager.

The second concern was with an adhesive that helps seal some of the joints on the reusable solid rocket motor which may have failed a routine test of its bonding strength. Engineers, though, weren't worried about hot gases escaping from sealed joints since there were backup systems to keep them in check.

"We're probably not going to have any issues, but we want the teams to go off and assess that everything is OK," Cain said. "If there is anything we need to retest or check out more so than what we otherwise would do ... we want to talk about that."

The weather forecast for the planned liftoff of Discovery was downgraded slightly Tuesday but still remained favorable for the first night space shuttle launch in more

than four years.

Concerns about clouds over the Kennedy Space Center at the launch time of 9:35 p.m. EST Thursday caused forecasters to reduce the chances of favorable weather to 60 percent from 80 percent. Strong wind was expected on Friday and Saturday, diminishing the chances of good launch weather for those days to 40 percent.

"The first day is the best day weatherwise," said Kathy Winters, shuttle weather officer.

Weather will improve early next week. NASA has four launch opportunities over five days, if needed, to start the 12-day mission.

The space agency likely won't attempt to launch past Dec. 17 since flight controllers want Discovery on the ground before the new year. Shuttle computers aren't designed to make the change from the 365th day of the old year to the first day of the new year while in flight. A potential solution to the problem hasn't been thoroughly tested.

In Houston, NASA worked on a software problem that had caused a breaker to open on a circuit to the motor that rotates the space station's giant solar arrays in the direction of the sun. The solar arrays will generate power for the space station after Discovery's mission.

NASA successfully tested the software fix on Tuesday.

During their 12-day mission, Discovery's seven astronauts planned to rewire the space station, deliver a 2-ton addition and replace one of the space station's three crew members.

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Robert Gates, the nominee to replace Donald Rumsfeld as Secretary of Defense, testifies before the Senate Armed Services Committee during his confirmation hearing on Tuesday in Washington, D.C.

Robert Gates approved as new Pentagon chief

Robert Burns
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Robert Gates, seemingly clinching confirmation as the new secretary of defense, said Tuesday the United States is not winning in Iraq and he's confident President Bush will listen to his ideas about forging a new war strategy.

He won speedy and unanimous approval from the Senate Armed Services Committee after five hours of testimony, a bipartisan show of support that suggested how eager many lawmakers are to replace Donald H. Rumsfeld at the Pentagon. The full Senate could seal Gates' confirmation as early as Wednesday.

"In my view, all options are on the table, in terms of how we address this problem in Iraq," he told the committee. But he also acknowledged the complexity of the challenge.

"There are no new ideas on Iraq," he said during a discussion of the bipartisan Iraq Study Group, which previewed its findings and recommendations to President Bush on Tuesday and will release them Wednesday. Gates was a member of the group until Bush announced his nomination

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— Robert Gates
Secretary of Defense appointee

for the Pentagon job last month.

The senators voted 24-0 to support the nomination to replace Rumsfeld, who has become a symbol of the Bush administration's steadfast course in a war that has long since soured with the public and much of the world.

"I voted yes because in both the substance of his answers and the tone of his answers, he seemed open to course correction," said Carl Levin, D-Mich., who will be the committee's chairman when Democrats take control of the Senate next month.

During his appearance, Gates would not commit to any specific new course of action in the conflict. He said he would consult first with commanders and others.

Asked directly by Levin whether the United States is winning in Iraq, Gates replied, "No, sir." That response appeared to contradict Bush, who said at an Oct. 25 news conference, "Absolutely, we're winning."

Gates later said he believes the United States is neither winning nor losing, "at this point."

His statements on the war — and his professed openness to change — underscored pressures heaped on Bush since Democratic victories in last month's congressional elections, votes widely read as a rejection of the administration's steadfast course in the war.

Unrelenting violence by insurgents and between ethnic groups, and a U.S. death toll that has soared past 2,900, have raised questions about the effectiveness of Iraq's government. Bush in recent weeks has expressed a willingness to consider a fresh course in the war but has shown no sign of a willingness to heed Democratic calls to start withdrawal of the 140,000 U.S. troops.

Bush has said he wants to keep U.S. forces there until Iraq is able to govern and defend itself without being a haven for terrorists.

those of Indian laborers brought by former colonial power Britain to work in sugar plantations.

In his declaration, Bainimarama justified seizing power to prevent legislation that favored indigenous Fijians, contending the measures "would undermine the constitution and deny many citizens their rights."

Bainimarama said he had assumed some powers of the president and was using them to dismiss Prime Minister Laisenia Qarase. In the 2000 coup, Bainimarama set up an interim government and hand-picked Qarase, a former banker, to lead it.

Bainimarama named Dr. Jona Senilagakali, a military medic with no political experience, as caretaker prime minister and said a full interim government would be appointed next week to see the country through elec-

tions that would restore democracy sometime in the future.

Qarase's leadership has gained the legitimacy of two general elections, but Bainimarama grew increasingly frustrated with his nationalist leanings, in particular legislation that offered pardons to the 2000 coup plotters and handed coastal land rights — lucrative to the tourist industry — to indigenous Fijians.

Bainimarama demanded the government kill the legislation or be forced out. Qarase offered to suspend the bills but said he could not agree to demands that went outside the law.

"The government they want to set up will be totally illegal," Qarase said at his house in Suva, where he said he was under effective house arrest. "What the military commander has done has raped our constitution."

Iraq's prime minister opens door to regional conference

Qassim Abdul-Zahra
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's prime minister reversed course Tuesday and said his envoys will talk with Iraq's neighbors about the possibility of a regional conference on quelling the violence here, despite opposition to the plan by some key political allies.

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki made the announcement as more than 100 people were killed or found dead in and around Baghdad, underscoring the urgency of finding a solution to the bloodshed.

The U.S. military said three more American troops had died Monday — two as a result of insurgent attacks and one in a traffic accident.

Despite a string of ambushes, mortar attacks and bombings Tuesday, the chief U.S. military spokesman told reporters that all of Iraq would be under Baghdad's control by the fall of 2007, with U.S. soldiers and Marines and other coalition forces playing a supporting role.

Al-Maliki, a Shiite, told reporters that his envoys would talk with other governments in the region, most of them Sunni-dominated, about how they might help establish security and stability in Iraq.

"After the political climate is cleared, we will call for the convening of a regional conference in which these countries that are keen on the stability and security of Iraq will participate," al-Maliki said.

The prime minister's statement

fell short of an unconditional call for a conference. Previously, Iraqi leaders have resisted suggestions that include outsiders in efforts to settle their bitter internal divisions.

In recent days, President Jalal Talabani and a leading Shiite politician, Abdul-Aziz al-Hakim, have rejected U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan's proposal for a regional peace conference. Annan said such a gathering could be useful if the parties met outside Iraq.

Al-Maliki, though, said any conference should take place in Iraq. Any proposals to emerge, he added, should conform to "what the national unity government wants."

The Bush administration welcomed the announcement. "It's a good idea for the Iraqis to be involved in working with their neighbors on issues of regional security," said White House spokesman Tony Snow.

At al-Maliki's press conference in Baghdad, the Iraqi leader said a frequently delayed national reconciliation conference would convene this month. He also said he planned to reshuffle his six-month-old Cabinet, to increase its "effectiveness and strength," but offered no further details.

Al-Maliki's hedged endorsement of a regional peace conference came one day before the bipartisan Iraq Study Group, co-chaired by former Secretary of State James A. Baker III, is to release recommendations on changing U.S. strategy in Iraq.

WIRE REPORTS

OREGON

Authorities find missing father's pants

MERLIN, Ore. (AP) — Searchers scouring a rugged canyon Tuesday found a pair of pants matching the description of those worn by a missing man who struck out for help after his family's car got stuck in the snow.

A helicopter with heat-sensing equipment joined other helicopters, snowmobiles and foot patrols Tuesday in the hunt for 35-year-old James Kim of San Francisco. His wife and two daughters were found Monday after being lost for more than a week.

Searchers found the pants Tuesday afternoon.

