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SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

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Tony Dziuba, a freshman from Clarendon Hills studying mechanical engineering, combs Campus Lake looking for his lost Frisbee. Dziuba threw the disc into the lake during a game of Frisbee golf. After about 20 minutes in the lake Friday afternoon, he came out empty-handed.

BRANDON CHAPPLE
DAILY EGYPTIAN



IRS: no more cell phones

University to provide credit in place of phones

Brandy Oxford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

University employees will soon be trading in their cell phones for a little extra padding on their paychecks.

University employees will no longer be provided with work cell phones starting Dec. 1. Employees may apply for a \$25 taxable monthly allowance to cover the cost of university-related wireless phone calls.

Kevin Bame, executive director of university finance, said the switch from cell phones to an allowance is necessary to bring the university into full compliance with IRS taxable fringe benefit regulations.

"The IRS has stepped up enforcement in this area recently," Bame said. "Cell phones are considered listed property and unless the employee maintains a record of all calls made, broken down between business and personal, the IRS deems the relating charges for the cell phone to be a taxable fringe benefit to the employee."

Unless employees kept exact records of calls made on university cell phones and reimbursed the university for personal calls, they would not be in full compliance with IRS regulations, Bame said.

Employees who wish to receive the allowance will be required to go through their respective department administrator. Approval will rest with the appropriate vice chancellor, Bame said. Employees may request a larger stipend if \$25 does not cover the cost of university related phone calls, however that amount will also be subject to department approval.

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University resolving loan dilemma

Students may not have to give back thousands in student loan money

Joe Crawford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Graduate students asked to give back thousands of dollars of student loan money may soon be able to toss the bill in the trash.

Victoria Valle, assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management, said Monday the university is close to settling on a resolution that would erase the unexpected bills sent last month to 19 graduate students with fellowships. The students were notified in early October their financial aid eligibility had changed and they were expected to pay back thousands of dollars in federal loans that had already been dispersed.

"It is the intention of the univer-

“If you find anything that you believe to be not in compliance with federal regulation, it is the institution's obligation to correct that.

—Victoria Valle
assistant vice chancellor for enrollment management

sity not to have the students penalized for this term by that action," Valle said.

The mid-semester change was the result of the university's move to comply with a federal regulation that requires the fellows' stipends be reported as available resources, making the student's eligible for less federal student loan money. Since the students already had the loan money, the university asked them to

pay it back.

The Nov. 15 billing deadline for next semester's classes was pushed back for the affected students.

Valle said officials are working to find a solution to the problem within the university. SIUC could be held accountable for being out of compliance with the regulation, and the university is audited every year, she said.

"If you find anything that you believe to be not in compliance with

federal regulation, it is the institution's obligation to correct that," she said.

Financial Aid Director Billie Jo Hamilton said last month the university had been working on making the change for about a year, but her office did not know the names of the affected students until October. The university already counted the tuition waivers included in the fellowships as available resources, Hamilton said.

Will Reilly, a fellow in the Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois program, said he was optimistic the situation would be resolved soon. Reilly has said he already spent much of the \$7,000 the university requested he pay back.

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A dying language

Lecture on endangered Navajo language shows cultural importance

Madeleine Leroux
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Navajo language is disappearing.

As part of Native American Heritage Month, assistant anthropology professor Anthony Webster lectured on the endangered Navajo language, analyzing portions of a performance by Navajo poet Laura Tohe, who came to SIUC in October 2006.

Webster discussed the importance of Navajo language and its connection to the values and beliefs held by the Navajo people.

"The Navajo language is deeply connected to the Navajo worldview," Webster said.

Tohe spoke of language as a way

to become intimate with the Navajo philosophy, Webster said — but the language is in trouble.

"Navajo language has recently been described as an endangered language," Webster said.

During Tohe's visit, she spoke of punishments received on her reservation for speaking Navajo in school. The assimilation era, she said, tried to beat the native languages out.

Webster said suppression of Navajo language during the assimilation era is a link to the now endangered state of Navajo language.

"It clearly taps into a wider discourse on fairness and equality," Webster said.

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Anthony Webster, assistant professor of anthropology, receives a certificate of appreciation from Lisa Kang, a community member of the Native American Student Organization, after his presentation on Native American poetry Monday. Webster specializes in the Native American world and Navajo and Apache poetry.

JAMES DURBIN
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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• Free

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• 6 p.m. today at the Wellness Center, room 111/112
• Wellness Center Event about our health as busy students in the Communications field
• Free admission

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• 7 p.m. today at the Student Center, Activity Room B
• General assembly meeting

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NEWS BRIEFS

SIUE bans two students accused in cookie torture

EDWARDSVILLE (AP) — Two students accused of kidnapping and torturing a man with hot cookies are no longer welcome back on campus at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville, at least for now.

The school's police chief, Regina Hays, has notified sophomore Jordan Sallis and junior Rosario James to stay away as they face charges of kidnapping, robbery and battery.

Authorities say three men went to James' house Nov. 2 to buy marijuana, but two of the men grabbed the drugs and fled, leaving the third behind. That's when the suspects allegedly held that man and tortured him to press him into finding money for the stolen drugs.

The victim later managed to escape.

Lake Springfield to stay closed during cleanup

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Lake Springfield is closed to boaters indefinitely while officials assess damage and clean up debris following an explosion and weekend fire at the city's main power plant, authorities said.

The closure is meant to keep boats from disturbing oil flushed into the lake during Saturday night's firefighting effort, but city utility officials said finished water quality tests from Lake Springfield indicate the water is safe to drink.

The explosion remains under investigation. No one was injured. Mayor Tim Davlin and utility officials estimated the cost to repair the Dallman generating facility where the blast took place in the millions of dollars.

The explosion took place in a brick building that houses the city's three main generators. Officials said the first and largest explosion was due to an electrical failure in an undetermined component, apparently located between the generator and a "step-up transformer" that converts electricity from 20,000 to 69,000 volts.

