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Provost finalist explains demotion

LAUREN LEONE
Daily Egyptian

Editor's note: This is the first of four profiles featuring the finalists for the provost and senior vice chancellor position.

Robert Hampton says he knows from personal experience what it means to be second in command at a university.

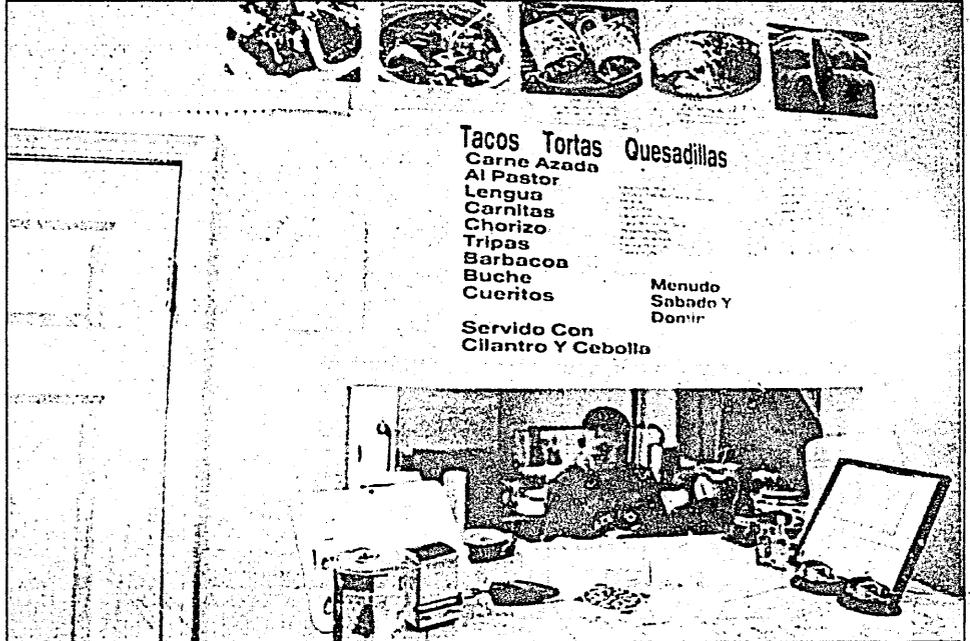
Hampton, a professor of social work and sociology and former provost/executive vice president at Tennessee State University, is one of the finalists for the SIUC provost and senior vice chancellor position, a position currently held by Don Rice. Hampton was the first of four finalists to participate in the open forum, as his was held Monday from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Student Center Auditorium.

Before applying for the position, Hampton served as provost at TSU for two years before he was demoted back to professor of social work and sociology. He initially told the DAILY EGYPTIAN the reassignment was a "joint decision" between he and the president, but in a later interview, said he disagreed with the president's decision.

Hampton joined the administration at TSU in 2006 in the middle of an enrollment decline, which was down from the university's all-time high of 9,100 students in 2004 to 8,800 students in 2009, according to the National Center for Education Statistics. The president's decision to reassign Hampton was due to the school's poor enrollment numbers, which did not improve in his two years as provost, Hampton said.

Hampton said he was in charge of the school's enrollment management office and academic support, making him accountable for what went wrong. He said he was "taken aback" by the president's course of action.

"The entire enrollment management was already inefficient when I arrived," he said. "(But) I don't want to put (Tennessee State University) in a bad light. That's not my style."



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Ernesto Tomas, owner of Doña Camilla Mexican Groceries, prepares takeout orders Tuesday in the back of his restaurant/grocery store. Tomas said it's important for the nation's

growing number of Hispanic students to finish school and take advantage of opportunities that are not available in their home countries.

University focuses on appeal to Hispanics

NICK JOHNSON
Daily Egyptian

As Illinois' Hispanic student population grows, the university must find ways to market itself to Hispanic students and make them feel more at home in Carbondale, says Luis Camargo, president of the Hispanic Student Council.

Hispanic students make up 4.8 percent of SIUC's student population, but that number is expected to grow, according to projections from the U.S. Census Bureau.

By 2020 Illinois will have the fifth-highest Hispanic population in the country, the bureau projects. Additionally, the bureau projects the nation's Hispanic student population will grow 166 percent by 2050, while the number of non-Hispanic students will increase 4 percent. Data from the Pew Hispanic Center, a Washington, D.C.-based think tank, has Illinois as one of the six states that combined to educate 70 percent of the nation's Hispanic students in 2007-08.

John Nicklow, interim assistant provost for enrollment management, said the growing Hispanic demographic is something the university must watch closely and respond to accordingly.

SIUC's Chicago recruiters are already working on ways to get more Hispanic students to the univer-

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— Ernesto Tomas

owner of Doña Camilla Mexican Groceries

sity by visiting schools with high Hispanic populations and visiting Hispanic geared community organizations and clubs, Nicklow said. He also said they maintain relationships with Hispanic community leaders.

"We want to make sure we're accessible," Nicklow said.

Camargo, a senior from Chicago studying aviation, said because most of SIUC's 966 Hispanic students come from the Chicago area, they often lose touch with their families while living in Carbondale and that may lead them to return before finishing their degrees.

"They just don't feel back at home. They don't adapt to the new environment down here," Camargo said.

He said the university needs to offer Hispanic students a more welcoming atmosphere by supporting Hispanic Registered Student Organizations.

In August, Western Illinois University was the only Midwestern public university cited among 20 other U.S. public institutions by

The Education Trust for successful graduation rates for Hispanic students. Western's white-Hispanic graduation rate gap is just 0.8, 14th-best in the nation, according to a WIU press release.

In the press release, WIU President Al Goldfarb credited the campus' Casa Latina Cultural Center for providing resources and support to the university's Hispanic students.

