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Friends, family remember student killed by lightning

Joe Crawford
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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 troublemaker, 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, he sometimes conversed with her in the language.

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



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.

"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. "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. "I have cried every day since he died — every single day," Vanessa Webb said.

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

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Two top graduate school officials and one professor are defendants in a lawsuit filed after 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 was fired from a position with a St. Louis construction company after a background check did not find the doctoral degree she listed on her curriculum vitae. Turpin finished her doctoral dissertation and defended it in front of her dissertation committee in March 1999, according to the lawsuit.

Graduate Dean John Koropchak, Associate Graduate Dean and Graduate School Director David Wilson, and Nancy Mundschenk, a professor of educational psychology and special education, are defendants in the lawsuit.

Turpin first learned the university had not posted the degree in 2003 when employed by Parkway School District in St. Louis, according to the lawsuit. Court documents indicate Wilson then sent a letter to the school district saying the degree was not posted because some paperwork was misplaced.

"This error is now being corrected and the degree will be posted in an appropriate manner," the 2003 letter reads.

But Turpin encountered the problem again earlier this year when she was hired by McCarthy Building Companies. The construction company also determined the doctorate had not been posted, and the lawsuit claims Wilson and Koropchak then denied she had earned 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 satisfactory for the Ph.D.," Deichmann said.

When the DAILY EGYPTIAN asked Turpin's attorney, Darrell Dunham, about Deichmann's statement, he said Deichmann had also told Turpin she was finished with her degree.

"It's difficult for me to understand who it is at SIU that knows more about whether she's completed her Ph.D. than her thesis adviser," 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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The weather inside is frightful

Automotive program braces for winter months in 1938 bunkers

Barton Lorimor
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

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 of Representatives 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. Mike 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.

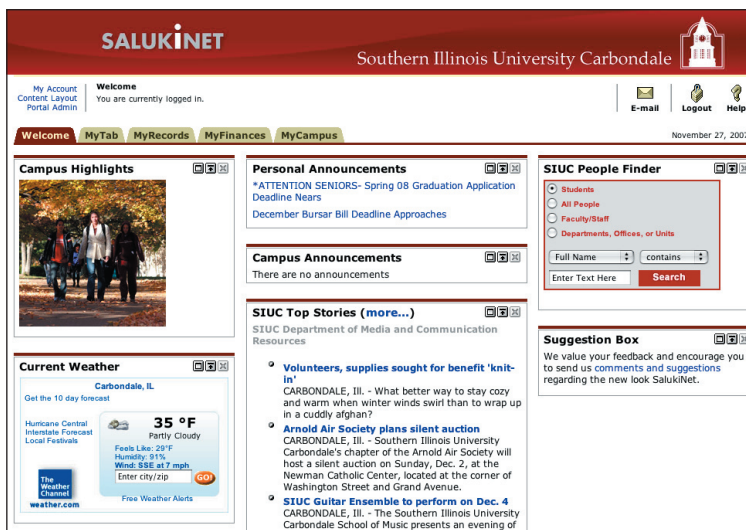
Bost said he hopes action on the plan will come in January.

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.

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 are currently a set of 1938 non-insulated bunkers used during World War II.

"You have to apologize for these facilities," Behrmann said as he entered the building. "It's an embarrassment to the state."

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SCREEN CAPTURE

Salukinet gets a makeover

Brandy Oxford
 DAILY EGYPTIAN

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 Scobby, 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 undecided 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 bursar bill, university e-mail account, financial aid, Blackboard and other student information.

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NEWS BRIEFS

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

CHICAGO (AP) — A man who spent eight years in prison pleading for the DNA test that finally cleared him of a rape charge filed a federal lawsuit Tuesday against the Chicago police, two detectives and a former crime lab analyst.

Marlon Pendleton, 50, said in the lawsuit that the detectives mismanaged the lineup that led to his arrest and the lab analyst who might have cleared him instead prepared a misleading report.

"The torment, suffering and irreversible damage inflicted upon Marlon Pendleton in all those hours, days, months and years in prison is unfathomably cruel and sad," Pendleton's attorney Gareth Morris said.

Detectives Jack Stewart and Steven Barnes mismanaged the lineup at which a witness picked out Pendleton as the rapist by letting the witness see Pendleton in handcuffs before the lineup, the lawsuit said.

It also said that former crime lab analyst Pamela Fish, who is no longer a police employee, prepared a report wrongly saying that not enough evidence remained from the rape to perform a meaningful DNA test.

Police spokeswoman Monique Bond said the department could not comment on pending litigation. A spokeswoman for the city law department did not immediately return a message from The Associated Press.

Pendleton tried for years to get an independent expert to perform a DNA test on evidence from the second rape and got his wish in 2005.

Two California-based experts appointed by a circuit judge found that there was enough DNA evidence to perform the test and concluded Pendleton could not have been the rapist.

Pendleton has had a tough time adjusting to life on the outside, his attorneys said. He lives with a close friend, has a supportive family and gets by performing odd jobs, but he needs more support, they said.

Among other things, they hope that Gov. Rod Blagojevich will pardon Pendleton, something that would clear the way for a state payment of \$120,000 to \$140,000 in compensation for being wrongly imprisoned.

Lt. 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 wasn't living up to its promise to supply 110 scholarships to veterans and active-duty members of the military for the school's executive MBA program.

The scholarships were announced last year with support from Quinn and Rep. Rahm Emanuel, D-Chicago, and enrollment began in the fall of 2006. But only 35 scholarships were awarded for that school year.

In a letter mailed 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 spokeswoman 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.

"They're working on a response," she said. Quinn spokeswoman 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 Hooning, 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 Hooning said he was ordered to cut back the program out of concerns over cost and the worry among some on campus that admitting dozens of "jar heads" would dilute the quality of the MBA program.

The university has disputed Van Der Hooning's version of events, and denied any university officials made references to jar heads — slang for Marines.

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.

Blagojevich 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 provided 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.

Blagojevich 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. Spokesmen for the Democratic governor have ignored repeated requests from The Associated Press over 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 the transfers are legal but complained Blagojevich unilaterally 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 \$4.6 million was in that account to start.

