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THOMAS BARKER ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Clint Lodwick, a freshman from Edwardsville studying mechanical engineering, carries a boxspring through the rain near Bailey Hall. Lodwick said Sunday that water dripped onto the bed and he would have to dry it with a hair dryer.

Procedures to remain the same

Brandy Oxford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

In response to scrutiny concerning the university's plan in case of a student death, administrators reviewed the protocol during emergency situations and determined they followed standard policy.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for student affairs, said the Campus Life and Safety Team has reviewed theirs and other universities' emergency procedures and will continue to leave initial family contact up to the hospital or coroner if a student is found unconscious or dead on campus.

The procedural review began in early October, when Alex Booth, a sophomore from Quincy who studied mechanical engineering, was found unconscious in his Pierce Hall residence and later pronounced dead. A DAILY EGYPTIAN reporter notified Becky Booth of her son's death about two hours after he was found.

Although the university's emergency call tree had not been updated in at least two semesters at the time of Booth's death, Dietz said it was university policy, not the outdated phone list, that prevented them from contacting the family. The list was updated earlier this month, but the procedure will remain the same.

Dietz said his office contacted all the public universities in the state and they all said family notification is the responsibility of emergency personnel or the coroner.

"We don't see a reason to change our protocol that falls in line with what other places are doing," he said.

Natasha White, a senior from Chicago studying business management, said her family would probably try to sue the university if none of its administrators contacted them in the event of an emergency and SIUC shouldn't follow other schools'

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Greek Row may shut down by 2012

Fire sprinkler law, costs could cause closure

Madeleine Leroux
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Members of the Greek system are being asked to decide their future housing situation at SIUC because of a violation that is set to happen in six years.

In 2004, Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed the Fire Sprinkler Dormitory Act, which requires dormitories at all public and private colleges and universities in Illinois to have fire sprinkler systems installed by Jan. 1, 2013.

Julie Payne Kirchmeier, director of university housing, said it would be too expensive to bring housing on Greek Row up to code and as a result, spring 2012 would be the

last semester Greeks can reside on Greek Row.

The buildings in Greek Row were not originally designed to last as long as they have, Kirchmeier said, so to bring them up to code would involve renovations as well as new sprinklers. The increased price would be added to Greek students' rent, making it unaffordable.

Andy Morgan, coordinator of Greek Life, said right now the focus is to find out what students want and need from future Greek housing.

"We're kind of leaving it in the students' hands," Morgan said. "Right now we're just in a very exploratory stage."

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Grant to prevent broken bridges

Brandy Oxford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Bridge collapses could soon become a thing of the past.

The Federal Highway Administration's Intelligent Transportation Systems program recently awarded SIUC a \$1 million grant to create and test Internet-based wireless sensor research to provide almost instant data about the structural soundness of bridges.

"We wanted to be able to put up a sensor to measure the vital signature of the bridge so that we know whether the bridge is in good health, in a good service condition or has been deteriorating over time," said Max Yen, director of SIUC's Materials Technology Center.

Yen said the sensors measure deformation, vibration, cracking and corrosion among other things, and researchers will use a database to gather that information to analyze these parameters to see what condi-

tion the bridge is in.

University researchers currently have two bridges in mind, Yen said. The first, which is on campus lake, will be used to test the new wireless data acquisition system. Yen said they would install sensors and lay a DSL line so they can obtain the data through the Internet to the offices.

Yen said the university is required to put up a matching fund to the grant.

"This match is some in kind, some services, some with donations and some with realistic people participation doing the research together," Yen said.

Yen said he expects to have the second bridge identified within the next two to three months. The selection of this bridge will be based on the recommendation of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

"This bridge has not been 100 percent identified, but since we have similar types of bridges throughout southern Illinois, it won't be too dif-

The Federal Highway Administration's Intelligent Transportation Systems recently awarded the university \$1 million to create an Internet-based wireless sensor database to study bridges' structural integrity. Researchers working on the project predict the technology will be used for other research and emergency equipment. Possibilities include:

- Fire alarms
- Environmental research
- Ecology studies
- Security systems

ficult to find one," Yen said.

Yen said the Department of Transportation will do a structural repair of the bridge they choose and he plans to install sensors before and

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BRANDON CHAPPLE ~ DAILY EGYPTIAN

Fraternal and sorority organizations will have to find a new home and won't be able to live in the buildings, such as Stein Hall above, in Greek Row. After spring 2012, the buildings will not be brought up to code leaving many to speculate where Greeks will reside after that semester.

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CALENDAR

Visiting Artist Lecture: Ted Grudowski
• 5:30 p.m. today at the Communications Building, Room 12F
• Ted will be discussing his current 3D photography work
• Free, open to the public

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
• 5:30 p.m. today at the Student Center, Activity Room B
• General meeting

National Association of Black Journalists hosts a resumé workshop
• 6 p.m. today at the Communications Building, Room 1248
• Beverly Robbins shows us what to do and what not to do on resumes
• Open to anyone interested, please bring a copy of your resume

Black Women's Roundtable
• 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Student Center, Cambria Room
• A discussion for, by and about Black Women
• Free! All black women on campus are invited

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.

POLICE REPORTS

A domestic battery occurred at 4 p.m., Thursday at Evergreen Terrace. A suspect has been identified. The victim was not injured and the case has been referred to the State's Attorney's Office.

Criminal defacement of state property (graffiti) occurred at 3:06 a.m. Monday Nov. 19, at Mae Smith Hall. There are no suspects at this time.

Matthew Blake Conner, 26, of Carbondale was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and improper lane usage at 2:10 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 18, at Grand Avenue and Giant City Road. Conner posted his driver's license plus \$100 cash bond.

CORRECTIONS

In the Nov. 26 edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN, the story titled "City Council reviews rezoning requests at Tuesday meeting" should have said The City Council will be running the meeting the same as a regular meeting in City Hall. It is a chance for the Council to meet in a public surrounding. The story also should have said a proposed senior living complex by RichSmith Development would only have independent living units. The DAILY EGYPTIAN regrets the errors.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Three die when bus traveling from Chicago to Dallas crashes
LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — The investigation of a deadly passenger bus crash along a rain-soaked highway in eastern Arkansas was hindered by a language barrier between state police and the victims, who were primarily Hispanic, authorities said Monday.

Three people died in the late-night crash — a Mexican citizen and a naturalized U.S. citizen from Mexico who were bus passengers, and the driver of a pickup truck the bus collided with. At least 19 others were hospitalized, including three children. Several were in serious or critical condition.

The Tornado Bus Lines bus, headed to Dallas from Chicago, crossed the median of Interstate 40 near Forrest City late Sunday and collided with the pickup, then an 18-wheeler. Dozens were taken to hospitals, while others with bruises and scrapes refused treatment, Sadler said.

"The genesis of the crash is on board the bus," State Police spokesman Bill Sadler said. "Of course, the driver, his interview will be very critical."

Spanish speakers were needed as emergency workers responded to the crash and as police interviewed survivors, Sadler said. A Spanish interpreter helped at least one of the hospitals, and the Mexican consulate in Little Rock sent two interpreters.

"Much of the delay is attributed to some communication issues," he said by midmorning Monday.