Camargo said he recently met with Chancellor Rita Cheng, who shared ideas with him for SIU to better market itself to Hispanic students, he said.

One such idea near completion is the Hispanic Resource Center in Woody Hall, said Linda McCabe Smith, SIUC's associate chancellor of institutional diversity.

"The university has been trying to get a coordinator for the center for more than a year, Smith said, but it could have one within weeks. The center is funded with money from the state that will provide more resources for Hispanic students and give them a better sense of self-identity, she said.

Like other student groups, Hispanic students have unique needs and there aren't very many resources on campus right now to accommodate those needs, Nicklow said.

He said SIUC's University College, a proposed support structure for first- and second-year students that's still in the development stages, will help better meet the needs of Hispanic, African-American and other student groups, Nicklow said mentoring programs, as well as tutoring and supplemental education programs tailored to unique student needs, are part of University College and elements of those programs should be in place by fall 2011.

As Latino Heritage Month, October has been the busiest month for the approximately 40 members of Hispanic Student Council, Camargo said. The council has seen plenty of support for the events from the Carbondale community, and even local Hispanic residents attended some of them, he said.

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New poll shows more in favor of higher income tax

CHRISTINA SPAKOUSKY
Daily Egyptian



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More Illinois voters support an increased income tax as a way to combat the state deficit than in years past, a poll released Monday by the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute found.

The poll shows the most popular option of increasing revenue is raising the income tax, with support at 40.9 percent, an increase of 8.8 percentage points from 2009.

Opposition declined by 9.3 percent.

The poll, conducted from Sept. 30 to Oct. 10, surveyed 1,000 Illinois residents likely to vote in the November elections and has a margin of error of 3 percentage points, said David Yepsen, director of the Institute.

"I think it is interesting that now almost 10 percent have moved in that direction in the past year, and so now you can read (it) one of two ways. I read it pessimistically; people should have learned more about the budget (since the primaries)," said John Jackson, visiting professor at the Institute.

Gov. Pat Quinn's proposal includes a 1 percentage point income tax increase to fix the now \$13 billion state budget deficit. He said he has made \$3 billion in cuts, including cutting his own pay, and if re-

lected would analyze and audit every expenditure of state government for waste.

"My plan is to continue cutting the budget as we have for the last year and a half. I've already made \$3 billion in cuts, and that's more than any governor in Illinois history," Quinn said.

Jackson said while the poll shows change in a more rational direction, people still have the illusion that cutting waste and fraud will solve the state's budget crunch. No one in his or her right mind thinks there is \$13 billion of excess money lying around, he said.

"The idea that there is all this fat lying around out there is just total nonsense," Jackson said.

Rich Whitney, Green Party candidate for governor, said during Thursday's gubernatorial debate that

he favored an all-around audit of state government spending to limit corruption.

"Let's cut the waste in government; everyone's in favor of that. I'm the only candidate that favors a forensic audit to ferret out the real ways that's borne on political corruption in our state," Whitney said.

Quinn said a drastic 40 percent cut to social services and education would be needed without more revenue. He said he believes in a combination of increased taxes and cuts to fix the budget.

"It's called budgeting for results. If something doesn't work, then we don't fund it the next year; that's what I've been doing," Quinn said.

Poll respondents were asked whether they supported or opposed cuts in state services. A substantial majority opposed cuts in areas such

as spending for people with mental or physical disabilities, opposed by 83.5 percent; K-12 public education, opposed by 82.1 percent; public safety, opposed by 74.5 percent; and higher education, opposed by 57.4 percent.

Contrary to the poll's data, Republican gubernatorial candidate Bill Brady said he thinks voters are growing tired of Quinn's proposal to raise the income tax. If elected, Brady said he would balance the budget by reprioritizing spending and cutting 10 percent across the board.

"We will roll up our sleeves and work to balance the budget. These are difficult decisions, but they have to be made," Brady said.

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Ernesto Tomas, 44, owns and operates Doña Camilla Mexican Groceries on East Jackson Street. Tomas, who has lived in Carbondale for 23 years, is originally from the Mexican province of Michoacán. He said one of the main problems facing Hispanic families in the U.S. today is that parents work so

much to provide for their families that they don't have time to study English and adjust to the culture.

Tomas said the university's Hispanic students need to take advantage of the opportunities presented to them in the U.S.

"Their parents possibly came to do field work, to work in factories, so they can't stop working to maintain and give (their children) food and pay for

college," Tomas said. "So (students) must take advantage of that opportunity that they couldn't have in Mexico."

Students from that type of working-class background need more financial aid available to them, Camargo said.

"We have the kids that are in the middle who don't have a lot of support from the government," he said.

With a chancellor who has experience in Milwaukee dealing with a large

Hispanic student population, Camargo said he's optimistic the university will increase its appeal to Hispanics in the future.

Nicklow said diversity is a necessity for any well-respected university, as it better prepares its students for their careers.

"I often tell my engineering students, 'When you graduate, you're going to be serving a clientele that is far

more diverse and if you all look the same and speak the same and believe the same, there's no new ideas," Nicklow said.

"It's important to be as diverse as our communities and our world and as that changes we need to change."

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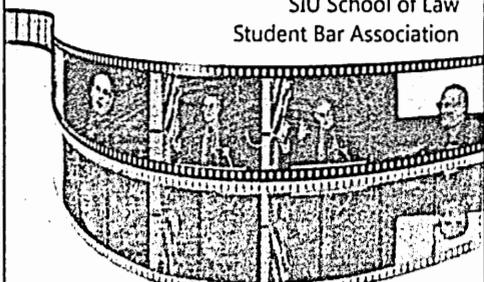
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Retooled Elvis album marks a new take on the King

ADRIAN SAINZ
The Associated Press

MEMPHIS — A re-styled version of the Elvis Presley hit "Suspicious Minds" hit radio stations on Monday, part of an album being released later this year featuring newer, more contemporary takes on many of his hits.

