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Ledbetter named new police chief

Brandon Augsborg
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

After about six months as the interim leader of the Carbondale police department, Bob Ledbetter of Carbondale was named chief of police on Monday.

Carbondale City Manager Jeff Doherty made the appointment, saying that Ledbetter, 57, demonstrated the ability to manage the department properly and felt it was time to make the appointment.

Ledbetter had been the interim police chief since April when former Police Chief, Steve Odum, retired.

"I think it's in the best interest of the city, the department and the community to move forward with him," Doherty said.

Doherty said the main aspect

of being police chief is managing a department with about 80 employees and a \$5 million budget. He said Ledbetter has had plenty of managerial experience as the deputy chief and the interim chief.

Ledbetter said he wants to see the department take the next step in being a part of the community.

"We are Carbondale's police department, and I want to foster the idea of being a part of the community," he said.

Ledbetter has been with the Carbondale Police Department for 29 years, starting as a patrol officer in 1977. He was promoted to sergeant in 1993 and deputy police chief in 2000, where he remained until becoming the interim chief.

He graduated from SIUC in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in education

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 Carbondale city manager

and served in the U.S. Army Reserves from 1971 to 1998 when he retired as a command sergeant major.

Ledbetter said he had been pulling double duty since April — working as the police chief and deputy chief — and said the promotion just shortened his title. He said his promotion opened up the deputy police chief position, and he was looking forward to see who Doherty, the person in charge of hiring city employees, would promote.

Ledbetter assumed the interim position when Odum retired amid speculation that he was in violation of

a city ordinance that requires all top-level city officials to live in Carbondale. Ledbetter currently resides outside of Carbondale but said he has been looking for a home in the city.

"My wife and I are both looking forward to it," Ledbetter said.

Doherty said the deputy police chief does not have to meet the residency requirement and that the ordinance has a six-month grace period that would allow Ledbetter the time to meet the requirement. Doherty said Ledbetter assured him that he would move into Carbondale within six months.

Textbooks stolen from Rehn Hall

Thieves entered through second-floor window

Brandon Weisenberger
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

More than \$1,000 worth of textbooks were looted from Rehn Hall over the weekend in what authorities are calling a rare breed of burglary for the university.

One or more people entered offices in the building's second floor and stole multiple textbooks from College of Business and Administration faculty members, SIUC police said.

The missing books, which were stolen sometime between late Thursday night and Monday morning, were discovered by assistant professor of accountancy Ania Rose.

"I came in and noticed there were some things out of place," Rose said. "My blinds were all out of shape. There were some things missing, and there was disarray by the window."

There are no suspects, and police have not determined the method of entry.

Accountancy department director Marcus Odom said the perpetrator or perpetrators entered through the second-floor office windows, which faculty members often leave unlocked so they can easily open them when the building heats up.

SIUC police also did not know exactly how many books were missing or the exact dollar amount. Rose said the figure was easily more than \$1,000 because 12 new, hardbound books were missing from her office alone.

Most of the books were new editions that had just been adopted this semester while others were sent to professors from publishers to consider for adoption, Odom said.

Rose said the thieves removed the plastic liners from the faculty members' trashcans and likely used the liners to transport the books. One book was found Monday in a bush outside the building.

Lt. Harold Tucker said the burglary is an unusual one for the campus. Most textbooks, he said, go missing through "thefts of convenience," in which a person picks up a book that someone left behind and never returns it. "It's odd when we hear someone would break into an office for the purpose of stealing textbooks," Tucker said.

Associate professors of accountancy Michael Masoner and Randy Hahn, and associate professor of management Michael Michalisin also reported missing textbooks.

Odom said Rehn Hall gets uncomfortably warm when heaters are on, and employees

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Daniel Hosin, 8, laughs with Sara Kolpek while playing with balloons during Family Fun Night at Touch of Nature on Monday. The event was sponsored by the Illinois Violence Prevention Authority and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. SEE PAGE 5

Half of the missing dogs return to humane society

Brandon Augsborg
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Six of the 12 dogs that had been missing from the Jackson County Humane Society since an overnight break-in during the weekend have 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 Chow/Golden Retriever mix, the Murphysboro Animal

Control Department took back a golden retriever named Gordon, the Murphysboro police recovered Clarabelle, a Coonhound/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 seemed healthy and were not injured. So far, the only reported animal fatality 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 humane society.

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 depositions, 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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Missing dogs

1. 8- to 9-week-old female hound/lab mix with black and white fur
2. 8- to 9-week-old female hound/lab mix with black and white fur
3. 1-and-a-half-year-old male Labrador Retriever with black fur named Cole
4. 7-month-old male Australian Shepherd/Collie mix with black, brown and white fur named Vladimir
5. 6-month-old female Cairn Terrier/Scottie mix with black fur named Chloe
6. 1-year-old male Shepherd/Collie mix with brown and white fur named Gatsby

To report missing or stray animals, contact the Jackson County Humane Society at 457-2362.

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Visiting artist: Perry Bard
• 6 to 8 p.m. today at Lawson Hall, room 221
• Presentation of Bard's creative work with electronic, video and public art installation

'Life 101'
• 7 p.m. today at the Student Center in the Mackinaw River Room
• Carol White, a nurse, will be speaking about how to stay healthy

SIU Amateur Radio Club
• 7 p.m. today at the Engineering Building, Room A-131

The calendar is a free service for community groups. We cannot guarantee that all items will run.

Submit calendar items to the DAILY EGYPTIAN newsroom, Communications 1247, at least two days before event, or call (618) 536-3311, ext. 266.