The bus was carrying 47 people, including the driver, state police said. About a dozen victims had to be extricated from the bus.

The driver of the pickup truck, Danny Okurily, 40, of Hot Springs, and bus passenger Raul Lopez, 58, of West Chicago, Ill., were killed, state police said. The name of the third victim was not being released until relatives could be notified.

Obama touts his experience before he reached Washington
LITTLETON, N.H. (AP) — The nation needs a president who is more a stranger than an insider when it comes to the capital's way of doing business, Barack Obama said Monday, portraying his relatively modest experience in Washington as an asset.

"We don't need somebody who can play the game better," the Illinois senator told about 600 people in a high school gym in this northern New Hampshire town. "We need somebody to put an end to the game plan."

Obama seemed to be directing his comments at New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, who often suggests that her husband's administration gave her valuable experience in addition to her time in the Senate. Clinton, also campaigning in New Hampshire Monday, leads in polls of likely Democratic voters, but Obama is making a push in the first-primary state. TV talk-show host Oprah Winfrey will campaign with him here and in Iowa next month.

Some presidential contenders "have been in Washington too long," said Obama, who has been in the Senate three years. He said his time as a community worker in Chicago, law professor and Illinois legislator gave him vital experiences without making him dependent on lobbyists and special interests.

As for Washington experience, he said, "a long resume doesn't mean good judgment." He cited Vice President Dick Cheney and former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, saying "they led us into the worst foreign policy disaster in a generation," meaning the Iraq war.

Woman sentenced to eight years for crash that killed three
SKOKIE (AP) — A judge has sentenced a former model to eight years in prison for causing a high-speed crash that killed three Chicago rock musicians during an alleged suicide attempt.

A tearful Jeannette Sliwinski apologized to relatives of the victims before being sentenced. She says she thinks every day about the pain she's caused.

The same judge found the 25-year-old guilty but mentally ill last month of reckless homicide and aggravated battery in the 2005 deaths of Michael Dahlquist, John Glick and Douglas Meis.

Sliwinski allegedly told investigators she was trying to take her own life.

Prosecutors had asked that the Morton Grove woman receive the maximum ten years in prison.

House Speaker backs off sales tax increase to fund mass transit
CHICAGO (AP) — The political tug-of-war over a mass-transit bailout got more complicated Monday when Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan said he'd support a Republican-backed funding plan but seemed to leave a statewide construction program in limbo.

Republicans want a capital program to build roads, bridges and schools around the state in exchange for helping Chicago-area transit riders, but there remained no apparent deal on that front Monday.

Still, Republicans are "hopeful" that Madigan will continue "to make good on his promise to work to pass a capital bill," said David Dring, a spokesman for House Minority leader Tom Cross.

Negotiations continue, but Wednesday's special legislative session called by Gov. Rod Blagojevich is about mass transit funding, said Madigan spokesman Steve Brown.

The governor and lawmakers have been at a standstill over a mass-transit bailout and the thornier issue of a capital program that would be funded by an expansion of casino gambling. Two short-term bailouts from Blagojevich have helped prop up the transit agencies, but that money runs out in January when riders face fare increases and service cutbacks at the Chicago Transit Authority and its suburban counterparts.

In a letter to lawmakers Monday, Madigan said he would "compromise" and advance legislation modeled on a Republican proposal to redirect state sales tax revenue on gasoline purchases in Cook and the "collar" counties to the transit agencies.

Madigan backed away from a regional sales tax increase proposal to come up with the money, even though he says it's still a solution he prefers.

Hastert submits official resignation letter
CHICAGO (AP) — Former House Speaker Dennis Hastert is making his departure from Congress official by resigning his seat as of 10:59 Central Time.

Hastert says in a resignation letter to Governor Rod Blagojevich that he chose today so a special primary election to pick people to run for his seat could be held February fifth. That's the day Illinoisans go to the polls in regular primary elections to cast early votes for president and other offices.

Blagojevich spokeswoman Abby Ottenhoff says the governor has five days to set a primary election date.

Once Hastert's seat is vacant, it needs to be filled by a special election within about four months.

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Bush, Mideast leaders voice their optimism about peace prospects

Anne Gearan
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Bush stepped cautiously into the most direct Mideast peace-making of his administration on Monday, meeting separately with the leaders of Israel and the Palestinian Authority to explore whether peace is possible.

A day ahead of a major Mideast peace conference in Annapolis, Md., Bush said he was optimistic. The gathering is to launch the first direct peace talks between Israel and the Palestinians of Bush's nearly seven years in office, and has attracted Arab and other outside backing.

Israeli and Palestinian leaders have already said they want to conclude a bargain within the 14 months that Bush has left in office. The two sides were unable to frame a blueprint for the talks before they came to the United States, and negotiations over the text were expected to continue into Tuesday.

Bush emerged from an Oval Office meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert and told him: "I'm looking forward to continuing our serious dialogue with you and the president of the Palestinian Authority to see whether or not peace is possible. I'm optimistic. I know that you're optimistic."

Next, he met with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, who stressed the need to address issues of Palestinian statehood, sticking points that have doomed previous peace efforts.

"We have a great deal of hope that this conference will produce permanent status negotiations, expanded negotiations, over all permanent status issues that would lead to a



President George W. Bush is joined by Iraq's Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki via video teleconference Monday in signing the U.S.-Iraq Declaration of Principles for Friendship and Cooperation, at the White House in Washington.

peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinian people," he said. "This is a great initiative and we need his (Bush's) continuing effort to achieve this objective."

Olmert said that international support — from Bush and also, presumably, from the Arab nations that will attend the conference — could make this effort succeed where others have failed.

"This time, it's different because

we are going to have a lot of participation in what I hope will launch a serious process negotiation between us and the Palestinians," Olmert said. He was referring to the talks expected to begin in earnest after this week's U.S.-hosted meetings.

"We and the Palestinians will sit together in Jerusalem and work out something that will be very good," Olmert said.

“We have a great deal of hope that this conference will ... lead to a peace agreement between Israel and the Palestinian people.”

— Mahmoud Abbas
Palestinian president

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11 relatives of pro-Baath Iraqi journalist killed

Sinan Salaheddin
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BAGHDAD (AP) — Masked gunmen stormed the family home of a pro-Baath journalist and killed 11 of his relatives, colleagues said Monday, as Shiite legislators denounced a proposal to ease curbs on former members of Saddam Hussein's ruling party, dimming hopes for the U.S.-backed measure aimed at national reconciliation.

Dhia al-Kawaz, editor of the Jordan-based Asawat al-Iraq news agency, was in Jordan when his sisters, their husbands and children were reportedly killed in Baghdad. According to the news agency's Web site, witnesses said more than five masked gunmen broke into the home and opened fire, then planted a bomb inside.

"Sectarian militias killed 11 family members of Dhia al-Kawaz," the agency's statement said, apparently referring to Shiite death squads that frequently target minority Sunnis and their supporters.

Mohammed Salman, a colleague of al-Kawaz in the Jordanian capital of Amman, confirmed the attack in the northern neighborhood of Shaab, a Shiite militia stronghold. Al-Kawaz, his wife and children live elsewhere.

