Winters Over

Interim Provost resigns, will relocate to Michigan
Alexa Aguilar
Daily Egyptian

Interim Provost Margaret Winters resigned Tuesday to pursue a new administrative position at Wayne State University in Michigan.

Her resignation comes as an ongoing search to find a permanent provost continues, involving Chancellor. Wade Wendler will seek to find another short-term replacement.

Winters said Tuesday he was nominated for an interim position in 2002 and was named interim provost of academic administration at Wayne State University in 2002, a position she filled for her new job on March 13.

While Winters said she has mixed feelings about leaving SIUC, a place she's been for 25 years, she is excited about moving to a larger university in a metropolitan area.

"I really enjoyed the administrative work I've done," Winters said. "But you can get a little stale working at one place.

Winters came to SIUC in 1997 on a one-year term coming from Wayne State University in Michigan.

Winters within the last two years have easily been the "wildest" of her career.

The SIU Board of Trustees fired Chancellor Jo Ann Avanger in 1999, and later, Winters was named interim chancellor in the aftermath. Assistant Provost of Academic Administration Kim Sheard was named interim chancellor in the aftermath. Acknowledged Winters as interim provost and vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Winters, in her tenure, has used Grant-aided funding to increase SIUC's enrollment by 18 percent.

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Winters quit for a permanent provost would not resume until a permanent provost of academic administration is named. The search committee will now work to fill the position.

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Local businesses determined not to roll over to Best Buy

Brad Bronsdena
Daily Egyptian

Local businesses are not alarmed about the April 1 Best Buy opening. Instead, many think their small-town service and specialty offerings will be an advantage over the colossal electronic store.

"With Best Buy coming, we plan to be hurt the least, simply because we have our niche, we have our loyal customers, and we'll do things Best Buy will never do," said John Sands, a manager at Plaza Records.

That is a thought that echoes throughout Carbondale businesses, thus the opening of Best Buy near.

In Best Buy's last fiscal year, from March, 2000 to March, 2001, the corporation raked in 15.3 billion dollars in national sales. The store is known for its wide selection of home appliances, computer software and CDs.

With this in mind, some local stores are taking new approaches to compete with Best Buy. Others are sticking to what has worked in the past.

With a focus on what Sands calls a "classic albums" approach, Plaza's plan is simple— feature items customers will not find at a Best Buy or Wal-Mart.

"While they're right be big on Britney Spears latest, we like to have the stuff that you can't find at those big stores," he said.

John Rayburn, a manager at CD Warehouse, said his store will fare well because of its location and its large selection of used CDs.

"So far it's business as usual; if things change when that store opens, we'll make changes -- but for now we're not worried," he said.

Plaza expects a 10 to 15 percent drop in sales of new CDs. Sands said the store will make up for the loss in other areas, such as merchandise and used CD sales.

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Washington hit with more charges

Judge denies bond in federal drug case
Erika Blackman
Daily Egyptian

BENTON — A Murphysboro man now faces a confrontation of a hippocritical death charge in Jackson County for his alleged role in shooting and disposing of a North Carolina man’s body last September, a federal prosecutor said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Amanda Robertson told a judge Tuesday that

Princeton Washington, 20, should not be issued bond for a federal conviction to distribute crack cocaine charge because of two pending arrest warrants in Jackson County Circuit Court. Robertson said Washington also faces a charge for possession of marijuana.

Washington was taken into federal custody Feb. 4 on charges of conspiracy to distribute crack cocaine and was denied release from jail at his Tuesday morning bond hearing in Benton.

Police became aware of Washington’s alleged drug activity on Sept. 8 when he shot and killed North Carolina native Tyree Cunningham. Cunningham and four others allegedly tried to rob Washington of drugs and money at his Murphysboro home.

Chicago attorneys Patrick G. Reardon and Mark Soback are representing Washington and brought to U.S. District Judge Phillip M. Frizer’s attention that the motive for the home invasion is questionable as to whether the intruders were trying to rob for drugs.

Robertson countered by arguing that no proof exists that shows Cunningham was dead when Washington and two of his friends dumped his body in the woods near Crab Orchard Lake. She said for all the government knows, he could have still been alive.