CORRECTIONS
In Friday's issue of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the page 5 story, "Saluki Masters Swim Club celebrates 20 years in the water," Mary Pohlmann's name was misspelled. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

In today's Basketball Preview insert, photo editor Lane Christiansen was not credited for the front page photo. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

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

NEWS BRIEFS
Candidates try to grab voters' attention in final push
CHICAGO (AP) — Politicians never know what will sway voters. It could be something as big as a health insurance program or as small as a cup of coffee. So Illinois candidates hustled for votes however they could Monday — shaking hands, running more television ads, appearing with popular politicians, recounting 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 commuters at Chicago train stations.

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

"If anything it's the kids' 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 I 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 Beth Hage.

"I love her," said Hage, a 31-year-old Lombard resident. "One of the things I love about her is she's fiscally responsible."

Topinka and Blagojevich then headed out for a series of campaign rallies around the state.

More downstate flights to Chicago to start next year
SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Air travelers in central and southern Illinois will have more options to get to the windy city next year.

Daily flights to Chicago's Midway Airport will start in February from Decatur, Quincy and Marion. Air Midwest will offer three daily flights during the week and two on the weekend aboard Beech 1900 turboprop, 19-passenger planes.

This will mark the first Chicago flights from Quincy since 2003, from Decatur since 1999 and from Marion since 1986. The three currently have air service to St. Louis through a federal subsidy.

Local officials said they've worked for months on the details. They praised efforts of state lawmakers, business leaders and others in securing the new service, saying it will provide better access to their communities and spur business and tourism interest and growth.

"It now opens up a lot of opportunities for us," said Bill Clevenger of the Decatur Park District, which oversees the airport there. "It's another tool that helps the economic development in Decatur."

The new flights are being funded by \$1.65 million state lawmakers provided earlier this year under the state's I-Fly incentive program. The program was created in 2003 to attract airlines to underserved airports but hasn't been funded until now.

POLICE REPORTS

University

SIUC student Christopher N. Upshaw, 24, of Chicago was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving with an expired registration and driving an uninsured motor vehicle at 11:14 p.m. Oct. 28 on South Wall Street at East Grand Avenue. Upshaw posted his driver's license and \$100 cash bond and was released.

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Lamarr L. Broughton, 25, of Carbondale was arrested on a Champaign County failure-to-appear warrant on an original charge of driving on a suspended driver's license at 5:21 p.m. Nov. 2 at the SIUC police department. Broughton posted \$200 cash bond and was released.

A residential burglary occurred between 7 and 10 p.m. Nov. 2 at University Hall. A silver chain, diamond earrings, a Louis Vuitton watch, Swiss watch, Louis Vuitton wallet and \$700 were reported stolen. There are no suspects at this time.

Alexander C. Klemperer, 22, of Urbana was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and failure to signal when required at 2:18 a.m. Oct. 29 on Poplar Street at Walnut Street. Klemperer

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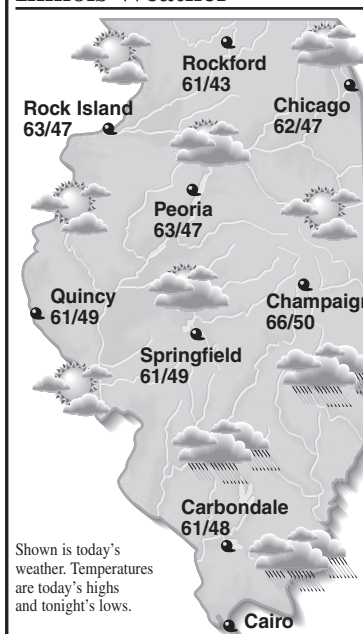
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61° 48°	67° 47°	70° 49°	68° 49°	61° 47°

Illinois Weather



Regional Cities

City	Today	Wed.
Bloomington	64 46 c	66 46 s
Cape Girardeau	61 47 c	68 45 s
Champaign	66 50 c	66 45 pc
Chicago	62 47 c	68 46 pc
Danville	62 49 c	66 50 pc
Edwardsville	63 48 c	72 50 s
Moline	64 46 pc	68 44 s
Mt. Vernon	60 48 c	65 48 s
Paducah	61 48 sh	69 49 pc
Peoria	63 47 pc	67 46 s
Quincy	61 49 pc	67 48 s
Rockford	61 43 c	64 43 pc
Springfield	61 49 c	67 45 s

Almanac

Carbondale through 3 p.m. yesterday
Temperature:
High/low yesterday 54°/48°
Normal high/low 60°/38°

Precipitation:
24 hours ending 3 p.m. yest. 0.29"
Month to date 0.39"
Normal month to date 0.83"
Year to date 43.95"
Normal year to date 38.35"

Sun and Moon

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Sunset tonight 4:52 p.m.
Moonrise today 6:20 p.m.
Moonset today 9:08 a.m.