"Suspicious Minds" is the first single off "Viva Elvis-The Album," set for mass release Nov. 9. The 12-track compilation is a companion piece to the Las Vegas show "Viva Elvis" by Cirque du Soleil, which began in February.

The new "Suspicious Minds" and the other reworked songs on the album could strike a dissonant chord with Elvis' older fans. But the minds behind the new album said the new tracks won't lose the qualities that made them hits in the 1950s and '60s.

"I can understand why the purist may be cautious and hesitant, but the new album is a unique way to bring Elvis' music to a whole new younger audience," said Tom Cording, vice president of media relations for Legacy Recordings, Sony Music Entertainment's catalog division.

The Elvis machine is relying on fans who never saw him in person

to keep revenue pouring in. Last year, Elvis generated more than \$60 million in revenue from royalties, licensing and Graceland's operations, according to Securities and Exchange Commission filings by CKx Inc., which owns Elvis Presley Enterprises.

Erich van Tourneau produced and arranged the new songs, fusing thousands of samples of Elvis' music and voice with more modern styles like punk, garage rock and hip-hop. Other tracks feature voice-overs and sound effects.

For instance, "Suspicious Minds" opens with Elvis' soulful, echoing voice and prominent piano notes, then shifts into a guitar introduction that evokes memories of U2's classic anthem "Bad." The song has a strong drum and guitar component without losing the sing-along quality of the original.

Other songs on the new album include "King Creole," "Burning Love," and "Love Me Tender," many sounding like they were released after Elvis died in August 1977. The danceable and energetic "Blue Suede Shoes" has elements of Kenny Loggins' 1984 hit "Footloose," and it features a blues harmonica and rhythmic, clapping backbeat. "That's All Right," meanwhile,

possesses the more frenetic style of Jet's 2003 rock 'n' roll anthem "Are You Gonna Be My Girl."

"Heartbreak Hotel" has traditional blues elements while incorporating rock guitar and a solid contribution from the horn section.

And Elvis sounds fine on "Love Me Tender," but female singer Dea Norberg's presence seems out of place. Still, Elvis' talents and the original material are the foundation for the new releases, even if some of them seem overwrought or overproduced.

The album's reception seems to be mixed. For instance, Miami oldies station WMXJ-FM plans to play the new version of "Suspicious Minds."

"That still has great legs," WMXJ program director Bill Stedman said of the song. "It wasn't an accident that they chose it as their first release."

But Jerry Dean, operations manager for Entercom Memphis' five radio stations, said he probably won't play it. Elvis — a native of Tupelo, Miss. — lived in Memphis and is still the city's most well-known figure.

"Elvis is so beloved that when you start changing his original music, then the die-hard fans don't like it," Dean said. "Some things just shouldn't be remade."

Report: Questioned Marion VA has shown improvement

JIM SUHR
The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A southern Illinois Veterans Affairs hospital has made "substantial improvement" in quality control since major surgeries were suspended more than three years ago in the wake of several patient deaths, a VA inspector general's report has concluded.

But the findings, based on an unannounced, three-day inspection of the Marion VA in August, critiqued the medical center's procedures — not actual quality of care — and came with no recommendations, still leaving unclear when major surgeries could resume there.

A phone message left Monday with the national VA system was not immediately returned. Peggy Willoughby, a spokeswoman for the Marion VA, said she would look into whether the VA could comment about the latest inspector general's report or give any timeline on when key surgeries may return to the site.

Investigators later found at least nine deaths between October 2006 and March 2007 resulted from substandard care, and another 10 patients died after receiving questionable care that complicated their health.

The Marion VA — serving veterans in parts of Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky — has been under intense scrutiny since August 2007, when a surgeon resigned three days after a patient bled to death following gallbladder surgery. All inpatient surgeries were suspended within a month, and the site's director, chief of staff, surgical chief and anesthesiologist were moved to other positions, placed on leave or quit.

Investigators later found at least nine deaths between October 2006 and March 2007 resulted from substandard care, and another 10 patients died after receiving questionable care that complicated their health.

Separate reports by the medical inspector of the Veterans Health Administration and the VA inspector

general described the hospital's surgical program as in disarray with shoddy administrative oversight. Investigators also found instances of physicians performing procedures without proper authorization and inadequate assessment of patient deaths.

But that appears to be changing, based on the latest inspector general's report that credits the Marion site with great strides in more timely peer review for quality management and stepped-up communication of identified issues. The hospital also has in place ways to better disclose adverse events to patients who have been harmed by such things as significant medical errors.

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HOME MOVIE DAY HELPS TO PRESERVE MEMORIES Julie Mosbo, right, a Morris Library preservation librarian, checks the condition of home movies brought in Saturday by Roger Poppen in the lower level of Morris Library. Saturday was Home Movie Day, a day dedicated to the worldwide celebration of amateur films, according to its website. Mosbo, the organizer of the local event, said it was important to celebrate family memories as well as to educate people on proper care of home movies. "One of the main reasons I thought that it was important to do a Home Movie Day was to emphasize preserving home movies," Mosbo said. She said often such films are left in attics or basements, which can damage if not destroy them. Beyond education, however, Mosbo said the nostalgia is important as well. "It's fun to see things that you haven't seen before and see people who may not be around, and remember good times," she said. "It's really a nostalgic thing. It's memories, and people like memories."

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Hampton highlights necessity for change

RYAN VOYLES
Daily Egyptian

Robert Hampton says his presentation Monday was to state that change is inevitable.

"We can choose to be victimized by change, or we can choose to develop a vision that will allow us to manage change in a productive way," he said.

Hampton, a professor of sociology and social work at Tennessee State University, was the first of four finalists for the SIUC provost and senior vice chancellor position to tour campus and hold an open forum. More than 60 staff and faculty attended the forum Monday in the Student Center Auditorium, as Hampton explained his plans for the university if he were to take over as provost.

