For the first time in 16 years, voters will decide in Tuesday’s election whether Brad Cole or Maggie Flanagan will become the next mayor of Carbondale. Four open City Council positions will also be filled.

Brad Cole & Maggie Flanagan...

On the issues

A breakdown on mayoral candidates as decision day draws near for Cole, Flanagan

Sara Jucker & Burke Wasson

Daily Egyptian

Tuesday’s general election is more than just the changing of the guard for Carbondale. It marks an overhaul in city government, with four open City Council positions and a change at the helm of the city, the mayoral seat, for the first time in 16 years.

Voters will determine who will fill the two new council seats approved in November — another notable change — as it is the first alteration to the make-up of the council since 1986 when the current form of government was established. And a fifth new face could work closely with UMUC’s to plan for the possible cutbacks; is also waiting for the new Council to discuss their stances on issues.

Margaret “Maggie” Flanagan, 54, a 30-year city councilwoman, is a researcher in the College of Agricultural Sciences. A graduate of SIU, Flanagan received her bachelor’s degree in university studies and later went back for her master’s in community development in 1989. Flanagan has worked closely with the Southern Illinois community foundation on rural development projects and worked to create the downtown revitalization program in 1989.

She also volunteers for the Carbondale Main Street program.

Brad Cole, 31, a councilman since 1999, was formerly the deputy chief of staff for George Ryan and is currently unemployed. He graduated from SUC in 1993 with a degree in political science and has since served as commissioner for the Carbondale Park District and trustee for the Carbondale Public Library. While still at SIU, he served as Undergraduate Student Government Chief of Staff from 1990 to 1992 and president from 1992 to 1993. Cole has also worked as the assistant director of the SIU Alumni Association and is currently a member of the Delta Regional Authority, as well as the Illinois Arts Council.

City housing

Flanagan wants to see an infusion of variety in the housing market, not just single-family homes. She said that along with strict codes, better planning is also needed.

Cole said he wants to see an increase in affordable housing for both students and workers. He said that the current form of government has been out of touch with the community.

From a political standpoint, Cole said that the community is more divided now than it was in the past.

Low turnout expected as Carbondale picks mayor, councilmembers

Brian Peach

Daily Egyptian

Voting for the new Carbondale mayor and four new City Council members will take place Tuesday from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., and officials expect turnout to increase from the dismal 12 percent participation in the primaries despite historically low national numbers.

Only 1,674 of the nearly 14,000 registered voters in Carbondale showed up to the polls Feb. 28, but Larry Reinhardt, Jackson County clerk and recorder, said the numbers are usually higher for the general election.

"We're looking at a low turnout campaign," Reinhardt said. "It'll be about average for a weekend election, but low overall."

Though both the mayor and council members are being chosen, Reinhardt said elections such as Tuesday’s tend to draw fewer voters than the gubernatorial or presidential elections. He attributes this to the fact that there is less advertising and promotion surrounding local elections, so not as many people are aware of them.

As a result of the general election taking place on a Tuesday when a City Council meeting would have taken place, City Clerk Janet Vaught said the meeting was pushed back to April 8. She said the meeting was scheduled because in a previous election, one of the City Council members found out during the meeting that he was not re-elected and problems arose.

Brad Cole and Maggie Flanagan are the two candidates competing for the mayoral position.

Six candidates, Dan David, Steven Hayes, Lance Jack, Mike Neill, Sheila Simon and M. Stull, are vying for three four-year seats on the council and two candidates, Joel Fritter and Chris Wissman, remain in contention for a single two-year seat.

Student-turnout in local elections has been notoriously low to past years, and there is no indication that this year’s will be any different. A survey conducted by the Cuytage Corporation released in early March showed that young adults are not showing up to vote in the numbers that they did 30 years ago.

Voter turnout among 18 to 24-year-olds has declined by 13 percent since the early 1970s, while those older than 35 are voting at the same rate, according to Pew Research Center director of the Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement, which provides data on the issues.

In one of the voting precincts during the primaries, which has a significant number of registered students voters, only 1 percent of more than 1,000 people showed up to cast a ballot, according to Jackson County Courthouse records.

Reinhardt said tomorrow’s general election would be "about 10 percent less for SIUC.

Ben Botkin

Daily Egyptian

Campus union officials met Friday with the SIU Board of Trustees asking that the SIUC student government perform "classic, administrative" tasks.

"We're looking at a lot of redundancy," Clark said. "The people who we represent are all people at the low end of the totem pole." University administrators statewide are expecting to learn more about their institutions' financial future when the governor presents his budget address on April 9. In the meantime, SIUC is continuing to communicate with the budget office and waiting to hear more, Chancellor Walter Wendler said.

"While we're still in the early stages of the budget process, there is some hard news coming, and we don't want to prematurely jump to any conclusions," he said.

The Illinois Board of Higher Education, which worked with universities to plan for the possible cuts, is also waiting for the governor's budget address, spokesman Don Sevener said. Although the board meets this Thursday, there probably will be little else to add to the discussion.

