Position-the-scenes official retires

JEFF ENGELHARDT
Daily Egyptian

The name is about to change in one of the least known, but most important positions on campus.

The search for a new assistant to the chancellor is about to conclude after Susan Ferry announced she would retire by the end of the month.

Chancellor Sam Goldman said his job would have been nearly impossible without the contributions from Ferry.

The Board of Trustees signed off on a study Thursday to figure out the potential cost and funding sources for building a wind turbine on campus. The board assigned Phil Gatton, director of the Physical Plant, to look into the economic and fiscal benefits of building.

Gatton said the process will take some time and there was no time line for construction.

"It’s going to be a long and drawn-out process," he said. "There are still a lot of things that need to be done before anything starts being seen."

Among the steps Gatton said need to be happen before the Board of Trustees approves the construction is taking previously collected wind information to an outside consultant for analysis, to estimate the cost of delivering the power generated by the turbine and the environmental impact of the turbines.

With the cost of electricity rising close to $3 million over the past five years and the current money woes of the school, Gatton said this is the time to invest in wind power.

He said he hopes funding for the turbine, which could cost upwards of $6 million, will come from grants and the recently implemented green fees — which began in October to promote energy savings and enhance sustainability.

Paul Restivo, chairman of the Sustainability Council, said the fee has raised over $200,000 to help fund projects. He said Gatton and the Physical Plant had not yet applied for funds as of Tuesday afternoon.

Jon Dyer, vice chairman of the Green Fee Committee, said he expects an application for the turbine to be turned in before the Feb. 24 deadline. He said despite the size of the project, funds from the green fee would be dispersed evenly.

"This fee was set up so we could support green projects across campus, regardless of size," Dyer said.

"The turbine is a great project though, and I would more than happily give the project some of the funds," University officials have spent the last several years researching the possibility of building a turbine. The university applied for, and received, a $30,000 grant in 2007 to investigate the feasibility of building a turbine, according to Daily Egyptian archives. Gatton said this research helped show the trustees the possibilities of generating power with wind in the region.
Alexander S. Cheung was arrested on suspicion of felony retail theft when Carbondale police responded Saturday to the 700 block of East Grand Avenue in reference to a report of a retail theft, a department release stated. Cheung was released and given a notice of court appearance, the release stated.

Thaddeus B. Bowles was arrested and charged with two accounts of residential burglary Feb. 8 when Carbondale police responded to the 1000 block of North Oakland Street in reference to a report of a burglary in progress, a department release stated. Officers then discovered a second burglary on the same block, which Bowles had allegedly committed. Officers recovered and returned to its owners a majority of the stolen property from both incidents, the release stated. Bowles is being held in the Jackson County Jail.

Shane N. Jones was arrested Thursday when Carbondale police responded to the 1400 block of East Main Street in reference to a report of unlawful use of a debit card, a department release stated. Jones was being held in the Jackson County Jail.

Carbondale Police responded Sunday to the 600 block of South Poplar Street in reference to a report of a hit and run traffic crash, a department release stated. Officers learned at 9:10 p.m. a red Pontiac Sunfire was traveling south on the 500 block of South Poplar and lost control while turning left onto West College Street, the release stated. The vehicle left the roadway and struck a fire hydrant, likely causing damage to its side. The vehicle was last seen traveling east on the 500 block of West College Street, the release stated.

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Founding director of Global Media Research Center to retire

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Daily Egyptian

Nearing 70, John Downing said he’s reaching the not-so-magical retirement age — but his work is far from finished.

Downing, professor of international communication and founding director of the Global Media Research Center, will retire at the end of the semester.

Downing is known more for his work with the center because he most-ly taught classes to graduate students. He also guest taught in undergraduate classes but mostly focused on upper-level courses because of his commitment to the center, he said.

The center has hosted speakers from places such as Korea, Australia and Thailand and helps students at the university with their research on global media, Downing said.

Downing’s work has made him a household name with respect in the area of mass communication, and he is still continuing several more projects involving students, said Es-leen Merhan, professor in the depart-ment of Radio-Television.

“He’s not somebody who trumpets their fame,” Merhan said. “But he’s about as close to a rock star as you can get in my part of the world.”