The day he announced the stopgap, Blagojevich transferred \$10.2 million in bond money reserved for coal development and alternative energy projects, \$7.4 million for highway construction and \$4.8 million for general building projects.

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

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Colorful heritage creates new visions

Student artists present work for Native American Heritage Month

Allison Petty
DAILY EGYPTIAN

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

Student Programming Council and the Native American Student Organization held a reception Tuesday 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 of fine arts in the summer, said he was raised Latino but never asked questions about his heritage.

That changed when he moved from Texas to Iowa six years ago.

"I honestly felt American, Caucasian, until I moved and everybody was like, 'You don't look white. What are you?'" Guajardo said. "Everywhere I went, everybody reminded me, 'You're not white.'"

Questions raised by the transition led to a revelation for Guajardo.

From his parents, Guajardo learned he was part of a culture he'd never known. His mother is full-blooded Apache and his father is half-Comanche and half-Mexican, Guajardo said. He said he was raised Latino because Native Americans had negative associations where they lived.

He has been working to learn more about his culture through research, Guajardo said, which also provides



Visual Arts Director Julie Grey and committee member Matthew Coleman appreciate the artwork of José Guajardo. The artwork can be found in the International Lounge on the second floor of the Student Center.
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DAILY EGYPTIAN

subjects for his art.

Unlike Guajardo, Thomas Peters constructs his work through traditions learned in childhood.

Peters, a graduate student from New York studying sculpture, said he was raised on a reservation as a member of the Seneca tribe.

Most of Peters' 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 matriarchal 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 culture 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 nephews, who have taken an interest in their heritage.

Along with them, Guajardo said he would continue to research his background.

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

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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 201-7953.

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.

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Pope elevates archbishop to cardinal

David O'Reilly
THE MCCLATCHY TRIBUNE

ROME — As friends and family from Philadelphia watched some clapping and cheering — Archbishop John Foley knelt before Pope Benedict XVI on Saturday and received the red hat of a cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church.

A longtime priest of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, popular at home and in the Vatican, Foley, 72, was among 21 archbishops and two priests whom Benedict made cardinals.

It was Benedict's second consistory since becoming Pope two and a half years ago, and brings to 120 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 the Holy Sepulchre, a papal knighthood, walked a few steps before Benedict as the new cardinals processed into the basilica shortly before 10:30 a.m.

Wearing the scarlet-and-white choir robes of a cardinal he smiled and greeted friends in the crowd before taking his seat with the other cardinals-elect in velvet chairs arrayed before the high altar.

After prayers, hymns and greetings, Benedict reminded all that the rank of cardinal calls each man to "total dedication" to the



LAURENCE KESTERSON ~ MCCLATCHY TRIBUNE

Cardinal John Foley receives his ring from Pope Benedict XVI during The Mass of The Rings at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City on Sunday morning, November 25, 2007.

Catholic Church, and that the red they wear symbolizes a resolve to shed even their own blood for it.

Dressed in ornate vestments of embroidered gold and wearing a golden miter on his head, Benedict then received each new cardinal individually at his gilded chair. As each man approached the

high altar and knelt before him, a chaplain placed a red skull-cap, or zucchetto, atop his head.

After declaring that he was conferring the title of cardinal on him, Benedict then placed the distinctive red, square hat of cardinal, the biretta, atop the zucchetto, and embraced each man by the arms.

The hat placements were not always as dignified as the recipients might have hoped for. A few, including Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo of Galveston-Houston, had to grab theirs to keep them from toppling, or slip their zucchettos back into place.

Blackwater lawsuit: guards defied orders

Lara Jakes Jordan
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — A federal grand jury investigating Blackwater Worldwide heard witnesses Tuesday as a private lawsuit accused the government contractor's bodyguards of ignoring orders and abandoning their posts shortly before taking part in a Baghdad shooting that left 17 Iraqi civilians dead.

Filed this week in U.S. District Court in Washington, the civil complaint also accuses North Carolina-based Blackwater of failing to give drug tests to its guards in Baghdad — even though an estimated one in four of them was using steroids or other "judgment altering substances."

A Blackwater spokeswoman said Tuesday its employees are banned from using steroids or other enhancement drugs but declined

to comment on the other charges detailed in the 18-page lawsuit.

The lawsuit was filed Monday on behalf of five Iraqis who were killed and two who were injured during the Sept. 16 shooting in Baghdad's Nisoor Square. The shootings enraged the Iraqi government, and the Justice Department is investigating whether it can bring criminal charges in the case, even though the State Department promised limited immunity to the Blackwater guards.

Justice Department national security prosecutors Kenneth Kohl and Stephen Ponticello, both of whom are handling the Blackwater case, 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 sporadically to speak with an attorney, who refused to identify himself, his law firm or his client.

When the grand jury was dismissed for the day, the men left without commenting, as did Kohl.

Before the shootings in Baghdad last September, the three teams of an estimated dozen Blackwater bodyguards had already dropped off the State Department official they were tasked with protecting when they headed to Nisoor Square, according to the lawsuit filed by lawyers working with the Center for Constitutional Rights.

Blackwater and State Department personnel staffing a tactical operations center "expressly directed the Blackwater shooters to stay with the official and refrain from leaving the secure area," the complaint says.

"Reasonable discovery will establish that the Blackwater shooters ignored those directives."

Additionally, the lawsuit notes: "One of Blackwater's own shooters tried to stop his colleagues from indiscriminately firing upon the crowd of innocent civilians but he was unsuccessful in his efforts."

The civil complaint offers new details of the incident that has strained relations between the United States and Iraq, which is demanding the right to launch its own prosecution of the Blackwater bodyguards.

Rioting in Paris: youth shot at police

Nicolas Garriga
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

VILLIERS-LE-BEL, France — Youths rampaged for a third night in the tough suburbs north of Paris and violence spread to a southern city late Tuesday as police struggled to contain rioters who have burned cars and buildings and — in an ominous turn — shot at officers.

