Cole defends elimination of position

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Community activists said they are making progress in their campaigns to save the community relations officer position after Champaign County's Steven Haynes voiced his support for the position at an Tuesday's City Council meeting.

The Concerned Citizens of Carbondale submitted an alternative cut in city expenses for fiscal years 2011 and 2012 and met with council members Mary Pohland and Joel Fintel Monday. At the meeting, Concerned Citizens members expressed a desire for the council members to stand up for their own opinions and not go along with what the mayor and city manager proposed.

Haynes asked the council near the end of the discussion on budget plans to consider comments made by citizens regarding the position.

"The city is in need of a community relations officer... who can be there as a lookout for all of us in our endeavors as we try and make Carbondale our home," Haynes said.

After the Rev. Sidney Logwood spoke on behalf of Concerned Citizens regarding the need for alternative cuts, Mayor Brad Cole said the cuts submitted by Concerned Citizens would eliminate the position of five minorities or women to save one — Community Relations Officer Marilyn James.

Concerned Citizens also suggested cuts in broad areas such as travel, which is partially funded by grants and goes toward essential police training, Cole said.

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Research to help promote local produce

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The university and the Food Works Organization will display the fruits of their labor about local and organic produce in early 2010.

The Neighborhood Co-op Grocery, Food Works and university and community groups surveyed Jackson County residents about their knowledge of local produce Saturday.

Food Works is a nonprofit organization that engages in several programs in Jackson and Union counties to raise awareness about local produce and farmers.

The survey was part of a research project called the Community Food Assessment.

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Check out craft fairs and local events for fresher produce because it is better for the environment and the local economy.

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Members of the Carbondale community and surrounding areas could have a 1 in 20,000 chance of winning a house.

Hannah House, in an effort to raise money to assist its clients who are most in need, is raffling off a house, located on Charles Road near U.S. Route 67, said Hannah House employees.

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“When you say ‘let’s cut $60,000 out of police travel,’ some of that is in some way grant-funded for a specific purpose for a service that we provide,” he said.

Cole said subscriptions and memberships, another area Concerned Citzens suggested cuts in, are imperative to the function of the city, particularly the Illinois Municipal League.

If the city was not in the Illinois Municipal League, it wouldn’t be able to provide its employees with liability insurance or workers’ compensation, he said.

Logue said Cole misunderstood the suggestions his group put forward.

“We weren’t necessarily talking about eliminating all those positions… we were talking about cutting some travel expenses, we’re not talking about cutting it all,” he said. “We’re just saying here’s a lot of money that could be cut in order to save an important position.” Some of it could be cut without cutting it all out.

“Though he said Concerned Citzens are making progress, Logue was disappointed more council members did not speak out.

In Tuesday’s meeting, the City Council also discussed a request by Sun Valley Estates for re-zoning of property on Black Diamond Street from professional administrative offices to planned unit development. Sun Valley wants to build five apartment buildings.

Homeowners in the adjacent subdivision disputed the claim by Sun Valley spokesman William Hamilton that the city would benefit from a sales tax on construction materials for the buildings. The homeowners said the existing Sun Valley buildings are un-sightly and more would only cause their property value to decline further.

Hamilton did not receive the needed votes from the council to approve the zoning change.

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Kirkay said children learn colors, numbers and the alphabet all before they reach kindergarten.

Davis said children should not be forced to leave the Hannah House because of insufficient funds.

“They need to have a place to go when their parents are at work,” Davis said. “We want to do this fund raiser, and we’ll love to have community support to help us out.”

Gillespie said money raised through the ticket sales goes to the Hannah House scholarship, which goes to families who cannot afford to pay for all of their child’s care.

“In order for them to be able to afford to put their child in care, the state establishes a co-payment,” Gillespie said. “Well, if that person is making minimum wage, it’s hard for them to pay $200 a month, because most of the people that we have here are not people that have big incomes.”

