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## CIA workers ambushed in Afghanistan

### Two Americans killed in attack

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — Two Americans working for the CIA have been killed in an ambush while tracking terrorists in Afghanistan, the agency said Tuesday.

The ambush Saturday happened on the same day and in the same region as a six-hour fire-fight in which U.S.-led coalition aircraft and Afghan militia killed 18 rebel fighters, the U.S. military reported Tuesday from its headquarters in Afghanistan.

Six Afghan militia soldiers were wounded in the fighting, but there were no coalition casualties, the

military said. It was unclear whether the two incidents were linked, but the military did not explain why its account of the fighting was delayed by three days.

In Washington, the CIA identified the two men as William Carlson, 43, of Southern Pines, N.C., and Christopher Glenn Mueller, 32, of San Diego. Both were veterans of military special operations forces, the CIA said.

They were "tracking terrorists operating in the region" of Shkin, a village in eastern Afghanistan, when they were killed Saturday. See AFGHANISTAN on Page A-8

## Custard shops prep to close for winter

BY KATE GLEASON  
Staff writer

Around this time each year, while people are turning on the heat in their homes, layering their clothing and sipping hot cocoa, employees at Jarling's Custard Cup, 309 W. Kirby Ave., prepare to close its doors.

"A lot of people ask why we won't stay open all winter," said Bob Sisney, manager of the store, which is planning to close Nov. 23. "Our answer to them is, 'Once it gets below 40 degrees you won't want ice cream.'"

Cozy's, another local ice cream shop at 1511 Springfield Ave. is closing for the winter on Nov. 30 for the same reason, as well as to make some changes to the menu. "We would lose money if we stayed open," said Tina Goglia, store manager.

Many people who cannot imagine living without their favorite ice cream for an entire season choose to buy a lot of it so

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Ron Monline of Champaign sits with his 3-year-old daughter Olivia at Jarling's Custard Cup, 309 W. Kirby Ave., Champaign, on Tuesday. The two chose Custard Cup for their weekly daddy-daughter date night. Custard Cup will be closing its doors for the season on Nov. 23.

## UI falls behind on bill payments

BY CHARLES EDWARD SCOTT, JR.  
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The University is somewhat behind in paying its bills after implementing a new financial system in July, according to University officials.

Bills are being paid more slowly as University staff members adjust to the new SCT Banner financial system that went online in July, said Michael Provenzano, senior associate vice president for business and financial services.

"In general, we are paying our

This is more of a learning curve than a system issue.

MICHAEL BASS  
assistant vice president for business and financial services

bills," Provenzano said. "We are somewhat behind, but not so behind where it will be alarming."

Since the start of Banner, 127,000 invoices have been processed: 34,000 of the 48,000 purchase orders and 78,000 of the 80,000 direct payments have

