Merged government is key, speaker says

William Alonso, Daily Egyptian

When it comes to homeland defense, Elaine Kamarck recommends incorporating numerous government agencies into one entity.

Kamarck, a faculty member of the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, spoke about the challenge of homeland defense at the Morton-Kenney Lecture Series Thursday evening.

"What we have learned is that, after a tragedy the government works pretty well together. We see it in a variety of natural disasters and we have seen it in New York the last month," Kamarck said.

"The greater problem in thinking about homeland defense is the prevention problem." Kamarck served as senior policy assistant to former Vice President Al Gore before joining Harvard University. She worked directly with Gore to create the National Performance Review designed to reinvent government.

For the prevention of future terrorist acts, Kamarck recommends combining the Consular Office, which assigns visas for entry into the United States, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, FBI, Coast Guard, Customs Agency, the CIA, the security aspect of the Federal Aviation Administration into the Department of Homeland Defense. The DHD was created by President George Bush shortly after Sept. 11 and is coordinated by Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge.

"We need to move these agencies into a mode of prevention," Kamarck said. "The United States is not set up to deal with the problems of the 21st century.

The new threats of the 21st century are the non-state terrorist organizations such as the Al Qaeda organization. According to Kamarck, to understand the nature of these threats one needs to look at the Gulf War.

Halloween future still a mystery

Jennifer Wieg, Daily Egyptian

Despite lingering thoughts of last year's Halloween havoc, the announcement of no fall break next year, regardless of SIUC's fall schedule, is unlikely to be in effect next year, according to Chancellor Valter Wendler.

"All SIUC won't take a fall break next year. Dr. Wendler announced Oct. 9 that SIUC will not take a fall break next year. This year's break, the longest one yet, lasts for one week.

But university officials say they will decide what to do about next year after this year's break is complete.

City Manager Jeff Dobrisky said they will wait until November or December to put the issue on the agenda.

"We'll see how things go this year and evaluate it from there," Dobrisky said.

The ban along the Strip will be closed during the weekend before and the day of Halloween. Unless changed, the code will also be in effect during the weekends of SIU's fall calendar.

Dobrisky said he has faith in the students, but understands there are some who will cause problems.

"That number has gotten smaller than in the past," he said. "I think people are responding to what we're trying to do and are cooperating.

Wendler said he had made the decision now because he wants people to think about and understand what no fall break will mean for SIUC and Carbondale.

He expects this year to be calm because of the school's ban and the zero tolerance attitude Carbondale police officers have been working along the Strip.

"They immediately act on situations that are unlawful," Wendler said. "That's part of the problem with Halloween is that there's uncertainty on what's lawful and what's not."

Wendler said it is time to rectify the confusion.

"All of us, by large and by large, obey the law. If the laws were as clear and nearly all of us accept that," he said.

Wendler also shifted the attention from Halloween to more important things it will improve the University's image.

"An SFU continues to focus on academic excellence, our reputation is going to get better and better," he said.

SFU President James Walter was not available for comment.

Campus speed limit may drop to 20 mph

Brett Nauman, Daily Egyptian

Chancellor Walter Wendler announced a series of campus traffic changes Friday in response to recent accidents occurring in University crosswalks.

"There have been two serious accidents on campus in less than a month. To combat this," Wendler said he will recommend the lowering of the campus speed limit from 35 mph to 20 mph, increasing SIUC Police patrols, repainting some crosswalks and putting up warning signs for pedestrians entering them.

Wendler said he decided to make the changes, which are the second part of his four-phase plan to improve safety at SIUC, after the death of SIUC student Annette Coleman on Sept. 21. Coleman, a senior in dental hygiene, was killed while riding her bicycle through a crosswalk.

The traffic implementations were delivered with an exclamation point after Wednesday's Undergraduate Student Government meeting. Wendler said he will request the city of Carbondale reduce the speed limit on Grand Avenue from 30 mph to 25 mph, because of the high student traffic in front of the Recreation Center.

It is up to the people whether the new changes reduce injuries to students at SIUC. Wendler said he knows it is tempting to speed because of the open road on campus. Wendler said that more of the accidents that occur aren't necessarily because of "bad drivers" but usually driven who are "momentarily distracted."

"Every once in a while, I see a vehicle going over the limit," Wendler said. "All people want to be careful by and large."

Reporter Brett Nauman can be reached by e-mail at bnauman24@siue.edu

Powell says: war may end by winter

The U.S. campaign against Afghanistan should continue "at least through the end of winter," Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday. "No matter what history may record," Powell said winter conditions would place constraints on U.S. operations.