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Calendar

Interdisciplinary Christian Fellowship
- 7 p.m. Thursday in the Life Science I Auditorium

“Is American Dream” Speaker Tony Warren talks about four images

John’s Simon Fay

- 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Union Terminal, 800 Grant St, 17th floor

Field speaker. Dr. John G. Warren and Franklin Williams, Jr.

“Stories from the Farm”

- 5 p.m. Saturday in the Union Terminal (3rd floor of Communications Building)

A collection of audio-visual performances developed in Dr. J’s Brady’s teaching.

Free admission but reservations required.

Supported by Student Arts Activity Fund and the Department of Speech Communication.

For reservations or more information, call the Union Station Box Office at 618-453-5168.

Submit calendar items to the Business Newsroom, Communications 145, at least two weeks before the event.

Corrections

In the Friday edition of the DAILY EYEWITNESS, the story “Department group teacher computer security” contained erroneous errors, including the event, SalukiLAN, was 21 hours long. Jami Seib is a student at Northern Illinois University. Brendan Reason was a senior from Rochelle. Gary Wemyss was a speaker who will not be involved in fundraising. The Association for Computing Machinery is a computer science Registered Student Organization and has been holding public events for roughly five years. THE DAILY EYEWITNESS regrets these errors.

If you spot an error, please contact the Desk Editors at 538-3110, ext. 255.
Institute honors former director with scholarship

Madeleine Leroux

A scholarship for students in the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute has been created to honor the former director Mike Lawrence.

David Yeppson, institute director, said people at the institute discussed ways to honor Lawrence after he stepped down Nov. 1.

“There’s a lot of ways people honor retired faculty here,” Yeppson said. “In these times, one of the most practical things to do is to provide some money to students who’ll need it.”

Yeppson said the scholarship would assist students within the institute’s Student Ambassador Program, which enables students to help with events and leadership programs.

Yeppson said preference would also be given to black applicants, though it is not a requirement of the scholarship.

“The institute ought to reflect society,” Yeppson said. “(Lawrence) has been a big believer in that.”

Lawrence said he was honored and flattered by the gesture.

“Im especially pleased that the scholarship will promote diversity at the institute,” Lawrence said. “I believe strongly that we need diversity in all walks of life.”

Lawrence, who continues to teach one journalism course on opinion writing, said he still plans to attend institute events, but enjoys the freedom to return to his journalistic roots and write his syndicated political column.

Matt Baughman, associate director of the institute, said the new scholarship honors the legacy of Lawrence and reflects his devotion to students.

“I think it reflects (his) passion for teaching and for helping students,” Baughman said. “I can’t think of a better way to pay tribute to (Lawrence).”

Yeppson said money for the scholarship is being raised and details on how much would be given and how often it would be awarded are still unknown.

“It may be a couple of years before we’re able to start awarding these,” Yeppson said.

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Author of “The Great Picture Hunt,” self-publisher and accomplished photojournalist David LaBelle speaks to SIUC students Tuesday at Lawson.

LaBelle stressed photojournalists have to do more than just take pictures. “The days when a person can be just a newspaper photographer and be comfortable are gone,” LaBelle said.

During his 35-year career, LaBelle has worked for 20 newspapers and magazines in nine states. Most recently, he published his book “I don’t want to know all the technical stuff… I just want to shoot pictures.”

The TLC approach to taking great photographs.

LaBelle resides in his hometown of Oak View, Calif., where he is living with his family, writing books and teaching classes in photography.
“He’s important not only for his continuing role in the FDLR in the Congo but also for his role during the genocide in Rwanda,” Alex said. “He is known for having spoken openly of the ‘who’ he conducted during the genocide. He is someone who has actually admitted that he is a genocide organizer and executioner.”

A chilling, 23-page indictment from the Rwandan war crimes court alleges Nyirinyima was de facto head of Rwanda’s Senior Military Training College during the 1994 genocide, ordering entire Hutu families to be slaughtered and giving grenades and transport to militia. He ordered roadblocks set up in Rwanda’s province of Butare, where Tutsi and Hutus had lived amicably together and where the genocide started later than in the rest of the country, the indictment said. At the roadblocks, Tutsis were identified by their ID cards and killed.

