Student government task force begins work

Wayne Utterback

A task force formed to review SIUC’s student government received a seven-point list of suggestions from Chancellor Walter Wendler Wednesday during its first meeting Wednesday.

“The goal is to assist students in getting in the most desirable state of governance possible on campus,” Minish said.

Among suggested objectives from the chancellor are to identify how student leaders make decisions, observe the goals of student government bodies and propose measures that will facilitate collaboration.

Wayne Utterback

New signage springing up around campus

Concrete stumps and wooden frames lining campus will soon prominently display the names of buildings and directions aimed at making SIUC easier to navigate.

New identification and directional signs began being installed around campus Wednesday. Each sign costs between $1,200 to $1,500, project coordinator Mark Cosgrove said.

“The signs are part of an ongoing $1 million project geared at making signs aesthetically pleasing while helping people find their way around the campus, Cosgrove said.

Cosgrove said the old signs lost their function. Problems with the faded signs included inappropriate placement and outdated information.

Plant and Service Operations director Phil Gatton said the old signs weren’t doing their jobs anymore.

“Instead of being beneficial to visitors, it creates chaos,” Gatton said.

The signs will identify buildings and provide emergency personnel with clear directions to certain areas of campus.

Chancellor Walter Wendler said the old signs weren’t doing their jobs anymore.

“The goal is to make the campus as open and transparent as we can,” Wendler said. “I think this is a very good investment, actually.”

“It’s going to have a very consistent image as far as signage is concerned,” he said.

Last year, the university set up several large map signs to identify nearby buildings and handicap accessible entrances.

The new signs will have reflective lettering to improve visibility at night. Gatton said the signs have been crash-tested to withstand possible impacts. He said he expects the project to be finished by summertime.

Wayne Utterback

Wendler’s suggestions for the task force

1. Review current practices of student leadership in decision-making.
2. Identify the goals and objectives of student leadership and evaluate to what extent the campus is achieving them.
3. Provide possible challenges and barriers associated with student leadership that need to be overcome.
4. Determine benefits and possible measures of fostering strong student leadership.
5. Evaluate and make recommendations on the suggested ideas and written information.
6. Recommend additional goals and objectives as deemed appropriate.
7. Prepare and recommend measures capable of achieving the campus’s aspirations pertaining to student leadership in decision-making that reflect the need for collaboration among the University community.

Brandon Weisenberger

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Last of nine freshmen suspended

University officials on Wednesday suspended the last of nine Chicago-area freshmen who were barred from campus after an Oct. 6 attack near the Recreation Center.

The decision ends a nearly weeklong round of Student Judicial Affairs hearings that brought 17 combined years in suspension for the students who claimed they were caught in the wrong place at the wrong time.

On the night of the incident, a sophomore was beaten and robbed of $90 to $100, according to police. The victim received head and facial injuries during the attack, according to the police report. One student and two non-students were arrested and now face criminal charges in Jackson County.

Student Judicial Affairs found the nine students in violation of several Student Conduct Code guidelines after they were in the vicinity of a beating and accused of doing nothing to intervene or alert police. The students also accused the freshmen of participating in the attack, though they have denied all allegations.

The violations included disorderly conduct and physical abuse.

The students are now awaiting a decision on their appeals, which claim the university did not grant them due process and unjustly charged them.

After receiving “interim separations,” which temporarily banned the nine students from campus because SIUC authorities considered them a threat to the university community, all of the freshmen are suspended for a minimum of one year.

One student group is attempting to get administrators to talk about the code.

Black Affairs Council coordinator Kevin Winstead said the SIUC chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People this week invited four university administrators to a meeting to discuss campus safety and the Student Conduct Code.

The group invited Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Deter, Student Judicial Affairs coordinator Terry Huffman, Associate Chancellor for Diversity Seymour Bryson and Housing Judicial Affairs coordinator Carlos Del Rio.

Winstead said the main issues are asking administrators how SIUC police can become more preventative than reactive and get discussion flowing about the Student Conduct Code.

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Inside:

State worker accused of raising campaign money for Gov. Rod Blagojevich on state time

Chicago (AP) — The governor's inspector general recommended that a state employee be fired for allegedly raising campaign money for Gov. Rod Blagojevich on the job, according to a published report.

The Chicago Sun-Times reported Wednesday that obtained a confidential report in which the executive inspector general's office concluded that Blagojevich used his computer at the Tinley Park Mental Health Clinic to arrange a dinner last month to raise money for Blagojevich's re-election campaign from the Arab-American community.

