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Students celebrate vaginas in fundraising production.

Joe Crawford
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A supposed state government “clout list” that was released in the case of indicted political fundraiser Tony Rezko includes some names tied closely to SIU.

The names of four members of the SIU Board of Trustees are on the 26-page list, which identifies candidates for positions in the state government and their apparent sponsors who recommended them for the spots.

The first section lists several recommendations made by Rezko, but the second portion — which includes the board members — lists hundreds of recommendations by various officials as documented by Gov. Rod Blagojevich’s office since 2003, according to the Chicago Sun-Times.

The list includes recommendations for spots on numerous boards and commissions, including the Board of Trustees. Blagojevich eventually appointed five of the 11 candidates suggested for the unpaid spots on the board.

Current members Roger Tedrick, Sam Goldman, Steve Wiggonion and John Simmons are on the list. Former member Marilyn Jackson, who was appointed in 2004 but left for personal reasons in 2005, is another of the names.

Two current board members, Keith Sanders and Marguita Wiley, are not on the list. Board member Ed Hightower, who was appointed by former Gov. George Ryan in 2003, is also absent from the list.

A number of political figures appear to have recommended the board members, as indicated by text as parentheses next to each name.

Tedrick’s sponsor appears as “BB/JC.”

Goldman’s name is accompanied by three parties, including “Slusnic,” “IEA” and “Lieberman.” Thename “Hoffman” appears twice as the sponsor for both Goldman and Simmons. Wiggonion said he did not know his name was on the list, but he guessed that the “BB” next to his name referred to Bill Bonar, a member of the governor’s transition team who first called Tedrick about serving on the board.

Bonar was aware of his connections to the university, including that he served on the Board of Directors for the SIU Foundation, an independent group responsible for the university’s fundraising.

“Bill knew I had been very philanthropic to the university and helped the university raise money from other people,” he said.

Tedrick said he did not know what the “JC” stood for.

Tedrick donated $10,000 to Blagojevich’s campaign before he was invited to serve on the Board of Directors.

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Trustees appear on government ‘clout list’

Students and staff members who received a message asking for their SIUC e-mail password and other personal information may have been targets of an identity theft scam.

The e-mail, which was signed “SUI Team,” said personnel from the SIU messaging center were updating their database and needed personal information to verify the account. The message urged users to reply and include their SIUC e-mail name, password, date of birth and country or territory.

“Warning!” the e-mail said.

“Email owner that refuses to update his or her Email, within Seven days of receiving this warning, will lose his or her Email permanently.”

University spokesman Rod Siereveld said he received the e-mail Saturday, but immediately identified it as a hoax and deleted the message.

He said he hoped people would recognize the e-mail as a scam.

Daniel Mellenthin, a junior from Alton studying psychology, said he had not checked his e-mail recently, but would be wary of a message asking for his personal information. He said if he received a similar e-mail, he would probably question the validity of the source before he agreed to answer any questions.

Mellenthin said he knew people on campus whose identities had been stolen.

“I would be very, very green on sending that kind of sensitive information, especially that can be used to replicate your identity,” Mellenthin said. “It’s not that difficult for someone, if they really want to mess with your life, to (steal your identity).”

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E-mail hoax hits SIUC inboxes
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Calendar

Catch the Beat
6 p.m. today at the Cedarfolk Civic Center
Families attending the event will make percussion instruments and learn about rhythm.
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Ursula Bieman Screenings and Lecture
7 p.m. today in Brownie Auditorium
Public screening of Bieman’s video projects
Bieman is an artist, theorist and curator based in Chicago.

Chicago civil rights activist Dorothy Tillman arrested in Alabama
Some sources said she put up posters in hallway urging students to do their best on the big test, while others hugged pop rails for parents to cheer on their children.
Barrington parent Thomas Annatt has spent an hour each week for the past month helping his eighth-grade son prepare for the exam.
“You might be the most intelligent 8-year-old boy, but if you can’t wake up on the day of the test and answer the questions correctly or talk coherently in an interview, you’re going to get left behind in this society,” he said.