Robertson provided a reason why Washington and his friends didn’t call police after the shooting occurred. She said police were not called because there was crack cocaine in his house and Washington, his girlfriend and roommate were unable to clean it up, according statements made to police by Washington’s roommate.

Robertson also said that individuals have told the government that they have bought crack cocaine from Washington and that Washington himself admitted being worth one “keg” of the deadly drug.

In addition, Washington has already provided prosecutors with the names of dealers who distributed the crack cocaine to him.

Judge Frizer said Washington’s release on Tuesday would be impossible because “there is too much going on” in the case.

Washington is scheduled to appear for trial on the federal charge on April 15 in a Benton courtroom.

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Daily Egyptian
Professor Mike Magnuson begins book tour, tonight

STORY BY WILLIAM ALONSO
PHOTOS BY RONDA YAGER

Professor Mike Magnuson began his book tour, tonight in Carbondale at Barnes and Noble. This gives him the opportunity not only to push his book, but to spread the Lummox way of life.

"Lummox" is Magnuson's third novel and takes readers through a third-person account of his life during his raving 20s. It took four cars for "Lummox" to reach its finished state. Magnuson said he was hesitant to begin a book that would open other people to the details of his life and inner thoughts.

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Lithuanian researcher comes to SIU

Vytis Ciubrinskas is conducting research on Lithuanian-American communities in Illinois

Keva Gaston
Daily Egyptian

Vytis Ciubrinskas traces the roots of his people back to Southern Illinois.

Ciubrinskas, a fullbright scholar, is visiting SIU for a six-month research project on Lithuanian-Americans. He is a native of Lithuania and an associate professor of sociology and anthropology at the Vilnius University in Lithuania. He is visiting the Department of Anthropology this semester to conduct a six-month research study on Lithuanian-American communities in Illinois. He is also the author of several books on Lithuanian-American communities in towns such as Marion and will also cover other cities in Illinois.

Most of his research will come from Southern Illinois because a large number of Lithuanian-Americans live in the southern U.S. He plans to do some of his research in the depository library at SIUC and at the Library of the Lithuanian Research and Study Center in Chicago, which has the world-renowned collection of Lithuanian-American press. He feels that his duty as a Lithuanian native to conduct his research project to provide insight into their lifestyles and accentuate the diversity among them.

"It is important because we have articles on the Lithuanian migration, but not a single book on their everyday life," Ciubrinskas said. He has 16 years of experience doing ethnographic fieldwork and ethnographic writing. He studied Lithuanians in their native land and also felt that it is his duty as a Lithuanian native to conduct his research project.

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Two alumni receive business award

Business that began in a dorm room four years ago has had high growth rate

Ben Botkin
Daily Egyptian

Whenever a promo for "Just Shoot Me" flashes across television screens, chances are pretty good that it was produced with a computer program created by two local SIUC alumni.

Todd Clemens and Ben Weinberger, co-owners of Customable-based Digitalsmiths, Inc., were hailed for their business savvy when they received the Young Entrepreneur of the Year award Feb. 5 during the Governor's Small Business Conference in Springfield.

Clemens and Weinberger provide web design and online development to businesses through Digitalsmiths, Inc., which is stationed in SIUC's Dunn-Richmond Economic Development Center. They have recently collaborated with Sam Glick and Robbie Davis, two SIUC graduates who manage a Los Angeles production company, and designed a CD-ROM to use in about 500 Fox-affiliated television stations. The CD-ROM has highlights of past episodes that directors can search for when producing promos.

Although both often worked until 2 or 3 a.m. during their SIUC days, Weinberger said that they were still able to enjoy college life. "We still had a good time with school and friends," he said.

Both completed their academic programs and graduated last year as their company continued to grow.

In the four-year span of their company's history, the entrepreneurial pair has seen profits that began as virtually nothing and progressed to earn $200,000 as the business expanded to include Fortune 500 companies and the Fox television network among its clients.

The annual growth of 30 to 40 percent every year was not because of advertising, but mainly word of mouth, they said.

"It's a big testament to our customer service," Clemens said.

Gaining a strong initial footing as the company got going was the biggest hurdle, Weinberger said. "Not going out of business was important, not that we were afraid," he said. "A solid foundation is always a challenge." Despite their growth, the young entrepreneurs remain modest, and say they appreciate the help they received from alumni and more experienced business owners.

