**Friends, family remember student killed by lightning**

Joe Crawford

Vanessa Webb remembers a son who was respectful and accepting.

“He had friends of every race, creed and color,” Webb said of her son, Corey Williams, who was struck and killed by lightning at a high school track meet in March.

Webb was one of about 50 family members and Carbondale Community High School students who gathered near the high school track Tuesday afternoon in memory of Williams’ 19th birthday.

The group sang “Happy Birthday” to Williams and signed 19 light blue balloons that were released at the end of the service.

Williams enjoyed school and loved sports, especially track, at which he excelled, Webb said. Though many high school students have conflicts with their families or the law, her son was never a problem, she said.

Karen Godinez, a junior at CCHS, said she remembers Williams as a good friend as well as a great runner. She said Williams was interested in learning other languages and, because she was fluent in Spanish, she sometimes conversed with him in the language.

The news of Williams’ death was too difficult to take for many at the high school, Godinez said.

“‘It shocked everybody,’ she said. ‘It was definitely something that nobody would ever think would happen.’”

Robert Webb, Williams’ father, said the tragedy has had a profound effect on his family. His wife has taken the death very hard, he said. Vanessa Webb said she has still had great difficulty dealing with the tragedy.

“When I have cried every day since he died — every single day’” Vanessa Webb said.

**The weather inside is frightful**

Automotive program braces for winter months in 1938 bunkers

Barton Lorimer

Cement buildings on the SIUC main campus may get wet as they leak, but the university’s wooden automotive facilities in Carterville rot.

A debate in the Illinois House concerning money for the Chicago Transit Authority is one reason lawmakers missed the Nov. 12 target date to vote on the Capital Construction Plan, said State Rep. Darrell Bost, R-Carbondale.

If approved, the plan would financially support construction projects across Illinois, including state school facility construction such as Morris Library and better facilities for the Automotive Technology and Aviation schools.

“Your have to apologize for these facilities. It’s an embarrassment to the state,” Michael Behrmann, associate professor in automotive technology, said.

Prospective students have already been discouraged from attending SIUC because of the condition of the program’s facilities, which would financially support the program.

Bost said he hopes action on the plan will come in January. SIUC would receive nearly $95.6 million for building projects currently on delay. More than $43 million of the aforementioned total would be used to replace the leaky bunkers and put the automotive and aviation programs in proper education facilities. The program has been forced to move out of other bunkers on site as they have become condemned properties.

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**Salukinet gets a makeover**

Brandy Oxford

Students logged on to Salukinet during Thanksgiving break might have been surprised to see the Web site’s makeover.

The new page is one step in the staggered implementation of a new student information system called Banner and prompts students to log in using their network ID and password. Previously, students used their student ID, generally a student’s social security number, and university issued pin number to log in to the system.

Frank Scobly, interim director of Information Technology, said one of the original objectives of the Banner implication was to eliminate the use of social security numbers as student IDs. He said he hopes to completely transition students to network ID numbers this spring.

Gloria Hernandez, an undecisive freshman from Des Plaines, said she never worried about identity theft while using her social security number on Salukinet because she felt the university would keep its students safe.

Banner will give students single sign-on access to a personalized portal, called Luminis, through which they may access their banner, university e-mail account, financial aid, Blackboard and other student information.

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Vanessa Webb, mother of Corey Williams, wipes tears from her eyes Tuesday at a memorial gathering for Corey near the Carbondale Community High School track. Williams would have been 19 years old Tuesday.

Webb said of her son, “It’s hard for me to go to work every day worrying about how she is doing,” he said.

“The community has been very supportive since her son’s death, she said, but Vanessa Webb said she has still had great difficulty dealing with the tragedy.

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**Former student says university didn’t post Ph.D. Lawsuit filed over dispute**

Joe Crawford

Two top graduate school officials and one professor are defendants in a lawsuit filed by a former student said she lost her job because the university did not post her degree.

Christi Turpin, who attended the graduate school in the late 1990s, claims she lost her position with a St. Louis construction company after a background check did not find the degree she listed on her curriculum vitae. “It was definitely something that happened,” she said.

“Christi Turpin first learned the university had not posted her degree in 2003 when employed by Parkway School District in St. Louis, according to the lawsuit. Court documents indicate Wilson and Koropchak then denied her the degree.

John Deichmann, chairman of Turpin’s dissertation committee, declined to comment on the problems with the degree, but said he believed Turpin had finished the degree.

“I believe she has completed all the work necessary for the Ph.D.,” Deichmann said.

When the Daily Egyptian asked Turpin’s adviser, Kealiar Dunham, about Deichmann’s statement, Dunham said she had also told Turpin she was finished with her degree.

“It’s difficult for me to understand who is at SIU that knows more about whether she’s completed her Ph.D. than her thesis advisor,” Dunham said.

Phylecia Cole, associate general counsel, said she could not comment on the specifics of the case.

“Our office has read the lawsuit and we certainly don’t feel that the plaintiff’s claims have any merit,” Cole said.

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Man cleared by DNA test sues police for mismanaging his rape case

CHICAGO (AP) — A man who spent eight years in prison for a crime he didn’t commit has returned to the courtroom to sue police for allegedly mishandling a lineup that led to his arrest.

Morris said no longer a police employee, prepared a report wrongly saying he mismanaged the lineup that led to his arrest and the lab analyst who took the swab of semen from his body

veterans, the University of Illinois has cut back on its promise. “Instead of honoring our pledge to our veterans and active-duty members of the military, the University of Illinois has cut back on its promise to supply 110 scholarships to the school’s executive MBA program. The scholarships, university officials have said, were never meant to be awarded at once, nor all in the Chicago-based executive MBA program. Some of the recipients have been on the Champaign-Urbana campus.