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Women's march gets attention
'Take Back the Night' fosters collective healing

JANE HUIH
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A stretch of glowing candles and rhythmic chants of protest stirred the night's stillness. Supporters of "Take Back the Night" made their message heard on the streets of Carbondale Friday, as they set off on their weekly march from the Interstate Center and arrived at the Town Square Pavilion 30 minutes later.

The annual march and rally culminated the week-long series in celebrating Women's Safety Week that began on Monday. Women of all ages and diverse backgrounds united to take a firm stand against domestic and sexual violence.

"I'm here in support of women's rights. I'm really proud of this outreach program and amazed at the turnout," said Denise Harris, a sophomore in sociology.

At the same time, Harris is one of many at the march who was personally compelled to be a part of the march.

"My mother was raped when she was a child and I'm motivated by how she has overcome," Harris said. "Women aren't gonna stand for it anymore. Hopefully, others will witness this."

Even though the disproportionate female audience outnumbered the men, attendees shared the same feelings as the women.

In DeSoto's, a store in a fashion design, marched on behalf of her ex-fiancée who was raped two years ago. DeSoto said the assault left her with long-lasting psychological scars.

"She had a hard time trusting anyone in general, but men especially," DeSoto said. "Not all men are violent. It's men who abuse it too."

Polly Poskin, executive director of the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault, recognizes the toll such an act has on a person.

"Rape becomes a reference point in a woman's life forever," she said.

Poskin added that victims "do heal" and that their "strength and courage does not mean they're separated from the reality of what happened."

At the rally, the same T-shirts displayed at Fanner Breeze way last Thursday enclosed the pavilion, giving people an opportunity to observe the firsthand accounts of violence. Piercing words and images on the shirts told the story of victims and survivors.

Kelly Cichy, executive director at the Women's Center in Carbondale, talked about recent progress in the legal realm, which included the state's passing of the Emergency Contraception Bill as of last year. This bill requires hospitals to inform rape victims about the availability of such medical procedures."

Kathleen Tuohy (left), a sophomore in interior design from Mokena, Andrea Hackett (center), a sophomore in music business from Mokena and Daroong (right), a StU alumnus of Carbondale read the struggles of women that were written on T-shirts after the "Take Back the Night" walk on Friday evening at Town Square Pavilion in Carbondale.

Costello stresses calm to Carbondale residents
Details House plan for displaced workers and airline security

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HOLY WAR

OUR WORD

Wendler right to deep-six fall break

SIUC Chancellor Walter Wendler surprised some with his rebuttal to the touchy Halloween situation; this year’s fall break would be our last.

However, it is our view that the proper decision was made. The legendary and infamous Halloween revelry has served Carbondale and SIU with an image that’s less than spectacular. The ghosts of Halloween past still loom in many people’s minds. The riots in 1994 and 1996 were both shocking and appalling. And when the Carbondale City Council voted to reopen bars on the Strip in 2000, the results (damage to buildings and more than 150 people arrested) confirmed that party-goers could not be trusted to remain civil.

Now, with the bars on the Strip indefinitely closed during Halloween, revoking the fall break of classes that was implemented in 1990 is the next logical step.

Wendler was right in making the statement that our learning should not be suspended because of Carbondale’s most egregious tradition.

We would much rather prefer a longer Thanksgiving break to spend time with our families, than the fall break that bows to the Halloween problem instead of facing it head-on.

Although it’s a complete turnabout from past administration’s solutions to the problem, the canceling of fall break at the very least returns the University to normalcy. Most other major universities do not have a break over Halloween, and while it’s nice to have a brief intermission in the middle of our ever stressful autumn studies, the break serves as a constant reminder of our party school image.

In April 2000, interim Chancellor John Jackson recommended the elimination of fall break, saying the break served its purpose and was no longer needed. Now, Chancellor Wendler will make that recommendation a reality and begin the process of change and healing that is necessary for SIU to beat back the ghosts of Halloween’s past.