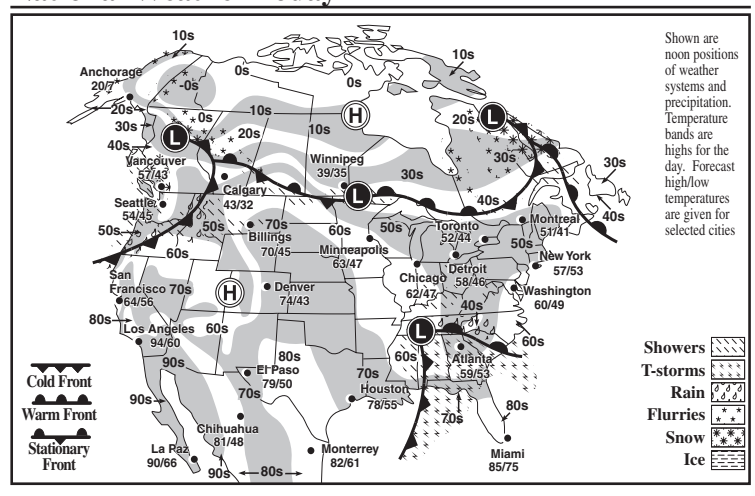


National Cities

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Boston	58	50	c	60	52	r
Cincinnati	58	47	sh	67	50	pc
Dallas	79	53	s	81	60	s
Denver	74	43	s	72	40	pc
Indianapolis	60	48	c	65	48	pc
Kansas City	71	50	s	74	49	s
Las Vegas	81	54	s	81	57	s
Nashville	61	53	t	67	50	pc
New Orleans	70	56	t	73	57	s
New York City	57	53	c	60	55	r
Orlando	84	68	t	80	60	pc
Phoenix	89	60	s	89	60	s
San Francisco	64	56	pc	62	50	pc
Seattle	54	45	sh	51	39	c
Washington, DC	60	49	c	65	54	r

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Rain
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Helping to empower

SIUC professor's work in rehabilitation earns him national association's top honor

Sean McGahan
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Carl Flowers said he always believed he had a flair for working with people.

Countless aptitude tests have confirmed that assumption.

"They've all come back saying the same thing," Flowers said. "I'm a people-type person. I like to help people and things like that. That's who I am at this point."

Flowers, an associate professor for the SIUC Rehabilitation Institute, has devoted more than 30 years to helping disabled people get the help they need.

On Saturday, Flowers will accept the presidency of the National Rehabilitation Association during the organization's yearly conference in Orlando, Fla. The title becomes effective in January 2007.

"Our field is based on doing the right thing for the one you're serving," Flowers said. "We're all working for the same cause — to promote their needs and to empower individuals to be as independent as they are able to."

Flowers said he has worked for this goal since he was an undergraduate at SIUC in the mid-1970s, when he helped his Vietnam veteran roommate through a substance abuse problem.

"We would sit around sometimes, and I would just become a listener for him, hearing where he was," Flowers said. "We hit it off, and I found myself wanting to be a part of working with people who had issues and concerns."

Interim Director of the Rehabilitation Institute John Benschhoff said he has witnessed Flowers' devotion to this area for 18 years.

"I think what stands out about Carl is he really cares for people," Benschhoff said. "He really does have a passion for working for people with disabilities, and he just pours his heart into it."

Benschhoff said Flowers' involvement with rehabilitation groups nationwide makes him a wonderful ambassador for the institute and the university as a whole.

"He has a national reputation," Benschhoff said. "People know about his work literally from Maine to California."

Flowers began work in rehabilitation as an undergraduate, volunteering at SIUC's Office of Disabled Student Services, and pursued a career in rehabilitation after he graduated in 1975.

After working for the human resource department of Sears for 10 years trying to garner equal treat-



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Carl Flowers, president-elect of the National Rehabilitation Association and associate professor of the SIUC Rehabilitation Institute, speaks with a reporter in his office Monday afternoon in Rehn Hall.

SPOTLIGHT

ment in the workplace for disabled persons, Flowers received a master's degree in rehabilitation administration from SIUC in 1985 and a doctorate in the field in 1993.

Over this time, Flowers said he worked as an advocate for the large population of disabled people at SIUC and throughout southern Illinois, ensuring they receive fair treatment and the services they need.

"Being fair doesn't mean provid-

ing the same services to everyone," Flowers said. "What is needed by one person may be less than what is needed by someone else. Being fair means giving individuals what they need and providing those services as they are needed."

Flowers said he furthered this work by joining the National Rehabilitation Association in 1991. As president, he said he hopes to push these issues to the forefront.

"The goal of our association is

to represent, advocate and support the needs of persons with different types of physical disabilities and mental disabilities at the state level and the federal level," Flowers said. "One of the goals that I have is trying to bring all the voices to the table so we're all saying the same thing."

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Explosions in Mexico City damage political party's headquarters

Julie Watson
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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 it still wasn'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 deactivated two other bombs, one at a second Scotiabank near the court and another outside a Sanborns restaurant, a chain owned by billionaire Carlos Slim, near the PRI headquarters, said Mexico City Public Safety Secretary Joel Ortega.

Authorities said the deactivated bomb at the Scotiabank was inside a box labeled "Bomb-Danger."

Ortega said emergency officials received an anonymous call warning that bombs were about to be detonated.

Five leftist resistance groups said they carried out the blasts in support of a monthslong protest movement in the conflict-torn southern state of Oaxaca.

"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 Manjarrez 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," Manjarrez told The Associated Press. Police "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 swearing-in on Dec. 1. Calderon is 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 spokesman for the department, who was not authorized to give his name.

The explosions came a day after more than 20,000 leftists 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 protesters 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.

