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Amtrak hearing, possible strike stalls
Amtrak officials say strike not way for public support

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Amtrak's nationwide service continued today with no pickets lines to cover and no problems for travelers.

On Thursday, Amtrak union workers threatening to strike requested a meeting with the Amtrak officials. The meeting was originally scheduled to take place Monday.

The meeting will be at 10 a.m. Nov. 14 before a U.S. District Court judge.

The hearing will include a request by Amtrak for a preliminary injunction granting permanent injunction to prevent the threatening unions from striking, according to Dan Smeed, spokesperson for Amtrak in Washington.

"The union is trying to get the public not to travel because they are going about this the wrong way," Smeed said.

The House of Representatives on Monday was enacted as a way to keep the flow of commerce going through labor disputes.

According to this act, it was passed to avoid any situations to commerce and operations. It also was a way of protecting an employee's right to join a union. The unions have been in several large protests in the railroads workforce from smaller to larger.

According to Smeed, the act is designed "with no loopholes."

"But the threatening unions may be standing alone," Smeed continued to urge financially, the way to build financial support is not to strike services.

The unions have a different approach," Smeed said. "One we feel is the more legal and ill-considered political present. And their grip is with Congress."

The threatened strike continues after a proposed plan by the Bush

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City Council to decide liquor time, SIUC Haunted Trails funding

PRSSA-sponsored event to take place at Campus Lake Oct. 31 to Nov. 1

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Tonight the Carbondale City Council will make a decision on whether to change the start time for alcohol sales on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 11 a.m. During a special session meeting on Oct. 10, with only one dissenting vote, the Liquor Advisory Board recommended that the hours of operation be changed.

Currently, liquor establishments can sell alcohol from 8 a.m. to 11:59 a.m. on Sunday.

If the council decides what time Carbondale residents can get their alcohol on Sunday, it will also have to decide whether to expand the hours of sale to non-alcohol, non-halloween events.

The first annual SIUC Haunted Trails will be located at Campus Lake Oct. 31 to Nov. 1. Public Relations Student Society of American, which is a student-run, non-professional public relations firm at SIUC, will host the event.

According to Eric Haley, vice president of PRSSA, the goal of the haunted house event is to promote a safe, non-party atmosphere for the students of SIUC and the Carbondale community as well as a way to combat the negative image of part halloween celebrations.

Admission to the haunted house is $7 or 55 with a canned good. Sixty percent of the profits from the face-painting event, will go to the children's hospital.

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Trucking industry faces fee increase

Consumers may face impact of increased rates

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At the end of each school year, many college students are left wondering what they will do with their belongings. So for some students will put their things in storage.

But for those who are leaving SIUC for good, many will load up their trucks and go on the road.

Students can expect an increase in moving fees due to legislation that would require all trucks weighing more than 8,000 pounds to pay an additional commercial distribution fee.

Several members of the House, including Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, are adding a repeal to the new state trucking fees.

"When the economy goes sour, you don't impose heavy fees on businesses that provide quality jobs," Bost said in a statement. "Instead, we should be working with them and supporting their efforts in an effort to foster economic growth and job creation."

Bost said he was also concerned about the state of Illinois' economy when compared to the nation as a whole.

"We can see the reports are coming back and the economy is starting to climb," Bost said. "Why is the unemployment rate still remaining high in the state of Illinois? It's because of fees like this that they have caused us to walk deeper, into a recession instead of rebounding like the rest of the nation. It will take us years to get around the anti-business position."

Dan Schaefer, executive vice-president of Mid-West Truckers Association, said that although he believes the government originally planned to tax out-of-state truckers, a large portion of the fee increases will be felt by in-state truckers who do not have the option to move their truck out of state.

"We don't mind paying our fair share," Schaefer said.

"But how many companies are considering going across the state border, if they are not in a rush to make a move?"

"We are going to ride it out and if we are going to drive to Nebraska and embark their policies," Dan Bost said. "If they don't, then we have no other choice."

Dan Bost also said he feels the rate increases are expensive and dissatisfactory since certain trucking companies are given treatment that others are not.

"I am from Southern Illinois. I don't have to start over again, Dan Bost said; "we don't have to start from scratch." They don't, then we... Congress.

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After a long day of harvesting soybeans, Lake Rendell walks looks at his cousin, Charles Rendellman, 50, load a load of soybeans from his combine into an awaiting grain truck Monday afternoon in a field on the northeast edge of Carbondale. The two area farmers rely on one another during the intense harvest season.
Sick, wounded reservists complain about treatment

WASHINGTON (CNN) — Wounded and injured soldiers at Fort Stewart, Ga., some of whom served in Iraq, have been spending months for follow-up treatments, according to several Army reservists.

Corporals and soldiers are complaining of a lack of timely medical care and "unauthorized" treatment conditions, according to investigations editor Mark Benjamin after a visit to the U.S. Army base.

A Fort Stewart spokesperson, who asked not to be named, "The Army is doing its best, and I think to do it, and I do feel that's coming from God and not my own ego. But I don't know it, but I know it."

