Ledbetter named new police chief

Brandon Augsburg

Six of the 12 dogs that had been missing from the Jackson County Humane Society once an overnight break-in during the weekend had been returned to the facility.

Mary Libbert, who works at the shelter, said two of the dogs — Bermuda, a Hound/Border Collie mix, and Zeta, a Husky/Labrador mix — returned to the facility on their own. She said law enforcement officials or community members recovered the other four animals.

A woman who lives near the humane society found and returned a 7-month-old Australian Shepherd Retriever mix, the Murphysboro Animal Control Department took back a golden retriever named Gordon, the Murphysboro police recovered Charabelle, a Coursinhound/ Doberman mix found near Niemann Flooring and a Shih-Tzu/ Maltese mix was recovered close to a viaduct near Illinois Route 13. Libbert said all of the animals that have been returned seem healthy and were not injured. So far, she says the only reported animal fatalities stemming from the incident was a rabbit that had been at the humane society for two years. It was found outside the facility and appeared to have been attacked by another animal, said Sherry Mullins, assistant manager at the facility.

Drugs used for euthanasia stolen during the break-in and six dogs remain missing. Mullins said the shelter’s front window was smashed in and all of the animals’ cages were opened. The front door was also left ajar to allow the animals to escape.

Jennifer Lindsey of the Jackson County Sheriff’s Department said officers have taken deposits, and the investigation is continuing but said there are no new leads.

She said anyone with information about the investigation is encouraged to call the Jackson County Sheriff’s Department at 684-2177.

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Life 101

7 p.m. today at the Student Center in the Rec Center. It's free and open to the public.

Visitng artist: Perry Bard

It is 6 p.m. today at Lawson Hall room 221. Presentation of award winning work with electronic, video and public art installation.

Candidates try to grab voters' attention in final push

CHICAGO (AP) — Politicians know what will sway voters. It could be something as big as a health insurance program or as small as a cup of coffee.

Voters might consider how candidates handle votes however they could handle today — shaking hands, running more television ads, appealing with popular politicians, courting their achievements.

Behind the scenes, their campaigns made phone calls and readied get-out-the-vote efforts meant to make sure their supporters actually show up at the polls Tuesday.

Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich and Republican challenger Judy Baar Topinka both started their day greeting constituents at Chicago train stations.

Blagojevich, seeking a second term, found a supporter in Carlos Pena, 51, of Harvey Park. Pena said Blagojevich's efforts to provide health insurance for children outweighs any concerns about corruption.

"If anything it's the kid's program. That's one of the big things," Pena said. "I think a lot of politicians — they've all got their skeletons in the closet, you might say. But like the guy".

Topinka, the three-term state treasurer, was carrying her ever-present cup of coffee, a sign of frugality that made a big impression on Bath House.

"I love his" said Hage, a 51-year-old Lombard resident. "One of the things he love about a Hardy is the way he personally leads the function." Topinka and Blagojevich then headed out for a series of campaign rallies around the state.

POLICE REPORTS

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Explosions in Mexico City damage political party’s headquarters

MEXICO CITY — Homemade bombs exploded early Monday at the Federal Electoral Tribunal, a bank branch and the headquarters of the former ruling party in the country’s capital, causing no injuries but rattling nerves in a country wracked by protests since a contested presidential vote.

A coalition of resistance groups claimed responsibility, but officials said they still weren’t clear who carried out the blasts.

The explosions shortly after midnight damaged an auditorium at the headquarters of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, a branch of Canadian-owned Scotiabank, the Federal Electoral Tribunal, and businesses and residences near the court.

Police detonated two of the bombs, one at a Scotiabank near the court and another outside a Sanborns restaurant, a chain owned by billionaire Carlos Slim, near the PRI headquarters.

Having worked as an advocate for the university as a whole. "We take full responsibility for these actions,” the groups said in a statement e-mailed to the news media, which included the name of each group.

But federal attorney general’s office spokesman Jose Luis Marquez said it still wasn’t clear who was behind the blasts.