"It will still be a work in advance of the governor's budget address," Sevener said. "We won't have anything to report."
Chiapas Media Project: Alternative Media in Southern Mexico

Speaker: Alexandra Halkin
Video Producer/Founder and Director of Chiapas Media Project

Ms. Halkin will discuss the impact of video technology on the indigenous and campesino communities in Chiapas and Guerrero. She will also screen indigenous-produced video.

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International News

WAR UPDATE
Current as of 6 p.m. CST, Sunday

- A picked truck driven by a man in civilian clothes plowed into a group of U.S. soldiers outside a base at a Kuwaiti base on Sunday, injuring 15 of them, military officials said. Only one of the soldiers was hospitalized (usatoday.com)

- It wasn’t immediately clear if the incident at the desert base of Camp Udairi was deliberate; it happened a day after four soldiers were killed in a suicide attack with a bomb-laden taxi.

- A bomber posing as a taxi driver summoned American troops for help, then blew up his vehicle Saturday killing himself and four soldiers. (foxnews.com)

- A mostly U.S. and British force has advanced more than 200 miles toward Baghdad after invading Iraq on March 20. (cnn.com)

- Iraq still has not let the International Committee of the Red Cross visit U.S. prisoners of war. Richard Nyers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Sunday. The United States has agreed to let the Red Cross visit more than 4,000 Iraqi POWS. Myers said. (cnn.com)

- Iraq goes $34,000 to the family of an Iraqi army officer who killed four U.S. soldiers in a suicide attack, and the leader of the militant group Islamic Jihad said Sunday 15 volunteers had gone to Baghdad to single out bombing missions against the “American invasion.” All Jaafar al-Noamani, a non-commissioned officer with several children, was posthumously promoted to colonel and awarded two medals for the attack in Najaf that killed the unidentified Americans, Iraqi state television reported. (abcnews.com)

- Royal Marine Commandos fighting paramilitary forces in the southern Iraqi city of Basra captured five Iraquirs including a general and killed a Republican Guard colonel early Sunday, British officials said. The officials said they did not know if the general was from the Iraqi army or a paramilitary division. (foxnews.com)

- A rocket slammed into the headquarters of U.N. peacekeeping force in Kabul on Sunday. U.S. officials in the Afghan capital said. There were no immediate reports of injuries in the attack on the compound of the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) situated near the U.S. embassy. (abcnews.com)

- Former Defense Secretary William Perry Monday, March 31 Law School Auditorium 7:30 p.m.

- Health Fair Granville Hall Biomed 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

- Actor Ed Asner Sunday April 1 Student Center Ballroom 4 p.m.

Comparative Perspectives on Women: travel/study sessions Enrich Text information Student Center Office Room 3 p.m.

Rock and Gem Show The Forum of the Student Center 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

POLICE REPORTS

University

Stefan Lubawicki, 21, Greenfield, Ill., was arrested and charged with domestic battery at 10:30 p.m. Tuesday at Abbott Hall. He was taken to the Illinois County Jail.

Aaron Benjamin Hoffman, 18, Champaign, was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia at 12:05 a.m. Friday at Schneider Hall. He was released on a $100 bond.

Carbondale

Mike L. Geisz, 26, 310 1/2 W. Cherry St. No. 2, was arrested on a Williamson County warrant for failure to appear on a charge of burglary at 5:15 a.m. Saturday at the intersection of Wall and Main streets. He was placed in lieu of $200 bond.
Congressman discusses war, highway

Two arrested in airbag theft

Carbondale police robbed at gunpoint

State may cut from student fee-funded program money

News Briefs

On Campus

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Two men charged with transport, attempted sale of 30 stolen airbags

Carbondale police robbed at gunpoint

Two men arrested a Carbondale hotel at gunpoint early Saturday, police said.

The airbags were taken from seven Ford Mustangs and four Ford Ranger pickup trucks. Windows of six Mustangs were broken out, and the other vehicles were either left unlocked or were unlocked during the theft.

Eight Ford Mustangs and one Ford Ranger were broken into in August. Windows of the vehicles were broken out and two or three airbags were stolen from each vehicle.

Carbondale police said the thefts occurred at a residence on 11th Street.

Five men were arrested at 9:12 a.m. and were identified as John D. Johnson, 23, 11th Street; Paul R. King, 20, 11th Street; James D. Hix, 23, 11th Street; John L. Akers, 19, 11th Street; and Matthew J. Ogden, 20, 11th Street.

The men were arrested for grand theft, grand theft车联网, and violation of probation.

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State may cut from student fee-funded program money

Jane Hu

The Undergraduate Student Government unanimously supported a resolution rejecting cuts to student-fund programs Wednesday.

Larry Dietz, vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, indicated that student-funded programs may be required to cut 8 percent of their budgets according to the resolution. The state is expected to cut an additional 8 percent in May.

But Dietz said the university is not expected to cut student-funded programs.

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Dietz said the student body’s action appropriate and he supports the spirit of the resolution.

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Dale the cat awaits rescue at Oakdale Park on North Oakland Avenue Friday afternoon. Kevin Fisher, of K & D Tree Service and Lawn Care of Jonesboro took a small blanket 60 feet up in a bucket truck

Dale was so worn, he could only put up a short struggle, only a few minutes, as Rettker and Bandholz chased after and finally captured him. You can tell he's sick," said Keith Robertson, owner of K & D Tree Service and Lawn Care. "They shouldn’t have been able to catch him like that.