Balogjievich took mass transit money from other programs

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — When he announced emergency funding for Chicago-area mass-transit systems earlier this month, Gov. Rod Blagojevich said he simply was using money already set aside in the budget for transportation projects.

But that was true only because his administration transferred funds from other construction programs before revealing the bailout, state records show.

Of the $27 million Blagojevich promised to keep trains and buses running, $22.4 million originally was going to pay for bricks-and-mortar construction, highways and energy projects around the state.

Balogjievich announced the grant Nov. 2. Aides said it was “existing” money borrowed by selling bonds for rail and mass transit projects.

Giving it to the Chicago Transit Authority and its suburban sister would not delay construction elsewhere in the state, they said.

But no one seems to know whether that’s true.

The Democratic governor has ignored repeated requests from The Associated Press about the past three weeks for more details about the source of the money and what projects have been set aside.

The money will last through mid-January while lawmakers work on a long-term funding plan for the CTA and the Regional Transportation Authority. The General Assembly continues work on the problem Wednesday in a special session.

Lawmakers said that the transfers are legal, but complained Balogjievich unluckily took money from other needy projects to bail out Chicago.

“The money that was transferred in came from funds that would have been appropriated throughout the state,” said Republican Sen. Christine Radogno of Lemont. “Essentially, what we have is a statewide bailout for the CTA.”

The $27 million technically is from a bond fund set up for mass transit and aviation projects. But only $4.5 million was in that account to start.

The day before announced the stopgap, Blagojevich transferred $10.5 million in bond money reserved for economic development and alternative energy projects, $7.4 million for highway construction and 6-10 million for general building projects.

Radogno knows of no plans by the administration to repay the money. Sen. Donne Trotter, D-Chicago, said he was reviewing the transfer funds if there is extra available but he didn’t know how Blagojevich decided there was excess in the affected accounts.

They’re working on a response,” she said. Quinn spokesman Elizabeth Austin said he wrote the letter after hearing from veterans in the program and others that the university isn’t making good on its initial pledge of 110 scholarships.

“We have heard concerns,” she said.

Robert Van Der Hoogen, a former assistant dean at the university, said he set up the program after school officials told him to use military scholarships to build-up attendance and revenue in the Chicago-based executive MBA program.

Van Der Hoogen said he was ordered to try to build the program from out of concerns over cost and the worry among some on campus that admitting dozens of “job hounds” would dilute the quality of the MBA program.

The university has disputed Van Der Hoogen’s version of events, and denied any university officials made references to job hounds, — slang for Marines.

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Ltv. Gov. wants count of veteran scholarships at University of Illinois

CHAMPAIGN (AP) — Lt. Gov. Pat Quinn has asked the University of Illinois to prove that it is providing business school scholarships that it promised last year to veterans and members of the military.

Quinn and others complained earlier this year that the university hasn’t done enough to meet its commitment 

The scholarships were announced last year with support from Sen. Christine Radogno, D-Lemont, and Sen. Don Harmon, D-Chicago, and enrollment began in the fall of 2006. But only 35 scholarships were awarded for that school year.

In a letter made last week to university President Joseph White, Quinn asked for lists of all scholarship recipients and all applicants who were turned down.

“Since that promising beginning, I have been deeply disappointed by the University of Illinois’ failure to fulfill its promise to our veterans,” Quinn wrote. “Instead of honoring our pledge to our veterans, the University of Illinois has cut back on its promise.”

University of Illinois spokesman Robin Kaler, noting that the person in charge of the scholarships is out of town, said the school hasn’t responded yet to Quinn’s letter. She wasn’t sure how many scholarships have been awarded so far.

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Colorful heritage creates new visions

Student artists present work for Native American Heritage Month

Allison Petty

Though his portraits of Native American culture decorate the Student Center, José Guajardo did not know his own heritage until six years ago.

Student Programming Council and the Native American Student Organization held a reception Thursday night for student artists whose work depicts Native American culture and traditions.

The students' work is displayed in Art Alley, located on the second floor of the Student Center.

Guajardo, who graduated with a master's degree in fine arts from New York studying sculpture, said he was raised by the Apache and his father is never known.

His mother is full-blooded Apache and his father is half-Cominache and half-Mexican, Guajardo said. He said he was raised Latino because Native Americans had negative associations where they lived.

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Most of Peet's work depicts faceless corn husk dolls, which are traditionally made by children for protection in his tribe.

One of his sculptures portrays a Seneca woman, which Peters said represents his mother, grandmother and the strength of women in his tribe.

He said the Iroquois nation, to which the Seneca tribe belongs, is a matrilineal society. Women hold more power than men, even though Iroquois chiefs are male; Peters said.

Jennifer Calvin, professor of workforce education and development, acts as faculty adviser for the Native American Student Organization, which sponsors Native American Heritage Month in November.

Calvin, who identified herself as Shawnee and Wyandott, said many don't realize Native American affiliations can range from those who grew up on a reservation to those who don't have strong connections with the culture.

"When you say 'native,' people tend to think of Dances with Wolves and a guy on a horse, and that's just not how every culture is," Calvin said. "There is a big misconception about what it means to be native.

However, she said the organization works to correct misconceptions and raise awareness about native culture.

For Guajardo, knowledge of his heritage has come a long way. His grandmother was ashamed to be Native American because the culture was shunned in their community, Guajardo said.