"There is nothing at this point to be able to confirm the veracity of the statement,” Marquez told The Associated Press. Policy are continuing their investigations, but at this moment there is no clear report of who may have been responsible." Authorities and political parties condemned the bombings, with some saying they were probably carried out by groups trying to destabilize the government before President-elect Felipe Calderon’s inauguration on Dec. 1.

Carib, a member of Fox’s National Action Party. "We categorically reject these criminal acts aimed at frightening the population, and we’re going to work vigorously to clear this up and guarantee security,” President Vicente Fox said.

Mexico City Mayor Alejandro Encinas asked residents not to panic but acknowledged the blasts were "creating a climate of uncertainty." Mexico City’s police department intensified security in the city’s public transportation system, as well as at the presidential residence, Los Pinos, several federal government offices and at the U.S. and British Embassies, said a spokesperson for the department, who was not authorized to give his name.

The explosions came a day after more than 20,000 leftist farmers from across Mexico marched in Oaxaca to demand the withdrawal of federal police who were sent in on Oct. 29 to end violence linked to a five-month protest against the state’s governor.

The protests are seeking the resignation of Oaxaca state Gov. Ulises Ruiz of the Institutional Revolutionary Party, whom they accuse of rigging the elections that brought him to power in 2004 and oppressing dissent.

Flavio Sosa, a protest leader, said his movement had no ties to the explosi-ions and did not know who could be behind them.

The PRI, which ruled Mexico for 71 years before Fox’s 2000 triumph, backed the electoral tribunal when it confirmed Calderon’s victory by less than 1 percentage point over leftist Democratic Revolution Party candidate Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador.
WGLOBE NATION

**TOUR LOST GOVERNOR**

Bush leads party charge through southern states

David Espo

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

WASHINGTON — On the eve of midterm elections, Democrats criticized Republicans as enthusiasts of a state status quo while President Bush declared, “We’re closing strongly” in a decision to preserve GOP control of Congress.

“They can’t run anything right,” counseled former President Clinton, taunting Republicans about the war in Iraq, the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina and even the scandal involving the House page program that complicated GOP efforts to win two more years in power.

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GOP tour loses a governor

Two dozen more Republican seats were in jeopardy, including one in Texas that may not be settled until next month. There, Republican Rep. Henry Bonilla and former Rep. Curt Rouzer, a Democrat, were the leading contenders in an eight-candidate field.

A race between the two top getters would follow if no one won a majority on Tuesday.

In contrast, only a few Democratic incumbents appeared in jeopardy, including Reps. John Barrow in Georgia, Melissa Bean in Illinois and — in a race that bore no impact on the broader party struggle — William Jefferson in Louisiana. Jefferson, ensnared in a federal corruption investigation, faced a likely runoff on Dec. 9, possibly against fellow Democrat Karen Carmell.

Draft law could reinstate the jobs of for former members Saddam’s party

Iraqi government hopes to calm

Sunni insurgency

Bassem Mroue

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A day after Saddam Hussein was sentenced to hang, the Shiite-dominated government offered a major concession Monday to his Sunni backers that could see thousands of members of the ousted dictator’s Barzah party reinstated in their jobs.

With a tight curfew holding down violence after Saddam’s guilty verdict and death sentence, the government reached out to disaffected Sunnis in hopes of enticing them away from the insurgency, which has killed tens of thousands of Iraqis and is responsible for the vast majority of U.S. casualties.

The U.S. military announced the deaths of five more American troops, two in a helicopter crash north of Baghdad and three in fighting west of the capital. The deaths raised to 17 the number of U.S. forces killed in the first six days of November.

Relentless sectarian killings also persisted despite the extraordinary security precautions. Fifty-nine bodies were discovered Sunday and Monday across Iraq, police said. But with no surge in violence, authorities were gradually lifting the restrictions in Baghdad and two restive Sunni provinces. Pedestrians were allowed back on the capital’s streets late Monday afternoon, and the international airport was to reopen Tuesday morning.

Around the Sunni country, jubilant Shiites celebrated the verdict while Sunnis held defiant counter-demonstrations.

Iraqi appeals court is expected to rule on an appeal by Saddam’s lawyers by the middle of January, the chief prosecutor said Monday, setting in motion a possible execution in mid-February. If the ruling is upheld, The Associated Press has learned that Iraq’s three-man presidential council is pledged to allow Saddam’s hanging to take place.