A senior police union official warned that "urban guerrillas" had joined the unrest, saying the violence was worse than during three weeks of rioting that raged around French cities in 2005, when firearms were rarely used.

Bands of young people set more cars on fire in and around Villiers-le-Bel, the Paris suburb where the latest trouble first erupted, and 18 people were detained, the regional government said. In the south, 10 cars and a library went up in flames in Toulouse, police said.

Despite the renewed violence, France's prime minister said the situation was calmer than the two previous nights.

The government was striving to keep violence from spreading in what was shaping up as a stern test for new President Nicolas Sarkozy. The unrest showed anger still smolders in France's poor neighborhoods, where many Arabs, blacks and other minorities live largely isolated from the rest of society.

The trigger was the deaths Sunday of two minority teens when their motorscooter collided with a police car in Villiers-le-Bel, a blue-collar town on Paris' northern edge.

Residents claimed the officers left without helping the teens. Prosecutor Marie-Therese de Givry denied that, saying police

stayed on the scene until firefighters arrived.

Rioting and arson quickly erupted after the crash. The violence worsened Monday night as it spread from Villiers-le-Bel to other impoverished suburbs north of the French capital. Rioters burned a library, a nursery school and a car dealership and tried to set some buildings on fire by crashing burning cars into them.

Police reinforcements were moved into trouble spots north of Paris on Tuesday. Helicopters flew overhead, shining powerful spotlights into apartment buildings to keep people from leaving their homes.

"The situation is under control," said Denis Joubert, director of public safety for the region surrounding Villiers-le-Bel.

Prime Minister Francois Fillon, who was briefed by police in Villiers-le-Bel, said things were "much calmer than the previous two nights, but we feel that things are still fragile, and we need a large preventative force on the ground so that what happened last night does not happen again."

Patrice Ribeiro of the Synergie police union said rioters this time included "genuine urban guerrillas," saying the use of firearms — hunting shotguns so far — had added a dangerous dimension.

Police said 82 officers were injured Monday night, 10 of them by buckshot and pellets. Four were seriously wounded, the force said. Police unions said 30 officers were struck by buckshot.

WIRE REPORTS

IRAN

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

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran's military said Tuesday it has manufactured a new missile with a range of 1,200 miles capable of reaching Israel and U.S. bases across the Mideast, the official news agency IRNA reported.

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

Iran already had reported improvements in a previous missile that would give it the same range as the Ashoura, and Najjar did not elaborate about whether there are any differences between the two weapons.

TERRORISM

Somali immigrant gets 10 years for plotting with al-Qaida terrorist

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — A Somali immigrant was sentenced to 10 years in prison Tuesday for plotting to blow up an Ohio shopping mall with a man later convicted of being an al-Qaida terrorist.

Nuradin Abdi, a cell phone salesman before his arrest, pleaded guilty in July to conspiring to provide material support for terrorists. He will be deported to Somalia after serving the federal sentence.

In a 20-minute statement to the court, Abdi's attorney Mahir Sherif said his client apologized to the people of the United States, the people of Ohio and the Muslim community. He said Abdi regretted that his conviction might lead to problems for other Muslims.

ECUADOR

Mine explosion kills one, injures 36 in Ecuador

PONCE ENRIQUEZ, Ecuador (AP) — Rescue workers on Tuesday disproved rumors that dozens of miners were trapped in a powerful explosion at a gold mine that killed one worker and injured 36 more, Ecuadorean officials said.

Army Col. Armando Balcazar told a news conference at the site of the explosion in Ponce Enriquez, in southern Ecuador, that all miners were accounted for — backing away from earlier official reports 60 were trapped.

Monday evening's explosion occurred in the Liga de Oro mine's munitions storehouse, which Balcazar said contained some 100 sticks of dynamite. He blamed the blast on "human error" by the 25-year-old miner who was killed.

NEW YORK

Red Cross president expelled because of relationship with employee

NEW YORK (AP) — Plagued by turmoil at the top, the American Red Cross ousted its president, Mark Everson, on Tuesday for engaging in a "personal relationship" with one of his subordinates. He took the challenging job just six months ago.

Everson, a former corporate executive and commissioner of the Internal Revenue Service, assumed the Red Cross post on May 29 as the charity sought to restructure itself and bolster its public image following sharp criticism of its response to Hurricane Katrina.

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

NEW YORK (AP) — The son of philanthropist Brooke Astor pleaded not guilty Tuesday to charges that he looted his mother's \$198 million estate and conspired to have the Alzheimer's-stricken socialite sign a new will leaving her vast fortune to him.

Anthony Marshall, 83, was charged in an indictment unsealed Wednesday with grand larceny, criminal possession of stolen property, scheme to defraud, falsifying business records, offering a false instrument for filing and conspiracy. His former attorney, Francis X. Morrissey Jr., was indicted on charges of forgery, criminal possession of a forged instrument, scheme to defraud and conspiracy.

Local store forced to stop selling herb

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, joining drugs such as marijuana, LSD and cocaine. Country Goddess, a new age store in Carbondale, is selling the last of the herb.