"It could be a sign he's trying to indicate the path he was going," Lt. Gregg Hastings of the Oregon State Police.

Officials said it appeared Kim was within 5 miles of the car he'd left Saturday morning wearing only tennis shoes, pants, a sweater and a jacket. Trackers had followed his footprints until dark Monday night.

Searchers said he had headed downhill and apparently walked out of an area covered with snow toward the Rogue River. Search and rescue teams checked the river with rafts Tuesday.

Kim — whose family told rescuers he had some outdoor experience and had eaten berries while stranded, not knowing if they were poisonous — took two lighters with him when he left the car, Anderson said. "Maybe he got a fire going," he said at a news conference.

Overnight temperatures have been in the mid 20s to mid 30s.

A helicopter crew spotted his wife, Kati Kim, 30, waving an umbrella Monday afternoon. She and her daughters Penelope, 4, and Sabine, 7 months, were flown to a hospital in Grants Pass.

They were in very good condition Tuesday, and Sabine was expected to be released from the hospital, said Linda Rankin, vice president for patient care at Three Rivers Community Hospital.

UNITED NATIONS

World powers report progress but fail to reach accord on resolution to punish Iran

PARIS (AP) — Six world powers made "substantive progress" but failed to reach an accord on a U.N. resolution to punish Iran for its nuclear program, the French Foreign Ministry said after talks in Paris on Tuesday.

"We made substantive progress on the scope of the sanctions targeting proliferation-sensitive activities. There remain several outstanding issues, upon which we will reflect over the coming days," the ministry said in a statement. "We are now close to a conclusion of this process."

The talks brought together diplomats from the United States, Britain, China, France and Russia — the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council — as well as Germany and a representative of EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana.

They were divided, however, over how to punish Iran's defiance of U.N. demands to stop its nuclear program and faced a new threat from Tehran of retaliation if they opted for sanctions.

The United States and France have expressed hope that the Paris talks would secure agreement for imposing sanctions against Iran. But Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said earlier that imposing wide-ranging sanctions would be "irresponsible."

Fiji's government overthrown by military in fourth coup in 19 years

Ray Lilley
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SUVA, Fiji — Fiji's military overthrew the elected government Tuesday after weeks of threats, locking down the capital and putting the prime minister under house arrest in the fourth coup in the South Pacific country in 19 years.

Commodore Frank Bainimarama, the armed forces chief credited with resolving Fiji's last coup, announced in a nationally broadcast statement that, "As of 6 o'clock this evening, the military has taken over the government, has executive authority and the running of this country."

The takeover, like the previous three coups, has its roots in the ethnic divide between the descendants of ancient Melanesian warrior tribes and

Student wins fourth judo championship

Wayne Utterback
DAILY EGYPTIAN

At age 35, Sang-Pill Han is considered an old timer in the art of judo.

He has proved four times, however, to be one of the best fighters in America.

Han, a graduate student from South Korea studying sports management, won the 41st annual Dallas Invitational Judo Championship on Nov. 25. More than 450 people participated in the event, which lasted two days.

The win in Dallas marked Han's fourth national championship.

"It was a tough tournament," Han said. "It was very difficult. I actually got some bruises."

Han said he went through five competitors en route to the championship.

Judo is a sport similar to boxing or wrestling, in which competitors attempt to get a knockout or pin to win. The three main ways to win are throwing the opponent hard on the ground, pinning the opponent for 25 seconds or making the opponent submit with a choke hold or joint lock.

Southern Illinois Sports Club Executive Director Webb Smith said the national victory was impressive because Han competed against fighters 10 to 15 years his junior.

"He's good enough to compete with the best," Smith said. "It's amazing he does what he does at his age."

Han's signature move is the "osoto gari," a common throw that can have devastating effects

because the opponent can land on his head, Smith said.

Han, the president of the SIUC Judo Club, said he has been involved in judo for 25 years. His father competed in "ssilum," a sport similar to wrestling in which two competitors try to throw each other to the ground. His father trained him while encouraging him to excel in academics, Han said.

Having a national champion at SIUC helps promote the many sports clubs on campus, said Jeff Goelz, the Recreation Center's coordinator of aquatics and sports clubs.

"It promotes judo, but it also promotes all the clubs," Goelz said.

Han said one of his goals in life is to be a great teacher and that he has considered teaching judo at Black's Martial Arts in Carbondale.

Smith said Han has generously shared his fighting knowledge. Han has taught several judo classes in Carbondale, organized a local tournament and worked with the city's police department to help victims of violent crime.

"He brings a wealth of experience and a real passion for the sport," Smith said.

Han said his family provides him with support when he goes to compete. He has a wife, Eunmi Joung, and two children.

Han said he hopes his children, Esther and Samuel, grow up to be judo champions.

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Sang-Pill Han practices throwing and grappling techniques on Nehemiah Shade on Saturday morning at Black's Martial Arts Academy. Han has won four national titles in judo.

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OUR WORD

A swift, unjust kick in the tail

He's not Nixon or even Walter Wendler, but Brian Ardaugh has had to deal with his own premature exit recently — one filled with controversy.

Because of a couple unfortunate choices Ardaugh made while doing his job during SIU's first-round playoff game against the University of Tennessee-Martin, administrators decided to give a two-game suspension to the senior also known as Gray Dawg. The punishment has played out now, Ardaugh missing the last home

Why couldn't an apology suffice, even a direct apology from the unmasked Ardaugh?

games hosted by SIUC's men's and women's teams, and quite frankly, it's unfortunate that a person who has fully embraced his life as a Saluki has had to see the end of his time at this school marred because of a supposed mooning.

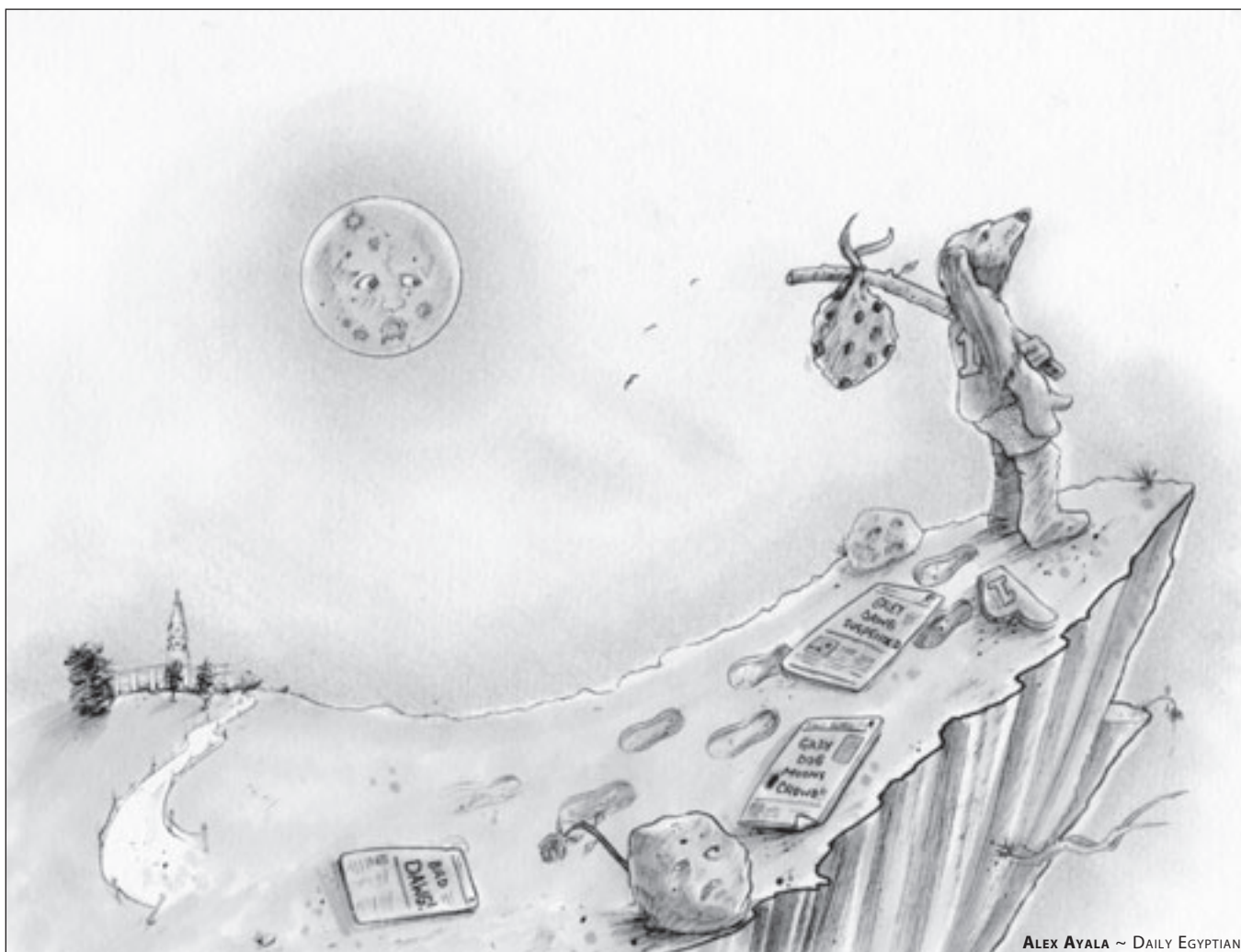
On the sideline that day versus Tennessee-Martin, Ardaugh participated in some typical mascot goofiness and made a fake attempt to kidnap some UTM cheerleaders. In response, the Skyhawk contingent showed its displeasure for Gray Dawg's actions. But he acted fiercely, how else should a regal dog act?

