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Cole announces re-election bid



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Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole gives his state of the city address Tuesday afternoon at City Hall.

Opponents look forward to race with addition of Cole

Brandon Augsburg
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole said Tuesday that he plans to run for re-election, joining two other announced candidates for the mayoral elections set for this spring.

He made the announcement toward the end of his 40-minute State of the City address and received a standing ovation from the crowd in the Carbondale Civic Center. Councilwoman Sheila Simon and Jessica Davis, director of Student Development at SIU School of Law, are also vying for the position.

"I really didn't expect a standing ovation," Cole said. "I think it shows how much people appreciate the work we are doing."

Cole said he waited until today to announce his re-election campaign because he has been focused on doing his job during the last year of his current term.

"Campaigns are getting longer and longer, and I think people get tired of that," he said. "Some people have been campaigning for the last six months, and I've just been focused on doing my job."

Cole said he announced his first run for mayor at the same time four years ago and believes he will have plenty of time to get his message out before the April 17 elections. He said he has had a solid record over the past four years, and the people of Carbondale can judge

him on his time on office.

"We have a great record of accomplishment, and we need to keep moving forward," Cole said. "We've started a lot of projects, some of which have been completed and some of which we need to finish, and I believe in finishing what we started."

Simon said she always expected Cole to run again and said she is looking forward to the campaign.

"I'm looking forward to the whole package," Simon said. "It's just a lot of fun."

Davis also welcomed Cole to the campaign trail and said the mayor's decision would not change her approach or her desire to run for mayor.

"Well, it makes for a healthy democracy," she said.

Davis also said it was an appropriate move for Cole to make his announcement during the State of the City address, though Simon thought it was unusual, especially because the city was broadcasting the speech.

Cole said, as the mayor, he had the ability to use the platform to announce his decision and noted that he only briefly spoke about re-election.

"You can't separate the man from the office, and that's what I am right now," he said.

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Mayor touts successes and looks to the future in address

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At Tuesday's State of the City address, Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole steered the city toward helping the youth and discussed a joint university and city task force that would be focus on addressing neighborhood concerns around the campus.

Cole said he wants to work closely with SIUC's soon-to-be Interim Chancellor John Dunn, as he did with Chancellor Walter Wendler, to create a task force to represent various community interests. He said the primary area of concern would be the Poplar Street corridor.

"We want to look at what kind of properties are there, and how they're being taken care of, and how we can make that an attractive entryway into the campus," Cole said.

He said he had worked with Wendler to create the initiative but had yet to fill Dunn in on the plan's details until after the transition.

Much of Cole's vision for the future — the remainder of his final year in office — focused on Carbondale's youth.

He said he will present an ordinance to the City Council at the Nov. 21 meeting that would provide stricter enforcement of school

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— Brad Cole
 mayor of Carbondale

truants, and he also wants to work with the school districts to improve retention and academic progress. He said he would reintroduce the gang task force and keep the community cleanup program going with about \$100,000 annually.

He also outlined a plan that would aim to attract and retain retirees in Carbondale. He cited southern Illinois' natural attractions, such as the Shawnee Forest and various lakes, to help convince seniors Carbondale is "a destination for retirement living."

Cole also focused on what had been accomplished during the past three and a half years while he has been mayor. He said the city has been progressing with clear and recognizable goals.

"In my mind, that means that we are providing for the basic health, safety and welfare of our residents," he said.

Councilman Chris Wissmann said the mayor has always presented clear ideas, clear goals and clear paths to achieve those goals.

[View the full text of Cole's State of the City address online at \[teambrod.com\]\(http://teambrod.com\).](#)

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Dunn: Marketing begins at home

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 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Provost John Dunn told members of the Faculty Senate on Tuesday that marketing begins at home, and university employees are prime promoting sources.

Speaking to the constituency group less than 48 hours before his takeover as interim chancellor, Dunn briefly outlined some of his goals, many of which focus on marketing and enrollment.

"Our No. 1 goal in this university is enrollment, there's no other way to say it," Dunn said.

Chancellor Walter Wendler did not attend the meeting in the Student Center.

On Thursday, Dunn assumes the campus helm during a time of continued enrollment decline, admitted lack of communication between top administrators and sweeping pushes to reform SIUC in the years ahead. As Dunn steps up, Wendler's title shifts to professor of architecture.

Dunn told the faculty members everyone in the university plays a part in enrollment, which has dwindled by 3 percent in the past two years and has had an overall decline for many years. He said there is insufficient discussion about academic integrity at SIUC and an understatement of students' and faculty members' potential.

"We have to feel good about who we are and what we do," Dunn said.

Political science professor Uday Desai agreed with Dunn and said if university employees are confident in the campus' workings, they should spread the word.

"I do think we have excellent programs, excellent faculty and excellent programs," Desai said.

University officials in September pledged \$500,000 for marketing, including commercials to be produced under the direction of Terry Clark, chairman of the marketing department in the College of Business and Administration.

Cinema and photography students have crafted the television spots. Dunn said Clark and his crew are gleaning input and making necessary changes before the commercials hit the air.

In other discussion of the Faculty Senate, the Rev. Joseph Brown, director of the Black American Studies program, mentioned how Dunn had said when he arrived that he didn't like that SIUC did not celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Dunn said ceremonies at his previous institution, Oregon State University, were huge successes.

The fact that Martin Luther King Jr. Day occurs during winter break has been the main reason for not having a universitywide event, Dunn said.

As Dunn said he still wished SIUC honored the civil rights icon, Brown referred to the extra power the provost gains later this week.

"I encourage you to try to remember, you can do something about it now," Brown said.

Arbor District residents upset about proposed CVS Pharmacy

David Lopez
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Carbondale might soon see a new CVS Pharmacy, but the residents of Carbondale's Arbor District are lining up to block the chain's newest project, saying it would create additional traffic in a congested area.

The city's planning and zoning commission will meet today at 7 p.m. at City Hall to discuss the proposed re-zoning of 2.44 acres around the intersection of Oakland Street and Main Street to make room for a CVS Pharmacy.

Cedarwood Development Inc. has requested to re-zone the area from residential and professional administrative office residential zones to a planned business district.

City Manager Jeff Doherty said the City Planning Staff is already recommending to deny the re-zoning.

The new CVS pharmacy would be located on the corner of Oakland and Walnut streets, cover 13, 225 square feet and include a parking lot with 95 spaces.

The Arbor District Board met Nov. 5 and reached a unanimous decision to oppose the re-zoning. A committee was then formed to lead the community in opposing the proposal before the Carbondale Planning and Zoning Commission as well as before the City Council.

