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Housing to respond to Wall and Grand complaints

Wayne Utterback
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

University Housing officials will soon decide how to respond to complaints aired by future residents of the Wall and Grand Apartments.

After a heated discussion late Wednesday night about delays at the new on-campus complex, Interim University Housing Director Lisa Marks said there would be a response ready for the students by sometime today.

About 50 students with Wall and Grand contracts filed into the basement of Grinnell Hall to

voice displeasure to Marks, University Housing spokeswoman Crystal Bouhl and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz.

The mood of the meeting was tense as students questioned construction delays, complained about their current living situation in Wright Hall

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USG Fight Club speaks out for student body's problems

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 DAILY EGYPTIAN



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Inside a binder sits 199 letters with questions and suggestions regarding Wall and Grand Apartments, campus safety, dining hall food and transit fees. The letters are from students around campus air-

ing their complaints and concerns through a new weekly group called Fight Club, which was formed by two Undergraduate Student Government senators who said they want to bring issues to the forefront through discussion and letter-writing.

What's the first rule of Fight Club? You must talk about Fight Club.

USG senators Matthew Picchiotti and Joe Yancey run Fight Club from the basement of

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Matt Johnson, right, of Carbondale talks with Brian Tunison, a John A. Logan College student as they bear the cold and rainy weather

Wednesday afternoon outside of Best Buy. Johnson and Tunison have been camping outside the store since Wednesday at 1 p.m. and are the first in line for the PS3, which will be released today at 8 a.m.

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Chilly weather for eager gamers

Alicia Wade
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Brian Tunison sat in his folding chair on the sidewalk outside of the Carbondale Best Buy, peeking out from under several layers of clothing, a scarf, a hat and a blanket — all to keep warm on a dreary day.

Tunison, a soon-to-be graduate of John A. Logan College from Carbondale, was first in a line of more than 25 people gathered since 1 p.m. Wednesday, anticipating the release of Sony's newest game system — Playstation 3.

Playstation 3 is set to release today with two different versions. One is a 60-gigabyte system priced at \$599, and the other is a 20-gigabyte system selling for \$499.

However, Tunison didn't dream of playing the latest videogame or seeing the most recent advances in graphics.

"I'm selling it," Tunison said. "Most of the people in this line are."

He said he planned on selling it on the online auction Web site Ebay and had heard some were selling for more than \$5,000. For the most part, though, the sales were averaging at \$2,500.

Frannie Heine, a sophomore from Peoria studying workforce education, was number 24 in line and had the same plan for her game system.

"I have a large phone bill that I'm paying off," Heine said. "I'm definitely selling it. I don't even play video games."

She was sitting in the line shortly after she got off work, arriving at 8 p.m. Wednesday. Staying dry on the rainy night was her biggest challenge.

"A lot of other people had tents

“**I'm selling it. Most of the people in this line are.**”

— Brian Tunison
 John A. Logan College student

and tarps," Heine said. "I just had a big umbrella and a blanket, so my blanket was soaked."

Some waiting in line did plan to purchase the Playstation 3 and keep it. Brittany Bencie, a sophomore at John A. Logan College from West Frankfort, said she planned on giving her game system to a family member as a gift.

Bencie said she had been waiting in line as No. 25 since shortly after 8 p.m. Wednesday.

"Everybody around us is nice," she said. "Everybody went down the line and introduced themselves. People held spots for us if we had to warm up or go somewhere."

Rosemary Howell, the general

manager of the Carbondale Best Buy, said she was surprised by how early the line began, pointing out when Xbox 360 went on sale, people began to line up the night before, not two days in advance.

She said the store had 26 Playstation 3's guaranteed to be available to the public, and the store explained rules and regulations to those waiting in line.

"They can't disrupt business, and if they leave the line, they lose their spot," Howell said. "But we've got a good group of folks back there."

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Committee to address intellectual dishonesty

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Recent plagiarism accusations against faculty and administrators caused SIU President Glenn Poshard in October to call for a committee to review intellectual dishonesty policies throughout the university system.

Vice President for Academic Affairs John Haller has assembled this committee — a blue-ribbon panel to formally address issues of intellectual dishonesty and plagiarism — and is in the process of assembling another committee to search for a new SIUC chancellor.

"We've seen over the last several months instances where people — both faculty and administrators — have had charges raised," Haller said.

He said he has tentatively selected nine faculty members and administrators but has yet to ask them to serve on the panel. He said five members will represent SIUC, and four will come from the Edwardsville campus.

In October, a committee ruled that former SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler, who stepped down Wednesday, committed intellectual dishonesty when he failed to attribute sources of the planning documents for Southern at 150, the university's plan to be a top-75 public research institution by 2019.

The committee determined Wendler lifted passages from planning documents of Texas A&M University's Vision 2020, a similar long-range plan that Wendler worked on before coming to SIUC.

It was the second plagiarism claim against Wendler during his time at the university.

SIUE has also undergone highly publicized accusations. Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift apologized in July for copying material in a speech, and professor Chris Dussold sued the university after being fired in 2004 for plagiarizing his teaching statement.

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CALENDAR

Student Alumni Council meeting

• 5:30 p.m. Monday Nov. 27 at the Student Center in the Kaskaskia Room
• Update on events and issues concerning the organization

Native American sovereignty

• 7 p.m. Monday Nov. 27 at the Student Center second floor Auditorium
• Judge Steve Russell, former trial court judge in Texas and current professor of Criminal Justice at Indiana University, will speak about Native American sovereignty

SIUC College Democrats meeting

• 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 28 at the Student Center in Activity Room B

National Association of Black Journalists

• 6 p.m. Tuesday Nov. 28 at the Student Health Center, Room 111/112
• Stress workshop in relation to finals and test taking

The Vagina Monologues auditions

• 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 29 at the McLeod Stage
• Individual auditions, sign up in green room in theatre department

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

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

CORRECTIONS

In Thursday's Pulse, the page 12 story, "The balance of dedication," incorrectly identified Lola Omoyofi, a graduate student in the Medical/Dental Education Preparatory Program from Cincinnati. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets this error.

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

POLICE REPORTS

There are no items to report today

NEWS BRIEFS

Wife pleads guilty to burning husband to death

EDWARDSVILLE (AP) — A Metro East woman admitted in court Thursday that she killed her husband by dousing him with gasoline and setting him afire while he slept.
Tammy Englerth, 34, of Highland pleaded guilty in Madison County Circuit Court to one count of first-degree murder. As part of a plea deal, prosecutors agreed not to seek more than 40 years behind bars for Englerth.
A sentencing date was not immediately set.
Authorities say Englerth left her home Jan. 5, put her son in her car, went back inside and started the fire in the house.
Her husband, 30-year-old Christopher Englerth, died of his injuries six days later at a St. Louis hospital. Tammy Englerth also was seriously burned in the blaze.
Tammy Englerth filed for divorce in the summer of 2004 but never followed up on the petition.

Parents in Metro East community want gay penguin book restricted from library shelves

SHILOH (AP) — A picture book about two male penguins raising a baby penguin is getting a chilly reception among some parents in this village who worry about the book's availability to elementary students — and the reluctance of administrators to restrict access to it.
The concerns are the latest involving "And Tango Makes Three," the illustrated children's book based on a true story of two male penguins — Roy and Silo — in New York City's Central Park Zoo who adopted a fertilized egg and raised the chick as their own.
Complaining about the book's homosexual undertones, some parents of Shiloh Elementary School students believe the book — available to be checked out of the school's library in this 11,000-resident town 20 miles east of St. Louis — tackles topics their young children aren't ready to handle.
Their request: Move the book from the library's regular shelves and restrict it to a section for mature issues, perhaps even requiring parental permission before their child can check it out.
At least for now, the district's chief isn't budging. Though a panel of school employees she appointed suggested the book be moved and require parental permission before it is checked out, Superintendent Jennifer Filyaw says "And Tango Makes Three" will stay put — at the advice of the district's attorney, who says moving it might be legally challengeable censorship.