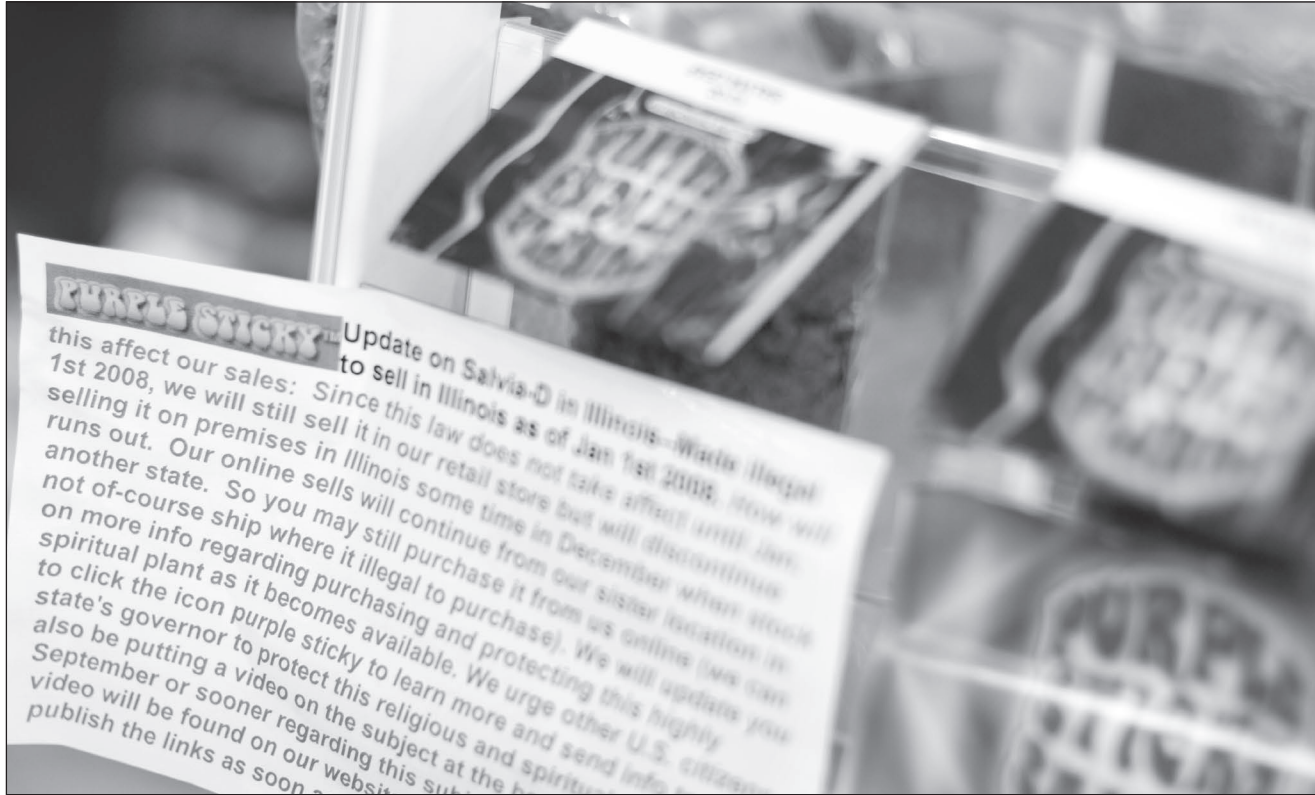
Louisiana, Missouri and Delaware have already banned the drug.

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.



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
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"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

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— Rep. Chapin Rose, R-Champaign

reviewed, but no decision has been made to endorse a nationwide ban.

Salvia does not have approved medical use in the U.S., and it is an entheogen, which has not been shown to be psychoactive, according to the DEA Web site.

"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."

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OUR WORD

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.

"We don't see a reason to change our protocol that falls in line with what other places are doing," he reasoned.

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 student's family of a problem.

After speaking to officials at just one university, 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 rest 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 students," 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



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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.

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"We have four and a half years to do something. The clock is ticking."

Andy Morgan
coordinator of Greek Life
on the fire sprinkler law that may cause Greek Row to close

INSIGHT



Winding Down

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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 Omaha, 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.

STUDENT COLUMN

Mandated pullout irresponsible

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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 culprit in these 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 whenever the withdrawal is mandated to take place. Their steadfast insistence for a pullout might echo strongly within their constituency, but it is wrongly-headed and puts service members in far greater danger.

In the past, some politicians have evoked the memory of the Vietnam War to make comparisons with Iraq being a quagmire, necessitating our 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 require the future return of U.S. forces, only then we will do so not from a position of strength, but one of weakness — 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 Baghdad would have continued unabated (those same politicians have had little to say of late).

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 gutless 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

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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 snow-fall 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 devel-

opment 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 "primal 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 #300, 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 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 11,747 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 I's" program. During this time, a trooper is placed every 10 miles along interstate highways in Illinois.

"Our primary goal is to enforce the fatal five: speeding, safety 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.

Keisha Harris, a senior from Chicago studying finance, made the round trip to and from Chicago with a friend. Harris said her return trip from Chicago on Sunday was one filled with accidents and traffic snarls.

"On the ride back it was pretty hectic because of traffic," Harris said. "Because of the weather there was a bunch of accidents on the road."

Harris said she witnessed accidents — mostly rear-end collisions — along the way, which set her trip

back almost two hours.

"We saw a lot of police and fire trucks," Harris said.

Since 2003, the Primary Safety Belt Enforcement law has also given police the power to pull over a motorist for a seatbelt violation. Prior to that law, police needed a secondary reason to pull someone over.

Ley said since the signing of that law, seatbelt citations have gone up, but fatalities have dropped to an 80-year low.

"Especially in District 13, our efforts were successful in creating a safe passage for motorists," Ley said. "We consider it a success anytime a district doesn't have any fatalities."

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Illinois State Police

Alaskan island rat problem eliminates birds

Mary Pemberton
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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

The muscular Norway rat climbed ashore on the rugged, uninhabited island in far 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, as the piece of rock was dubbed by a sea captain in the 1800s, has gone eerily silent. The sounds of birds are missing.

That is because the rats feed on eggs, chicks and adult seabirds, which come to the mostly treeless island to nest on the ground or in crevices in the volcanic rock.

"As far as bird life, it is a dead

zone," said Steve Ebbert, a biologist at the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge, whose 2,500 mostly uninhabited islands include the Aleutian chain, of which Rat Island is a part.

State and federal wildlife biologists are gearing 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 storm petrels are most at risk because they leave their eggs and young for

extended periods while foraging.

The rats jumped ship beginning in the late 1700s, a problem that worsened in the 1800s when Russian merchant vessels plied the islands, and grew more serious in the 1940s, when hundreds of military ships visited the Aleutian Islands during World War II.

Now, the islands are vulnerable to "rat spills" from freighters traveling the quickest route from the West Coast to Asia. The Aleutians receive about 400 port calls from vessels each year.