The committee has also helped coordinate the neighborhood to come together in opposition of the proposal, making yard signs and gathering petitions.

City Hall public hearing

A public hearing to discuss possible re-zoning of parts of Oakland will be held today at 7 p.m. at City Hall. For more information, visit www.arbordistrict.org.

Sandy Litecky, president of the Arbor District Neighborhood Association, is one of the people leading the movement.

"We're very concerned about the neighborhood and the community as a whole," Litecky said.

The community is already wary of commercial encroachment. According to the Arbor District Web site, many residents were opposed to the Family Video built on the corner of Oakland and Main streets in 2001. Five years later, some residents still have issues with the store, especially dealing with storm water runoff, according to the site.

Litecky said many residents believe the intersection just north of the proposed CVS is already congested with a city fire station on the corner of Oakland and Walnut streets. She said they believe the CVS would only exacerbate the traffic problems at that intersection.

Though the final decision will not be made until the City Council meeting on Dec. 5, Litecky said the Arbor District residents have already made up their minds to fight the re-zoning.

"It's not a decision that we made too lightly," she said.

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FBI agent speaks on child pornographic cyber crimes

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Luke Morgan said he was shocked after listening to an FBI agent in his curriculum and instruction class Tuesday. As a future middle school teacher, Morgan said he hopes to teach his students that the "don't talk to a stranger" rule applies online too.

FBI Special Agent Jon Ford, who works out of the agency's Springfield division, explained how the Internet can lead to cyberspace crimes involving child abductions, rape, pornography and murder during an SIUC curriculum and instruction class Tuesday afternoon.

Ford said children are naturally trusting, and it is very easy to forge friendships on the Internet. He said predators do the background work to make children believe they are friends, and sometimes that relationship can lead to something more.

In his eight years as an FBI agent, Ford said parent-child communication is important to protect children from the dangers of molestation. He said monitoring computers the same as parents would a television or radio is a key step. It is simple to do a history check on a child's computer to see the Web pages that have been visited.

Just like the TV, parents too often like to use the computer as a

babysitter for children, but that can lead to many problems, he said.

The bureau agent also said if parents and teachers punish or criticize children for undesired Internet activity, children are less likely to come forward with their Internet solicitation because of potential punishment.

Ford used statistics about the \$20 billion annual child pornography industry from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children and the Department of Justice to explain the growing problem.

There are 35 million America Online users in the United States, and out of those, 2,000 subpoenas and 400 search warrants are issued a month involving child Internet crimes, Ford said. The ages of the children addressed ranged from 1-year-olds up to the Illinois legal age of 18.

Jan Waggoner, associate professor in middle school and social studies education, said she hoped the presentation would make parents, students and teachers aware of the emerging threats to the physical and psychological safety of children.

"What we want to communicate is teacher education at SIU is doing its best to stay abreast with all of the influences that effect our kids at schools," Waggoner said. "And so, this is the first time we've had a program here with an over-

To report a crime

- To report a child cyber crime: www.cybertipline.com
- To find out if someone is a sex offender: www.familywatchdog.com
- State Online Sex Registry: <http://isp.state.il.us>
- National Online Sex Registry: <http://nsopr.gov/>

whelming response validating the fact that teachers, school districts and law agencies all know that these (Internet crimes) affect our children."

According to the missing and exploited children agency, the rate of child cyber crimes is slowing down. In 1999, 1 out of every five youths on the Internet received sexual suggestions. In 2005, the level dropped to 1 in 7.

Morgan, a senior from Murphysboro studying elementary education, said the presentation was mind-boggling.

"A lot of these issues with the Internet weren't around when I was in sixth grade," Morgan said. "I heard of the problem being that bad before, but it's hard to believe because you don't see it, but the FBI agent and the statistics are convincing. I don't see a reason not to believe them — it is just shocking."

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WORLD & NATION

Senate Democrats choose majority party leaders

Laurie Kellman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats picked two women for senior posts Tuesday and appointed former U.S. Capitol police chief Terrance Gainer as sergeant at arms. Their choice as majority leader, Sen. Harry Reid, said a top priority is getting a new secretary of defense confirmed.

Reid told The Associated Press that he supports replacing Donald Rumsfeld with former CIA Director Robert Gates by year's end, as President Bush has urged.

"I hope we can move it forward quickly," Reid, of Nevada, told the Associated Press after the Democratic caucus in the Old Senate Chamber. "The sooner we can move it forward, the sooner we can get rid of Rumsfeld," he said.

Gainer, who also previously was the No. 2 person in the District of Columbia police force, retired April 6 from the Capitol job after objections were raised to the hiring of his son-in-law as a police officer.

Reid spoke after winning election

to the top leadership unopposed and presenting the rest of the Democratic leadership team elected by the caucus during a private meeting in the historic chamber used since the Civil War for the Senate's most delicate decisions.

He said that the seldom-used chamber was an appropriate venue, given the election results in which Democrats wrested control of Congress from Republicans for the first time in a dozen years.

When the 110th Congress convenes in January, Sen. Richard Durbin of Illinois will be Reid's deputy as the vote-counting majority whip.

Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., will continue serving as the cash-raising campaign committee chairman and also will assume the title of vice chairman of the Democratic caucus. As such, he will be the No. 3 Democratic leader and a chief strategist.

Sen. Patty Murray of Washington will serve as conference secretary. Sen. Byron Dorgan of North Dakota will chair the caucus' policy committee, which holds oversight hearings and researches legislative proposals, while Sen. Debbie Stabenow of Michigan



CHUCK KENNEDY ~ MCT

U.S. Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV) is flanked by Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY), right, and Sen. Patty Murray (D-WA) after Reid was voted Tuesday to be the Senate Majority Leader in the next session of Congress as the Democrats take the majority of the Senate.

will head the party steering committee.

That panel, in turn, was meeting later Tuesday to choose committee chairmen.

House Democrats face a difficult choice when they pick their leaders Thursday, now that speaker-to-be Nancy Pelosi has rejected her cur-

rent top lieutenant in favor of longtime confidante John Murtha of Pennsylvania.

Murtha, a blunt Vietnam veteran whose call for U.S. troops to begin withdrawing from Iraq helped rally Democrats for the election, had appeared to be the underdog to Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, the House

Democrats' whip.

Hoyer, at a news conference Tuesday, said he still expected to win and that, despite Pelosi's anticipated endorsement of her friend Murtha, "Nancy Pelosi and I will work very closely together in the future. Why, because both of us care about the objectives of our party."