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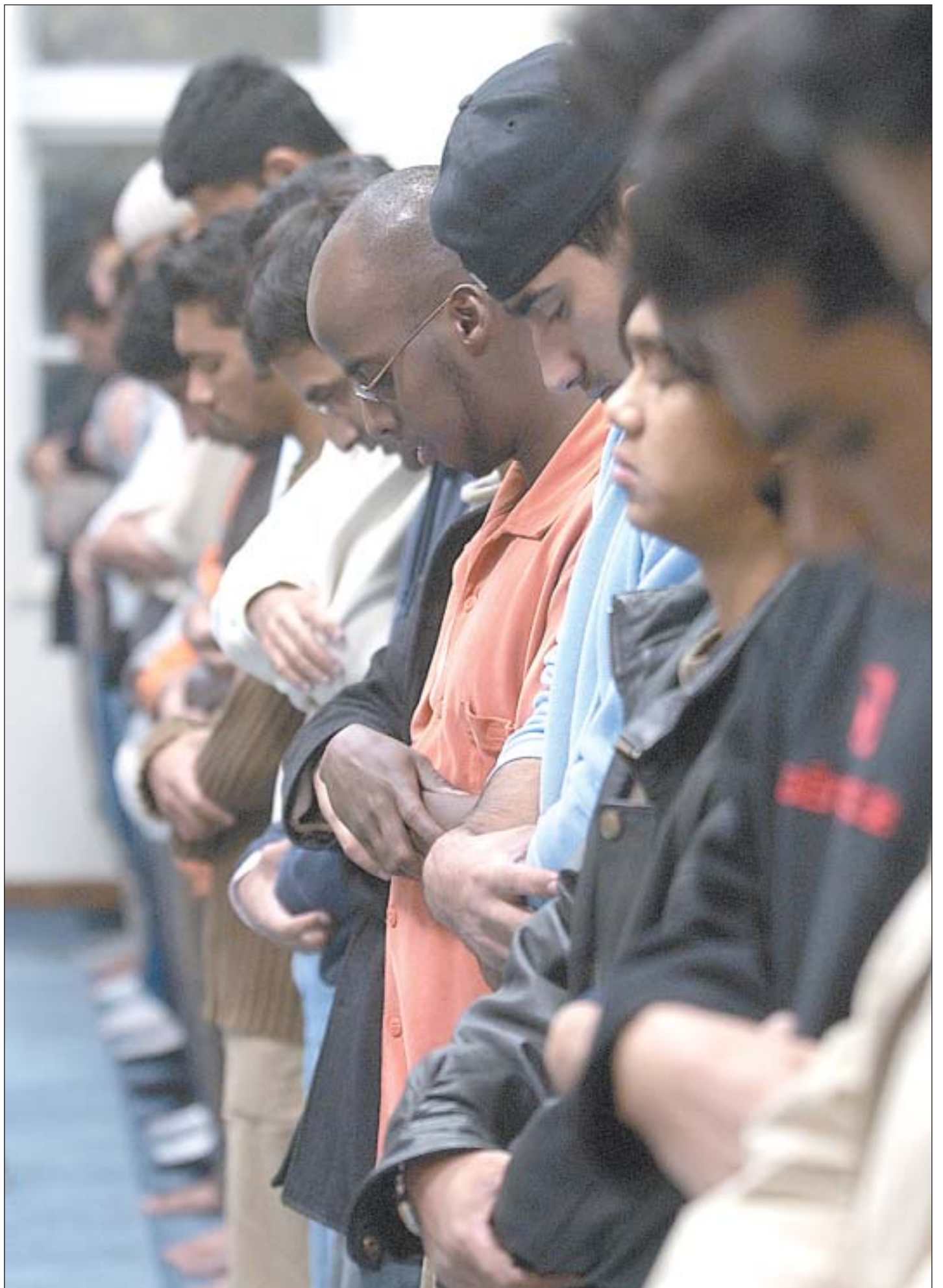
### PROTESTING FOR PEACE



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Members of the Student Peace Action and supporters yell "Impeach Bush" during a rally Tuesday on the Quad. The anti-militarism rally "Flunk the War Machine" featured various speakers, including Law Professor Frances Boyle. Boyle encouraged students to "get involved in the anti-war movement." "The future is up to you, come out and work for it," said Boyle.

### SUNUP TIL SUNDOWN



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Above: Worshippers at the Central Illinois Mosque and Islamic Center (CIMIC) pray before breaking their fast Tuesday night, the second day of the Muslim month of Ramadan.



Left: Hamaad Chippa (center), senior in engineering, waits to take chicken and rice to tables at the CIMIC on Tuesday evening just before sundown. Every year Muslims fast from dawn until dusk for the duration of the lunar month called Ramadan.

## ISG's fate depends on vote

BY JEREMY PELZER  
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Initial results Tuesday of a proposed referendum that could drastically change the structure of student government showed that students would vote on a proposal to abolish Illinois Student Government on Nov. 11, said Student Election Commission chair Jessica Flanigan.

But ISG President Marcia Fuentes refused to issue an executive order Tuesday night to submit a proposal to the SEC that would divide student government into four branches.

The fate of ISG was uncertain as of press time Tuesday night.

In an e-mail obtained by the Daily Illini earlier Tuesday, Fuentes said she was frustrated over how "the process was rushed."

"It really is something that is not ready to be voted on this fall," she said.

Many ISG assembly members reacted in outrage, saying Fuentes took away students' ability to choose how their government should look.

"It was a complete political move that had nothing to do with the student body," said assembly member Andrew Fitzgerald.

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Look for complete coverage of ISG's meeting and the fate of student government tomorrow

Assembly member Sarah Pittenger said she didn't think Fuentes' vote should "override what everyone else wants."

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## Bush: Terrorists, loyalists behind Iraq violence

President says foreign fighters, former Saddam supporters to blame for recent surge in attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush blamed both loyalists to Saddam Hussein and foreign terrorists for the recent rash of devastating attacks in and around Baghdad.

"Basically what they're trying to do is cause people to run ... That's what terrorists do," Bush told a Rose Garden news conference Tuesday.

Turning to the California wildfires, Bush expressed "my deep concerns and sympathies for

those whose lives have been hurt badly by these fires."

"The federal government is working closely with the state government to provide the resources necessary to help the brave firefighters do their duty," he said.

Bush said the United States was working closely with Syria and Iran to try to prevent foreign fighters from entering Iraq and was stepping up border patrols. Speaking nearly six months af-

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Still, Bush added, "The world is See IRAQ on Page A-8