Investigators search for killer after 1986 victim identified
BELLEVILLE — Just weeks after finally putting a name to the body found decades ago in a farmer’s field, investigators have waded into unraveling the woman’s life in hopes of discovering clues that might lead to her killer.

Tillman continued to request the medical records for her 86-year-old ailing aunt.

The arrest came after a confrontation with officials at Jackson Hospital over access to medical records for Tillman, the 86-year-old ailing aunt.

POLICE REPORTS

Clement Moore Jr. 19, a student from Marywood, was arrested and issued a petty-misdemeanor citation for cannabis possession at Schneider Hall Wednesday at 8:25 p.m.

The Illinois Standards Achievement Test was administered to third through eighth-graders to help gauge whether their schools meet federal guidelines under the No Child Left Behind law.

It was really something,” Tillman told the Tribune. “They did the real police thing.”

The results could force dramatic changes at some schools, including the firing of some teachers.

“It’s very high stakes,” said Bryan Gouanga, research director for Public School District 150. “You only have one shot at helping students demonstrate their abilities.”

At many schools, those stakes are being reflected in a push-like game-day atmosphere.

While Tillman is a suspect in the murder of Eulalia Wilcomer, or “Women,” she had to be someplace else.

But taking the investigation to the next step — finding Edalaa Wilcomer’s killer — is proving daunting.

Efforts are hampered by fading memories of her family and the understanding that dozens of police agencies that once kept detailed reports of Wilcomer’s many arrests for minor reasons have disposed of such papers long ago.

But last summer and caught a break in recent weeks, when the FBI identified her body through fingerprints on file from a previous arrest.

In the decades that followed, authorities referred to the unidentified body as “the drifter’s body,” a moniker that has faded over the years.

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Do you think tankers should have been closed Wednesday after the ice storm?
A. Yes, The university needs and interiors and parking lots were not even close to being open today.
B. Yes, because I live about 1 mile away.
C. No, I was flying a tent.
D. No, I think everyone is whining too much.

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‘Vagina Monologues’ light up Pulliam

Tim McGovern

Women propelled pride for their sexual organs during the weekend.

Outlookers filled into the auditorium in Pulliam Hall to listen to women mimic true stories documented in playwright Eve Ensler’s monologue in Pulliam Hall to listen to stories about their bodies. Ensler describes how the woman was raped repeatedly and sodomized with the butts of rifles and tips of bottles until a portion of her vagina fell in her hand.

Vagina Happy Fact” offered statistics about the female body such as it is the only portion of the human body designed solely for pleasure and consists of 8,000 nerve endings twice as many as the penis.

Pattisapu said women need to be more accepting of their bodies, and talking about women’s bodies doesn’t have to be taboo.

Audri Wallace, a senior from Trik studying speech communication and performance studies, played the woman in ‘My Angry Vagina.’ She said ‘The Vagina Monologues’ help women be comfortable with their sexuality and womanhood. In preparation for her role, Wallace said she followed a simple routine.

“I try to keep healthy, go over lines and try to keep my energy up,” Wallace said.

Chelsie Loghry, a senior from Carbondale studying English, said, ‘My Angry Vagina’ was her favorite of the performances.

Loghry, a member of Sahki Rainbow Network, a campus group for gay, bisexual and transgender people, said this was the second time she had seen the production and said the performance promotes openness.

“It makes people more open-minded,” Loghry said. “People need to stand up to sexual abuse, and this performance encompasses a lot of groups and promotes awareness.”

Co-director Jamie Huber, a graduate student from Hillsboro studying speech communication, was involved with the silent auction that took place at the close of the performance, in which participants could bid on a wide variety of items ranging from artwork, gift certificates, mirrors and necklaces.

Huber said 90 percent of the proceeds would go to the Women’s Center, while 10 percent would go to V-Day organization. The organization is an international movement with a 10-year history in trying to abate violence against women in every country.

The group that makes up 45 percent of SIUC’s population has been given its time to shine this month.

The university is celebrating Women’s History Month by hosting events designed to further discussion and raise awareness of the historical impact women have had in society. Roughly 45 percent of those enrolled on campus are women, according to fall enrollment figures.