Nyirinyima, 46, has been flown to Arusha, Tanzania, for trial at the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda. Tribunal spokesman Ronald Amoussouga said the arrest of the former army captain and member of the president’s inner circle “is quite a significant development not only for the tribunal, but also for the quest for justice as a whole.”

Interpol’s deputy director in Uganda, Ally Womanga, said that Nyirinyima did not resist arrest but “was caught like a grasshopper.” He declined to say if anyone claimed the reward.

Nyirinyima in recent weeks sent emissaries to a U.N. base in Kigali, Congo, to negotiate turning himself in. The discussions collapsed when Nyirinyima suggested the bounty on his head be given to his family if he surrendered.

During the genocide, Nyirinyima was allegedly formed secret units of soldiers that executed prominent Tutsis, including Queen Rosalie Gicanda, who was in her 80s, according to the indictment issued in 2000. The Rwandan monarchy ended decades earlier but Gicanda remained a revered and symbolic figure for Tutsis. Soldiers hunted her and others from her house in Butare and shot them behind the National Museum.

“Killing her was a symbolic gesture and made it clear that no Tutsi would be spared,” genocide expert Raïko Omara wrote in a report. A report by Rwanda’s demobilization and reintegration commission said Nyirinyima visited the Butare hospital many times to ensure that Tutsi patients there were swiftly killed.

Pierre Gasana, a Rwandan who lives in suburban Kampala, said Nyirinyima had killed some of his relatives during the genocide.

“There were more than 30 hiding in one house,” said Gasana, 60. “With his men, they broke into the house and shot at them at close range. Only one woman survived after pretending that she was dead and escaped into a swamp.”

Top Rwanda genocide suspect caught in Uganda

Godfrey Olukya
Rukmini Callimachi
The Associated Press

KAMPALA, UGANDA — A top suspect wanted by the United Nations for orchestrating the killings of thousands of people in Rwanda’s 1994 genocide — including children, hospital patients, priests and even an elderly and revered African queen — has been captured, police said Tuesday.

Former Rwanda Deputy Intelligence Chief Hadjiphone Nyirinyima was arrested Monday in Uganda, police said, under an indictment from the Rwandan war crimes tribunal on charges of genocide, complicity in genocide, and direct and public incitement to commit genocide in the systematic slaughter of more than 500,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus in 101 days in 1994.

Until last week, Nyirinyima was believed to have hidden in the jungles of eastern Congo, where he belonged to a militia called the Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Rwanda, or FDLR, that continues to commit atrocities. The Rwandan militia, made up of Hutus, is accused of having killed at least 1,000 civilians this year, including rampaging through a village and throwing children into a fire, human rights groups said.

The United States offered a $5 million reward for the capture of Nyirinyima.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon welcomed Nyirinyima’s arrest and called on all countries to continue to cooperate fully with the Rwandan tribunal, U.N. spokeswoman Michele Montas said.

Gregory Alex, who heads a U.N. team tasked with demobilizing rebels in Congo and repatriating them to Rwanda, said the capture was a major coup.
QUOTE OF THE DAY
“The Simpsons are... facing some of the everyday challenges that modern-day families go through.”

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THE LEFT-HANDED PEN
SIU needs one big bake sale

MICHAEL SPRINGSTON

Recent Daily Egyptian headlines have carried grim tidings.
"Budget falls $4.7 million short of projections" • "Students could be left with-out MAP" • "Milton Bradley may return to Cubs" • OK, maybe not that last one, but the university and its students both are feeling the heat from the state’s budgetary meltdown.
SIU President Glenn Poshard said all of the colleges have been asked to cut back.
The Undergraduate Student Government is heading to Lobby Day in Springfield Oct. 15 to seek restoration of the Monetary Awards Program (MAP) grant.
Everyone is looking under the seat cushions for any loose change they can find.
There is actually a lot of loose change lying around a college campus. Here are a few suggestions for maximizing the SIUC revenue stream.