He said during the presentation he looked forward to coming to a university which held its research in such esteem.

"I appreciate the mood that exists on campus, the realization that this institution is a strong one, with a strong historical legacy, that will be stronger even later in the future," Hampton said. "Clearly part of the mantra for the next provost is to make

sure that future stays bright."

He used his "deprecating humor" to discuss the need for SIUC to keep up its academic mission, the need for diversity among students and staff, as well as a need to recruit students and retain them until they graduate.

"For me, degree completion is the No. 1 priority we need to have here on campus," Hampton said.

A recent report by the American Institutes of Research showed SIUC had one of the lowest first-year retention rates of the 12 public state universities at 70 percent. Only Chicago State University at 55 percent, Northeastern Illinois University at 64 percent and University of Illinois at Springfield at 67 percent had lower retention rates.

In response to a question from David Yepsen, director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute, Hampton said he did not want SIUC to get the idea they had to compete against elite universities for students, but he plans to make the best out of the students who do attend.

"The challenge is to take the students here and make them competitive against the best and the brightest across the state," he said.

Enrollment at SIUC has

dropped every year since 2005, with a total loss of 1,401 students in the past five years. Enrollment peaked in 1991 at 24,869, but has seen a steady decrease during the past two decades.

Yepsen said after the meeting it was still too early for him to develop an opinion on Hampton, but he said Hampton handled himself well during the presentation, especially during the question and answer session.

Father Joseph Brown, director of Africana Studies, said he was very impressed with the way Hampton presented himself and it was a good sign of the potential of the other provost candidates.

"It was a hopeful sign if the search committee can give us someone of such quality right out of the gate," he said.

Brown said what he liked most Monday was how Hampton highlighted the change in demographic in his presentation, as Brown said he himself has been an advocate of it for years.

"For 20 years I have been saying you have to prepare your school to teach the people who will arrive," Brown said. "You have to look at the demographic and prepare yourself as a schol-



STEVE BERCYNSKI | DAILY EGYPTIAN

Robert Hampton, a professor of sociology and social work at Tennessee State University, addresses SIUC faculty and staff during an open forum Monday at the Student Center Auditorium. Hampton is one of four finalists for the position of provost and senior vice chancellor. A decision is expected to be announced in late November.

arly community to teach people who are capable of transforming the society in which they find themselves."

Hampton said after the meeting he believed he got his vision for SIUC's future across to the staff, and that he was ready to work toward that vision.

"I think this university is ready to support its chancellor, and in supporting the chancellor, they recognize she needs a

chief academic officer who will help operationalize her vision for the university," he said. "I think the people in the audience got it, and it could have been any other speaker, but I think that they understand what they need and what it will take to get there."

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TSU President Melvin Johnson could not be reached for comment.

Chancellor Rita Cheng said Hampton is a strong candidate for the SIUC position despite his resignation and short-time as provost at TSU. His demotion was not the only change made in administrative areas, she said.

"He was only in the provost position for a couple years (at Tennessee State University) and you're not going to change enrollment around that fast at any place," she said. "I didn't see (his resignation) necessarily as a mark on his individual capabilities."

Laurie Achenbach, chair of the provost search committee, said Hampton's demotion from provost at TSU was discussed during the provost search with both Hampton and two of his references, but she could not say who the references were.

"The search committee discussed this, absolutely, with him and with his references," she said. "He's (still) one of our four finalists."

Achenbach said she would not comment further.

Hampton said he sees the similarities between SIUC and TSU's enrollment issues, but said he didn't want to go into detail about his

ideas to increase enrollment yet.

"We can't get into this level of detail because there are so many components to enrollment," he said. "Before you establish priorities, you have to listen to the people first."

He said he has experience in tackling enrollment issues in similar leadership positions. Hampton dealt with enrollment when he served as associate provost for academic affairs and dean of undergraduate studies at the University of Maryland in College Park for nine years and as dean of Connecticut College for seven years.

"I've seen both good and (bad) years," he said. "When I worked at Connecticut, enrollment was lower than anticipated. And at Maryland, we had to place a cap on enrollment."

Hampton also served 19 months as president of York College at the City University of New York, according to an article published by the Chronicle of Higher Education. Hampton cited personal reasons for his request to leave the position.

Hampton's demotion at TSU came one month after a security breach involving a financial aid counselor who lost a flash drive containing more than 9,000 students' Social Security numbers and financial aid information. Following the incident, the president demoted Hampton and fired

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the financial aid counselor and the financial aid director.

Cheng said Monday she doesn't know at this point if the security breach is related to his resignation at TSU. She said search committee members have interviewed the list of references Hampton provided.

"Until we get a sense of whether he is going to be a strong candidate for the position, I have not made additional calls to colleagues to investigate that particular issue," she said. "It probably ... was on his watch but he certainly would not have been directly involved."

Hampton said a person in a leadership position is responsible for what happens or fails to happen, but wasn't aware of what the financial aid counselor had done until after the incident.

"You have no way of knowing everything that goes on day-to-day. No one knew (the financial aid counselor) had saved sensitive information like that," he said.

Hampton said the financial aid counselor violated a widely-known campus policy, which led to her firing.

— Cheryl Bates-Lee
assistant vice president of marketing and public affairs and director of media relations at TSU

TSU policy requires all Social Security numbers be stored in a separate encrypted and password-protected data file, which the flash drive was not equipped to do.

"It was clearly not the shining moment of my career. It was a painful experience, a reality," he said. "But it wasn't a premeditated violation (by the counselor) — just human error."

Cheryl Bates-Lee, assistant vice president of marketing and public affairs and director of media relations at TSU, said Hampton handled the security breach well, and that Hampton offered to assist Bates and the press to quicken the flash drive's return into the right hands.