Woman wins run up Sears Tower for sixth time

CHICAGO (AP) — Cindy Harris has done it again.

The 38-year-old has won the women's division of a race up the nation's tallest building in each of the five previous years it's been held. She won the sixth annual race up the Sears Tower stairs on Sunday as well.

About 2,000 people huffed and puffed up the downtown building's 103 flights of stairs in the annual Go Vertical Chicago, which was expected to raise \$350,000 for cancer research.

Harris, from Indianapolis, finished the race up 2,109 steps from the lobby to the Sears Tower Skydeck in a time of 15 minutes, 1 second. Eric Leninger, a 24-year-old from Geneva, won the men's race in 13 minutes, 42 seconds.

The money raised Sunday will go to the New York-based Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation.

POLICE REPORTS

Robert L. Havens, 24, of Vienna, was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and disobeying a stop sign at 3:02 a.m. Saturday morning at 603 South University Avenue. Havens posted his driver's license as a personal recognizance as bond and was released.

A burglary from a motor vehicle occurred between 1 a.m. and 9:20 a.m. Sunday in Lot 45. A speaker box was stolen and later recovered. There are no suspects at this time.

Kyle James Camacho, 18, of Carpentersville, was arrested and charged with public urination at 12:31 a.m. Sunday morning at Allen II. Camacho was issued a Carbondale pay-by-mail citation and released.

Criminal damage to a vehicle occurred at 5:52 p.m. Sunday in the SIUC Police lot. There are no suspects at this time.

Michael Steven Jastich, 22, of New Lenox, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct at 3:15 p.m. Friday at Faner Hall. Jastich posted \$100 cash bond and was released.

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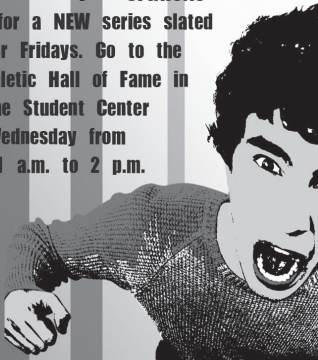
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FCC brings competition to cable, tenants

Exclusive contracts between providers and landlords no longer allowed

David Lopez
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jordan Carter said she enjoys her cable service, but wished there were more channels available to her.

Thanks to a recent Federal Communications Commission ruling, she may get her wish.

The FCC recently passed an order striking down exclusivity contracts between landlords of multiple dwelling units and cable companies, which would allow tenants in apartment buildings and condominiums to choose their own cable provider.

"I like it, I just don't like that they don't have Oxygen," said Carter, a junior from Springfield studying social work.

Carter lives in Aspen Court apartments, where the owners have such a contract. Tenants there receive Mediacom's basic cable service as part of their utilities, but must pay more for expanded cable services.

According to the FCC's order, nearly 30 percent of Americans live in these MDUs, and the number is growing. The order claims exclusivity contracts are an unfair business practice, and it is aimed at increasing competition in the market and improving choices for consumers.

Though it is in its early stages, the order will not become a law until the FCC formally writes up the conditions, something that

could take months.

A spokeswoman for the FCC did not return multiple calls seeking comment.

Lesla Shelton, manager of Carbondale Towers, said her apartments are covered by such an exclusivity contract, but the contract allows for reduced prices for her tenants.

"The good thing about exclusive contracts was that we were able to negotiate reduced prices for our building," Shelton said.

According to Shelton, through the use of their contract, the Carbondale Towers were able to offer cable services for as much as 50 percent off the standard price.

Randy Hollis, senior manager of government relations for Mediacom, said there has been little information disseminated about the order so far and it is still

waiting for more concrete information to be released.

"All we've seen at this point is a few comments from the chairman and commissioner, so any comments we make right now would be premature," Hollis said. "Our corporate legal staff will look it over once the report is made available."

Not every MDU has such a contract with a cable provider, and anyone seeking more information about their cable choices is encouraged to speak with his or her landlord.

"The good thing about exclusive contracts was that we were able to negotiate reduced prices for our building."

— Lesla Shelton
Carbondale Towers manager

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Ian Reinhart, a senior from Holland, Ind., studying administrative justice, walks through Faner Hall as a patch of light peaks through the clouds Monday afternoon.

Wisconsin officer accidentally Tases self

MADISON, Wis. (AP) — A police officer has been reprimanded for accidentally discharging a Taser, causing an injury — to the police officer.

Madison police released a report Monday on the July 31 incident, without revealing the officer's name or gender. The department said the Taser acci-


dently discharged during a standard checkout procedure.

According to a summary of the investigation, officers are required to make sure no air cartridges are loaded before testing the Taser gun at the start of each shift. It's the air cartridges that propel the Taser's prongs, which deliver a jolt of electricity when they strike


a target.

The officer's hand was injured, police spokesman Joel DeSpain said.

A letter of reprimand was issued because failing to ensure the air cartridge wasn't loaded was a violation of department policy, the report said.



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Pilot thought he just brushed bridge

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN FRANCISCO — A harbor pilot under investigation in San Francisco Bay's biggest oil spill in two decades initially believed the damage to his ship was minor, radioing that the vessel had just "touched" the Bay Bridge, his lawyer said Monday.

In fact, Wednesday's collision ripped a gash in the fuel tank of the Hong Kong-based Cosco Busan, unleashing 58,000 gallons of thick, toxic fuel oil that was still being cleaned up.

Captain John Cota "has told me you could hardly feel anything on the ship and he must have assumed from that that there wasn't much damage," attorney John Meadows said. "The ship didn't roll. There wasn't a loud sound."

Cota quickly radioed authorities over an open radio network to report the ship had "touched" the bridge, according to an official with knowledge of the investigation.

"Traffic, we just touched the delta span," he said, according to the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing criminal probe. Cota was referring to one of four supports beneath the bridge's western section.

The spill, initially reported at just 140 gallons, ended up being hundreds of times worse. The collision caused no structural damage to the bridge, but the fuel has fouled miles of coast, closed nearly two dozen beaches and piers and killed dozens of seabirds.