1. Naming Rights
Not original, but SIUC is blessed with dozens of buildings that offer some revenue potential: Wham, Pulliam, Facer and Shypock. All venerable names, but not an earner in the bunch. It’s time to turn that brick into buck.

Verizon, Go Daddy, Red Bull and Fuhar could all pony up big bucks for a high-profile presence on a college campus. Reha Hall could become the Dippin’ Dot School of Business, cashing in on one of its more successful graduates.
Sakiw Way obviously has the greatest marketing potential. The Salkiks might get more face time on ESPN if M-Andrew Stadium became Madden NFL Field. SIU Arena has even more potential sponsors, but Johnson Wax would be the best fit for Floobum U.

2. Bring back Halloween
Students did not close down the Strip for Halloween until 1975, but the party soon became legendary.
In 1976, eight women dressed as roller derby queens went tearing up and down Illinois Avenue on roller skates. By 10 p.m. the broken bottles and beer cans slowly whispered their prog- ress.
Good times.
Bob Dylan played one weekend. John Candy showed up with a film crew that featured the Carbondale Halloween Party on a short-lived series that ran the Saturday Night Live time slot.

Was there vandalism? Was there debauchery? Was there a mass murder? (Actually, that 1975 incident involved a drug deal gone bad)

Yes, there were excesses. People had behaved badly. But the tourists came from miles around to spend money here.

3. Research for hire
Southern Illinois has more energy reserves in its coal fields than all of the oil in the Middle East, so this columnist was glad to see the $300,000 grant the university received to study the feasibility of injecting carbon emissions from coal-fired plants into the ground. This is legitimate technology, similar to the FutureGen model.

But if we can raise $300,000 for legitimate research, how many millions do you think SIUC can get for a cooked study claiming the global warming is a hoax. Deniers of global-warming evidence like to dismiss the overwhelming sci- entific proof by saying it is still being studied. This could be the study they are seeking. No one even has to do any research, just write up the message in academia and let Fox News circulate it.

Mike Springerston is a graduate student in the MAF program.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR
Let’s talk about gerrymandering

Dear Editor:
Next week, the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute will host a Legislative hearing on a topic that will shape the direction of Illinois government for decades.
I strongly urge the public to partici-pate as the Illinois Senate Redistricting Committee conducts the fourth meet-ing in a series of public hearings on ending the gerrymandering of state legislative and congressional districts.

Political gerrymandering — the drawing of political boundaries in order to pre-determine election results — subverts the electoral process and denies voters the opportunity to pick their own representatives.

Every 10 years, after the census, new Congressional and legislative maps are drawn. Unfortunately, Illinois citizens are held hostage by the state’s system of redistricting, with its winner-take-all provisions in which the political control of the state is reduced to drawing a name from a hat. Whichever party draws the maps will likely dominate the election cycles for the next decade.

This is one of the most politically ropy processes in state government and must be changed.

State leaders need to be working together to make difficult decisions, but instead political objectives are likely to take priority in order to protect the dominant party’s power.

Gerrymandered legislative maps enable politicians to pick their voters rather than giving voters the opportu-nity to pick their own representatives.

Fortunately, the Paul Simon Institute is in an excellent position to lead the state. As a political reporter in Iowa, Director David Yepsen has seen a better system first-hand. Iowa’s non-partisan redistricting system served as the inspiration for reforms proposed by the Illinois Reform Commission.

While political scientists and other experts continue to debate the spe-cifics of a reform plan, everyone can agree the Illinois system is unacceptable. When the Illinois Senate Redistricting Committee comes to SIUC’s Morris Library Oct. 13, I hope the public will turn out and send a strong and clear message — the system must be changed.

I would like to speak more about gerrymandering in Illinois, I encourage you to visit: http://www.ger-myandering.illinois.edu.

Thank you for being a decent human being

Dear Editor:
Within a six-month period, there were two terrorist attacks in the Shawnee National Forest. Both times, rock climbers came to the rescue.
One of the climbers injured later found out that his ankle had been broken in two places. He was helped off his horse and set on the ground. He was in mild shock and his riding companion had no idea how to get help and, more importantly, get his friend out of the canyon.
A rock climber who was out rappelling approached and offered assis-tance. He called the New Burnville emergency responders and they arrived and stabilized the injured man, putting him in a neck brace and strapped him to a board.