Robertson is a senior in art, yelled as she chased after the sickened cat. Dale is doing fine despite going to the left, which can lead to a fatty liver," she said. "You don’t want to turn him loose. Keep him enclosed with a litter box and blanket ... and let him come out on his own time."

Dale was hooked up to a bag of fluids that were pumping under his skin. It absorbed in his tissue giving him the nourishment he had not had in more than a week. He was also given antibiotics for worms and treated for ear mites. "That was easy," Robertson said. "It was the first to notice Dale more than a week ago. Ever since, he and a small ensemble of students went to Oakdale Park nearly everyday to check on the cat."

Jackson County Animal Control had attempted to rescue Dale only in the week, but the tree was too tall, and they only succeeded in pushing him higher. Robertson and Rettker also sought out the Carbondale Fire Department, but Fire Chief Jeff Anderson said that in his 26 years of service, the department has never rescued a cat because most will “come down on their own.” "It looks pretty bad if one of our people gets hurt rescuing a cat," he said. "Rettker said one of friends even tried climbing the tree, halfway to treetop Dale down," added Robertson, who was working on a job in a home on Friday, and rushed to Jonesboro to get his truck for his first cat rescue. "We’ve done a lot of different things,” he said. “We’ve even been asked to hang up Christmas lights, but never a cat rescue.” After the successful rescue, it was time to take Dale to the vet.

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(Above) Angela Davis' Toyota sits sideways on Main Street where it landed after striking a Honda Accord driven by Michael Majors. Majors was traveling eastbound on the westbound lanes of Main Street and tried to escape oncoming traffic by darting into Pizza Hut only to cut across Davis' lane. Majors was cited for traveling the wrong way on a one-way and sustained no injuries.

(Left) Angela Davis awaits removal from her vehicle Saturday afternoon in front of 615 E. Main St. after being overturned. Davis was transported to Memorial Hospital of Carbondale with a head laceration, complaining of general body pains. Memorial Hospital refused to comment on her status.

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OUR WORD

Change is the price of survival

Change is possible. In these times of war, much anguish has been placed on how poorly much of the media has been covering Iraq, North Korea and the policies surrounding war. While the DAILY EGYPTIAN almost always directly with these issues, we still have concern about how the media covers anything in the changing times.

The media is often swamped with a "if it bleeds it leads" attitude. This is not always true. Fortunately, it can be, which is a reason for us to take a step back and examine what we do. Those of us who enter the profession do so with the hope of changing the world for the better, not sensationalizing the negative without reason.

Friday afternoon we sponsored a roundtable discussion about how the media deals with covering and writing about sensitive issues such as race, sexism, terrorism and people with disabilities. The discussion was truly enlightening, and we would like to thank all those who attended.

We discussed many aspects of covering diverse issues. For example, when writing crime stories, journalists often list a description of a perpetrator. Many times, the police will include the person's race. Deciding whether that is relevant or not can be difficult. Is reference to race necessary? How do you find a consistent balance? Terms such as "blacks," "Latinos," and "Caucascans" are just a few ways people choose to identify themselves when referring to their race. Some people prefer one term to another. How do we, as journalists refer to them without offending all and still keeping some forms of consistency? When do we run a mug shot of a perpetrator on the front page? We are taught to follow certain rules, but those rules can be changed.

And when do we write stories about these issues? What types of stories? Coverage of Black History Month, National American Heritage Month, Hispanic Heritage month and others is important to us. It is a time to reflect on progress our society has made. But there are 12 months in the year, and focusing on such issues should not be limited to a single month.

The people we use as sources often put their own spin on things. This can influence a story in many ways. Dealing with oppression of minority groups is difficult, for it is easier to fall back into the rut of "if you see it you must be accepting it." But we must be mindful of what we do. Society influences each human being in many ways. We all harbor biases that we might not even be conscious of. We hope that dialogue such as this one allows us to learn about those biases and how to fight them.

In these changing times it is the students of today who must take the lead to keep the world and media a difference in how the media operate and what they choose to focus on. The media have a tremendous power and in the wrong hands, we do not take lightly. The media are part of the capitalist system, but it is also the fourth estate of government. Finding a balance between these two is the key to our future.

We hope that this roundtable discussion is not the last. As always, we invite the community to write letters and columns, participating in discussions through this editorial page. We ask you to call us, write us and let us know what you can do better, what events are going on that we should know about and what trends you have observed that when should be aware of.

Awareness is the key to change. Change happens. Positive change can happen through the media, and we thank you for helping to begin.

LETTERS

Best should consider learning from socialism

Dear Editor:

I was appalled to hear Mike Bolt's comments on socialism to be so backward. Swearing and Democrat is not pro-worker defined socialism/capitalism that permit people to protest. Socialism is not communism. As a matter of fact, many socialists enjoy things, that we can only dream about, such as extensive health care. It is in many of these nations that social- and political progress is pushed rather than free-market fundamentalism. It is what many nations, like the Nordic ones, maybe we can learn from them.

John Dooley

Voter apathy a thing of the past; vote for Cole

Dear Editor:

Every time an election cycle passes, a soft ugly head in Carbondale, Illinois, students are bound to read a subsequent article in the DAILY EGYPTIAN regarding student apathy and low turnout at the ballot box.