"We don't try to pretend we know it all," Clemens said.

They were nominated for the award by Emily Carter, assistant director of the Small Business Development Center, which is located in the Dunn-Richmond Development Center.

The Small Business Development Center is affiliated with SIUC and counsels small business owners free of charge.

Carter said she decided to nominate Digitalsmiths after helping Weinberger and Weinberger submitted a business plan for the company.

Clemens develop a business plan for their company. "Through working with them and getting to know them, I thought they were great candidates," she said.

The company will always strive for higher goals, Clemens said. "We will always be trying to make it grow," he said.

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A permanent home for African-American museum will help enrich Southern Ill. region

Our Word

More than 100 museums dedicated to African-American history are currently in operation in the United States, according to the U.S. State Department. Carbondale is not on the list, and for the matter neither is the Southern Illinois region.

Establishing an African-American museum in Southern Illinois would be a wonderful educational tool for students, faculty and residents in the area all races. This museum would serve as an educational tool for students, faculty and residents in the area. It would be a tremendous showpiece for Southern Illinois, which has its own rich tradition in black history.

The effort to establish the museum began in 1997. Southern Illinois Achievers, a group of local residents and SIU faculty led by City Councilwoman Corene McDaniel, has worked to bring the museum to life. Originally, the group wanted to increase awareness about local individuals and black leaders. As word of their efforts spread, the organization began receiving items donated by local residents.

Last week, items and other exhibits went on display in the University Mall, including paintings, quilts and shackles worn by slaves. Such items deserve a permanent home. The museum is expected to house these items, but exhibits on positive African-American role models remains a primary focus.

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Maybe it's me. Maybe I am just not American enough to care, but am I the only person who is not watching the Olympics? I just cannot get motivated enough to turn on the TV and watch grown men do their "short program." I can't find the motivation to care who wins a hockey game. Why, you may ask, am I turned off by the world's greatest showcase of athletes? It may be because I don't like winter sports. Can anybody tell me how curling became an Olympic sport?

I have seen some excellent athletes in this first week of Olympic coverage, but those who participate in curling are hardly in the best shape of any of the athletes. I am sure it is harder than it looks and takes more practice than it looks, but give me a break here folks, curling is not a sport. Curling is not the only sport that confuses me.

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COLUMNISTS

African students must question disciplines outside their socio-strata

Recent discussions and forums in Black History Month have raised very important questions about constructs of identity and racism. Several of the speakers challenged the idea of white people as neutral observers of racism and argued that this tolerance of racist practice constitutes an individual racism. One speaker called for a comprehensive and more sophisticated evaluation of racism in terms of race being understood as components of gender and class. While I can understand the necessity of the research, I question the effects of these perspectives on the implications on the causes of Black Studies. Is the purpose of the discipline merely to counteract the methods of inquiry in other departments, or is it to give legitimacy to a world-view located culturally in black people?

As many scholars and others have noticed, disciplines shape personalities; they make them predictable and give them theoretical consistency. As such, what does the predictable nature of black studies look like? What can we assume about the students as a result of its projection? Many will believe students are angry. Some will even say the discipline teaches racism, but I believe the arguments are only in matter of history. Philosophers desire ignorance and rejoice in opinion that is accepted in accepted terms of the sex. Psychology builds itself on its methods and study—the examples are endless. Disciplines create ways that justify their means, but what of Black Studies?

Is it possible to refute an idea of race that has no basis in scientific knowledge? What happens if we are successful in that agenda? Say race did not exist; would our students still be able to specialize in Black Studies? The answer of course would be yes. What will it take, however, to have African people make a commitment to a new idea? Do you believe there is no such thing as race? Have you ever wondered why Europeans, no matter how illiterate or conservative what field they are, seem to believe in this concept? Is it not enough for students to be taught African history, literature, or political thought. When are African students going to demand a language and position of cultural studies that moves beyond socio-political fields and described?

I guess I've always been a late bloomer. And it hurts to watch everyone around you turn in whatever it is they're going to become, and wonder if your adult self is going to show up. The rest of my peers eventually grew into their bodies. They bought their first car, went to the movies, read a book, and migrated from their house. I was still pulling crumpled I.O.U.'s from under my mattress.