"The flash drive had a massive amount of information," Bates-Lee said. "We were fortunate to find it within a short period of time. (Hampton) handles any crisis well."

Bates-Lee said if SIUC chooses Hampton as provost, she would be disappointed to see him leave TSU's staff.

"When you see someone move up the chain of command, you don't often meet individuals who

come across as just a good person," she said.

When Hampton was reassigned in 2008, he said his demotion would hurt the progress of the university's first 20-year Academic Master Plan, which he and the plan's steering committee worked on during his two years as provost.

The master plan had more weaknesses than strengths, according to a report by the Pappas Consulting Group, Inc., yet Hampton said he and the committee took steps to largely improve the university in those two years, more so than anyone else had done in 10 years.

Bates-Lee said the academic master plan was a difficult task.

"It was the first plan ... a massive undertaking ... of that nature in the history of the 98-year-old school," she said.

Hampton said the SIUC's decision should be based on more than each candidate's qualifications.

"At the end of the day, the decision is based on the best fit (for the university)," he said. "Each candidate has to decide whether they can feel themselves in this position. I have to feel the energy, and vice versa. I want to feel the vibrations."

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Ludwig Minelli
head of Dignitas, an assisted-suicide clinic in Switzerland, calling for family members of terminally ill patients to be allowed to seek out euthanasia as well.

CPR switch: Chest presses first, then breaths

JAMIE STENGLE
The Associated Press

DALLAS — New guidelines out Monday switch up the steps for CPR, telling rescuers to start with hard, fast chest presses before giving mouth-to-mouth.

The change puts “the simplest step first” for traditional CPR, said Dr. Michael Sayre, co-author of the guidelines issued by the American Heart Association.

In recent years, CPR guidance has been revised to put more emphasis on chest pushes for sudden cardiac arrest. In 2008, the heart group said untrained bystanders or those unwilling to do rescue breaths could do hands-only CPR until paramedics arrive or a defibrillator is used to restore a normal heart beat.

Now, the group says everyone from professionals to bystanders who use standard CPR should begin with chest compressions instead of opening the victim's airway and breathing into their mouth first.

The change ditches the old ABC training — airway-breathing-compressions. That called for rescuers to give two breaths first, then alternate with 30 presses.

Rescuers should pump the chest of the victim at a rate of at least 100 compressions a minute — some say a good guide is the beat of the old disco song “Stayin’ Alive.”

Sayre said that approach took time and delayed chest presses, which keep the blood circulating.

“When the rescuer pushes hard and fast on the victim's chest, they're really acting like an artificial heart. That blood carries oxygen that helps keep the organs alive till help arrives,” said Sayre, an emergency doctor at Ohio State University Medical Center.

“Put one hand on top of the other and push really hard,” he said.

Sudden cardiac arrest — when the heart suddenly stops beating — can occur after a heart attack or as a result of electrocution or near-drowning. The person collapses, stops breathing normally and is unresponsive. Survival rates from cardiac arrest outside the hospital vary across the country — from 3 percent to 15 percent, according to Sayre.

Under the revised guidelines, rescuers using traditional CPR, or cardiopulmonary resuscitation, should start chest compressions immediately — 30 chest presses, then two breaths. The change applies to adults and children, but not newborns.

One CPR researcher, though, expressed disappointment with the new guidelines. Dr. Gordon Ewy of the University of Arizona Sarver Heart Center thinks everyone should be doing hands-only CPR for sudden cardiac arrest, and skipping mouth-to-mouth. He said the guidelines could note the cases where breaths should still be given, like near-drownings and drug overdoses, when breathing problems likely led to the cardiac arrest.

Ewy is one of the authors of a recently published U.S. study that showed more people survived cardiac arrest when a bystander gave them hands-only CPR, compared to CPR with breaths.

The guidelines issued Monday also say that rescuers should be pushing deeper, at least 2 inches in adults. Rescuers should pump the chest of the victim at a rate of at least 100 compressions a minute — some say a good guide is the beat of the old disco song “Stayin’ Alive.”

Dr. Ahmed Idris, of the University of Texas Southwestern in

Compressions first
The American Heart Association now recommends that chest compressions be the first step to revive victims of sudden cardiac arrest.

If someone is unresponsive and an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) is not available ...

— chest compressions should begin immediately

Push hard, push fast
About 2 in. (5 cm) deep in center of chest at a rate of 100 per minute (like the beat of the BeeGees' song "Stayin' Alive")
Mouth-to-mouth breathing not critical
• Could double, triple chances of survival

Source: American Heart Association. Graphic: Lee Hultung © 2010 MCT

Dallas, said people are sometimes afraid that they'll hurt the patient. Others have a hard time judging how hard they are pressing, he said.

“We want to make sure people understand they're not going to hurt the person they're doing CPR on by pressing as hard as they can,” he said.

Idris, who directs the Dallas-Fort Worth Center for Resuscitation Research, said that for the last two years, they've been advising local

paramedics to start with chest compressions and keep them up with minimal interruptions. That, along with intensive training, has helped improve survival rates, he said.

He said they found paramedics hadn't been starting compressions until the patient was in the ambulance and lost time getting airway equipment together.

“The best chance was to start chest compressions in the house, immediately,” he said.

Rare political species: Dems who tout health law

RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It happens so rarely, it makes news: A few Democratic candidates have started to run television ads daring to defend President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

Most Democrats are trying to avoid campaigning on what should have been the party's signature issue, but the lonely bunch who've stuck their necks out may finally be hitting on a message. Some are using constituents to vouch for specific benefits that only recently took effect, changes whose poll-tested popularity isn't in question.

The argument won't stop on Nov. 2. Democrats will have to keep defending the health care law in the next Congress and on into the 2012 presidential and congressional campaign. And they badly need to find their voice with a message that can connect with middle-class voters.