Downing said the former dean, Manjunath Pendakur, wanted a center that would support research in global media and made the center a reality after inviting Downing to be director in 2004.

“I would hope that the center has helped to get the college to its rightful place on the map nationally and inter-nationally,” he said.

Kiran Bhatthapudi, a doctoral stu-dent in international crisis and media policy from India, said Downing was the reason he returned to the university to finish his degree.

“(Downing) was one of the reasons I came back to finish my Ph.D.,” Bhat-thapudi said. “He actually changed the way I think about the world around me.”

Downing and some of his students are currently researching the Nigerian film industry, which he dubbed “Nai-lywood.” The research focuses on race and media, and examines cinemas in the Middle East and Latin America, he said. Downing said he is also work-ing with students to research grass-roots media in communities and is working on an encyclopedia to com-pile the work.

“The grassroots research is Dow-ning’s greatest accomplishment,” Downing said.

“He books have been pouring out now on the subject and many of them have been kind enough to mention me,” he said.

This research is all being done while Downing and his wife are plan-ning to move to Brooklyn, N.Y., where they used to live in the 1980s, he said. Moving around in the city is a lot easier than moving around in a less populated area, he said.

“As you get older you become re-ally less viable as a driver to yourself and others,” Downing said. “Here we would end up marooned in our house-whereas if you’re in the city with pub-lic transport, you’re not marooned any more.”

Downing won’t let himself be marooned in the United States either, he said. He said he received offers to teach in Denmark in the fall and could possibly teach in Finland in the spring.

“Mehan said she is looking for-ward to Downing’s future visits to SUIC as he is sure to bring back more research. She said she commends him for his ability to inspire students to explore media more and more through his research.

“He brings wisdom and insight to the process of helping people trans-form themselves into the next gen-eration of new researchers with new questions,” Merhan said.

Downing is a tremendous asset to the college, Bhatthapudi said, and it will be a great loss for the department of Radio-Television when he is gone.

Lisa Brooten, interim chairwoman of the department, said even though the department will be losing a vital member, she expects his legacy will create a positive future for the program.

“I think his retirement is unfortu-nate for us, but on the other hand he’s given us a lot,” Brooten said. “We’ve benefitted a great deal from him be-ing here.”

Even brighter than the bright side are the types ofsocks Downing said he has been wearing for more than 25 years.

“I just figured if my students get bored in class, they can look at my socks,” he said.

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A group of SIUC students celebrate the beginning of Mardi Gras festivities Saturday on the roof of an apartment building in the Soulard district in St. Louis. The festivities kicked off at 11 a.m. with the Grand Parade.

Midwestern Mardi Gras

JESS VERMEULEN
Daily Egyptian

Thousands flocked the streets, some dressed as Vikings in metallic masks. Beads of purple, gold and green soared through the air while vendors sold everything from turkey legs and Cajun food to enormous necklaces and colorful hats.

I am celebrating Mardi Gras — and I am not in the South. I am only a few hours from Carbondale, in St. Louis. New Orleans may be considered the place to be during Mardi Gras, but for some Midwesterners, St. Louis is their destination.

Mardi Gras, also known as “Fat Tuesday,” is a religious holiday recognizing the “last hurrah” before Ash Wednesday, according to AmericanCatholic.org. Ash Wednesday is the kickoff of Lent, a 40-day fast in the Catholic tradition.

Mardi Gras in St. Louis has grown to be the second-largest Mardi Gras celebration in the nation, said Mack Bradley, of Mardi Gras Inc., the group behind the festivities.

This year’s celebration has been recognized as one of the biggest the city has ever had, with more than 100,000 people coming to the streets of St. Louis, Bradley said.

“People had a lot of fun and there were very few problems,” Bradley said. “The parade itself was a great show; it had over 100 floats this year.”

Sam Pellegrino, a junior from Chicago studying finance, was just one of many who came to St. Louis for the fun.

“Me and 10 of my friends came in two cars and met up with a group of at least 30 people to celebrate. St. Louis is definitely the second-best thing to the actual Mardi Gras in New Orleans.”

The party spilled from the streets, spreading to tents, apartment buildings and rooftops.