Iraqi Higher Education Ministry suffers after mass kidnapping

Steven R. Hurst
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Suspected Shiite militiamen dressed as Interior Ministry commandos stormed a Higher Education Ministry office Tuesday and kidnapped dozens of people after clearing the area under the guise of providing security for what they claimed would be a visit by the U.S. ambassador.

Witnesses and authorities said the gunmen raced through all four stories of the building, forced men and women into separate rooms, handcuffed the men and loaded them aboard about 20 pickup trucks.

Shortly afterward, authorities arrested five senior police officers in connection with the abductions — the police chief and five top subordinates in the Karradah district, the central Baghdad region where the kidnappers struck, Interior Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Jalil Khalaf said.

There were varying estimates of the number of people kidnapped, but it appeared that at least 50 were seized — one of the largest mass abductions in Iraq. Authorities said as many as 20 were later released, but said a broadcast report that most hostages were freed appeared to be false. The assault came

on a day that saw at least 117 people die in the mounting disorder and violence gripping the country.

The abductions in broad daylight raised further questions about Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki's commitment to wiping out the heavily armed Shiite militias of his prime political backers: the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, or SCIRI, and the Sadrist Movement of radical, anti-American Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

Al-Maliki faces intense pressure from the United States to disband and disarm the militias and their death squads, which are deeply involved in the country's sectarian slaughter and are believed to have thoroughly infiltrated the police and security forces.

U.S. Central Command chief Gen. John Abizaid sternly warned al-Maliki face-to-face on Monday that he must disband the militias and give the United States proof that they have been disarmed, according to senior Iraqi government officials with knowledge of what the men discussed.

So far, the prime minister has said the militias should not act illegally but has taken no tough action against them.

Al-Maliki, who leads a Shiite-dominated Iraqi government, appeared to minimize the importance of Tuesday's kidnappings.

German prosecutors investigate war crimes

Stephen Graham
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BERLIN — Lawyers for inmates of Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison and Guantanamo Bay asked German prosecutors Tuesday to open a war crimes investigation of outgoing Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld and other U.S. officials for their alleged roles in abuse at the detention centers.

Although the lawyers who filed the lawsuit acknowledged there was little chance of seeing Rumsfeld in a German jail, the point was simply to increase the pressure on top brass they say are culpable. German federal prosecutors said they would examine the case.

"We are not expecting that Rumsfeld will appear in a court, but we are hoping investigators will begin looking into the case," said Wolfgang Kaleck, a German lawyer involved in the suit.

The 220-page lawsuit, which also names 13 other U.S. officials, was sent to federal prosecutors under a German law that allows the prosecution of war crimes regardless of where they were committed. It alleges that Rumsfeld personally ordered and condoned torture.

Bryan Whitman, a Pentagon spokesman, said U.S. officials had not seen the complaint but said media reports suggested it was "frivolous."

"Abu Ghraib is something that the U.S. government has investigated very thoroughly," Whitman said, noting more than a dozen probes as well as congressional hearings. "The appropriate individuals have been held accountable."

Former U.S. Army Brig. Gen. Janis Karpinski, the one-time commander of all U.S. military prisons in Iraq, said she would testify against her superiors because only a handful of low-ranking soldiers have been convicted in the abuse at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison.

Karpinski, who was relieved of her command and demoted to colonel last year, said she wanted to "be a voice for my soldiers."

"They were tried and convicted in the world court before they ever set foot in any courtroom ... while people who are far more culpable and responsible have walked away blameless," Karpinski said during a presentation of the case in Berlin.

There have been 11 convictions and about a dozen courts-martial in the United States related to Abu Ghraib.

The suit is brought on behalf of 12 alleged torture victims — 11 Iraqis held at Abu Ghraib and Mohamad al-Qahtani, a Saudi being held at the U.S. military prison in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, who has been identified by the United States as a would-be participant in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

WIRE REPORTS

VIRGINIA

Man pleads guilty to '84 sexual assault at Virginia frat party

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. (AP) — A man who sexually assaulted a fellow student at a fraternity party in 1984, then apologized to her two decades later as part of the 12-step Alcoholics Anonymous program, pleaded guilty Tuesday and could go to prison.

William Beebe calmly entered a plea to aggravated sexual battery as his victim, Liz Seccuro, bowed her head and wiped away tears.

"Twenty-two years ago I harmed another person, and I have tried to set that right," the real estate agent and former University of Virginia student said outside court.

Under the plea bargain, prosecutors asked that Beebe get two years in prison when he is sentenced in March.

Prosecutor Claude Worrell said authorities agreed to the deal in part because the investigation revealed that more than one person may have sexually assaulted Seccuro at the Phi Kappa Psi party. Beebe agreed to cooperate with the investigation into exactly what happened to Seccuro that night.

WASHINGTON

Bush pledges talk with U.S. automakers about health care, foreign competition

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush told Detroit's auto industry leaders on Tuesday he knows they are making "tough choices" to shore up their companies in foreign competition and promised continuing dialogue as they seek help on trade and health care issues.

"The president clearly understands the importance of the business to the United States and the global economy," Ford Motor Co. Chief Executive Alan Mulally said later.

Bush said, "We found a lot in common."

Bush, Vice President Dick Cheney and other administration officials met in the Oval Office for just over an hour with top executives of Ford, General Motors and DaimlerChrysler AG's Chrysler Group.

The automakers later told reporters the meeting was productive, hopeful that it would lead to more discussions with the administration.

IRAN

IAEA finds traces of plutonium, enriched uranium in nuclear waste facility in Iran

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — New traces of plutonium and enriched uranium — potential material for atomic warheads — have been found in a nuclear waste facility in Iran, a revelation that came Tuesday as the Iranian president boasted his country's nuclear fuel program will soon be completed.

The International Atomic Energy Agency report detailing the discovery also faulted Tehran for not cooperating with the U.N. watchdog's attempts to investigate other suspicious aspects of Iran's nuclear program.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, in a two-hour news conference in Tehran, asserted the world has no choice but to "live with a nuclear Iran," although he conceded his country was "still in the first stages" of its uranium enrichment program.

So far, Tehran has been able to activate only two small experimental pilot enrichment plants that U.N. officials say have frequently broken down and have produced only small amounts of material suitable for nuclear fuel.

Work at Lincoln Middle School begins

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

Although workers will be swarming around the old Lincoln Middle School for the next six to eight weeks, the actual demolition of the building is still a long way off, construction officials said.

Work at the building began this week as KAM Services, an environmental services company based in Mattoon, started preparing the building for asbestos removal.

City Manager Jeff Doherty said the city received \$750,000 from the state to purchase and demolish the building.

At the Oct. 31 City Council meeting, the council unanimously awarded DEM/EX Group Inc. of Manito \$352,735 for asbestos removal and abatement and demolition of the school.