Four young climbers helped carry the stretcher toward the ambulance. Later, eight more climbers took turns carrying the injured man up the steep trail and lifting him over rocks, taking two hours to get him to the ambulance.

We do not know your names, but we want to thank you for your strength and willingness to assist a fellow human being. There are no medals. There are no awards or citations. Far greater than these is the satisfaction of knowing you helped someone and that the person you helped is eternally grateful.

Chuck and Linda Kasul
Bay Creek Ranch

Editorial Cartoon

POLICE CHIEFS ENDORSE ANTI-TERRORIST COMMUNITY WATCHES

I GUESS THE GUY NEXT DOOR ISN’T A TERRORIST... ALL HE EVER DOES IS WATCH US!

RAVIN SHELTON

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Francis Aline Gearhart, 82, looks over an application for heating and weatherization assistance at her home in Murphysboro Thursday. Assistance is available to Gearhart through the Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The program is in its "priority period"—only disabled, elderly or those customers who have received a disconnection notice can apply for assistance. Nov. 1 marks the beginning of the open period, where all individuals needing assistance may apply. Gearhart, who receives no pension from her past employer, said the heating program goes a long way in helping her stay warm during the winter.

IN NEED OF HEAT

Julia Rendleman | Daily Egyptian
Radio-Television students win big

Alt.news 26:46, River Region earn recognition

Mariela Leroux

Radio-television students brought home the gold this weekend, along with silver and bronze, from two regional award ceremonies.

Alt.news 26:46, the student-produced alternative TV news magazine, earned five regional Emmy awards Saturday in St. Louis, continuing a 10-year winning streak.

Jan Thompson, faculty adviser for alt.news 26:46, said the group has won so consistently that a ‘collective group’ could be heard from the participants every time alt.news was announced as a nominee.

“I think that says a lot,” Thompson said. “There’s an intensity and inner competitiveness in these students.”

John Elder, executive producer of alt.news 26:46, said the Emmys are more about celebrating all of the hard work the staff puts into the program.

“It feels good to know that we keep progressing,” said Kevin Hill, executive producer of alt.news 26:46.

Elder, a senior from Carol Stream studying radio-television, said he’s been involved with the program for four years and spends most of his time there.

“It’s running a real TV show,” Elder said. “I won’t have another job like this for 20 years.”

Thompson said one secret to alt.news success is the students’ devotion. Most of them do not have love lives, she said.

“We’re a family,” Thompson said. “(Students) know they have a support system.”

Lisa Brosten, interim chair of the radio-television department, said it was a fruitful year, with alt.news winning the Emmys and several other students, including River Region Evening News, winning Student Silver Dome awards from the Illinois Broadcasters Association.

“This is consistent; this is a yearly thing,” Brosten said. “I think it says a lot about the excellence of the teaching… and the determination of the students.”

Brosten said in the future, she hopes both of the organizations push for entries in categories they have not dominated in the past, such as animation and audio.

Eden Waldron, faculty adviser for River Region, said the evening edition news team took second place for best television newscast in the Student Silver Dome awards.

Friday, seven students also won awards ranging from first place for best television news package to third place for best promotional campaign.

Waldron said many entries are projects from classes, such as the news package, “Snow Removal,” by Zlatko Filipovic, who won first place.

“I was really proud,” Waldron said. “These students have an extreme amount of dedication and focus.”

Participation in alt.news 26:46 and River Region is open to students of all majors.

Mariela Leroux can be reached at 536-3114 ext. 254.
Horoscopes
By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday: Words have power. Right now you can recall the details and put them together in a suitable package. It takes surprisingly little effort and gains excellent results. Your birthday can depend on your luck.