Filyaw considers the book "adorable" and age appropriate, written for children ages 4 to 8.
"My feeling is that a library is to serve an entire population," Filyaw said. "It means you represent different families in a society — different religions, different beliefs. That's the role of a school library."
Lilly Del Pinto thought the book looked charming when her 5-year-old daughter — a kindergartner at Shiloh Elementary — brought it home in September. Finding the watercolor illustrations "pretty and beautiful," Del Pinto said she was halfway through reading the book to her daughter "when the zookeeper said the two penguins must be in love," jarring Del Pinto.
"That's when I ended the story," she said.
Del Pinto said her daughter's teacher told her she was unfamiliar with the book, and the school's librarian directed the mother to Filyaw.
"I wasn't armed with pitchforks or anything. I innocently was seeking answers," Del Pinto said, agreeing with Filyaw's belief that pulling the book from the shelves could constitute censorship.
"I've not spoken with anyone who says to get rid of it," Del Pinto said. "Of course, we know the kids eventually are going to learn about the homosexual lifestyle. That's not the issue. Please let us decide when our kids are ready. Please let us parent our kids."

Del Pinto says that while she may not "celebrate" homosexuality, "they're valued people."
The book has created similar flaps elsewhere. Earlier this year, two parents voiced concerns about the book with librarians at the Rolling Hills Consolidated Library's branch in the northwest Missouri town of Savannah. The book was moved to the library's nonfiction section at the Savannah library and another branch near St. Joseph, Mo.

This poll is brought to you by COUNTRY Insurance & Financial Services. siUDE.com Question: What are your plans for the Thanksgiving Break? 53% Go back to where you came from, 33% Stay in the 'Dale, 5% Vacation far away, 10% Sleep. Up Next: Was it the right time for Walter Wendler to be removed as Chancellor?

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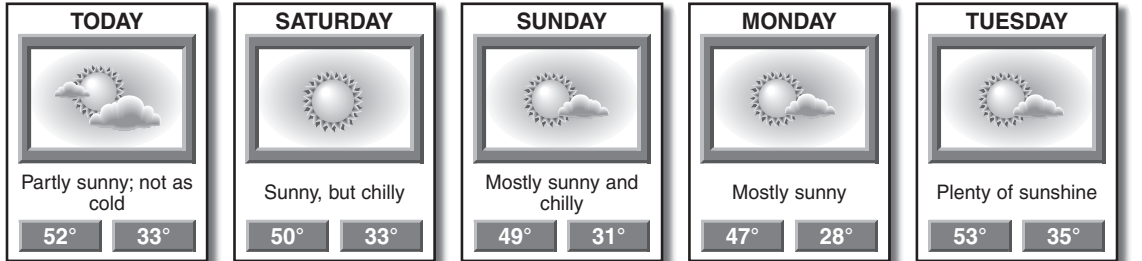
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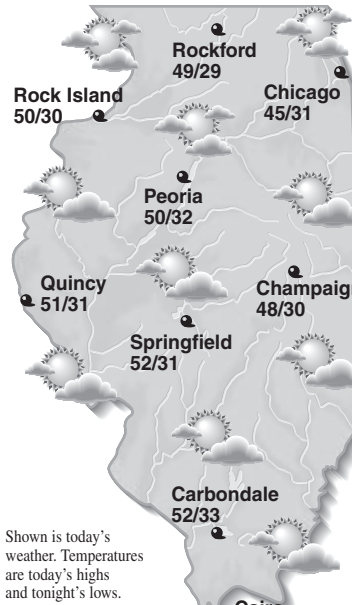
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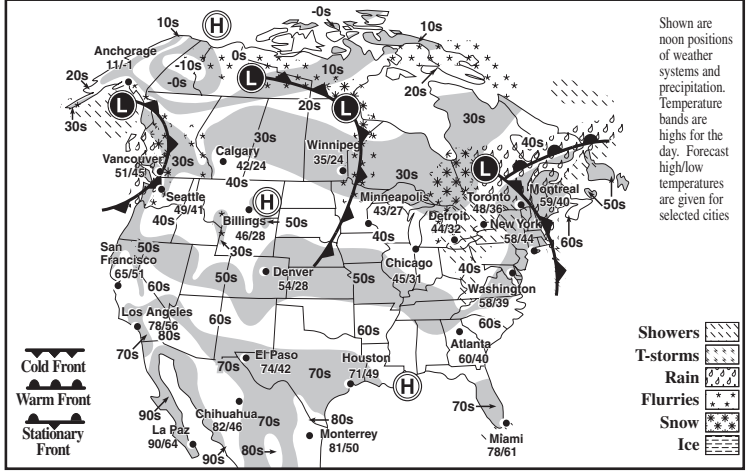
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National Weather Today



New police chief says he's prepared

Brandon Augsborg
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Newly appointed Carbondale Police Chief Bob Ledbetter has always had a plan.

Ledbetter was named police chief last week after serving as the interim chief for almost seven months. He has been with the department for nearly 30 years and has worked almost every job from patrol officer to deputy chief during that span.

"Everything I have done in my career has certainly prepared me for taking this job," he said.

Ledbetter said he originally wanted to be a teacher and graduated from SIUC in 1973 with a bachelor's degree in education. He said many family members were teachers, so it felt natural for him.

After graduation, he found teaching jobs difficult to attain and became a radio broadcaster in Marion, and that is where he made his first professional contacts with law enforcement. He reported police stories on the radio and became a member of the Marion Auxiliary Police, for which he received basic training in police tactics and firearms use.

"I developed an interest from that [radio], got on the auxiliary department and saw law enforcement from the inside," Ledbetter said. "I decided that if I got an opportunity, I would like to pursue a career in law enforcement."

He started with the Carbondale Police Department as a patrol officer in 1977 and has spent the last three decades moving from job to job learning the nuances of every nook and cranny of the department.

Deputy Chief Calvin Stearns, who

has worked with Ledbetter for almost 25 years, said Ledbetter's experience is what makes him ideal for the chief's position.

"They could not have selected a person that has more experience in the inner workings of this department," Stearns said.

Ledbetter's experience and overall knowledge of the department has spawned one of his main initiatives for the future of the department — better communication.

He said most people think communication is how the department, as an organization, communicates or that he would voice his expectations of the officers, but he has a different take.

"Communication is making sure the information that I have that is important for patrol officers to have, that information gets to them, and that there is a process for that to go through," Ledbetter said.

As the interim chief, Ledbetter began scheduling weekly senior staff meetings for the chief, deputy chief and lieutenants, and monthly supervisor meetings for senior staff members and sergeants, and he has continued those meetings as the chief, Stearns said.

Sgt. Paul Echols, who has also worked with Ledbetter for nearly 25 years, said interdepartmental communication is a key to success.

"Sometimes you have a piece of the puzzle, sometimes somebody else has a piece of the puzzle, and if you get together you can solve the puzzle," Echols said.