In the Sept. 20 report, Inspector General James A. Wright said that the "egregious nature" of Blagojevich's actions constituted an immediate firing offense.

Blagojevich is moving to fire Shalabi, the governor's office said. After receiving the report of the inspector general's investigation, Blagojevich was immediately put on paid leave from his $78,000-a-year job as a director of psychiatric services at Stateville Mental Health Center. A backpack was searched at the stateville mental health center for $3,000.

Police: Shalabi's rescheduled for Gov. Rod Blagojevich while on leave.

State Sen. Maryanne Trump Barry, D-Evanston, said that "there is a system in place to investigate it and make sure that problems don't go unreported."

The investigation also highlighted questions about the administration's handling of politically connected individuals. Shalabi is leader of an Arab-American Democratic group that has donated to Democratic candidates and has given at least $16,000 to Blagojevich in past campaigns.

POLICE REPORTS

Washburne: New leader for University of Chicago.

A thief under $100 occurred between 11 p.m. and 12:45 p.m. Tuesday at Mike Smith. Cash in the amount of $50 was reported stolen. There are no suspects at this time.

There was a report of a $1,000 cash and bond was released.

CORRECTIONS

In Friday's issue of the Daily Egyptian, the page 10, "International man of Mystery," should have stated that Joel Fidler has worked and lived in three countries and that his wife graduated from SIU not SU. The Daily Egyptian regrets this error.

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German military visit is a learning experience

Alicia Wade
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Greeted by a barrage of camera flashes as he stood at the podium in City Hall, Mayor Brad Cole fielded tough questions, from the city’s relationship with SIUC to his education to whether he planned to run for a second term.

The questions didn’t come from grilling reporters or concerned citizens, but rather from 33 members of German Youth Information Officers, also known as Bundeswehr.

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The trip to Carbondale is the second for the group, which also came last year. After Cole attended seminars and visited Germany, he invited them to come to Carbondale, Deumeland said. The officers range in age from 28 to 35 and have to be ranked a first lieutenant or captain.

"I know being on these exchanges you get a lot of information, and most of it you will never use again," Cole said. "Hopefully it’s informative and maybe it’s interesting, and hopefully you get a look at the real America that you don’t see on television.

"We do talk about official policy that the government gives out, political guidelines and security politics guidelines," Deumeland said. "We try to explain to the public as simple as we possibly can so they understand, because sometimes a politician says something and you say, ‘What? I didn’t get any of that.’"

Most of the visitors, like Youth Information Officer Christian Schmitz of Bavaria, Germany, had never been in Carbondale before.

"Everywhere we go, we always see friendly people who say ‘Oh God bless you. We thank you so much for serving your country,’” Schmitz said. “It’s very interesting.”

After traveling from Scott Air Force Base in Illinois, the group spent Wednesday in Carbondale, with hotel costs and dinner paid for by the Mayor’s Office. Cole said they will travel to Springfield with him today.

Col. Walter Tomczak, head of the Air Force ROTC at SIUC, said being able to meet with and learn from the foreign officers was a privilege for his cadets.

"It’s a good education for students at SIUC,” Tomczak said. “You don’t get that chance often — not until you get on active duty.”

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Brain - Chewing tough!

Check out today's challenge in the Pulse
Eleven soldiers slain as death toll climbs

Steven R. Hurst
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Eleven more U.S. troops were slain in combat, the military said Wednesday, putting the toll for October to date to 70. This is the deadliest month for U.S. forces since the siege of Fallujah nearly two years ago.

The military says the sharp increase in U.S. casualties — 70 so far this month — is tied to Ramadan and a security crackdown that has left American forces more vulnerable to attack in Baghdad and its suburbs. Muslim teens hold that fighting during Ramadan is a violation of Islam's holy month, puts a believer especially close to God.

Some of the armed groups have divided, roaming death squads out for revenge against Sunni Arabs, the majority of the Iraqis who are politically and socially dominant until the fall of Saddam Hussein.

There have been growing signs in recent days of mounting strain between the Coalition and the weakly armed government of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, who felt compelled during a conversation with the military to go away,” Rumsfeld countered that America has no choice but to go on the offensive.

Correction for 11 September, which appeared in an earlier edition of the Times-Picayune, corrected a typographical error in the headline. The corrected text reads: "Eleven soldiers slain as death toll climbs."
Inside work at Morris Library almost over

Alexis Boudreau
DAILY EGYPTIAN

The clanks and bangs inside Morris Library will soon cease. Dean of Library Affairs David Carlson said workers will do less work inside — and move outside — in the next two or three weeks, which should provide a quieter environment for library users.