However, he said he is proud of his heritage. Along with them, Guajardo said he would continue to research his background.

Guajardo plans to commit his research to canvas, continuing to express a growing knowledge of his heritage through art.

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For More Information:

Jennifer Calvin, faculty adviser of the Native American Student Organization, said the organization provides a sense of community for Native American students.

However, she said students with no tribal affiliation are welcome to participate in the organization's events.

Interested students can contact the organization's president, Nichole Boyd, at 207-7935.

The last event for Native American Heritage Month will take place on Thursday at 7 p.m. in the Ohio Room in the Student Center.

Dr. Don Fixico, professor of history at Arizona State University and author of eight books about Native American history and culture, is scheduled to speak about governmental Indian policies during the Eisenhower administration.
**Blackwater lawsuit: guards defied orders**

**Lara Jakes Jordan**

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

WASHINGTON — A federal grand jury investigating Blackwater Worldwide, which is based in the nation’s capital, broke a news blackout Thursday by issuing 22 warrants to search homes and businesses, including at least one in Detroit.

The warrants are part of a probe that began in 2006. The federal grand jury has been investigating the company’s actions in Iraq, including whether the guards defied orders to leave a scene.

**Rioting in Paris: youth shot at police**

**Nicolas Gargia**

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

PARIS — A French police official said Friday that a 17-year-old boy was shot in the head by police in a Paris suburb.

Police said the boy, who was found near a police station, died of his injuries. The official said the police were responding to a disturbance when the boy was shot.

**Lebanon’s response to criticism of its Barney Gibbons**

**LAWRENCE KESTEROS**

**McClatchy Tribune**

As friends and family from Philadelphia watched some cheering and others grieving, the body of police officer Kenneth Kohl was buried before a packed crowd Thursday in a ceremony at St. Luke’s Catholic Church.

A longtime point of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, popular at home and in the community, Kohl was among 21 archbishops and two priests whom Benedict made cardinals.

This was Benedict’s second consistory since becoming Pope two and a half years ago, and brings to 160 the number of cardinals eligible to vote for the next pope, the standard number.

Foley, who in June became grand master of the Equestrian Order of St. Michael and St. George, was remembered Thursday at a memorial service for his work with the nation’s boy scouts.

Foley spent much of Tuesday afternoon in the grand jury room, which is off limits to the public. Two witnesses also spent hours behind closed doors in the District of Columbia’s federal courthouse. One of them emerged to say that a judge had warned him not to identify himself, his law firm or his client.

The grand jury is investigating whether Blackwater is defying an order to stop private security operations in Iraq.

Blackwater officials have said they are investigating the matter.

**Iran claims to have a long-range missile capable of reaching Israel and U.S. bases**

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran’s military Tuesday said it has manufactured a new missile capable of reaching Israel and U.S. bases across the Mideast, the official IRNA news agency reported.

The defense minister, Gen. Mostafa Mohammad Najjar, did not say whether Iran had test fired the Atash or had plans to do so, according to the IRNA report. The name means “fire” in Farsi, a sacred reference among Shiite Muslims to the martyrdom of Islam’s third imam.

Iran has already reported improve-ments in a previous missile that would give it the ability to reach Israel. The Iranian regime did not elaborate about whether there are any differences between the two weapons.

**Terrorism**

Substantial grants cost 10 years for plotting with al-Qaeda terrorist

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A Somali immigrant was sentenced to 10 years in prison Tuesday for attempting to buy an Ohio shopping mall with a man later convicted of terror charges.

Nuradin Abdi, a cell phone salesman before his arrest last fall, is accused of conspiring to provide material support for terrorists and conspiring to kill Somali citizens after serving the federal sentence.

In 2005, Abdi was convicted of conspiracy, and Abdi’s attorney Mehri Shafri said his client apologized to the people of the United States, the people of Islam and the Somali community. He said Abdi regretted that his criminal behavior lead to problems for other Muslims.

**Ecuador**

Red Cross president expels one 36 in Ecuador

PONCE ENRIQUEZ, Ecuador (AP) — The Red Cross president on Tuesday expelled one of 36 people who were arrested for plotting an attack.

The case has raised concerns about the new President Rafael Correa’s campaign to tighten security in the country.

**New York**

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NEW YORK (AP) — Kept by the top post at the top, the American Red Cross ousted its president, Mark Gonzales, on Tuesday after a review of the agency’s important roles for red cross officials said.

Army Col. Bernard M. Fanning told a news conference at the site of the explosions in Ponce Enriquez, southern Ecuador, that all red cross personnel were accounted for — backing away from earlier official reports 60 were trapped.

Monday evening’s explosion occurred in a town in southern Ecuador’s highlands, where Fanning said 170 people were killed in a library fire.

Fanning and other officials said the fire was started by a bomb blast that killed 17 people at a library.

The blast was the latest in a series of attacks in recent months that has killed scores of people.

**Son of philanthropist Brooke Astor accused of stealing her $198 million dollar estate**

NEW YORK (AP) — The son of the philanthropist Brooke Astor pleaded not guilty Tuesday in court to charges he embezzled millions of dollars from his mother’s $198 million estate and competed to control Astor’s will, but a New York judge asked him to stay out of his mother’s will court case for the next 10 years.