The execution must be carried out within 30 days of the appeals court’s decision.

Sunday’s verdict and Monday’s opening to the Sunnis were seen as a welcome break for the United States, which had recently called for the Iraqi government to stop pursuing exiles of Saddam’s Barzah party from their jobs. Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, however, has balked at U.S. requests to set up an amnesty for insurgents.

Al-Maliki has been engaged in a public feud with U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad since last month, when the prime minister disputed the envoy’s announcement that he had agreed to a timeline for progress in quelling violence and encouraging Sunnis to join the political process.

On Monday, there were indications Khalilzad was preparing to leave his post.

that will be about a foot lower than Monday’s, White said.

The Intrepid has been moored at a pier on Manhattan’s West Side for the past two years, during which time silt accumulated as much as 17 feet deep around its keel. The decontamination ship no longer has engines, but it does still have its four propulsors, each about 15 feet in diameter, and they got stuck in the mud.

The Intrepid, launched in 1943, helped bring about the naval defeat of Japan. It suffered seven bomb attacks, five Japanese kamikaze attacks, and one torpedo hit, losing 270 crew.

It also served during the Korean and Vietnam wars and was used to recover Mercury and Gemini astronauts after their spacecraft splashed down at sea. The FBI used the ship as an operation center after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

**CUBA**

Cuba’s foreign minister backs off prediction of speedy return by Fidel Castro by December

HAVANA — Cuba’s foreign minister stepped back Monday from an earlier assertion that Fidel Castro would return to public life by December, saying whether the ailing Cuban leader would be well enough to attend next month’s celebration of his 80th birthday.

Less than two months after telling The Associated Press he expected Castro to be fully back at the helm in early December, Felipe Perez Roque said he could not disprove when the leader would return.

“It is a subject on which I don’t want to speculate,” the minister told the AP in an interview. Castro’s return “will come when it’s right for the country,” Perez Roque said. He meets with Castro frequently, and the Cuban leader is steadily recovering from his intestinal surgery.

Perez Roque added he has noticed that his recovery is advancing “very fast.” He said “we are optimistic and happy. The only ones who are sure are our enemies, who were preparing to celebrate the country’s death.”

Up until his illness, Castro was known for micromanaging projects, leading massive marches along the Malecon coastal highway and giving hours-long speeches. Perez Roque was talking about a possible return with Cuba’s icon, who has been in retirement since 2006, except for a short trip abroad to attend a UN conference.

**MIAMI**

Procreation vacations becoming new hot trend

MIAMI — When Lucinda Hughes heard she would have to drink sea moss elixir while vacationing in the Bahamas, she was certain it would make her sick. Sure enough, three months later, Hughes is very sick — every morning — and expecting her first child in April.

The 29-year-old woman, who often encourages couples trying to have a baby to sneak away for a few days, found a new trend in the Bahamas: procreation vacations.

“It’s part of a trend in which hotels around the world are luring couples who are trying to have a baby. Resorts are offering on-site sex doctors, romantic advice and exotic food and drink calculated to put lovers in the mood and hasten the pitter-patter of tiny feet,” said Dr. Jason James of Miami, who promotes the trend.

Even some obstetricians are promoting the trend. Dr. James is writing a book about procreation vacations.

“Most of the money spent on procreation vacations is on exotic getaways, but many of these vacations are focused on the benefit for the children,” Dr. James said. “The idea is to create a baby, to have a baby, to have a baby.”

**ASTRONOMY**

Mercury passes by the sun Wednesday in rare astronomical event viewable only by telescope

WASHINGTON — An inopportune astronomical event — tiny Mercury inching across the surface of the sun — takes place Wednesday in the Northern Hemisphere. But you’ll need the right kind of telescope to see it.

Mercury is so tiny — 1/194th the size of the sun — and looking at the sun is so dangerous to the eyes that viewing must be done with a properly outfitted telescope or online telescope cameras, experts say.

Still, for many, the visibility of this event may be the only chance to see the closest planet to the sun. The view will be the first since 2009.