In his new role as chief, Ledbetter said he would also emphasize cooperation with and involvement in the community.

"That has a lot to do with the



MELISSA BARR ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Police Chief Bob Ledbetter works at his desk Wednesday morning at the Carbondale Police Station. Ledbetter was named police chief on Nov. 6 after serving as interim chief for nearly seven months.

background with what I've done in the police department, because I see the importance of the police department being a part of the community and the community being a part of the police department," he said.

He said the department communicates well with the community through local newspapers and also offers numerous services such as the Citizens Police

Academy, D.A.R.E. and National Night Out.

"All of that can be wrapped up in how we communicate with the community — essentially, we partner with them," Ledbetter said.

Regardless of criticisms or the inherent difficulty of being a police officer, Ledbetter said he relishes his service to the community and under-

stands the importance of his job.

"We have a role in society that we can't step away from, and that is to enforce the rules and to try and prevent people from being victimized," he said.

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Police: Residents should plan ahead to avoid robbery

Ryan Rendleman
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Thanksgiving break starts today, and so does the prospect of getting burglarized.

Officer Randy Mathis of the Carbondale Police Department said there are many measures students can take to help protect their property and homes against burglaries while away on break.

The Carbondale Police Department provides services for Carbondale residents who are concerned about their homes being burglarized. A resident can sign up for House Watch, and the police will check the listed homes once

a day, examining doors and windows to make sure no one has broken in.

Mathis also said the department offers a home security survey to Carbondale residents, in which an officer will examine a home and make suggestions about what measures can be taken to better secure the home.

Mathis said it is important to check all windows and doors to make sure they aren't easy access points for would-be intruders. Because many students rent homes and apartments, he said it is important to talk with property owners to get better security for areas that provide easy access to intruders.

SIUC Police Chief Todd Sigler

said it is crucial students shut and lock all doors and windows because it is often overlooked.

He also said students should take valuable items such as laptops home with them rather than leaving them behind. This applies to both students living in the residence halls and off-campus, he said.

"The residence halls enjoy the prospect that the front doors of the buildings are locked, and their rooms are locked," Sigler said.

Shrubs, trees and shadows can provide hiding places to burglars, especially if they are near a window or door, Mathis said. He said patrolling police could easily overlook would-be intrud-

ers ducking behind bushes or hiding in shadows, so he said it is important for students to clear their homes of such spots.

Mathis said the main objective for students who are leaving during break is to make their homes look inhabited.

"Giving the impression that you're there when your not is the main thing you can do," he said.

Mathis said students could give the appearance they are still home by using timed lighting and sound systems.

Letting newspapers and mail pile up is a give-away that a home is unoccupied, so Mathis said students should put their mail on hold or have some-

Sign up for House Watch

To sign up for the House Watch, call the Carbondale Police Department at 451-3200.

one they know collect it.

Sigler said officers check the residence halls during breaks to make sure there hasn't been a burglary. He said there have been very few incidents of burglary in recent years but said students should still take their valuables home with them.

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WORLD & NATION

House Democrats choose Pelosi as first female speaker

David Espo
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Democrats embraced Rep. Nancy Pelosi as the first woman House speaker in history on Thursday, then quickly snubbed her, selecting Steny Hoyer of Maryland as majority leader against her wishes.

"Let the healing begin," Pelosi, D-Calif., said after Hoyer had eased past her preferred candidate, Rep. John Murtha, a prominent opponent of the war in Iraq. The secret-ballot vote for Hoyer was 149-86. She was chosen by acclamation.

Added Hoyer, a 25-year veteran of Congress: "The Republicans need to know, the president needs to know and the country needs to know our caucus is unified today."

Hoyer, Murtha and several other Democrats predicted there would be no lingering effects from the bruising leadership campaign as the party looks ahead to taking control of the House in January after a dozen years in the minority.

Not everyone sounded convinced, though. "It created these tensions that we now have to work on," said Rep. Jose Serrano of New York, a Hoyer supporter.

Rep. Jim Moran, D-Va., who backed Murtha, said some members of the rank-and-file had told both rival camps to count them as supporters. "We know who they are," he said, although he later added that many of them were lawmakers whose victories Nov. 7 gave Democrats their majority.

"If they're freshmen, they get a pass

on this one," he said.

Democrats chose their leaders for the next two years as lawmakers in both houses labored to wrap up work for the expiring 109th Congress and look ahead to the 110th, which convenes Jan. 4.

House Republicans hold elections Friday, with a two-way race for minority leader.

Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, the current majority leader, faces a challenge from Rep. Mike Pence of Indiana. A third contender, Rep. Joe Barton of Texas, dropped out of the race and endorsed Boehner.

Missouri Rep. Roy Blunt, the incumbent GOP whip, also drew an opponent, Rep. John Shadegg of Arizona.

Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., has decided to step down from leadership in the wake of his party's election defeat.

Pelosi, 66, faced neither challenger nor controversy in her own race to become the Democrats' choice for speaker — and the first woman in history — after four years as party leader.

Her ascension awaits a vote by the full House Jan. 4, the opening day of the new Congress.

"We made history and now we will make progress for the American people," the Californian told fellow Democrats moments after her selection in the closed meeting, according to officials familiar with her remarks.

She pledged that after 12 years in the minority, "we will not be dazzled by money and special interests."

A veteran of nearly two decades in Congress, Pelosi raised more than \$50 million for the party's candidates and



CHUCK KENNEDY ~ MCT

Rep. James Clyburn (D-S.C.) is flanked by new Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.), left, and Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-Md.) as he speaks to the media Thursday after the Democrats met to choose their new leaders at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, DC.

committees over the past two years. In her time as minority leader, she was credited with molding an often-fractious rank-and-file into a unified force opposing the conservative agenda advanced by President Bush and congressional Republicans.

The race between Hoyer and Murtha was tinged with the residue of a leadership election five years ago. Pelosi defeated Hoyer then

to become the party's whip, with Murtha as her campaign manager.

Hoyer, 67, was the front-runner from the start in the current race for majority leader after having served as second-ranking in the leadership for four years. Like Pelosi, he campaigned widely and raised millions for fellow Democrats in the run-up to the congressional elections.

On Sunday Pelosi stepped force-

fully into the race — out of loyalty to Murtha, her allies said. She issued a letter of support for him, praising him for having called a year ago for an end to the U.S. military presence in Iraq.

"I salute your courageous leadership that changed the national debate and helped make Iraq the central issue of this historic election," she wrote.

Tornado kills seven in N.C. amid storm system blamed for 11 deaths

Estes Thompson
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIEGELWOOD, N.C. — A tornado flipped cars, shredded trees and ripped mobile homes to pieces in this little riverside community early Thursday, killing at least seven people, authorities said.

The disaster raised the two-day death toll from a devastating line of thunderstorms that swept across the South to 11.

Rescue workers using heavy equipment to search for bodies cautioned that the death toll could rise. Gov. Mike Easley said authorities had yet to account for four people, while hospital officials said at least five people, including four children, were in critical

condition.

"It almost looked like the mobile homes had exploded," said Alton Edwards, a member of a volunteer fire-and-rescue team. "There were cars on top of one another. It's just about as bad as it gets."

The storms that began Wednesday unleashed tornadoes and straight-line winds that overturned mobile homes and tractor-trailers, uprooted trees and knocked down power lines across the South.

In Louisiana, a man died Wednesday when a tornado struck his home. In South Carolina, a utility worker checking power lines Thursday during the storm was electrocuted. In North Carolina, two people died in car crashes

as heavy rain pounded the state, dropping as much as five inches in some areas.