The construction, which began in December 2005, has yielded much progress, particularly in the past few months. Workers recently added the roof to the top floor.

During the week of Thanksgiving, a helicopter will land on the newly completed roof to deliver a piece of heating, ventilating and air-conditioning equipment.

Carlson said the library would be closed because of safety regulations but he will be excited to see the drop.

Two floors below the new roof will be left unfinished until they receive more funding. The seventh and the sixth will remain incomplete when the rest of the library is done in fall 2008.

“The bids came in higher than hoped, but I’m quite sure the university will find the money,” Carlson said.

The problems are nothing new, Carlson said. The university had anticipated the budget issue from the beginning of the reconstruction.

Carlson said problems with furniture, fixtures and equipment, or FF&E, are the main budget issues halting the completion of the top floors.

Once the top floors are finished, Carlson said it would be home to conference meeting rooms and study rooms of various sizes. Brick façade has been placed on the outside of the first three floors, and workers recently began placing metallic siding outside the fourth floor. Glass panes have been put in the window frames, sprinkler systems are being installed, and the elevator wells are prepared.

Kevin Davie, a geographic information systems specialist, said the library would soon have temporary heat sources roughly the same time the rest of the university’s heat is turned on. He said there would be work done on the metallic siding on the outside of the higher floors. The rest of the brickwork is scheduled to be complete within a month.

In February, the elevator will be running for all students, Davie said.

Until then, Davie said construction would be focused on the north side of the building on the new addition.

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**Our Word**

Rest in peace

The judge who presided over the trial that brought John and Lisa Bryant to justice for their roles in the murder of SIUC student Christopher Gandy stated that he hadn’t “seen anything quite as brutal or heinous as this crime.”

Judge Charles Grace has been on the bench for 35 years, and he believed he needed to say that before sentencing John Bryant to 50 years in prison and Lisa Bryant to 25 years.

No one should have to perish in the way that Gandy did; whatever the events that brought him to the Murphysboro home, it doesn’t matter.

Gandy was found brutally murdered in a Murphysboro cemetery in late January. The Bryants have been convicted of the murder, and another man pleaded guilty in the case.

The Bryants’ story is almost as tragic; the couple leaves behind loved ones who were there for them as they received their punishment, but at least they knew why their loved ones are leaving.

Christopher, Edith, doesn’t have that dimension of closure to take with her in the years to come. In court, Edith Gandy still needed to know why the Bryants went as far as they did. An answer to that question may never come. Hopefully, she and those who will remember Christopher Gandy can take comfort in knowing the Bryants are on their way to being put away for a long time, although both plan to appeal their sentences.

A third person, Rocky Maki, plea-bargained his way to a 20-year sentence in September. It’s disheartening to know a member of this university community had to go out in the way Christopher Gandy did. Another word for this situation is frustrating. People, such as his devoted customers who lined up to sit in Gandy’s barber chair at Illions Barber Shop in Carbondale and classmates in his architecture classes, got to see glimpses of the man Gandy was going to be.

Also, there were the fans of his rap group, the YOAP squad, which featured Gandy’s brother, SHC alumus Jonathan Gandy.

Much is still up in the air regarding Gandy’s case but not as much as in the case of former SIUC student and Carbondale resident, Larry Williams. Both men are linked in our local history, as they both died violently on the night of Jan. 28. Williams died after being shot in his car outside Fred’s Dance Barn in Carterville.

Williams’ case seems to have disappeared. Having yielded no suspects, it may be delayed to fall into the realm of file. So many murder investigations reach this point that the Gandys have to feel some sort of relief, if not lack, that the events surrounding their son yielded something better.

This school’s most famous murder case, the Susan Schumaker case, took 25 years to settle.

Hope may have to spring eternal for those who knew Larry Williams, but there should still be hope.

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Miami football program more trouble than it’s worth**

**Dear Editor:**

An open letter to President Donna Shalala:

To the fans, you had no direct control over the thigh-slapping assaults executed by University of Miami football players on Saturday; their disgraceful sideline celebration after the brawl and the ineligible joy which with some of them greeted their ejection. Nor did you have control over the following outrageous comments made by head coach Larry Coker after the game:

“I think that it will affect the image of our program greatly, but in a positive way. I think that when they see the video, and then see how it was handled, they will be impressed with our players. This will not be a very big thing for the University of Miami. It was impressive in that it was handled very well.”

What you did, however, have absolute control over was the response to those deeds and words, which not only brought the University of Miami, but everyone involved in NCAA sports into disrepute.

Had your actions taken place in response to the Peach Bowl brawl last season, you might have been accountable.