Scientists said Michelle Nichols, a master educator at the Adler Planetarium in Chicago, one of many places holding special events of Mercury’s trek. They said Mercury is usually seen in the early evening, but it’s often obscured by buildings, city lights and trees. She said.

“You definitely need a telescope to spot this one, a properly filtered telescope,” Nichols said. “You will see a brilliant dot against the face of a bright sun.”

Several Web sites, including those from mountain peaks in Hawaii, will be showing Mercury’s trek online.
Fall can be fun indoors, too

Family Fun Night helps weather the weather

Sarah Lohman
Daily Egyptian

Banjo music may not have gotten 2-year-old Jordan Ash moving, but a little bit of the disk jockey’s mariachi music inspired her to swing her hips as she danced with her grandpa and pink balloon puppy.

The Greater Carbondale Area Safe to Live Coalition sponsored a fall-themed Family Fun Night at the Touch of Nature Environmental Center on Monday evening. The night gave families the opportunity to spend a little time together while participating in some family activities. The coalition holds several Family Fun Nights throughout the year, said Kara Dunkel, one of the volunteer coordinators for the fall-themed evening.

Although the rain washed out plans for a hayride, the bright lights of the Environmental Center warmed the spirits of the families inside.

Tyone Ash, an alumna of SIU, brought her 2-year-old granddaughter, Jordyn, to Family Fun Night. They are visiting family from Florida and saw it as a good opportunity to get out of the house.

“Being that it rained, she’s been cooped up all day,” Ash said.

Staff members took requests for balloon animals or aired up balloons so the children could assemble their own balloon creations. Creations ranged from crazy hats to what was claimed to be a chinchilla. The snowman complete with a black top hat. Jordyn requested a pink puppy. The puppy’s “tail” was long enough to also act as a leash so Jordyn could take it on walks. While Jordyn walked the balloon puppy, it found itself between a shoe and a hard floor, but all was not lost. Touch of Nature worker Erica Doidt, a junior from Kankakee studying zoology, brought to life a new puppy and added in a purple hat with a red flower for Jordyn to wear while walking her new dog, which she also named Jordyn.

Children also got the opportunity to make a leaf press. After choosing their desired leaves from a bowl, brave Touch of Nature worker Molly Shubert, a sensor from Okawville studying therapeutic recreation, placed the leaf between a piece of canvas and a piece of waxed paper and held the edges down while the children whacked the leaf as hard as they could with a rubber mallet.

A live disc jockey provided music until Jim Wadley, a visiting faculty member of SIUC’s law school, broke out his banjo. Wadley solicited members of the crowd to join the four-member band to play the washboard bass. Wadley made the bass himself from a washtub, a broom handle and a piece of wire.

“I told my students to come tonight if they wanted to see me do something more fun than teach law,” said Wadley, who is from Topeka, Kan.

Wadley, adorned in classic cowboy attire, from the 10-gallon hat, chaps and real cowboy boots, taught the families how to do the Virginia Reel, a traditional folk dance. Parents and their children lined up facing each other and then took turns spinning and high kicking down the path between the rows. For Jordyn, her favorite souvenir of the night was a combination of three colorful leaves with her signature or rather the best signature a 2-year-old can make.

“My favorite part was the leaf thing,” Jordyn said.

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No more free ads for Pentagon

Dear Editor:

Your article, “Training Private Ryan,” was a great source of free advertising for the Pentagon. I doubt the marketing backs in the multi-billion dollar Pentagon P.R. apparatus could have done better themselves. From the cameo-colored text background to the full-color two-page centerfold and official U.S. Army logo on the side of a black dress, it was an advertisement’s dream come true.

As for the text, Don Rumsfeld himself could not have written a better account of how swell it is to dress up like a Boy Scout and go camping while also being inside without a coat and gloves on. Not that I don’t appreciate my always-cold glasses of water. Besides, heat is not the only reason Thanksgiving break is so great.

Many. We are also at the same time of year when funds have dwindled on drinks, food, and utilities and, well, more drinks. Thanksgiving is a time when everyone, we don’t have to pay for our own food. But I know some students will actually take this as an opportunity to reconnect with their families and then hope that helps to bring them closer to their checkbooks. It is sad, but let’s be honest, I would be in no mention of receiving money as a benefit to going home.