The same excuses are always made: "Why vote? What's it going to change? My vote doesn't mean anything."

The popular excuse, "I just didn't know there was an election today.

Every election cycle in the town, the same minimal effort is made to ensure the students' vote. Sitting a flyer under a door, a sign in a window on campus, and mass voice mails. I am pleased to say that this year was different.

Multiple voter registration drives took place, programs about the importance of voting were monitored, and every attempt was made to get the marginal candidates out into the town despite the voter turnout from buildings that traditionally know the climate at Southern Illinois University. I am happy to report both candidates could be found in the each corner addressing and answering questions. It is the student's an invested forum right after they say to me at the Law Library last Monday. The turnout was good.

Unfortunately that was the best we saw Maggie Flanagan. However, I think Brad Cole got the best that these two big buildings, house a lot of potential voters. On several occasions he could be found walking around the building saying hello, introducing himself to students, and even carrying on lengthy discussions about how to get the students to a single person.

Hopefully this year, the election will be close and Brad Cole will win. Hopefully the voters in the towns will be the deciding voter that gets him the job. So if you are one of the at least 85 percent voters in the towns making this comment were wonderful, hard, or dinner at Grounds, why do you show up when you are done and take the TWO MINUTES to vote, negligibly who your vote is for. These comments should cut the amount of voter, just was, and that is undoubtedly why before this year we haven't seen the effort from them to gain your support at the ballot box. I promise you that if you want to win, in the future, investing being, and working on what the student want in the city of Carbondale will be a factor in the next election.

Tim Ragusa

DE can do better than car wash photo on front page

Dear Editor:

I just finished reading today's DAILY EGYPTIAN (March 28) and was very disappointed to see what was on the front page. I guess that when the paper contains one more car wash photo, it shows the level of journalism the paper is producing. I am just a little bit of a disapper because the car wash photo was so far from the political issues that are important to students.

Car Wash, Car Wash, Car Wash. The Political Issues that are important to students are left out of the paper. The political issues that are important to students are the Iraq War, the Politics of the Middle East, The War in Afghanistan, etc. These issues need to be reported on in detail and not simply a car wash photo.

I think the students of today and tomorrow need to demand that the DAILY EGYPTIAN does a better job of reporting on the important political issues that affect our lives. The students of tomorrow need to demand that the DAILY EGYPTIAN does a better job of reporting on the important political issues that affect our lives.

Deborah Nolf

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Millions long for immortality who do not know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon."

— George Eliot

WORDS OVERHEARD

"Nothing has happened since 9/11 on a greater scale, nothing has been executed. The fact that nothing has happened indicates to me that we don't have all that much to worry about."

— Mark Schlesinger, director of the National Institute of Justice and former director of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.
**VOICES**

**COLUMNISTS**

**Torture and democracy**

By MARC TROWNY

Maggie's service will make us face the facts.

Saddam Hussein! Once again the US government has acted without any regard for international law or the Geneva Convention. This action has disregarded the safety of its own soldiers, and it has put them in grave peril, both by sending them into a useless and mindless quagmire, and by using malicious techniques that are diametrically opposed to the Geneva Convention. As a result, we have a situation where we are being forced to face the fact that we are putting our soldiers in danger.

To verify authorship, STUDENTS must include their column to 500 words. Any topic is accepted, but the column must be written in English and include a brief introduction to the topic.

**Free Thought Forum**

Letters and columns do not necessarily reflect the views of the Daily Egyptian.

**Unwanted big red Xs make war coverage ugly**

By MIKE ESTES

Bayshore Drive

We are a city with an RAF base south of London, and I believe that Maggie's service will be very effective in listening to the Council, building communication, and moving this city forward.

**LETTERS**

I encourage people to vote for Maggie on Tuesday because she knows this town, she's run a successful business here, and she will be there to listen to you and me as we go into the future.

Paulette Curkin

**Flanagan's position proves her quality**

As members of both the Cardboard and SUO communities, we are deeply disappointed in the endorsement of Brad C. and the rationale presented for your choice.

We cannot accept "Coalition." That is he, He has repeatedly misused the citizen discussion group as a means of gaining public attention, and has used his position as a vehicle for personal attacks on the student community. Flanagan proved a principle in favor of a quick conversion.


Then, you will find her detailed views and plan for the growth of Cardboard and SUO if you had, you would have endorsed Maggie for Mayor. Instead, you were just being decisive.

Laura A. Hughes

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Coalition forces strike multiple targets, capture Iraqi general

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DOHA, Qatar (KRT) — Allied bombs pounded Baghdad defenses Sunday as coalition forces seized a suspected terrorist camp in Northern Iraq and captured an Iraqi general in the besieged southern city of Basra.

U.S. and British warplanes struck fuel depots, a train believed to be carrying Iraqi tanks and a presidential palace used by Saddam Hussein. And top U.S. officials again raised the prospect that Saddam may be dead or disabled, the possible victim of a U.S. strike on the war's first day.

Not all news Sunday was good for the coalition. A man in civilian clothes drove a pickup truck into a line of U.S. soldiers in Kuwait, injuring 15. And the U.S. death toll grew to 43 with the deaths of five Marines in three separate incidents.