In this context, your response has been an utter failure, has resulted in further damage and sends a tremendous message to other coaches and players. There was no disciplinary action taken against Coker and others on the Miami coaching staff, where firing would have been the appropriate measure.

Furthermore, the “punishments” which were handed down to the players barely amounted to a slap on the wrist. There were many potential punishments between that slap and action which would, in the words of your overheated rhetoric, have amounted to “putting players under the broom,” “hanging them in a public square” or “executing them.” Those responses could have ranged from further indefinite suspensions, to serious-long suspensions, outright expulsions from the football team or loss of scholarships. Action along those lines would have represented a positive step towards ending the “feeding frenzy” which you have, in the height of chutzpah, now denigrated the media for participating in.

It is also hardly defusing that you have failed to view the video of the brawl. That might impress upon you that this is far bigger than the reputation of the University of Miami and its football team. The incident, and your feeble action, represents a black eye for NCAA athletics as a whole.

The brawl has become the public face of intercollegiate sports, which is deeply embarrassing for other fans, coaches, players and people, like myself, who learned important lifelong lessons from our participation in NCAA competitions.

I will leave you to the question of whether having a football team is best for the University of Miami. The conclusion that others have tracked is that Sports Illustrated was correct in 1995. NCAA athletics would be far better off if the Miami program shut down.

Michael R. Davidson Ph.D.

History department lecturer

**This election counts for more than something**

**Dear Editor:**

President Bush and the Republicans in Congress have been an illness to the American people since day one. The Republicans in Congress and the president have proposed eliminating the Pell Grant for students trying to pay for college; they have raised student loan interest rates; cut taxes while putting the country further into debt; 85.5 billion, which is $28,539.17 per person in the U.S. The Congressional Republicans are showing their true colors this time around, two Congressional leaders, one who is third in line from the presidency, were caught protecting a child predator. I am embarrassed to say they are from Illinois.

Now, the Republicans think they can bring such “great” policies to our state. I don’t think so. Illinois has great hope, honor and integrity in our leaders. Governor Blagojevich and the Democrats in the past four years have raised the minimum wage and promise to raise it again if re-elected, something the Republicans have yet to promise.

In 2002, Blagojevich promised to eliminate the $5 billion deficit left by a Republican governor without raising income taxes, and he kept that promise. The governor extended health care coverage for every child in Illinois. And he created the Illinois Care Rx program, which is picking up the senators left behind by the federal Medicare prescription drug program created by the Republicans and pharmaceutical companies.

Illinois Democrats passed a law that requires insurance companies to cover women’s contraceptives. There is more to being pro-choice than a stance on abortion; it’s about safety and family planning. The governor signed the Illinois Equal Pay Act in 2003, a law that says a woman working the same job, putting in the same hours and working just as hard as her male co-workers is paid the same wage.

The Republicans are seen aiming for our judicial system. They nominated a former Republican Party chairman with no experience as a judge to serve on the state’s appellate court. A judge should not be given away as a reward or petty jibe; this court reviews laws and cases for our entire state. The Democrats nominated Bruce Stewart, a trial judge with 10 years experience on the bench from southern Illinois.

When it comes to government, Republicans just have it upside down. Democrats have the common sense and knowledge to lead our state and nation. Don’t forget to vote on Nov. 7.

Tyjuan J. Cricat

president of SIU, College Democrats

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**WORLD OVERHEARD**

“It will be the two biggest teams that have ever been on the field, I can promise you that.”

SU football coach Jerry Kill on Saturday’s game against Western Kentucky, where the Coach Kill Cancer Fund will host a touchdown walk.
Meeting him

Beyond the thoughts I had coming to college my freshman year of whether I was going to survive my classes or how I was going to be able to battle homesickness, I thought about whether I would meet him. Him, meaning that one person who you get butterflies in your stomach about, the person who looks at you in your baggy Levis and ratty T-shirt and says, “You’re beautiful.” It is the one person you want to spend the rest of your life with.

On Dec. 26, 2005, Amber Wilson and Craig Pond were engaged after dating each other for a year and a half. They initially met through their roommates. They were good friends. “I just knew,” Amber said when she described why Craig was the one for her.

Being a personal friend to Amber, I insisted on taking their engagement photos. At Evergreen Park, I asked them to be how they normally are around each other and to ignore my presence. Late in the day, the sun was shining through the trees of the park, casting shadows and warm light on the two as they walked hand in hand. When they walked through the park, the love and need for each other was apparent.