No class. Though not having class and then coming back for only a couple weeks before finals at last is much easier than having classes run straight through, it is a much-needed time away from school. After the anxiety and distracted demeanor I’ll display in class over the next week, I’ll be lucky if my professors don’t send me in to be tested for attention deficit disorder. But the truth is, it is midterms time and I have a busy schedule. So, until then, keep your head up and just needs some of the good old-fashioned humor I know I’ll find at home.

Food. Yes. I know I mention food in my columns all the time. But hey, who can deny the correlation between going home and eating delicious food? Of course, it is Thanksgiving, so it can only be doubly good. My mom knows that when I go home, the two things I will want are tuna noodle casserole and twice-baked potatoes. Those might not sound amazingly special, but we have all our guilty pleasures that only mom can make.

Don’t let fall fever get the best of you, because the cure — the luxuries of home — is only a couple short weeks away. So, by the time you read this, you’ll be home and just needs some of the good old-fashioned humor I know I’ll find at home. Food.

Thanksgiving break is so great. I can’t even play guitar. I just like being good at a video game.

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Prescription for fall fever

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Along with the fall sniffles and coughs students suffer from, here comes an altogether different kind of pain — fall fever.

While flu shots, chicken soup and electric blankets might help prevent seasonal sickness, there is nothing students can do to prevent that generally homiesick feeling I like to call fall fever.

It comes during that time in the semester when the weather is cold and rainy, classes drag on and Thanksgiving break is in sight but still not within reach. I knew I was catching the fever when I caught myself calling home just to see how our dog was doing.

I don’t know about you, but that two weeks until break can’t pass fast enough for me, and I know I am not alone. What used to be a packed and vicious campus is now quiet, occupied with students engrossed in their iPods and dragging their feet to class. Still, this lifelessness has to be better than being at home. What is so great about that?

Heat. The one thing I am looking forward to is staying with people who have money to pay for heat and don’t have an old decrepit house where the heat leaks out like a sieve. All I want is a week of warm toilet seats and your winter coat on.

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Words Overheard

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Here is a summary of this year's candidates. Now go vote!

**2006 Midterm Election Guide**

**Governor**

- **Rich Whitney**
  Green Party gubernatorial candidate Rich Whitney is a founding father of the Green Party in Illinois, and wrote much of the party's platform, which includes education funding reform, environmental issues, universal health care and human rights, among other things.

- **Judy Baar Topinka**
  Republican candidate Judy Baar Topinka calls her priorities the "Three Es" — education, economy and ethics reform. Topinka has also promised to freeze property tax rates and work to fix the state budget if elected.

- **Rod Blagojevich**
  Incumbent Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich has said throughout the campaign process that he wants to focus on education, healthcare, raising the minimum wage and creating more jobs. He is currently being investigated by the U.S. State's Attorney on suspicions of illegal fundraising practices.

**Attorney General**

- **David Black**

- **Lisa Madigan**

**Secretary of State**

- **Karen 'Young' Peterson**
  Democratic candidate Karen 'Young' Peterson

- **Dan Rutherford**
  Republican candidate Dan Rutherford

- **Jesse White**

**Treasurer**

- **Christine Radogno**
  Democratic candidate Christine Radogno

- **Alexander Giannoulias**

**State Representative for 115th District**

- **Charlie Howe**
  Green Party challenger Charlie Howe is seeking his first term in the House. Howe previously said education funding reform would be a key issue in this election. He also said his life-long experience as a blue-collar worker gives him the basis to represent his constituents.

- **Mike Bost**
  Incumbent Republican State Rep. Mike Bost has represented the 115th District since 1995. Bost previously said the most important issues in this election are the state budget, education and jobs. Bost is currently the Republican spokesman for the Illinois House of Representatives Higher Education Committee and one of the most tenured state representatives.

- **No candidate**

**Appellate Judge of the Fifth Judicial District**

- **Steve McGlynn**
  Republican Judge Steve McGlynn was appointed to the appellate court bench in 2004 and was a lawyer for 17 years before becoming a judge.