Anthony Marshall, 83, was charged in an lawsuit with his son Anthony Jr., and with grand larceny, criminal possession of stolen goods and misappropriating charitable business records, offering a false instrument for filing and conspiracy. His former attorney, Frank X. Morrissey, was indicted on charges of forgery, criminal possession of a forged instrument, scheme to defraud and conspiracy.
Salvia divinorum to become illegal starting Jan. 1

Alejandro Gonzalez  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A Carbondale store will soon clean its shelves of a strong natural herb because of a new law that will take effect in Illinois, making it illegal.

Starting Jan. 1, salvia divinorum, considered the strongest natural herb in the world, will become a Substance 1 controlled substance in Illinois, putting drugs such as marijuana, LSD and cocaine in the same category. Country Goddess, a new age store in Carbondale, is selling the last of the herb.

Louisiana, Missouri and Delaware have already banned the drug.

The herb originated in Oaxaca, Mexico, and was used by the Mazatec Indians. Psychic effects of salvia include overlapping realities, a sense of a loss of body, and hallucinations, which are similar to those of LSD, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration Web site.

The effects of salvia, which is usually smoked, begin to occur seconds after taking it and can last from 10 to 30 minutes, according to the Web site.

The store’s owner, who wished to only be identified by her first name of Crystal, said she would continue to sell the salvia on the Internet from Virginia.

Most of her revenue of salvia comes from online customers, she said. She said people buy Salvia from all around the country and overseas.

“It will affect me some, it will,” she said. “But, we have other things that we are going to bring in the store that is made to relax you.”

Rep. Chapin Rose, R-Champaign, chief co-sponsor of the bill, said he decided to pursue the ban because a deputy sheriff in his district told him people were misusing salvia.

Rose said the main reason people use salvia is for recreational use.

“If you’re not going to sell to kids because they are going to party with it, then what are they going to do with it?” he said. “There is no other use for it.”

He said while some use salvia for spiritual purposes, it does not mean it should not be banned.

Crystal said a better alternative would have been to tax salvia or put restrictions on how much could be sold.

She said she does not sell salvia for recreational purposes and does not advertise it.

“I do have it available for ritualistic practices, but I am not going to get in people’s business and ask them what they are using it for,” she said.

Rogene Waite, a DEA spokeswoman, said salvia is currently being reviewed, but no decision has been made to endorse a nationwide ban.

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Salvia, a strong natural herb that offers psychic effects when smoked, will be made illegal in Illinois Jan. 1. Most stores will stop selling it in December and allow their stock to run out before the plant is officially illegal.

Jason Johnson  
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Local store forced to stop selling herb

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"Just because we do not classify it as illegal does not mean it is not dangerous," Waite said. "We always want to emphasize that people should be extremely careful about anything they would put into their bodies."
Pass that buck

The list of reasons why university officials won’t notify a student’s family in the event of an emergency is thinning.

In an attempt to dissuade criticism, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Larry Dietz said Monday his office consulted all the public universities within the state to confirm that they too left the task in the hands of emergency officials or the coroner the state to confirm that they would not notify a family or a student’s family in the event of an emergency, he said.

Other than asking, “If everyone jumped of a bridge, would you?” the Daily Egyptian was skeptical no public state university takes responsibility for notifying a family of a problem.

After speaking to officials at just one university, a student said, we realized we were right to think so.

“We have had situations where the university has contacted the parents in the case of an emergency,” said Dana Biernbaum, assistant vice president of administrative services at Western Illinois University.

Biernbaum went on to explain that WIU is actually overhauling all of its emergency procedures to better serve the institution in the event of a crisis, big or small.

That’s a novel idea. Maybe our university should take heed of their example.

We recommend starting at the part where you don’t make generalized statements that aren’t true. The not will probably then come much easier.

Tracy Scott, coordinator of the emergency consultation team at WIU, elaborated further on life-threatening situations. They are rare, he said, and are usually handled on a case-to-case basis.

“We contact the parents whenever we need to, but at the same time we try to respect the privacy of the student,” he said.

Privacy was the reason the university gave after administrators did not call Alex Booth’s family when he was discovered unconscious in his dorm room Oct. 18. His mother was eventually notified two hours later by a Daily Egyptian reporter, who was unaware the family had not yet been contacted.

Afterward, university spokesperson Rod Sievers cited the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 as the barrier between the university and the parents. It prohibits faculty from contacting the family, he said.

Yet as the Daily Egyptian reported on Oct. 29, HIPAA’s Privacy Rule specifically says that schools and universities are examples of a covered entity that “can notify family and these other persons when, in exercising professional judgment, it determines that doing so would be in the best interest of the patient.”

In other words, when a student who lives in on-campus housing is found unconscious, the university is well within its rights to notify the family.

Laws such as HIPAA that protect certain privacies are no doubt essential — within reason.

But when it comes to students who live on campus and suffer a medical emergency, our university will continue to pass the buck. Nevermind that the university is by far the most readily-equipped to contact one’s family quickly. The hospital and the coroner don’t collect students’ emergency contact information — the university does.

Students who live on campus fill out emergency contact information at the beginning of the semester for a reason. Well, that’s what we used to think.
We've all felt like this at one time or another. As the number of days left in the semester dwindles, the stress and craziness of finals increases, and many people on campus turn into sleep-deprived souls who can only focus on the immediate task at hand.

I know I've been there myself. It can be hard to find a way to balance priorities when you're faced with multiple deadlines. Often at the end of the semester it seems there aren't enough hours in the day to complete everything. For me personally, this is when the stress builds. To me, this photograph represents the need to try to laugh and relax when my schedule gets too busy and stressful.