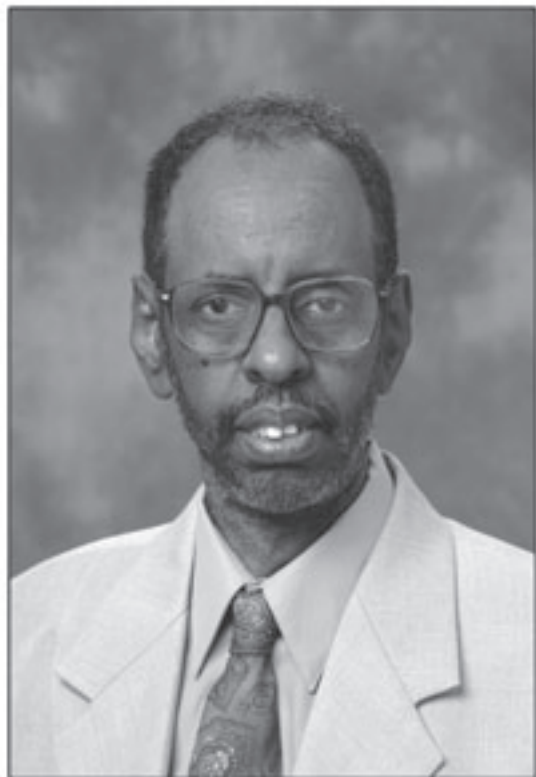
Flavio Sosa, a protest leader, said his movement had no ties to the explosions and did not know who could be behind them.

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.

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GOP tour loses a governor

Bush leads party charge through southern states

David Espo
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — On the eve of midterm elections, Democrats criticized Republicans as stewards of a stale status quo while President Bush declared, “we’re closing strong” in a final drive to preserve GOP control of Congress.

“They can’t run anything right,” countered 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.

Bush campaigned on Monday from Florida to Arkansas and Texas. But the day brought one more reminder of his poor standing in the polls when Republican gubernatorial candidate Charlie Crist skipped the presidential

rally in Pensacola, Fla., to make a speech of his own hundreds of miles away.

Bush made no mention of the evident snub in public, but his aides did. “Let’s see how many people show up in Palm Beach on 24 hours notice, versus 8,000 or 9,000 people” expected for the president’s speech, said Karl Rove, the White House’s top political strategist.

Some late polls suggested momentum was swinging the Republicans’ way, and Ken Mehlman, the party chairman, told allies the surveys summoned memories of 1998, when the GOP lost seats but held power.

Democrats steadfastly refused to say so in public, but some Republicans signaled privately they expected to lose more than 15 seats, and control of the House with them.

Among GOP-held open seats, those in Arizona, Colorado, New York, Ohio and Iowa seemed likeliest to fall. Republican Reps. John Hostettler, Chris Chocola and Mike Sodrel of Indiana; Charles Taylor of North Carolina; Curt Weldon, Don Sherwood and Melissa Hart

of Pennsylvania; and Charles Bass of New Hampshire were in particularly difficult re-election struggles.

Democrats also boasted of several election targets in New York, where Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton and Eliot Spitzer, the Democratic candidate for governor, were expected to win landslides at the top of the ticket.

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. Ciro Rodriguez, a Democrat, were the leading contenders in an eight-candidate field. A run-off between the two top vote-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 Carter.

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

Iraqi government hopes to calm Sunni insurgence

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 Baath 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 18 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 country, jubilant Shiites celebrated the verdict while Sunnis held defiant counter-demonstrations.

Iraq’s 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 by 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 purging members of Saddam’s Baath 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.

WWII carrier gets stuck in Hudson River mud

Pat Milton
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — The USS Intrepid, the aircraft carrier that survived World War II bomb and kamikaze attacks, got stuck in the mud in the Hudson River on Monday as a fleet of tugboats tried to pull it from its berth for a \$60 million renovation project.

The ship — a huge floating military museum that draws hundreds of thousands of tourists a year — was supposed to be towed across the river to a dry dock in Bayonne, N.J.

Six tugs pulled with a combined 30,000 horsepower but moved the Intrepid only about 15 feet. Not even an unusually high tide could free the 27,000-ton, 872-foot-long ship from the ooze.

“We had the sun, the moon and the stars in alignment, and it was just a very disappointing day for us,” said Bill White, president of the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum.

White said he was unsure whether officials would try again to move the ship, or refurbish the carrier where it sits. The ship was not blocking the Hudson’s busy shipping lanes.

The next high tide is Dec. 6, but

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President of the Intrepid Museum

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 24 years, during which time silt accumulated as much as 17 feet deep around its keel. The decommissioned ship no longer has engines, but it does still have its four propellers, 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 kamikaze strikes and one torpedo hit, losing 270 crewmen.

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

WIRE REPORTS

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 power in December and declined to say 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 discuss when Castro will return.

“It’s 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 the right moment.”

Perez Roque said he meets with Castro frequently, and the Cuban leader is steadily recovering from his intestinal surgery.

“He looks good. I see that his recovery is advancing,” he said. “We are optimistic and happy. The only ones who are sad are our enemies, who were all prepared to celebrate (his 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 declined to speculate on whether the Cuban icon would ever be such an active leader again.

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 baby in April. She got pregnant after she and her husband went on a three-day procreation vacation at a resort on Grand Bahama Island.

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 little feet.

Even some obstetricians are promoting the trend. Dr. Jason James of Miami said he often encourages couples trying to have a baby to sneak away for a few days, and he often sees it work.

“One of the most easy, therapeutic interventions is to recommend a vacation,” James said. “I think the effect of stress on our physiology is truly underestimated.”

ASTRONOMY

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

WASHINGTON — An infrequent astronomical sight — tiny Mercury inching across the surface of the sun — takes place Wednesday afternoon in North America. 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 people, it may be the only chance to see the closest planet to the sun, said Michelle Nichols, a master educator at the Adler Planetarium in Chicago, one of many places that will hold special viewings of Mercury’s trek. 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 small black 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.

TEXTBOOK

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on the second floor frequently leave their windows unlocked so they can easily be opened. Rose said employees have not worried about leaving the windows unlocked because the second floor is far from the ground.