The ship was being detained at the Port of Oakland. Crew members were questioned on board the vessel beginning Sunday, said Coast Guard attorney Christopher Tribolet.



Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, at podium, addresses the press at Crissy Field, in San Francisco on Monday, noting concerns regarding the Nov. 7 oil spill into San Francisco Bay.

Any charges — civil or criminal — would likely fall under the negligence provisions of the Clean Water Act and the U.S. transportation code, Tribolet said.

The Coast Guard notified the U.S. attorney's office Saturday about problems involving coordination between the officers on the ship's bridge at the time of the crash.

Capt. William Uberti, the Coast Guard commander for the bay region, declined to elaborate, except to say: "It was just the way that everybody interacted" on the bridge.

Coast Guard officials declined to comment Monday on Cota's radio

transmission and how it relates to the investigation. Scott Schools, the acting U.S. attorney for Northern California, confirmed that his office was asked to investigate.

The bridge personnel included the helmsman, watch officer, and ship's master, as well as Cota, who is among the most experienced of the seamen who guide ships through the bay's treacherous water.

All 26 crew members remained on board Monday, said Henry de La Garza, a spokesman for Regal Stone Ltd., the Hong Kong-based company that owns the Cosco Busan.

At least six members were found

to have immigration or visa issues, authorities said. Foreign crew members on any ship in U.S. ports need the permission of U.S. Customs and Border Patrol to disembark, Tribolet said.

Cota and his lawyer were slated to meet for the first time Monday with investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board, which is conducting its own probe that will include an examination of the Coast Guard's response.

Cota has also met several times with Coast Guard investigators, Meadows said. He declined to release a statement his client made to investigators.

Judge orders White House to keep copies of all e-mail

Pete Yost
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A federal judge Monday ordered the White House to preserve copies of all its e-mails, a move that Bush administration lawyers had argued strongly against.

U.S. District Judge Henry Kennedy directed the Executive Office of the President to safeguard the material in response to two lawsuits that seek to determine whether the White House has destroyed e-mails in violation of federal law.

In response, the White House said it has been taking steps to preserve copies of all e-mails and will continue to do so. The administration is seeking dismissal of the lawsuits brought by two private groups, Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington and the National Security Archive.

The organizations allege the disappearance of 5 million White House e-mails. The court order issued by Kennedy, an appointee of President Clinton, is directed at maintaining backup tapes which contain copies of White House e-mails.

The Federal Records Act details strict standards prohibiting the destruction of government documents including electronic messages, unless first approved by the archivist of the United States.

Justice Department lawyers had urged the courts to accept a proposed White House declaration promising to preserve all backup tapes.

"The judge decided that wasn't

enough," said Anne Weismann, an attorney for CREW, which has gone to court over secrecy issues involving the Bush administration and has pursued ethical issues involving Republicans on Capitol Hill.

The judge's order "should stop any future destruction of e-mails, but the White House stopped archiving its e-mail in 2003 and we don't know if some backup tapes for those e-mails were already taped over before we went to court. It's a mystery," said Meredith Fuchs, a lawyer for the National Security Archive.

CREW and the National Security Archive are seeking to force the White House to immediately explain in court what happened to its e-mail, an issue that first surfaced nearly two years ago in the leak probe of administration officials who disclosed Valerie Plame's CIA identity to reporters.

Special counsel Patrick Fitzgerald revealed early in 2006 that relevant e-mails could be missing because of an archiving problem at the White House.

The White House has provided little public information about the matter, saying that some e-mails may not have been automatically archived on a computer server for the Executive Office of the President and that the e-mails may have been preserved on backup tapes.

The White House has said that its Office of Administration is looking into whether there are e-mails that were not automatically archived and that if there is a problem, the necessary steps will be taken to address it.

Benazir Bhutto put under house arrest ahead of protest

Zarar Khan
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LAHORE, Pakistan — Opposition leader Benazir Bhutto was placed under house arrest for the second time in four days to prevent her staging a march on Tuesday to protest emergency rule, police said. A close aide to the former prime minister said she would try to lead the 185-mile procession anyway.

The showdown intensified the political crisis engulfing Pakistan and further clouded the prospect of a pro-U.S. alliance against rising Islamic extremism forming between Bhutto and President Gen. Pervez Musharraf.

Bhutto's aide, Sen. Safdar Abbasi, said the seven-day detention order was not binding because neither Bhutto nor one of her representatives had been served with the document.

"We will go ahead with the march," he told The Associated Press.

Aftab Cheema, the chief of operations of Lahore city police, told the AP that a Bhutto representative had received the order issued by the government of Punjab province, where Bhutto has been staying at the house of a lawmaker from her party.

"She has been detained and

“She has been detained and she won't be allowed to come out.

— Aftab Cheema
chief of operations, Lahore city police

“We will go ahead with the march.

— Safdar Abbasi
senator, aide to Benazir Bhutto

she won't be allowed to come out," Cheema said.

He said about 600 police had been deployed around the house in Lahore and additional forces could be sent later Tuesday, when Bhutto was due to commence her procession to the capital, Islamabad.

A series of three steel-and-barbed wire barricades were erected around the house Monday and sharpshooters took up positions on surrounding rooftops.

The protest caravan was intended to pressure Musharraf to end the state of emergency he imposed on Nov. 3 and give up his post as army chief. It had been expected to take about three days, and Bhutto's party said thousands of supporters were expected to join en route.

WIRE REPORTS

IRAQ

Durability of recent security gains in Iraq will be tested as US troop cuts begin

WASHINGTON (AP) — The first big test of security gains linked to the U.S. troop buildup in Iraq is at hand. The military has started to reverse the 30,000-strong troop increase and commanders are hoping the drop in insurgent and sectarian violence in recent months — achieved at the cost of hundreds of lives — won't prove fleeting.

The current total of 20 combat brigades is shrinking to 19 as the 3rd Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, operating in volatile Diyala province, leaves. The U.S. command in Baghdad announced on Saturday that the brigade had begun heading home to Fort Hood, Texas, and that its battle space will be taken by another brigade already operating in Iraq.