Robinson told CNN he was "as concerned about what I know that I called the House Veterans Affairs Committee, as soon as I got home."

A Fort Stewart spokesman took up the description, saying the conditions "Spartan" and "autistic," and added, "I don't think it's fair to call it substandard." said the spokesman, who asked not to be named. "There's no one to go in the military because. I think it's been a lot of them. Absolutely."

He added that some soldiers are on "a condition" and others are on "a condition." as the war on terrorism and support for the rebuilding of Iraq. — on high on Bush's agenda for the annual meet of leaders of 21st-century Rim economies.

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Community college enrollment at all-time high

Southern Illinois schools successful with enrollment

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Enrollment at the University may have dropped another 400 students this fall, but enrollment at all surrounding community colleges is at an all-time high, a fact attributed to the struggling local economy and tuition rates.

The Community College Board recently released data showing enrollment figures depicting an all-time high for the fall semester across Illinois, a success shared by Southern Illinois schools as well.

Bob Kelly, director of marketing for Rend Lake Community College in Rend Lake, said that when it comes to enrollment, it's a job, workers attempt to increase education or change their lifestyles to become the cheapest form of education. Rend Lake currently charges $5 per credit hour per credit hour for the quarter, compared to the cost of tuition at SIUC.

"The more people are without jobs, the more they turn to community college," Kelly said. "They may be seeing better economy, enrollment can drop despite our best efforts."

Rend Lake saw a 9 percent increase in enrollment this year, bringing the number of students to 5,369. Kelley said the last two years have set records for the community college.

John A. Logan Community College, located in Marion, the newest junior college to the University, reported a slight increase in enrollment this fall, continuing an eight-year streak of record-breaking enrollment.

John A. Logan enrollment increased by 13 students, bringing the total enrollment for the fall semester, Herb Russell, director of college relations, said John A. Logan has shown continued growth for about the last 20 years.

"There isn't any one thing that has been hard to attract students," he said. "Several factors, including not losing the efforts of the program changes, increased enrollment this year."

Also, the school began increasing advertising and recruiting in the mid-1980s, utilizing a great deal of marketing of the 1990s. According to Russell, enrollment may be having more success because they are easier to the local job market, which is an asset in an economic downturn.

"We have to be concerned if we can help staff those facilities within at least the next two years," he said. "One of the main challenges is, we also try to keep an eye on the future."

Community college enrollment statewide increased 3 percent last year and a 5 percent increase over the last five years.

However, enrollment is not the only issue. According to Shawnee Community College in Eldorado, enrollment dropped 600 students this year, but the number of credit hours enrolled is at an all-time high.

Brad Genung, public relations director for Shawnee, said enrollment has dropped through the years, but the number of credit hours enrolled is at an all-time high.

Students at Shawnee enrolled in 7,080 credit hours this year, an increase of 200 from the year before. In 2001, students enrolled in 17,711, and only 16,108 credit hours were taken in 2000.

"Credit hours is the important measure of performance at a community college because we have so many variables that go into it," he said. "We have all sorts of variables because the student load can mean different things depending on credit hours. That's where the road lies for us."

Kelley said Rend Lake also saw a similar increase in credit hours this year, but the number of credit hours increased from less than 25,000 at the start of the 2000-2001 school year.

Activist to speak of pain, terror in the Middle East

Former human shield to speak

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They are human shields, using their bodies to protect people they hardly know. Protecting families and risking their lives, they defy governments and stand tall in the face of weaponry.

They are the faceless man in a Tissamah Square stirring in the heel of the American who stands in the face of a bulldozer in the Gaza Strip, their lives on the line to defend the weak and protect the otherwise trampled.

He is the International Solidarity Movement in attempt to use direct action to change the world, something he had admired while going to school in Olympia, Wash. Growing up a middle-class and privileged child, such a feat felt as low as when he felt crowded in the classroom.

"I knew he could use his privilege for good, and stop war terrorism, and stand up against the existing system," he said.

"In Palestine it is clearly as the United States is the main sponsor of the terrorism. It's an institution that is responsible for the terrorism, and which is really powerful and technically advanced with its weaponry, until it is a powerful military to displace indigenous people of color, the Palestinians."

Carr, an activist at heavy, talking fast at a table, would rather steer clear of a place that has in some ways extraneous to the character of peace and has resisted to the actions of aggression to symbolize its daily procedure.

At 7 p.m. Wednesday, Carr will be at the Interfaith Center to speak of the atrocities and how they had been witnessed while stationed on the frontlines of one of the worst of the world's longest conflicts.

The Gaza Strip is the source for headlines around the world and a no place of return for some, and home for others. The Gaza Strip, where exposed civilians have been killed there, and civilians facing certain destruction due to military occupation and uncertainty of what tomorrow holds for them.

Carr witnessed the terror and the fear of both sides, the occupation and the brutality and the extremist measures of a people who feel no hope, the Palestinians. As he lived in the occupied territory from January to April 2003 in a Palestinian home, he used his race as a deterrent for unprovoked attacks.