It is the stories like Amber and Craig’s that show another significant reason for going away to school. It also is an example of two people who stumble across each other repeatedly and eventually figure out they are meant to be. You never know whom you will run into today, tomorrow or a year from now, but when that possible companion comes near, you will know.
Ag students find fun at Fall Follies

Agbassadors hold event to bring their college together

Sarah Lohman

Petite Cassandra Hahn was swallowed up by the over-sized coversall she wore in the chore race during the Ag Olympics on Wednesday. With sizes ranging from around 5-foot-tall Hahn to athletically built Casey Calloway, the chore race was one of many events that agriculture students participated in during the Fall Follies celebration for the College of Agricultural Sciences.

Members of student organizations enjoyed an evening of fun, games and free food, which was sponsored by the Agbassadors, the representatives of the college.

The evening began with a hayride from campus to the center of University Farms to the College of Ag Pavilion. Students poured off the wagons wearing camouflage hats and various shirts emblazoned with the logos of the many agricultural organizations.

“We wanted to get the college together and use our facilities for what they're built for,” said Amanda Barczewski, a senior from Nashville who helped plan the event.

The Agbassadors served up chili, hot dogs, hot apple cider and orange Kool-Aid. Live country music was provided by Leland Bunting, a senior from Bone Gap, near Mount Carmel, studying agri-business economics. Songs ranged from Lynyrd Skynyrd's "Sweet Home Alabama" to a Johnny Cash medley.

Dean Gary Minish enjoyed a hot dog while mingling with students.

“They usually invite me to all the student functions and events. We've got wonderful students, and it's nice to spend time with them,” Minish said.

After everyone was given ample time to eat, five contestants were rounded up to participate in a pie-eating contest. After they finished clearing the whipped topping from their faces, the Ag Olympics began.

Eleven teams of four participated in three Ag Olympic events to earn points. The first event involved competitors tripping, stumbling and occasionally falling as they tried to hop to the finish line.

Next came the chore race. In the chore race, each member of the team had to don rubber boots, coveralls, a Carhartt jacket, work gloves, orange hats with ear flaps and carry five-gallon buckets as they attempted to climb over hay bales as quickly as they could. They then had to remove all the clothing, and their next teammate had to do the same. Outlookers laughed as people tripped over too large or too small boots.

The final task was called the board walk. All four members of the team put each of their feet on two parallel boards. The front and back people held strings attached to the ends of the boards. The team then had to work together to walk across a finish line as quickly as they could. In an attempt to pick up the pace, team captains shouted at their fellow teammates. shouts of “Left! Right! Your other right?” echoed off the neighboring sheds.

Casey Calloway, a senior from Edwardsville studying plant and soil science, led his team to victory in his heat of the board walk but wasn't able to capture a trophy to take home. Calloway said he was nominated to be the fourth member of the Horticulture club's Ag Olympics team.

“We figured we'd make a showing at a school function. We're having fun, everyone's laughing. It's a good time,” Calloway said.

After all the games were completed, the members of the top two teams were each awarded donations from several Carbondale businesses, as well as trophies.

The truly agricultural trophies consisted of ears of corn painted either silver or gold and nailed to a chunk of wood.

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New election laws let Illinoisans sign up late, vote early

RYAN KEITH

SPRINGFIELD — Attention Illinois voters: You have no excuse for not voting this fall.

A new state law lets would-be voters sign up later than usual and lets others vote early, under certain circumstances, if they can't make it to the polls on Nov. 7.

Regular voter registration has already ended, but people still can sign up to vote through next Tuesday.

Those who use that “grace period” option, however, can vote only in their local election authority's office or vote absentee by mail. They cannot vote at their regular polling place on Election Day or at any early voting centers established in their areas.

People have until Nov. 2 to vote early. They must show valid photo identification, a stricter requirement than voters face on Election Day. Election officials hope these changes help boost voter turnout, which was an unusually low 25 percent statewide in March.

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**Tough financial road ahead for county board**

Brandon Augsburg  
**DAILY EGYPTIAN**

Candidates running for a seat on the Jackson County Board this year will face tough financial challenges and have to learn the tricks of their trade on the fly.

With seven of the 14 county board terms expiring, this year’s elections could add many new faces. The current board has 12 Democrats and two Republicans, and challengers from the Democratic Party, the Republican Party and the Greens are all vying for the open seats.

Retiring County Board Chairman Gary Hartlieb said the county board is the legislative arm of county government, and the most significant job of the board is financing county operations.

He said Jackson County, like many other counties in Illinois, is running out of money. Tax caps have contributed to the problem that has been growing worse during the past four or five years, he said.