GAZA

7 killed as Hamas break up 250,000 in Fatah rally

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — A rally of more than 250,000 Fatah supporters ended in mayhem Monday, with Hamas police opening fire and protesters hurling rocks or running for cover. Seven civilians were killed and dozens were wounded in the violence between Palestinian factions.

The demonstration in a Gaza City square, marking the Nov. 11, 2004 death of iconic Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, posed the strongest challenge to Hamas rule in Gaza since the Islamic militant group seized the impoverished territory by force in June.

VIOLENCE

Finnish school shooter and had chatted online about Columbine

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A teenager who admitted plotting a school attack near Philadelphia had chatted online about the Columbine massacre with a teenage outcast who killed eight people and himself in a high school shooting in Finland, the Pennsylvania boy's attorney said Monday.

But the teen was "horrified" when he found out about the Finnish attack and said he never would have suspected him of following through on a violent act, the attorney said.

HEALTH

Herbal sex pills may pose hidden dangers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Many of the pills marketed as safe herbal alternatives to Viagra and other prescription sex medications pose a hidden danger: For men on common heart and blood-pressure drugs, popping one could lead to a stroke, or even death.

"All-natural" products with names like Stamina-RX and Vigor-25 promise an apothecary's delight of rare Asian ingredients, but many work because they contain unregulated versions of the very pharmaceuticals they are supposed to replace.

That dirty secret represents a special danger for the millions of men who take nitrates — drugs prescribed to lower blood pressure and regulate heart disease. When mixed, nitrates and impotency pharmaceuticals can slow blood flow catastrophically, leading to a heart attack or stroke.

WALL STREET

Stocks fall as investors remain anxious about ongoing credit crisis

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street rattled its way through a fractious session Monday before finally closing lower on expectations of further fallout from the ongoing credit crisis. The Dow Jones industrial, up more than 100 points during the day, ended below 13,000 for the first time since August.

Stocks lost ground for the fourth straight session. Analysts said investors had few reasons to sustain a rally, even with many stocks at enticingly low prices after recent routs. The Nasdaq composite index was the biggest decliner among the major indexes as investors sold technology stocks.

News stories kept the subprime contagion in focus. Late Friday, E-Trade Financial Corp. said the value of its mortgage-backed securities has fallen significantly and that it will need to take bigger-than-expected write-downs in the fourth quarter.

Meanwhile, troubled home lender Countrywide Financial Corp. said in a U.S. regulatory filing it could be "severely" limited if its credit rating drops into junk status.

FELLOWSHIP

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"I haven't heard anything on the record yet, but all my sources say SIU is doing a pretty good job with this," he said.

Nicholas Zaunbrecher, a Dorothy Delyte Morris Doctoral fellow, said he had not heard any official word on a resolution, but he hoped the situation would work out as well as some expected.

"We're still kind of in limbo waiting for the administration to decide whether they're going to do the right thing or not," he said.

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IRS

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Julie Payne Kirchmeier said she thinks the university has done well to address concerns about the transition.

"They've done a good job at finding a way to come up with a consistent plan that puts us in line with our sister institution in Edwardsville," Kirchmeier said. "It's a little awkward to have different policies at two institutions in the same system."

Kirchmeier said she uses her phone almost exclusively for business, keeps her personal cell phone at home and can't remember the last time she has used it outside of work.

"I know there are folks who used it for both as long as they didn't go over their minutes and at the end of

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If I didn't have to have a cell phone for the job, I wouldn't have one at all, but I talk to a lot of reporters at home at night.

— Rod Sievers
University spokesman

the month we have detailed billing, so if I saw that I made a personal call, that's something I'd reimburse the university for," she said.

University spokesman Rod Sievers said his transition from a university cell phone was not troublesome and said he thinks \$25 will cover the cost, although he has not received his first bill.

"If I didn't have to have a cell phone for the job, I wouldn't have one at all, but I talk to a lot of reporters at

period as university owned phones because on campus they are often used instead of radios.

"They're used by the crafts, carpenters, electricians, plumbers, and they won't leave campus," Bame said. "They'll leave them at the physical plant at night."

Faculty who have these phones will also be allowed to keep them until their contracts run out, under the condition that the phones be used exclusively for business.

"Now, I do find myself using it more for personal stuff," Sievers said. "I'm a little more free now."

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POETRY

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Navajo communities have the largest amount of speakers, Webster said, but they are all 45 years old or older. There's an entire generation of young Navajos who don't speak their language, he said.

Lisa Kang, a community member of the Native American Student Organization, said dying native languages also show the dying culture of indigenous people.

"Language is tied to culture," Kang said. "It's a fight to keep indigenous languages."

If Navajo language is endangered, Webster said, then all other indigenous languages are also endangered.

"Navajo has an essential place in the history of the United States," Webster said.

Used as code in World War II, Webster and Tohe spoke of Navajo language as being used to save America, but is now in need of saving.

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Nun pleads no contest to sexually abusing boys in the '60s

John Hartzell
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MILWAUKEE — A 79-year-old Roman Catholic nun from Illinois pleaded no contest Monday to indecent behavior with a child for alleged sexual encounters with two male students at a church convent and school where she was principal during the 1960s.

The nun, Norma Giannini, listed in online court records as living in Oak Lawn, and her attorney left the courthouse without comment after entering the pleas in Milwaukee County Circuit Court on the day her trial was to begin.

Giannini faces a maximum 10 years on each of two counts when sentenced Feb. 1.

"She decided to do the right

thing," said her attorney, Nikola Kostich. "She didn't put the victims through a trial."

Kostich said she also changed her plea because of concerns about possible lawsuits. A trial could have provided a record that could have been used in such lawsuits, though none have been filed, he said.

According to the criminal complaint, the two men told authorities they had dozens of sexual encounters with Giannini, including intercourse, while attending St. Patrick's School.

Both of the students — James St. Patrick, now 53, and Gerald Kobs, now 55 — attended the hearing.