At that point, the pants came down — the pants over Ardaugh's furry costume. Apparently this costumed mooning is not befitting the reputation of Saluki athletics and SIU in general.

"I'm not going to have that. This is my home turf," Ardaugh told the DAILY EGYPTIAN, referring to how he felt during the situation.

"Somehow he offended some people, and we don't want to tolerate that," Saluki Marketing Director Mike Trude said in the same story.

The world of college sports, an ultra-competitive and tradition-laden field of athletics, often produces or



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indirectly promotes foul behavior from game observers. One incident of this nature occurred during SIU's Oct. 14 game at Illinois State University. There, plastic footballs were thrown at Saluki players, and head coach Jerry Kill's history of seizures was mocked as well as his wife. Nothing is wrong with SIU holding itself to a higher standard than its opponents, but why be so hard on yourself for costumed mooning, which doesn't measure up to malicious chanting or hundreds of footballs thrown at players?

Trude, along with Athletic Director Mario Moccia, is rightly motivated; neither man is wrong for weighing heavily the reputation of this school in the decision, but did

Ardaugh's actions really hurt or smear SIU's reputation? Let's break the situation down — a mascot, still in uniform, showed a little more of his tail than is usually expected.

Of course, some UTM fans expressed their displeasure in e-mails to administrators. But who wouldn't after such a heartbreaking loss? The UTM fans might have overreacted, and the SIU administrators did too. Why couldn't an apology suffice, even a direct apology from the unmasked Ardaugh? Was that ever an option?

Maybe an e-mail campaign should have been put on in the days following SIU's visit to Illinois State. SIU probably could have gotten the 37-10 final score reversed.

As it stands, Ardaugh had to settle for a dance alongside the Marching Salukis during Saturday's Light Fantastic Parade as his final bow. Instead of donning the suit for Saturday's game against Saint Louis University, Ardaugh stood in the Dawg Pound in regular clothes, holding a sign that read, "I'm still Gray Dawg."

Ardaugh appreciated the cheers he got then. Hopefully, it could provide some sort of solace. The moot offer by Trude to allow Ardaugh to work a men's game and a women's game after his Dec. 16 graduation smacks some feeling of pity for the hardworking mascot, but its taste is nothing better than bittersweet.

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

Adam Milton
bicycle delivery service rider

Saluki on the street

Another semester has come and gone. With finals week moving rapidly closer, we're curious:

What, if anything, did you learn this semester?



Aaron Smith

Sophomore from Springfield studying theater:

"Cover the flame before you take the shooter. I didn't know that before."



John Mathews

Sophomore from Rockford studying music business:

"It's good to eat fruits and vegetables, keeps cancer away."



Mildred Williams

Freshman from Chicago studying political science and English:

"Can't trust anybody on campus, there are some real sheisty and petty people on campus."



Malcolm Slack

Undecided freshman from Cairo:

"Study hard, and stay on top of my work."



Kristin Murduck

Junior from Springfield studying social work:

"How to write papers and actually read for classes."



Adam Hoak

Graduate student from Pittsburgh studying opera and music theater:

"That I want to transfer."



Laura O'Neill

Sophomore from Crystal Lake studying marketing:

"Homework sucks, and you have to study to get good grades; can't go out as much as freshman year."

Saluki St.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Response to 'Party school blues'

DEAR EDITOR:

I believe that the university's decision to make this facility more research-oriented will eventually increase tuition numbers. All change takes time, and many people have trouble accepting change. However, the idea that this university should maintain its "party school image" is asinine.

Being a party school will only impair SIUC graduates in the end. The party school stigma jeopardizes scholastic integrity of SIUC, even though SIUC currently has numerous talented professors. I cannot

speak for everyone else at this institution, but when I receive my bachelor's degree, I want it to have value. I do not want to be looked down upon because I graduated from a school that has perpetuated its party image to improve enrollment.

In regard to the low cumulative GPA, change takes time. The GPA will not rise dramatically overnight. Additionally, it is probably those students that still party too much that bring down this school's GPA. I think it is a true possibility that enrollment

is dropping because parents do not want to pay exorbitant tuition costs to have their child be the king of "keg stands."

Furthermore, I think it is deplorable that students waste this time to further their academic careers, when people in other countries would love to have this opportunity to attend a university.

Bryan McConomy
 junior from Springfield studying
 biology/pre-medicine

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Women raise awareness of hunger, poverty in Africa

Brandon LaChance
DAILY EGYPTIAN

One SIUC student was ready to jump on a plane to Africa after listening to a panel Tuesday night about poverty and hunger on the continent.

Matthew Bowie, a senior from Kildeer studying photojournalism, said it was difficult to believe what he heard and saw at the forum.

"What I heard tonight left me in shock, complete and utter shock," Bowie said. "After coming to something like this, I want to go to the bank, take out all my money, fly to Africa and do anything I can to help."

The Carbondale branch of the American Association of University Women and International Programs and Services co-sponsored the forum to bring awareness to the worldwide problem, especially in Africa.

Two of the three panelists were from Africa while the other lived there for two years. Each speaker identified different aspects of poverty and hunger. Their goal is to get local citizens to help suffering women and children globally.

Edith Ng'oma, a graduate student from Zambia studying rehabilitation counseling, presented the audience with a video about the poverty struggles young children deal with in Zambia.

Ng'oma said some families believe they are blessed if they eat one meal a day. She also said many households are run by 8-year-old children because their parents died of AIDS. After their parents die, children do not go to school because

they support their younger brothers and sisters.

Stella Iwuagu, a panelist and a graduate student from Nigeria studying health education, discussed how children in Africa are almost like an endangered species.

"For a child to survive through childhood is a miracle," Iwuagu said.

She explained how African mothers do not have access to health care or welfare and cannot afford medicine for their children. Iwuagu then set out plastic cups full of a rice substance derived from tapioca in Africa. She mixed it with water and said families in Nigeria eat it as their meal three times a day. If they have beans, it's considered fortunate.

Ella Lacey, a member of AAUW and a panelist, discussed her two-year stint in Malawi as a member of the Peace Corps. She said people in Malawi do not taste food.

"Food is food to them," Lacey said. "It isn't good or bad. I found myself in a lot of problems because I was waiting for them to tell me if food was good or not."

Lilia Uili, a senior from Dekalb studying English, said the speakers got her attention about the worldwide problem.