Off the coast, a Coast Guard helicopter lowered a pump to a fishing boat that was taking on water in 15-foot seas about 50 miles from Charleston. One crewman was aboard the 34-foot boat, which the Coast Guard escorted back to land.

The tornado that struck Riegelwood — situated on the Cape Fear River about 20 miles west of Wilmington — hit shortly after 6:30 a.m. As many as 40 mobile homes were damaged before the tornado crossed a highway and leveled three brick homes. Some of the dead were believed to be children.

Bush seeks global help to face N. Korea

Terence Hunt
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SINGAPORE — Hurt by election losses back home, President Bush tried to exert his authority on the world stage Thursday by warning a nuclear-armed North Korea against peddling its weapons and vowing the United States would not retreat into isolationism.

Bush's declaration came on the eve of his arrival in Vietnam for a summit of Asia-Pacific leaders and individual meetings with a handful of them — all curious about whether election setbacks had unsettled him. Striking moments for Bush in Hanoi will include a visit Friday to Communist Party headquarters for talks with the party's general secretary.

Bush directly challenged newly empowered Democrats in the United States who are demanding a fresh course in Iraq and are fearful that free-trade agreements could cost American jobs.

"We hear voices calling for us to retreat from the world and close our doors to these opportunities," the president said in a speech at the National University of Singapore. "These are the old temptations of isolationism and protectionism, and America must reject them."

Bush will turn to personal diplomacy in meetings Saturday and Sunday with Russia's Vladimir Putin, China's Hu Jintao, Japan's Shinzo Abe and South Korea's Roh Moo-hyun. All are partners with the United States in talks aimed at persuading a defiant

North Korea to abandon its nuclear weapons.

While North Korea's recent nuclear test has been widely condemned, the 21 members of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum appeared divided over what to say publicly.

Meanwhile, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, who went to Hanoi a day ahead of the president seeking a consensus, said Thursday that North Korea must come to new disarmament talks ready to deal — or there is no point in holding such a session.

"I do think that after having set off a nuclear test that the North Koreans need to do something to demonstrate that they actually are committed to denuclearization that goes beyond words," Rice said.

WIRE REPORTS

ETHIOPIA

Agreement reached for a joint African Union and United Nations peacekeeping force for Darfur

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (AP) — African, Arab, European and U.N. leaders agreed in principle Thursday to a joint African Union and United Nations peacekeeping force for Sudan's Darfur region.

The force could be as large as 27,000-strong, including the existing 7,000-member African Union peacekeeping force in Darfur, but the leaders did not lay out a timetable for the force to begin work partly because Sudan had some reservations.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said additional personnel could include as many as 17,000 soldiers and 3,000 police officers.

WASHINGTON

Presidential hopeful John McCain calls for GOP to return to its common-sense conservatism

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the heels of devastating GOP losses, Sen. John McCain said "no defeat is permanent" as he called for the Republican Party to return to its common-sense conservatism — and implicitly cast himself as the one who can lead the party's rebirth.

"We lost our principles and our majority. And there is no way to recover our majority without recovering our principles first," the Arizona Republican said Thursday in the first of two speeches that could set the tone for a potential presidential campaign.

On the same day he launched a presidential exploratory committee, McCain said voters felt that Republicans valued their incumbency over their beliefs on such conservative standards as limited and efficient government — and he urged a return to those tenets.

"Americans had elected us to change government, and they rejected us because they believed government had changed us," the four-term senator said. "We must spend the next two years reacquainting the public and ourselves with the reason we came to office in the first place: to serve a cause greater than our self-interest."

He spoke before members of the Federalist Society, the organization of more than 25,000 conservatives and libertarians including high-profile members of the Bush administration, the federal judiciary and Congress. Later Thursday, he was delivering a broader speech about the future of the Republican Party to another conservative pillar, GOPAC.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Researchers build new robot that can adapt better to non-controlled environments, compensate

WASHINGTON (AP) — When people hurt a leg they can often make do by limping or using a crutch until they feel better. Now, there's a robot that can also cope with injury.

The ability to compensate can be vital in new or dangerous situations where unexpected damage or injury can occur.

Researchers at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., built a four-legged robot that can sense damage to its body and figure out how to adjust and keep going. They report the development in Friday's issue of the journal *Science*.

Most robots are used in industrial applications where their environment never changes, explained Hod Lipson, a co-author of the paper. If they are to become useful outdoors or at home they need to be able to cope with changes, he said.

The robot has tilt sensors and angle sensors in each of its joints and uses the readings from these devices to create a computer model of its own structure and movement. When the sensors indicate a change, it can then alter the model to compensate.

RESPONSE

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and asked about options if they wanted to break their contracts.

A new student group called Fight Club, which was formed this semester by two Undergraduate Student Government senators, organized the forum with the administrators.

After the meeting, Dietz said there would be "emergency meetings" on Thursday to discuss the students' concerns.

Delays at Wall and Grand have been the subject of much criticism. Many Wall and Grand residents are currently living in Wright Hall as they await the move-in date for the apartments.

Residents were first told they could move in Aug. 12, but construction delays pushed back the opening date several times. Administrators most recently slated Jan. 2 for students to move into the first of three apartment buildings.

University Housing officials have said the second building would also open in January, and the third would open in fall 2007.

Marks said there was no single factor causing the construction delays.

Students questioned the cost of rent at Wall and Grand, with one student asking what the justification was for paying \$620 a month.

"We are not the least expensive place in town, and we are not saying that," Marks said.

According to the University Housing Web site, rent this semester for two double-occupancy bedroom apartments is \$510 and rent for four single-occupancy bedrooms is \$620. Starting in fall 2007, those costs rise to \$536 and \$651 per month, respectively.

Colby Chapman, a sophomore from Chicago studying forensic science, said she would not get her hopes up about moving in early next semester.

"I feel this is very impersonal, the whole situation is very unprofessional, they're inadequate," Chapman said of the administrators. "I don't think it's going to be done in January."

Wall and Grand students living in Wright Hall have recently been given free laundry use, one of the amenities that was guaranteed with the Wall and Grand complex. They will also have use of cookware on each floor of Wright Hall during the Thanksgiving break.

The students are paying a discounted rate while they live in Wright Hall.

Dietz said the chance to talk with students about important issues was beneficial.

"I thought it was a great opportunity to have some dialogue," he said. "In retrospect, I think it would have been helpful had we started this earlier, but by the same token, we thought we



Christian Mason, a junior studying business, reacts as Interim University Housing Director Lisa Marks talks about the Wall and Grand Apartments delays at a meeting hosted by Fight Club in the basement of Grinnell Hall late Wednesday night.

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would be in the building earlier."

Fight Club co-founder Joe Yancey said the students were vocal because of how much the apartments affect their lives.

"Everyone's really passionate about it," he said. "It's informal, it's just open questions, everyone can just release all their anger. They all seemed pretty angry."

Matt Picchietti, who founded Fight Club

with Yancey, said he thought a lot was accomplished during the meeting.

"I think it was really good for the housing administration to hear from the students," Picchietti said. "I think the message they're getting is, 'What's really going on?'"

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FIGHT CLUB

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Trueblood Hall. The group's name comes from one of Picchietti's favorite films and is used to garner interest.

"It's sort of like an attention-getter," Picchietti said. "It's a convenient attention-getter because it's fighting for campus issues."