Rats have been the scourge of islands worldwide. According to the California-based group Island Conservation, rats are to blame for between 40 percent and 60 percent of all seabirds and reptile extinctions, with 90 percent of those occurring

on islands.

"Rats are one of the worst invasive species around," said Gregg Howald, program manager for Island Conservation, which is working with the U.S. government on a plan for Rat Island.

Norway rats typically have four to six litters a year, each containing six to 12 babies. One pair of rats can produce a population of more than 5,000 rats in an area in one year.

The state is joining forces with federal wildlife biologists in a multi-pronged attack to drive the rats from Alaska.

State regulations went into effect this fall requiring mariners to check for rats and try to eradicate them if found. Violators face a year in jail and a \$10,000 fine. Corporations could be fined up to \$200,000.

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The lawn in front of the Student Center and parts of Lincoln Drive are marked by 3,800 red, white, pink and purple flags representing AIDS awareness. Each color represents the different groups of people who have contracted the HIV/AIDS virus. The Jackson County Health Department will give free and anonymous HIV tests from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Nov. 27-29 in the Student Center.

SALUKINET

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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 student to have 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 Tab option after logging in have immediate access to Facebook, Dictionary.com and Saluki Athletics' top stories. Bridges said the Facebook option is called a channel, essentially a Web page within a Web page, and is nothing on SIU's end but a link.

"We put it there just to give students an idea of what the possibilities 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, so I had to go back in Salukinet and log out so I could log in on Facebook," George said.

So by said students should not have trouble navigating the new page.

"Most of it will be intuitive," he said. "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."

— Frank Scobby
interim director of Information Technology

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Bridges said the new system will eventually offer students a personalized calendar option. Hernandez said she thought such a convenient option would be popular.

"That would be the same as a planner," Hernandez said. "It would just be easier because it uses the Internet, which everybody uses."

Bridges said because of resources and down periods, a semester break was the best time to make this transition. Several of those working on switching the site over said they weren't sure when the site changes would be completed.

"Christmas is not a good time because you run into end of the semester grades, the beginning of the year bursar payments — we didn't want to do it at a heavy time," Bridges said. "Plus we wanted to get it out to the students as soon as we could."

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Poll: black voters lean toward Clinton

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McCLATCHY TRIBUNE

WASHINGTON — Black voters may be leaning toward supporting Hillary Clinton for the Democratic nomination over Barack Obama 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 two leading Democrats, and it underscores the stakes for both in Iowa's Jan. 3 caucuses, where the voting begins. Obama and Clinton are running neck and neck in Iowa, recent polls show, though many voters remain undecided.

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

"I think there are a lot of black voters who think Hillary Clinton has a better chance of being elected president," said David Bositis, senior policy analyst for the center, which specializes in analyzing issues important to African-Americans. "They're basing 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."

"I don't think it's over. The thing to watch is the Iowa caucuses. If Obama wins the Iowa caucuses, there are a lot of people who will reconsider Obama as a

candidate."

The poll didn't ask a straight-up "whom would you vote for" question. Rather, those surveyed gave Clinton an 83 percent favorable rating, and Obama a 74 percent favorable rating. Both had unfavorable ratings of just 10 percent. No other candidate from either party came close.

Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani had the highest favorability of the Republican candidates — 27 percent — but also the highest unfavorable score, 43 percent.

Asked what they consider more important — a commitment to change, the core message of Obama's campaign, or a candidate's experience,

which former first lady Clinton emphasizes — respondents put a priority on change over experience by nearly 2 to 1. But in question after question, those same voters showed a clear preference for Clinton, even on choices in which the candidates' platforms 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 19 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 perhaps 15 million Americans uninsured.

On strengthening Social Security, 41 percent preferred Clinton and 19 percent Obama, even though Clinton hasn't put forth a plan.

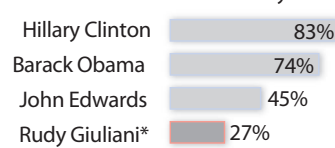
On dealing with Iraq, 35 percent said Clinton had the best position, while 22 percent preferred Obama's stance. Both favor ending the war, but Obama opposed it from the outset, while Clinton

African-American attitudes

How African-Americans feel about some of the top presidential candidates and the issues, according to a recent poll:

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Percent of respondents who rated the candidates favorably



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Iraq, health care are top issues ...

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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.

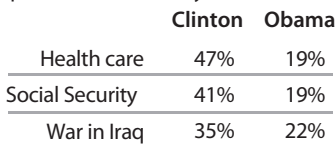
Bositis said other factors included African-American support for Clinton's husband during his presidency, and Clinton herself being a national figure for longer than Obama.

Ronald Walters, a University of Maryland professor who studies 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 a deep-seated sensitivity," 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

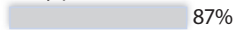
... outpolling Obama

Percent who rated Clinton over Obama as having the best position on these key issues



... and most lean toward the Democrats

Percent who said they plan to participate in Democratic Party primaries, caucuses



Percent who said they are following closely news about their party's candidates



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 among African-Americans, with 58 percent saying Clinton's chances were better, versus 22 percent 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-Nov. 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. Click on "Senators Clinton, Obama Well Ahead of the Pack in the Minds of Likely African American Primary Voters" at the bottom of the page.