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Tales from Oz

BY DAVID OSBORNE
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A New Jersey man was arrested after mailing an envelope of Parmesan cheese to a friend. A television news editor in Seattle crushed up Lifesavers and left them in a state envelope in the newswroom as a joke. A connection man stopped and searched the state building where he worked after he received an envelope on the afternoon he knew it was a joke. He ended up in federal court and faces five years in prison and $50,000 in fines for his little joke. These jokes are costly and hardly as funny as they might seem. The $50 fine the Connecticut prosecutor keeps is based on that $1.5 million it cost the state when the building was evacuated and shutdown. Anthrax fear is a very real thing in this country. People are scared to death. A doughnut shop in Florida has quit selling powdered-sugar covered doughnuts because they fear to eat them. Northwest Airlines no longer stocks powdered-coffee creamer and sweeteners on their flights due to the anthrax fear. I heard bread with white powder. A woman in Douglas County, Kan., called the local sheriff thinking she had a powdered-sugar covered doughnut. Damn, and I really like them things, too.

My 17-year-old niece is bored. That's a bad. A bored teenager is a dangerous thing. A bored teenager is a dangerous thing. A bored teenager is a dangerous thing. A bored teenager is a dangerous thing. A bored teenager is a dangerous thing. A bored teenager is a dangerous thing. A bored teenager is a dangerous thing. A bored teenager is a dangerous thing. A bored teenager is a dangerous thing. A bored teenager is a dangerous thing.

The breezeway outside Faner Hall was sprinkled a powdered headache remedy on around the fact we declined an opportunity over for the afternoon. So she's helping us destructive device.
Red, white and blue color fall crafts fair

Recent patriotism surge highlights Arts and Crafts Festival

GEORGE RITTER
daily egyptian

Shannon Rickett knows what sells at the typical fall craft show, and it's usually as simple as Santa Claus or a couple of stars. This year, though, she's a bit surprised to find people still stuck in the beginning of July.

"That war was very important to understanding where we are now. That war taught the enemies of the United States that America could not be defeated in this old kind of war," Kamarck said. "If you wanted to hurt America you had to wage a new kind of war."

"That war is very important to understanding the way we think about homeland defense. There are many ideas on how the government should do this," Kamarck said in Washington and elsewhere across America. Not everyone who attended Kamarck's lecture agreed with her ideas.

"Some of the things she spoke of seemed a little far off. This so-called super army government entity - I don't think it could actually happen," said Eileen Holthaus, an uninterested spectator. "I think we should not create a new agency, but focus on improving the one we have."

Paul Wendler, a graduate student in work force education and development and public administration, expressed similar sentiments. Washington said that if we want to change the government, now is the time to unite and implement these changes.

"Kamarck" is very realistic and that is good. But changing the culture of all these government agencies is something that can't happen overnight," Washington said. "It is going to take a lot of time and a lot of effort."
Protecting the environment is not one of Sanjecz Kumar's main goals, but with his research involving concrete, landfill waste is put to good use.

Kumar, assistant professor of civil engineering, is conducting research to develop stronger concrete composites made with ash, a by-product of burning coal that would normally fill landfills. Kumar's research has the potential to reduce soil and groundwater contamination through its use in the field of civil engineering.

He said that ash forms coal has "amazing properties," which, when mixed proportionately, make concrete. With land space for construction purposes diminishing everywhere, Kumar's field research could be used in constructing multi-storied buildings that conserve land space.

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"They use an incredible set of equipment to accomplish it," said Linda Holstein, assistant dean in the College of Engineering.

Full-scale load testing of the foundation is conducted when the piles are driven into the ground and tons of pressure is applied to the piles with a jack to determine their strength.

"The students get a totally hands-on experience, which no professional engineers have never seen," Kumar said.

"For some field research, Kumar goes with students and E.D. Simms Consulting Co. to a site in Carriereville where foot-thick 25-foot-long concrete piles are made, driven into the ground and analyzed.

"The testing would go to finding up things such as railways, highways and airports that would put people to work immediately," Costello said.

Several tax cuts have already been proposed and Costello and a Democrat, said the Republicans were trying to push a "middle-class tax cut."

This type of tax philosophy, stemming from Ronald Reagan's presidency, gives tax cuts to the rich with the assumption that they will pump the money back into the economy and it will "trickle down" to the average worker.

Costello said it does not work and he wants to give tax cuts directly to the middle and lower class and said the Republicans were using the Sept. 11 attacks to cover this up.

"They are trying to use this to get permanent tax cut for the wealthy," Costello said.

Airlines Security

The House is also looking at several bills that will tighten security on airlines and make people feel a little better about taking to the skies, Costello said.

He said a bill the House will soon vote on would make the sky marshals program permanent. Fully armed undercover federal agents, known as sky marshals, were used in the 70s and early 80's and eventually cut to save money.

The Federal Aviation Administration reinstated them following the Sept. 11 attacks. The House would make sky marshals permanent, and they would fly on every third airplane.