Picchietti said Fight Club has accomplished its goal of gathering student interest. In particular, the group has received 51 letters from future Wall and Grand residents who are waiting to move in after months of delays.

The leaders of Fight Club presented administrators with an eight-page report of their findings from the letters. Yancey said administrators seemed genuinely concerned with the issues with which they were presented.

Fight Club held a meeting late Thursday night to give future Wall and Grand residents the chance to state their concerns directly to Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz and Interim University Housing Director Lisa Marks.

"They seemed like they read every single letter the students wrote," Yancey said. "It really seems like they are trying to make things better."

Marks said she was impressed with Fight Club and hopes the group continues to work with the Residence Hall Association to continue bringing housing issues to university officials.

"I think the Fight Club idea is a great idea," Marks said. "From what I know about it is that they really want to go after the student voice."

Picchietti, Yancey and other USG senators met with Dietz for three hours Tuesday night to talk about issues students have brought to them. Dietz said Fight Club is doing a good job representing students.

"They have enhancing communication as their primary goal," Dietz said.

Matthew Picchietti

Joe Yancey



• Founders of Fight Club at SIU

Fight Club meetings are generally laid-back and relaxed, making it easier for students to talk with student government, Picchietti said.

However, there are more groups than just the one that meets in the Trueblood basement.

Other chapters of Picchietti and Yancey's Fight Club can be found at Thompson Point and Greek Row. Other chapters in the works will include the applied sciences, engineering and agriculture colleges.

USG senators run each section of Fight Club. The meetings invite students to participate in letter-writing and discussion.

Picchietti and Yancey have set several goals for the remainder of the year. They are attempting to double the amount of letters they get from students every week and said they hope to garner 1,000 letters by the fall semester's end.

By the close of the spring semester, the group expects to have collected over 5,000 letters, Picchietti said.

While the Wall and Grand issue is dominant, the group continues to look into other important campus issues.

"Dining hall food is the next big issue we are working on," Picchietti said.

He said the food on campus is liked by some, but not by all. Picchietti said he wants to find out what students think could be better and what students could care less about.

COMMITTEE

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"The existence of those suggests that perhaps we need to take another look at our policies to see if they are in fact fully relevant to the changes that have occurred in recent years," Haller said.

Though Poshard called for the nine-member committee after the Southern at 150 panel submitted its report, Haller said that one instance did not spur the systemwide plagiarism review.

"It didn't stem as a result of the first panel," he said. "It was part of his (Poshard's) overall plan from the beginning."

Haller said the presence of multiple questions of intellectual honesty on both campuses makes now a perfect time to review plagiarism policies.

One of the largest changes has been the growth of the Internet — a vehicle that makes committing plagiarism easier, he said.

"Some of these policies, their origin was in the early '90s, and the Internet was just in its infancy then," Haller said. "A lot has changed since, and we need to make sure our policies are relevant."

Haller said he also expects the committee to focus on whether there should be distinctions made between "scholarly plagiarism" — taking ideas from an established work — and "institutional plagiarism," or ghostwriting.

"I don't know the answer to a lot of these questions, but I think what we need to do is ask them, and then see what the conversation is out there both locally and nationally," Haller said.

Linguistics professor Joan Friedenbergh said she is concerned that Poshard is assembling the panel as a form of "window-dressing," and the former U.S. congressman will continue to

make decisions based on politics.

"If he were really interested in doing something about this, he'd be truthful and consistent, and he's not," Friedenbergh said. "I'm sure he has put together a committee of good people, and they'll put together a good report with good recommendations, but will Glenn Poshard apply those recommendations fairly? Fat chance."

Friedenbergh said she presented Poshard with many counts of administrative plagiarism, but he only chose to pursue the charges against Wendler.

"Some people on our campus who plagiarized are ignored, some get a talking to, some get reassigned, some get fired," Friedenbergh said. "If the administration at this university continues to be disingenuous and not seek and promote the truth, he can put together as many blue-ribbon committees as he wants, we're going to be nowhere."

Haller is also assembling a 14-member "search advisory committee" to assist in finding a new SIUC chancellor after Wendler's removal. Officials hope to have a new full-time leader named by July 1.

Haller said the committee would be assembled in early December and would have its first meeting before Christmas.

According to a document detailing the policy and procedures for the selection of chancellor, the committee will consist of seven faculty members, two staff members, an undergraduate student, a graduate student, an academic dean, an alumnus and a community member.

"You want to have a broadly diverse group of individuals in terms of age, gender and representativeness across the university," Haller said.

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OUR WORD

A time of thanks (and safety)

It may be hard for the typical student to realize this, but there is a big, crazy world outside of the SIUC campus.

The time before Thanksgiving break is one of many hard deadlines. There's always something due: One day there's a big presentation, the next day a term paper, and don't forget those dozen internship or scholarship applications that need to be mailed

before the end of the week.

Thanksgiving break is a much-needed time of rest for everyone (although for many there's work that is still to be done over the free week). This week provides great opportunities to get back in touch with the world beyond your desk or your computer screen. So to the SIUC student we say: Live it up, but please be careful.

The DAILY EGYPTIAN doesn't want to be your daddy, but we do feel the same worries of a protective parent on the verge of this latest break. Why? Well hardly a break goes by

that we don't hear an SIUC student or a local resident was found dead somewhere or some other tragedy has happened.

In looking at the last three short breaks this school has had, you see tough stories this newspaper had to tell.

Three southern Illinoisans died in car crashes over Thanksgiving week last year, the oldest was 26. The winter break that followed saw SIUC student Kurt Mueller had died from an overdose of OxyContin. Fortunately, there were no deaths to report over spring break, but there

was the story of then-senior Quinton Dudley, who was wounded after being shot seven times while picking his sister up from a birthday party in a case of mistaken identity.

Simply be careful out there, people.

There are more reasons to buckle your seatbelts than just the police. Sometimes, like with Dudley, you can't control what happens to you. But in those cases in which you have a choice to make, just think about the consequences and think about the people who may expect to see you again once school is back in session.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Compression does hurt

DEAR EDITOR:

I wish to support wholeheartedly the comments made in Monday's guest column by Dr. Wiesen, which aptly sums up the real issue in SIU concerning salaries. The problem was also exacerbated by the former chancellor's policy of hiring "super faculty" at huge salaries rather than employing the talents of accomplished and dedicated faculty already here. It has created a very uneven salary situation benefitting privileged individuals (hired at tenured positions with huge salaries often without departmental faculty consultation) who will gain more from "an across-the-board raise" than those existing on low salaries.

Early union demands for "across-the-board raises" under the dubious and undefined argument of a "job well-done" resembles certain Republican Party requests for a "flat tax" in which billionaires and low

income workers pay the same amount of tax. Both are equally inequitable and unfair.

The faculty union and administrative negotiators now urgently need to consider better proposals involving the elimination of these compression problems so that highly productive faculty finally receive appropriate financial recompense for their long years of service to SIU in the areas Dr. Wiesen outlines. An "across-the-board raise" involving everyone is no longer the solution. Special salary raises for accomplished faculty who have suffered from compression appears a logical solution. These faculty members often cannot move elsewhere due to decreased mobility in academia, age discrimination and professional jealousy in departments. They face a bleak retirement situation especially with the re-election of a governor who has danger-

ously reduced the state retirement funding system in the same way that the late Robert Maxwell plundered the pension funds of the British Daily Mirror newspaper over a decade ago.