"I thought it was awesome," Uili said. "They were very informative and offered real-life experiences. It really made me want to be active in the fight. I wish more people would have come for such an important global issue."

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Rate-freeze deadline approaches

Legislators try to negotiate a deal

David Lopez
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The deadline for the Ameren rate-freeze extension, which would keep Carbondale residents' future electricity bills at the current price, is Jan. 1.

The likelihood of a fatter monthly electricity bill is growing as legislators try to negotiate a deal. As it stands, Ameren electric bills would increase 40 percent on Jan. 2, which would roughly translate to \$20 to \$30 more every month for the average household.

AmerenCIPS provides the electricity for much of the greater southern Illinois area. In 1997, the Legislature passed a law to help deregulate the power industry in the state. The area's electricity price was frozen at around eight cents per kilowatt-hour and remained so for 10 years. Now, with the rate freeze expiring, prices could go up by 40 percent.

Ameren Corporation spokeswoman Erica Abbett said Ameren is not increasing the rates to make more money.

"Ameren does not make a profit from selling electricity to people," she said.

Abbett added that Ameren sees its profits from charging people for the maintenance, delivery, upgrades and tree-trimming. She said Ameren buys its power on the open market and does not charge its customers a rate for generating the power they actually use. The rate freeze in 1997 has kept the prices consistently low ever since.

In late November, the Senate approved a Democrat-backed plan to phase in the higher prices over three years, but the House adjourned before taking up the plan.

Rep. Mike Bost, a Republican from Carbondale, said the House did discuss whether to keep the rate freeze for another three years. There were not enough votes on either side to decide the matter, so the bill went into postponed consideration to possibly be brought up at a future legislative meeting.

Bost said he tried to get the Legislature to extend the rate freeze for another three to six months to give lawmakers time to work with the power company to slowly increase its charges by 15 cents a year. But that aspect of the measure was never voted on, he said.

"Had all parts been sensible and sat down and talked about it, it could have been done," Bost said.

Bost added unless the Legislature is called in for an emergency session,

the rate freeze will expire, and prices will go up Jan. 2.

Democratic Rep. John Bradley did not return a call for comment.

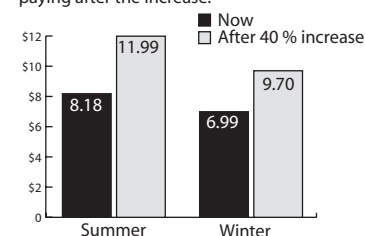
During the Oct. 31 Carbondale City Council meeting, Mayor Brad Cole introduced a possible option to the rate increase. He proposed that the city exercise its power of eminent domain to take control of the power infrastructure and pay Ameren the cost of its property.

Cole said this would make Carbondale more self-sufficient and possibly lower the kilowatt-per-hour charge. He said the city is still investigating the legal end of the process to see what can be done.

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Ameren's rate increase

The black bars represent how much Ameren customers pay now per kilowatt hour. The grey bars show how much customers will be paying after the increase.



Prosecutor seeks indictments in alleged CIA kidnapping

Colleen Barry
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILAN, Italy — An Italian prosecutor on Tuesday requested the indictment of 26 Americans and five Italian secret service officials in the 2003 kidnapping of an Egyptian cleric in Milan — a case that continues to be an irritant to U.S.-Italian relations.

Prosecutor Armando Spataro said the indictment request is aimed at CIA agents and the former head of Italian military intelligence, Nicolo Pollari, for alleged involvement in the kidnapping.

Prosecutors have identified all but one of the Americans as CIA agents, including former station chiefs in Rome and Milan, and the 26th as a U.S. Air Force officer stationed at the time at Aviano air base near Venice.

Last month, Spataro asked the center-left government of Romano Prodi to request the Americans' extradition; he has not received a response.

The operation was believed to be part of an alleged CIA "extraordinary rendition" program in which terrorism suspects are transferred to third countries where some allegedly are tortured. It is the first known prosecution of alleged participants in such operations, which have come under growing criticism by America's allies in Europe.

The United States and Italy have an extradition treaty, although it was not likely that CIA agents would be turned over for trial abroad. In some instances, only the

aliases of the agents are known.

The previous government of conservative Silvio Berlusconi had refused to request the Americans' extradition and contended his government and Italian secret services were not informed about the operation and did not take part.

Berlusconi, one of the United States' staunchest allies in the war against terrorism and the invasion of Iraq, expressed support for Pollari.

"Gen. Pollari was one of the few to fight terrorism in the front lines, with the result that he came under the scrutiny of all Italians. Let's ask the government how it intends to protect those like Pollari who go up against terrorists, and the good name of our intelligence and Italy's reputation abroad," Berlusconi said.

Pollari was replaced last month as part of a purge that also included the heads of the civilian secret service agencies. Pollari, 63, had long resisted calls for his resignation that only intensified with the abduction case. He took over SISMI, the Italian military intelligence agency, in 2001 after holding key posts with Italy's financial police and civilian secret service agency.

Besides Pollari, the request also names his former deputy Marco Mancini and three other secret service officials.

Pollari has insisted in questioning before parliamentary committees that Italian intelligence had no role in the cleric's disappearance, while Mancini, who was arrested this summer, is said by his lawyers

to be cooperating with prosecutors in implicating his boss.

Osama Moustafa Hassan Nasr, an Egyptian cleric and terrorist suspect, also known as Abu Omar, was allegedly abducted from a Milan street in February 2003 and flown out of Italy from Aviano.

Among the Americans named in the request are Robert Seldon Lady, a former station chief in Milan, and Jeffrey Castelli, identified as a former CIA chief in Rome.

Spataro also is seeking indictments on charges of aiding and abetting against two other secret service officials and the deputy director of the newspaper Libero, Renato Farina. Four others — three secret service officials and a reporter for Libero — were dropped from the investigation.

From the outset, U.S. officials have declined comment. A lawyer for Lady, the only American who was living in Italy when arrest warrants were issued, said she was surprised by the indictment request.

"Even the documents of the prosecution show that he was not an organizer. If anything, he was someone who obeyed orders," lawyer Daria Pesce said.

Lady left the country before the warrant was served. Pesce said he lives in the United States but declined to say where.

Prosecutors raided Lady's home near Turin last year, collecting a central piece of evidence — a picture of Nasr taken in January 2003 on the street where he was allegedly abducted a month later.

First trans fats ban in the nation

Jocelyn Noveck
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — New York on Tuesday became the first city in the nation to ban artery-clogging artificial trans fats at restaurants, leading the charge to limit consumption of an ingredient linked to heart disease and used in everything from french fries to pizza dough to pancake mix.

In a city where eating out is a major form of activity — either for fun or out of hectic necessity — many New Yorkers were all for the ban, saying that health concerns were more important than fears of Big Brother supervising their stomachs.

"I don't care about what might be politically correct and what's not," said Murray Bader, nursing a cup of coffee at Dunkin' Donuts on Tuesday morning. "I want to live longer!"

The 72-year-old Manhattan resident called the ban a "wake-up call" for a public often unaware of the risks of artificial fats. "This stuff clogs up your vessels," he said. "When it comes to health, we only have one life."

Toni Lewis, catching a quick dinner at McDonald's before her daughter's piano lesson on the eve of the vote, acknowledged that yes, it might be an intrusion for the city to tell people what they can and can't put into their stomachs. But, she added, it was a welcome one.

"This is New York," she said.

"People eat out a lot. We don't have a choice. We need someone to make it a healthier proposition."

Health and nutrition groups say artificial trans fats clearly contribute to heart disease. Studies have shown they raise bad cholesterol and lower the good kind. Partially hydrogenated vegetable oil, the main form of artificial trans fats, is used for frying and baking and turns up in a host of processed foods: cookies, pizza dough, crackers and pre-made blends like pancake mix.

"It's basically a slow form of poison," said David Katz, director of the Yale Prevention Research Center. "I applaud New York City and frankly, I think there should be a nationwide ban."