“One thing has helped them,” said Celinda Lake, a Democratic pollster. “On Sept. 23 a bunch of benefits went into effect, and Democrats had something real to talk about as opposed to theoretical. If they don't talk about it, they'll get attacked, so they might as well put out their own point of view.”

The law's big coverage expansion to more than 30 million uninsured people doesn't come until 2014, along with a complete ban on insurers turning away those with medical problems. But people now renewing their plan for next year are already starting to see some benefits, including preventive services without copayments and coverage for young adults up to age 26 on a parent's policy.

There's no authoritative tally of the ads run by Democrats on health care, but a rough count suggests that those who voted against the law are advertising it more than those who supported its hard-fought passage. At least a dozen Democrats have taken pains in their ads to remind constituents that they voted “No.”

Rep. Gene Taylor, D-Miss., labeled the plan “Obamacare,” adopting the disparaging term Republicans are fond of. And Rep. Mike Ross, D-Ark., has a new ad that says “he stood up to (Speaker Nancy) Pelosi and Washington insiders and voted against their health care overhaul.”

Still, at least seven Democrats have run ads in favor of the new law. Most are in competitive races, and more are cropping up.

They have common themes. Almost all attempt to link Republican opponents to the health insurance industry. They focus on benefits

already in effect, such as protection for children against being denied coverage because of medical problems. And some use constituents in cameo appearances.

A template of sorts is an ad by embattled Sen. Russell Feingold, D-Wis., first aired around the beginning of the month. It hits all the themes, and finishes with constituents telling his opponent businessman Ron Johnson: “Hands off my health care.”

Bring it on, say Republicans. “I'm all for letting Democrats spend their money defending a bill most people don't want,” said Glen Bolger, a GOP pollster. “They are talking small-ball stuff, and the American people are looking at the big picture and not liking what they're seeing.”

Bolger says Republicans don't have to back off their “repeal and replacements” slogan, even if Democrats are becoming bolder about the issue.

But Republicans may have to tweak the message. “You have to make it clear that there are certain elements of the bill that would be in the Republican plan as well,” said Bolger. Translation: Small-ball can win a close game, too.

It was eight months ago that Obama and his administration toasted passage of the health care bill — with champagne on the Truman balcony at the White

The argument won't stop on Nov. 2. Democrats will have to keep defending the health care law in the next Congress and on into the 2012 presidential and congressional campaign.

House — and Democrats boasted that voters would hail the law. The party saw it as an achievement that had eluded scores of presidents, and perhaps cost Democrats control of Congress in President Bill Clinton's first midterms.

Obama challenged GOP lawmakers to talk repeal.

“Go for it,” he said in Iowa in March. “If these congressmen in Washington want to come here in Iowa and tell small-business owners that they plan to take away their tax credits and essentially raise their taxes, be my guest.”

Republicans not only clamored for repeal, state attorneys general took the fight to the federal courts.

Last week, a judge in Florida allowed a lawsuit to advance, ruling that the constitutionality of the law's requirement for most Americans to carry coverage deserves to be fully debated. Earlier, a judge in Michigan dismissed a similar challenge.

And controversy over the law's ripple effects continues. In a letter obtained by The Associated Press on Monday, Boeing became the latest company to signal a potential downside for insured employees, citing the legislation as part of the

reason it's shifting more medical costs to workers next year.

Whether standing up for health care overhaul in their ads will help any Democratic candidates remains to be seen. But several in competitive races are gambling that it will. They include Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada and Reps. Dina Titus of Nevada, Earl Pomeroy of North Dakota and Scott Murphy of New York.

Murphy's ad directly challenges the Republican call for repeal with a self-styled “reality check” that implies his opponent would bring back pre-existing condition denials, lifetime dollar limits on coverage and copayments for mammograms and colon screenings, while leaving the Medicare prescription coverage gap in place. The law begins to close the so-called doughnut hole next year.

Murphy rival Chris Gibson, a retired Army colonel, has run extensive ads calling for health care repeal.

“I wouldn't say this ad is defensive,” responded Josh Schwertni, a Murphy spokesman. “It's the other side of the argument. It's very important for people to understand what repeal means.”

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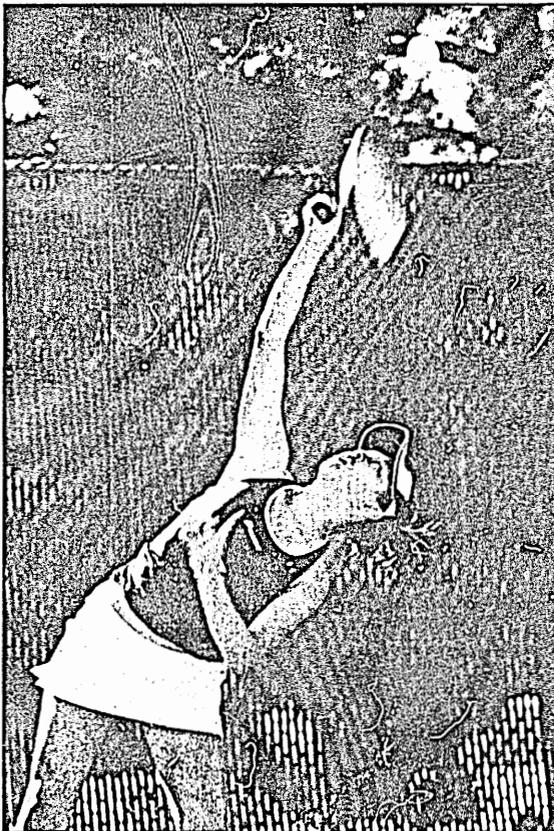


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Helmet-to-helmet contact isn't 100 percent preventable. A player's tendency to "buck into tackles and/or when being tackled sometimes creates unavoidable helmet-to-helmet contact. I think concussion rates will go down now that people are aware of its long-term hazards.