The celebration includes 22 events sponsored by Student Development-Multicultural Programs and Services, the Wellness Center and several other organizations. Though most of the programs are aimed at educating students, the proceeds will also go to help women outside the university, said Carl Ervin, coordinator of Student Development-Multicultural Programs and Services.

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Stacia Creek, a sociology doctoral student, shows one example of a woman’s sexual climax while portraying ‘The Woman Who Loved To Make Vaginas Happy’ during ‘The Vagina Monologues’ Saturday. The play included monologues titled ‘The Flood,’ ‘My Angry Vagina’ and ‘Because He Liked to Look At It’ that spoke about the sexual experiences of women.

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**Clinton launches push to key primaries**

Mike Glover

The Associated Press

WESTERVILLE, Ohio —

Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton argued Sunday that her campaign is “about solutions,” not fears, as she swept through Ohio on an intense push two days before the state’s presidential primary.

She told a crowd of more than 2,000 cheering backers that she wants to solve the economic troubles facing the industrial Midwest.

“For some people this election is about how you feel, it’s about speeches,” Clinton said. “Well, that’s not what it’s about for me. It’s about solutions.”

The first former first lady opened an Ohio campaign marathon, sweeping through the state in a series of appearances lasting until the wee hours of Monday. Her first stop, in suburban Columbus, was aimed at firing up canvassers who were handing phone banks and knocking doors for her.

“Ohio is once again the center of attention, for a reason,” Clinton said. “It truly does represent America, the hopes and aspirations, the challenges and opportunities, they are all right here in Ohio. It is a picture of America.

Clinton has lost the last 11 nominating contests to rival Barak Obama and was looking to primaries in Ohio and Texas for a campaign boost. Those states, and Rhode Island and Vermont, Monday hold polls.

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“I’ve been coming to terms with being on the outside of the government,” she said. “I’ve been out of the White House for seven years, and seven years is a long time. But now I feel stronger than ever before.”

She took a moment to thank her mentors, including her father, Paul, and Senator Edward Kennedy, and quoted him saying that she would be the first female president.

“Senator Kennedy said that to me on the phone,” she said. “And I thought about it and I thought, ‘You know what? I’m going to do it.’”

She said she has been getting ready for years, and that she is ready to take on the role of the nation’s leader.

“I’m going to start working on that now,” she said. “I’m going to start working on that now.”

The Associated Press contacted each state agency that oversees juvenile justice centers and asked for information on the number of deaths as well as the number of allegations and confirmed cases of physical, sexual and emotional abuse by staff members since Jan. 1, 2004.

According to the survey, more than 13,000 cases of abuse were identified in juvenile justice centers across the country from 2004 through 2007 — a remarkable total, given that the total population of detainees was about 46,000 at the time the states were surveyed in 2007.

Just 1,143 of those cases of abuse identified by The AP were confirmed by various authorities. Of 1,140 cases of sexual abuse, 143 were confirmed by investigations.

Experts say only a fraction of the allegations are ever confirmed.

There are some of the most troubled young people in the country and some will make up stories. But in other cases, the youth are pressured not to report abuse; often, no one believes them anyway.
VARSITY THEATRE POWER SHIFT IN PROGRESS

Barton Lorimor
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Even after their building was condemned and demolished, directors of Jackson County Stage Company promised audiences thrills to come.

Three years later, the program’s director, Cathy Field, jingled keys to the Varsity Theatre, which means those thrills could be a few months, and a few million dollars, away.

The vacated movie theater complex on South Illinois Avenue was donated to the city and The Stage Company by Kerasotes Showplace Theatres on Friday. The complex on South Illinois Avenue was declared it unsafe.

The building, constructed in 1875, was demolished after city officials decided it unsafe. The donation of the Varsity Theatre was announced during the State of the City address in December.

“We are very thankful to the Kerasotes family for their support of our efforts to make the Varsity Theatre a centerpiece for our downtown entertainment district,” Cole said in a prepared statement.