Donna McCann, chairwoman of the board’s labor committee, said regardless of what happens with the budget, the county board would continue to manage the county’s finances.

Hartlieb said the board has been able to keep the budget balanced during that time period through revenue from property taxes, sales taxes and a replacement tax, which comes from the state. He said the county also collects significant revenue from county fees.

The county board is responsible for the budgets of all the branches of county government and also provides operating revenue for agencies that provide special services to the county.

While the county budget is currently balanced, Hartlieb said the future of the budget could depend on how negotiations with worker’s unions, which began Wednesday, turn out. The board negotiates contracts for county employees, such as the Jackson County Sheriff’s Department and the Circuit Clerk’s Office.

McCann said the board authorizes a committee to negotiate with the unions and gives the committee specific instructions to follow during the talks.

“You can only do what you’re authorized to do — you’re not out there jumping through hoops,” she said. “We work under certain constraints.”

Hartlieb said the board also provides money to outside agencies, such as the Alliance Health Care Clinic and the Jackson County Business Development Corporation. He said, if more revenue is not found, the board might have to reduce its contributions to those agencies, and that could cause some employees to lose their jobs.

**County board candidates**

- District 1: William “Bill” Atiat – Republican (incumbent)
- District 2: David Bost – Republican
- District 3: Bruce Wallace – Republican
- District 4: Chris Mueller – Republican
- District 5: Ronald Barrett – Republican
- District 6: Donna McCann – Democrat (incumbent)
- District 7: John Evans – Democrat (incumbent)
- District 8: Lisa Budslick – Democrat
- District 9: Mary “Mickey” Kordans – Democrat (incumbent)
- District 10: Donald Barrett – Republican
- District 11: Lisa Budslick – Democrat
- District 12: Bradley Klein – Green

**Authorities awaiting return of suspect in Zeigler killings**

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

ZEIGLER — Franklin County authorities are trying to arrange the return from New Mexico of a man accused of driving his estranged wife and one of her acquaintances in this southern Illinois town, a sheriff’s official said Wednesday.

James Coulter, 45, waived extradition this week in New Mexico, where he has been jailed since his traffic stop this week in New Mexico, where he has been jailed since his traffic stop this week in New Mexico, where he has been jailed since his traffic stop this week in New Mexico.

The bodies of Weston and Tope, who married Coulter months ago in Kentucky but never used his surname, were found Friday in Weston’s home. Authorities suspect the two were shot to death.

The killings happened just hours after Tope got an emergency order of protection against Coulter, saying in her application that his recent behavior included leaving a message written in pennies on her mother’s grave.

Franklin County sheriff’s Capt. Don Jones said authorities have until Nov. 3 to retrieve Coulter, jailed in New Mexico on $2 million bond and are exploring the cheapest way to do so. Options include hiring a professional prisoner-transport service, the U.S. Marshals Service or sending a couple of sheriff’s deputies to New Mexico.

Jones said he did not know when that transfer would happen.

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BAGHDAD, Iraq — Two Kurdish witnesses at Saddam Hussein’s genocide trial gave harrowing accounts Wednesday of surviving killing fields where guards executed hundreds of detainees at a time in sprays of gunfire.

One said he fell wounded into a ditch full of bodies. He said he climbed out and ran for his life past mounds in the desert, the mass graves of other victims in a 1987-88 military offensive against Iraq’s Kurds.

Both witnesses described prisoners making their last prayers for God’s forgiveness of their sins as they rode in trucks to the execution site — and said some detainees made desperate attempts to attack guards in hopes of escaping.

The testimony came in the trial of Saddam and six other co-defendants for their roles in Operation Anfal, an offensive during which the prosecution says some 180,000 Kurds were killed and hundreds of their villages cleared. The seven face execution by hanging if convicted.

Saddam sat silently as both Kurds testified from behind curtains to protect their identities. One co-defendant, his cousin Ali al-Majid, scoffed at their accounts.

“You told us a story from which a blockbuster could be made,” said al-Majid, who is accused of directing Operation Anfal and became known as “Chemical Ali” for toxic gas attacks on Kurdish villages during the offensive.

The two witnesses said they were held at the Tob Zawa prison camp in northern Iraq with hundreds of others after attacks on their towns.

They each described separate massacres in 1988 of detainees who were herded onto trucks and told they were being taken to another prison camp.

The first witness said the truck he was in stopped on an unpaved road in the desert of western Iraq. A prisoner named Anwar warned that they were going to be executed, the witness said.

“He asked us to recite the Islamic prayers before death and plead for forgiveness. He said ‘We are going to die in minutes, it is the forgiveness time for people who are going to die,’” the witness said in Kurdish.