On Monday, however, faculty members made sure every window was sealed.

The windows require an Allen wrench to be locked from the inside. Latches are also on the windows, but Odom said a few hits to the windows could knock the latches loose.

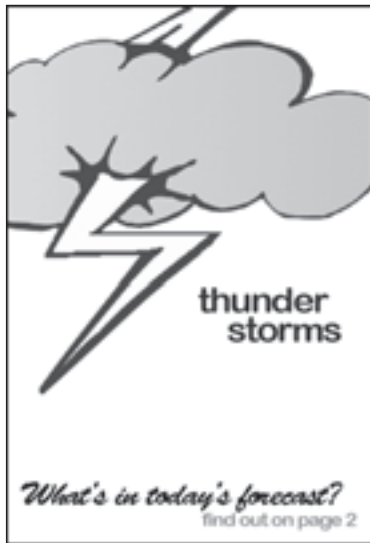
Odom said he thought it was odd the thieves only took textbooks.

"There were computers, digital cameras, and they just took the textbooks," Odom said.

In September, textbook theft and forcible entry also occurred at the Agriculture Building.

Department of Public Safety director Todd Sigler said an arrest was made in that case after an individual attempted to sell back the books at a local bookstore. Details of the arrest were not immediately available.

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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 Jordyn 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.

Tyrone Ash, an alumnus of SIU, brought his 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 to a 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



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Jordyn Ash works in stamping leaves at the Family Fun Night on Monday at the Touch of Nature Environmental center.

itself between a shoe and a hard floor, but all was not lost. Touch of Nature worker Erica Dodt, 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 senior 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 washtub 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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STUDENT COLUMNISTS

Make room for Dumbo

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My grandmother has spent a lot of time tracing our ancestry. Since my family has lived in southern Illinois for a long time, Granny finds someone related to us wherever we go. At yard sales, auctions, church socials, community theatre productions and the like, we are bound to meet a relative.

To my dismay, I have taken up Granny's obsession with relatives.

Recently, a news headline jumped off the television screen and straight into my thoughts. It involved a possible close relative to humans. No, it was not the chimpanzee, bonobo or gorilla. This relative is a saggy creature with long, floppy ears and a tremendous nose that serves as another limb. If you are still confused, think of Dumbo and read on.

Self-recognition is a point of pride for humans. It has been considered one of our unique qualities. That is, until a clever chimp discovered itself in the mirror. In a classic experiment, researchers put a paint splotch on the chimpanzee's head. The chimp recognized its own head and tried to pluck out the discolored hairs. As it turns out, gorillas also have self-recognition. So, not only humans, but also chimps and gorillas — those considered our closest relatives — exhibit a sense of self. Elsewhere in the wild kingdom, dolphins exhibit signs of self-recognition as well.

Researchers at the Bronx Zoo added another animal to this exclusive list. A 34-year-old elephant named Happy successfully recognized herself in a mirror, proving that you can teach an old elephant new tricks. In a 2005 study, Happy successfully passed the paint-mark-in-the-mirror test given to chimps. She even went so far as to examine it with her only available limb, her trunk. This leads to the question: Where do these animals fit into our ancestry?

Evolutionists now say that self-recognition evolved independently. Elephants, dolphins and any other species that happen to have a sense of self can be placed into a category independent of humans and primates. To place them in a class of their own is a wise move. Eventually, other animals will probably experience self-recognition when tested, like Happy did, and now science has a place for them.

But a new problem has come with this breakthrough. One's sense of self is no longer a trait that can be used specifically for humans and primates. If a certain monkey exhibits a sense of self, then it could be close, in an evolutionary sense, to humans or to elephants. The headlines would read something like, "Scientists discover missing link, monkey shows elephant-like qualities." The article could go on to highlight the monkey's tremendous snout, stout legs, long canine teeth and floppy ears.

Okay, that model does not work. So, where do elephants fit into our human ancestry?

Evolutionists say they are in a different category, yet still lay claim to the fact that humans, chimps and gorillas share self-recognition. Now, put yourself on the other side of the evolutionary debate. As a creationist, you would view all these animals as a collective creation. The connections between organisms do not illustrate one evolutionary pathway, but one Creator. Elephant self-recognition is not a problem but, instead, a sign that these intelligent beings were created by an intelligent being.

At any rate, I suspect that more of these intelligent creatures will show up in the near future. What science decides to say about them will be something to watch for.

Back to the issue of Happy and her mirror; I would like to conclude with a new idea — that we are closely related to elephants. So, if my kids are born with extra-long noses and super-floppy ears, don't blame me. They are simply expressing their inner elephant.

Prescription for fall fever

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There is nothing students can do to prevent that generally homesick feeling I like to call fall fever.

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 homesick 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 vivacious 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 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.

Money. We are also at the time of year when funds have dwindled on drinks, food, and utilities and, well, more drinks. Thanksgiving is a time when at the very least, 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 remiss in not mentioning retrieval of money as a benefit to going home.

No class. Though not having class and then coming back for only a couple weeks before finals is almost harder than having classes run straight through, it is a much-needed time away from school. After the antsy 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, after midterms my brain is fried 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 all have 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. And by the time you spend a week at home, you'll be dying to return to your independence at school.

So, until then, keep your head up and your winter coat on.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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 hacks in the multi-billion dollar Pentagon P.R. apparatus could have done better themselves. From the camo-colored text background to the full-color two-page centerfold and official U.S. Army logo (white star on black background with gold edging), it was a propagandist'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 and play with guns and toss around the old clichés like "MREs" for 48 hours and then go home and take a shower.