Not everyone agrees with Katz — he's gotten angry e-mails calling him and colleagues the "food police" and saying, "If I want to eat trans fats, that's my inalienable right." To which he responds: "Would you want the burden of asking your restaurant whether there's lead in the food? Whether there's arsenic in the bread? For all I know, maybe arsenic makes bread more crusty. But it's poison."

Some industry representatives were not happy. E. Charles Hunt, executive vice president of the New York State Restaurant Association, said the city had overstepped its authority by ordering restaurants to abandon an ingredient permitted by the FDA.



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She said the training was needed as more and more domestic car companies are trying to develop their own hybrid models. Marion Toyota has sold 85 hybrids this year alone, she said.

"This is important now because we're looking at a hybrid world," Gramlich said.

Mike Fleischer, the field technical specialist from the Chicago-region Toyota office, explained hybrid vehicles to the emergency responders, saying a hybrid consists of both gas and electrical systems. He said when a hybrid vehicle is stopped at a

stoplight or traveling at a low speed, such as under 30 miles per hour, the electrical system will take over and no gas will burn. High voltage batteries will keep the car running normally, he said.

Fleischer said emergency response guides are given to the departments that will be the first responders at an accident scene whenever a new model of hybrid vehicle comes out. The safety seminars are a joint effort between the dealer and the regional offices, he said.

"With proper procedures, there's no added danger (for rescue workers)," Fleischer said. "The procedures are very simple. Otherwise, the vehicle is no less safe."

Jill Schoenborn, membership coordinator with Air-Evac Lifeteam, said a safety seminar helps with emergency responders' knowledge when working on the scene of a hybrid accident. She also said while they have not seen any hybrid vehicle accidents, they are starting to see more and more hybrids on the road.

"If you have a patient who is bleeding to death or can't breathe, you're going to use the Jaws of Life to get them out," Schoenborn said. "But this definitely gives awareness to the responders."

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NIGHTS

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During a City Council meeting overshadowed by the liquor commission's meeting, council members requested three more recommendations be taken on whether to reopen the Strip during Halloween.

The original recommendation and report on Halloween sanctions in Carbondale came after Cole requested one evaluating the effectiveness of the restrictions. The report cited

several past Halloween incidents in Carbondale dating back to the '70s. The most recent event chronicled in the report was in 2000 when police officers used tear gas to disperse a riot on South Illinois Avenue.

The council discussed creating a sunset clause that would allow the restrictions to expire after 2008. Then Wissmann set forward a motion to have an ordinance created to lift restrictions in time for Halloween 2007. The motion was voted down, but Cole requested three more recom-

mendations be drawn up by the city for the Jan. 16 meeting.

Cole said one would involve a near-term sunset clause, one would include new thoughts and new ideas to loosen the restrictions without losing them completely, and the third would be a "wide-open, shoot-from-the-hip" plan. He said this would give the City Council four viable plans to discuss for action in January.

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Closed Taco Bells all used same food distributor, company says

Angela Delli Santi
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTH PLAINFIELD, N.J. — All 11 Taco Bells implicated in an E. coli outbreak in New York and New Jersey used the same food distributor, the restaurant chain said Tuesday as health officials tried to pinpoint the source of the dangerous bacteria that sickened at least three dozen people.

Nine people remained hospitalized in New Jersey and New York, including an 11-year-old boy in stable condition with kidney damage.

Taco Bell Corp. said it had sanitized its nine closed restaurants and planned to reopen them on Tuesday. At the same time, spokesman Rob Poetsch said: "We have no indication what the source is. We're looking into all possibilities."

The distributor, Texas-based McLane Co., said that Taco Bell representatives and state and federal health inspectors toured the distribution center in Burlington, N.J., that supplied the eight Long Island, N.Y., restaurants and the three in New Jersey.

"It involves tracking your way back and trying to see if by process of elimination you can determine the root cause," said Bart McKay, a lawyer for McLane.

He said McLane distributes to all Taco Bells in New Jersey and in the New York City area, but he had no estimate on how many that is.

The case has underscored the risk of widespread outbreaks of food poisoning at fast-food chains.

"Fast-food restaurants don't purchase ingredients down the street at the local farmers market. They purchase food nationally, process it nationally and ship it across the country," said Carol Tucker Foreman, head of the Food Policy Institute at the Consumer Federation of America.

However, Taco Bell ships its beef-and-bean fillings to restaurants pre-cooked and pre-seasoned to save money, and industry experts said that practice may be safer, because the food is handled by fewer people and is heated twice — once at the plant and once at the individual restaurants.

New Jersey health officials said their investigation would probably focus on produce, not just meat, because some of the 23 people who ate at New Jersey Taco Bells and were infected with E. coli were vegetarians.

E. coli is found in the feces of humans and livestock. Most E. coli infections are associated with undercooked meat. The bacteria also

can be found on sprouts or leafy vegetables such as spinach. The bacteria also can be passed from person to person if they do not thoroughly wash their hands after using the bathroom.

New Jersey's health commissioner has said that the most recent case of E. coli was reported on Nov. 29, so the danger of infection may have passed.

Two of the 11 restaurants implicated — both in New Jersey — were inspected and remained open.

E. coli, or Escherichia coli, is a common and ordinarily harmless bacteria, but certain strains can cause abdominal cramps, fever, bloody diarrhea, kidney failure, blindness, paralysis and even death.

Foreman criticized the company and health officials because they learned about the first case of E. coli on Nov. 28 but did not close the last of the restaurants until two days later.

"This is a killer bug. This is more than just a belly ache," she said. "The minute they discovered they had more than one case, that's when they should start going into high gear."

Earlier this year, three people died and more than 200 fell ill from an outbreak that was traced to packaged spinach grown in California.

Citizenship, permanent residency fees will increase to prevent backlog

Anabelle Garay
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS — The fees immigrants pay for citizenship and permanent residency petitions will rise as officials try to prevent more backlogs in the system, the director of the nation's immigration service said Tuesday.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Emilio Gonzalez said the amount of the increases is still being determined but expects it to be significant.

"I envision that it'll go up a fair

amount," he said during a visit to Dallas. "We're a business. We're not allowed to be deficient."

Currently, immigrants applying for citizenship pay \$330 or \$325 for permanent residency documentation known as a "green card." Applicants also pay a \$70 fingerprinting fee. They could see the new prices for immigration petitions by April, Gonzalez said.

Citizenship and Immigration Services processes applications for citizenship, permanent residence, work permits and other immigration documents. During the past few years, the agency has been

working through a backlog that kept some immigrants waiting up to three years for green cards or citizenship.

The agency is mainly funded by application fees and some appropriations from the federal government, which usually target specific programs. It has a \$2 billion budget, but Gonzalez said that's not enough.

The additional money from higher fees would fund hiring more staff to work through applications, training current employees, renovating buildings and improving technology, Gonzalez said.

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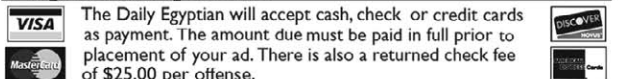
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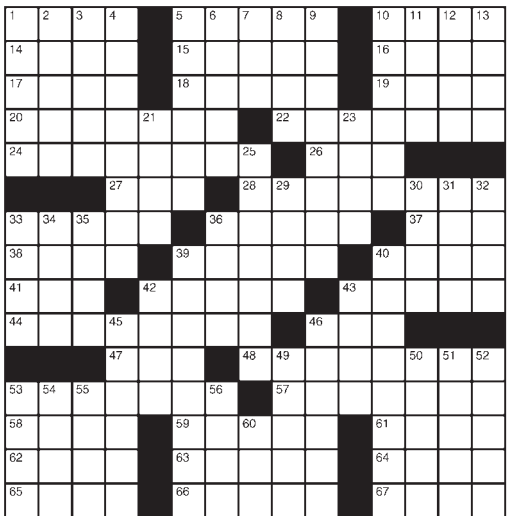
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 19 Raven or robin
 20 Helper in wrongdoing
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 26 Actor McKellen
 27 Tolkien creature
 28 Cabana site
 33 On the qui vive
 36 Carried along
 37 Atlantic food fish
 38 Escapes
 39 Loudness units
 40 Part of LP
 41 Kimono holder
 42 Males only affairs
 43 Showy bloom
 44 Body shop quote
 46 Male heir
 47 Instant lawn
 48 Chosen one
 53 Peach State
 57 Side-to-side
 58 Mystique
 59 Metropolitan
 61 Dieter's word
 62 Emancipated
 63 Intended
 64 Well-known cartel
 65 "What Kind of Am I?"
 66 Uses emery
 67 Bivouac shelter



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Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is an 8 - Check your storage facilities, and find out what you already have. Stash away as much and more as you can, so you don't have to lug it around.
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Former Cub Ryne Sandberg to manage Peoria Chiefs

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Ryne Sandberg's in the Hall of Fame. Now he's ready to embark on another journey in baseball as minor league manager.