Also, Costello supports making airline security screeners "career" jobs it is to monitor metal detectors and check luggage, federal employees. Costello called the screeners "career employees.""It's not short of shocking," he said. Their average salary was $62,500. "About half the time, you have a high turnover rate, many are not U.S. citizens and there is no hope for advancement. There are poor conditions often harbor poor working habits, Costello said and industry usually hires these employees by contract, giving the job to the lowest bidder.

Costello said he wishes some growing from the airline industry about making this a "career" job, but Costello said it will help the aviation industry in the long run because people will feel much more confident with federal employees at the gates.

"If we expect to get back to anywhere close to normal, they have to feel secure," Costello said.

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**Halloween**

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Students appear to have mixed feelings on the Halloween break.

Amy Archer, a freshman in philosophy, said, "I really like the break, it's a welcome break for everyone." However, having a break was not a priority for everyone, some students didn't see the need for a break.

**Anthrax**

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in the early stages.

Anthrax is a disease that livestock farmers and the military long had been familiar with. For centuries, anthrax has caused disease in animals around the world, even in wild livestock. In the U.S., it became known when the first case, a possible weapon against live- stock, was discovered in Iraq in 1976.

Farmers and workers in various industries that handle potentially contaminated carcasses, hides and even bones may be receiving vaccinations for the disease. A vaccine for humans was produced in 1971 by the Michigan Department of Public Health. However, administering the vaccine is a lengthy process involving 18 months of injections and only prevents the contraction of cutaneous anthrax, not the more deadly inhalation form. Cases of anthrax have been reported in 82 countries, with human cases regularly being reported in the Middle East, Africa and Russia.

The threat of anthrax as a bioweapon was not a priority for the military. In 1976, a secret German laboratory was found to be based in Baltimore, allegedly studying anthrax as a possible weapon against livestock. And during the Cold War, the former Soviet Union accidentally released anthrax from a military microbiology facility in Sverdlovsk, resulting in the death of 66 of the 77 people diagnosed with the disease. U.S. troops were vaccinated during the Persian Gulf War, after a biological weapons research facility was discovered in Iraq in 1998.

While anthrax has been prevalent around the world for centuries, the recent attacks in the United States have aroused concern in many Americans. Last week University and city officials announced their plan to respond to any potential anthrax threats. Anyone concerned that they have been exposed to anthrax is encouraged to call the local police department or SIUC police.
Mahogany Jackson (right), a sophomore in marketing and paralegal studies, lights the candle of friend Leslie Darvice, a junior in psychology, during the "Take Back the Night" march.

Ronan Fiser
Daily Egyptian
AND YOU THOUGHT IT WAS JUST COFFEE: Left to right: Kahlil Rechtshly, Alyson Neveja, and Julie Sommers, members of the Campus Shaneses Greens, protest outside Barnes and Noble Bookstore in Carbondale on Saturday morning. The members passed out leaflets about Starbucks Coffee, located inside the bookstore, to passers-by for nearly three hours. The members were unhappy about the coffee franchise’s ingredients and business practices.

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Texas Style • Dinner Rolls

Tuesday, October 23
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California Blend Vegetables
Dinner Rolls

Wednesday, October 24
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Meatloaf w/Red Sauce
•Baked Potato Bar
Pasta Chips & Cilantro Dip
Baby Peas w/Mushrooms
Dinner Rolls

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Saluki hoops provides sneak preview

Men's and women's basketball teams show off skills for fans

JEN DUEY
DAILY HERALD

The SIU men's and women's basketball teams conducted its annual Midnight Madness event last Saturday except they threw in a new wrinkle by having it start at 5:30 p.m. The event started out by introducing the women's squad and then the men's scrimmage against a team of students led by former Saluki center Keith Sharmsworth.

The Salukis robbed players about every five minutes and won the 20 minute scrimmage 23-29. SIU women's head coach Leil Opp was not in attendance because of an illness.

Next came the 3-point shoot-out, in which the men's and women's teams competed to come up with a representative scorers. The most impressive performance of the night was turned in by freshman Dajae Jones of the women's team. 

The contest included the ever-popular slam dunk contest, which was won by Robin Roberts for the second straight year. Roberts, who had to sit out last season after transferring from Virginia Tech, had an easy time in the championship-round game in Jacksonville. He scored 14 points and went 1-for-1 on 3-pointers.

The festivities also included the usual inter-squad scrimmage, but there was no winner this time.