I took this photograph of my nephew Sam a couple of weeks ago when my wife and I traveled to our hometown of Oshkosh, Neb., to get married. The process of getting married can be a stressful situation, a process I wouldn't recommend undertaking in the middle of the semester — let alone a few weeks before finals. As we were getting stressed about all the little things that can go wrong with a wedding, I would notice Sam, who is always an animated child, saying or doing something completely ridiculous or silly. The laughter that resulted would help me forget about the stress temporarily.

So in the next couple of weeks when you find yourself getting stressed out by finals, try to find a friend who can make you laugh and forget about all those deadlines that will come, regardless of whether you're pulling out your hair trying to get papers written or having a relaxing evening with friends or loved ones. Soon, the end of the semester craziness will all be over and we can enjoy some recovery time.

**Winding Down**

Photo column by Stephen Rickel — Daily Egyptian

**Mandated pullout irresponsible**

**STUDENT COLUMN**

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Just before Thanksgiving break, with the current war funding bill stalled in the Senate, and with both parties at such intense odds with each other, it seems likely to stay there for at least the remainder of the year. As a result, the Pentagon will have to look within its normal operating budget for the money and will likely consider temporary layoffs, as well as canceling some contracts.

While this impasse may fit the needs of those with, or in support of a presidential political agenda, or those who feel the strong desire to hamper the conduct of this unpopular war — no one is the better for it. As it is now, the usual culprits in this supplemental war-funding bills, the issue of mandated troop withdrawals remains an almost impenetrable roadblock.

The Democrats insist on attaching the mandate to every war-funding bill they create. The president will not sign a bill that includes any mandated pullout, and the Democrats are unable to come up with the numbers for a veto override vote. At least for the foreseeable future, the Pentagon, service members and their families will pay the price for this obstinacy, this complete failure of compromise.

The president is right to veto any bill that includes a mandated pullout, as it is grossly irresponsible on the part of the Democrats to mandate any pullout with complete and utter disregard for the situation on the ground whenver the withdrawal is mandated to take place. Their steadfast insistence for a pullout might echo strongly within their ranks as well as our own, but it is wrong-headed and puts service members in far greater danger.

In the past, some politicians have evolved the memory of the Vietnam War to make comparisons with Iraq being a quagmire, necessitating an immediate withdrawal. One sure way to the give credence to that comparison is for politicians (and by extension, their constituents) to once again conduct the war from afar, with little knowledge or understanding of military doctrine or strategy. To abandon the field, regardless of the current situation, is to not only ruin everything that has been and might be accomplished, but it could very well erase the future return of U.S. forces, only then will we do so not from a position of strength, but one of weaknesses — and this weakness will cost American lives.

If some very outspoken politicians had gotten their way some time ago, U.S. forces would have begun pulling out long ago, and the successes currently seen as a result of the troop surge and use of new, more dynamic doctrine would never have happened. The horror that was life in Bagdad would have continued unabated (those same politicians have had little to say of fate). The politicians who claim to support the troops fail to realize that by preventing the military the latitude to bring the conflict to a reasonable conclusion on its own timeline via a mandated pullout, the catastrophe that will result, and our subsequent return, will cost us dearly — setting conditions in which more service members will likely be killed or terribly wounded is not the way to support the troops.

However, the reality might be far more nefarious in that as the service members who bear this terrible burden make up such a small percentage of the voting community (and society at large). Those politicians who insist on this pullout may be much more concerned with the desires of their own constituents than the real issue of what’s the best way to support the service members and the country’s responsibility to see that Iraq is stabilized and secure prior to any pullout. We started this, and if this country has any sense of honor, then it is our duty to stay until Iraq is back on its feet.

But if Americans desire to be seen as useless in the face of true adversity, then by all means we should buy into the feel-good rhetoric, ignore our duties, yank our troops out of there and leave the Iraqis to their fate — we’ll just try to forget that it is a fate of our own making.

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Climate change leads to Great Lakes drying up

John Flesher
The Associated Press

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. — Climate change appears likely to reduce already low Great Lakes water levels even further, making it more urgent to approve a regional compact protecting them from diversion and overuse, environmentalists said Tuesday.

Research suggests warming temperatures may bring less snowfall to the region while boosting evaporation rates, driving down the lakes and the streams and groundwater that feed them, the National Wildlife Federation said.

At the same time, the lakes may become an even more tempting target for water-starved regions such as the desert Southwest, the group said in a newly released report.

“We do not have the luxury of waiting,” said Molly Flanagan, the federation’s water program manager. “If we do not act to protect our water, others may decide to take action for us and they may not make the same choices we would make.”

Governors of the eight states on the Great Lakes signed a compact in 2005 that would outlaw most diversions of water from the region’s drainage basin and require the states to set water use policies.

The pact needs approval of the eight state legislatures and Congress to take effect. Lawmakers in Minnesota and Illinois have endorsed it, while ratification bills are pending in Indiana, Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania.

Significant opposition has arisen in Ohio, where critics say the compact could hamper economic development and property rights, and in Wisconsin, where cities just outside the basin fear it could prevent them from tapping into Lake Michigan for municipal water supplies.

Supporters have focused largely on what Flanagan called the region’s “factual fear” that Sun Belt states would use their growing political clout to grab Great Lakes water.

But the wildlife federation report says climate change is an equally serious threat. The proposed compact wouldn’t do anything to prevent it, but would give state governments the legal and policy tools they need to deal with the effects, said Noah Hall, a Wayne State University law professor who helped craft the report.