"I haven't ridden a bus in quite a while. I'm totally up for it. It's all part of it, part of the fun," Sandberg, the former Chicago Cubs' star said Tuesday when he was named manager of the team's Class A farm team at Peoria of the Midwest League.

"I just look at it as a great opportunity to help the Cubs and work with their prospects. I will learn along the way, and they will learn. And I think we will all have fun doing it and also win some games along the way."

It will be Sandberg's first managerial assignment, and he hopes it will some day lead to one in the major leagues. He's been working with the Cubs in training as a special instructor since 1999.

"For me, it's the start of what I need to do to prepare myself, prove myself that I could one day be a major league manager," he said.

"I've been thinking, Wow, I could be contributing more, I want to contribute more, I want to be



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Ryne Sandberg, pictured here announcing his return to baseball on Oct. 23, 1998, was named the new manager of the Cubs' class A farm team in Peoria.

more a part of it, more a part of the game.' This is the first step in achieving it."

Sandberg, 47, retired from the Cubs the first time after the 1994 season, sat out 1995 and then returned for two seasons. He retired for good in 1997 after a 16-year major league career. A 10-time National League All-Star and nine-time Gold Glove winner, the second baseman was the National League's

MVP in 1984. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 2005, and his No. 23 was retired that season.

The native of Spokane, Wash., started his Major League career in 1981 with the Philadelphia Phillies. He was traded before the 1982 season to the Cubs.

Sandberg finished his career with a lifetime .285 batting average. He had 282 home runs, 2,386 hits, 1,061 RBIs in 2,164 games.

Mediocrity means hope in NFC

Barry Wilner

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Going .500 gets fans upset, coaches in trouble and players released.

Except in this year's NFC, where a break-even mark is looking playoff-worthy. And a winning record makes you a Super Bowl contender.

When the Philadelphia Eagles beat the Carolina Panthers on Monday night, it created a four-way logjam for the two NFC wild-card berths between those teams, the New York Giants and Atlanta all at 6-6.

So while teams possibly headed for 10 wins in the AFC are wondering if it will be enough to get them into the Super Bowl chase, mediocrity not parity in the other conference might well be rewarded with a trip to the postseason.

"Well, it's a crazy year, so anything is possible," Eagles coach Andy Reid said. "We're just taking it one week at a time; we're not going to worry too much about getting into the playoffs or anything else."

History usually hasn't been kind to .500 teams. Since the NFL went to a 16-game schedule in 1978, seven 8-8 clubs reached the postseason, with the 1985 Cleveland Browns actually winning the AFC Central. The other six were wild cards.

But recent history has been more positive for such posers, with two 8-8s making it in 1999 (Dallas and Detroit) and two more in 2004

(Minnesota and St. Louis). Indeed, even a 7-9 finish could be good enough in the NFC, which brings St. Louis, San Francisco and Minnesota all 5-7 and all decidedly average or worse into the equation.

Which raises the question whether the lack of artistry on the field by these teams is offset by the excitement created in cities where next April's draft would, by now, be the main NFL topic.

"That's the way the NFC is this year, and because of that every game is like a playoff game," said Philadelphia kicker David Akers, whose 25-yard field goal beat Carolina on Monday night and created the four-way tie at 6-6.

"It was a playoff atmosphere out there," Akers said. "Next week is going to be the same thing because each game is so critical to win going down the stretch. You never can tell, and if you don't give up, maybe good things will happen for you."

Really good things, such as division championships and byes, definitely will happen to teams with more wins than losses in the NFC. The Bears are 10-2, own the North title and could clinch home-field advantage throughout the conference playoffs this weekend.

Dallas, New Orleans and Seattle all are 8-4 and, with wins Sunday, could secure at least wild-card spots. Of course, the Cowboys host the Saints, so one of them won't get that

prize right away.

But as long as they get another victory, they all should be playing in January.

Of the 6-6 teams, who has the edge even if they wind up 8-8?

Maybe nobody. All four teams play each other twice. Atlanta finishes by hosting Carolina and visiting Philly. The Panthers are home for the Giants this Sunday. New York follows that by hosting the Eagles, and Philadelphia finishes at home against the Falcons after three straight road games.

All are struggling that's how you get to 6-6, after all and show few signs of putting together a winning streak this month.

Carolina (four) and New York (five) already have had such strings, but the Panthers also have had three two-game losing streaks, and the Giants are mired in a four-game skid. At least the Panthers don't have the turmoil on and off the field that has plagued the Giants.

Nor does Carolina have the string of injuries plaguing New York, Philadelphia and Atlanta.

"We're still in there, but it makes it harder for us," Panthers defensive end Mike Rucker said of the 6-6 gridlock. "We have to play lights out now. We've been here before, and that's what we have to get across to the younger guys and let them know there's a sense of urgency."

Not to mention a sense of mediocrity.

J.D. Drew to BoSox

Ronald Blum

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Greg Maddux is headed to the San Diego Padres, and J.D. Drew to the Boston Red Sox. Halfway through baseball's winter meetings, teams remained focused on free agents instead of potential trades.

Not a single swap had been made through Tuesday evening, but New York Mets general manager Omar Minaya said he was close to a trade. The Chicago Cubs appeared to be discussing deals involving outfielder Jacque Jones.

"I do believe the free-agent market is kind of holding off a little bit the trade front, because there are so many free agents still available," Minaya said.

Boston's attempts to deal Manny Ramirez appeared to be slowing. But the Red Sox did reach a preliminary agreement on a \$70 million, five-year contract with right fielder J.D. Drew. If healthy, he would join David Ortiz and Ramirez in the middle of the lineup.

"With David and Manny, if they want to walk those guys, we want them to pay a steep price," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said.

Ramirez at times has said he wants to leave Boston, which annually explores trades for him without making one. Giants general manager Brian Sabean joked about a possible Ramirez trade, saying "it might be a four-way." He hinted that he'd been in the suite of Red Sox GM Theo Epstein.

"Boston has vats of Starbucks coffee, cafeteria vats," Sabean said.

Maddux and the Padres, meanwhile, closed in on a \$10 million, one-year contract, a deal that would contain a player option for 2008. Agent Scott Boras, without indicating a team, said Maddux's deal "was moving positively ... but not done yet."

Details on Maddux's potential contract with the Padres were disclosed by two people familiar with the talks who spoke in condition of anonymity because no deal had been finalized.

"Southern California was always a place Greg wanted to play. He was very happy in L.A. last year," Boras said. "San Diego also has an environment for his family. His decisions are based primarily on his family."

Boras said Barry Zito, another client, was "geographically free." Zito, the top available free-agent pitcher, could wind up with a contract of six or seven years, a length that might eliminate several suitors.

"In the marketplace there have been three-year deals given for guys

“**With David and Manny, if they want to walk those guys, we want them to pay a steep price.**

— Terry Francona
Red Sox manager

that have had substantial injury histories," Boras said. "Last year, we got a five-year deal for Kevin Millwood. Zito has pristine durability. He's never missed a start. So definitely he's going to be someone that's in that range."