"We sleep in homes that are always in threat of demolition or machine-gun fire," he said.

Carr said he came to the area of conflict with the idea of attempting to bring an international crisis close to home.

Shannon Petrelli, a representative for CNN/Media Source and Project Veritas, projected her work Gon the line by going along with the implementation of the Israeli military.

"She has seen it firsthand," said Caram Patania, Community Media Center graduate student and former employee of the project. "She has been with the military, interviewing the activists and soldiers.

"Carr canal perhaps be a source of entertainment for the American people, and it would be visual, powerful and important that there is a voice."

Erwin said the films, chosen for the screening come from almost every country, including documentaries, animation and experimental.

"Their student-worked prize, so they can really get their message out," Erwin said.

"What we're trying to do is show films that have been shown in the Big Muddy Film Festival. Seven films that run from 26 minutes in length, will be shown on Oct. 7 p.m. in the Student Center Auditorium.

"The showcase is free, but donations will be accepted to support the Big Muddy Film Festival."

Big Muddy filmmakers Shana Erwin and Sarah Erwin, both seniors in cinema and photography, took on the task of coordinating and selecting the films.

"We compiled a bunch of films and picked what we considered to be the best as far as getting their message across and film elements, such as technique and style, and the ones that were most visually interesting and highlight women as directors," Erwin said.

"We wanted the films to be of good quality, work that we can be proud of," Erwin said.

"I hope that people can come and see the films and possibly come away with stuff that they didn't know."

Erwin said that attendance at the screenings has been "pretty meager" over the last few years, but the greater task, attended to the least two times, may make a difference.

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Vice chancellor for Research moves to Anthony Hall
Koropchak hopes relocation will increase research status of SIUC
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John A. Koropchak, vice chancellor for Research and Graduate Academic Affairs, has recently been able to move out of Woody Hall, an arrangement which has only recently been working toward since he was hired.

According to Koropchak, the move was another way to increase the status of research on the SIUC campus by locating the research offices in more professional surroundings.

Anthony Hall now houses the majority of the top administrators for SIUC.

"This step of moving the office from Woody Hall to Anthony Hall is, you might say, at least a symbolically important step to moving the research mission of the institution into the position it deserves," Koropchak said.

The move opened up when Glenn Poshard, former vice chancellor for Administration, retired and Anthony Hall was vacated.

"Anthony Hall now houses the majority of the four vice chancellors for SIUC. Rickey McCurry, vice chancellor for Institutional Advancement, is still located in Colyer Hall.

Koropchak said this relocation could be called another step toward consolidating the presence of the top 75 research universities in the country by the year 2019, as outlined in the university's Strategic Plan.

"We have been trying to elevate research on the campus to be coincident with that importance to the mission of the University," Koropchak said.

Teaching, research and service are the three primary missions of the University.

The first step to increasing the prestige of University research was the elevation of the position of vice chancellor for research to vice chancellor.

A following step has been the move, which has had both positive and negative consequences.

Because many informal discussions and decisions that shape the University's policies and directives take place between the top administrators in Anthony Hall, Koropchak said he has a "greater opportunity to interact with the chancellor and other vice chancellors when those discussions take place."

Koropchak also said he has been able to complete more work due to better communication with administrators and the time saved from walking back and forth between buildings several times a day for meetings.

Koropchak said he has been able to quickly access e-mailed information for planning and developing new ideas.

"We're more with the people that Dr. Koropchak deals with mostly," said Sue Wirth, an administrative aide for Koropchak. "It's just a lot of help — a lot of his (Koropchak's) correspondence comes from the provost and the other vice chancellors and Dr. Wendler. Otherwise, you would have to have someone run everything over.

The reporting line for Dr. Koropchak is easier as well — being able to be in the office with his boss and his peers. That really helps."

Wirth also said the quiet environment generated fewer distractions to her work.

Paulette Paterson, an office systems specialist, and Suzanne Garzian, the business manager for Koropchak's office, agreed that they were able to accomplish more in the new offices.

According to Wirth, the atmosphere in Anthony Hall plays another role as well.

"It does increase the prestige," Wirth said. "He's dealing with a lot of outside groups, and the atmosphere helps. It's a little more professional, and that is only because this is a purely administrative building. Woody was a building it helped with the school's image."

According to Koropchak, the downside of moving away from Woody Hall was that communication with the graduate school's associate vice chancellor and the Office of Research and Development Administration, which remain in Woody Hall, has become more cumbersome.

According to Wirth, the split between the administration and its department is common.

All administrative meetings for the graduate students are now held in Anthony Hall, although Koropchak said he would continue to spend at least one or two days a week in an office at Woody Hall.

He said he found it more efficient to spend just a few hours in Woody Hall "making noise," or answering questions and taking care of business.

"It think it's a positive change, and any problems that come with it I think are easily solved," Wirth said.

Alcohol Awareness Week extended to two weeks on SIUC
Two weeks dedicated to educating students on dangers of alcohol
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In correlation with National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week, SIUC has added an additional week in hopes of educating students on the consequences of alcohol abuse.