Work began Monday when employees from KAM Services, which was subcontracted for the asbestos removal by DEM/EX, started securing the building by putting up plastic and quarantining sections where asbestos will be removed.

Mark Mitchell, president of KAM Services, said the removal process follows procedures approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

"There are certain types of asbestos material that need to be removed before the building can be demolished," he said.

According to the Environmental Protection Agency's Web site, asbestos

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— Jeff Doherty
city manager

is a number of naturally occurring minerals used mostly for their insulation quality. Some common usage for asbestos is in ceiling tiles, textured paints and electrical ducts.

Mitchell said after the six-to-eight week asbestos removal process is finished, the material is wetted, bagged and taken to a landfill for proper disposal.

He said his company will be finished at the building after the asbestos is removed.

"DEM/EX is doing the demolition, we are subbed to them, and we are doing the asbestos abatement only," Mitchell said.

Doherty said the asbestos removal is just the first step in making the site functional for building a new police station.

"Our approach is to secure the site because we feel it is the ideal site for a police station eventually," Doherty said. "So that's the process we are in."

Doherty said the design process will begin after the building has been demolished, and he expects the design and construction of a new building to take up to two and a half years.

He said the design contract would



MELISSA BARR ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Travis Myers, left, of KAM Services, hands a piece of duct tape to Shaun Rhodes to secure a plastic covering for a window Monday afternoon at Lincoln Middle School. KAM Services is the environmental contractor doing the asbestos removal work before the building is demolished.

not be a low-bid situation, and the city would evaluate various proposals and select an architecture firm with the proper credentials to build a law enforcement facility.

Doherty also said the city is looking

at various alternatives to fund the new police station, including grants from the federal government and congressional earmarking of funds. He said no such funds have been secured at this point.

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THEIR WORD

Democrats in Congress shouldn't lurch too far left

ORLANDO SENTINEL

Democrats are still basking in the glow of last week's election, when they took control of both houses of Congress for the first time in a dozen years. But their ascendancy could be short-lived if they don't heed the messages that voters sent.

Control in the Senate moved from Republicans to Democrats on Thursday when GOP incumbent George Allen of Virginia conceded to Democratic challenger James Webb. Webb is considered moderate to conservative. So are at least a couple of other new Democrats in the Senate.

A Democratic leadership team that can work with Republicans is more likely to accomplish goals that languished under GOP rule.

Likewise in the House, several Democrats who won last week are cut from the same cloth, such as North Carolina's Heath Shuler. The Blue Dog Democrats, the House caucus for moderates and conservatives such as Florida's Allen Boyd, will make up a fifth of the party's delegation come January.

Last week's exit polls showed voters were especially unhappy with government corruption and the war in Iraq. That argues for Democratic leaders who will take the lead in carrying out the necessary ethics reforms that Republicans rejected and in pushing for a new strategy in the war.

Incoming House Speaker Nancy Pelosi deserves credit for including both issues

among her priorities. She vowed to lead the "most ethical Congress in history" and called for "a better way forward in Iraq." But as she puts together her leadership team, she would be smart to choose lieutenants who share those priorities and represent the broad spectrum of her party's views.

In the race for a new House majority leader, Pelosi is said to support John Murtha of Pennsylvania over Steny Hoyer of Maryland. But Murtha is a wheeler-dealer who has doled out millions of dollars worth of taxpayer-funded projects to win votes and loyalty. Hoyer, a moderate, is a much better choice for a party that wants to make a clean break from the pork-barrel excesses and scandals that dogged the Republican majority.

Among Democrats on the House Intelligence Committee, Jane Harman of California, another moderate, is in line to take the chair. But Pelosi is considering Alcee Hastings of Florida instead because Harman hasn't been critical enough of the White House. Regardless, Harman has badly needed bipartisan credibility on national-security issues. Hastings does not. He was impeached and removed by the Senate from a federal judgeship on a bribery charge in 1989.

In both houses, a Democratic leadership team that can work with Republicans is more likely to accomplish goals that languished under GOP rule. Those include reforming immigration, developing energy alternatives, protecting the environment and reducing the ranks of the uninsured. Success is bound to be appreciated by voters.

GUEST COLUMN

Greek involvement

Daniel Bachert
GUEST COLUMNIST

A few things need to be addressed and cleared up about what went on at the last Inter-Greek Council meeting.

First, the greeks were aware of USG's campaign "Get involved, Join USG," and Kaylie Schlueter made an attempt to join the Senate, but she was denied. Jessica Graff, the secretary for IGC, was at the meeting and witnessed this. Jessica thought this was a slap in the face of the greek system. Through her frustration she took this as motivation for all greeks to get more involved.

This is a campaign for greeks to have more influence on campus. When Jessica said that USG was beginning to turn anti-greek, she immediately got everyone's undivided attention. After her speech, everyone applauded. What we are looking to do is motivate the greeks to get more involved and more influence throughout the university. We are also trying to bring all of the greeks together for a single cause and build some stronger unity. Her frustration emerged because there was no justification for voting down another greek from USG. The greeks are some of the most involved people on campus, and the vice president even gave his personal recommendation for her to join the senate, and yet she was still voted down, twice. I have sat on USG for three years now, and no one has ever been voted down. All we are looking for is an explanation for why she was voted down.

Next, the greek system is moving in a different direction than in the past. We have a new greek adviser who is pushing us to do more than we normally do, and we are trying to do more within the university. We also have new leadership on the Inter-Greek Council all of which are going above and beyond everything asked of them. We are also looking to be heard. The greeks do not receive a lot of attention in the campus community, and we are looking to change that. At the first IGC meeting, I told everyone there are seats open on USG, and I encouraged them to get involved, this is our chance to be heard as greeks, and we are trying. This was our opportunity to better the university. There is now a push to fill all of the remaining, now 21, senate seats with greeks. This is our attempt to show the university and our peers what being greek is all about.

Finally, the real reason for the DE being at the meeting was because we were going to be voting on the new constitution, which ended up being tabled until the next meeting. We did not call for the DE to be at our meeting for us to voice our distrust in student government. We asked them to come because this was to be a good night for the greek system; we were to vote on the new constitution, which had not been overhauled in nearly 20 years. There was nothing on the agenda saying USG is anti-greek. So, please let the misconception die out.

Bachert is Inter-Greek Council president and a USG senator.

GUEST COLUMN

Give the lion his courage

Prescott Paulin
GUEST COLUMNIST

Great men are often outnumbered by ignorant constituents and a complacent public that often refuses to dig for facts and uncover hidden agendas, like one set into play recently by SIU President Glenn Poshard.