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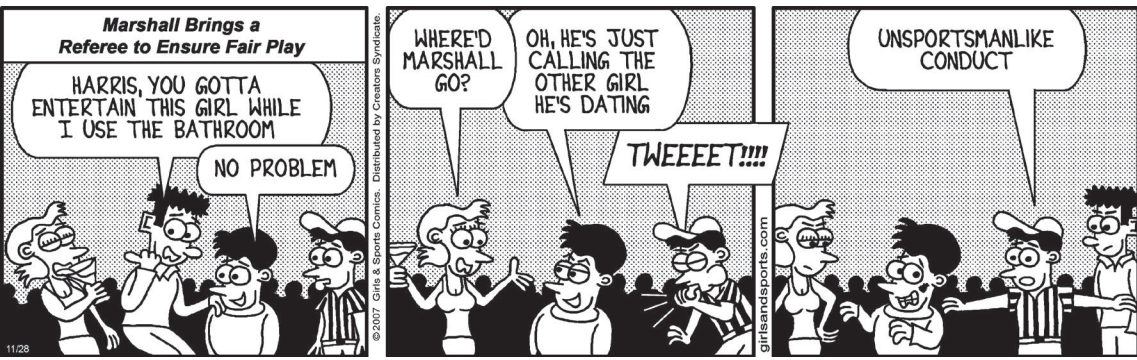
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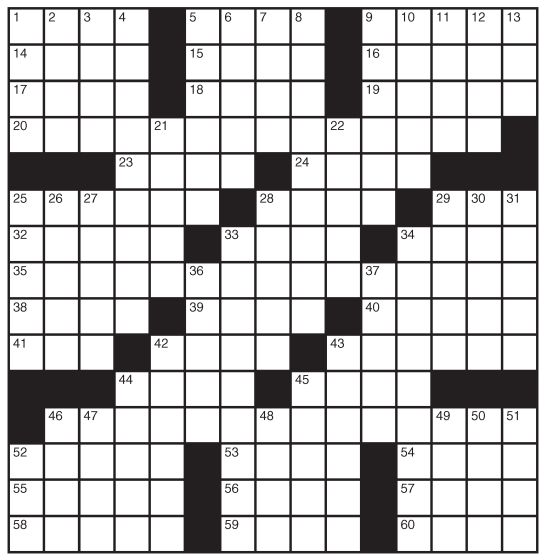
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Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) — Today is an 8 — Friends want to know how you achieved your recent victory. No need to tell them. Keep your hidden advantage.

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Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) — Today is an 8 — Get your plans settled so you can take a little bit of time off. Even a few hours will rejuvenate your spirit. A few days would be even better.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Today is a 6 — Don't let financial worries get you into a dither. That's a waste of valuable energy. Another source of income's nearby, so it's a waste of time, too.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) — Today is an 8 — Important people know you are a force with which to be reckoned. Beneath that cool exterior beats the heart of a lion.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) — Today is a 7 — Wouldn't you know it? Just when you think the hard part is over, you find there's more work to be done. Actually, the hard part is over.

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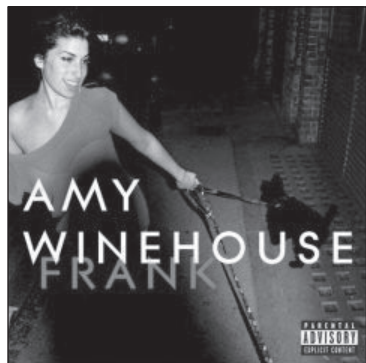
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Gloria Bode says for the complete list of albums, go to siuDE.com/pulse.

Album wrap-up

The Pulse team kept an eye out for popular album releases while the campus was on hiatus. While brave shoppers were out plowing through crowds for the best bargains on Black Friday, the Pulse team was kicking back with a new CD and a plate of leftovers. So here's the team's take on some recent releases.



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Amy Winehouse
"Frank"

Release date: Nov. 20, 2007
Record label: Universal Republic
www.amywinehouse.com



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-matters-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, which was her first album released in the U.S., "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.

Freeway
"Free at Last"

Release date: Nov. 20, 2007
Record label: Roc-A-Fella Records
www.freewayatlast.com



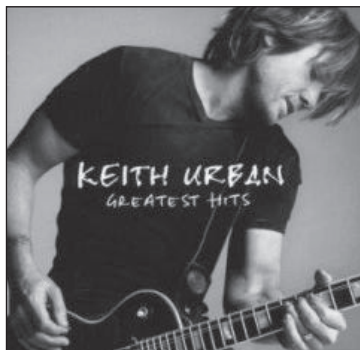
Fans of the Roc boys are sure to be basking in the return of one of their own. Freeway dropped a banger of an album called "Free at Last" over break that may be worth checking out.

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, Busta Rhymes 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.

Lyrical, Freeway is a definite contender with his Roc Boy peers, while his delivery lingers around a merely tolerable flow.



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Keith Urban
"Greatest Hits"

Release date: Nov. 20, 2007
Record label: Capitol
www.keithurban.net



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. Tacked on are 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 smashes such as "Better Life," Urban picked the best of his best driving tunes and touching ballads for the compilation.

With mostly radio hits, it's meat and potatoes for this album without all that pesky broccoli and brussels sprouts presented with shaky, not-so-good CD filler.

Anberlin
"Lost Songs"
Release date: Nov. 20, 2007
Record label: Tooth and Nail Records
www.anberlin.com



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.

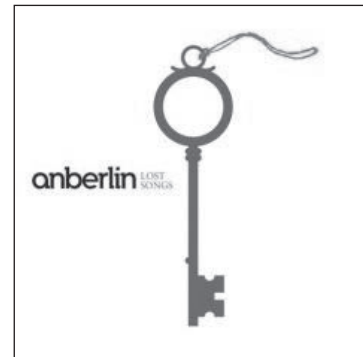
Fortunately, such is not the case

with Anberlin's B-sides album, aptly named "Lost Songs."

The collection of acoustic versions of existing Anberlin tracks makes up the bulk of the album, with songs such as "A Day Late" and "Naïve Orleans" offering a different, mellower spin on the hyped-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 Anberlin 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.



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FOOTBALL

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"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 Reese said they use that to their advantage, and it benefits the entire defense by providing an energy lift late in games.

"We want to have the offensive tackles tired in the fourth quarter, and we want to be full-go," Reese said.

He said this is possible with the depth the team has at the position, with junior Kendrick Young, sopho-

more Jemere Gainer and freshman Jason Seaman contributing heavily.

Reese said it also comes down to the willingness of teammates, who he said are one of the closest units off the field, to tap out when they are hurt or winded.

"We all got confidence in each other, so if somebody gets tired, we're going to get them out of there and get somebody else in there and rule them like that," Reese said.

Defensive coordinator Tracy Claeys 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," Claeys said. "That's always fun to have, the more energy you can bring, especially when times get tough."