Hopefully, our faculty union will raise to this task rather than repeat again their former rallying cry of "We shall close this University" that certainly encouraged student enrollment in the past as well as ignoring the need for employment for less well-paid civil service, Physical Plant workers and others who also contribute much to this campus.

Tony Williams
professor
Department of English

Thanks for the insight

DEAR EDITOR:

I express my sincere gratitude to Prescott Paulin for his guest column, "Give the lion his courage," in the DAILY EGYPTIAN on Wednesday.

You clearly voiced concerns and shed light on less than direct information surrounding the removal of Chancellor Wendler from his post at SIUC.

As a USG senator, you bring important information to light where a lack of effort has been relating to communication in this university. President Poshard has been a roaring lion calling attention to himself. The courageous lion, the now former Chancellor Wendler, who has SIUC in his best interest, has been the scapegoat. I am concerned

that these events will bring about a return to the former status quo, which had brought this university to where it was before Chancellor Wendler came.

Trying to please everyone only leads to mediocrity because no one is offering true leadership that challenges people out of their present comfort zones and to move toward excellence. I am thankful the former Chancellor "for better or worse . . . never back(ed) down from his tenacious beliefs," as you said.

Many seem to think that the Chancellor's ideas were too difficult to be attained. Personally, I am thankful for a man with purpose and integrity to

envison something beyond what those locally have thought possible and created a spark to make things happen.

I, like you, Prescott, will be waiting to see how long it is before the new administration takes the laurels of its deposed leader and parades about proclaiming what great things they have done. I hope, for their integrity, that I am wrong — that honor will continue to be given where honor is due and that progress will proceed at SIUC.

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doctoral candidate in Geology

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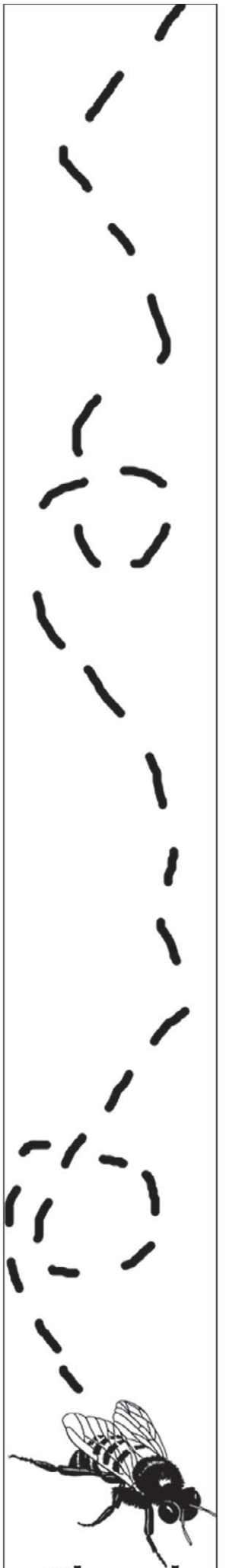
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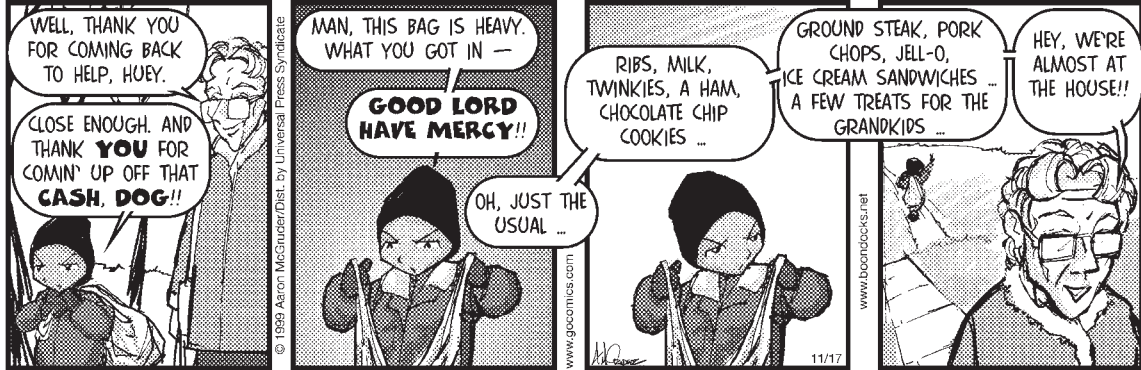
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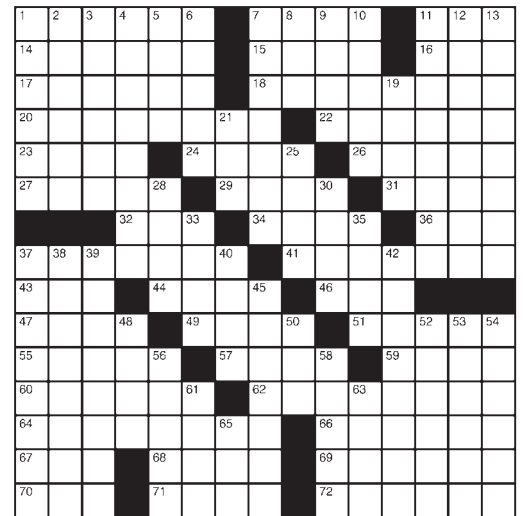
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- ACROSS**
- Pay the price
 - Be mouthy
 - Jurist Fortas
 - Unduly expensive
 - Persia, today
 - Farm enclosure
 - Mathematician Blaise
 - Economized drastically
 - Aerosol medication
 - Twin of Artemis
 - Crack shots
 - Have to have
 - Single step
 - Boot Camp denial
 - Deuce plus one
 - Attila's people
 - Lummox
 - Burn slightly
 - Bishopric
 - Shine with amusement
 - Way of doing things
 - Make free (of)
 - Overhang
 - Nothing at all
 - Sister of Osiris
 - Written material
 - Bounded
 - Uses an axe
 - Sports org.
 - Declare openly
 - Get hold of
 - City dweller
 - Edible crustaceans
 - Sleep inducer
 - Lennon's love
 - "Dies ___"
 - Pockmarked
 - "Oedipus ___"
 - Christmas drinks
 - Garden tools
- DOWN**
- Way from Rome to Brindisi
 - Spanish dictator
 - Goes angling
 - Important event
 - Based on fact
 - Welsh poet Thomas
 - Nuns
 - Rainbow shape
 - Poet Teasdale
 - Quick short cuts
 - Two-handed praise
 - Direct paths
 - Approves formally
 - Nocturnal insect
 - Court divider
 - Profound
 - Croupier's tool
 - Fish story
 - Brit's apartment
 - Stir up
 - French flag
 - Offensive formation in football
 - Boob tube
 - Balanced
 - Housework
 - Makes allowances for
 - Mineral springs
 - Viscous liquid
 - Fly
 - Boy wizard Harry
 - Nubby wools
 - Non-violent protest
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Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 7 - There's an awkward learning curve whenever you take on a new endeavor. Don't give up; practice when nobody's looking.
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Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 9 - You're good working with others for altruistic objectives. You're inhibited by a tyrant or other large monster, which makes the game more interesting. Get your team together.
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Solution to Thursday's puzzle

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9	1	2	5	7	6	4	3	8
1	3	9	2	6	7	8	4	5
4	8	7	3	5	1	6	2	9
2	5	6	4	8	9	7	1	3
5	9	1	6	2	8	3	7	4
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Yesterday's Jumbles: HAREM FLOUR DROPSY HAPPEN
 Answer: What the balcony section gave the rock stars — THE "UPPER" HAND

Beware, Murray State

Scott Mieszala
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Now that the Dawg House has been packed, it's time for the SIU women's basketball team to protect it.