On Nov. 8, Chancellor Wendler was officially lost in the fray of ignorance and politics. I argue his greatness is based upon his decisions to ignore limitations imposed by others. Wendler is as bold as any great leader while consistently drawing harsh criticism for his actions. Yet, for better or worse, Wendler never backs down from his tenacious beliefs.

Though I usually like Poshard, his way of handling the Wendler administration is simply to plow right through. With the assistance of Current BOT Chairman Roger Tedrick, who met Poshard back in his teaching years over 20 years ago, the recent coup was formulated.

Poshard must replace Wendler to gain control of SIU's chain of command. With Poshard at the helm, it seems logical to assume that he wants credit for plans underneath him, like the Saluki Way project that he began and Wendler later refined. Poshard is a politician and, just as Blagojevich did with infrastructure like toll roads, he will try to put his name on any projects he can endorse.

I knew of Wendler's removal before the official announcement, which infers the President's Office was boasting of a future accomplishment. Poshard is not open to criticism. And, despite my previous attempts, Poshard will not communicate with USG — something that Wendler has always done no matter the criticism — and he lacks communication with the Chancellor's Office. Ironically though, Poshard cites a lack of communication and teamwork as the reason for Wendler's removal.

With the mole I discovered in Wendler's office, it comes as no sur-

prise that Poshard, given his secret access to information he would personally want, never negotiated and subsequently accused Wendler of establishing barriers. Poshard creates his own barriers of convenience, and he relies on his past as a teacher to draw conclusions about his humbleness. True humility, however, is realized with Wendler's ardent return to his former position as a professor. Wendler has made decisions that created amazing progress for his pet projects, so it comes as no surprise that someone else would seek to get credit for the plans.

Our community must come to the realization that students — and not research — are the prime exports of this institution. Wendler envisioned a place where both flourish but knew plans like Saluki Way were needed to improve the student experience. Instead of running SIU like a political machine, which appeals to everyone and ensures stagnation, Wendler implemented a top-down management structure in this busi-

ness of academia while embracing input from below. In this, he successfully realized that this institution must be run like a business to adapt to the demands of the market. "Southern at 150" was his business plan.

To take full credit for the successful completion of Saluki Way projects, Poshard needed negative press to assist in Wendler's political assassination. The opportunity came in the form of plagiarism accusations that twisted expectations of academia around a plan that should have been free from such claims. (I would argue that any community-centric plan is a basic adaptation of "open source" creation.) After accusations were made, Poshard then concocted his own review board to provide a skewed interpretation of what happened. Though Poshard made claims to intellectual dishonesty and professes that plagiarism was not the source of Wendler's demotion, this event provided enough negative press so that the public would foreshadow

the demotion as an inevitable event.

This column is not an attack on Poshard's character, as he has a positive past linked directly to SIU, but it is rather an inquiry into his methods. It hardly seems fair to assert that Wendler is not an effective leader at SIUC, when, in fact, he has been one of the major catalysts for positive change. Using political smearing to defeat an opponent is one thing in politics, but SIUC should be considered a business environment.

In this context, Walter Wendler deserves to be treated like a professional and be given proper chance to assist the goals of the powers above. Wendler should accept his fate if final, as he has always showcased respect for the chain of command, but I strongly encourage President Poshard and the SIU Board of Trustees to have the courage to re-evaluate their decisions and make use of one of the best allies this university has had in a long time.

Paulin is a USG senator.

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“A university is never static.”

John Dunn
SIUC provost
incoming interim chancellor

Saluki on the street

The latest battle for video game supremacy takes place this weekend with the launch of both the PS3 and Nintendo Wii.

We're curious:

Which new gaming system would you rather have, the Nintendo Wii or Playstation 3?



Jason Kantz

Freshman from Gurnee studying radio and television:

"From what I've seen, the Wii is supposed to be better, but with the history, I'd go with the Playstation 3."



Derrick Hobson

Senior from Harrisburg studying administration of justice:

"I like how the Wii is so interactive, but I'm used to the Playstation 2, so I might go with the Playstation 3."



Joe Legan

Employee at Starbucks from Carbondale:

"Probably the Playstation 3 because I don't really like Nintendo."



Andrew Patch

Senior from Palatine studying history:

"Playstation, because I feel Nintendo caters to a younger audience, and Playstation tends to cater to the older audience."



Kiersten Hannel

Junior from Springfield in paralegal studies:

"Probably the Playstation 3 because that's what my brother plays."



Shakari Burton

Junior from Chicago studying radio and television:

"Playstation 3. As far as technologywise, the PS3 has the Wii beat."



Jun Bumkin

Freshman from South Korea studying business management:

"The new Playstation because I never played Nintendo. I used to play Playstation with my friends."



Ben Felch

Freshman from Deerfield studying political science:

"Playstation 3, hands down. It's got better game play. It's a full home system, it offers everything pretty much."

Saluki St.

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Argument cuts talent show short

Spectator storms stage during comedy act

Sarah Lohman
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Jokes that one audience member apparently considered too offensive morphed a talent show into a nearly riotous scene Monday.

An audience member stormed the stage during the Fatal Fusion Dance Group's talent show fundraiser in the Student Center ballrooms while a contestant made jokes about fat and ugly people.

The confrontation cut the event short.

Emeric Brown, the ninth of 10 contestants, took the stage for his comedy act. After a few jokes, an audience member became angry with Brown and shouted from his seat against the wall.

Brown shouted back, and the audience member stormed the stage.

Spectators intervened and held the two men apart.

The confrontation riled many in the audience, and people began shouting and knocking over chairs.

Student Center Building Manager Raphael Uduhiri was on his rounds and noticed the crowd was getting rowdy.

"People were dancing on the chairs, and it seemed like there were some people who were going to get into a fight, so I just shut down the show,"

Uduhiri said. "They left with no problems."

Uduhiri said confrontations during student events are not common, but if something similar happens again, he thought the Student Center would consider placing restrictions on the type of events student organizations could hold.

Student Development Director Katie Sermersheim, whose office oversees Registered Student Organizations such as the Fatal Fusion Dance Group, said she had not heard of the incident until the DAILY EGYPTIAN contacted her Tuesday. Sermersheim said she could not say yet if punishment would result from the altercation.

Donald Williams, the male captain of the Fatal Fusion Dance Group, said the talent show would still take place next year and stressed that no Fatal Fusion members were involved in the fracas.

"The confrontation escalated, but a fight did not break out," Williams said.