BRANDON COLEMAN
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Freshman Anita Lee serves during her first singles match Sunday at the Saluki Fall Draw. Lee won both of her matches, as well as one of her doubles matches with sophomore teammate Anastacia Simons.
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WOMEN'S

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"We weren't quite as focused, but it was a good warm-up for regionals," Nothwehr said.

Nothwehr said Delsart's shoulder injury didn't bother her in losses to Hailee Elmore from SLU (6-4, 7-5) and Janelle Prinsler of Eastern Illinois (8-6).

Delsart, who is also suffering from elbow tendonitis, and Simons, who suffered a sprained ankle several weeks ago, showed no signs of slow play or loss of mobility as they battled through tough sets in their matches, Nothwehr said.

"I was surprised (Simons) was able to play all four matches," Nothwehr said. "We were happy about that, but she's still not 100 percent on her moving."

Shin splints and a strained left calf didn't bother Lee too much either, Nothwehr said. Lee always covers the court well and doesn't let injuries slow her down.

"I don't want my shin splints to get in the way of my competing," Lee said. "I try not to think about it (now) but I'll probably think about it when the season is over."

Dien, who went 0-2 in singles and 1-1 in doubles, didn't play as well as expected, Nothwehr said.

"(Dien) competed the same way. She was still going after her shots, there was just something off about her shots," Nothwehr said. "She had a lot more errors than she usually does."

Nothwehr said the Salukis plan to train lightly today then leave for the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's Central Regional competition Wednesday in Fayetteville, Ark.

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If the defense plays even half as well against Tampa Bay as it did against a better San Diego team, the Rams should have a shot to take down the Bucs for their first road win. Offensively, the Rams have a chance to open up their playbook on a so-so Bucs defense. Jackson carried 29 times against San Diego, and the Rams should run him like that again to set up throwing opportunities for Bradford, who can deliver when the game plan is working properly around him.

Fantasy forecast: Danario Alexander, wide receiver — Yes, go out and get this guy off the waivers this week. After not even working out at the combine or being drafted in April, Alexander caught four passes for 72 yards, including a spectacular diving touchdown grab in his first NFL game against a talented San Diego secondary. The former University of Missouri star is 6-foot-5-inches 215 pounds and was outrunning Chargers players whenever he stepped onto the field. Alexander has the ability to be a truly dangerous deep threat, and after his debut Bradford is going to look his way more often.

More about both teams next week.

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"I couldn't see very well and in the second set I had a hard time with my serve," Fabik said.

Nelson said sophomore Brandon Florez and freshman Carlos Do Val, who each went 2-0 in singles and 1-1 in doubles, have developed significantly since the Austin Peay write on Sept. 24.

"They're getting better every week. They're getting smarter, not trying to win the match off of one shot, they're building the point," Nelson said.

Florez said he's in good shape now but would always be more fit. He said he let a set in his two matches slip away because he stood at footed and didn't use his conditioning to his advantage.

"In (my) last match I didn't play my best but was still able to pull it out in the end," Florez said. "My fitness has helped me win games even when I'm not playing my best."

Do Val said he usually doesn't attack the net unless he is finishing the point. He was able to win both his matches by using the angles of the court to break down his opponents, he said.

"Basically I've been consistent with my serve and consistent (at the) baseline," Do Val said.

Renewed self-confidence and dedication to fitness have been pivotal in the Salukis' improvement on the court, Do Val said.

The team weight trains twice a week and runs short sprint drills to increase speed and improve footwork, Nelson said.

"We have practice six times a week and one day off. It's tough but I really appreciate the one day off, especially after tournaments," Fabik said.

Do Val said one of his goals this season is to continue to lose weight to become faster. The increase in speed would help put him in better position to return serves.

"Now I'm returning well. I only missed two returns. When I arrived I missed a lot of returns," Do Val said.

Fabik said each player tries to maintain healthy eating and sleep habits, as well as conditioning, to help them recover from practice and tournaments.

Sunday's tournament was the first time the Salukis felt like they played in a team atmosphere, Florez said.

"Everybody's playing at the same time. You



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Freshman Adam Fabik returns the ball Sunday during the Saluki Invitational. Fabik won both of his singles matches, which improved his season record to 15-0.

can look to your left, look to your right, and cheer for your teammates," Nelson said. "This is just how it's going to be in the spring."

The Salukis compete Thursday through Sunday in the Intercollegiate Tennis Association's

Central Regional tournament in Norman, Okla.

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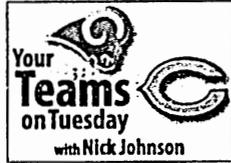
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STAFF COLUMN

Bears, Rams need to run for success



It's been tough for most NFL fans to tell how good their team actually is this season, but two of the league's toughest cases to crack come from Chicago and St. Louis. The Bears and Rams have alternated on the upswing and downswing all season long, and it will probably still take at least another three weeks to accurately gauge how good either team is. The Rams beat a pretty solid San Diego team Sunday, while the Bears capitulated against the ho-hum Seahawks. But next week it could be a complete reversal. As a fan you just never know when your team is going to blissfully surprise you or hack up a lung.

Chicago

Last week: Seahawks 23, Bears 20
Week 7 score prediction: Redskins 21, Bears 20

Chicago's lesson has to be clear from this week: Run the football. There's no excuse after Matt Forte crucified the Panthers in Week 5 to only give him eight carries against an average Seattle defense. It looked like offensive coordinator Mike Martz had a change of heart and was actually going to stick with a working ground game after the win over Carolina, but it's not surprising to see him revert back to his throw-the-quarterback-under-the-bus passing game. He did it in San Francisco, Detroit and St. Louis, and now he's doing it to Jay Cutler in Chicago. It's no secret the offensive line needs to be better, because it's seemingly incapable of recognizing or picking up blitzes.