Another colleague, who refused to be named because he feared reprisal, said al-Kawaz has received threats for his stance against the U.S. occupation and sectarian strife

in Iraq.

That colleague said an SUV without license plates stopped at the gate of the house and threw two bombs on Sunday, killing al-Kawaz, two sisters, their husbands and seven children aged 5 to 10 while they were eating breakfast.

Al-Kawaz, who declined to comment Monday, has rejected the U.S. occupation and accused majority-Shiite Iran of seeking to dominate the Iraqi government.

Officials with the Interior Ministry, which oversees Iraqi police, said they had no information about the attack, and local police refused to comment.

The attack, which could not be independently confirmed, is the latest to raise concerns about the sustainability of a recent lull in violence in the capital.

Reporters Without Borders condemned the killings and called for a government investigation, saying Iraqi police at a nearby checkpoint failed to intervene.

"The impunity reigning in Baghdad for the past five years encourages attacks on journalists and their families," the Paris-based media advocacy group said. "It is even more disturbing when security forces see what is happening and yet take no action."

Reporters Without Borders said al-Kawaz had recently been threatened by the Badr Brigades, the militant arm of Iraq's largest Shiite party the Supreme Islamic Iraqi Council.

Lott to resign from Senate at year's end

Michael Kunzelman
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PASCAGOULA, Miss. — Mississippi Sen. Trent Lott announced Monday he will leave a 35-year career in Congress in which he epitomized the Republicans' political takeover of the South after the civil rights struggles of the 1960s.

Lott said he wanted to leave on a "positive note" after winning re-election last year to a leadership post and fostering legislation for rebuilding the Gulf Coast after Hurricane Katrina. He was first elected to Congress on the coattails of Richard Nixon's re-election landslide in 1972 — with 78 percent of the vote in Mississippi. He won election to the Senate in 1988, succeeding veteran Democrat John Stennis upon his retirement.

His decision to retire by year's end occurred five years after he was bounced as the leader of his party in the Senate over remarks praising a Senate colleague that were interpreted as endorsing segregation.

Lott, 66, rebounded a year ago, winning re-election to a fourth term in the Senate and narrowly defeating Tennessee Sen. Lamar Alexander for the party's No. 2 post lining up and counting votes as GOP whip behind Minority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky.

He becomes the sixth Senate Republican this year to announce retirement. Democrats effectively hold a 51-49 majority in the chamber, including two independents who align themselves with Democrats. Lott's retirement means that Republicans will have to defend 23 seats in next year's election, while Democrats have only 12 seats at stake.

Lott said he wants to spend more time with his family and to pursue other job opportunities, possibly teaching. He ruled out any health concerns, but he said it's time for a younger voice to represent Mississippi in the Senate.

"I don't know what the future holds for us," he said on behalf of himself and his wife, Tricia. "A lot of options, hopefully, will be available."

Republican Gov. Haley Barbour will name someone to temporarily replace Lott. Barbour announced a special election for Nov. 4, 2008.

Barbour won a second term this month, and said he will not name himself as Lott's replacement and will not run for the Senate.

Lott said he had not planned to run for re-election in 2006, but he changed his mind after Hurricane Katrina devastated Mississippi's Gulf Coast and demolished his beachfront home in Pascagoula.

WIRE REPORTS

CHAD

Chadian army claims it killed hundreds of rebels during battle

N'DJAMENA, Chad (AP) — Chadian soldiers killed several hundred rebels in fighting Monday in the country's east, the army said.

The battle at Abougouleigne, about 60 miles east of the town of Abeche, left "several hundred (rebels) dead, several injured and several prisoners of war" in military custody, according to the statement from the general staff.

"The fighting lasted four hours and ended in the total and definite annihilation of this column" of rebels, said the statement read on state radio and television by an unidentified officer.

The officer said soldiers also destroyed 50 rebel vehicles and captured another 40.

TEXAS

Police make tentative ID of 2-year-old found

GALVESTON, Texas (AP) — Investigators said Monday they are "fairly confident" that a toddler whose body washed ashore in a plastic storage bin was a girl whose grandmother called authorities after seeing a sketch of the child dubbed "Baby Grace."

The mother and stepfather of 2-year-old Riley Ann Sawyers were in custody. Investigators were awaiting DNA test results but believe their efforts, including releasing the sketch, helped identify the child found by a fisherman Oct. 29 in Galveston Bay.

"It was a few weeks ago I held up this little shoe and asked 'Who is Baby Grace? Who does this belong to,'" sheriff's Maj. Ray Tuttoilmondo said at a news conference. "We're now fairly confident we know the answer to that."

An autopsy revealed three skull fractures, but the cause of death has not been determined. Tuttoilmondo declined to discuss specifics because the investigation is still under way.

BRAZIL

Soccer stadium collapses, seven killed

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) — A stadium collapse that killed seven people highlighted the crumbling state of Brazil's soccer arenas less than a month after the country was chosen to host the 2014 World Cup, architects said Monday.

The victims fell 49 feet through a 10-foot wide hole that opened in the concrete stands of the Fonte Nova stadium in Salvador, a coastal city of Bahia state. At least 40 people were injured in the accident Sunday night.

The survey released Nov. 1 found that Fonte Nova, built in 1951, was the worst of 29 major soccer stadiums around the country. It featured pictures of crumbling support beams under the stands and deemed Fonte Nova in a "pitiful state."

WISCONSIN

Milwaukee ex-police officer deported after stealing identity

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A former police officer who stole his dead cousin's identity to get on the force will not go to prison but must leave the country, a judge decided Monday.

Oscar Ayala-Cornejo, 25, was charged in federal court with falsely representing himself as an American citizen after an anonymous tip led the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to him.

He was arrested May 31 and agreed to a plea deal about two weeks later. He was fired from the department in June.

He was sentenced to a year of probation. The maximum sentence could have been three years in prison and a \$250,000 fine.

WASHINGTON

Cheney experiences irregular heartbeat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Dick Cheney, who has a history of heart problems, experienced an irregular heartbeat Monday and was taken to George Washington University Hospital for evaluation.

The condition was detected when Cheney was seen by doctors around 7 a.m. at the White House for a lingering cough from a cold. He remained at work throughout the day, joining President Bush in meetings with Mideast leaders.

She said Cheney went to the hospital around 5 p.m. She said that if necessary, he would receive cardioversion, a procedure that involves the delivery of an electric impulse to the heart.

GREEK

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Morgan and Kirchmeier both held a meeting Nov. 14 with students in Greek organizations to discuss whether on-campus Greek housing should be offered in the future.

"Pretty much everyone's saying, 'Yeah, we want Greek housing,'" Morgan said.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz said the university is not obligated to provide Greek housing, but the option is just one end of the spectrum.

"The other end of the spectrum is to say do you want to be involved in us building new facilities for Greeks to live on campus in a location that's been there for a long time, like Greek Row?" Dietz said. "And if so, what are you willing to do?"

Dietz said the ultimate goal for Greek Row is to tear the existing buildings down, as they weren't meant to last this long.

Kali Hofer, a senior from Buckley studying marketing and public relations and chair for Inter-Greek Council, said on-campus Greek housing should continue to be offered in the future.