The talent show was put on to help the dance group raise money to buy new costumes and travel to competitions. It featured student contestants and performances by dance groups such as Anarki and an opening routine by the Essence Fashion Models. The crowd of more than 300 people cheered



BRETT NADAL ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Essence Fashion Models pose on stage during the Fatal Fusion Talent Show on Monday night in the Student Center ballrooms. Essence opened the show, which was eventually cut short by a confrontation that began between audience members and a contestant.

and clapped as contestants rapped, sang a capella and danced to blaring music.

Williams said the final contestant dropped out in the midst of the confrontation because the contestant

thought the show would not continue.

Because the show was cut short, the crowd was not able to choose a winner. Williams said the dance team would vote on a winner today. The

winner will receive \$50 and a trophy.

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Wholesale inflation drops by record amount; retail sales decline

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THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Inflation at the wholesale level plunged at a record pace in October, led by big declines for gasoline and new cars, while retail sales slid for a second straight month.

Wholesale prices fell 1.6 percent in October, tying the record decline set in October 2001, the

Labor Department reported Tuesday. Underlying inflation, excluding energy and food, was also well-behaved, falling by 0.9 percent, the biggest retreat in 13 years.

Meanwhile, retail sales dropped by 0.2 percent in October following an even-bigger 0.8 percent fall in September. But much of the weakness in both months came from the big drop in energy prices, which depressed the dollar level of sales at

gasoline stations.

Excluding the drop at gasoline stations, retail sales actually rose by 0.4 percent last month, as strength in auto sales offset weakness at department stores and hardware stores.

Analysts said they believed the strength in employment, with the jobless rate at a five-year low of 4.4 percent, meant that consumer spending in the all-important holiday season would be supported by income

growth and the fall in gasoline prices, which will give Americans more to spend on other items.

"Despite all the angst about a slowing economy, I don't think Santa will be laying off any reindeer," said Bill Cheney, chief economist at John Hancock Financial Services. "The underlying trend in consumer spending still looks pretty healthy."

Consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of economic

growth, slowed sharply in the spring as consumers were battered by soaring energy prices, rising interest rates and a cooling housing market.

The overall economy grew at an anemic rates of 2.6 percent in the spring and an even weaker 1.6 percent in the summer. But analysts said there should be a modest rebound in growth in the final three months of this year as falling gasoline prices give consumers a second wind.

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"That's the sort of thing, as a voter, I appreciate," he said. "That's the sort of thing, as a councilperson, I appreciate."

Among the improvements throughout the past few years that Cole noted were the renovation of the downtown district with new businesses and an improved landscape, the annexation of hundreds of acres of land into the city's corporate limits, including the university and The Crossings mobile home park, and the community cleanup pro-

gram that was established over the summer.

The improvements Cole cited were not only outlined in his past State of the City addresses but also in his original position paper from 2002 when he announced his first mayoral run.

"With the help of many people, I kept my promises, and I'm very proud of that," he said.

Cole also announced his second mayoral campaign during the speech.

"I intend to stay your mayor and today, right now, I am officially announcing my candidacy for re-

election as mayor of the city of Carbondale," he said.

He said he decided to run because he wants to finish the job he started and that he is looking forward to the future.

"Ladies and gentleman, I'm excited about what I see in front of us as a community," he said. "I hope you'll join me in this effort as we continue to make Carbondale a great place to live, learn, work, play and do business."

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Roman Catholic bishops approve new guidelines on gay ministry

Rachel Zoll

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BALTIMORE —The nation's Roman Catholic bishops adopted new guidelines for gay outreach Tuesday that are meant to be welcoming, while also telling gays to be celibate since the church considers their sexuality "disordered."

Gay Catholic activists said the approach was so contorted and flawed that it would alienate the very people it was trying to reach.

The statement, "Ministry to Persons with a Homosexual Inclination," was adopted by a 194-37 vote, with one abstention, at a meeting of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

The bishops also overwhelmingly adopted separate statements encouraging Catholics to obey the church's widely ignored ban on artificial contraception and directing parishioners to examine their consciences to decide if they are worthy of receiving Holy Communion.

Anyone who knowingly persists in sinful behavior, such as gay sex or using artificial birth control, should refrain from taking Communion, the bishops said.

"To be a Catholic is a challenge," said Bishop Arthur Serratelli of Paterson, N.J., chairman of the bishops' doctrine committee. "To

be a Catholic requires a certain choice."

Presenting the gay ministry document at the meeting, Serratelli acknowledged that gay and lesbian Catholics "have a difficult task in this world, but this task is necessary and good."

"The tone of the document is positive, pastoral and welcoming," Serratelli said. "Its starting point is the intrinsic human dignity of every person and God's love for every person."

But gay Catholic groups thought the bishops' approach was flat-out wrong.

Francisco DeBernardo, executive director of New Ways Ministry, an independent outreach to Catholic gays that has run afoul of some church leaders, said the guidelines "do not reflect good science, good theology or human reality."

"This document proposes that lesbian and gay people be viewed not in the entirety of their lives, but in one dimension only — the sexual dimension," DeBernardo said. "No other group in the church is singled out in this way."

The guidelines condemn discrimination against gays and say it's not a sin to be attracted to someone of the same sex — only to act on those feelings.

The bishops also underscore

Catholic opposition to gay marriage and adoption by gay and lesbian couples but also say children of gay Catholics can be baptized if they are being raised in the faith.

Under the guidelines, parishes are instructed to help Catholics avoid "the lifestyle and values of a 'gay subculture.'" Gays also are discouraged from telling anyone about their sexual orientation outside a close circle of friends and supporters in the church.

On the subject of therapy to change same-sex attraction, the bishops said there is no scientific consensus on whether it can succeed. But church leaders say gays are free to seek counseling to help them live a chaste life.

Sam Sinnett, president of DignityUSA, an advocacy group for gay Catholics, said the document is damaging because it recommends that gays "stay emotionally and spiritually in the closet."

The bishops were planning to end their public sessions Tuesday, meeting behind closed doors through Thursday.

On Monday, the bishops urged national policymakers to leave behind the campaign season's "shrill and shallow debate" over Iraq and help end sectarian violence, so that citizens of the war-torn nation can find peace.