Facing reporters at his headquarters in Qatar, U.S. Army General Tommy Franks brushed aside questions about the progress of the war or disagreements inside the Pentagon. The war is proceeding well, he said, and the Iraqi government is doomed, with no viable successor.

"The regime is in trouble," said Franks, overall commander of the war, "and they know it."

American and British pilots continued to enjoy command of the skies, bombing military targets in and around the capital. They struck the Abu Ghraib Presidential Palace, the Karada Intelligence Complex, two surface-to-air missile complexes, a paramilitary training center and telephone exchanges, all in Baghdad, according to the U.S. Central Command. They also struck a train and fuel storage depots near Kirkush, where the Republican Guard is dug in to stop the expected assault on Baghdad by the U.S. Army's 3rd Infantry Division.

Allied forces also attacked the suspected Kuhrmal terrorist camp north of Baghdad in northeast Iraq — identified by U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell in a press speech to the United Nations as the headquarters of presumed terrorists in the process, U.S. officials said. British media reported that 20 suspected suicide bombers were killed. Franks called the facility used by the militant group Ansar al-Islam "massive" and said ground forces were searching it Sunday. Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said it comprised dozens of sites, including tunnels and bunkers.

"We have destroyed a major portion of it. We've killed a large number of terrorists," Rumsfeld said on the Fox News Sunday program.

But they were still developing toxins and poisons in that area. We know that al-Qaida was connected to it. We're not certain what we'll find, but we should know more in the next three days or four days." Franks, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said on CNN that he believed the camp was used to develop a biological toxin, Ebola, traces of which were discovered earlier this year in London and Paris.

In another troubling sign that Iraq might be preparing to use chemical weapons, Marines and commandos also killed a Republican Guard colonel who they suspect was sent to Basra to investigate pro-Saddam forces there, according to British Group Capt. Al Lockwood.

Elsewhere, Britain's 16th Air Assault Brigade captured the Baath Party's No. 2 official for the Rumaila region. Three U.S. Marines were killed Sunday along with a U.N. Huey helicopter crashed at a forward supply and refueling site in Southern Iraq. Two others also were killed Sunday, one struck by a Humvee during a firefight, the other drowned when his Humvee rolled into a canal.

At Camp Udari in Kuwait, a man in civilian clothes driving a stolen white pickup truck plowed through throngs of soldiers as they wailed in line at a post store, injuring 15. He was shot and critically wounded when he ignored orders from military police to stop.

The driver was identified only as a third-party national, meaning he is neither American nor Kuwaiti. Elsewhere, there were signs that Iraqi hostility might be easing, at least in the port city of Umm Qasr. Franks noted that two brothers sent to launch suicide attacks surrendered instead. "They chose to fight for the future of Iraq," Franks said, "rather than fight for this dying regime."

Also, British Royal Marines patrolling the port felt safe enough there to switch from helmets to berets to look less belligerent to locals.

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Meningitis claims student's life at U. Minnesota

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MINNEAPOLIS (U-WIRE) -- A University of Minnesota undergraduate student diagnosed with meningococcal meningitis was pronounced dead Thursday.

Kristin Marx, 20, a Carlson School of Management sophomore from Madison, Wis., was admitted to Fairview Medical Center late Tuesday.

D. Ed Ehlinger, director of the University's student health services, said he's not familiar with specifics of Marx's case, but fatal cases of the disease typically involve "overwhelming infection" of organs, liver failure and low blood pressure.

Meningococcal meningitis is a bacterial disease that is caused by a virulent strain of Neisseria meningitidis. Infections are usually spread through respiratory secretions, they are not considered to be air-borne.

"It's just the way the bacteria works. It comes on very fast and hard," said David Golden, director of public health. "It's very rare. The last case was four years ago."

The case on campus was an isolated case, as most are, Golden said.

Boynton officials spoke with 80 people who had come in contact with Marx over the previous seven days, Golden said. Most of the period the bacteria could have spread fell during spring break, which might have helped lower the number of people exposed, he said.

Doctors and nurses assessed the risk of the patients and prescribed 63 people a single oral antibiotic, Golden said.

Ehlinger said an individual has had direct contact with the ill person's oral secretions, they are not considered to be at risk.

"There is no reason to believe that Kissing and sharing drinks or smoking materials could transmit the disease," Golden said. The vaccine against meningococcal disease is approximately 70-percent effective.

Sealing room with duct tape could be dangerous

Kati Jividen

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (KRT) - Paul Mathews cringes when he hears of the duct tape and plastic solution to a biochemical attack.

"They didn't think through this process," said Mathews, an associate professor of respiratory care at the University of Kansas School of Allied Health.

Officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the Department of Homeland Security told Americans last month that they should buy duct tape and plastic as a potential shield against a biochemical threat.

Although officials have downplayed the suggestion after facing criticism, the Web sites of the Homeland Security Department and FEMA still list the two items as components for a "home-safety kit."

Mathews, assistant director of operations and exercises at Johnson County Emergency Management, said it's important to think about what one would react to a biochemical threat.

He said figuring out a plan for a "shelter in place" - or how to secure a room or other area - is a good idea.