“We have known for many years that existing laws are inadequate to protect the Great Lakes from diversions and overuse,” Hall said. “Now we know that climate change is certain to put additional stress and pressure on the Great Lakes.”

While not breaking any new scientific ground, the report summarizes previous findings from studies of the possible effects of climate change in the region.

During the century beginning in the late 1800s, temperatures in the Great Lakes region rose nearly twice as much as the average increase for the entire nation, the report says. As the trend continues, evaporation rates could jump enough to more than offset any precipitation increases.

But not everyone agrees that global warming is to blame. Some scientists contend short-term weather conditions and historical ebb-and-flow patterns might be at least partly responsible.

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SIU spokesman Dave Gross said legislators would return to Springfield for a special session to discuss the CTA support bill. House Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, may act on the Capital Construction Plan after the CTA bill has been decided.

Delays in the Illinois statehouse have not been uncommon this year. Special sessions to resolve the delays have cost the state nearly $1 million extra in travel expenses and legislator salaries, Bost said. The sum does not include Blagojevich's expenses to travel from his home in Chicago.

The projects at SIU are not the only plans put on hold as a result of missing state money. Blagojevich did not release money approved in 2002 for Illinois school districts to construct new facilities. For Du Quoin and Carterville, new high school buildings will continue to be only drawings until money is released by the state.

Gary Kelly, superintendent of Du Quoin Community Unit School District #180, said the high school has been maintaining its current facilities as best it can since applying for state money in 2002. Portable classrooms currently serving the school are in better shape than the building itself.

Kelly said a lack of state assistance is creating a fairness issue for Du Quoin High School and other schools on the waiting list.

“I think it’s become more apparent with our students for them not to receive the things we’d like to be able to do because of the limitations in the facility,” he said.

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Bill Bencini, a professor at the SIU Automotive Technology Labs in Carterville, stands in a pool of water while examining the fallen ceiling of what used to be the welding lab at the college. The Labs were built in 1938 and their crumbling exteriors are in need of renovation or replacement.
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State police keep holiday traffic in check

Increased police presence and tougher laws reduce fatalities statewide

David Lopez
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Students driving back from the Thanksgiving break must have been very aware of police presence along Illinois’ highways during the holiday season, and preliminary police records confirm that.

Illinois State Police are compiling their traffic statistics for the Thanksgiving holiday season, and early reports show 2007 on track to break the record books.

2006 saw a record low in the amount of traffic fatalities in Illinois, with 20 of those occurring over the Thanksgiving weekend. This year, preliminary reports show only three fatalities occurred over the same time period.

Throughout the holiday weekend, Illinois State Police handed out 11,647 total citations, with 671 of those occurring in District 13, which covers Randolph, Washington, Jefferson, Perry, Franklin, Jackson and Williamson counties.

Other District 13 statistics include 253 speeding tickets, 12 alcohol related citations, 241 seatbelt violations, 14 child restraint violations, 52 crashes and two DUI arrests, with no fatalities.

According to Master Sergeant Brian Ley of the Illinois State Police, state roadways were saturated with police from Wednesday through Sunday as part of Illinois’ ‘Stay Alive on the iv’ program. During this time, a trooper is placed every 30 miles along interstate highways in Illinois.

“Our primary goal is to enforce the fatal five: speeding, safe- ty belts, DUI’s, following too closely and improper lane usage,” Ley said.

Police also were aggressively enforcing Scott’s Law, named after a Chicago firefighter who was struck while pulling over a motorist in 2003, which mandates vehicles to slow down and change lanes while passing a state vehicle parked on a shoulder with flashing lights.

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Mary Pemberton
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — More than 200 years ago, rats jumped ship for Rat Island.

The muscular Norwegian rat climbed aboard the ragged, uninhabited island in the southwestern Alaska in 1780 after a rodent-infested Japanese ship ran aground. It was the first time rats had made it to Alaska.

Since then, Rat Island, the piece of rock was dubbed by a sea biologist a century ago, is a part of the seabird chain, of all seabirds and reptile extinctions, said Gregg Howald, program manager for Island Conservation, which is working with the U.S. government on a plan for Rat Island.

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As far as bird life, it is a dead zone,” said Steve Elbert, a biologist at the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, whose 2,000 mostly uninhabited islands include the Aleutian chain, of which Rat Island is a part.

State and federal wildlife biologists are gathering up for an assault on the rats of still-uninhabited Rat Island, hoping to exterminate them with rat poison dropped from helicopters. If they succeed, the birds will sing again on Rat Island. And it will be the third-largest island in the world to be made rat-free.

A visitor to the island 1,700 miles from Anchorage doesn’t have to look far to find evidence of vermin. The landscape is riddled with rat burrows, rat trails, rat droppings and chewed vegetation. Certain plants are all but gone.

“You go to Rat Island and there are hardly any chocolate lilies,” said Jeff Williams, another refuge biologist.

The same for songbirds and seabirds.

Rats have all but wiped out the seabirds on about a dozen large islands and many smaller islands in the refuge, which is home to an estimated 40 million nesting seabirds. Puffins, auklets and all storm petrels are most at risk because they have their eggs and young for extended periods while foraging.

The rats jumped ship beginning in the late 1700s, when Russian merchant vessels piled the islands, and grew more serious in the 1940s, when hundreds of military ships visited the Aleutian Islands during World War II.

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Poll: black voters lean toward Clinton

Margaret Tales McCray Tribune

WASHINGTON — Black voters may be leaning toward supporting Hillary Clinton for the Democratic nomination for president because they’re dubious that America is ready to elect a black president, a new survey suggests.