St. Patrick said afterward that he began abusing alcohol and drugs after the abuse and did so for 35 years. He and Kobs "built up the courage over the years" to come forward, he said.

Kobs expressed relief at the nun's plea.

"It's very hard to describe. It took so long," he said. "It's close to the end for us, and I can't wait for sentencing."

Kobs said the nun told him in 1965, when he was 13, to open the buttons of her habit, but he was shaking so badly he could not do so. He said she then unbuttoned her clothing and had him touch her breasts, the complaint said.

The first incident was followed by 60 to 80 others, including two involving sexual intercourse, it said.

St. Patrick said he had sexual contact with the nun more than 100 times, beginning when he was in seventh grade. At least one incident involved sexual intercourse, the complaint said.

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STUDENT COLUMNS

Not-so-great ideas gone bad

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Shotguns are terrible substitutes for tire irons.

This seemingly conventional piece of knowledge recently escaped a 66-year-old resident of Southworth, Wash. The man had been working on repairs of a Lincoln Continental for two weeks and encountered a lug nut that would not budge.

From just a few feet away, he blasted the wheel with his 12-gauge shotgun using buckshot and was in turn “peppered” by shot and debris in both legs. The injuries were severe but not life threatening, and the man was treated at a hospital.

The biggest surprise in the story

was the local deputy said the man was not intoxicated.

Last week, the Board of Trustees loaded its 12-gauge when it approved an \$83 million budget for the first phase of Saluki Way. This includes building a new football stadium, renovating the SIU Arena, moving the tennis courts and presumably somewhere along the line making better educational facilities for students (but no one really talks about that part).

Much of the justification for building the new stadium is the old one is inadequate and outdated. The success of the football team has been a rallying point. There even exists the possibility the team could advance to Division I.

So of course the logical thing to do is build a stadium that holds 2,000 less people.

The success of SIU basketball

is also praiseworthy. They draw national attention every season. The best thing possible for the

basketball team and any other sports or events that take place in the Arena would be to reduce its seating by 1,000.

SIU’s athletic director Mario Moccia didn’t seem to have much of a problem with the reduced capacity because he said the draw to basketball games is only about 7,000.

So if two of the most popular and broadcasted teams, which are also the two largest beneficiaries of Saluki Way, can’t draw a large enough crowd to have their new

facilities expanded instead of reduced – what does that say about the project?

Donations are scarce; perhaps alumni are reluctant to throw their money into something that doesn’t do much for the education of students.

Maybe athletics don’t draw as many people or students to the university as we thought. Instead of listening to that logical thought, we’re drawing a bead on the stubborn lug nut.

At this point, even breaking ground is a long way off because the proper funding has yet to be raised. Donations are scarce; perhaps alumni are reluctant to throw their money into something that doesn’t do much for the education of students.

The city of Carbondale has pledged to contribute, but that money is based solely on yearly approval of the city budget by the City Council. Translation: The agreement to pay \$20 million is not at all binding. A new mayor or City Council could easily disapprove of the contribution every fiscal year.

Unfortunately the determination to follow through with the project outweighs the obvious evidence against it. Saluki Way is hailed as an ideal way to loosen the last lug nut that is declining enrollment and national obscurity. What’s been set in motion won’t be reversed, especially not when it’s flying back toward the university’s legs.

Just don’t let the BOT try and change your tire.

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Farewell and good riddance to preeminence

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Over the last couple years, there has been a lot of discussion in foreign policy circles concerning the loss of American prestige on the world stage.

These thinkers who question the United States are not alone when it comes to concern the direction this still young 21st century will take. There is a pervasive fear that American preeminence has been irredeemably damaged and will continue to slide even further backward.

Currently, this sense of loss and fear for the future can be heard in many speeches and official positions of the current presidential candidates. One can also hear their strong desire to regain that prestige, to once again carry the torch of leadership for the free world.

It is time to let it pass to someone else.

The American people have had to shoulder the burden of leadership for too long, while many of our friends and allies either, at best, sit idle or tacitly support; or, at worst, condemn our efforts.

There are far too many Western industrialized nations that are economically secure and socially much healthier than America to not seriously consider this option.

The irrational preoccupation with being top dog has produced little benefit for Americans (the notable exception of course being our victory in the Cold War). At the same time, it has been such an oppressive weight that American society is beginning to fray.

Among other examples, our diminished credibility in being seen as both model and teacher ranges from our policies in Iraq to the abandonment of the Kyoto Protocol; the hypocrisy of sanctioning and threatening

Iran while having sit-downs with North Korea; and our disengagement in South America, which ruined two decades of good will and good relations.

Meanwhile, our occupation of the “top slot” on the world stage has done nothing to alleviate hunger in America.

Poverty and homelessness levels are at the stage of being obscene.

More than 40 million citizens are without medical insurance.

Violent crime, even after years of decline, continues to be a grotesque boil on the face of America.

Our infrastructure is beginning to crumble from age and wear, yet our position of leadership requires the annual distribution of enormous amounts of money — often to nations that stab us in the back the moment the check clears.

America can do better. It must if it is going to overcome the numerous crises it faces.

Granted, it would be no

easy task to affect America’s abdication of the international leadership “throne.” It would most likely involve a radical reinvention and reinvestment of the United Nations as the primary international leadership organization.

And for many, this path would seem as a betrayal of American manifest destiny. What many politicians and business people have forgotten is that home comes first — its people come first (our allies know this, and live this), it is time America did, too.

Canada, our neighbor to the north, while no doubt having its own share of problems, seems to be quite comfortable in peace and relative prosperity without the pain, loss and wasted effort that comes with our self-imposed penance of leadership.

And they are but one of many countries that seem to do just fine being outside the spotlight. Our economy is robust and essential to the world economy. For the United States to relinquish

its leadership would not have anything close to a devastating effect upon it.

Also, America’s military strength is undeniable. A diminished leadership role would not prevent the legitimate and necessary use of force to protect Americans and our interests abroad.