- **Bruce Stewart**
  Democratic Judge Bruce Stewart is the presiding judge in Saline County and has been a circuit judge for 11 years, in addition to being a lawyer for 19 years.

**Jackson County Board**

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By Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

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By Linda Black

Today’s Birthday (11-07-06). Watch out for tricks this year, and unsubstantiated claims. You confid more excellent deals, if you know what to look for. Study up.

To get the advantage, check the day’s rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8 - You’re in a good mood, and that’s helpful. There will be a few awkward moments. Something you thought would go one way is more likely to go the other.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - You’re in the center of the controversy. Listen carefully but don’t budge an inch. Let them compromise to you.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - Keep watching the big picture but don’t stumble over the details. Don’t be discouraged if you have to do something over again; it’s good practice.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is an 8 - You’re happy but don’t throw your common sense out the window. Be practical. If you’re in the right relationship, the other person will love you more for it.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 6 - Don’t let your head be turned by fancy promises about things you don’t need. Keep your priorities straight, and your values in the right places.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is an 8 - Stick with the routine you’ve established; you’ll make better time that way. This includes doing two or three tasks simultaneously.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - Take a moment to daydream about the far-away places you’d love to see. Then get back to work so you can afford to take the trip.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is an 8 - Decide what you want and how much you’ll spend before you meet with the salesperson. Caution is advised.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 7 - A lot of what’s being said is fluff or spin. You can appear to trust but then verify everything.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is an 8 - There are temptations you know you should resist, and you can. If all first you don’t succeed, try and try again. Don’t learn too much of this stuff the hard way, it hurts.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 6 - A person you admire is under a lot of pressure. Don’t suggest taking risks, offer security. Provide encouragement for one who’s wondering if he can do what’s being asked of him. He needs your help.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - There’s a lot going on, and some of it is totally unnecessary. Try to keep from being the one doing that. Take time to edit your lists.

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— George Bush

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Six named to all-academic team
Matt Hartwig

SIU’s best cross country runners are also the teams best students.

Six Saluki cross country runners were named to the Missouri Valley Conference Scholar-Athlete Team earlier this month. To qualify for the team, all members must have at least a 3.0 grade point average.

The Saluki men, put two new members on the scholar-athlete team, including junior Kevin Dowan and sophomore Mohamed Mohamed. The women, however, return all four members of the 2005 scholar-athlete team, including seniors Katie Bier, Sarah Rinken and Lindsay Wagner as well as junior Brittany Christiansen.

SIU Head Coach Matt Sparks said he runs a tight ship with his team when it comes to practice and getting good grades. He feels it is one of the most important things to him is having great athletes who double as great students.

"With the academics everything goes hand-in-hand," Sparks said. "Most of our best runners are also our best students, and we also have some great success stories." One of the stories belong to Mohamed, who came into SIU list- ed as an "at-risk" student.

Mohamed switched his major from architecture to business administra- tion after his freshman year. Mohamed said the team fos- tered a positive environment for him in college — thanks in large part to Sparks. He said the coaching staff does a good job of keeping runners in good academic standing.

"Coach usually requires about six to 10 hours per week (studying) for those who are under standards," Mohamed said. "Most of the guys on the team already get good grades, but there is certainly a good system in place to help those who need it." The women’s team also features a top-notch student-athlete in Rinker. Rinker has always been a good student and has been above grade standards since she came to SIU.

She said carrying a 3.9 grade point average while being counted on as a top runner is overwhelming at times. Rinker said she learned a lot about herself as a freshman.

"Time management — that has to be the biggest thing," Rinker said. "It was really important to go to practice and do my homework right after my freshman year because that’s where I learned the skills I needed for it.

Aside from academics, athletes find internships especially difficult to obtain. With the season stretching into the spring indoor season, internships are tough to fit into schedules.

Rinker said she is currently look- ing for an internship for the spring semester in social work, but it is diffi- cult because she has to find one that can be scheduled around running.

"We have a great support system here," Rinker said. "It’s hard work to fit everything in, but we’re learning a lot about who we are.

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Saluki cross country wins on the field and in the classroom
Scott Mieszala

The Salukis dominated the game, trouncing Christian Brothers University 69-29 Sunday afternoon.