Kris (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 6. You're being drawn in seven different directions at once. Share your intuition with others, and go with it.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — the important thing is to think things through before starting. Let instinct point your feet in the right direction.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) — Today is an 8 — With all the activity around you today, be sure to take time for special moments with your partner.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) — Today is a 7 — You can get 6 chances today to get your ideas out in the open. Please get the lid off that bottle!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 7 — Fantasy is a medium you suddenly appreciate. This doesn't mean you should go around telling lies.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — Everything cooks on the right Gemini now! Just be sure to add the spices at the right time.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — Balance works with pleasure. Ask an important question. Listen carefully to the answer (you may be surprised).

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 8 — If you remember a dream once you awake, share it with the first person you see. Or record it in your journal.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — If you didn't have enough to do on your own, others add to the pile. Sort the high-priority items.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 8 — You'll need to accomplish a lot big by day's end and it will be short. More than one opportunity arises.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You want to eat everything on the menu. You could do that, but it's better to choose one exquisite thing.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 7 — You have a lot of threads to weave into the fabric of your work today. You're definitely up to the task.

Your plan for the future.
Rush for Rams: Limbaugh bids for NFL team

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ST. LOUIS — The lowly Rams have someone who loves them.

Conservative talk radio host Rush Limbaugh said Tuesday he is teaming up with St. Louis Blues owner Dave Checketts in a bid to buy the Rams, owners of the NFL’s longest losing streak at 14 and just 5-31 since 2007.

In a statement, Limbaugh declined to discuss details, citing a confidentiality agreement with Goldman Sachs, the investment firm hired by the family of former Rams owner Georgia Frontiere to review assets of her estate, including the NFL team.

Limbaugh also declined to discuss other partners that might be involved in the bid, but said he and Checketts would operate the team.

"Dave Checketts and I have made a bid to buy the Rams and we are continuing the process," Limbaugh said.

Forbes magazine has estimated the Rams franchise has a value of $929 million.

Frontiere’s children, Chip, Robert and Lucia Rodriguez, inherited 60 percent of the Rams when their mother died in January 2008. Billionaire Stan Kroenke of the Atlanta Falcons owns the remaining 40 percent. It wasn’t clear if the Limbaugh/Checketts bid was for 100 percent of the Rams or just the share owned by Rosenblum and Rodriguez.

"Our strategic review of our ownership of the Rams continues," Rosenblum said in a statement released late Monday. "We will make an announcement upon the completion of the process."

NFL spokesman Greg Aiello declined comment. Spokesmen for Checketts and the Blues declined comment.

Limbaugh is a native of Cape Girardeau, Mo., about 100 miles south of St. Louis. He’s so popular among conservatives — fans of his show call themselves "dittoheads" — that he has been called by some the voice of the Republican Party.

Limbaugh, who lives and works in Palm Beach, Fla., once worked for the Kansas City Royals and is an avid sports fan.

In 2003, Limbaugh worked briefly on ESPN’s NFL pregame show, but nagging about Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Donovan McNabb was overrated because the media wanted to see a black quarterback succeed.

Checketts, 53, and his SCP Worldwide and Tombras Capital Partners purchased the Blues in 2006 from Bill and Nancy Laurie. The Blues have been gradually rebuilt under his leadership and made the playoffs last season for the first time since 2004.

Checketts first approached Rosenblum in early 2009 about possibly buying the Rams. Eric Gelfand, a spokesman for Checketts, said in June that Checketts had put together a group consisting of local and outside investors.

An NFL rule allows ownership of NFL teams and teams in other sports, but only if they are in the same market. That would be a problem if Kroenke wanted to become majority owner of the Rams because he owns the NBA’s Denver Nuggets and the NHL’s Colorado Avalanche.

Checketts’ company owns Utah’s Real Salt Lake of the MLS. But an NFL spokesman has said the cross-ownership rule does not apply to the MLS.

The potential sale of the Rams has been rumored since Frontiere’s death. Her children are both involved in other interests and neither has ties to St. Louis.
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Head coach Lenzy Newton said he is excited by Ericsson’s and Miller’s performances.

Newton said the freshmen are still adjusting to collegiate competition, but have shown significant improvement in a short time.