It is time for Americans to look more closely at our friends, and ask if it would not be better to trade in the duty of “running” the world for the duty of helping our fellow Americans.

Either way, like it or not, American leadership in the world is on the decline.

This decline can either be embraced as a chance to finally make our own country a better, safer and happier place to live, or we can fight tooth and nail to hang on to this “duty” of self-destruction.

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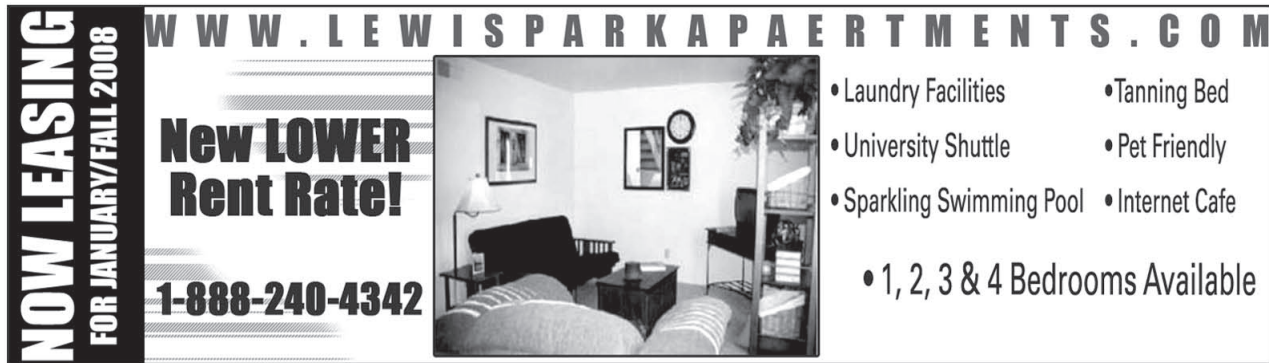
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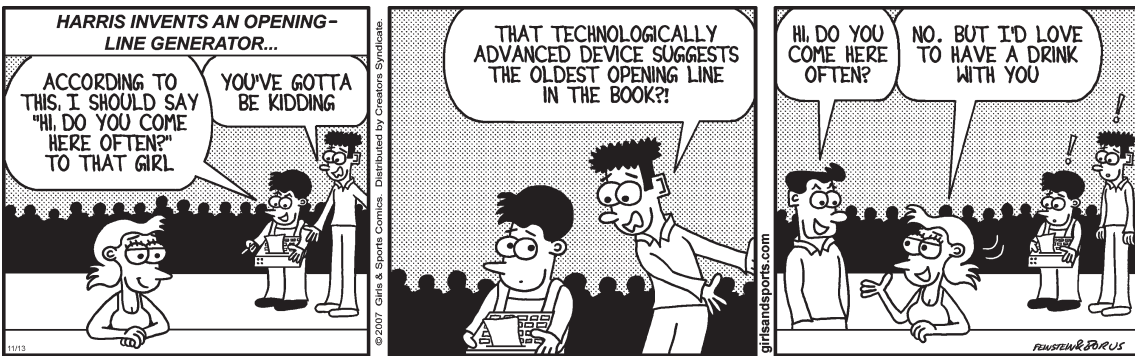
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 32 In addition
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 41 Wealthy
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 43 Assent aseas
 44 Axton or Wilhelm
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 64 Pure and simple
 65 Give up
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Solution to Monday's puzzle

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Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 7 — Just when you think you know everything, you get a really tough question. Don't be afraid, you have this answer, too. Think about it a minute. It's basic.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — An amazing discovery leads to new possibilities. You'll be able to actually do something you've been thinking about. Gather the courage and go.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 7 — To make a fortune, think of something other people need. Then, find a way to get it to them with a clear conscience. It's simple. The conscience part keeps you sane.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is an 8 — A breakthrough at work gives you more time for personal pleasures. Re-connect with somebody you had to put off earlier, for a special treat.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 6 — Your next assignment is tough, but it'll be good for you. Don't whine about the poor wages. Do it for practice, not for the money.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is an 8 — Soon you'll be able to put your feet up and pat yourself on the back. Give yourself a juicy reward for being such a good manager.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 6 — A brilliant performance leaves you mentally exhausted. You need to rest and regenerate your enthusiasm. Also, review your plans in the light of recent developments.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 7 — You're in the mood to practice new skills, so you might as well get a book or video from somebody you admire. Learn to do it right, from the beginning.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — You don't have to tell anyone how much you spend. So don't. Let them guess. They don't need to know you got all that great stuff for pennies.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is an 8 — Let yourself be talked into what you would have done anyway. Get the other person to think it was his or her idea. Thank him or her for it.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 6 — Set your goals, make the commitment and then get down to work. The first item on the agenda is finishing something else, to make space.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — Speak up in front of the group. They'll be impressed by your insights. You'll be amazed by your ability to express what you meant to say. All ends well.

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Dear Hollywood: Snap that strike

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As part of the bleary-eyed masses with remotes welded to their hand with the shapes of the buttons embedded in their fingertips, it is time to ask Hollywood to end the writers' strike.

The impact of the strike became immediately clear when several sitcoms, as well as comedy news shows, such as the ever-hilarious Daily Show and Colbert Report, went on indefinite hiatus.

There's no way to make this clearer, Hollywood — clever college students with nothing better to do at 10 p.m. central time than laugh at the state of politics in the United States need writers to come back. We need a distraction from finals. We need anything to keep us from studying for just one more hour.

We need those writers, Hollywood. Maybe you should think about giving them what they want, or at least restarting negotiations to give television viewers weary of re-runs some hope.

The strike is all about paying residuals on work distributed on new media, which includes the Internet, mobile phones and iPods. According to the Wall Street Journal, the Writers' Guild is asking for an increase in payments from revenues generated from these new media forms.

Come on, Hollywood. You are a billion dollar industry. Actors who repeat the lines these writers create get paid hundreds of thousands of dollars per episode.