"Some of the houses have to be on-campus to be in existence," Hofer said, because of their national organizations.

But, Morgan said, any on-campus housing will be smaller than the current houses.

The current trend, he said, is to provide smaller housing to accom-

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— Kali Hofer
chair for Inter-Greek Council

modate small chapters who can't fill a 36-person house. Plus, if on-campus Greek housing is ever abandoned, the houses could be transformed into small group housing, Morgan said.

"We have to be realistic and look at the financial aspect," Morgan said.

Morgan said after information from current students is gathered, Dietz would have to decide where to go.

"We have four and a half years to do something," Morgan said. "The clock is ticking."

But while the discussions are in full swing, funding is still a question for the possible new on-campus Greek housing.

It must first be figured out what students want and if they should continue on-campus housing, Kirchmeier said. After that, it's a matter of laying out the available options and figuring out the most affordable way of construction, she said.

"It's not going to help them right now," Morgan said. "It's going to help the future of their chapter."

Allison Petty contributed to this report.

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PROCEDURES

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examples in this situation.

"If it happened on campus, the first people who should be able to contact your family is the administrative staff," White said.

Andre McCollough, a second year medical preparation student from New York, said the university, hospital and coroner should work together to notify the family.

"When someone sends their child to school, they expect the school to actually look out for their best interest," he said. "So, if something happens to the student on university grounds, the university should immediately contact the family. Maybe they may not be able to give as many details, but they could refer

“If something happens to the student on university grounds, the university should immediately contact the family. Maybe they may not be able to give as many details, but they could refer them to the hospital where they could get more information.”

— Andre McCollough
second year medical preparation student from New York

them to the hospital where they could get more information."

Dietz said he is usually at the hospital in emergency situations and ensures that the university contacts the family promptly after they have been contacted by hospital administrators or the coroner.

McCollough said that policy takes liability and accountability off university administrators.

"My family would be angered to hear that I've been dead for two hours and that my school didn't even call and let them know that I was in an accident or something had happened," he said. "It's passing the buck."

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BRIDGE

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after repairs to determine how effective the repairs of the structure turn out to be, for quality assurance.

The sensors would remain on the structure to continuously monitor its performance, but it may take some time for those sensors to be installed.

"Winter time is not necessarily a good time for construction, so I would assume that, if we're going to install the sensor, it's going to be some time in spring," Yen said.

The sensors each have an IP address. With that address, researchers can extract the data from the sensor instead of entering it into a computer and then uploading it to Internet browsers so it can be accessed by the necessary entities. This way, the data is available instantaneously to anybody. Yen compared their sensors to cell phone Wi-Fi technology and its ability to sense the necessary technology in airports and coffee shops.

The grant for the project was approved Oct. 15, and since then researchers have been doing laboratory proofing for the data acquisi-

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— Max Yen
director of SIUC Materials Technology Center

tion system and determining what other sensors, if any, they should implement once the second bridge is identified with IDOT.

The study of the initial two bridges will demonstrate that everything from the data sensors, data acquisition process, communication, Web sites and analysis all work. Once that is demonstrated with the two bridges, Chris Williams, a junior from West Frankfort studying civil engineering, said the technology could be passed on to other applications.

"For instance, I've been working on an application right now that's a model fire detection in a house," Williams said. "If you had one of these data acquisition systems in every room, it's Internet based, so if there's a fire in a house and you had a photoelectric smoke sensor or a temperature sensor in each room

with a data acquisition system, then it could directly, over the Internet, send a trigger to the fire department and they would be able to know the exact location of the fire in the building."

The technology could also be used for environmental and security purposes, Yen said. He added that they are trying to gather this information for future customers, not just their current project, and make it easier to make this system adaptable to other applications.

"The idea 10, 20 years ago would be just fantasy," Yen said. "Now it's much more realistic because of the development of communication technology, sensors and Internet."

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Three die when bus crashes into pickup

Peggy Harris
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — The investigation of a deadly passenger bus crash along a rain-soaked highway in eastern Arkansas was hindered by a language barrier between state police and the victims, who were primarily Hispanic, authorities said Monday.

Three people died in the late-night crash — a Mexican citizen and a naturalized U.S. citizen from Mexico who were bus passengers, and the driver of a pickup truck the bus collided with. At least 19 others were hospitalized, including three children. Several were in serious or critical condition.

The Tornado Bus Lines bus, headed to Dallas from Chicago, crossed the median of Interstate 40 near Forrest City late Sunday and collided with the pickup, then an 18-wheeler. Dozens were taken to hospitals, while others with bruises and scrapes refused treatment, Sadler said.

"The genesis of the crash is on board the bus," State Police spokesman Bill Sadler said. "Of course, the driver, his interview will be very critical."

Spanish speakers were needed as emergency workers responded to the crash and as police interviewed survivors, Sadler said. A Spanish interpreter helped at least one of the hospitals, and the Mexican consulate in Little Rock sent two interpreters.

"Much of the delay is attributed to some communication issues," he said by midmorning Monday.

The bus was carrying 47 people, including the driver, state police said. About a dozen victims had to be extricated from the bus.

The driver of the pickup truck, Danny Okurily, 40, of Hot Springs, Ark., and bus passenger Raul Lopez, 58, of West Chicago, were killed, state police said. The name of the third

victim was not being released until relatives could be notified.

Mexican consul Andres Chao said the Little Rock, Ark., consulate would pay for funeral services for the two passengers.

Bus driver Felix Tapia, 28, of Brownsville, Texas, and tractor-trailer driver David Rice, 45, of Mars Hill, N.C., suffered minor injuries.

Tornado Bus spokeswoman Jennifer Rodriguez said the Dallas-based company, which caters primarily to Hispanics, had no previous crashes involving its 75 buses. She declined to provide further details on the crash.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration was conducting a compliance review of Tornado Bus and was helping Arkansas authorities investigating the crash, spokesman Duane DeBruyne said. Agency records showed a company performance better than national averages in some respects.

Tornado buses and drivers have been inspected nearly 2,000 times over the past two years, according to agency records. The inspections resulted in Tornado buses being ordered repaired 11.3 percent of the time, and the driver ordered to stop driving — typically for passing the wheel — 1.2 percent of the time. Both figures were below the national averages of 23.14 percent and 6.8 percent, respectively.

Also, in the past two years, Tornado drivers received 35 moving violations, including 27 for speeding, according to federal records.

Two years ago, the National Transportation Safety Board suggested that median barriers could have stopped or slowed a bus that crossed Interstate 35 in a Feb. 14, 2003, crash at Hewitt, Texas. Seven people were killed in that crash in heavy rain and fog. Five of the victims were aboard the bus.

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Faith and cinema



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As e-mails circulate and Facebook groups take life, it would seem the forecast for Dec. 7 this year could call for infamy.

Most likely though, it will pass without notice.

Christian groups throughout the U.S. have been preparing for the release of "The Golden

Compass," a movie starring Nicole Kidman that will be in theaters next Friday. E-mails and Internet groups call for the boycotting of the movie because of its atheist themes.

People are particularly upset because the target audience for the film is younger children and pre-teens.