Martz needs to realize that and make his game plan simpler. He needs to call run plays that let the linemen drive guys downfield and gain confidence.

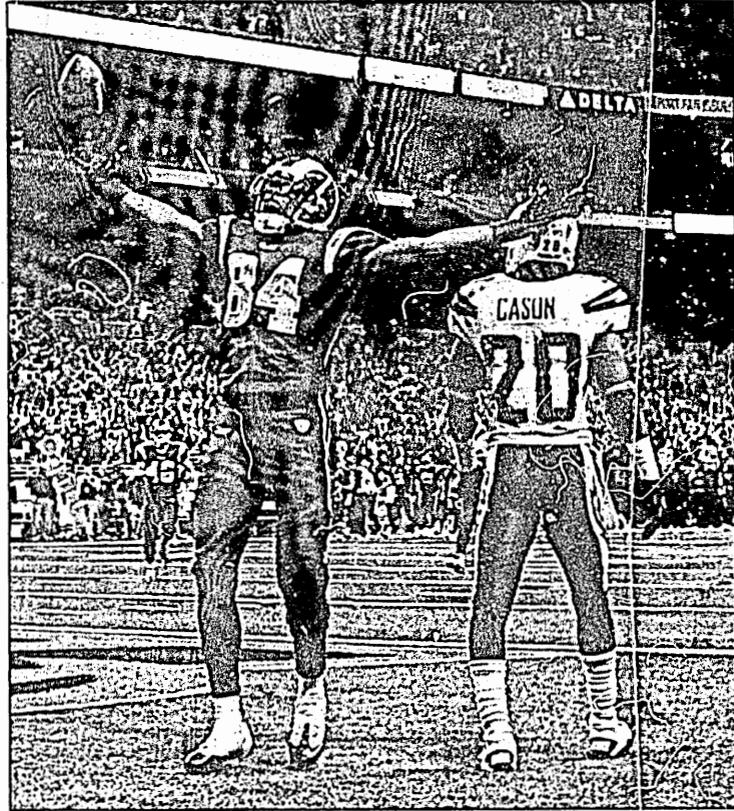
The Chicago defense also fell apart Sunday. They allowed a 9-yard touchdown run on third and goal, something that should never happen to a pro defense. And the Bears secondary, for the hundredth time, is not that good. Brian Urlacher and Julius Peppers can't win games by themselves. For the Bears to have success Sunday against Washington, they need better coverage from the secondary and better play calling from the mind of Martz. If he maps out a sound rushing game plan and combines it with play action, bootleg passes that get Cutler away from pressure, the Bears can make it a close game or even win.

Fantasy forecast: Matt Forte, running back — He's the only Bears player worth a starting lineup spot on fantasy teams so far this year. The quarterbacks, receivers and tight ends haven't proven themselves consistent enough on a week-to-week basis, and the defense continually gives up a ton of passing yardage.

St. Louis

Last week: Rams 20, Chargers 17
Week 7 score prediction: Rams 24, Buccaneers 14

By beating a San Diego team that had a top-ranked offense and defense, St. Louis is sure to have impressed a lot of windbag analysts Sunday. The best part about the win for the Rams, though, is what circumstances it came under. They'd just been blown out 44-6 a week ago. They just lost Mark Clayton, their best receiver, for the season to an injury. The defense had to defend quarterback Philip Rivers and an explosive San Diego offense



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St. Louis Rams wide receiver Danario Alexander celebrates a 38-yard touchdown reception in the first quarter of his first career NFL game Sunday

at the Edward Jones Dome. Alexander helped the Rams beat the San Diego Chargers 20-17. The Rams are 3-3.

right after being shredded by the mediocre Lions. But the Rams put that loss behind them, pinned their ears back and put San Diego down 17-0 before the Chargers even knew what was going on.

Danario Alexander emerged as a new weapon for rookie quarterback Sam Bradford, who again played outstanding. The defense was suffocating and sacked Rivers six times, though it allowed a brief

comeback. Steven Jackson ground out the tough, clock-dilling yards in the fourth.

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TENNIS

Men, women get mixed results at home

Salukis look past loss to ITA Regionals

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Losing her first set 4-6 frustrated Saluki freshman Anita Lee early in her match against Jenny Napela of Saint Louis University, but she found her resolve and won the next two sets 6-4 and 10-7.

"I was struggling, but I fought through it (and) figured out a way to get in her head," Lee said.

Lee said she was able to get...

herself in a rhythm Sunday and shake early match jitters because the Saluki Draw lasted all day.

Coach Audra Nothwehr said playing four matches Eastern Illinois University and SLU should work to the Salukis' benefit going into Intercollegiate Tennis Association Central Regional competition Thursday.

Against EIU and SLU the Salukis went 2-6 in singles, with both wins coming from Lee, and

2-2 in doubles, where sophomores Melanie Delsart and Jennifer Dien won a match against EIU and Lee and sophomore Anastacia Simons won a match against SLU.

Nothwehr said the Salukis' competition was good, but not as good as it was for the Oct. 8 Missouri Valley Conference Championships.

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SIU uses fitness to excel

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The men's tennis team played well in singles and ended competition 8-13 in the Saluki Invite at University Tennis Courts, but coach Dann Nelson said there is plenty of room for improvement.

The Salukis went 2-6 in doubles play at the invite.

"We still make the same mistakes over and over again in doubles and some of our singles matches too," Nelson said.

"We have room to improve." The Salukis played Saturday against the Eastern Illinois Panthers and the Saint Louis University Billikens.

Freshman sensation Adam Fabk who was 2-0 in singles and 1-1 in doubles, said he didn't have any trouble in doubles or singles until it's sun started setting. The lighting made it difficult to focus on his opponent, he said.

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