The national poll released Tuesday by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, a liberal policy organization in Washington, and sponsored by AARP, the senior-citizens group, confirms that African-American likely voters favor the lead- ing Democrats, and it underscores the stakes for both in Iowa’s Jan. 3 cau- cuses, where the vot- ing begins. Obama and Clinton are run- ning neck-and-neck in Iowa, recent polls show, though many voters remain unde- cided.

If Illinois Sen. Barack Obama were to win there, in a nearly all-white state, that might convince black voters that he’s elect- able and persuade them to vote for him over New York Sen. Clinton in later contests where their votes could spell the difference, as in South Carolina.

"I think there are a lot of black voters who think Hillary Clinton has a better chance of being elect- ed president," said David Bositis, senior policy analyst for the cen- ter, which specializes in analyz- ing issues important to African-American. "They’re bashing this thought, this feeling, on their own experiences. African-American voters think . . . there’s no way in the world a black candidate is going to be elected president."" The thing to watch is the Iowa cau- cuses. If Obama wins the Iowa caucuses, there are a lot of people who will reconsider Obama as a candidate.”

Poll didn’t ask a straight-up “whom would you vote for?” ques- tion. Rather, those surveyed gave Clinton an 83 percent favorable rating, and Obama a 74 percent favor- able rating, so 3 percent had unfavorable ratings of just 10 percent. No other candidate from either party came close.

For example, New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani had the highest favorabili- ty of the Republican can- didates — 27 percent — but also the highest unfavorable score, 43 percent.

Asked what they consider more important — changing the core message of Obama’s campaign, or a candidate’s experience, which former first lady Clinton empha- sizes — respondents put a priority on change over experi- ence, with nearly 3 to 1. In question after question, those same voters showed a clear preference for Clinton, even on choices in which the candidates’ plat- forms differ little.

Asked which candidate would be best at breaking through gridlock, 47 percent said Clinton, while 22 percent said Obama.

On health care, 47 percent said Clinton had the best plan, while 39 percent chose Obama. Their plans are similar, though Clinton’s would require everyone to enroll in health insurance, while Obama’s wouldn’t, which could leave per- haps 15 million Americans uninsured.

On strengthening Social Security, 41 percent preferred Clinton and 39 percent Obama, even though Clinton hasn’t put forth a plan.

On dealing with Iraq, 35 per- cent said they favored Clinton’s position, while 22 percent preferred Obama’s stance. Both favor ending the war, but Obama opposed it from the outset, while Clinton initially favored it. Each would leave some unspecified number of troops in Iraq to fight terrorists, train Iraqi soldiers and guard the U.S. Embassy.

Bositis said other factors included African-American sup- port for Clinton’s husband during his presidency, and Clinton herself being a national figure for longer than Obama.

Ronald Walters, a University of Maryland professor who stud- ied African-American voters, said the Bill Clinton effect and blacks’ pre-existing comfort with Hillary Clinton probably were bigger obstacles to Obama at first. But now that the first-term senator is building credibility with blacks nationally, suspicions about white voters are holding him back with undecided black voters.

"That’s the unacknowledged sensitiv- ity," Walters said. "If he wins Iowa, there’s going to be a whole lot of recalculation, blacks, whites and everybody else. It’s a must-win for him.

In a Pew poll of Democratic voters in September, 50 percent of white respondents said that Clinton had the best chance in a general election, versus 20 percent for Obama. The gap was slightly larger, though African-Americans with 58 percent saying Clinton’s chances were better, versus 22 per- cent for Obama.

Obama’s wife, campaigning for him last week in South Carolina, spoke to a black audience about the issue, imploring them not to prejudge what white voters might do.

The telephone survey of 750 African-American likely voters was conducted Oct. 5-12 and has a margin of error of plus or minus 3.7 percentage points. See more results of the survey at www.jointcenter.org.

Scott Bridges, assistant director of Information Technology, said using the network ID was the easiest way to accomplish single sign-on access.

"Using it for this system hides the need for the other system to use their student ID," he said.

The current system is based on mainframe technology, and will no longer be supported by the vendor in 2009.

Kevin Bame, executive director of finance, said the new system, provided by SunGard, is based on client server technology to make it more accessible to faculty, staff and students.

One of the most advantageous aspects of the new system is that it will always be available instead of limiting students to business hours if they need to add or drop a class or pay a bill online.

Students who click the My Ta- d Graduate in have immediate access to Facebook, Dictionary.com and Saluki Athletics’ top page, and said the Facebook option is called a channel, essentially a Web page within a Web page, with links to connecting on SU’s end but a link.

"We put it there just to give students an idea of what the possibili- ties are," he said.

Molly George, a senior from Centralia studying psychology, said the Facebook link caused her some trouble.

"When I logged in last night, I didn’t log out on Salukinet, so when I tried to login on Facebook, it wouldn’t let me. I had to log back in, go back on Salukinet and log in again. I could log in on Facebook," George said.

So be h y would not should not have trouble navigating the news page.

"Most of it will be intuitive. It’ll be right there on the screen, and with today’s technology- savvy students, we shouldn’t have to worry too much about them having to know what to do with it."
Girls and Sports by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

The Duplex by Glenn McCoy
Amy Winehouse’s first album made its debut in America, and what a debut it was.

With “Frank,” Winehouse comes with what you may expect of a troubled-in-suites-of-love woman—but on bluesy-alternative steroids. Her tone is a continuation of what we all love about Winehouse’s music. Yet this blend of fresh tunes sounds like cover tracks and falls just short of measuring up to her second album, “Back to Black.”