The week was first declared as a national event in the late 1980s.

The Inter-Assocation Task Force, along with the alcohol and substance awareness organizations and college campuses, first began with the goal of promoting education and preventing substance and alcohol abuse on campus campuses.

NCAAW first began, only 250 college campuses were involved.

Currently, more than 3,000 universities and colleges are involved, along with more than 100,000 students, in the NCAAW, including SIUC.

Keri Wirth, coordinator and clinical counselor of alcohol and other drug programs, said SIUC has taken great measures to be involved in the year's National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.

Colin said SIUC decided to extend the typical week event, which began Monday, to a two-week period in hopes of reaching more students.

"My goal is to reach at least 2,000 students," Colin said. "Even if we only reach half of those students, we're still reaching one or two of 10 students here at SIU."

Colin said he was pleased with the amount of students who were involved in this year's Alcohol Awareness Week.

Last April's Assessment Day and decided to include assessment tables among the NAACWA events on campus, to provide students the chance to be evaluated and receive help.

Another reason Colin pushed for the extra week was because of the upcoming Halloween events.

"Halloween is a notorious, risky time of the year," he said.

Colin said he wanted to take advantage of the closeness between NCAAAW and Halloween to promote safe and healthy choices to students.

The assessment tables, which will be at the Student Center Assessment Center, "Bridge Hall and Rhodes Hall," will take place Monday through Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. At each table, trained staff members will be present to answer any questions students might have and to give a short education on drinking.

Once the students' responses are accepted, referrals to meet with Colin for counseling will be given if needed and wanted.

"It's more than just an information table," Colin said. "It's an interactive table.

Along with the assessment tables, the Wellness Center and other SIU departments will be sponsoring events as well.

Colin said he is scheduled to give lectures at various places on campus, including various commuter and commuter hours and classrooms.

The housing and residence life departments will also sponsor events in a more intimate setting, which typically consists of a small group of students.

Some of the events include a drug game, a question-and-answer segment and opportunities to experience "drunk goggles."

Colin said two thirds of college students do not have a drug or alcohol problem but stressed it only takes one time for something dangerous or deadly to happen.

According to a Harvard study, 1,400 college students die each year of alcohol-related incidents.

Colin also said 160,000 American students drop out of college each year due to alcohol.

Caleb Granncr, a freshman in business, said he understands why NCAAW is taking place but said he does not think it will eliminate student drinking.

"There is a large percentage of students who don't drink," Granncr said. "But a lot of college kids drink.

Colin said too many people use the excuse, "It won't happen to me," and do not realize the potentially dangerous consequences of alcohol.

He also said the students who need help the most are the ones who do not seek help for their problem.

"You don't have to be an alcoholic, you just have a problem," Colin said, referring to students who only drink occasionally but do so excessively.

Claire Delon, a sophomore in political science, said she is unsure of how NCAAW will affect SIUC students.

"People will do what they want to do," Delon said. "Most students are already aware of the dangers but still drink."

Colin said through different workshops, programs and counseling, the Wellness Center directly affects 4,000 students during the ten-month academic school year.

Colin said making healthy and smart choices is an important lesson of the next two weeks.

He said implementing these choices could be considered the most difficult step.

"It comes down to the individual's choice," Colin said. "And we hope we can teach students with awareness and the tools needed to make healthy choices."

Colin said he hopes the two-week alcohol awareness program will be successful.

"Even if it doesn't change the University, it will at least spark thought among students," he said.

Colin stressed the point that the speeches he will give are not lectures telling students to stop drinking but are more of a conversation.

"We want to promote healthy choices and educate students on the possible consequences of alcohol," he said.

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ST. LOUIS (KTV) --- Wearing headphones and facing blue computer screens, workers spend a half-hour on the line each day -- talking to strangers who spend their days phoning strangers -- and they earn a living. 

Their employers are in New York, Georgia, Colorado, Arizona -- anywhere but St. Louis. 

The workers at Encore, a telemarketing agency in Chesterfield, Missouri, are among those who telecommute. They'd like to talk to a mortgage banker about consolidating their debts. They can tip. They can wipe away the debts that count for 21 percent and 23 percent interest, they tell themselves.

At Pils Group in St. Charles, Missouri, the workers are among those who'd like a healthy discount on a Bell and raise their hands. They'd like to be eating dinner in a pleasant place to call, especially after an ins-...
One nation under who?

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. (U-WIRE) — The U.S. Supreme Court recently agreed to hear the controversial case regarding the inclusion of the phrase “one nation under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance. The words “under God” should be removed from the pledge on two grounds: 1) these words were avoided in the original version, and 2) Congress chose to add the words in 1954 without giving any substantive reason. The Pledge of Allegiance, which was written in August of 1892 by Francis Bellamy, actually replaced the Balch Pledge, which was then the prevailing flag salute. Dr. John W. Barr, author of “The Pledge of Allegiance, A Centennial History, 1892-1992,” presents a fine historical timeline for the Pledge on a website (www.pledgeqanda.com) he created in response to the recent controversy.