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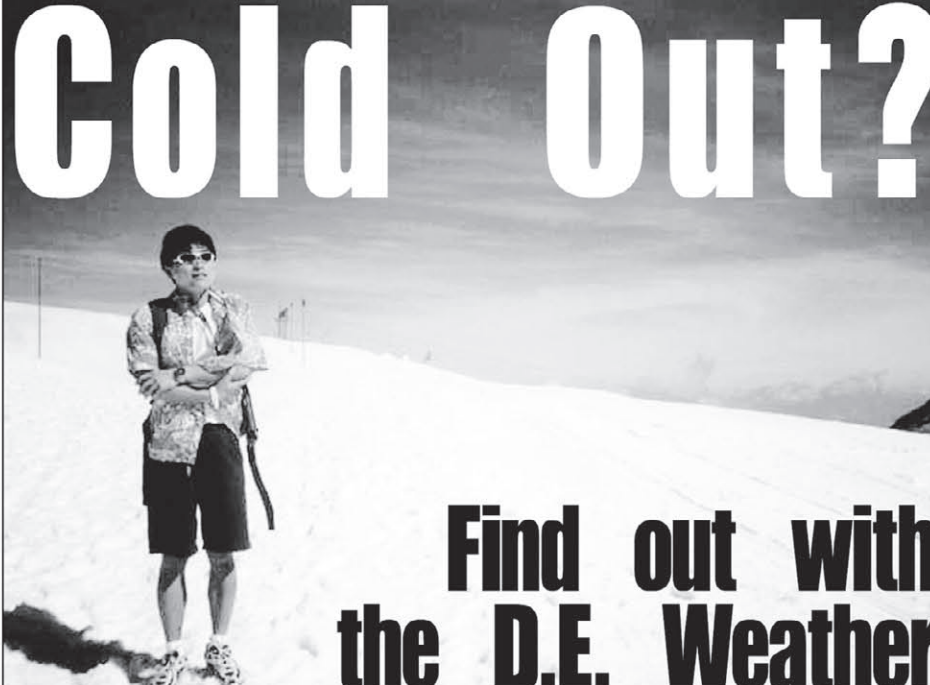
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Senior Johannah Yutzy, left, high-fives fellow senior Holly Marita following a point during the Salukis' loss to Evansville on Friday at Davies Gymnasium.

Life after volleyball

Scott Mieszala
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

Volleyball is a lifestyle for those on the SIU team, and five players are getting ready for life after volleyball.

The Salukis boast five seniors — middle blocker Johannah Yutzy, rightside hitter Haley Hann, outside hitter Ashley Saverine and setters Holly Marita and Monica Laird, all of whom might play their final match Saturday.

The match against Drake University is Senior Night, in which the senior class will be honored. That includes student assistant coach Jene' Pulliam, whose SIU volleyball career ended prematurely because of a back injury.

The home match could be the last of the regular season, as well as the seniors' careers, depending on whether or not the team qualifies for the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, which will take place Nov. 24 and 25.

Although SIU missed out on a chance to clinch a berth in the tournament Friday against the University of Evansville, the Salukis could still qualify if they best the Purple Aces' record in the final two regular season matches.

"I just hope that Senior Night's

not my last night to play," Yutzy said. "I really hope that we go on to the tournament. I would hate to see it end on Saturday."

The senior class has never played in an MVC Tournament, as the Salukis last made an appearance in 2002.

Securing a spot in the tournament is something Yutzy said she can't keep her mind off.

"I'm so desperate," Yutzy said. "I just want it so bad that I have to control my emotions."

Yutzy has averaged 3.16 kills per game the past two seasons, and her .365 attack percentage ranks second in the SIU single season record books.

Even if SIU makes the MVC Tournament, the seniors' playing careers would be over Nov. 25, which is the final day of the tournament.

This is not lost among the senior class, as the majority will be graduating in May. Others will graduate next fall, giving the seniors a minimum of six months as part of the general student population with no volleyball.

Hann, who was named to the MVC All-Freshman Team in 2003, said she has "no clue" what she's going to do after the season and her playing career come to a close.

"I'll have way more time on my hands," said Hann, a business marketing major. "I probably won't know what

to do with myself."

Saverine, though, has some idea of how to fill the void that volleyball will leave.

"I'll probably get a job because I'll have so much free time on my hands I won't know what to do with it," said the finance major. "I'm really excited."

Marita, also a finance major, and Yutzy, a marketing major, said they might attend graduate school, at which time they could become graduate assistants for their new schools' volleyball teams.

Saverine also said she might try to be an assistant coach the remaining time she's at SIU, as she's slated to graduate next fall.

SIU's record has steadily improved each year since this senior class arrived. The Salukis won seven games in 2003, nine in 2003, 10 in 2005 and 11 so far this season.

Yutzy said although she doesn't want her career to end, she can take something positive from it.

"I think we're going to leave a mark on the program," Yutzy said. "We've stuck through together, and we made it this far. Now we're going to end together."

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Saluki Banter

Texas Tech head basketball coach Bob Knight is in trouble for getting physical with a player again. Knight said he was trying to raise Michael Prince's confidence when he flipped his chin up during Texas Tech's game with Gardner-Webb on Monday night. Has the situation been blown out of proportion based on his track record?



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"It didn't look like a big deal to me. I mean, he wasn't choking the kid or chucking a seat from the second row at him. However, you usually don't see other coaches involved with similar contact. So, it has to be brought up, regardless of his history."

"Yes, this is blown out of proportion. Just because of his past, the media is quick to jump on him for anything he does. I once had a coach throw a hockey stick at me for not doing a drill right. I didn't complain, I just played harder. What did Tech think they were getting when they hired Knight? A saint?"

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"My favorite part of the coverage was Outside the Lines pointing out Prince wince on the bench, but people commonly wince when they say, commit a foul that results in a couple of free throws. What a non-story. Even Prince's parents saw it and had no complaints."

SALUKI TRACKER

NEW YORK GIANTS

Brandon Jacobs

In Sunday night's loss to the Chicago Bears, Brandon Jacobs rushed for nine yards on two attempts. Both attempts, however, resulted in touchdowns. Jacobs' longest run was an 8-yard touchdown run which brought the Giants within four points of the Bears. The game gave Jacobs six touchdowns on the season, one less than he had a year ago and good for eighth most in the NFL. Jacobs spells the NFL's leading rusher, Tiki Barber, who has one touchdown this season.



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

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MOHAMED

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would have had to qualify to get Mohamed in because Minnesota's individuals qualified.

The University of Missouri didn't beat any team from SIU's region, which blocked Minnesota from getting an at-large bid.

"It's like the basketball tournament because some teams get snubbed, people get upset, but that's how it is," Sparks said. "Mo isn't upset, and neither am I because he did the best

he could, and we can't control that kind of stuff."

Mohamed would have had to finish higher than the runner in front of him — a runner from Tulsa University who finished five seconds faster — for him to earn the final at-large spot.

But it doesn't mean Mohamed, who won the Missouri Valley Conference title Oct. 28, is looking back on the race with angst.

Mohamed said as soon as he got the call from his coach about not making nationals he was initially upset,

but after he sat down with Sparks, he wasn't bitter about the snub because his time of 31:17.74 in the 10K was a career-best.