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Senior guard Marcus Belcher takes a three-point shot during the "Midnight Madness" scrimmage at Davies Gymnasium on Saturday night. The annual event kicked off the practice season for the Saluki men's and women's basketball teams. Besides the scrimmage, fans were treated to both a three-point and slam dunk contest.

All in all, the players enjoyed the opportunity to show their stuff to the nearly full house in Davies Gym.

"It was fun to get out and play a simulation game, when at practice you just go up and down a few times and stop," Williams said. "We get a chance you see we're not as shape as we are because we all got winded pretty fast, but it was fun."

JONATHAN HILL and THE REFLECTOR (MISSISSIPPI STATE U.)

MISSISSIPPI STATE, Miss. (UPI) - With the 2002 baseball season approaching and fall practice coming to an end, the Missouri State Bears (2-5, 0-4) lost their home-opener game on Friday night against the University of Northern Iowa Panthers (5-4, 2-3) in the first round to claim the victory.

The Panthers, who had dominated Missouri Valley Conference basketball and lost in the last seconds, were able to win the 3-point contest 29-25.

The Northwestern State Bears (11-4, 3-1) defeated the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panthers (16-10, 1-4) in the final round to claim the victory.

The only players who didn't participate in the scrimmage were walk-on Jason Ward and senior forward Tyone Rule, who sat out in precautionary measure with a minor wrist injury.

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Men’s swimming and diving places fourth at Big XII Relays

The Salukis' swim team wins event against a top ten team

LIZ GUARD DAILY EAGLE

Despite being in fourth-place finish at the Big XII Relays, the Saluki men's swimming and diving team can now say they beat one of the top teams in the country.

Four teams competed in the relay-only event in Columbia, Mo., on Friday. The Salukis came in fourth with 65 points behind first-place finisher Missouri (70), second-place finisher Texas A&M, which earned 104 points, followed by first-place finisher University of Texas (100) and the University of Missouri (79).

The Salukis beat out Texas A&M by 07 seconds to win the 100 individual medley relay. Senior Cancer Prouski, sophomore Derek Helvey and freshman Adam Gangl led the Salukis to their lone first-place finish.

Prouski said the tough competition added excitement to the meet.

"We were really impressed," Prouski said. "We won one event and swam against Texas A&M and they're one of the top teams in the United States so we were very proud of that."
Panthers strut their stuff
Team shows why it's ranked among the nation's elite

JAY SCHWAB
Daily Egyptian

The SIU defense went into Saturday's game against Eastern Illinois University looking in limbo in third straight opponent to less than 20 points. That plus didn't even make it out of the first quarter, as the EIU offense posted 21 first quarter points and torched the Salukis all afternoon.

"I don't think he missed very many throws," SIU head coach Jerry Kill said. "He is an excellent, excellent quarterback and a great leader." Spoo gave the credit for his team's success to his offensive coaches.

"They kicked our butt in every phase," SIU head coach Jerry Kill said. "Man for man, they were a heck of a lot of a better football team than we were Saturday." The Panthers tore into the Salukis almost immediately.

The SIU defense went into Saturday's game against Eastern Illinois University, in which inclement weather made SIU running back Brandon Robinson gets tackled by a pair of EIU defenders in the 3rd quarter of the Salukis disappointing 49-21 loss on Saturday afternoon at McAndrew Stadium.

Football sluggish as Eastern rolls
Salukis give weak performance in 49-21 loss

JAY SCHWAB
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The SIU football team has spent much of its season going down fighting. Saturday, the Salukis just went down.

Eastern Illinois asserted its dominance early in the second half, but we can't do that. 'We're up in the second half, but we can't do that. We're a team that has to play flawlessly.

The Panthers tore into SIU almost immediately. EIU running back J.R. Taylor scored the first of his four rushing touchdowns and five overall on a 15-yard run on the second play from scrimmage.

After SIU couldn't do anything with its first possession, the Panthers needed just six plays to go up 14-0, as quarterback Tony Romo delivered a 25-yard touchdown pass to Taylor. Taylor rushed for 170 yards against SIU, and EIU ran up 467 yards of total offense. The SIU defense had played well lastly — highlighted by an admirable showing in a 19-14 loss at Northern Iowa last week, which preceded Saturday's game, which we did terribly ever to game day.

"We just didn't want to compete [Saturday] it seems like," Morton said. "It seemed like we came out dead at the beginning and then we finally got up in the second half, but we can't do that. We're a team that has to play flawlessly."

Kill said his team showed fatigue on Saturday afternoon at McAndrew Stadium.

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