According to Barr, Bellamy explicitly avoided using the word “God” in his pledge because he was aware of the wording of George Balch’s pledge, “We give our Heads and our Hearts to God and our Country.” Being a Baptist and a Freemason, Bellamy valued the separation of church and state in American society, a belief accentuated by the exclusion of “God” in the pledge.

What’s more, in 1954, a year of immense pressure from groups like the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion to add “under God” to the pledge, David Bellamy, Francis’ son, sent a letter to Congress stating the addendum would be against his father’s wishes.

A recent article in the Taipei Times stated, “The words were inserted into the pledge in 1954 as the U.S. was locked in the Cold War with the Soviet Union and the phrase ‘Godless communism’ was a staple of American political life.” This poster of the American political muscle may have been popular in 1954, but today, it is as weak as ever. Given the fact that every American is not theistic, it’s about time political leaders reverse the unfledged decision to include the words “under God” in the Pledge of Allegiance.

So this isn’t about political correctness. This isn’t about trying not to step on too many people’s toes. This is about the integrity of the original text.

While all the pundits wax on about the pledge’s historical significance — and furthermore, God’s historical significance in the founding of this nation — they are pushing their own double standard when one underscores the true history behind the pledge.

The McCartylist era isn’t a history we particularly promote remembering with reverence.

“Under God” is an issue that one can’t deny frames this country’s beginnings, but then again, there were many “shared beliefs” about ethnicity and gender that in modern times we have come to understand as needing some qualifications.

If we want to fight for “framer’s intent,” go right ahead, but it clearly wasn’t the author’s intent of the pledge to have it promote a certain belief agenda that perhaps not all Americans share.

So if you want to say the pledge, say it however you desire, but not with government sanction.

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SIU College Democrats

This is in response to “They just don’t get it,” written by Mr. Brian Smith, which was printed in the Oct. 13 edition of the DAILY EGYPTIAN.

I think the recall election in California and putting in a new leader in charge of the fourth largest economy in the world is a huge mistake.

From the point of view of the nation, the problems that California had could have been avoided if the state was not left out on the line to buy the federal government. If Mr. Bush wanted to help the people of California he would have done so, but he left the blame for a Democratic government, and there is no doubt in my mind that with the Terminator in office, Mr. Bush will offer all the support he can.

I hope that people take a good look at what the Republican Party has to offer them, which seems to be considerably less as every day goes by.

I remember in 2000 when Mr. Bush promised, “I want to make sure that higher education is affordable and accessible to every American.” I am committed to helping families prepare for the cost of higher education.

Mr. Bush promised to increase Pell Grants to $5,100, and in his 2002 budget offered only $3,850 and in the 2003 budget proposed freezing the grants at the current $4,000 level. No wonder students’ tuition is rising all over the nation. It seems instead that money can be well spent in other places, such as Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Democrats have had a clear plan for some time, and from what I hear on the radio and television, when a Democrat says, “We need to be concerned about the domestic policies in America,” it gets turned into “Democrats don’t support our troops in a foreign country,” and that’s simply not true.

The Democratic presidential candidates have a wide variety of proposals for the nation, and every one is better than the $17 billion check Mr. Bush was given from you.

Mr. Bush has stacked the environment, a woman’s right to choose, the privacy of consenting adults, and the middle-class working families. It seems to me that we should have a real election nationwide intended for this failed president.

Everything with Mr. Bush seems to be on the rise: the nation’s deficit, unemployment, corporate scandals, war and peace. He ran this nation into the ground, and it is time to get the Democratic message out to the American people.

The Democrats’ message is simple: we need to refocus the country on health care, work to protect all Americans from discrimination, stop borrowing from social security, work to protect the environment and conserve on energy jobs in America.

In response to Republican comments on Democrats being weak on national security, I believe Mr. Bush is using the military that President Clinton built and preserved for these wars.

The Democrats: candidates are providing opportunities for the nation to have a choice and take back what was stolen.

No matter how many Democratic candidates there are now, after the primary, there will be one, and that one will be the “clear alternative” to Mr. Bush in November 2004. . .

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Bush can't use media as public relations office

President Bush announced last week he was upset with the way the media is covering the war in Iraq. He believes the media is focusing too much on the problems in Iraq. He doesn't like the fact that reporters and other news outlets are critiquing his handling of the war effort.

Therefore, since he is frustrated with the media, he has decided to go around the national media and instead use local media that he believes is more sympathetic. Apparently, because Congress has given the president a rubber stamp on many of his initiatives and his cheerleaders on Fox News and on conservative radio never question or rebuke him for the lies that have been told, he expects the rest of the media to follow suit.

However, maybe he forgot we live in a free society that allows dissent. This was one of the reasons we allegedly went to Free Iraq so Iraqis could live in a free and open country.

Yet, President Bush is not the first president to try to ignore the media or at least use the media as an extension of the White House. Former President Lyndon Johnson despised reporters and media who questioned the Vietnam war.