“there were so many people on the rooftops,” said Joe Ahart, a sophomore from Chicago studying computer science. “It was awesome.”
Fill America’s hole, start with Ground Zero

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For the last eight years I’ve flown to New York at least once a month every month, and I’ve seen the gaping hole at Ground Zero from almost every angle — from the air, the street and from nearby buildings.

While a memorial and museum finally are under construction, and five new skyscrapers are planned, the fact that there is still mostly a hole in the ground where the World Trade Center twin towers once stood, and construction on the new buildings isn’t expected to be completed until sometime between 2014 and 2018, says something important about America. And it’s not an encouraging message.

Those in government and business who are worried about the growing economic might of China, India and other rapidly developing countries should pay heed. If the hole in lower Manhattan is a metaphor for 21st-century America, we’re headed for serious problems. And jobs summits, bailouts, rescue packages, stimulus programs and corporate reorganizations won’t change this.

If terrorists destroyed one of America’s landmark skyscrapers, do you think there would still be a hole in the ground eight years later? If about the same amount of time it will take to complete construction at the former World Trade Center site, China is expected to complete construction of a 16,000-mile nationwide high-speed rail network and 100 or so new airports. It takes the typical U.S. airport several years just to obtain the permits needed to build a single new runway.

What is it that ails us — and what can be done about it?

Politicization Everything in America is now politicized, with interest groups jockeying for power and favor. It is not just 24/7 news; it is now 24/7 politics. Much of the creativity, energy and resources that used to go into productive activities — research and development, building, creating, marketing and managing — now goes into politics and lobbying.

NIMBY Hand in hand with politicization is the phenomenon known as “NIMBY: Not in My Back Yard.” Many in the United States, for personal or ideological reasons, have become naysayers, rather than yea-sayers. Their answer to virtually everything is no. Some of this is national, but much is local: as when community activists block construction of offshore wind turbines near Cape Cod or, in Wilmington, N.C., block the building of a cement plant in the exact location of an abandoned cement plant, despite the community’s need for jobs.

Decision by committee When the blame game is constantly being played, as it is when everything is politicized, one of the best ways to shield yourself from criticism is by deferring decisions to committees. Decisions by committee are always slow and the result is usually blandness, rather than boldness.

Numbing bureaucracy Committees are forms of bureaucracy. Most Americans don’t understand that when governments write laws — even detailed laws like the 2,000-plus-page health care overhaul now in progress — that is only the beginning. After legislation is signed into law, the agencies responsible for implementation write regulations explaining how the law will be administered and enforced. In 2008 alone, 80,700 pages were added to the Federal Register, the official government compendium of all proposed, newly finalized and amended regulations. Add to that thousands of pages of state and local regulations. What this means is that every move in any direction requires businesses to navigate their way through a minefield of mind-numbing paperwork that costs money to complete, reduces the time available for other pursuits, and takes the joy out of business.

We have seen indecision and delay in New York and it’s the wrong formula for America, unless America wishes to drift into mediocrity. China is serious about being number one, as is India. America, meanwhile, spends valuable time talking about its exceptionalism while shackling its own hands.

The hole at Ground Zero suggests how this story might end. Rather than lose by default, the hole should inspire us to think smarter, work harder, move faster and believe in ourselves again.

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‘BioShock 2’ good, but not as fresh as original

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Daily Egyptian

“BioShock 2”

Publisher: 2K Games
Developers: 2K Marin, Digital Extremes (Multiplayer)
Console: PS3, XBox 360, PC
ESRB Rating: M (17+)
Score: Four out of five stars

The original “BioShock” introduced the player to a unique underwater society called Rapture. The sequel brings the player right back into the same society.

In the original title, the most iconic figure was the Big Daddy. A Big Daddy looks like a giant scuba diver with a drill on its arm. It does not sound like much, but in the game he was an intimidating figure. The sequel puts the player in direct control of the original Big Daddy.

The game takes place in 1968, 10 years after the original “BioShock.” Rapture has a new leader in a psychologist named Sofia Lamb. The original owner of Rapture, which the player dethroned in the original game, had a strong belief in the power of the self. Lamb believes that society will only advance through collaboration and working together.

The player takes control of Subject Delta, the prototype for all the Big Daddies. All Big Daddies are paired with Little Sisters, which are little girls who are in possession of ADAM — the game’s currency. In 1958, Delta committed suicide when he found his little sister was the daughter of Eleanor Lamb. Delta is revived 10 years later when Eleanor calls out for his help.