The movie is an adaptation of the bestselling and highly-acclaimed trilogy written by Philip Pullman. Pullman has been described as one of the most outspoken English atheists. He even admitted that his books try to undermine the basis of Christianity; others have described them as a sort of antithesis to the "Chronicles of Narnia."

While the idea of boycotting something one disagrees with is completely understandable and within the consumer rights of everyone, this seems like an odd battle to choose.

People against the movie seem to be under the notion that if they or their children were to see the movie, their faith would be rocked like a hurricane and they would forswear whatever beliefs they held prior to entering the theater. It is reminiscent of last year when Christian groups, Catholics in particular, were up in arms over the release of the ever so mediocre "The Da Vinci Code."

If your faith is so precariously balanced that seeing a fictional movie full of fictional events overturns your belief system,

the problem is not in the movie. I thought the same in 2006 when "The Da Vinci Code" was released, and have yet to meet anyone who stopped attending Sunday services because they saw a long-haired Tom Hanks search for the body of Mary Magdalene.

I read all three of Pullman's books this summer and thoroughly enjoyed the first installment. It seems many of the people opposed to the movie have not read the book. If they had, they would know the controversial themes are barely discussed at all in "The Golden Compass."

Theoretically, if the other two parts of the trilogy were never made into movies, then the atheistic tones would never be transferred to the big screen.

In any case, "The Golden Compass" would not be the first movie released to children with themes that could be considered anti-Christian.

In Disney's "Hercules," the young Hercules, spawn of an adulterous god, prays to Zeus, who happens to be his father. In "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" the antagonist Claude Frolo who lusts after Esmeralda is a judge, but in the book he is a priest. The Sultan in "Aladdin" constantly shouts "Praise Allah!"

And of course, there are all the issues with Harry Potter.

Ultimately, the movie is fiction, pure and simple. It's based in a world in which the souls of the people are tangible and follow them around in animal form and can talk. There are talking polar bears with opposable thumbs and flying witches. Everyone travels by airship.

Just as I am sure no one was baptized after watching "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," I would imagine no good Christian would denounce their church if they watch "The Golden Compass."

Wenger is a junior studying Spanish and journalism.

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THEIR WORD

Reading on the run

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One hardcover English translation of Leo Tolstoy's "War and Peace" has a list price of \$37, weighs 3.8 pounds, and runs a staggering 1,296 pages long. It is, in every sense of the word, a literary heavyweight.

But publishers are once again trying to make it easier to dive into such a long book. Past efforts to create widely popular electronic formats for books – the term of art is "e-books" – haven't succeeded. Now those in the business of books are yet again experimenting with technology to lighten the load of readers on the go.

Amazon last week introduced the Kindle, a handy 10.3 ounce paperback-size electronic tablet on which you can wirelessly download books, newspapers and magazines. Publishers are making deals that will allow you to download their books to your cell phone.

You might be tempted to scoff. Books on phones? Ridiculous. Even on a gloriously multi-pixel smart-phone screen, "War and Peace" is bound to feel, well, small, its epic breadth figuratively as well as literally shrunken.

Then again, so is much of our entertainment these days. We watch most of our movies not on big theater screens, but on home televisions. We consume music not at album length, but song by song, with all of our favorite artists queued up on our miniature devices.

That means people now see movies they otherwise wouldn't, and hear beloved recordings any time they wish. What if expanding the status quo by perfecting e-books similarly

sustains the book business by luring more people to read?

Certain books actually translate better to, and are better consumed on, phones than are traditional books. Being able to consult cookbooks on our phones in Aisle 5 might make shopping for dinner ingredients quicker and easier. Much as cramming a bulky travel guide onto a slim phone surely would lighten the load on the backs of weary tourists.

In Japan, commuters consume graphic novels – think elaborate comic books – and novellas on their cell phones. Similar phone services might inspire American readers to take to those two forms of storytelling as well.

New technologies, new possibilities.

Consider: Ed Zwick and Marshall Herskovitz, the forces behind iconic shows "thirtysomething" and "My So-Called Life," recently launched their newest series, "Quarterlife," exclusively on the Internet. Each episode is only nine minutes long, the pacing tailored to both the audience and the medium. It's not difficult to see authors following in Zwick's and Herskovitz's creative footsteps, crafting boutique books for subsets of the reading public.

This is the time, it seems, for the e-book.

But Tolstoy? We will still prefer him in hardcover. Turn with us now to page 1,187.

Don't tell Tolstoy.

This editorial appeared in the Chicago Tribune on Friday.



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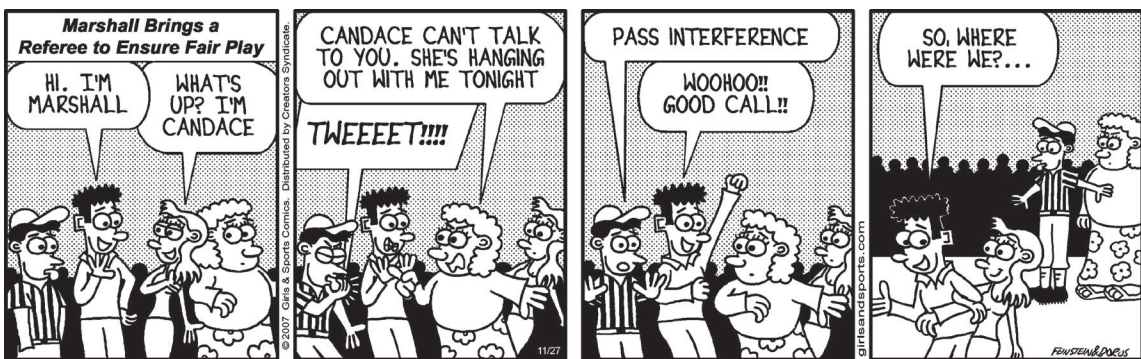
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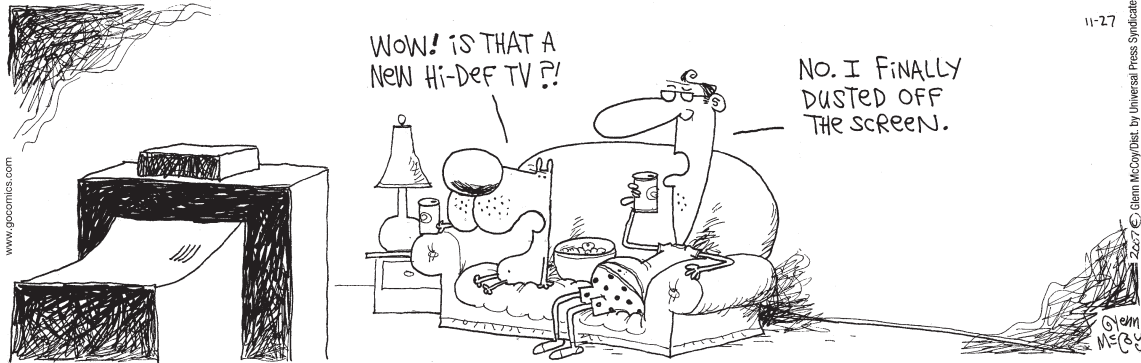
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- Motherly command
- Aerial RRs
- Plant swelling
- Doofus
- Royal ruler
- ___ a one (none)
- Plumed velvet cap
- One in Toledo
- Surgical cutter
- Hindquarters
- Use a divining rod
- "___ Five-O"
- Rude
- Wireless devices
- Computer of 1951
- Shop machine
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- Do-over serve
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- Laura or Bruce
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- TV sound
- Short life?