San Francisco and Barry Bonds seem to be inching toward a deal. Arizona Diamondbacks manager Bob Melvin would be surprised if Bonds didn't remain with the Giants.

"I expect him to be there," Melvin said. "If we don't have Barry in our division, it's a break. We don't count on it."

In Tuesday's only announced free-agent agreement, reliever LaTroy Hawkins and the Colorado Rockies finalized a \$3.5 million, one-year contract. Reliever Joe Borowski and outfielder David Dellucci were to take physicals Tuesday, a step toward finalizing contracts with the Indians.

In the biggest free-agent signing among pitchers so far this week, Vicente Padilla and the Texas Rangers reached a preliminary agreement Monday on a \$33.75 million, three-year contract, an indication of the high price of pitching. Not wanting Chris Carpenter to become eligible for free agency in the next few years, St. Louis agreed to a \$63.5 million, five-year contract with the 2005 NL Cy Young Award winner.

In the overheated market, Ted Lilly was likely to get a four-year contract, with the Chicago Cubs the most likely destination, and Mark Mulder was getting multiyear offers even though he had rotator cuff surgery in September. Houston manager Phil Garner was hoping that Andy Pettitte would choose pitching over retirement and would decide to stay with his hometown Astros rather than return to the Yankees.

"I certainly am tainted by my biased feeling that he wants to be in Houston. He needs to be in Houston, and we want him to be in Houston," Garner said. "And his family is dying for him to be in Houston. His kids are pining every day at school wondering, 'Oh, daddy, please don't go anywhere else. Stay in Houston.' I could hear it all over the city."

Boras said reliever Eric Gagne, coming off elbow surgery in April and back surgery in July, had many suitors. The former All-Star closer was born in Montreal, leading to speculation Toronto might be interested.

"It doesn't hurt to have a hockey town involved," Boras said.

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SIU put \$10,000 on the system and was declared the highest bidder.

King said the Coachcom UC system would regularly cost anywhere from \$40,000 to \$50,000 new and currently has a value of around \$15,000 to \$20,000, meaning SIU purchased the system at a major discount.

"As you can imagine, for us to get somebody else's headsets, we paid a significantly less amount and are still getting the same product, obviously," King said.

Coaching headsets can get pricey — the system Missouri bought to replace its old system reportedly cost around \$100,000.

Moccia said with such high prices, SIU can't afford a top-line product but can get a system from the bargain bin.

"We are happy as could be because that is a system that we couldn't afford to purchase," Moccia said. "It kind of puts us in line with the top I-AA programs now. The coaches are happy."

That's not to say the Salukis have picked up an average system, though.

King said SIU's new system could match almost any teams from I-AA and could rival those of other D-I schools, as well.

"I would say (the system) is what many Division I teams have right now," King said. "Missouri just basically had the headsets for a while and wanted a different product. It wasn't that the headsets weren't working. But I would say that many schools on the I-A level are going to be using the same type of headsets that we will be using now."

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Eikenberg said SIU suffered mental breakdowns and failed to finish off the Lady Jaguars, two problems she said will be addressed in practice.

The Salukis and South Alabama were tied at 29 heading into the half in addition to the Salukis holding a 10-point lead late in the

second half.

"It's a game to learn from," Eikenberg said. "We're about three people away from being a good team. I think they're there, but they've got to work harder in practice — they've got to focus."

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Blues retire Hull's jersey, announce 'Brett Hull Way'

R.B. Fallstrom
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — The Blues didn't stop at retiring Brett Hull's No. 16 jersey on Tuesday night. They also arranged to name a street after him.

Just the jersey would have been plenty for Hull, who thanked his enforcers for taking good care of him, admitted to his old coaches that he knew he could be a handful, and even thanked the media while bragging that his exploits certainly made their job easier.

"To have an organization think that much of you is more than one guy can ask," Hull said.

Hull's nickname, "Golden Brett" was a takeoff of father Bobby Hull's moniker, "Golden Jet." The pair are the only father-son combination to each score 600 goals and 1,000 points, and now they're the only father and son to have their jerseys retired in any sport.

The banner with Hull's number was slowly raised to the rafters to a Neil Young rock song with appropriate lyrics: "Old man take a look at my life, I'm a lot like you."

The team also arranged to call

the street that borders their arena "Brett Hull Way."

Hull outscored his dad, 741-610. Bobby Hull's No. 9 was retired by the Chicago Blackhawks in 1983.

Adam Oates was among the 20 former teammates who attended the ceremonies before the Blues-Red Wings game. The present Blues players all wore No. 16 during warmups, just as they all wore No. 2 during Al MacInnis' jersey retirement ceremony last April.

"Brett, nothing compares to the three years I got to play with you," Oates said. "It was the highlight of my career."

Chairman David Checketts made honoring Hull a top priority when his ownership group took over last summer. He was hopeful that the occasion, which prompted the first sellout crowd of the season for a struggling franchise often playing to half-capacity or less, would spur the beginning of a revival.

Hull recalled a fiery dressing-down from Brian Sutter, his first coach with the Blues, as pivotal in his career. The rookie said he thought Sutter was going to tell him, "Boy,

am I lucky to be coaching you."

"He sat me down and had a half-hour tirade, and I was flabbergasted," Hull said. "I had no idea how good I was, the impact I could have on the game."

"Without that meeting, I'm not sure I would be standing here today, and I thank Brian so much for that."

Sutter was briefly a teammate before becoming the Blues coach for the 1988-89 season, and he quickly recognized Hull's talents. He said Hull was the best scorer he's seen in 30 years in the NHL and "maybe the best ever."

Brett Hull won two Stanley Cups, one each with the Stars and Red Wings, after leaving St. Louis when the Blues refused to honor his demand for a no-trade contract. He's an assistant to the president of the Stars.

But he said he's always been a Blue.

"From the day I arrived in St. Louis, you made me feel like I was born and raised here," Hull told the crowd. "Unfortunately, I wasn't able to retire here, but I can tell you my heart never left."

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Should the Chicago Bears bench Rex Grossman, one of the hottest quarterbacks in the country for the first month and a half of the season, in favor of journeyman Brian Greise?

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"If Grossman keeps throwing interceptions, the Bears have no shot. He was superb at the beginning of the season, and now he can't even pass for 40 yards. And I wouldn't be so sure about the defense saving them in the playoffs. I mean, they have an amazing defense, but don't tell me you already forgot about last year."

"In my mind, the Bears' defense is kind of like their quarterback. I mean, the defense does score a couple touchdowns a game, so it's kind of like the same thing. But whether it's Greise or Grossman, the Bears should make it to at least the NFC Championship on defense alone. Heck, put a monkey in at QB."

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"Trent Dilfer and Brad Johnson were Super Bowl winning QB's on teams with dominating defenses. You know, kind of like the Bears have. And with it, all the Bears need is a QB who won't sink them. Grossman just needs to pick his spots so he doesn't kill the team. Lovie Smith might need to rein him in a bit."

SALUKI TRACKER

DALLAS COWBOYS

Brandon Jacobs

In the New York Giants' 23-20 loss to the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday, Brandon Jacobs ran the ball five times and gained 29 yards. Jacobs also reeled in two catches for 52 yards, including a long reception of 43 yards on a short pass from Giants' quarterback Eli Manning. On the season, Jacobs is averaging 4.8 yards per carry and has rushed 77 times for 369 yards and eight touchdowns.



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"When he tapped me on the shoulder in practice, I looked at him and decided to give him a shot," Smith said. "I pride myself on giving the underdog a chance, so I changed some of his technique, and he's delivered for us thus far."

If the 2005-06 season was any indication, Siemons, a two-time all-Missouri Valley Conference pick, should improve on his eighth-place finish at the NCAA Midwest regionals.

Siemons said his success comes from his willingness to learn and a wise use of his time.

"I spent a lot of time working on mechanics with my coach, and I got

“**He has a legitimate shot at making nationals again and doing even better this year.**

— John Smith
SIU throws coach

into better shape after high school," Siemons said. "The other big thing for me has been consistency with everything I do because I go out there and give my best every time."