"I'm not saying 'shelter in place' is going to give you 100 percent protection from every chemical," Mathews said. "But we recommend you know how to do that and that you have duct tape and plastic to seal up the openings in a room."

He said residents also are urged to shut off the ventilation and wait until authorities say it's safe to come out.

Mathews decided to speak up after seeing an article in The Kansas City Star recently about a middle school that held a terrorist drill in its gymnasium.

More than 700 students and teachers were sealed inside the room with plastic and duct tape.

Given the space and the number of students, Mathews said, the oxygen would be depleted from the room in about an hour.
Troops prepare to build prison of war camps

Camp Bucca named after NYC firefighter who died on Sept. 11

Ronald Paul Larson

Daily Titan (California State U. - fullerton)

FULLERTON, Calif. (U-WIRE) - The 36th Engineer Group along with the 4th and 109th Engineer Battalions moved out of sandbagged tents in the middle of the desert and into southern Iraq. Loaded into more than a blizzard of sand and wind in the afternoon, they left throughout the morning, beginning at 6:45 a.m. The mission of the approximately 1,000 men and women in the three units is to build camps for Iraqi prisoners of war.

The destination of the 36th Engineer Group and 46th Engineer Battalion convoy was a location about 70 miles north of the Kuwaiti border; the site of the future prisoner camp to be called Camp Bucca. The camp is named after a New York City firefighter who died at the World Trade Center in 2001. Maj. Christopher Salles, a "Vietnam Veteran" of the Gulf War, died last week while a missile landed in front of his car near the former Israeli border.

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"It was another 12 hours before Sreiheen's family got a phone call from Iraq. Their 22-year-old son was leaving Mosul University in a car with three friends when what is believed to be a U.S. missile fell on the road in front of them. The car flipped several times, killing all four.

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The family decided that Sreiheen as outgoing, but couldn't think of anything to say when they were asked if he had hobbies. In a sense such as Ramtha, hobbies are a luxury. Sreiheen simply wanted to earn a degree and, like everyone in town, "a job that guarantees stability."
Marine confident he’ll return home as EMT to ‘help people’

Jeff Seidel
Knight Ridder Newspapers

NEAR AN NAJAF, Iraq (KRT) — As a U.S. Army Humvee made its way down a sandy route several miles south of here Sunday morning, seven Iraqis in dusty robes, troopers and sandaled appeared on the side of the road.

Army Command Sergeant Major D. Woods jumped out of the side, pointed his M16 pistol at the seven men and motioned them to get down. Fresh with their hands locked behind their heads, the men allowed Woods to search their belongings.

They had no weapons but carried military papers. Woods radioed the 101st Airborne to take them to a nearby POW holding camp.

Throughout the day, the same story repeated itself time and again. Over the weekend, the number of POWs at the camp increased from 100 to about 1,000 as desertions by soldiers and conscripted men turning themselves in.

"Incoming Scud!" somebody calls. "Gas! Gas! Gas!"

Cpl. Jeremy Janssen puts on his gas mask and waves a stack of vegetarian MREs (meals ready to eat) and 7.5 liter bottles of water out of the back of the Humvee and passed them out.

The Iraqis, in their 20s and 30s, gulped down the water out of the bottles, pointed his M9 pistol at the seven men back of the Humvee and passed them out.

"We are suddenly seeing a drastic escalation in Iraqi sentiments," said Captain John Wilson of U.S. Army intelligence.

"In fact, all Sunday, the radios at Ram, a huge Army combat support base near An Najaf, broadcast incidents of Iraqi soldiers and paramilitary men asking U.S. troops to take them into custody."

An English-speaking Iraqi farmer, whom Woods knew, met him on the road and translated for the seven men:

"They say they are soldiers from different units," said the wheat farmer. "They do not want to fight and say they will be shot if they don't. They are asking for protection. They are very thirsty and hungry."

Woods driver got a stack of vegetarian MREs (meals ready to eat) and seven 1.5 liter bottles of water out of the back of the Humvee and passed them out.

The Iraqis, in their 20s and 30s, gulped down the water and ate the MREs, eating crackers, dry flat bread and cold, processed pasta and rice with their hands.

They were exceptionally docile, afraid to look up or move. "I couldn't get over how accommodating and passive they were," he said later.

By nightfall, the POWs in the back of a 101st Airborne truck, en route to a holding camp, an hour south of An Najaf.

"It's up to each soldier to judge the situation and I pray they would not be hurt and to relax," he said.

"We don't want to kill Iraqis who are trying to escape but we don't want our soldiers killed either ... I worry a lot that mistakes, incidents of Iraqi soldiers and paramilitary men asking to be taken into custody."

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Salukis look for leadership

SIU men's golf looks to upperclassmen to lead in SEMO tournament

Ethan Erickson

Depth in a less-than-impressive finish in its first spring tournament, the SIU men's golf team was PhysiciansAnonymous for Numerosity entering today's tournament.

The Salukis are preparing for the Southeast Missouri State Invitational, which takes place today and tomorrow. SIU enters the contest with the intention of getting its upperclassmen on track.

A ninth-place finish in a New Orleans tournament earlier this month showed SIU its upperclassmen's potential, but the Salukis said some older players play to their potential, good things own.