According to AOL Television, the beauties of Wisteria Lane on "Desperate Housewives" make around \$440,000 an episode. Funnyman Zach Braff of "Scrubs" reportedly pulls in \$350,000 an episode.

Salaries this high indicate an abundance of funds for shows, especially when the actors aren't the primary writers of the scripts and they're just being paid to repeat what has already been written. That's not to take away from their abundant talents as actors, but without the writers, television audiences have learned those actors and shows lose their worth.

So do it, Hollywood. Pay those writers a little bit more and give monetary credit where credit is due. They deserve it. They keep audiences laughing, college students distracted and give everyone a little break from the day.

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Alicia Wade

I think what everyone is forgetting here is George Clooney performed a rather long stint on "ER." I see Clooney as the type who smuggles a scalpel into the ring and takes out Fabio one hunk of windblown hair at a time.



Jakina Hill

I can't see how anyone could think that Fabio can take George. George would leave Fabio crying for his teddy and then speed off on his Harley with that winning smile.



Audra Ord

George could totally take Fabio. One tug on that romance-novel-cover-model's flowing hair and it would be over.

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"With Rodman's history, there could be some 'Juwanna Mann' potential here. Actually, that movie would have been a lot better and more believable if it would've been based on Rodman. Well, any change would have improved that movie. But what's worse is that I've actually seen 'Juwanna Mann.'"

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"Since his so-called comeback didn't work out so well in the NBA, I think he's trying to sneak his way in the WNBA any way he can. Rodman definitely isn't qualified for a head coaching position. Maybe he could get his start as team stylist."

GUEST COMMENTATOR: AARON LOCKWOOD

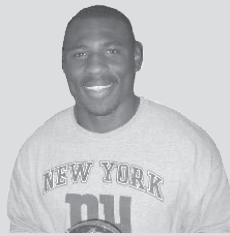
"If he gets interviewed and somebody thinks he's qualified I think he should be given an opportunity, but I don't really think anyone is going to think he's very qualified to coach a basketball team. I think he should be given the opportunity for an interview, but I don't think anyone is going to pick him because of who he is. He's not exactly a player's coach."

- SIU football team junior guard Aaron Lockwood



SALUKI TRACKER

Brandon Jacobs



Former Saluki running back Brandon Jacobs rushed for 95 yards on 23 carries for the New York Giants in their 31-20 loss to the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday. Jacobs also had a 10-yard reception. This season, Jacobs has 543 rushing yards and two touchdowns on 103 carries with seven receptions for 34 yards.



Do you have questions for the Saluki Insider that you want answered?
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BASKETBALL

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Both senior guard Jayme Sweere and junior guard Erica Smith found success in the up-tempo offense in the second half. Sweere finished with 17 points, five rebounds, five assists and three steals, while Smith notched 15 points, four rebounds and three steals.

Despite the victory, Eikenberg said the team has to learn to play at a higher level if it wants to succeed.

"This team needs to really understand how important practice is and the leaders need to be able to step up," Eikenberg said. "It's time to put up or shut up. This program is about hard work. It's about discipline. It's about fundamentals."

Christian Brothers controlled the first half of play as it took a 36-28 lead into halftime. The Lady Bucs started the game with a 6-0 run and didn't relinquish the lead that half.

Christian Brothers lived from behind the arc in the first half as it went 6-for-7. The guards continued to pop open off of center Ponecia Anderson's screens.

Despite not scoring any points, Anderson used her lanky 6-foot-4-inch frame to prevent SIU defenders from stopping perimeter shots.

Guard Tameka Wooten took care of the scoring dropping a team-high 14 points to go with her five rebounds.

Offensively, the Salukis came out with a different lineup as freshmen Katrina Swingler and Tanaeya Worden joined the starting lineup. The new rotation struggled to find a rhythm with the first Saluki basket coming off a Smith layup four minutes into the game.

The Salukis had their transition offense squandered as the Lady Bucs' defense forced SIU to take shots late in each possession. The Salukis were only able to get offensive momentum once when they went on a 7-0 run.

The run began with Gibson's jumper and was followed by two consecutive steals, which resulted in a layup and a free throw. Smith led all scorers at the half with nine points, one steal and one block.

Smith said the team was not happy with the game, but was saved by its persistent defense.

"I don't think we took them lightly but we didn't come out and do what we had to do," Smith said. "We didn't let up defensively and we played defense until the buzzer sounded."

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FOOTBALL

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The runner-up to the Panthers is SIU, which won its first game against Illinois State since 2004.

The Salukis (9-1, 5-1) handed the Redbirds their third loss in a row to end their season.

The loss gave Illinois State (4-7, 2-4) its third three-game losing streak this season, and solidified its sixth-place finish in the conference.

Redbirds coach Denver Johnson said he's proud of Illinois State for not quitting.

"We've had lots of chances to quit this season," he said. "We got off to a horrible start. We've had some real disappointments and we felt like we had a chance to have a really good team going into the year, but we also knew that we had to have some things go right for us."

Northern Iowa and SIU are the only two Gateway teams with regular season games to play.

The Salukis will go on the road Saturday to face Hampton (6-4), while Northern Iowa will continue its bid for an undefeated season with a home contest against Southern Utah (0-10).

If the Panthers win, they will have closed out a team's winless season for the second week in a row.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis save best for last

SIU outscores
 Christian Brothers
 43-19 in second half

Jeff Engelhardt
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

The Salukis had a scare in the first half of Monday night's game against Christian Brothers, but walked away with a 71-55 win.

SIU trailed by nine points at the half and was out-rebounded 20-10. SIU coach Dana Eikenberg said she called out the team leaders at halftime after what she said was an abysmal 20 minutes of basketball.

Junior forward Jasmine Gibson responded to lead the Salukis' second-half comeback, hitting shot after shot from the baseline and the top of the key. Gibson ended the game with 24 points, five rebounds and three steals.