Moving forward by taking a musical step back with a retro sound works perfectly for Winehouse. The artist is trying to keep the American audience captivated by more than her style. The appreciation for classic soul singers that comes through every time she sings should be more than enough to keep listeners’ attention. Her classic influences are just as apparent on “Frank” as they are on “Back to Black.”

This is another wonderful showing from Winehouse.

Fans of the Roc boys are sure to be basking in the return of one of their own. Freeway dropped a hunger of an album called “Free at Last” over break that may be worth checking out.

The beats and features throughout the 14 tracks help take the CD to the next level for rapper Freeway. Jay-Z, of course, blessed the album with his presence, along with Marsha Ambrosius, Buju Bumbu and Jadakiss, as well as a number of other notable artists. As soon as the first track, “This Can’t Be Real,” starts, feelings of excitement start creeping in, and it becomes more and more difficult to not skip around to see what the rest of the album has in store.

Lyrically, Freeway is a definite contender with his Roc Boy peers, tasking on two new tracks, which are touching and catchy enough to sit beside their predecessors.

From early hits such as “Where The Blacktop Ends” to recent smashers such as “Better Life,” Urban packed the best of his best driving tunes and tackling ballads for the compilation. With mostly radio hits, it’s meat and potatoes for this album without all that pesky broccoli and brussel sprouts presented with shaky, not-so-good CD filler.

Sometimes it’s just better for artists to go with what they know. While greatest hits albums are often just an excuse for a performer to sell a couple more albums and cash in on an already successful career, Keith Urban took the time to compile a CD worthy of its title.

“Greatest Hits” features 16 of Urban’s chart successes taken from eight years of his career. Tasked on are two new tracks, which are touching and catchy enough to sit beside those predecessors.

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So much for originality. It is becoming increasingly popular for artists and bands to release B-sides albums, throwing together random remixes, demos and rarities to create a compilation only true fans of the group will listen to. Fortunately, such is not the case with Amberlin’s B-sides album, aptly named “Lost Songs.”

The collection of acoustic versions of existing Amberlin tracks makes up the bulk of the album, with songs such as “A Day Late” and “Naive Orleans” offering a different, mellower spin on the hype-up studio versions.

Covers included on the album feature When in Rome’s “The Promise” and Bob Dylan’s “Like a Rolling Stone.”

The average Amberlin fan will enjoy this new album, which will provide a break from listening to “Blueprints for the Black Market” and “Cities” on repeat. Diehard fans, though, have probably already found most of these rare tracks and covers on the internet and won’t be missing anything by not purchasing it.
FOOTBALL  

I just want everybody to play up to the level that I’m going to play at. During the playoffs, I’m going to step my game up, and I just want everybody on the team to play that way,” Cloud said. “Every time somebody doesn’t do their job or make an assignment, I feel like it’s my job to tell them that, and that’s what gets them going.”

Listed at 215 and 235 pounds, respectively, Cloud and Reese are at a slight disadvantage weight-wise when going up against 300-plus pound blockers, but these said they use that to their advantage, and it benefits the entire defense by providing an energy lift late in games.

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Reese said it also comes down to the willingness of teammates, who have to find who is one of the closest blockers off the field, to tap out when they are hurting or wounded.

“We all get confidence in each other, so if somebody gets tired, we’re going to get 32 out of 33 and get somebody else in there and rule them like that,” Reese said.

Defensive coaching Tracy Claey said the group is close because so many of them get time on the field, and their emotional play can be encouraging to the defense.

“They jump around and have fun. They’ve got juice on game day,” Claey said. “That’s always fun to have, the more energy you can bring, especially when times get tough.”

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Burris struggled with lower back problems during the offseason and visited with more than eight doctors but nothing could be done to have her return for this season, Eikenberg said.

When asked about Burris’ status after an exhibition game this season, Eikenberg said, she was unsure if she would return but that she was one of the toughest players she had ever coached.

“It’s a tough situation, but she has been through a lot, and it’s in the best interest of her health for the next 80 years of her life,” she said.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

Gateways awards honor 17 Salukis

Seventeen SIU football players were named to various all-Gateway Football Conference teams, the conference announced Tuesday. Senior quarterback Nick Hill, senior offensive tackle Damien Marquez, junior defensive end James Cloud, junior defensive back Clayton Johnson, sophomore punter Scott Kwamezi and senior return specialist Craig Turner all received spots on the first team all-Gateway.

United on the second team were senior running back John Randle, sophomore fullback Rick Burgess, senior wide receiver Justin Allen, junior guard Aaron Locke, senior defensive tackle Larry Luster, sophomore linebacker Brandon Jordan and sophomore linebacker Chauncey Mixon.

Four Salukis also received honorable mentions, including sophomore tight end Ryan Kernes, senior linebacker Trevor Moe, sophomore quarterback Tracy Sanders and senior wide receiver Hain Turner.

Conference champion and No. 1 overall seeded Northern Illinois (12-0) swept all Player of the Year Awards as senior quarterback quarterback Mike Shanahan starts against Demter and would be an excellent fantasy start, but keep in mind he’s been touted with fantasy owners for years.

There’s a chance Justin Fargas could be available if you lucked into a league full of monkeys, and he’ll pop up against Denver’s run defense, which should be interesting.

The Bears’ Adrian Peterson will get his chance at starting in Chicago, which will also be interesting, but maybe in a less positive sense, but ever see anything like him before? Demter would be his comeback, he’s probably not. But he’s still a great watch.”

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