Currently, it's not just the media who are asking hard questions about the war. According to CNN, some of the nation's most experienced military leaders and retired military leaders who have served in Afghanistan or Iraq are questioning the war's legitimacy.

Since the president does not like the coverage of the war and the so-called failure to accomplish our goals, maybe he will have to refer to a column such as this:

Current and future, ladies and gentlemen. The inspectors have not found weapons of mass destruction. And the vice president insisted today that Iran had not yet decided to target, and they are still waiting for access to the previous year.

Next, we will not neglect the House about the CIA leak in which仓选项 也 C. I. would be involved. It is totally unimportant that there's a crime that occurred in the highest level of the Bush administration. We should not be focused on trivial matters such as this. We should be trying to forget about the president.

Furthermore, we be all those naysayers who are arguing the entire war was based on a lie engendered by the war. Despite the fact that Donald Rumsfeld wrote a column that stated, "a senior Bush official privately admitted that the administration declarable publicly. The stagnant economy, a dagger aimed at the heart of George W. Bush's second term, will not immediately respond to the president's economic growth program. The economic recovery will not be renewed until the war against Saddam Hussein is launched and won.

The media rejects these repressive statements and will not report stories that disparage our great president. Having my say appears every Tuesday. LeNae is a senior in history. Her views do not necessarily reflect those of the Daily Egyptian.

Doubling for the office

If I asked you what you strongly believe in, would you have an answer? If you know you truly mean it? If your belief is challenged, would you take a stand and speak up?

Silence, in my estimation, is acceptance. Acceptance, in this case, is, putting up with the garbage and the dissent of the SRN's office and say, "Man, I heard about the rocks. Dudes. That rocks. Seriously. Man. So...um...later."

Instead, there has been only silence. Silence, in my estimation, is acceptance. Acceptance, in this case, is, putting up with the garbage and the dissent of the SRN's office and the school's gay community at large. Let us teach everyone else that you should not have our backs if you don't support us, let us know that instead so I can pack up and transfer to a quality university.

I can't pay for your ridiculous salaries just so I can be poor enough to not eat Ramen noodles regularly and wonder, "Does the school care?"

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J.D.

As an advocate of technology, I would suggest that the Daily Egyptian newspaper, Communications Building 1247.

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As the sun sets on Campus Lake Friday afternoon, a mallard flaps his wings in preparation for take-off among the lilly pads.

University of Florida study: Taller people earn bigger paychecks

Mark Berman
InCependent Florida Alligator (Gainesville, Florida)

GAINE SVILLE, Fla. (U-WIRE) — Height may have a bigger impact on people’s lives than previously thought, according to a University of Florida study.

The study, conducted by UF management professor Timothy Judge and set to be published in the spring issue of the Journal of Applied Psychology, found that taller people might not receive the same salary, status and respect than people who are taller. In fact, one extra inch of height may equal an average of $789 more pay per year, Judge said. “These findings could be troubling in that, with a few exceptions such as professional basketball, no one could argue that height is an essential ability required for job performance,” Judge said. The research shows that height was more important than gender in determining income, and the significance does not deteriorate as a person ages.

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The average height of Americans is about 5 feet 9 inches for men and nearly 5 feet 4 inches for women. Height also was associated with subjective ratings of work performance such as supervisors’ evaluations of an employee’s effectiveness.

“If you were in a job where you had to tell people what to do, a taller person would be more intimidating,” said Ryan Cronin, general manager of The Pita Pit.

Also, tall sales people who are admired by customers may be seen as more persuasive leaders and may be able to negotiate more effectively, Judge said.

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Cost of phoning angels some soldiers' families

ST. LOUIS (KRT) — American soldiers in Iraq have made heavy use of phones there to touch with families back home. Now some military families say those calls have steadily stopped and they are being charged heavily for phone charges.

"The phones go unanswered, it's a lot worse than they were," Edith Beach of Kirkville, Mo., said Thursday.

Her husband is an Army reservist stationed in Baghdad. Sgt. 1st Class David Beach served an ambush in which one of his comrades was killed and he himself was wounded. He and his wife last spoke Monday via a conference call.

"My husband said morale stinks," Edith Beach said. She said he and his comrades now are paying up to $82 to minute to call home.

The phone problem appears to be a part of a lack of access to government phones that allow soldiers to call home less expensively. Also at issue are the rates AT&T is charging for those phone calls.

"I ought to say that they can't charge the military like this," Beach said.

Sgt. Beach is member of the 399th Engineer Battalion, an Army Reserve unit stationed in St. Louis with headquarters in Jefferson City and soldiers from across the Midwest and elsewhere.

This week, Beach called the complaint from her husband's unit and brought it to the Pentagon. She spoke with a lieutenant colonel who said she promised "to look at all the way to the top in addressing the problem." Beach said the lieutenant colonel also promised to call her husband as "livid." He reported getting help from a three-star general, an Army national commander who commands the 389th. "It's not going to make it totally impossible to call home," Beach said. "But it is going to make it very, very difficult, because we cannot afford the $82 per minute." But Bob Neiman, an AT&T spokesman, disputed the calling costs and said the average one per minute was 35 cents. Beach and Monagle say AT&T had it wrong.