Most games are poorly written. They can have a narrative, but that narrative would not be able to work in any other medium. “BioShock 2” defies that thinking by having a pretty interesting and well thought out story. While “BioShock 2”’s narrative is not as compelling as the original, it is still better than most titles out there.

“BioShock 2” takes on a very similar feel as the original. It is not a fast and frantic shooter. If the player goes into this with guns blazing as if the game was “Call of Duty,” it will not be an easy experience. “BioShock 2” is slow and methodical, and focuses more on story.

From a gameplay perspective, the title is very much like the original. It takes place from a first-person perspective. One of the normal guns the character can use is a variety of plasmids. Plasmids are essentially “BioShock 2’s” equivalent of magic. They allow the player to do things such as shoot fire, lightning and control objects telepathically.

The problem with feeling so much like the original is that “BioShock 2” does not feel anywhere near as fresh. The original trek through Rapture was breathtaking. In the sequel, the same air of originality is not there. While the soundtrack is still amazing and Rapture is as captivating as ever, the game cannot escape its “Been there, done that” feel.

What is fresh about “BioShock 2” is the multiplayer feature. While originally multiplayer in “BioShock” seemed like a questionable call, “BioShock 2” is able to wow us without doing much of a top-line product.

The multiplayer does not go at the same plodding pace as the single player game. The action is much closer to other shooters today, going at much faster pace. It will take some getting used to after the single player campaigns, but once adjusted it manages to be fun. The story around the multiplayer takes the player back to 1958 when plasmids were first being developed. The characters are testing these objects out, hence the battleground-like setup.

The multiplayer offers seven different multiplayer match types, most of which are fairly familiar, like vacations on the sea or a simple race to see who can rack up the most kills. It is an addition that seems like a tack-on at first, but is very welcome with the completed product.

“BioShock 2” is a very good video game that only suffers because of its similarities to the original. In this world where sequels are plentiful that is not necessarily a bad thing. With a compelling narrative and a new multiplayer option, fans of BioShock would do well to pick this title up.

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Police: Middle school closed by threat

Carbondale police responded Tuesday to a threat of violence reported at Carbondale Middle School, a department press release stated.

A Metro East police department contacted Carbondale police after a resident reported receiving a text message about a dispute between two separate, small groups of students, the release stated. The report stated the exchange escalated from text messages to threats to threats of violence alleged to occur at the school Tuesday morning, the release stated.

Police notified school personnel and classes at the school were canceled Tuesday, the release stated.

Police say there is no information at this time that would indicate any of the involved students are in possession of a firearm.

The middle school will reopen today and police will be assisting school personnel throughout the day as they continue to investigate the incident, the release stated.

Chaplain announces memorial service date

A memorial service for the three SIUC students who died last month has been set for 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at the Student Center Auditorium, according to university chaplain Robert Gray.

The three students are Erin Logan, Matthew Haines and Juan Ochoa, who all died between Jan. 12 and Jan. 19.

Gray said details for the memorial have not been finalized.

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The new assistant to the chancellor will work with Goldman for the rest of the semester, but the majority of the work will come with Cheng as chancellor.

Bridgett Kemp, one of Cheng’s staff members at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, said the new assistant at SIUC would have to be a goal-oriented and deadline-driven person.

“Depending on the position, there will be different responsibilities she expects to be handled, but there is always very high expectations in terms of productivity,” Kemp said. “I think she expects clarity and completeness in work productivity no matter what.”

Kemp said Cheng is able to get the best out of her employees and it was only a matter of time until she moved up the administrative ladder.

As to whether or not her new assistant will move up the administrative ladder, Goldman said the assistant to the chancellor is not a traditional steppingstone to the next level, but anything is possible.

“This is a very important position, but I don’t know this is the road to the chancellor position,” Goldman said. “But hey, look at me, who knows what the road to the chancellor position is?”

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"Crazy Heart" is simple yet captivating

Jeff Bridges secures an Oscar with his role as Bad

After four nominations, it seems Jeff Bridges will win his first Academy Award for his performance in "Crazy Heart." And it is well deserved. "Crazy Heart" stars Bridges as Otis "Bad" Blake, a country music star past his prime and out of money. Bad has an alcohol addiction that has taken over his life and is ruining his health. While touring throughout small bars in Texas, Bad meets a woman named Jean (Maggie Gyllenhaal), who causes him to reevaluate his life.