“I continue to be impressed by the steps these young men are taking,” Newton said. “They can learn a lot from the experience of our seniors, and combined with their natural talent, the future of this team looks promising.”

Ericsson said he has improved his focus and composure under the guidance of the veterans.

“Guys like Schell and Driskell really know how to close out a game,” Ericsson said. “That’s something they do really well, and something I’m trying learn. One or two strokes can be the difference between 20 positions, so I need to make every shot count.”

The team will travel to Illinois State on Sunday to compete in the D.A. Webring Invitational. Newton said the team should be confident heading into Normal as all but one of his players have played the course several times.

Casilla’s hit in 12th lifts Twins over Tigers

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MINNEAPOLIS — Baseball’s only real pennant race needed an extra game and extra innings to finish off an AL Central thriller that got better with every pitch.

Alex Colas singled home the winning run with one out in the 12th and the Minnesota Twins rallied past Detroit 6-5 in their tiebreaker Tuesday night, completing a colossal collapse for the Tigers.

“This is the most unbelievable game I’ve ever played or seen,” Twins shortstop Orlando Cabrera said.

As Carlos Gomez screamed from second with the winning run — well ahead of a late throw from right field — Homer Hankins sneaked around the Metrodome. The Twins celebrated and scrambled — they had 21 hours to get ready for Game 1 of the AL playoffs at Yankee Stadium against New York ace CC Sabathia.

The Tigers became the first team in major league history to blow a three-game lead with four games left.

“I guess it’s fitting to say there was a loser in this game because we lost the game, but it’s hard for me to believe there is a loser in this game,” Tigers manager Jim Leyland said. “Both teams played their hearts out. You can’t ask for anything more than that.”

The Twins overcame a seven-game gap in the final month, went 17-4 to pull even on the final weekend and won their fifth division title in eight years.

“We just feel like we have nothing to lose, man,” outfielder Denard Span said.

Both teams had their chances to end it earlier, and each club scored in the 10th. Casilla was thrown out at the plate to end that inning by left fielder Ryan Raburn after tagging up.

Detroit thought it had taken the lead in the 12th. But with the bases loaded, plate umpire Randy Marsh ruled that Brandon Inge was out hit by a pitch by Bobby Keppel. The replay appeared to show the pitch grazing Inge’s hollowing uniform.
The Salukis left Kentucky frustrated and unsatisfied after rain cut the Murray State Invitational short.
The SIU men’s golf team finished ninth out of 14 teams in Monday’s 36-hole tournament in Murray, Ky. Senior Patrick Scheil finished as the Saluki’s top finisher, as he tied for ninth place.
Scheil said he was pleased, but not satisfied with his performance. “I’d give myself a B overall, but I know there were still opportunities I wasn’t able to capitalize on,” Scheil said. “My putting was good — especially my speed—but a couple of bogeys on the back half really (hurt).”
The Salukis shot a combined 592, with Scheil finishing 1-over-par with a 143. Senior Blake Driskell and freshmen Jake Erickson and Jeffrey Miller shot a 146, 153 and 156 respectively.
Senior Jordan Cox rounded out the Salukis with a score of 154. Scheil said while the numbers may not show it yet, the team has progressed throughout the season. “I think it’s good for our freshmen to start gaining tournament experience, and they have really proved themselves so far,” Scheil said. “We may not be exactly where we need to be just yet, but that’s not necessarily a bad thing. The work we put in now will show up in the spring.”

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Senior Patrick Scheil works on his drive during practice Sept. 22 at Hickory Ridge Golf Course. The Salukis finished ninth at the Murray State Invitational after the last round was canceled because of thunderstorms.

FOOTBALL

Defensive backs shut down aerial attacks

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The Saluki secondary has covered a no-fly zone through the first four games of the season. The defensive backs and safeties have intercepted passes, tipped balls to the ground and locked opposing receivers en route to a 3-1 start to the season. The group’s performance has taken pressure off the rest of the team.