No doubt many young Americans who are now losing their arms and legs in the intense dry heat of Iraq for no discernible reason once enjoyed such fairy tales themselves.

Nevertheless, it is not the role of a newspaper

to provide free advertising to the federal government. Nor is it the role of journalists to write uncritical paeans to it. Journalists are supposed to be watchdogs over the government, not lap dogs of it.

Please start doing some actual investigative journalism and let the Pentagon pay for its own marketing.

Jim Glover
associate professor of recreation

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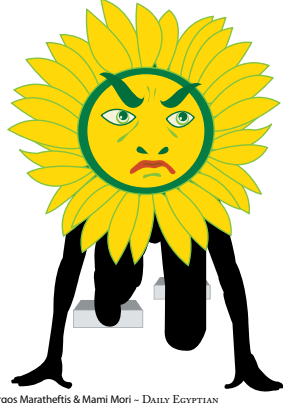
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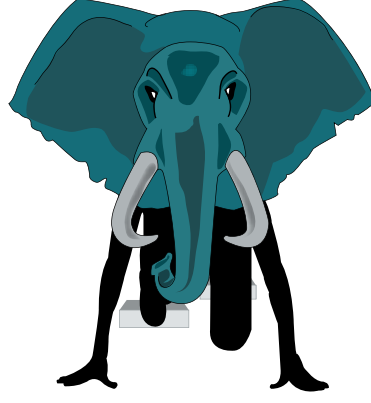
David Gulik
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2006 Midterm Election Guide

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



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Green Party candidates	Republican Party candidates	Democratic Party candidates
Governor		
Rich Whitney	Judy Baar Topinka	Rod Blagojevich
<p>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.</p>	<p>Republican candidate Judy Baar Topinka calls her priorities the "Three E's" — education, economy and ethics reform. Topinka has also promised to freeze property tax rates and work to fix the state budget if elected.</p>	<p>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.</p>
Attorney General		
David Black	Stewart Umholtz	Lisa Madigan
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Karen 'Young' Peterson	Dan Rutherford	Jesse White
Treasurer		
Dan Rodriguez Schlorf	Christine Radogno	Alexander Giannoulis
State Representative for 115th District		
Charlie Howe	Mike Bost	No candidate
<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	
Appellate Judge of the Fifth Judicial District		
No candidate	Steve McGlynn	Bruce Stewart
	<p>Republican Judge Steve McGlynn was appointed to the appellate court bench in 2004 and was a lawyer for 17 years before becoming a judge.</p>	<p>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.</p>
Jackson County Board		
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No candidate	District 2 Daniel Bost	James 'Jim' Kerley — Incumbent
No candidate	District 3 Bruce Wallace	Mary 'Mickey' Korando — Incumbent
Bradley Klein	District 4 Chris Mueller	Robert Lorinskas — Incumbent
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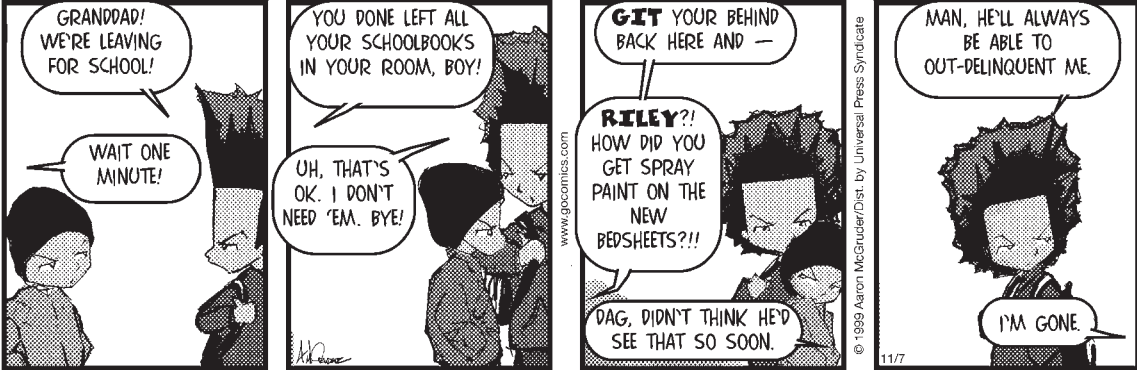
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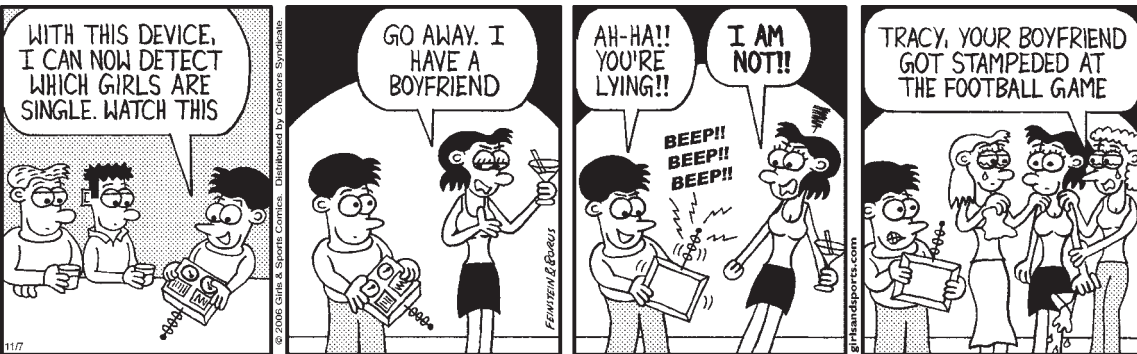
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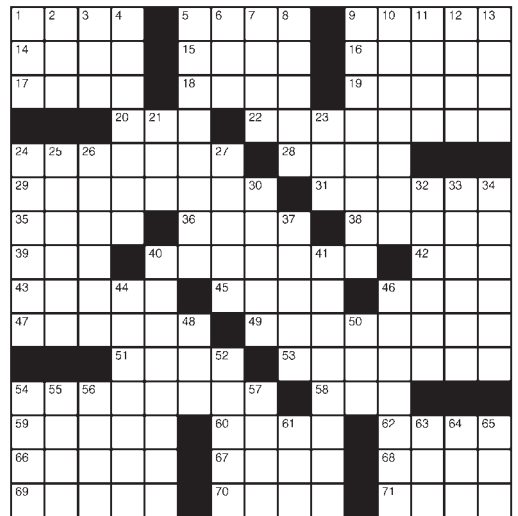
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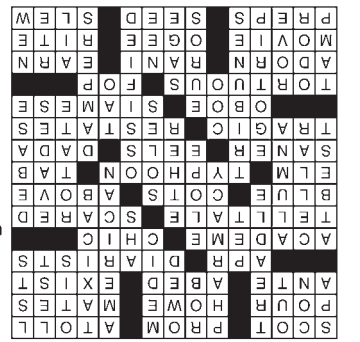
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Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is an 8 - You're in a good mood, and that's helpful. There will be a few awkward moments. Something you thought would go one way is more likely to go the other.
Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - You're in 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 day-dream 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 at 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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Solution to Monday's puzzle