Bad gets an invite from Tommy Sweet (Colin Farrell), a rising country music star who got his start in Bad's band, to go on tour and make extra money. Balancing Jean and his travels, Bad goes on a life-changing journey of self-reflection and music.

After a decade filled with biographical pictures about musicians, such as "Walk the Line" and "Ray," "Crazy Heart" represents something unique. First, the movie is fiction. Similar to Darren Aronofsky's "The Wrestler," director Scott Cooper has written a character that feels real and can relate to audiences.

This leads to the second difference. While biographical films are meant to reflect a person's life, movies such as "Milk" tend to dramatize situations that make for more interesting material. This is the movie's greatest strength. There is nothing flashy about it. It is a hard-nosed and in-your-face tale about a man with no direction or ambition.

The movie is filmed extremely well. Cooper, in his directorial debut, has shot a movie that is honest to its main character. The audience understands Bad because the scenes are simple and capture the emotion of the moment.

Bridges dishes out another great performance with Bad. He does not overdo the character, but instead steps into Bad's shoes and makes the performance personal, similar to Mickey Rourke in "The Wrestler."

Gyllenhaal is also entrancing as Jean. Her character is simple, but extremely important to Bad's story. Jean represents a temporary escape to a life Bad wishes he had, but ultimately cannot obtain. Gyllenhaal lets the audience into Bad's mind with out imposing too much and leaves it up to them to understand him.

The major downfall of the film is its main character is not very interesting. While Bad experiences a life change worthy to be filmed, Bad never astounds with his actions. Although Bad has deep and underlying struggles, understanding Bad turns out to be easy. He is a man with an addiction and has problems with women, which seems to be traits associated with every biographical picture.

Despite having a weak main character, "Crazy Heart" is a welcome surprise for movie lovers. It is a simple film, but it gets under the skin of viewers. Bridges and Gyllenhaal share a chemistry that is worth watching and Cooper keeps it interesting with his filmmaking techniques.

Instead of seeing "Valentine's Day," do yourself a favor and go see a real movie called "Crazy Heart."

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Dr. Randolph Burnside, assistant professor of the department of political science, speaks during the Brown Bag lecture “The Academic Hustle” Tuesday in the Mississippi room of the Student Center. Burnside’s lecture, one of seven in the Brown Bag series, focused on becoming a more successful college student. All of the Brown Bag lectures, as well as many other activities planned throughout the month, are designed to embrace and promote Black History Month.

“I feel it’s important to come to these and support African American faculty,” said Donald Chamberlain, a sophomore from Carbondale studying paralegal studies.

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908 W. McDaniel
300 W. Mill 1-3
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602 N. Oakland
1305 E. Park Lane
202 N. Poplar #1
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301 N. Springer 1, 2, 4
1710 W. Sycamore*
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404 S. University N
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Marines: Taliban resistance more disorganized

ALFRED DE MONTESQUIOU
The Associated Press

MARJAH, Afghanistan — U.S. and Afghan forces traded gunfire with insurgents shooting from haystacks in poppy fields in the Taliban stronghold of Marjah as they pressed ahead in NATO’s assault on the militants’ heartland in southern Afghanistan.

Despite the continued firefight, Marine officials said the resistance was more disorganized than in previous days.

“We’re not seeing coordinated attacks like we did originally. We’re still getting small-arms fire but no sporadic, and hit-and-run tactics,” said spokesman Capt. Abraham Spie. “As a whole, while there is still resistance, it is of a disorganized nature.”

Three more Afghan civilians were killed in the assault, NATO forces said, highlighting the toll on the population from an offensive aimed at making them safer.

The deaths — in three separate incidents — came after two more U.S. missiles struck a house on the outskirts of Marjah on Sunday, killing 12 people, half of them children. Afghan officials said three Taliban fighters were in the house at the time of the attack.