The Salukis (0-1) will host Murray State University (2-0) tonight at the SIU Arena. Tip-off is set for 7:05 p.m.

SIU is coming off a 71-60 loss Nov. 12 to the University of Missouri, but the Salukis kept the game close against the Tigers, a 2006 NCAA Tournament team.

After her team's solid performance in its opener billed as "Pack the Dawg House Day," head coach Dana Eikenberg thanked a record-setting crowd over the public address microphone. She encouraged all 3,367 in attendance to come back, promising continued success by the women's program.

Last season, SIU visited Murray State and trounced the Racers in a 94-77 win.

Senior forward Carlai Moore said 2005's embarrassing defeat could provide extra motivation for Murray State. "I think they're a hungry team,"

Moore said. "We went to their house last year and had a big win against them, so now they're ready to come to our house and do the same thing."

Sophomore forward Jasmine Gibson said SIU must prepare for the game against Murray State as they would any other game, regardless of past results.

"We need to come in here and just get it done," Gibson said. "Don't take them lightly because when you do that, they catch you sleeping."

Moore said the Racers possess a complete game with quality play from both their inside and outside players.

Eikenberg said the Salukis need to stop dribble penetration and give the Racers different looks when SIU is on defense. She added that another important aspect will be minimizing Murray State's offensive rebounds.

"We can't give them repetitive opportunities," Eikenberg said. "If we can really control that, then we'll be able to control the tempo of the game."

Gibson, who fouled out with 4:38 remaining against Mizzou, said her defensive intensity must remain just

as high, however, she needs to stay in position to minimize her fouls.

"I bring a defensive energy when I'm in the game," Gibson said. "I have to keep that consistent."

On the offensive side of the court, Eikenberg said SIU needs to be more aggressive and work the ball inside to the post more. To do that, SIU will need to drive the lane more often and use its post players, such as Moore, Gibson and freshman forward Dana Olsen.

The trio was a main source of scoring against Mizzou, combining for 39 of SIU's 60 points. Moore led the way with 16 and 10 rebounds.

Eikenberg said the Salukis must put forth the extra effort and keep their poise against Murray State.

"(The Racers) are coming in here with the thought process that they're going to beat us," Eikenberg said. "We've got to be as deeply focused and ready to go as we were for the Mizzou game."

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MUST-WIN

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Both Hill and Whitlock could expose the Thunderbird defense. Both SUU's passing and rushing defense rank as second-worst in the Great West by allowing 147.8 rushing yards per game and 184 passing yards per game.

The Southern Utah offense, meanwhile, will bring more of a West Coast style to McAndrew Stadium — the passing game has contributed for more

than half of SUU's total offense.

"They are a team that offensively can spread you out," Kill said. "They can do a lot of different things and have a quarterback that can throw it with a big-time arm."

Wes Marshall, Southern Utah's signal caller, averages 177.6 passing yards per game while spreading the wealth to many targets.

Senior cornerback Brandon Bruner said the Salukis have noticed a tendency in the SUU passing scheme — the Thunderbirds run the option often.

Bruner said part of the team's focus this week during practice is to limit the amount of big plays by SUU, particularly in the secondary.

"That has been something that has been addressed all year, and something we want to limit is the big plays," Bruner said. "Every week, we are trying to limit the big plays so we can give our team a chance to win."

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SALUKIS

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Sophomore libero Kristy Elswick said despite the tough loss, SIU is looking past the disappointment.

"We would've liked to already beat Evansville," Elswick said. "But it's a challenge, and I think we're up for it."

The biggest challenge for the Salukis this weekend might be tonight's match against Creighton.

SIU fell to Creighton in four games Sept. 16, despite strong offensive and defensive performances by Johannah Yutzy and Chandra Roberson. Both middle blockers recorded 12 kills and three block assists in the loss to the Bluejays.

Yutzy said with the parity in the MVC this season, hope remains for

the Salukis.

"It's the MVC — anything can happen," Yutzy said. "I think this weekend, with the motivation we do have, I think we'll have the upper hand."

Head coach Brenda Winkeler said the key to beating Creighton would be a strong blocking match led by Yutzy, Roberson and senior rightside hitter Haley Hann.

Winkeler added she would emphasize ball control and aggressive serving against what she described as a "good defensive team."

Saturday's opponent, Drake, cannot be taken lightly, regardless of its low standing in the MVC.

Winkeler said the Bulldogs have a unique look, as their outside hitters are their strength instead of the middle blockers. To be successful, the

Salukis will once again need strong blocking from their rightside hitters.

Winkeler added it would be important to get the ball in the setters' hands so SIU can get Roberson and Yutzy involved in the offense. The duo combined for 20 kills in the last match against the Bulldogs.

Then if Drake could pull off an upset against Evansville, the Salukis would benefit.

"It'd be nice if we upset Creighton on Friday night and listened to the MVC hotline and hear that Evansville gets upset by Drake," Winkeler said. "They're also a team that when they're on, they can come out and play well."

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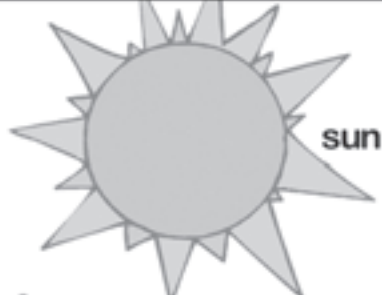
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Saluki Insider

Saluki Banter

Plain and simple, who will win the big game this weekend? Is it going to be Ohio State at home or Michigan with the upset? Should they repeat in the national championship game?



JORDAN WILSON

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"A road win in the Big Ten is tough. While Michigan has looked like a bunch of studs this year, I've gotta give the nod to the Buckeyes, per home field advantage. And, yes, more than likely these two will butt heads for the national title."

SALUKI "Quote of the Week" Jerry Kill

"These days are always emotional and certainly when you have the seniors going out it's always emotional for them. The biggest emotion for everyone right now is that we want to win because we all want to keep playing."



-SIU head football coach Jerry Kill on the emotions going through the team's head before its game against Southern Utah University Saturday at McAndrew Stadium at 3 p.m. The game is also Senior Day and could be the last home game for an abundance of seniors on the team.

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

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#11 Southern Illinois University vs. Southern Utah University

When: Saturday, Nov.

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Where: McAndrew Stadium (17,000)

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The word on the Salukis...

SIU kept its playoff hopes alive with its inspiring 47-23 win over the University of Northern Iowa. Although the Panthers outgained the Salukis 415-393, SIU's defense intercepted three passes en route to the victory. The offense also did not turn the ball over once, consistently pounding the UNI defense with runs from Arkee Whitlock.

The word on the Thunderbirds...

After winning three of their first four games, SUU is in the midst of a six game losing streak. During the slide, the Thunderbirds lost by more than 20 three times. Furthermore, SUU is winless this season on the road, which bodes well for a Saluki team that is 4-1 at home this season.

Position-by-position breakdown:

Quarterback- Nick Hill turned in a nearly flawless performance last week, completing 12 passes on 15 attempts for 172 yards and two touchdowns. Hill also ran the ball three times for 26 yards in contributing to a ground attack that netted 221 yards. Hill also didn't throw an interception for the seventh time this season.