My friends tell me I should appreciate my youthful appearance, that in the next few years I'll be really grateful when the rest of them have buggy eyes and laugh lines. Call me selfish, but what do I care? Drinks come and go, and I'm still left out in the cold with a juice box while my friends enjoy an evening on the town. I don't really think I'll care which of us spends more on alpha-hydroxy moisturizers. In fact, I'm sure we'll end up with some identical-looking bottles that are the same price, minus.

I've never had to look older than I am, either. I'd settle for status quo. It's just that with a young face comes the automatic assumption that I am too immature to carry on any kind of adult, educated conversation. I can only take serious among those I know are my seniors. The problem is, though; I don't even get credit for the few years of school that are beside my name. They just ignore the growth years I've had out of my academic years, and act as if I'm just another child.

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I'm not sure, but I think my face looks like one of those who are not even in their 20s. They probably think I'm in college, and I'm still outsid~ waiting for the microw.

So the next time one of you has to look at an older-looking friend to sneer, don't. Look carefully at the picture show, know that you are in good company. At least drop me a line and let me know what is going on. I am still outside waiting for the review.

Not Just Another Priddy Face

BY GRACE FRIDDY
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Not Just Another Priddy Face appears on Wednesday. Grace is a senior in architectural studies. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of The Daily Egyptian.
Shakira dances her way to SIUC
Internationally known Middle Eastern dancer gives seminar
Ivan Thomas

Daily Egyptian

At a young age internationally known dancer Elizabeth Furrin, known as Shakira, on stage, began to pursue her dream of becoming a Middle Eastern dancer performer.

Now the Kentucky native has become an expert instructor bringing a new style of culture to the SIUC campus.

"I found out that I wanted to be a dancer when I was in the third grade. A woman was teaching it on the local cable channel," Shakira said. "From then on I decided that was what I wanted to do."

Developing awareness of the body's capacity for movement, fluidity and flexibility is what students can expect when attending the dance seminar of the internationally known Shakira.

This performer and instructor, now residing in Columbus, Ohio, will conduct a three-hour class Saturday at 1 p.m. in the East Assembly Room of the Recreation Center, showing participants how to use their bodies to the fullest. They will use various techniques and methods including warm-up, stretches,NAE-choreography and different rhythmical movements, known as Shaimmy, which is the trademark of Middle Eastern dance.

Tell Thomas, the advisor for the Middle Eastern Dance Enthusiast, Shakira will teach a workshop called "Understanding the Mystery of Shaimmy," and reveals that everyone has a natural Shaimmy to discover.

"Shakira will be teaching a dance workshop, and show people how to utilize their mind and body, and she will also demonstrate physical training techniques," Thomas said.

Several dates were assigned around the campus to be present at the seminar to study Shakira's techniques, and witness the grace of the expert dancer.

Shakira has been teaching Middle Eastern dance for 24 years and has taught and performed in New York City, Finland, England, Canada and also plans to go to Italy. In addition, she is a talented dancer, she also taught for four years in medical school and has a certificate in body movement, Shakira will be teaching at the seminar, the result at a young age, and since then she has chosen to devote her life to dance.

Many people have benefited greatly from doing the exercises, and it helps to improve total body control.

USG addresses minority issues

USG President Michael Perry hopes city will take action
Ben Bobkin

Daily Egyptian

Carbondale continues to be a breeding ground for problems concerning race relations, according to Michael Perry, president of Undergraduate Student Government.

Perry said he hopes the city will address problems that include re-evaluating entertainment options for minorities, better employment opportunities and improved access to the mass transit system.

Perry and his organization initially brought to light when Perry presented them at the Feb. 5 Carbondale City Council meeting. Perry spent time beforehand discussing the issue with members of the Black Affairs Council, Hispanic Student Council and International Student Council.

He added that he became aware of minorities' concerns by serving on the Task Force for Race and Community Relations.

Perry said a human relations commission formed, separate from the city council, to discuss concerns within the community.

"It would be an outside body to go to for advice and help," Perry said.

USG will propose potential changes to the mass transit system and has already informed the system about its concerns.