"There's a couple of guys that were potential All-Americans that didn't make it," Mohamed said. "But next year, I'm going to put in 115-120 miles per week because I'm going to be one of the very best in the country next year."

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during the track season, as does their focus.

During the fall season, the Salukis relied heavily on a team effort. Runners had to stay in packs to push their teammates.

With the spring season, it's a completely different story.

Junior Brittani Christensen said track is less team-oriented from a competition aspect, but runners still want to see teammates succeed.

"The main thing that really changes is our workout because we do more speed training rather than long distance training," Christensen said. "We do more repeats of 800s and 400s instead of mile repeats, but I really enjoy the fall because the focus is on one event."

The spring indoor season also brings a new environment. In addition to colder weather, an indoor running terrain can alter running styles.

Sophomore Mohamed Mohamed said he's been looking forward to the

spring season from a competitive side but was not looking forward to the training aspect.

"It's more competitive for me because it's on an individual scale, and you're running on a track, which is more reliable," Mohamed said. "Trainingwise, I like cross country more than track because we get to train in hot weather rather than the cold weather we have now."

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DEFENSE

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On Aug. 31 — SIU's season opener against Lock Haven — the Saluki defense only boasted two returning starters in seniors Marlon Heaston, a safety, and Patrick Jordan, a linebacker.

Now, with one game remaining on the regular season schedule, the defensive corps looks like a veteran group.

With two starters returning and injuries hampering some upperclassmen, other players have risen to the occasion, such as Chauncey Mixon, Brandin Jordan, Moe and Bruner.

And the timing couldn't be better.

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FOOTBALL

Young SIU defense keeps getting better

Saluki defense plays key role in UNI win

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Coming into the 2006 season, the SIU defense was a major source of concern as to how the team would fare.

But with the Salukis one game away from a possible fourth consecutive playoff appearance and a chance to finish the season with an 8-3 record, speculation over the defense could be put to rest.

The defense's maturity was seen Saturday when the Salukis (7-3, 4-3 Gateway) limited the top-rated University of Northern Iowa's offense to just 23 points in a 47-23 SIU win.

SIU's defense recorded eight tackles for a loss, accumulating 25 lost yards for the Panthers and sacked UNI quarterback Eric Sanders three times for 17 yards.

Even more impressive, however, were the Salukis' three interceptions off Sanders — a 2006 Payton Award candidate, which honors the top offensive player in Division I-AA football.

SIU seemed to have constant pressure on Sanders and forced him to scramble out of the pocket and look for desperate passes.

"They got some pressure on us, and we kind of expected that," Sanders said. "They guessed right a couple times, which is a credit to them."

SIU head coach Jerry Kill said his team's ability to keep Sanders out of a rhythm early helped force turnovers, which contributed to the victory.

"We kept him uncomfortable," Kill said. "I think it all starts with turnovers and our defense making plays. There were good momentum shifts that we haven't been able to get the last couple of weeks, and we got them (Saturday) because our kids

were more aggressive."

A big part of the Salukis' success against Northern Iowa could be attributed to the emergence of outside linebacker Trevor Moe and cornerback Brandon Bruner.

Bruner, a junior, recorded two of the three SIU interceptions against the Panthers and led all Saluki tacklers in the game with eight. Both of his interceptions came in the second half to stop potential comeback drives.

Kill said Bruner has "been playing his butt off the last two weeks."

The 6-foot cornerback was named as the Gateway Conference's Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts against UNI and could be a big reason the Salukis make it into the national playoffs.

Moe, on the other hand, may have had the biggest impact play of the game against the Panthers.

After SIU scored on its first possession, Northern Iowa looked poised to tie the game on the ensuing drive after scoring a touchdown.

Moe blocked and returned the point after attempt by UNI for an 85-yard safety to give the Salukis a 9-6 lead in the first quarter.

Kill described Moe's blocked kick as a "big momentum switch."

Moe elaborated on his exhausting play.

"I didn't know if I was going to make it that far, but it was huge for us," Moe said. "We only put up two points on it for a three-point advantage, but it meant that we were up by a score instead of being tied."

The Saluki defense has come a long way since the season's inception 10 weeks ago.

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Saluki linebacker Trevor Moe holds back Northern Iowa offense during the Saluki football game Saturday evening at McAndrew Stadium.

End of season abrupt for Mohamed, short for all

Mohamed gets snubbed for at-large NCAA bid

Matt Hartwig
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Many thought sophomore cross country runner Mohamed Mohamed was supposed to be a shoe-in for an at-large bid to the NCAA Championships.

The NCAA selection committee, however, thought otherwise when it handed out bids Monday.

Despite Mohamed's 13th place finish with a time of 31 minutes, 74 seconds at the Nov. 11 NCAA Midwest Regional, he was left on the outside looking in for the NCAA Championships 38-man field.

The 11th and 12th place runners both received at-large bids, and last year, former SIU runner Joe Byrne got an at-large bid with a 21st-place finish.

Because of a handful of stipulations, though, Mohamed could not repeat Byrne's feat from 2005. But it didn't leave Mohamed sour.

Head cross country coach Matt Sparks said the qualifying procedure is based on who beats whom throughout the season, and it takes top overall runners from each team based on how they finished at regionals.

Sparks said the University of Minnesota



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Saluki men's cross country athletes prepare for their Nov. 6 practice in the locker rooms of McAndrew Stadium. The Saluki cross country teams shifts its focus to the spring indoor season following the weekend's NCAA Regionals.

“After this week, we're getting back at it because I want them ready for Jan. 20. It takes a high level of commitment to compete in both the fall and the spring, so I give these kids credit.”

No rest for cross country, indoor practice starts soon

Matt Hartwig
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU cross country team doesn't have much time to rest up after finishing its fall season Saturday.

In fact, the offseason consists of seven days — practice for indoor track season starts Monday.

Cross country runners are unique because they are the only athletes who compete in two SIU sports; the Salukis make the shift to track Jan. 20 at the Saluki Booster meet.

While most sports have the luxury of a lengthy offseason, these Salukis spend their downtime training because every member of cross country also participates in track.

During the brief layoff between seasons, the Salukis will have to adjust to a different style of running in addition to a new workout regimen.

Head coach Matt Sparks said the team won't practice this week, but most of the runners are practicing on their own.

"After this week, we're getting back at it because I want them ready for Jan. 20," Sparks said of the Saluki Booster meet. "It takes a high level of commitment to compete in both the fall and the spring, so I give these kids credit."

The Salukis' preparation for a meet changes

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— Matt Sparks
SIU cross country head coach

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