“It was dark when they brought a group of people (prisoners) in front of the vehicle. The drivers got out of our vehicles and turned on the headlights,” he said.

Some prisoners tried to grab an automatic rifle from a guard, but failed because “we were so weak,” he said.

Soldiers then opened fire. “I ran and fell into a ditch. It was full of bodies. I fell on a body. It was still alive. It was his last breath,” said the witness. “It was really unbelievable, the number of people being killed like this.”

Slightly wounded, he stripped off his clothes, thinking he was more likely to blend into the color of the sand if he were naked, the witness said. He then began running again.

“As I was running, I saw many pits, I saw many mounds, and I saw lots of people who had been shot,” he said. “The desert was full of mounds that had people buried underneath.”

The witness said he took refuge with Kurds living nearby, then traveled north. For the next 15 years he lived in hiding, moving frequently, until Saddam’s ouster.

The second witness described a similar massacre, saying he was in a group of about 500 prisoners taken from Tob Zawa. When the trucks stopped in the desert, they heard gunfire.

“We knew it was the people in the other vehicle being shot, and our turn would be next,” he said.

“We exchanged forgiveness, and we were weeping.”
Among all in the university community, Wendler would only say he suggested the committee be involved with current student government groups. A large manual presented to task force members details the chancellor’s expectations.

Wendler said he expects the committee’s first report by March 1.

The task force will thoroughly examine the operations of Undergraduate Student Government and the Graduate and Professional Student Council.

“I charged the committee to make sure they talk to GPSC and USG,” Wendler said.

The task force consists of 24 members. Minish said the task force has representation from students, staff, administrators, faculty, alumni and the community.

“It’s an outstanding group of people, and it pretty much represents every college on campus and every group we need to get input from,” Minish said.

Among the members is Carbondale Mayor Brad Cole, a former USG president. Cole is an example of how student government involvement can create citizen leaders, Wendler said.

The task force will begin holding focus groups in November and December at colleges around campus. The first focus group will be held before Thanksgiving break.

Minish said the goal is to get input from students from all areas.

“We think this needs to be a student-driven process,” Minish said. “Right now, we’re going to take it out to the grassroots and go from there.”

Matt Picchietti, a task force member and USG senator, said he plans to check the task force’s manual for bias because former USG President Nate Brown, who now works for Wendler, compiled it.

USG senators in the spring semester voted to censure Brown days before his presidency ended, citing his leadership strayed from representing the student body.

Around the time of Brown’s censure, USG was in the midst of allocating activity fee dollars to student groups. USG failed multiple times to make the allocations, causing unrest among registered student organizations and an audit conducted by SIU President Glenn Poshard’s office.

Brown and Wendler are not part of the committee.

Among the some of the information in the manual details problems with student government, the manual is truthful, said Kevin Winstead, Black Affairs Council coordinator and task force member.

“Any change right now would be in the right direction as long as it comes from students,” Winstead said.

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SUSPENSIONS

He said a big concern is university officials’ ability to serve “interim separations” on students, forcing them off the campus immediately if the students are considered a threat to the campus community. Too much of the conduct code is ambiguous, he said.

“Students don’t feel safe, and that is the issue,” Wendler said. “Students are scared.”

The meeting is at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the lower level of Glennell Hall.

Among the students suspended Wednesday was Charles Gill, whose “interim separation” was overturned Friday, allowing him back onto campus. Gill is suspended for one year, and Christian Jennings is out for three, said Derrick Reese Sr., father of one of the suspended students. Gill was the only student allowed back on campus during the hearings.

Gill declined to comment, and contact information for Jennings was unavailable.

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Wendler, the only student to be hit with criminal charges, is suspended for three years.

All students plan to appeal, and their parents are seeking a possible class-action lawsuit against the university, claiming the students did not receive due process.

The students’ situation has been accompanied by much discontent with the university’s Student Conduct Code. Parents and students have called the code unfair because some of its violations have no definition, and it also gives SIUC officials the power to remove students from campus because they have been accused of wrongdoing.

Dietz, spokesman for the hearings, has said university officials take students’ safety seriously, and decisive action is required when there appears to be a violation of the code.

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You’ll see a much bigger push, maybe even a more personal push,” Mocia said. “Just kind of giving our students, handing them information one-on-one, like a grassroots effort.”

The support is always løaid by the football Salukis. Head coach Jerry Kill has reinforced that his players play better in front of larger crowds.

Senior center Will Justice agrees. He said there’s no reason to miss SIU football.