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- Discerning
- Picnic pest
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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

Solution to Monday's puzzle

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By Linda C. Black

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

Aries (March 21-April 19) — Today is a 5 — Somebody's hopes are going to be shattered. To make sure they aren't yours, take precautionary measures. Only enter fights you can win.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) — Today is a 7 — Your partner wants to run the show but you also have strong opinions. The compromise you work out now will last, so speak up for yourself.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) — Today is a 5 — A very interesting conversation leads to new possibilities. Do not take off on this adventure yet. A lot more study is required.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) — Today is a 7 — A person who's usually quite thrifty comes up with an outrageous scheme. Advise your friend it's a money loser and keep your own money safe.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) — Today is a 5 — Talk among your close family about recent frustrations. Don't dwell long on that topic, though. It's a waste of time.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — Today is a 7 — Don't travel until the job's done. Your trip would be ruined by the worry you won't be able to pay your bills. Don't risk your peace of mind.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is a 5 — You want to go shopping, but should you? It's possible that you can. First, scratch those frivolous items off your list. Next, leave your credit cards at home.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) — Today is an 8 — Be willing to give up on a scheme that might not have worked anyway. You'll come up with more ideas. Heed a skeptic's wise considerations.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is a 5 — Excuses are definitely not going to work this time. The only thing that counts is results. Get busy and produce some.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 9 — Conditions are great for romance on a limited budget. Just for fun, prove to yourselves that the best things in life are still free.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is a 5 — Comfort food is recommended. It'll do you good to settle into the lap of luxury, in your home sweet home. Or as close to that as you can get. Re-charge.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is an 8 — Don't just dream about what might be, take assertive action. Do the research and learn how to build the life you want. The more you practice, the easier it gets.

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Gloria Bode says check out a CD recap from over Thanksgiving break tomorrow.

Super Mario stars again

Julie Engler
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

"Super Mario Galaxy"
Publisher: Nintendo
Developer: Nintendo
Platform: Wii
ESRB Rating: Everyone
Release date: Nov. 12, 2007

History has proven that Mario games are destined to succeed.

From the early 1980s to now, the courageous plumber has been the star of more than a dozen games and still manages to keep gamers entertained.

"Super Mario Galaxy" is no exception and is one of the most entertaining Wii games to hit the market since its host's debut a year ago.

Just as the Nintendo 64 opened a whole new Mario experience, the Wii takes the 3-D world steps further while using the system's interactivity to enhance game play.

Mario shoots into space for his latest adventure, but the game's format is identical to "Super Mario



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64." Each "galaxy" consists of different levels while Mario collects power stars to advance. Like the other version, Mario doesn't have to beat every single level to beat the game, but there are several fun little surprises along the way to make the game more interesting.

Aside from the excitement of playing levels upside down and collecting star bits, coins and other trinkets to blast from one planet to the next, Mario can transform into a bee or a ghost and can shoot fireballs, freeze water or even fly, depending on what he picks up.

There is also a chance for a second player to join. While Luigi does make an appearance in the game, don't expect to play him — the second player only gets to aid Mario by collecting star bits

and stopping rocks and enemies from moving. But as you're blasting through space or skating on ice, having a friend alongside helps tremendously.

If whizzing through the galaxy in search of his long-time love, Princess Peach, isn't fun enough, gamers are challenged by certain "comets" to beat levels in a different way. Sometimes the challenges are beating bosses without getting hit, sometimes Mario races his transparent double and other times the challenge is simply beating a level in a certain amount of time.

With the exception of very few games — Zelda, Metroid



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and downloadable old classics — Nintendo has just barely kept Wii owners' attention spans. Those who burned themselves out on "Super Mario 64" might not like the repeat levels — the quicksand temple, the butt-burning lava and the rabbit catching — but the gravity-less atmosphere brings a new excitement to an old challenge.

Those looking for difficulty might be a little disappointed: Beating the game is pretty easy. That's good for younger audiences, though maybe not so much for those looking for a long-lasting challenge.

But every Mario game holds tons of surprises. There has to be a reward for collecting all the stars, not to mention little things here and there that make waiting to beat Bowser more rewarding, even if it is as simple as winning a penguin race.

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3 out of 5 stars

PULSE

CHATTERBOX

Macy's Department Store is suing Kimora Lee Simmons for allegedly overcharging it for her beauty products and refusing to pay back the extra profit. Do you think the fabulous Kimora would intentionally try to cheat Macy's?



Alicia Wade

This is like watching Jacob Marley and Ebenezer Scrooge duke it out over who gets to keep the final coin left in the pouch. Just do what's right here, you crazy bunch of millionaires.



Jakina Hill

I'm not sure what to think on his one, but Kimora does seem to try to have her cake and eat it too.



Audra Ord

I don't know if Kimora would intentionally cheat the store, but she definitely needs to pay back the extra profit if she did. If her show about living in the fab lane is anything to go by, the girl is undeniably loaded, and paying the store would be pocket change.

Seinfeld's trip to Israel generates buzz

Sean Gaffney
 THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TEL AVIV, Israel — Jerry Seinfeld's trip to the Holy Land got so much hype it rivaled news of key upcoming Mideast talks.

The Jewish comic visited Israel for the first time in decades to promote his new animated movie about bees, and he was treated like royalty — literally.

Few entertainers get to meet both the Israeli prime minister and president. Seinfeld saw both, as well as touring the official Israeli Holocaust

memorial, Yad Vashem — the route taken by visiting world leaders.

Newspapers devoted nearly full-pages to his trip. And references to his humor crept into serious items in the news.

"Yada, yada, yada," said TV political analyst Amnon Abramovitz Sunday about the Mideast meeting called by President Bush, quoting one of the best-known phrases from Seinfeld's TV show.

Seinfeld, who arrived Friday and left Sunday, was in Israel as part of a world tour to promote his film, "Bee Movie," his first major project since

the end of his TV series.

Seinfeld wrote the script and stars as a bee who is unhappy with his life manufacturing honey for humans.

The comedian himself seemed awed by his reception. He said it was quite a contrast to his last trip to Israel in 1971 as a 15-year-old volunteer on a kibbutz collective farm.

"I would be in the fields, and nobody wanted my autograph and nobody wanted to take their picture with me," he told reporters in Tel Aviv. "They just let me hack away at those banana leaves, and no, I didn't meet the prime minister even once."

Dear Hollywood: Don't change the message

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Amidst a holiday trailer blitz featuring fighting polar bears, an icy Nicole Kidman and more talking animals than a Dr. Doolittle film, "The Golden Compass" has found an enemy — Christian groups.

Based on the novels in the "His Dark Materials" series penned by Philip Pullman, "The Golden Compass" is the first in a trilogy dealing with the concept of an authoritative Church and its battle with a child who possesses a compass that reveals truth.