Sophomore Roger Welch led his team in that event with a fourth-place finish. He had not even come close to tallying SIU’s best score so far. He has a chance to break some personal bests and maybe a school record. He is going to be fine. Welch thinks the team might have scored better had his back four players played better.

“I feel a lot better than I did in the fall,” Welch said. “In the fall I struggled and I feel good about my swing now.”

But senior captain Tim Hos was only able to muster a 16th place finish in New Orleans.

“I played really well going into it, and then I shot myself right in the foot as soon as I got there. You can’t afford to be cocky, you can’t afford to be cocky,” Hos said. “I’ll bounce back. I’m really not worried about one bad score now. I’m really not worried about one bad tournament. The weather has not been an ally of the team as it prepares for spring tournaments, as evidenced by Friday’s practice. Chilly temperatures, gusty winds and rain made practice less than pleasurable, but this could help the team in the future.

“If we were at a tournament, we’d have to finish up, so it doesn’t hurt sometimes,” head coach Mike Noll said. “The weather is not a good practice tool. They have to learn to adjust to all types of conditions. If we play in this type of weather in a tournament, I think we’ll be as prepared as anybody.”

This event, played in nearby Jackson, Ill., will be the tournament closest chance for SIU to start to catch up with other teams, but the host school lacks enough universities.

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Jayhawks claw past Wildcats to Final Four

Kansas tops Arizona 78-75, earns second straight trip to semis

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ANAHEIM, Calif. (U-WIRE) -- University of Kansas students can dust off their Mardi Gras beads, now that the Jayhawks have beaten up Arizona, 78-75, to earn its second consecutive trip to the NCAA Final Four.

It's the stuff that you dream about. The teams traded baskets throughout the game and a tie, but it was not to be

Kansas senior guard Jason Gardner scored 11 points in four minutes, and freshman guard Hasim Adams added five in 13-26 mark. That's when the real battle began. The teams traded baskets throughout the rest of the game. Neither team took more than a four-point lead, and Arizona trailed by just 3 with 7.1 seconds left to play. After two Wildcat timeouts, Gardner readied for the game's final shot and Arizona missed its third of the game and a tie, but it was not to be for Arizona.

Kansas senior guard Kirk Hinrich blocked the ball to Arizona senior forward Luke Walton, who shot and it to Gardner for a one-score attempt. Gardner had a clear look, but the ball rebounded off the hoop into the hands of Kansas junior forward Jeff Graves. Graves, who had scored 13 points and grabbed 15 rebounds, hurled the ball into the rafters, and the celebration began.

“I watched everybody else do that growing up,” Graves said. “I just wanted to see what it was like.”

Appropriately, it felt like a reason to dance. Graves and the rest of the team broke into the party as玉米, fan-celebratory frenzy that drew everyone from Williams to team managers into the hoop.

“Be able to stand there and watch those kids cut down the net and act silly with them is the greatest reward in coaching,” Williams said.

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Baseball splits at Ind. St.

Diamond Dawgs drop last two games, but up record to 6-2 in MVC

Christopher Monteil

Daily Egyptian

The series, as well as the conference season, started off well enough.

The SIU baseball team (15-10, 6-2 MVC) won the first two games at Indiana State (17-5, 4-2 MVC) this weekend and extended its Missouri Valley Conference record to a best-ever 6-0, but the Salukis ran into a couple of ace pitchers in the final two to split the four-game set.

"It's natural to think that when you're 2-0 in a four-game set that you've got a chance to come home 3-1, but we just couldn't get anything going offensively in games three and four," SIU head coach Dan Callahan said.

They threw two good pitchers in Samuels and Zaleski. They basically put us to zero.

Scarmacs are junior pitcher Matt Zaleski threw eight innings, allowing no runs on three hits and seven strikeouts in Sunday's finale. Junior Matt Samuels pitched a complete game duing in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader. He allowed only five hits and one walk in the blanking of the Sycamores.

Indiana State pitching as a whole was good enough to allow only one run in the Diamond Dawgs' last 22 innings of the series. The one run came in the top of the ninth in Sunday's game.

But it was not all Scarmacs. SIU pitching had winning moments of its own in the first two games.

The series started with a complete-game win by Saluki senior pitcher Jake Alley — a first line-up snapped a Scaramacs 13-game winning streak. Callahan called it one of the best he'd seen from Alley.

"He had good command," Callahan said.

"I never sensed he was trying to overthrow which, sometimes with Jake, that becomes an issue.

"He had three pitches working well that day and if you've got three pitches working well on a good day, you've got a pretty good chance to win. He was dominating."

A doubleheader was originally scheduled for Saturday, but a bad weather forecast for Terre Haute, Ind., forced the doubleheader to be moved to Friday. It rained Friday and cancelled the second game, which was scheduled for Saturday where Saluki pitching continued to do well through the first game.

Sophomore pitcher Bryan Roeger pitched seven innings allowing two runs on five hits. Sophomore Eric Haberer and PJ Frigian came in relief and held their opponents scoreless. Haberer would extend his scoreless innings streak to 10.2 in the series.

While SIU pitching was good, so was the hitting.