Where Wes Marshall goes, the Thunderbirds go. In SUU's three wins this season, Marshall has thrown nine touchdowns and one interception, completing 75 percent of his throws in the wins. In the Thunderbirds' seven losses, Marshall has connected on seven

touchdowns and tossed 12 interceptions. If SUU is to be successful, Marshall must minimize his mistakes.

Advantage- SIU

Running Back- In his final season, Arkee Whitlock has handed in his best performance. He has ran for a career high 18 touchdowns, and needs 84 yards to match his rushing yardage of last season. Whitlock, who is averaging 5.6 yards per carry this season on 246 attempts, is coming off a four touchdown performance against UNI, in which he carried the ball a career-high 40 times for 180 yards.

The Thunderbirds platoon two running backs, and the starter, Johnny Sanchez, has been plagued by inconsistency this season. Twice he's rushed for more than 100 yards this season, but he's fresh off a game in which he ran the ball four times for minus-four yards. In the games that he's rushed for 100 or more yards, he's broken off a 70-yard run in each game.

Advantage- SIU

Wide Receiver- Although the Salukis live with the rush, their receiving corps is more than capable of the big play. Leading receiver Braden Jones, a tight end, has caught six touchdowns this season and averages 16.6 yards per catch. Alan Turner has made the most of his 16 receptions, averaging 18.3 yards per catch and pulling down four touchdowns.

The leading receiver for the Thunderbirds is less of a big play receiver and more of a possession receiver. Joey Hew Len, who measures 6-foot-3-inch and 220 pounds, has averaged 11 yards per catch this season. However, he has 46 receptions for 507 yards and eight touchdowns, overall numbers above any individual Saluki receiver. However, SUU suffers a drop-off after Len.

Advantage- SIU

with a new coach and a bevy of new players.

Tatum said from film he watched, the Racers looked to be similar to the Salukis. Tatum said they played man-to-man defense and put on a full-court press frequently.

"If they're similar to teams in the past, I'm sure we'll be in for a fight," Tatum said.

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"They're good enough now as juniors where they can make plays," Lowery said. "And that's where we've got to continue to make sure we focus on — going inside and then outside."

While the Salukis have had their game plan etched out all along — they return five starters and their top eight scorers — the Racers carry with them a fresh look

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FOOTBALL

Salukis face another must-win

SIU must stop Southern Utah for at-large playoff bid

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The Salukis are still one win shy of claiming a legitimate playoff berth.

The SIU football team, though, could prove its worth by way of a fourth consecutive playoff appearance by topping Southern Utah University on Saturday. The game starts at 3 p.m. at McAndrew Stadium.

The Salukis face yet another must-win game for the second week in a row.

Last week, SIU dominated the University of Northern Iowa in a 47-23 victory.

This week, the Salukis (7-3, 4-3 Gateway) will look to improve their playoff chances by fending off Southern Utah's Thunderbirds (3-7), who have lost seven of their last eight games.

A win for SIU could seal the deal for a playoff nod with the automatic berth that comes with the Gateway title out of reach, the Salukis must gain entry into the playoffs as one of eight at-large bids.

A Thunderbird win, though, would give the Salukis their fourth loss, which has historically eliminated teams from playoff contention.

Senior quarterback Nick Hill said the Salukis can't leave their playoff hopes to chance and must focus on Southern Utah.

"It is definitely a must-win," Hill said. "We said the playoffs started last week. This is the most important game of the year, and we are going to come out and play it that way."

While Southern Utah sits in last place in the Great West Conference,



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Saluki quarterback Nick Hill hands the ball off to running back Arkee Whitlock while the offensive line holds the defense during the Saluki football game against Western Kentucky on Oct. 21 at McAndrew Stadium.

some speculate the game could be overlooked. Hill, though, played down the notion.

"They have played some good teams, and they were right there in all of those games," Hill said. "So we aren't going to look past them because, like I said, this is the biggest game of the year. We are going to come out as

focused as ever because we know how important this game is."

Hill comes into the game off of a stellar performance against Northern Iowa on Saturday.

He did not throw an incomplete pass during the first half and only threw three all game before handing the spotlight over to senior running

back Arkee Whitlock.

Whitlock gained 289 yards of total offense, rushed for a career-high four touchdowns against the Panthers and seems to thrive in the big-game situations.

Kill said Whitlock is a special type of player, one people don't get to watch very often.

Saturday, the senior running back will have a chance to break three all-time Saluki records: the single-season record in rushing touchdowns (21); the single-season points scored (128); and the career all-purpose yardage record (5,077).

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Defensive mentality

Saluki defense looks to turn up heat against Racers

Jordan Wilson
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On the heels of a 59-28 victory, it would be safe to think SIU men's basketball coach Chris Lowery would be content with his team's defense.

Washington (Mo.) University's 28 points were the fewest allowed in SIU history, yet the third-year head coach could rattle off a handful of things his Salukis could improve on defensively. SIU will look to make those strides Sunday when the Salukis host a sluggish Murray State squad.

It's not that Lowery's displeased with his defense; last year, the Salukis had the fourth-best scoring defense in all of Division I. Rather, Lowery can always find something defensively to nitpick about.

"We want to be the best defensive team in the country," Lowery said. "And I think we have a chance to do that with working hard and doing the things we do."

While SIU's defense is a perennial mainstay, the Racers' offense has been sporadic through their first three games. They finished with point totals of 84, 68 and 44 in their three games this season, all of which have been losses.

Regardless of the offense the Salukis face, sophomore guard Bryan Mullins didn't hesitate to stress defense.

"We want to be the best defensive team in the country. And I think we have a chance to do that with working hard and doing the things we do."

— Chris Lowery
SIU head basketball coach

"Defense we can always improve," Mullins said. "We need to stop fouling so much — get our hands off people."

To do so, SIU will receive some much-welcomed assistance from senior co-captain Jamaal Tatum, who served a three-game suspension stemming from a March drunken driving charge.

Mullins said having his backcourt mate back on the floor will make his job much easier.

"I think J.T. will help a lot — just having another shooter on the floor will open it up for me," Mullins said.

During Tatum's absence, a slew of other players proved themselves capable of being offensive threats. Two of those players, who also played key roles last season, are junior forwards Matt Shaw and Randal Falker.

Instead of using strong guard play to open



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Tyrone Green goes up for a shot during the SIU vs. Washington (Mo.) University game Nov. 10 at the SIU Arena. The Salukis will play Murray State University on Sunday at home at 2:05 p.m.

the gates for the frontcourt, Lowery said his big men would draw attention to Murray State defenders.

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VOLLEYBALL

Salukis fight for their playoff lives

SIU must win one more game than Evansville

Scott Mieszala
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The SIU volleyball team's playoff hopes have come down to the final two matches.

The Salukis, who currently sit in seventh place in the Missouri Valley Conference, must advance into the sixth position to earn an MVC Tournament berth.

After a loss to the University of Evansville on Nov. 10, SIU relinquished the tiebreaker for the sixth spot in the MVC Tournament to the Purple Aces and now must win the sixth seed outright.

The Salukis (11-16, 6-10 MVC) will host Creighton University (18-9, 10-6 MVC) tonight and Drake University (6-22, 2-14 MVC) on Saturday at Davies Gymnasium — both matches will begin at 7 p.m.

Evansville will also play Creighton and Drake this weekend; therefore, the Salukis need one more win than Evansville this weekend to earn a spot in the tournament.

The Salukis could have clinched a spot in the playoffs if they had beaten Evansville — the Salukis lost in three games.

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