The Salukis outscored the Lady Buccaneers 49-28, 19 of which were off offensive rebounds — three less than the amount of defensive boards by CBU.

Senior forward Carlai Moore led all scorers with eight rebounds and 18 points, including an eight-point performance in the first half.

"I think I just played my role as a leader and tried to get us a good start, but I didn’t do it by myself," Moore said. "I had great teammates around me, getting me the ball.

Eilenberg said the game exempl- ified the approach SIU plans to take all season.

"We want to think of the game in stop-and-score instead of score- and-stops," she said. "We’re going to try to get you stopped first and then be able to execute our scores off of that. That’s our defensive phi- losophy."

SIU also received strong perfor- mances from newcomers Debbie Burris and Dana Olsen.

Burris, a junior forward transfer, finished with nine points, four assists and seven rebounds.

Moore said the emergence of Olsen, a freshman forward, record- ed 10 points and five rebounds.

Senior forward Carlai Moore, left, is guarded by Christian Brothers’ Crystal Shelton during an exhibition game Sunday afternoon at the SIU Arena.

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The Salukis’ regular season opener Friday night is evident of that struggle — they open against a Division-III team.

While that contest is the only slated away game outside of Division I, taking deals with high-major schools has been a constant struggle for Loy- er and other Missouri Valley Conference coaches.

Loyer can’t even get Weber, a former Saluki coach for whom Loyer was an assistant, to take it to the court.

Loyer said the two have talked about setting up a three-game series with one game at the United Center in Chicago, one in Champaign and one in Carbondale. The whispers have never turned to fruition.

"He said they’re stupid," Lowery said. "He said they can get you ready.

I thought we’d go on the road, take them off of some things that they had to do," Loyer said. "I saw some nice things that our defense was able to generate."

The Salukis out rebounded the Lady Buccaneers 49-28, 19 of which were off offensive rebounds — three less than the amount of defensive boards by CBU.

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Scott Mieszala Daily Egyptian

It’s too bad this game didn’t count in Missouri Valley Conference stand- ings.

The SIU women’s basketball team trounced Christian Brothers University 69-29 Sunday afternoon.

The Salukis dominated the game, forcing 22 turnovers.

"With this being the first game, understanding that nothing goes hand-in-hand," Sparks said. "Most of our best runners are also our best students, and we also have some great success stories."

One of the stories belong to Mohamed, who came into SIU list- ed as an “at-risk” student.

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He’s just waiting for the day when the Terrapins, or some other BCS school, will answer the call.

“We check our caller ID every day," Hinson said at the MVC’s media day last week in St. Louis. "No Terrapins have called yet.”

Illinois State University had a tad bit of success where other schools couldn’t.

One coach leading a campaign for an internship for the spring semester in social work, but it is diffi- cult because she has to find one that can be scheduled around running.

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Several Salukis in Scholastic athletes in exhibition game

Ike Lukacovic - Daily Egyptian

The response wasn’t desirable. While the Salukis could have scheduled one-game deals on the road against bigger schools, no one wanted to return the favor and play at the SIU Arena. It’s the same problem plaguing the rest of the MVC.

“We could certainly get a one-and- done,” Moccia said. “But that’s not the philosophy we operate under.”

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Western Kentucky could be
counted out with four losses unless
they win the Gateway outright.
Viverito said the committee tra-
tionally does not allow teams with
four losses into the tournament.
Technically, the criteria for
selection is the team has to have
at least seven wins," Viverito said.
"In theory, teams with a 7-4 record
could get in, but historically, the
committee has not taken teams with
four losses."
The last team with four losses that
received a playoff berth was
With as many as five Gateway
teams potentially ready to play in
the postseason, Dougherty thought four
was a more reasonable number to
expect — if that.
Rarely a conference put four
teams into the playoffs, but Viverito
said this year is somewhat of an odd-
ity for the A-10.
She said conferences that usually
put multiple teams in, such as
the Big Sky Conference, the Ohio Valley
Conference and the Patriot League,
have put multiple teams in, such as the
Gateway. Dougherty expanded on the fact.
"Historically, (the committee) has
not put four teams per conference
in," he said. "But if there are four
teams deserving from the Gateway,
with the strength of the Gateway and
the lack of at large teams everywhere
else, they would put four teams in."
Although no Gateway team has
ever made the playoffs with three
conference losses, the Salukis needed
take care of business and win the next
two games. Otherwise, SIU could be on
the outside looking in.
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Crunch time for Saluki football

With two weeks left in the regular season, SIU holds its playoff breath

Brian Feldt
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The SIU football team holds its playoff fate in its own hands. Despite losing three of its last four games, SIU (6-3, 3-3) still has a shot of making its fourth consecutive Division I-AA playoff appearance.