Christian groups are protesting the perceived anti-religious message within the material.

It isn't the protesting that is offensive, since religion is obviously a touchy subject as beliefs are the heart and drive of people.

What is bothersome is the notion that Hollywood — more specifically New Line, the studio attached to the "Compass" project — is attempting to water down the themes integral to the original text, especially when the first installment of the "His Dark Materials" series is the least provocative in dealing with religion.

In the film version of "The Golden Compass," the Church is

referenced as the "Magisterium," and New Line confirmed to MTVNews that some religious references were relaxed.

While it is clear filmmakers can't put every nuance from a novel into a film, themes shouldn't be changed just to appease a perceived backlash. The bottom line is people will go see the film if they want to, not because the Church was changed to the Magisterium.

Hollywood should honor its source material and protect the integrity of the original work and vision of the author. Of course some books make great movies with nips and tucks to stories, but if the editing causes the work to lose its original message, then it is distorting the composition of the author and disrespectful to his creativity.

"Compass" director Chris Weitz told MTV he has no intention of softening religious tones in the sequels to the film and should only be applauded for his decision. The single wish one could have is that New Line hadn't watered anything down at all.

Audiences will choose what they want to see and whether it conflicts with their beliefs. It shouldn't be Hollywood's call to change the themes from literature to get a couple more bucks at the box office.

Protect the work's integrity, Hollywood, and fans of the text will flock to the theaters and thank you for it.

Fire destroys Red Hot Chili Peppers' house

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MALIBU, Calif. — Flea isn't soured on living on Malibu, even though another house the Red Hot Chili Peppers bassist owns in the coastal enclave was among those destroyed in the weekend's wildfires, a spokeswoman said.

"Obviously he's very upset," said Gayle Fine, a spokeswoman for band manager Q Prime Inc.

Flea, whose real name is Michael Balzary, had been trying to sell the rental property, Fine said. He lives in another Malibu home farther north that

was untouched by the flames, she said.

"I know he loves living there," she said.

A real estate listing advertised the destroyed four-bedroom home for \$4.8 million and described it as a "private 2.4 acre compound" set "in a botanical paradise."

It was among 53 homes leveled by the blaze, which erupted Saturday.

Balzary, 45, is a founding member of the Chili Peppers, which released their first album in 1984.

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Devin Hester returned a punt and a kickoff for touchdowns in the Bears' 37-34 win Sunday. Hester, now with 10 career return touchdowns (11 if you count the missed field goal he turned for a touchdown last season) passed Chicago legend Gale Sayers for the team's all-time career return touchdowns record. The NFL's career record holder is Brian Mitchell with 13. Where are the Bears without Hester?



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"Chicago would probably be the worst team in the league if it hadn't taken a chance on him in the second round two years ago. Hester answered the Christmas wishes of every Bears fan who watched Bobby Wade muff every ball that came his way. But, as the Facebook group says, don't bother sending him a gift. He'd just return it."

"They're not in the mix for a spot in the playoffs, that's where. Hester drives Chicago, and I'm driving the Bears' playoff bandwagon. The Bears, Saints, Cardinals, Vikings, Eagles and Redskins are all just out of the playoffs right now at 5-6, and I wouldn't rule out the 6-5 Lions losing every game from here on out."

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"The Bears are going nowhere and Hester wouldn't be helping much. I say go Rams."

GUEST COMMENTATOR: JOHN RANDLE

"He means pretty much everything to them right now. He's been a game-breaker pretty much throughout the season, especially last year. He won that game basically single handedly this past week. He probably has the best vision of any kick returner that I've ever seen ... Without him, the Bears probably wouldn't be half what they are now."

- SIU football senior running back John Randle



SALUKI TRACKER

Bart Scott



Linebacker Bart Scott recorded five tackles for the Baltimore Ravens in their 32-11 loss to the Chargers Sunday — the Raven's fifth consecutive loss. The former Saluki is second on Baltimore with 67 tackles this season and 5.5 tackles for loss. Scott also has one sack this season. The Ravens return to action next Monday against the Patriots.



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SPORT BRIEFS

Hill finishes sixth in Walter Payton Award balloting

SIU senior quarterback Nick Hill placed sixth in the 2007 Walter Payton Award early ballots, the Sports Network announced Monday.

Hill was one of 16 candidates for the award, which is given to the best player in the Football Championship Subdivision, formerly known as Division I-AA, each year.

The list was cut down to three finalists Monday, including quarterbacks Jayson Foster of Georgia Southern, Josh Johnson of San Diego and Eric Sanders of Gateway rival and No. 1 seed Northern Iowa.

The three finalists will attend the annual Sports Network awards din-

ner at the Chattanooga Marriott during the Championship game Dec. 13, where the winner will be announced.

Last season, former SIU running back Arkee Whitlock placed third in the balloting.

Hill ranks third, one spot ahead of Sanders, in efficiency rating of all FCS quarterbacks with a 74.4 completion percentage and a 174.8 rating.

Hill has thrown for 2,853 yards and 25 touchdowns with only four interceptions. He has rushed for four touchdowns and 281.

FOOTBALL

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advance past the second round for the first time since the 1983 National Championship season.

"I was a very tough, difficult human being for everybody in that building, and I'm not letting up any," Kill said. "We're going to work our tail end off. We're going to prepare. We're going to do what it takes to get to the next one."

Kickoff for the game is set for 2:30 p.m. at McAndrew Stadium.

Senior linebacker Trevor Moe said

the team has consistently improved week to week in practice, and showed it on the field Saturday with the focus being third down stops.

The Panthers converted on just three of 13 third down attempts.

"They want to run the ball, and you'll give them four or five yards the first two plays and they'll have to pass it. That's not what they want to do," Moe said.

SIU's defense was also boosted by the return of two sophomore starters in the secondary.

Cornerback Brandon Williams and safety Marty Rodgers both

returned to action Saturday after missing time with injuries. Rodgers recorded nine tackles against the Panthers while Williams notched 1.5 tackles for loss, including half-a-sack.

Kill said getting Rodgers and Williams back was an important aspect of SIU's victory.

"They're fresh-legged," Kill said. "They've been out for two to three weeks so their gears are ready to go. So that's not all bad sometimes."

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BASKETBALL

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Falker said the young athletes of Southern California were able to take away what the Salukis traditionally get success in, and the team was unable to hinder much of what the Trojans do on offense.

"That's what you want as a program. You want people to counteract what we try to do," Falker said. "You want that respect, but you also have to give that respect. You can't just lay down."

Falker's efforts in the tournament, where he averaged 20.3 points and 7.3 rebounds in three games, earned him

a spot on the All-Tournament team alongside the freshman Mayo, who was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

Lowery said Falker's effort amid the double-teams showed his poise, but the failure of the guards to hit or even take the open looks that kind of attention afforded them hurt the team immensely.

"Somebody was always open. That's what was so disappointing," Lowery said.

The defeat dropped the Salukis four spots to No. 22 in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll and a loss of 320 votes to fall out of the Top 25 in The Associated Press Poll. The win cata-

pulted formerly unranked Southern California to No. 22 in The AP Poll and No. 24 in the Coaches Poll.