Minorities have also expressed concerns about the lack of employment, according to Perry.

"Everybody seemed to feel minorities were lacking in places of employment," he said.

In addition to discussing issues with minority student groups, Perry also spoke with students on an individual basis.

"There have been issues that have come across my desk," he said.

Jaime Morris, a Black Affairs Council co-coordinator, said black students on the Strip sometimes feel they are unfairly targeted by police and stressed the need for the public to have a greater understanding of the police.

"There needs to be information open to the public," Morris said. "An individual needs to be informed of standard police procedures.

BAC members agree that entertainment options are limited, and removed a desire for a Black Studies major, in addition to a multi-cultural center for education and entertainment.

"We don't just have social needs; we also have academic needs," said council member Reggie Faulk.

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Wood makes pit-stop at SIUC, tours Head Start
Arin Thompson

Daily Egyptian

Republican gubernatorial candidate Carl Wood is coming to Southern Illinois to promote her education platform — and she's going to do so at SIUC's Head Start facility.

Wood is running against Democrat General Jim Ryan and Sen. John Stipanovich in the March 8 election. Wood will be touring SIUC's Head Start Facility on Saturday morning to look for new ideas for the future of early childhood education.

"There should really be more emphasis on childhood education," Wood said.

The Head Start program offers comprehensive services for children ages three to five and their families. The program prepares children for school readiness and social competence, and it offers families the ability to become more self-sufficient.

Robin Freeman Gibbs, SIUC Head Start parent and Policy Council member, said the program is wonderful for parents and children.

"Head Start really changed my life. My children are from a very poor background. The program has helped me and my sons become closer," Gibbs said.

The program has been in existence for about 35 years. Children attend classes, and community workers act as liaisons with families to help them reach personal goals.

"If the parents want to get their child's G.E.D., if they want to help them reach that goal," said a Head Start employee.

Head Start is not considered a preschool or kindergarden, but classes are taught by qualified preschool teachers with planned programs and a learning curriculum for children of the same age group.

Wood said programs like Head Start are great for producing better students.

"This is especially important for high risk children," Wood said. "If we don't get them to early enough, they will have a hard time competing and keeping up in the future."

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Will America's top pop star become a movie star with 'Crossroads'?

Terry Lawson
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NEW ORLEANS (KRT) - Britney Spears doesn't want to be Britney Spears. At least for a couple of hours.

"My biggest wish is that people would just go see this movie and forget about who I am and just see "Crossroads,"" Spears says of the small-town teen-movie she plays in her first film, "Crossroads," which will open nationwide Friday. ""I know that's very hard because it's hard to separate the two because I am who I am."

She says she is the biggest pop star in North America. This means Spears can get a movie made just because she is Britney. She is the first female pop singer in history to have three simultaneous No. 1 hits. Her latest album, "Britney," has failed to match the atmospheric heights of her first two sets of simultaneously charted singles.

Spears says "Crossroads" was the result of her "insatiable about a movie," having been unremarked by all the scripts she had been offered. ""She was intrigued by the fact that ""At the end of the day, I hope that something nice is happening."

"Crossroads," in its words, the attempt to "take it to the next level." She says "Crossroads," in its words, the attempt to "take it to the next level." She says "Crossroads" is her "first step to stardom."

Spears: "But I know that's to teen-agers she plays in her first role."

"I think Britney hit the jukebox," says Robert Hill, dean of the College of Education, said Winters has provided a difference for you?"

"It's not unique to this University to fight over cheap prices."

"Will America's top pop star become a movie star with 'Crossroads'?

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"It is better to err on off them that are not billion dollar corporations," he said.

Craig Etherington, a sales manager at Best Buy near Carbondale, said he is not concerned about Best Buy hurting competitors in the area.

He said the main reason his business is strong is that it is more than 17 years of age that it is going to be going to the community and "to teach people what's going on."

"We've done free programs with the local business community," Winters said about "Crossroads" basics and operating in the area. "We are here for the community, we grew up here, we're familiar faces," Etherington said.