About 15,000 NATO and Afghan troops are taking part in the massive offensive around Marjah — the linchpin of the Taliban logistical and opium smuggling network in the militant-influenced south.
Horoscopes

By Nancy Black and Stephanie Clements

Today’s birthday — Discover the persuasive power of emotion. Never make the mistake of depending on mere calculation instead of instinct (outlining) and learn to valid passion, joy and other feelings skillfully. Go ahead, leap to the occasional conclusion without considering the fact. Learn from it.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is an 8 — Take a midweek break to enjoy delicious cuisine. The could be a good time for lunch with coworkers to work out creative alternative action. (Answers tomorrow)

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is an 8 — You desire something sweet today. One or two bites will satisfy the craving without tasting your diet. One drink is plenty.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is an 8 — As the Moon enters Aries, you get a boost of enthusiasm that helps you make bold new plans. You can have both if you fulfill basics first.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — As you become aware of household issues, form a logical plan of attack to make repairs and renovations that everyone will love.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is an 8 — Do you feel a lot ad? Pay close attention to the feeling for a few moments, and then go on to another task. Your mood improves in time for dinner.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — You have to bend your mind around a problem to get to a new perspective. Suddenly you see the light and find a practical route to completion.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 7 — A new person enters today. Ask them what it is like if you wonder if theirs anything new in the conversation. By late afternoon you see the wisdom of adding another viewpoint.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is a 6 — Final: Group members have learned to take care of their own needs. Will it last? Yes, if you show your appreciation. Bonuses help.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 7 — The pressure is off, and you feel tremendous relief and enjoy a day that requires fewer adjustments. Rent a keep movie and kick back.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 7 — There’s an internal struggle going on. You want to do something, but the job calls for simple logic. You can have both if you fulfill basics first.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 7 — You and your partner feel like you’re on the right track creatively. An older person provides opportunistic logic to help you move forward.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — You’ve been flexible for days. Today you decide to do something ingenious, but the job calls for simple logic. You can have both if you fulfill basics first.
WASHINGTON — Producing Republicans, President Barack Obama on Tuesday championed nuclear energy expansion as the latest way that feuding partiers can move beyond the “broken politics” of Washington that have imperiled his agenda and soured voters.

His call came as he dispatched Vice President Joe Biden and Cabinet secretaries nationwide to tout the economic stimulus plan against Republican criticism, telling that until bipartisanship comes, the White House will remain aggressive in selling its own case to the public.

Since a January special election in Massachusetts, when Democrats lost the 60th vote they need in the Senate to overcome Republican delays on legislation, Obama has re-calibrated his strategy to advance his agenda. His call includes reaching out to Republicans on tax breaks, on health care and on energy, but also putting them on the spot for any refusal to help.

With a host of new goals — re-building public confidence, keeping Obama in charge of the debate, halting deep Democratic losses in this year’s elections — the White House is now infusing its communications strategy with more of the discipline that it famously used in Obama’s presidential campaign.

The president cast his push for more nuclear energy as both economically vital and politically attractive to the opposition party. He announced more than $8 billion in loan guarantees to build the first nuclear power plant in nearly three decades, part of a nuclear initiative that could draw essential backing from Republicans.

At the same time, he asked Republicans to get behind a comprehensive energy bill that expands clean energy sources, assigns cost to the polluting emissions of fossil fuels so that nuclear fuel becomes more affordable, and gives both parties a rare chance to claim common ground.

“The fact is, changing the ways we produce and use energy requires us to think anew. It requires us to act anew,” Obama said during a stop at a job training center outside Washington. “And it demands of us a willingness to extend our hand across some of the old divides, to act in good faith, and to move beyond the broken politics of the past. That’s what we must do.”

That mission, however, remains in doubt.

A White House built on the long view also has gotten sharper about responding to daily criticisms from emboldened Republicans. This week, senior administration officials are scheduled to visit 35 communities to counter Republican claims that the massive, deficit-sapping economic stimulus program has failed. In Saginaw, Mich., on Tuesday, Biden insisted the stimulus is working even as he acknowledged “it’s gonna take us a while to get us out of this ditch.”

Michigan’s unemployment rate is among the highest in the country. The chronic joblessness there and elsewhere is driving an anti-incumbency fever, even in the economy by most other measures appears to be rebounding.

Democrats, as members of the party in power, are most likely to feel that anti-incumbency heat at the polls in November when House and Senate seats are on the ballot. Obama will head west later this week to raise money for two vulnerable Democrats who face the voters this year, Sen. Michael Bennet of Colorado and Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, the majority leader.