The Salukis next opponent, Indiana, also dropped in Monday's national polls after Xavier handed the team its first loss of the season Saturday.

The Salukis need to take the early season loss as a lesson, Lowery said, and will be motivated by their passive body language and lack of effort when they watch film of the game as they prepare to face another high-powered offensive team Saturday as the No. 15 Hoosiers visit the SIU Arena.

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FOOTBALL

Junior defensive end James Cloud dives for a sack of Eastern Illinois quarterback Bodie Reeder during Saturday's first round playoff victory. The stout Saluki defense held the Panther offense more than 20 points below its season scoring average on the way to a 30-11 victory.

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SIU defense suffocates Panthers

Needs to do similar against UMass' powerful offense

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SIU head football coach Jerry Kill said the Saluki defense did nothing out of the ordinary during its first round domination in the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs. The fourth-seeded Salukis (11-1) held Eastern Illinois to 179 total yards

in a 30-11 first-round playoff win. Before Saturday's game, the Panthers averaged 31.1 points and 401.3 yards per game. Eastern Illinois managed 113 passing yards and 66 rushing yards, and assistant coach Roc Bellantoni said the Salukis were stacking the box for the run and daring the Panthers to throw the ball. But not being able to run or pass successfully backed Eastern Illinois (8-4) into a corner it couldn't escape from. "When you can't get your running game going, it's hard to set up any play action," Bellantoni said. "That's not going to suck anybody up and then

open up some seams behind the line-backers, so obviously that hurt us." Kill said it all came down to how hard the Salukis wanted to work. "All teams this time of year, you are what you are," Kill said. "You're not going to change. You're going to do what you do best, and then you're going to try to take tendencies away." Kill said SIU will need to prepare similarly for its quarterfinals opponent Massachusetts (10-2), which also averaged just more than 31 points per game during the season. The Minutemen, as well, feature firepower from all three skill positions. Running back Matt Lawrence has

rushed for 1,473 yards and 16 touchdowns this season, while quarterback Liam Coen has thrown for 2,670 yards and 27 touchdowns. Meanwhile, the receiving corps represents even more problems. J.J. Moore, the Minutemen's leading receiver with 73 receptions for 1,006 yards and five touchdowns, is just one of three receivers who has scored more than five touchdowns this season. Kill said the coaching staff began preparing for the Minutemen as soon as the Eastern Illinois game was decided, and will need to work to

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis fall in polls

Blowout loss disrupts national ranking

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SIU men's basketball coach Chris Lowery said he blamed himself for his team's uncharacteristic performance in the worst loss of his career as a head coach. After the Salukis (3-1) fell to Southern California 70-45 — the largest margin of defeat in eight seasons — Sunday, the team recognized nationally for its ferocious defense experienced a backlash in national polls. SIU dropped four spots in the ESPN/USA Today Coaches Poll and fell completely out of The Associated Press Top 25 Poll. Lowery said the team was too passive on offense and

lacked the intensity on defense to make up for it, something he said was a result of poor preparation on his part. "Wins don't magically happen," Lowery said in a postgame radio interview. "We acted like it was going to magically happen for us instead of fighting for it." Lowery credited USC (5-1) for its comprehensive gameplan that centered on suffocating SIU's leading scorer Randal Falke with double teams inside and forcing other players to shoot from the perimeter, where they finished with a season-low 5-20 mark from long-range. Falke, a senior forward, did not relent despite the pressure, leading the team with 17 points and 11 rebounds, but failed to adjust on the defensive end as the Trojans outscored the Salukis 26-12 in the painted area. On the defensive end, SIU allowed a season-high 70 points and 59.5 field goal percentage from its opponent, many of which resulted from a failure to get back on defense to combat the Trojans' high-powered transition game. "That's almost unheard of," Falke said in a radio interview. "Our 'D' wasn't where it needed to be."



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Senior guard Tyrone Green jumps over the back of an NIU player during the Salukis' Nov. 17 win over the Huskies. SIU has a 3-1 record after winning its first three contests convincingly and getting blown out by Southern California Sunday.

Falke was the only double-digit scorer for the Salukis, whose usually proficient bench was held to just seven points with a bucket a piece by guards Josh Bone and Brandon Wood and forward Carlton Fay. The Trojan bench featured three of its four leading scorers, with freshmen O.J. Mayo and Davon Jefferson and sophomore Taj Gibson finishing in double digits. Mayo and Gibson started in the

team's first games, but were benched at the tip-off in a late decision by Trojan coach Tim Floyd. Both entered the game with their team trailing 10-6 and finished the half with a 29-13 run. Gibson especially abused SIU in the paint, as many of his 10 points and nine rebounds came off of second-chance looks earned by attacking the glass. After posting its best record since Winkler became head coach four seasons ago, the Salukis will return all six starters next season.

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VOLLEYBALL

Younger team earns accolades

Underclassmen expected to improve program's future

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While the SIU volleyball team did not feature any seniors in its starting lineup this season, the young squad managed to help make the future of the program look a little brighter, coach Brenda Winkler said. Sophomore middle blocker Chandra Roberson was named second team All-Missouri Valley Conference and redshirt freshman Jennifer Berwanger was named to the freshman All-MVC team after the Salukis (15-16, 7-12) made their first trip to the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament since 2002.

Roberson recorded 2.73 kills and 1.05 blocks per game throughout the season and moved into eighth place all-time at SIU in career block assists with 98 in only her second season. Berwanger, meanwhile, recorded 3.44 digs and 2.66 kills per game on the way to her honors.

Chandra Roberson
 — Sophomore
 • Second Team All-MVC
 • .281 hitting percentage
 • 2.73 kills per game (second on team)
 • 1.05 blocks per game (second on team)
 • 98 total block assist (ranks 8th all-time at SIU)

Jennifer Berwanger
 — Freshman
 • Freshman team All-MVC
 • 2.66 kills per game (fourth on team)
 • 3.44 digs per game (second on team)
 • .39 aces per game

Kristie Berwanger
 — Junior
 • All-Scholar Team (MVC)
 • 4.0 GPA in fashion design merchandising
 • All-Tournament Team (MVC)
 • Recorded 11 kills and 11 digs against the Salukis tournament loss to Creighton

Though the team lost in the first round to Creighton Friday, Winkler said the individual accomplishments help point the Salukis in the right direction in the years to come. "We feel really good about the future," Winkler said. Roberson said she was honored to receive the award and it showed how hard she worked to improve her game this season. Last season, only one Saluki — middle blocker Johannah Yutzy — was named to the second All-MVC team. Roberson said she learned a lot from Yutzy, who graduated after Roberson's freshman season in 2006. After their one year of playing together, Roberson said she hopes she can mirror the former star's success on the court. Junior right side Kristie Berwanger also received awards as she was named to the MVC All-Scholar team and the All-Tournament team. Kristie Berwanger is a fashion design merchandise major and holds a 4.0 cumulative grade point average, which was the highest GPA on the list. She recorded 11 kills and 11 digs in the tournament loss. With a team that finished below .500 both overall and in conference play, Winkler said the season was a positive experience for the Salukis. After posting its best record since Winkler became head coach four seasons ago, the Salukis will return all six starters next season.