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Bush decides to overthrow Saddam Hussein

By Warren P. Strobel & John Walcott

Knight Ridder Newspapers

WASHINGTON (KRT) - President Bush has decided to oust Iraq's Saddam Hussein from power and ordered the CIA, the Pentagon and other agencies to devise a combination of military, diplomatic and covert ways to achieve that goal, senior U.S. officials said Tuesday.

No military strike is imminent, but Bush has concluded that Saddam and his weapons of mass destruction must be removed, even if U.S. allies do not help, said the officials, who all spoke on condition of anonymity.

"This is not an argument about whether to get rid of Saddam Hussein. That debate is over. This is ... how you do it," a senior administration official said in an interview with Knight Ridder.

The president's decision has launched the United States on a course that will have major ramifications for the United States' future political alignments, international oil flows and Bush's own war on terrorism.

Russia and most of America's European allies have warned that a campaign to dislodge Saddam would not be as swift or virtually free of American casualties as Afghanistan. There, rebels of the northern alliance, backed by U.S. commandos and massive U.S. airpower, quickly overthrew the Taliban regime.

Nevertheless, one foreign leader who met Bush secretly came away "with the feeling that a decision has been made to strike Iraq, and the "how" and "when" are still fluid," added a diplomat who asked not to be further identified.

The CIA, "a non-nuclear" official said, recently presented Bush with plans to destabilize Saddam's well-entrenched regime in Baghdad. The plan proposed a massive covert action campaign, sabotage, information warfare and significantly more aggressive bombing of the "two if" zones over northern and southern Iraq. U.S. and Coalition forces would then be free to strike Iraq's military, political and economic infrastructure.

Bush reportedly was enthusiastic, and although it could not be determined whether he gave final approval for the plan, the CIA has begun assigning officers to the task.

Bush also is dispatching Vice President Cheney next month on a tour of the Middle East region, including many of the president's regional allies, whose leaders have been wary of a U.S. attack on Baghdad.

While the mission's purpose has not been formally announced, it is clear that Cheney would visit Middle Eastern leaders in Iraq policy, a White House official said Tuesday.

"He's not going to beg for support," the official said. "He's going to present facts to them that the president's decisions have been made and will be carried out, and if they want some input into how and when it's carried out, that's fine. But he is going to say, 'This is the plan.'"

In the leadup to Cheney's trip, however, a sharp debate has erupted within the administration over what role Iraqi opposition groups should play, particularly the main group, the Iraqi National Congress.

Officials in the Near East Division of the CIA's Directorate of Operations, the clandestine service, want to push the INC, a coalition of Saddam opponents, to disband, but the State Department has pressed the INC to keep the group together with "all possible, not just partial, encouragement," according to a CIA official familiar with the debate.

"When the INC is concerned, no covert operation is possible," said one U.S. intelligence official with experience in the agency. "The INC isn't the left-wing organization we would like to see in the INC. The Republican Congress and the Taliban." In fact, one U.S. intelligence official said, some INC leaders already have been held hostage by the new Iraqi government in Baghdad.

Cheney also had warned the INC that it didn't have a future, according to a CIA official familiar with the debate. The INC, however, continues to receive the USAID's support, even though it is divided among hard-liners, moderate oppositionists and "those who want to continue to support the INC's political efforts," according to a State Department official.

Although military officials, however, are skeptical of the opposition groups, several senior administration officials have told their counterparts in Europe that "we think there is something in this, and we're going to try to make it work."
By James M. O'Nell
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PHILADELPHIA — Colleges usually act more like tyrants than democracies when it comes to changing courses. Yet, as with many other things, the educational landscape is changing, and the American college professor seems to be on the front line leading the charge.

By Seth Borenstein

WASHINGTON — Feeling like the day is dragging? Blame global warming and a soapbox-sized ice skater.

Global warming is slowing the Earth's rotation, according to Belgian scientists published Tuesday in the journal Geophysical Research Letters.

It's not much of a slowdown — about 1.7 milliseconds per year, according to co-author Michel Crucifix, a climate researcher at Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium.

The slowdown occurs because extra carbon dioxide expands the mass of the Earth's atmosphere from the Earth's surface. The charge slow down is a consequence of the same reason that the spins of ice skaters slow when they extend their arms.