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Saluki cross country wins on the field and in the classroom

Six named to all-academic team

Matt Hartwig
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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 men's team put two new members on the scholar-athlete team, including junior Kevin Doran and sophomore Mohamed

Mohamed.

The women, however, return all four members of the 2005 scholar-athlete team, including seniors Katie Birn, Sarah Rinker and Lindsay Wagner as well as junior Brittani Christensen.

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

"With this team, 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 belongs to

Mohamed, who came into SIU listed as an "at-risk" student.

Mohamed switched his major from architecture to business administration after his freshman year.

He now carries a 3.16 cumulative grade point average in the classroom along with an individual MVC title on the course.

Mohamed said the team fosters a positive academic atmosphere — 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 3.91 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 study tables 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 looking for an internship for the spring semester in social work, but it is difficult 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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Salukis rout Christian brothers in exhibition game

EDITOR'S NOTE: *This story did not run in Monday's issue of the DAILY EGYPTIAN because of a design desk error. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.*

Scott Mieszala
DAILY EGYPTIAN

It's too bad this game didn't count in Missouri Valley Conference standings.

The SIU women's basketball team trounced Christian Brothers University 69-29 Sunday afternoon. The Salukis dominated the game, forcing 22 turnovers.

The Salukis outscored the Lady Buccaneers 40-12 in the second half, and SIU's 29 first-half points matched Christian Brothers' total for the entire game.

Head coach Dana Eikenberg attributed the win to a disruptive defense and strong rebounding.

"I thought we did a decent job of taking them out of some things that they had hoped to do," Eikenberg 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 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 spree in the second half.

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

Eikenberg said the game exemplified the approach SIU plans to take all season.

"We want to think of the game in stop-and-scores 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 philosophy."

SIU also received strong performances from newcomers Debbie Burris and Dana Olsen.

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

Olsen, a freshman forward, recorded 10 points and five rebounds.

Moore said the emergence of Burris and Olsen bodes well for the Salukis' post game — which, in turn, will free up Moore.

"If I can play against single coverage instead of double teaming, it's a lot better," Moore said. "It just gives our low post presence a great lift."

SIU, though, was less than stellar from the free-throw line, going 7 for 17.

Eikenberg said the team will work on the issue as well as not sending opponents to the charity stripe.

"We'll get back to practice tomorrow morning and really start to address some of those things before a very good Missouri team rolls in here on Sunday," Eikenberg said.

The Salukis will kick off the regular season Sunday against the University of Missouri. The opener will start at 2:05 p.m. at the SIU Arena.



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SIU 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 regular season game outside of Division I, inking deals with high-major schools has been a constant struggle for Lowery and other Missouri Valley Conference coaches.

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

Lowery 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 talks about scheduling and some of his guys not being ready," Lowery said. "So I say, we can get you ready."

The Salukis didn't get snubbed from games with BCS schools, however. At the Old Spice Tournament on Nov. 23 in Orlando, Fla., they face the University of Arkansas.

And as part of a package deal with the football team, the SIU basketball team landed a Dec. 17 matchup with Indiana University.

Weber, who didn't immediately return calls left by the DAILY EGYPTIAN, said he didn't think Indiana was making

a smart move by agreeing to go up against the Salukis.

"He said they're stupid," Lowery said.

Just because Lowery's attempts to secure a matchup with the Illini have gone in vain doesn't mean he isn't trying. The struggle is commonplace, especially in the MVC.

One coach leading a campaign to schedule big-named opponents is Missouri State coach Barry Hinson. Hinson responded to a recent claim from Maryland head coach Gary Williams that no MVC teams were "banging down anyone's door in the ACC to play."

Hinson spat back, saying he's contacted Maryland numerous times.

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. Head coach Porter Moser sealed a two-year deal with the University of Cincinnati. The Redbirds played the Bearcats to within 17 points in their trip to Cincinnati in 2005.

Porter said the Bearcats backed out of their promised return trip to Bloomington.

The ongoing struggle extends beyond the coaching legion.