Claeys said the team recruits for speed at the defensive end position for pass rushing, an important element when the throwing game becomes more vital in the playoffs.

He said pass rushers' ability to

change direction to evade blockers has helped the team in putting pressure on opposing quarterbacks, but the players also must have the strength to combat the blockers.

"You try to make an elephant block a mouse in space," Claeys said. "We're smaller and quicker, but if you get close to him and let him grab a hold of you, we're going to be in for a long day, even on the running game."

Reese said the coaches recognize advantages over larger blockers late in the game, which leads to more twisting moves to gain an advantage in the pass rush.

Cloud said he embraces his role as a pass rusher, especially when he can put a mark on the quarterback late in the game.

"I'm thinking about knocking him out," Cloud said. "Doing whatever I can to knock him out. That's it."

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BASKETBALL

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SIU will look to gain that second win when the team travels to Clarksville, Tenn., to take on Austin Peay (1-3) today at 7 p.m. Last season the Salukis defeated the Lady Gavs, 54-41 in their first-ever meeting.

This season's meeting features two freshmen coming off big weeks for their teams. SIU guard Ellen Young was named to the George Washington Thanksgiving Classic All-Tournament team over the weekend, while Austin Peay forward Ashley Herring was named Ohio Valley Conference Freshman of the Week for the second time in three weeks.

In the last two games, Herring has scored 32 points and recorded 18 rebounds, including a double-double effort. At 5-feet, 10-inches tall, Herring is shorter than what SIU has seen in the post so far this season, but Eikenberg said size isn't

causing the defensive struggles.

Eikenberg said SIU has to pressure the ball more and lock down on the help side to find defensive success.

Young has been the Salukis' main threat during the last two games. Young scored 32 points and went 6-for-11 from behind the arc during the Thanksgiving tournament.

Young is joined by fellow freshman Tanaeya Worden, who has seen considerable time off the bench this season as well. Worden's best game came against DePaul when she scored 17 points and went 4-for-9 from behind the arc.

Worden also has 11 steals through the first five games.

Eikenberg said the freshmen are starting to push for a starting role.

"Right now they will continue to come off the bench but they are getting closer," Eikenberg said. "They are ready to take spots but we are going to keep them coming off the bench so they can watch the game

develop."

One senior with the potential to provide leadership would have been Debbie Burris, but she ended her career during the weekend citing her prolonged back injury.

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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RANDLE

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DE: What's your ideal pregame meal?

JR: Probably chicken fillets or something. Maybe some spaghetti. No steaks or nothing heavy. A little salad, corn, mashed potatoes. Usually the same thing I always have.

DE: What's the one thing you can't live without?

JR: My family.

DE: What's the most played song on your iPod right now?

JR: I'll have to say Lil' Wayne: "Gossip."

DE: What are your plans after your

football career at SIU ends?

JR: Well, if I don't go to the next level playing football in the NFL, I want to be an FBI agent.

DE: All right, I'm going list a few of your teammates. Give me the first thing that pops in your head: (Senior quarterback) Nick Hill

JR: Confident.

DE: (Senior wide receiver) Alan Turner

JR: (laughs) Let me think ... (laughs again) ... Big lips (laughs).

DE: (Senior defensive tackle) Larry Luster

JR: Teddy bear.

DE: (Senior cornerback) Craig Turner

JR: Fast.

DE: (Junior running back) Larry Warner

JR: Goof troop.

DE: If you were granted three wishes, what would they be?

JR: First one would be to go to heaven, second to be with my family all the time and take care of my kids and third one would probably be play at the next level.

DE: So we all need to know, do you prefer boxers or briefs?

JR: Briefs by far. Tight briefs.

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"Indiana's Eric Gordon. Even on a night when he shoots 33 percent from the floor, he still manages to get to the free throw line 12 times and puts up 20 points. The Hoosiers still lost to Xavier in that game, but the point remains the same — he just finds ways to score."

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"Kyle Singler is the answer to Duke's prayers. His performances in Maui — averaging 18 points and 6.3 rebounds — let us Dukies truly forget about losing J.J. Redick two years ago. Singler isn't going anywhere for a while, unlike some of the other highly touted freshmen and is one of the main reasons Duke is ranked No. 7 in the country right now."

GUEST COMMENTATOR: NICK HILL

"I've been talking about it all year. There's four or five of them that are probably the best players in the country. We've got one from Indiana coming here on Saturday. But the kid from Kansas State's good, the guy from UCLA's good, but I think Derrick Rose from Memphis is probably my favorite to watch because he's on that great team and they're fun to watch."



— SIU football senior quarterback Nick Hill

STAT OF THE DAY

Saluki Football



The SIU men's basketball team's 70-45 loss to USC on Sunday was the Salukis' worst loss since March 20, 2000, when they lost by 25 points to Brigham Young in the second round of the National Invitational Tournament for a final score of 82-57. The worst loss in SIU's history came in 1981, when it fell to West Texas State by 40 points.

33, 0.75, 85%, 73.2, 0.25, 96, 73%, 65, 3, 76, 0.225, 71, 106.5

Do you have questions for the Saluki Insider that you want answered?
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SPORT BRIEFS

Gateway 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 Darren Marquez, junior defensive end James Cloud, junior defensive back Clayton Johnson, sophomore punter Scott Ravanese and senior return specialist Craig Turner all received spots on the first team all-Gateway.

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

Four Salukis also received honorable mentions, including

sophomore tight end Ryan Kernes, senior linebacker Trevor Moe, sophomore guard Shawn Smith and senior wide receiver Alan Turner.

Conference champion and No. 1 overall seed Northern Iowa (12-0) swept all Player of the Year Awards as senior quarterback Eric Sanders, who is also one of three finalists for the Walter Payton Award which goes to the best player in the Football Championship Subdivision, took home the Offensive Player of the Year Award.

Northern Iowa senior Brannon Carter claimed Defensive Player of the Year honors and coach Mark Farley was named Coach of the Year.