"The coalition spokesman said the phones were set up to cost $82 per minute. There's very little access to phones. Those in Baghdad are the lucky ones, said the spokesperson. He has now ordered him to speak only on conditions of anonymity," the Defense Department says Congress is considering the "Troops Phone Home Free Act of 2001," which would pay for phone calls home from troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Bill would hold universities liable for tuition increases

Emma Graves Fitzsimmons

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — A U.S. representative revealed legislation Thursday that would hold universities accountable for unexpected tuition increases, while discussion continued at the University of Texas Austin over promised raises in tuition.

The Affordability in Higher Education Act, sponsored by Rep. Howard Eikenberry, D-Wash., would hold institutions accountable for cost increases by requiring a "College Affordability Index" that would hold universities accountable for cost increases by establishing a "College Affordability Index" that would compare tuition increases to the "College Affordability Index" that would compare tuition increases to the "College Affordability Index" that would compare tuition increases to

"We think [the act] is ill-conceived and harmful," said Shannon McCaffrey, a lobbyist for the Coalition for Adequate Student Financial Assistance.

"Such losses would be catastrophic; ACE and other financial aid groups would have lost federal funding in the last decade," McCaffrey said.

"Student's e-mail says box cutters planted on planes in September as disobedience

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WASHINGTON (KRT) — Box cutters and other dangerous items remained aboard a pair of Southwest Airlines jets for five weeks even though the college student who smuggled them aboard sent federal authorities a signed e-mail detailing what he had done, according to court papers unsealed Monday.

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Dormant Life

by Shane Pangburn

How to know your still watching too much "reality tv"

1. You can sit through an entire episode of "American Idol" and not get up.
2. You can't wait until they bring back "Are You Hot?", staring your favorite actor, Lorenzo Lamas.
3. One night while watching "Four Factor", they go donkey testicles, and you thought it was cool.
4. You actually think it's "real".

By Linda C. Black

Today's Birthday (Oct. 21). Finish up old tasks this year, especially those that require study. Don't worry about the outcome yet. It will be different than what you expect.

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

Aries (March 21-April 19) - Today is a 7 - Work has an ugly way of intruding on your playtime. If you can't change your circumstances for a while, see if you can change your attitude. Grow strong through service.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Today is an 8 - Watch out for a growing temptation to spend more than you should. It's good to teach a child about deferring gratification.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) - Today is a 6 - You and a loved one may disagree about household arrangements. Try to work out a compromise, perhaps with a brand-new option.

Cancer (June 22-July 22) - Today is a 7 - Although there are indications of your increased prosperity, don't spend more than you expect. You can't spend what you don't have.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Today is a 9 - You get one mess straightened out, another one develops. To get the advantage, check the day's ruling: 9 is the most challenging.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - Today is a 7 - No. You're not the only one who has to shop. You have to shop, but you have a lot of sympathy and several good ideas. Ask them to help you find ways to achieve your goals at less of an expense.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Today is a 6 - All of a sudden, your own obligations take priority. You need to check a lesson you thought you'd learned. There's a bug to work out.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Today is a 7 - Friends support you and your list of sympathy and several good ideas. Ask them to help you find ways to achieve your goals at less of an expense.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Today is a 6 - Someone who wants to boss you around may have your best interests at heart. He or she might also help keep you from making an awful mess.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Today is a 7 - Although you're discovering places to be and lots of new things to do, don't embark on a far-flung adventure yet. An old obligation comes first.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Today is a 5 - This time, a friend's suggestion needs closer evaluation. He or she isn't that good at detailed analysis, so lend a hand.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Today is a 7 - Don't get into an argument with a person you might need. Even if this guy's a jerk sometimes, you can still be friends.

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By Mike Huguenin
The Orlando Sentinel

(KRT) — If Ohio State wants to repeat as Big Ten champs — never mind national champs — it's going to have to start playing offense.

The Buckeyes managed just 185 yards of offense in beating Iowa 29-10 on Saturday. For a team that ran the ball 38 times, that's an anemic 4.9 yards per carry.

Buckeye coach Jim Tressel said Friday he's not worried about the offense, but his team has scored just 13 points in the last two games.

Against Iowa, Ohio State rushed for 56 yards on 42 carries, and QB Craig Krenzel threw an interception.

The Buckeyes — who have been outgained by five of their seven opponents — are averaging 278.3 yards per game, ranking 114th in the nation. They're rushing for just 167.9 yards per game, which is among the nation's worst.

But Ohio State's defense is strong, allowing 207.3 yards per game, which is the nation's second-best.

Against Iowa, Ohio State stopped 42 plays on 47 attempts — an average of 1.8 yards per carry.

The Buckeyes lead the Big Ten with 22 interceptions.

Ohio State has scored more than 40 points in 14 games since 1996, but they'll need to score more than the last two games to beat Penn State.