Crucifix's findings were based on runs of 14 different computer models. Even without global warming, Earth has been slowing, mostly because the gravitational pull of the moon has been acting as a brake. Keepers of the master clock at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington generally add a leap second to official time every 12 to 18 months to compensate, said observatory spokesman Geoff Chester.

Chester noted with some satisfaction that the global warming had added up to this: A day in the year 2002 is about .002 second longer than it was in 1990, Chester said.

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But if you're giving an extra minute of sleep, it'll be an extra 3 million years before you see that, Chester said.

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By Filip Bondy
New York Daily News

SALT LAKE CITY (KRT) -- An elegant night at the pairs rink Monday suddenly assumed the nuptial, illegitimate aura of a Las Vegas boxing match, from a pre-bell smash at the start to a highly questionable decision at the end.

When the evening was done, Russians had won - or stolen - the Olympic pairs title for the 11th straight time since 1960, and the Canadians felt black and blue and robbed.

"What we can't control we can't control," said David Pelletier, after losing with partner Jamie Sale to Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze. "If I didn't want this to happen to me, I would have gone down a hill on skis.

"With that bad collision during warmup, my stomach was hurting a lot," Sale said. "That's the first time I've been in pain or discomfort." Sale of Canada stands just over five feet tall without her skate boots, far too small to be throwing a blind-side crosscheck at Sikharulidze of Russia, who is 11 inches and many pounds bigger.

But Sale inadvertently smashed into Sikharulidze at mid-ice in the pairs warmup, and it turned into an intimidating thud. After the crash, Sale picked herself up, the two teams consoled each other, then went to the same corner for some quick first aid.

"It was a freak accident," Sale said. "It knocked the wind out of me. I looked at Dave and said, 'I'm not finished. No way!'

Berezhnaya and Sikharulidze skated soon afterward, and clearly they were not ready. Sikharulidze butchered a double axe. Berezhnaya, who was nearly killed in a skating accident in 1996 with a previous partner, barely hung onto a landing off a triple throw.

The Russians were still smash between jumps, still ballistic, but not their usual confident selves. Their fluid lines and musical interpretations were enough to give them solid artistic scores, however, and they wanted to see what would happen next.

"We did good," Berezhnaya insisted. "The practice before the performance didn't affect us.

It seemed Sale and Pelletier, the reigning world champions, were very nearly perfect. The two skaters have been known to squabble very publicly at times, then to make up. This time, they skated comparatively enough to the theme from Love Story.

When they were done, the crowd chanted, "K." The judges, not convinced by the pair's choppy style, were not nearly so charitable.

The judges from Russia, China, France and Ukraine voted for the Russians, with a big edge in artistic marks. The judges from the U.S., Canada, Germany and Japan voted for the Canadians. Only the French judge broke from the traditional voting blocs, which still apparently stand at these Games.

The Canadians had skated their best. The Russians had not. And observers were left to wonder: Did judges retaliate Sale for her warmup accident? Did they merely enjoy the sily Russian style of pairs?

"Without question, I am embarrassed by the judging," Lori Nichol, the Canadians' choreographer, said before breaking down in tears. Sale then let loose her emotions. She sobbed all the way up the medal stand and into the corridor.

The Chinese pair of Xue Shen and Hongbo Zhao finished third; while Kyoko Ina and John Zimmerman, the top U.S. pairs team, were fifth.

Kyoeko Ina and John Zimmerman, of the United States, skate during the Pairs Short Program, Saturday night.

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Canadian figure skaters David Pelletier and his partner Jamie Sale, hold up flowers in celebration after receiving the silver medal as Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze, of Russia, who won the gold, look on during the medal ceremony for the pairs free skate program at the 2002 Winter Olympics Monday night.

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Ohno moved past that rock and a hard place

Mike DeArmond
Knight Rider Newspapers

SALT LAKE CITY (KR1) — Apolo Anton Ohno is the lord of all short-track speedskating.

He's the World Cup champion at 500 meters and everything else, which is why he will make his Olympic debut with a preliminary run Wednesday afternoon. But that's just the tip of his speed skating iceberg.

By virtue of having won seven of the 14 World Cup Short Track events, Ohno will skate until his legs feel like they are made of lead and will be one of the first to go in the U.S. Olympic Trials at the Utah Olympic Oval on Wednesday. The eight U.S. Olympic Trials are scheduled to conclude the week of Feb. 18 to March 3.