The Panthers edged out the Salukis in overall awarded players with 14 players named to first and second teams to SIU's 13.

FANTASY

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Week 12's top performers were two guys who have looked like busts at some point this season. Drew Brees has been back to form for some time now, but Gore hadn't been productive since Week 2. He looks healthy now and faces the Panthers' 20th-ranked run defense Sunday.

"Who's Burning Detroit?" works for the Vikings' Sidney Rice this week, but this is more of a stretch than ever. He only has 23 receptions this season, but is a deep threat who caught a 60-yard touchdown against the Giants on Sunday.

Other quality performers who

could be available on the waiver wire are any of the Denver running backs, but then it would be wise to monitor the situation with Andre Hall, Selvin Young and the soon-to-be-suspended-but-possibly-not Travis Henry, who has also missed time with an injury.

Who Mike Shanahan starts against Denver would be an excellent fantasy start, but keep in mind he's been toying 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 go 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 way. Not in the same way as Ricky Williams' comeback, because he's reportedly out for the season. That was fast.

It was nice of D.J. Hackett to show up for the last four weeks himself, but he's injured again and it's reported he'll miss at least two weeks. Any owners of Bobby Engram should benefit from this, though, as his touches could increase again and he faces Philly's sub par pass defense Sunday.

As you can see, the picture for Week 13 looks like it could make sense, but everything could be flipped around again. And it probably will be.

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FOOTBALL

Passion to the ends

Speed, excitement key in Saluki defensive ends

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When it comes down to the closing moments of games, the SIU football team's defense has relied heavily on its ends.

Self-dubbed as the "Hustle Squad," a rotating group of six relatively undersized defensive ends have combined to wear out opposing quarterbacks, offensive linemen and anyone else looking to get off a score in the fourth quarter especially.

The defensive ends' pass-rushing potential should be vital to the team's success against its quarterfinal opponent Massachusetts Saturday. Minutemen quarterback Liam Coen has had his way through the air, completing 64.2 percent of his passes for 222.5 yards per game this season.

The two starters at the position for most of the season, senior Devon Reese and junior James Cloud, boast a combined 10.5 sacks for a loss of 81 total yards.

When not in the grill of the opposing quarterback, the two are often seen getting in the faces of teammates and encouraging aggressive play late in games.

Reese often tells the team, "This is our time," or, "This is our quarter." Cloud clenches his fists as he pounds teammates' shoulders and hands.

Cloud said he sees it as his job to bring energy to the defense.



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SIU starting defensive ends James Cloud, right, and Devon Reese butt helmets in celebration during Saturday's 30-11 victory against Eastern Illinois. Cloud and Reese lead the team in sacks and focus on putting pressure on the opposing quarterbacks.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Salukis search for win

SIU heads to Austin Peay with 1-4 mark

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Though a 1-4 record was not the start the women's basketball team envisioned, last season's squad proved an early detour could still turn out positive.

The Salukis started 2-5 last season but finished as Missouri Valley Conference Champions for the first time in 17 years and made an appearance in the National Invitational Tournament.

SIU coach Dana Eikenberg said this year's squad is a whole new team and it's difficult to make comparisons, but pointed to the tough schedule the Salukis have faced up to this point as a sign that things can still turn around.

The Salukis' four losses have come at the hands of Illinois, No. 17 DePaul, South Dakota State and Western Kentucky. All four teams have RPI ratings in the top 100 and are either in or on the verge of cracking the top 25 in polls.

Eikenberg said the Salukis need to learn from these losses and play with the intensity they have seen in their competition.

"I think we have had glimpses of good intensity, but then we get a little fatigued and we don't have leaders to pick us up," she said. "Until we have leaders that can step outside of themselves, we won't get to that level."



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Freshman guard Ellen Young, attempts to pass the ball against a DePaul defender during a home game Nov. 9 at the SIU Arena.

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15 MINUTES WITH...

John Randle

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Senior running back John Randle is leading the No. 4 seeded Salukis with 859 rushing yards, 78.1 rushing yards per game and 10 rushing touchdowns on the season.

He has also excelled in catching the ball on short passes out of the backfield, recording 262 yards and one touchdown with an average of 9.7 yards per catch.

Since transferring to SIU from Kansas, Randle has become the premiere back of the SIU football team's multi-back system. The DAILY EGYPTIAN sat down with Randle to discuss his childhood idol, what song he's been playing on repeat and his preferred undergarments.

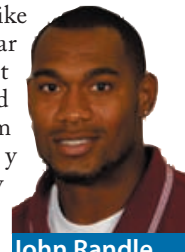
DAILY EGYPTIAN: How many years have you been playing football?

John Randle: Since I was 4, so what's that? It's been a long time.

DE: What do you do on game day to get yourself fired up?

JR: Most times I wake up, I put myself in the

game, just running the plays through my head pretty much. Listen to a little bit of music and wake up just like a regular day. I just try and stay calm most ly and try to be relaxed.



John Randle

I play the best when I'm relaxed so just try and stay relaxed to help the game on. I'm not the type to get real pumped up and stuff.

DE: What football player did you idolize growing up?

JR: (Former Detroit Lions running back) Barry Sanders. That's my guy.

DE: What's your favorite thing to do in Carbondale other than football?

JR: I like to get in my car, listen to music and ride around.

DE: When you get a midnight craving, what satisfies your hunger?

JR: Oh man, KFC Chicken or pizza.



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FANTASY

Heads will spin

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Just when this NFL season might be starting to make some sense in fantasy, everything flipped upside down again.

Anyone expecting the Patriots to be up by 50 points against the Eagles by the time the SIU men's basketball team tipped off Sunday was in for a surprise, and Tom Brady turned in his least-productive fantasy performance this season.

Brady and the Patriots play the Ravens Monday night, and Baltimore has allowed 30 or more points in three of its last four games.

The absence of the Ravens' top two cornerbacks — Chris McAlister and Samari Rolle — for most of Baltimore's five-game losing streak has hurt, and both are listed as questionable. Their participation in the showdown with New England could be the difference between Brady having a 25-point outing or a 40-point performance.

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