The Salukis hit four home runs in the first game and did the little things like sacrifices and timely-hitting in the second game to secure the win. The Dawgs just could not keep it going into games three and four.

"We've got some hitters that need to take advantage of these opportunities,

"We've got some hitters that need to rede fine the strike zone," Callahan said. "We've got guys that are swinging at pitches that they can hit or drive, and they're taking pitches that they ought to be getting their hacks at. It's almost like we're hitting backswings."

Callahan said he was pleased with Friday and Saturday's offense, but said every team in the league has pitchers at talented as Samuels and Zaleski and the team needs to figure things out.

The team will have until Wednesday to do so before Southeast Missouri comes to Carbondale for a game before the Dawgs return to MVC action.

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SIU takes series from Bluejays

Saluki softball wins two of three games versus Creighton, faces No. 7 Nebraska today

Jens Deju

Daily Egyptian

Mighty Casey struck out seven and over this weekend, but still managed to walk away with a victory.

The SIU softball team was able to overcome 40 strikeouts over three games to win two of three games over Creighton on Saturday. The Salukis won the first game of Saturday's scheduled doubleheader 2-0 in nine innings, but pushed the second game back to Sunday because of cold weather.

The two teams split Sunday's games with SIU winning the first one 4-3 and Creighton taking the final game 3-2.

Blugolds pitcher Tammy Nielsen was the main reason behind all SIU strikeouts, ringer up 29 strikeouts in her two games.

In the first game of the series, Nielsen struck out the first 11 Saluki batters to step to the plate and finished with 19 over nine innings pitched. SIU outfielder Katie Jones was rung up four times while Adie Viefhaus and Lindsey Broyall were each rung up three times in the Saluki batting.

Nielsen was tagged with the loss after a two-run home run by SIU freshman Katie Jones gave SIU its first home run innings victory of the season.

She was frustrating for us with all the strikeouts, but I know if I stuck with it I could get a hit," said Louis in a press release. "I didn't expect to hit a home run, but I hit a line drive with the wind blowing in and it made its way out of the park."

Buehler won her second start to help Creighton (15-15, 2-7 Missouri Valley Conference) salvage at least one game this weekend by striking out 10 and allowing just four hits in the Bluejays' 3-2 win.

In the middle game of the series Creighton pitchers Stephanie Corvino and Melissa Flog combined for 10 strikeouts in the Bluejays' loss early Sunday.

The low on Sunday snapped SIU's seven game winning streak and Amy Hare's personal four-game winning streak. Harris (11-4) gave up three runs, all on home runs, with Lauren Flures and Sami Herbst each going deep.

The Salukis (20-5, 2-2 MVC) continued their power hitting ways with Louis going deep twice to raise her total to seven home runs this season. Katy Kelly hit her fifth and freshman infielder Stacioma Carter notched her first career home run in the second game victory.

Louis and Jordan both currently have seven home runs, putting them just three behind the school's single-season record of 10 set by Mary Viehland back in 1999.

The career record is 24 set by Erin Severson who played for the Salukis from 1998-2001. Jordan currently has 12 in her career, which puts her at sixth all-time; while Louis, just a freshman, is sitting in 11th place.

Next up for the Salukis is a non-conference showdown with No. 7 Nebraska today at 4 p.m. in Lincoln, Neb.

The two teams played earlier this season with the Creightoners (24-15) winning 4-0.

The Salukis, who have won 12 of their last 14 games, are optimistic about their chances and look forward to getting a little payback for the earlier loss.

"I'm really looking forward to playing them," said junior Haley Viefhaus. "I feel like we've got a tough team that they look so great for us and we have the ability to do it and I'm really looking forward to it."

"It's not something that's out of our league."

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Murray State races away from everyone at Saluki Invitational

Ethan Erickson
Daily Egyptian

Halfway through the Saluki Invitational, the Murray State men's golf team sits in third place with 637 points, followed by Illinois State's 640, and Illinois' 641. Murray State's Michael Milas shot an 80, putting him in 18th place as of Saturday night.

Murray State is shooting away the competition in the team standings after shooting 315, seven strokes ahead of second-place Bradley.

The Salukis rebounded after a slow start. Amy Rankin hit two shots out-of-bounds early on, and Taylor was out under par over the last five holes.

"We just had too many big numbers," Daugheny said. "They bounced back. They didn't give up, and I'm very proud of them about that.

"We're better than what we shot, so we're looking for another round of 18 holes.

Murray State was a good team, and they shot a great score," Daugheny said. "That's what makes us either pretty good or not so good on days, because they all have the potential." Megan Taylor shot an 82, putting her in 18th place as of Saturday night.

"If we play like we know we can play, then I think we can pick up some ground," Daugheny said. "Whether we can pick up 12 shots, I don't know.

"We had a really disappointing 91. I think she'll come out tomorrow strong." head coach Diane Daugheny said of her freshman phenomenon. "SCC0nd hole of the day, she had a triple bogey, then settled down and she finished strong.

"We're better than what we shot, so we're looking for another round of 18 holes.

"It's pretty brutal out here," Daugheny said. "I'm not pleased we're in fourth, I would love to be a hundred shots ahead in first, but it's not insurmountable.

"I love Murray State was a good team, and they shot a great score." [The article continues with more sports stories and updates.]