But four years ago, after failing to make the U.S. Olympic team, he thought his future was in a small town, and his dad, a hair stylist in Seattle. In a cabin, on the beach near the small town of Oak Harbor, Wash., Ohno said he at first hated Lake Placid.

"I was 14," Ohno said. "It was my third workout of the season. It was on television during the 1994 Winter Olympics with my dad, a hairstylist in Seattle. In 1997, Yuki decided to send his 14-year-old son to a junior development camp in Lake Placid, N.Y.

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Ed Hightower readily admits he's a Saluki basketball fan. "I don't mind saying I'm happy to see Southern Illinois University doing as well," Hightower said. "I'm cheering for (coach Bruce Weber) and happy to see him be so successful, because he deserves it, and Southern deserves it."

"So am I pulling for Southern? Yes I am."

So what's the problem? It seems only natural that Hightower, an SIU graduate and a member of the SIU Board of Trustees, would have a soft spot for the Salukis. Yet as the Salukis jostle for a spot in the NCAA tournament in the season's final weeks, they're not just competing with teams on their schedule, but with a pack of other schools across the nation vying for a spot in the 65-team field. And as a college basketball official, Hightower's calls play into the fortunes of many of those teams SIU is pitied against.

Unlike a 50-yard stretch, Hartzell said. "I understand why people might try to put that together, but those people who say that have never walked in a guy like Ed Hightower's shoes."

"The last thing you're worried about when you're officiating is who's going to win. You're worried about getting calls right," Hightower said. "That's ludicrous," Hightower said. "There is no connectivity at all."

Others in college basketball circles seem to agree, that while Hightower's situation is somewhat unusual, any attempt to paint it as controversial is contrived.

"There are few teams around the country comparable to Hightower's, but one of the most similar exists at another Missouri Valley Conference school. Rick Hartrell is the athletic director at the University of Northern Iowa, and like Hightower, he also referees games in a handful of high-profile conferences such as the Big Ten and Big 12.

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It is important to note that Hightower immediately gave up officiating games in SIU's conference — the Missouri Valley — upon being appointed to the board in April of 2001. That was not an easy call for Hightower to make, but it was one he deemed necessary. "I resigned from the Missouri Valley to remove any perceptions out there that there is a conflict of interest," Hightower said. "Anytime you give up a relationship mat you're concerned about, it's difficult for Hightower to understand why.

Although his works as an official in the Big Ten and other major conferences, Saluki alumnus and SIU's Board of Trustees member Ed Hightower does not let his ties to the university influence his decisions, except for us? No, but I guarantee you that would happen."

SIU Athletic Director Paul Kowalczyk said he does not have a problem with a situation like Hightower's, provided he doesn't referee conference games. Hightower, who has been a Division I basketball official for 25 years, takes his integrity seriously, and Kowalczyk is one of many who have taken notice.

"Ed is as quality person as you're going to get," Kowalczyk said. "He's as straight as an arrow. I would never question his integrity and his honor is sound."

The NCAA is not responsible for the management of officials, delegating that responsibility to the various conference offices.

"I don't do that."

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SIU baseball back to full strength

Salukis looks to improve from eighth-place finish

Todd Merchant
Daily Egyptian

The SIU baseball team has finished with a losing record five years in a row, but as the dawn of a new season nears, the Salukis say they're ready to make a claim as one of the top teams in the conference.

The Salukis, who finished eighth in the Missouri Valley Conference last year, are looking to build on their successful season and return to the upper echelons of the MVC.

To help in the rebuilding process, head coach Darrell Callahan brought in a recruiting class that he said was his best since the 1996 season, which included Jaky Hamin, the starting second baseman for the Baltimore Orioles.

The 17 new players include nine new pitchers that should bolster a staff that was the team's Achilles heel a season ago. "I think that could be one of our strengths," Callahan said. "I think we're going to be a good defensive club and I think we're going to be much improved on the mound.

The return of this year's newly pitching crop could be sophomore Marshall Tucker, a right-handed junior college transfer. Tucker was projected to be one of the top two starters, through an injury has slowed his progress. He will still compete for a spot in the starting rotation.

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