The newfound consistency led to fifth- and sixth-place finishes at the MVC outdoor championships in the hammer throw. Numbers, though, aren't everything with Siemons.

Junior thrower Brittany Riley, his

female counterpart, is a two-time NCAA All-American. She said Siemons is far and away the hardest working player on the team.

"He'll be in here doing extra work on the weekends because he wants to improve," Riley said. "We don't train together, but when I watch him throw this year, I can see major improvement."

Smith said he has high expectations for his star pupil this season.

"He has a legitimate shot at making nationals again and doing even better this year," Smith said. "All of his success goes hand in hand with his workaholic mentality."

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Big Ten tabs former Disney and ABC executive to run TV network

PARK RIDGE (AP) — Former Disney and ABC executive Mark Silverman was named Tuesday as president of the Big Ten Network, slated to launch in August 2007.

Silverman had served as general manager and senior vice president of ABC Cable Networks Group since April 2004 and was responsible for the equity in Lifetime Television, A&E Network and the History Channel. He was also general manager of the network's Family Channel

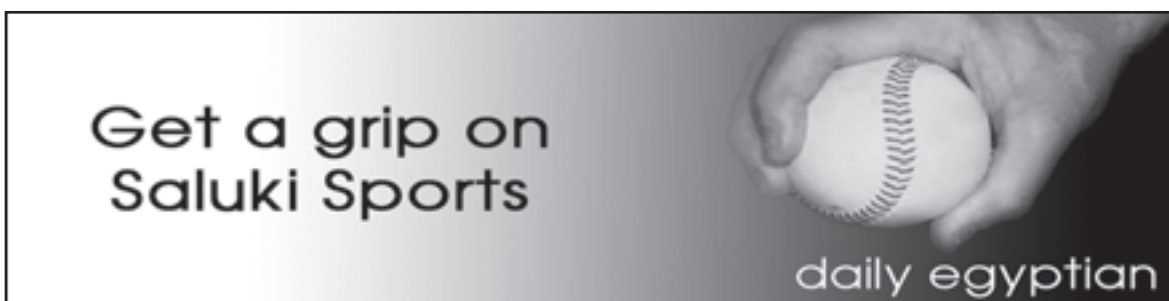
for two years. "My goal is to utilize my experience in both the cable television and sports industries to drive and sustain the success of this network," Silverman said.

Before joining ABC, Silverman was co-founder and president of Silverkings Media, a media/entertainment consulting company, and senior vice president of Broadband Sports, an online sports content company.

He also held various leadership

posts with Walt Disney Co. from 1991-99, including a stint as general manager of ESPN Zone.

The Big Ten Network is majority-owned by the Big Ten Conference, while FOX holds a minority interest. The 24-hour network will showcase a wide array of classic-to-current sports as well as original programming produced by the conference's 11 institutions. It will be available to all carriers and distributors nationwide.



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FOOTBALL

Can you hear me now? Good.

SIU purchases new, improved headsets

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Maybe the Salukis will be able to hear themselves next time they visit Missoula, Mont.

SIU purchased an improved communications system, known as the Coachcom UC system, from the University of Missouri on Nov. 29 for \$10,000 — three days before SIU's quarterfinals loss to the University of Montana.

Although it wasn't used in the Montana game, the new headset system will replace the old system during the 2007 regular season.

The change in equipment should allow the SIU coaching staff significant improvement in sideline and booth communication as well as reduce the number of technical errors.

"One of the problems with wireless capabilities and television and so forth (in the booth) was you run into a lot of problems where things get broken up in the headsets," said assistant athletic director of facilities Jason King. "This system will hopefully improve those interruptions."

SIU has long been accustomed to using subpar communication systems — Porta Phone, SIU's old system, was geared toward usage in a high school program.

"We have struggled here (with the old system), I don't think there is any secret about it," said SIU head coach Jerry Kill. "Certainly this should help us out. It's an upgrade."

Porta Phone, which was used for three seasons, cost SIU somewhere in the \$10,000 market and could now serve as a backup set in case of an emergency.

King said the UC system could



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Saluki head football coach Jerry Kill watches a play during the Saluki first round playoff game Nov. 25 in McAndrew Stadium.

offer many benefits to the coaching staff including better communication between SIU coaches and players.

"This is just a better product than our old system," King said. "They are still in very good working order. There is no doubt there is more working technology out there right now, but we

feel like this is exactly what we need."

Kill said SIU called multiple top Division I-AA programs to see what type of headsets they were using. Their solution was to buy a cheap headset from a larger Division I school that was looking for a new product — similar to buying a used car.

SIU Athletic Director Mario Moccia expanded on that idea.

"We called around to all the top Division I-AA programs like Appalachian State, Montana and Youngstown," Moccia said. "It seemed that the model in I-AA was to get a hand-me-down set, for lack of a better term, from a I-A program."

SIU did just that — Moccia said he found out that Missouri, where Moccia served as associate athletic director from 1998 to 2006, was going to put its current system up for bid because it was in the market for a new system.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Late run dooms Salukis

Scott Mieszala
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU women's basketball team had its chances but couldn't capitalize, and the Salukis let Tuesday's game slip through their fingers.

The University of South Alabama defeated the Salukis, 60-59, despite SIU holding a 57-47 lead with 6 minutes, 29 seconds remaining. A layup by senior forward Carlai Moore put the Salukis ahead by 10, but the Lady Jaguars then went on a 13-2 run to close the game.

During the run, SIU (3-5) missed six shots and two free throws. South Alabama (4-4), however, made four of its seven attempts from the field and four of six free throws to seal the game.

"We didn't take care of late-game situations," head coach Dana Eikenberg said. "They were able to make free throws, and we didn't."

The Salukis were fresh off a game in which they dominated Weber State on the glass. In the 69-65 win, SIU outrebounded the Wildcats by a total of 36-24, including 16-5 on the offensive glass.

The Salukis edged the Lady

Jaguars in the rebounding department Tuesday, 32-28 — six each by guards Erica Smith, a sophomore, and Jayme Sweere, a junior.

In the 2005 home meeting with South Alabama, the Salukis edged the Lady Jaguars, 36-32, in the rebound battle and wreaked havoc defensively, forcing 24 turnovers while committing 15.

Both teams committed 18 turnovers in Tuesday's contest at South Alabama, but Eikenberg said the crucial difference was the Salukis' failure to crash the boards and execute on offense.

The Lady Jaguars headed into this game in the midst of a three-game losing streak, most recently losing Dec. 1 to Florida University, 62-50.

The leading scorer for SIU was sophomore forward Jasmine Gibson, who tallied 16 points and four rebounds. Next on the team was Moore's 14 points.

Eikenberg said that wasn't enough.

"Carlai's a big factor, but she can't be the only factor," Eikenberg said.

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TRACK AND FIELD

From walk-on to potential All-American

Siemons finished eighth in hammer throw at regionals

Matt Hartwig
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Brenton Siemons might not strike you as one of the nation's top hammer throwers.

But, Siemons, who finished 30th in nationals, has made his mark on the SIU track and field team with 25 top-10 finishes in the 2005-06 season.

The junior hammer and weight thrower looks like a professor at practice — he sports glasses, a book bag and a serious demeanor.

Perhaps his business-like attitude stems from not being offered any scholarships for his efforts in high school. Siemons, who attended Pittsfield High School, wasn't heavily recruited because his throwing distance wasn't to Division-I standards.

When he came to SIU, though, Siemons found out the Salukis were having open tryouts.



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SIUC junior Brenton Siemons practices the hammer throw Monday afternoon in the Student Recreational Center. Siemons, originally a walk-on to the SIU track and field team, is an NCAA Regional finalist and ranked 29th nationally in the hammer throw.

Now, he is the top hammer and weight thrower for the SIU men's track and field team.

SIU throws coach John Smith said Siemons throws nearly twice as far as

he did in high school, which could explain why he wasn't offered any scholarships out of high school.

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