If the Buckeyes want to repeat as Big Ten champs, they'll have to start scoring more points. The Buckeyes are averaging only 27 points per game.

By contrast, Penn State is averaging 50 points per game.

Buckeyes look to add offense, CFB to MWC

Salukis will face Panthers in larger, off-campus venue

By Nick Gregg
UW-Milwaukee

MILWAUKEE (U-WIRE) — After leaving downtown in the 1970s due to poor attendance and student disinterest, the Wisconsin-Milwaukee Panthers basketball program is once again returning the US Cellular Arena.

UWM officials and the US Cellular Field officially announced on Tuesday, Oct. 14, that a four-year deal has the Panthers scheduled to play five home games downtown this season.

USM Athletic Director Bud Hassel did not disclose the specifics of the agreement. However, Hassel said the games go off campus at the arena, allowing the school to limit students from attending.

"We will provide buses to the off-campus venue," Hassel said.

The games, he said, will provide the school with an opportunity to reach out to the downtown community.

The arena, which opened in 2001 and seats 18,000 people, is a popular venue for concerts and other events.

"It's an exciting move to be making and the timing is right," Hassel said.

The feedback we received from fans and alumni about the downtown location was tremendous and we are thrilled to be returning to the US Cellular Arena our home," said Hassel.

A head coach, Steve Pearl is also excited about the transition into the arena and what it will mean for the program.

"I'm grateful," Pearl said. "The US Cellular is a downtown venue, a possible site for us down the road as we continue to grow.

USOC uses 'tough love' on its track association

By Michelle Kaufman
Knight Ridder Newspoint

MIAAMI (KRT) — A series of recent doping scandals involving U.S. track star Marion Jones and disgraced sprinter Dennis Rodman has the US Olympic Committee (USOC) and the U.S. Olympic Committee (USOC) facing a potential situation that may be impossible to resolve.

"We have discovered a series of negative dope test results that are very concerning," said USOC track and field officials Friday.

The news comes days after USOC officials announced the world record-breaking U.S. men's relay team was suspended for doping.

USOC officials said they have evidence of doping by members of the men's relay team.

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**SPORTS**

**SWIMMING AND DIVING**

Water Dawgs dominate junior college foe

Lincoln provides little competition for Salukis

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As expected, the Saluki men's and women's swimming and diving teams dominated their meet against Lincoln College, a Division II junior college, Saturday at the Recreational Center.

The meet defeated the Lynx by a score of 196-41.5, while the women won 221-18.

But perhaps more importantly, the meet provided an opportunity for two Saluki divers to qualify for the NCAA Zone Championships.

Senior Adam Ward and freshman Brandon Bouchard each set NCAA provisional qualifying marks in the one-meter dive while finishing first and second, respectively, in the event. It took Ward until the final meet last season to accomplish the feat.

"It was cool, my all-time best on one-meter, felt good, dove hard," Ward said. "I was really close to the board, and he put on 15 pounds in the offseason."

"The only thing we see for Arnold is Northwester and conference. Everything else, we're always working on, always trying to get better, always trying to improve. If you're going to swim and swim events, it's sure we're always working on intensity that we're doing, they should be tried," Goets said.

"I was cool to swim fast when they feel pain. It's cool to swim fast when you're trying for a lot of people still swim fast even though they were there.

"Men's head coach Rick Walker was pleased with job done for the same reason.

"We were gonna train hard, train hard through meets," Walker said. "And I think [Saturday] they proved to themselves they can swim fast even when they're training hard through meets. So I'm very pleased."
MACOMB — In SIU's 37-32 victory over favored Western Illinois, the No. 4 Salukis finally saw the results they envisioned in the senior running back tandem of Tom Keusor and Muhammad Abdulqaadir.

Abdulqaadir, who garnered both national and Gateway player of the week honors, rushed for 200 yards and scored a touchdown against Western Illinois, which piled up another 73 yards and two scores. The 273 yards the combo rushed for against the then-No. 2 Leathernecks was 121 more than what Louisiana State, the No. 9 team in Division I-A, gained. The start that doesn't surprise Abdulqaadir, who considers the week honor, rushed for 200 yards said, "But all the respect goes to the team. And ako has reached the end zone 273 yards against Vestem, while Koutsos piled up best in all levels college football.

"There was no doubt," Abdulqaadir said. "I've been out for a while, and he has a team-high nine scores in yards with 641 passing list with 2,579 yards. Mark for career touchdowns at Illinois, the No. 4 Salukis finally received votes in both polls. Youngstown State also entered the game near full health. But in both polls. Youngstown State also entered the game near full health. But.

"We will show them what we are all about," said Abdulqaadir. "It is good enough fur them to come back healthy, we will show them what we are all about. [Saturday] was just a taste." Abdulqaadir is nearing the 2,000 yard mark, which Abdulqaadir is nearing the 2,000 yard mark, and Lightning's is supposed to look like," Koutsos said. "Me and I both when we come back healthy, we will show them what we are all about. [Saturday] was just a taste."


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