“It’s nice having those guys back there for me,” senior linebacker Brandin Jordan said. “I know I don’t have to worry when the ball goes over my head, because those guys behind me are almost always going to be tipping the ball or running it back the other way.”

The defense has not allowed a passing touchdown since the first quarter of the Saluki’s 24-14 win over the Baptist game on Sept. 19. The Salukis rank 11th in the nation in pass defense, allowing only 192.8 yards per game through the air and 5.5 yards per pass.

And when opposing quarterbacks air it out, Saluki defenders have been making the catches.

SIU’s eight interceptions on the season are tied for the most in the conference. Safety Mike McElroy’s and cornerback Korey Lindsey’s three interceptions are tied for sixth in the nation.

SIU head coach Dale Lennon said the experience of the unit has shown in its performance.

“They’re the same group of guys we had out there last year, so they definitely have experience on their side,” Lennon said. “Last year they were learning the defense; this year they get to act instead of learn.”

Even the top passing offenses in the country have struggled against SIU’s secondary. Western Illinois had only 140 yards passing Saturday, despite being ranked No. 9 in the nation with 274.7 yards per game through the air. Western Illinois played backup quarterback Wil Lunt most of the game.

McElroy said the coaching staff and his teammates have put the secondary in the position to succeed.

“The coaches have put us there in great spots, and then we have our own (defenders) doing a great job on getting pressure on the quarterback back and making them throw stuff up,” McElroy said. “So that really helps out the secondary.”

The Saluki returned all four starters from last season, including safeties Marty Rodgers and McElroy, and cornerbacks Brandon Williams and Lindsey Lindsey was a preseason third-team All-American, while Rodgers was a preseason second-team All-Conference selection.

McElroy said the competition and aggressiveness of the secondary makes it dangerous.

“We’re always talking to each other, challenging each other to make plays,” McElroy said. “And so far it’s worked out pretty well.”

Lindsey said the different styles and personalities of the group mesh well.

“We all bring our different things together, and it just helps everybody,” Lindsey said. “All our different characteristics, all our different things come together, we bring it together into one piece on the field. That’s what makes us so special.”

Cornerback Korey Lindsey tackles North Dakota State University wide receiver Warren Holloway during the first half of the Salukis’ 24-14 home victory Sept. 26. SIU’s defense has allowed only one touchdown through the air this season.

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SIU recorded its worst tournament finish of the season as its standout freshman sat out with an illness.

The Salukis made a late push in the final round, but finished 15th out of 18 teams Tuesday at the Johnnie Invitational in Columbia, Mo.

Women’s golf head coach Dv- ane Daugherty said freshman Shaina Renorgarbe was a big blow to the team.

“We missed Shaina, but we still managed to improve with each round we played,” Daugherty said.

The Salukis moved up from 16th to 15th place in the final two rounds to beat out the University of Iowa. The Salukis finished the tournament with a combined team score of 960 (324-322-314).

University of Wisconsin won the tournament with a final score of 908. Tulsa (912), University of Missouri-Kansas City (914) and Illinois State (918) rounded out the top five.

Freshman golfer Jenna Dombroski finished in the top spot for SIU, tying for 29th place overall out of 98 golfers with a three-round total of 233 (77-82-74).

“It feels good to improve, but we could definitely do a lot for our confidence,” Dombroski said. “I am looking forward to next week to see what I can do.”

Dombroski said even without Renorgarbe on the team managed to play well on a difficult course.

“Not having Shaina means that we all had to step up, and I felt we did all right,” Dombroski said.

Freshman golfer Amber Phillips filled in for Renorgarbe as she made her collegiate debut. Phillips said “I need to work on my short game more, and the greens were faster than anything I have been used to.”

Sophomore Meg Gilly finished tied for 43rd with a combined score of 236. Sophomore Alysha Matthews (240) and junior Alex Anderson (251) rounded out the five Salukis.

Daugherty said the team could not handle the speed of the greens.

“The greens were extremely fast, and we had our fair share of mistakes the past couple of days,” Daugherty said.

The Salukis travel to Fishers, Ind. Monday to compete in the MAC Preview.