A logjam atop the Gateway Football Conference has knocked the Salukis out of contention for another Gateway championship. The postseason, though, remains in sight.

Any SIU playoff aspirations depend on its final two games against Northern Iowa University and Bradley University — both home games.

Sweeping the remaining schedule would give the Salukis a respectable 8-3 record, while a loss in either game would kill any thoughts of a postseason return.

Head coach Jerry Kill said the focus remains on the games ahead. "Right now we are 6-3 with a young team, and we have lost a couple of tough games," Kill said. "The bottom line is we have to get ready for the next two and win the next two, and we will be fine."

Matt Dougherty, executive director for the Division I-AA Sports Network said SIU should be safe by winning out for the Division I-AA playoff appearance. "For (SIU), it's pretty clear-cut at this point," Dougherty said. "With the win over Division-I Indiana and the strength of the Gateway, if they get to 8-3, I think they are going to be a lock to make it in."

After SIU's next two games, the Salukis' playoff fate rests in the opinions of an eight-person playoff committee that selects the at-large bids for the playoffs. The committee is made up of eight I-AA athletic directors from each conference, including Gateway athletic director Tim Van Alstine.

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Men's Basketball

MVC schools having little success vying for games against high majors

Jordan Wilson
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Persistence has yet to pay off for Chris Lowery. "Three times a week, the SIU men's basketball coach said he's on the phone with Bruce Weber, trying to sway the University of Illinois head coach to set up a game with his Salukis. Each time, Lowery is denied."

Such conversations are commonplace for Lowery and his coaching counterparts in the Missouri Valley Conference. Because of the Missouri Valley Conference's recent explosion on the national radar, high-major programs, such as Illinois, are reluctant to do business with a Valley team.

This season may not be any easier. In the 2006 NCAA Tournament, four Valley teams cracked the field, the most ever for the league. The conference proved its worth as it sent two teams — Wichita State University and Bradley University — to the Sweet 16.

Now, Valley teams may have a better shot at making a Final Four than scheduling a regular season game with a high-major program. See SCHEDULE, Page 11

Women's Basketball

Burris selected to start

Scott Mieszala
DAILY EGYPTIAN

It didn't take long for Debbie Burris to make a strong impression on the SIU women's basketball team.

Burris, a junior transfer from Allen County Community College, started in the Salukis' exhibition 69-29 win over Christian Brothers University on Sunday and posted nine points, seven rebounds and a game-high four assists.

Burris said she felt comfortable wearing Saluki maroon. "I felt like I was shooting well and that we all played well together," Burris said. "It was a lot of fun, it was a good first game."

The 5-foot-10-inch forward was the difference-maker in the first half — when the Lady Buccaneers kept the game close.

All of Burris' points and assists came in the first half, propelling the Salukis to a 29-17 lead at halftime. "I thought Debbie had a great first half," head coach Dana Eikenberg said. "(She) was able to kind of get us out of a little rut there in the beginning."

She also pulled down three offensive rebounds in the first half, giving SIU three second chances on offense. Eikenberg said the statistic exemplifies Burris' intelligence on the court, describing her as "sneaking in" when grabbing rebounds.

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Brains and brawn:
Six cross country runners named to MVC Scholar-Athlete team, see page 10

SIU Benefactor Brandin Jordan takes a seat on the bench after Youngstown tied the game at 24 with a touchdown pass against the Salukis on Saturday in Youngstown, Ohio. SIU's loss to Youngstown may have cost them a fourth straight appearance in the playoffs. See PLAYOFFS, Page 11

Game story
*For the recap of Sunday's game against Christian Brothers, see page 10.