“It does get chilly,” Justice said. “I guess drink a few more beers, so you don’t feel it as much. Bring your coat. Stay warm. I’d just like to send a chal-

enge out to the student body to get in the stands.”

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IU majoring in chemistry during turnaround year

Rusty Miller
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Twelve years and four head coaches after having spent since Saturday last won more games than it lost.

Bye gives Rams time to get healthy

ST. LOUIS — At their bye week, the St. Louis Rams are relatively healthy. Still, coach Scott Linehan says the bench will help players who are picked up to get ready for the remainder of the season.

“We have the ability now to evaluate what we’re doing in all three phases and get a little bit healthier,” Linehan said. “The injury bug, starting to catch up to us, as far as guys missing games, time and practice.”

Overall, the injuries are minor, the biggest concern being the full-

back spot. Starter Paul Smith is expected to miss another month or so after injuring his face against Detroit on Oct. 1. Backup fullback Madison Hedgecock broke his right thumb in Sunday’s 30-28 loss to the Seahawks but may play against the Chargers.

“Even though we don’t have a lot of guys on the injury report, but we do have a lot of guys that need to get healthier so we’re able to go into the last 10 regular-season games and just focus what we need to do,” Linehan said.

The break was better for some than others. Linebacker Julian Peterson, missing time from love-

ning to Seattle on a last-second 54-yard field goal.

“Cayley’s brother had been at the same school, at the same level, just started to see a lot more of Cayley as a person, the role she needed to play,” Linehan said.

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Government skeptical but cautious of threat against NFL stadiums

Lara Jakes Jordan
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Web site is claiming that NFL football stadiums will be hit with radioactive dirty bombs this weekend, but the Homeland Security Department alerted authorities and stadium owners in those cities, as well as the NFL, of the threat.

The Homeland Security Department alerted authorities and stadium owners in those cities, as well as the NFL, of the Web posting on Monday. The threat was part of an ongoing Internet conversation titled “New Attack on America.” It warned of simultaneous anti-NFL attacks in stadiums in New York, Miami, Atlanta, Seattle, Houston, Oakland and Cleveland.


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**FOOTBALL**

**The mid-season student slump**

**Jordan Wilson**  
**DAILY EGYPTIAN**

Numbers show student game attendance dwindles between weeks three and four.

**Regimen change fuels success**

**Scott Mieszala**  
**DAILY EGYPTIAN**

Mohamed Mohamed recently began logging more miles per week on foot than most college students put on their cars.

Mohamed, a sophomore on the SIU men’s cross country team, has been the Salukis’ top runner in every race he’s run this season.

“Train hard and you’ll be rewarded,” Mohamed said.

**FANTASY**

**Greatest show on turf, part II?**

**BRIAN FELD**

Too much focus in this year’s fantasy blabber has been devoted to Rex Grossman and the Chicago Bears. Donovan McNabb and his Eagles, or the Eagles that have plagued fantasy teams everywhere.

There are two fantasy studs that have been overlooked all season. They have been doing the job and getting excellent fantasy numbers but little fantasy attention.

They are quarterbacks马克·布彻尔格和接球手托里·霍尔特。虽然他们是一支优秀的球队，但他们的表现一直被忽视。

If anyone out there has a fantasy league, give a miss to the other two teams...T.O.’s the bomb.

They are ranked two and three in Yahoo! Sports’ fantasy rankings and have been top fantasy players for years — but without the hoopla surrounding them.

Bulger and Holt, both Pro-Bowl nominees, should be able to keep their fantasy success going.

After their bye week in week seven, the Rams have games against San Diego, at San Francisco, Arizona, Oakland, Washington and Minnesota still left on the schedule, which should be good news for their owners.

Philip Rivers seems to be adjusting to his new role as starting quarterback for the San Diego Chargers nicely.

After a poor first game, where Rivers threw for only 108 yards and a touchdown, some fantasy owners were willing to give up on him.

Since week one though, Rivers has played just as advertised.

He has thrown for at least one touchdown in every game this season, including two in each of his last two games, and averages 222.8 passing yards per game. And for leagues that penalize for interceptions, Rivers has only thrown two, a respectable number.

True, there are better fantasy options at quarterback, but Rivers is a very solid backup and a good choice if you play in a keeper league.

Rivers also has an abundance of weapons to use. He has arguably the best receiver in the league in LaDainian Tomlinson, arguably the best tight end in the league in Antonio Gates and two decent receivers in Keenan McCardell and Eric Parker.

Rivers does a good job of spreading the ball evenly among all four but focuses mainly on L.T. and Gates, who have been top fantasy players for years.

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