The come-from-behind victory was spurred by two Saluki scoring streaks. The first came on a 12-2 run that gave SIU its first lead of the game with 14 minutes, 30 seconds to play in the second half. Gibson had six points during the run, including a



Senior guard Jayme Sweere attempts a lay-up during Monday night's 71-55 SIU victory. Sweere recorded 17 points, six rebounds, five assists and three steals in the contest.

BRANDON CHAPPLE
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layup where she crashed headfirst into the padding of the hoop support.

Gibson said the open looks in the second half were due to penetration by Saluki guards.

"We were trying to penetrate and

space out the floor for kick outs," Gibson said. "I felt like I did what I was supposed to do and just be aware of what was going on."

A 13-1 run in the waning moments sealed the game. The Salukis'

aggressive full-court pressure wore down the Lady Bucs and opened up the transition offense for SIU, which was stifled in the first half.

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MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

Mohamed makes nationals

Junior places
 14th at regionals

Jeff Engelhardt
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Fourteen was the number that junior Mohamed Mohamed had been waiting on for the last two years.

For the first time in his career as the SIU men's cross country team's most consistent runner, Mohamed will advance into national competition after a 14th place finish in NCAA Midwest Regional competition during the weekend.

Mohamed, a junior, capitalized on the opportunity by finishing the 10K race — his first of the season — in 30:28, which placed him securely among the top finishers chosen to advance to the National Championships Nov. 29.

Mohamed is the first Saluki to qualify for nationals since Joe Byrne in 2005, and only the third in the last 12 years. Mohamed said he has been working toward national competition throughout his college career.

"I am feeling really confident right now and I know that I can race with the best and I am going to make things happen at nationals," he said.

Kevin Doran also had a national caliber performance as he finished 23rd with a time of 30:47, but the senior was snubbed by the selection committee.

Doran said he was disappointed he wasn't selected but was still proud of his final season as a Saluki.

"The season as a whole was a breakthrough year for me because I have been living and breathing running for the past three months," he said.

The entire men's team competed well during the race, finishing seventh overall in the 23-team field. The Salukis were ranked sixth in the region heading to the meet, but coach Matt Sparks said he felt the team could have finished in the top 5 if it raced to its potential.

The men looked to be on pace for a top-5 finish with Mohamed, Doran and freshman Jeff Schirmer in the top 25 at the halfway point. However, Schirmer suffered from cramps midway through the race and fell roughly 15 spots behind before rallying at the end to finish in 30th with a time of 30 minutes.

Sparks said Schirmer's cramps were unfortunate, but he was proud of the way the team raced.

"Our guys came out ready to race and even our six and seven guys, who don't count toward points, never gave up," Sparks said.

The women had a rough outing, finishing 23rd out of 25 teams.

All-Missouri Valley Conference sophomore A'Seret Dokubo and sophomore Nefeteri Williams were aiming for a top-30 finish, which would likely send them to nationals. Dokubo finished in 95th with a time of 22:22 in the 6K, while Williams came in at 137th with a time of 23:07.

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FOOTBALL

Gateway teams vie for playoffs

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Most members of the Gateway Football Conference ended their seasons Saturday, with as many as four teams having a shot at the postseason.

No. 1 Northern Iowa and No. 5 SIU are shoo-ins for the 16-team Football Championship

Subdivision playoffs, while the No. 17 Youngstown State Penguins and the Western Illinois Leathernecks remain on the bubble.

After the Salukis beat the Leathernecks on Nov. 3, Western Illinois coach Don Patterson said his team was at the mercy of the selection committee.

"I hope the committee recognizes we're a good football team," he said.

Youngstown State beat the Leathernecks 31-24 on Saturday, tying Western Illinois (6-5, 3-3 Gateway) for third place in conference standings.

The Penguins (7-4, 3-3) matched Western Illinois' conference record, and quarterback Tom Zetts led

Youngstown State with 298 passing yards and two touchdowns against the Leathernecks.

Western Illinois junior running back Herb Donaldson, the Gateway's leading rusher, missed the game with a sprained ankle. Still, his 1,491 rushing yards this season leads the conference, with Northern Iowa's Corey Lewis currently at second, with 1,115.

Filling in for Donaldson was Alex Douglas and Dre Gibbs, who combined for 95 rushing yards and three touchdowns in the loss to Youngstown State.

The Leathernecks trailed 31-10 entering the fourth quarter, and scored 14 points in the final frame.

Douglas rushed for both of Western Illinois' fourth quarter touchdowns, but Patterson said on the Leathernecks' Web site that mistakes keyed his team's loss.

Western Illinois committed three turnovers, losing two fumbles and throwing an interception.

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Junior defensive end James Cloud takes down Illinois State senior tight end Dave Mordis during SIU's 34-24 victory Saturday. The Salukis (9-1, 5-1 Gateway) finished conference play as the No. 2 team, while Illinois State finished sixth.

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The loss dropped Western Illinois out of the Top 25, while Youngstown State moved up to No. 17 — ahead of five non-Gateway teams with only two or three losses.

Undefeated Northern Iowa and the winless Indiana State Sycamores brought conference play to a close Saturday, with the Panthers securing the Sycamores' second winless season in three years.

Northern Iowa (10-0, 6-0) won

68-14 while three of the Panthers' running backs topped the 100-yard mark. All five Northern Iowa rushers averaged at least 5.5 yards per carry.

In all, the Panthers totaled 662 yards on offense, while the Sycamores (0-11, 0-6) gained 167 yards of offense.

The win for Northern Iowa also clinched sole possession of the 2007 Gateway title.

Patterson said the Gateway should be even tougher next season, with No. 2 North Dakota State and South Dakota State joining the fray.

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AROUND THE GATEWAY
Conference Standings

1. Northern Iowa Panthers – 10-0, 6-0
2. Southern Illinois Salukis – 9-1, 5-1
3. Youngstown State Penguins – 7-4, 3-3
4. Western Illinois Leathernecks – 6-5, 3-3
5. Missouri State Bears – 6-5, 2-4
6. Illinois State Redbirds – 4-7, 2-4
7. Indiana State Sycamores – 0-11, 0-6