Mario Moccia, SIU's athletic director, said he personally contacted about 50 schools for scheduling, most of which were high-major schools.

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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Saluki Insider

Saluki Banter

With the college basketball season almost underway, it's time to make some predictions. With nearly everyone returning to the 2006 national champion University of Florida, will they be repeat champs in '07?



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"The Gators are kinda like the St. Louis Cardinals, a not-so spectacular team that capitalized off other's misfortunes and rode a wave of luck all the way to a championship. It's all about North Carolina this year. Can't argue with the best recruiting class college basketball has ever seen."

"First of all, the Cardinals did not capitalize off other's misfortunes, we were that good. With that said, the Tar Heels are going to be crazy good this season, especially with Tyler Hansbrough having another year under his belt. UNC is the team to beat this season."

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"Whenever the best player on an NCAA Championship team returns, it bodes well for their season. Florida has that in Joakim Noah but beware Ohio State. They kind of flopped in the tourney last year, but they signed Greg Oden."

SALUKI TRACKER

NEW YORK GIANTS

Brandon Jacobs

Brandon Jacobs caught a pass for 21 yards Sunday but ran seven times for 19 yards, his second lowest output this season. Jacobs, however, has far surpassed his yardage from last season, with his 277 eclipsing the 99 rushing yards he had in 2005. Jacobs has also rushed for four TD's this season, tied for 11th most in the NFL. He also has not committed a fumble this season, and his 4.8 yards per rush have made him a formidable backup to NFL leading rusher Tiki Barber.



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

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PLAYOFFS

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Gateway commissioner Patty Viverito said a win over a school such as Indiana and the Gateway's playoff history should hold a strong hand in the committee's choice as to who is in and who is out.

"I hope the committee will look at the unique circumstance that (the Gateway) has this year," Viverito said. "Granted, they can't look at team's performances in seasons past, but the history and performance of this league cannot be ignored."

Viverito said the Gateway currently boasts five teams worthy of postseason entry.

Youngstown State University, Illinois State University, Northern Iowa, Western Kentucky University and SIU all remain in playoff contention.

Western Kentucky could be counted out with four losses unless they win the Gateway outright.

Viverito said the committee traditionally 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 Idaho State in 1995.

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 does a conference put four teams into the playoffs, but Viverito said this year is somewhat of an oddity for I-AA.

She said conferences that usually put multiple teams in, such as the Big Sky Conference, the Ohio Valley Conference and the Patriot League, have played themselves into a situation in which they could earn only one team in the postseason — leaving room for more Gateway teams.

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 need to

DO NOT ENTER



The Salukis will most likely be ousted from playoff contention with a loss against either Northern Iowa University or Southern Utah University. Two wins, though, could secure a postseason game.

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take care of business and win the next two games.

Otherwise, SIU could be on the outside looking in.

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"I think Debbie's strength is she's a very intelligent basketball player," Eikenberg said. "She utilizes what she has very well."

In addition to her intelligence, Burris also boasts the ability to nail the open shot.

As a first-team all-conference player all four years of her high school career, Burris set the all-time scoring record at Parsons High School in Parsons, Kan.

Burris attended Coffeyville Community College and Allen

County Community College in Kansas before transferring to SIU. She set the Allen County single-season record in blocks, with 54, and notched 87 steals, which is second-best at the school.

Burris said she still has a lot to learn about Division-I basketball, but her teammates at SIU helped get her accustomed.

She has been playing with them since the summer and said she is comfortable playing with SIU against heightened competition.

The Saluki coaching staff has also helped in the transition, Burris said. "The coaches are great, I love

playing for them," Burris said. "They didn't make me feel like I wasn't going to be able to contribute coming in."

Eikenberg endorsed Burris as a starter on Nov. 12 against the University of Missouri, when the regular season begins — but under one condition.

"If Debbie's work ethic in practice maintains, Debbie's got a good chance of (starting)," Eikenberg said.

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FOOTBALL

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 Southern Utah 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



SIU linebacker 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.

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for the Division I-AA Sports Network said SIU should be safe by winning out — especially with its Sept. 16 victory over Indiana University.

SIU's 35-28 win over the Hoosiers may wind up being the key that unlocks

the Salukis' playoff door.

"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."

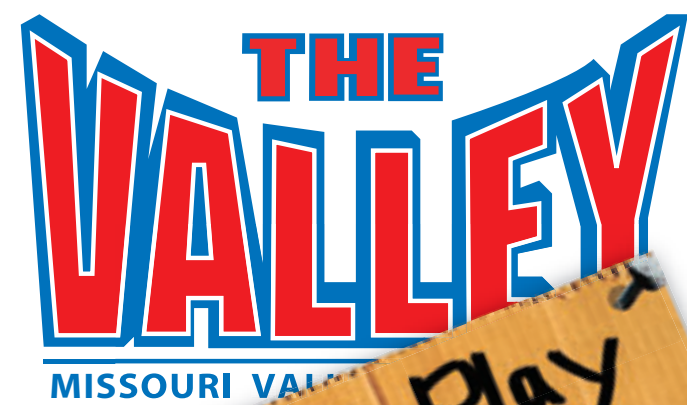
After SIU's next two games, the Salukis' chances rest in the opinions of an eight-person playoff committee that selects the at-large bids for the playoffs.

The committee is made up of eight

I-AA athletic directors from each qualifying conference; Western Illinois University athletic director Tim Van Alstine represents the Gateway.

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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.

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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.



Debbie Burris, right, looks to pass the ball during Sunday's game against Christian Brothers.

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Game story

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