On Tuesday, an Obama ally and moderate Democrat, two-term Sen. Evan Bayh of Indiana, said the frustrations of gridlock drove his decision not to run for re-election.

“There’s just too much brain-dead partisanship,” Bayh said in a nationwide broadcast interview. Obama is working to change that system while, for now, he is required to work within it.
BASKETBALL
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Head coach Chris Lowery said the team shot too many threes and did not give the ball to Teague enough. Teague went 7-8 from the field.

“Eight shots is not enough,” Lowery said. “We should have kept force-feeding it in there.”

Leading 32-30 going into the second half, the Salukis took their biggest lead of the game when they went on a 6-2 run to start the half, going up 38-32.

But the Bulldogs (12-16, 7-9 MVC) would respond, going on a 9-0 run of their own to take a 41-40 lead.

SIU would come right back, though, as Teague muscled in a basket underneath the hoop and freshman guard Kendal Brown-thought, as Teague muscled in a basket underneath the hoop and freshman guard Kendal Brown-

through

the ball. We allowed them to reverse the ball. We allowed them to throw it to the post whenever they wanted.”

— Chris Lowery men’s basketball head coach

to give the Bulldogs a 59-54 lead.

Lowery said he thought Freeman got hit going up for the shot and a foul should have been called.

“I thought it was the same call they had been getting all game,” Lowery said.

The loss dropped the Salukis, who entered the game tied with Drake for eighth place in the MVC, into sole possession of second place in the conference with just two MVC games remaining in the season.

The Salukis are now 5-10 in conference play.

“Several players in the lineup need to step up,” Lowery said. “It’s on me.”

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Brian Young and senior guard Adam Freeman joined Teague as the game’s leading scorers, netting 18 points while adding five rebounds and three assists. Junior guard Justin Bocot was the third and final Saluki scoring in double figures, as he added 10 points.

Wedel led the Bulldogs in the offensive column, as he scored 17 points while going 9-10 from the free throw line.

Freshman center Seth VanDeest, Young and senior guard Adam Templeton joined Wedel in double figures with 14 points, 13 points and 11 points, respectively.

The Salukis lost two players to injury in the contest, as junior guard John Freeman and Brown-Surles left the game with what Lowery called “mild concussions.”

Southern’s loss was only it’s second when scoring 70 or more points.

The Salukis will return to action in a BracketBuster game at 2:05 p.m. Saturday against Western Michigan at the SIU Arena.

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It's that time again.
The stretch run of basketball season? No. The beginning of baseball season as pitchers and catchers report? No.
It's time to expand your sports viewing field and watch the Winter Olympics.
The Winter Games are being held by our neighbors to the north this year in Vancouver, Canada, and there are a few sports not known so well by American fans that could be quite interesting.
My personal favorite Winter Olympic sport to watch is curling. Watching the polished granite stone roll down the ice while two athletes with brooms sweep the ice in front of the stone to direct it into the house (the thing that looks like a big target) can be intriguing.
It may not sound that interesting, but watch a few rounds of this sport and it gets to be pretty exciting.
Probably the most well-known Winter Olympic sport is hockey. The Canadians, led by Sidney Crosby, and the Russians, led by Alex Ovechkin, are the favorites to win the gold this year.
The young Team USA comes into the Olympics as heavy underdogs, but could potentially make some waves. It has the best goaltending the country has seen since Mike Richter led the team to a silver medal in 2002. Vezina Trophy candidate Ryan Miller will be patrolling the net for the Americans, and could give them a chance. Team USA got off to a hot start yesterday, defeating Switzerland 3-1. While it was a good start for the Americans, they will have to play even better than that to take down the Canadians or Russians.
The last sport my eyes will be focusing on in the 2010 Winter Olympics is the luge. A terrible tragedy already occurred with Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili suffering a fatal accident during training, but this is one of the fastest and most exciting sports in the Olympics. Lugeurs reach speeds between 72.5 and 99.5 mph, so it’s like the ultimate speed rush.
Almost none of the Winter Olympic sports are sports often viewed by Americans, but once every four years it is time to get patriotic and support the red, white and blue.