Field said the donation was also made possible by two SIU presidents. Former President John Guyon and current President Glenn Poshard, as well as their spouses, contributed to the mayor’s work, which began more than a year ago, she said.

The Stage Company has a lot of work to do, Cole said. Field agreed and said she would like to see the Varsity Theatre house the same number of events as it did in 1940, while still converting it from a movie theater to a performing arts center.

“The company hopes to make the Varsity appear as it did in 1940, while still converting it from a movie theater to performing arts center,” he said.

“I think it will be remarkable, and something to really be proud of when that day comes,” Langowski said.

The fate of a “balcony theater” on the building’s second-floor, which was originally balcony seating in the main theater, has yet to be decided.

Langowski said Kerasotes converted the balcony into an auditorium in an effort to compete with the multi-screen movie theaters being built in the 1980s. He said The Stage Company asked architects to make the second-floor auditorium into balcony seating again so long as it does not tamper with acoustics.

“As the larger theater’s renovation is completed, Field said the east theater would be made available to other community groups – possibly Carbondale Community Arts,” Jacqui Betz, director of the company from 2002 through 2006, said performances have been held at community venues ranging from Carbondale Community High School to Mugsy McGuire’s Bar and Grill since 2005. Betz said she is excited to see the Varsity become the company’s new facility.

“There are a lot of folks who remember sitting in the Varsity with their popcorn, and stealing their first kiss,” she said.

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**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

**Locks might go a long way**

**Dear Editor:**

As a graduate of Virginia Tech and in light of recent events at nearby NIU, I don’t think I could possibly articulate why and how we are all affected by these tragic events. But after speaking with my colleagues and students, it is clear that it is becoming more and more difficult to create and to be part of a comfortable learning environment.

As a graduate student, I find myself feeling at risk when I’m in a classroom. And as a teacher, I find myself more and more distracted by the inherent lack of security on college campuses.

While I know that no one would ever blame a teacher for the death of a student at the hands of a shooter, I don’t think I’m the only one who would blame myself. And yet, there seems to be little or no way to do to stop this sort of thing from happening again.

Most likely, more students will be shot in their classrooms. Most will watch it on the news. Some will watch it and blame themselves. But there is one thing that all of us can do to prevent future attacks in our classrooms here at SIUC: lock the door.

Most academic classrooms have a locking mechanism that locks from the inside. While this makes it much more difficult for someone to enter the classroom, it in no way hinders a student from exiting the classroom.

No, this week step every shooter out there, but it’s a simple, logical and obvious solution we can all make use of. Public schools across the country have locks on their doors and use them to great effect. Most Americans lock their doors during the day when they are at home. Doing the same in our classrooms will in no way violate or disturb the open line of communication between teacher, student and learning— the basic principles upon which universities are built.

If a student is late for class or needs to use the restroom, they simply knock on the door and identify themselves before they are allowed back in. If a student needs to leave, he or she can do so.

The only problem with this plan is that not every single academic classroom has a lock. It is my understanding that the university is working on this problem.

In the meantime, simply request a room change if your door doesn’t have a lock. I had to do this, and the English Department quickly found a classroom with locking doors for me. Just this week we had our first class in the new room, and I explained why we had switched.

One of my students proposed that we come up with a code name in the event that someone came late to class. We had some fun with it and had a great class.

Andrew McFadyen-Ketchum  

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**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

“I think we should all just boycott the damn thing!”

— Charlie Sheen

on losing a court battle to keep his son and ex-wife Denise Richards’ daughter from being filmed in Richards’ new reality show.
Glorifying glutony, forgetting famine

Danny Wenger

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Technology. You’re not the boss of me (anymore)

My grandma probably thinks MP3 is a mumps virus. For some, technology is more
close to world domination. I tend to think of some old-fashioned Facebook creeping (don’t act like you haven’t done it). A firee could easily be filled by going to Best Buy and ogling over new gadgets or checking out personal hand devices so I could never do that. It was a time-wasting tradition I was proud of. At any point, I could watch the hours by like second hand.

Then a curve ball. Technology changed my procrastination habits, like it was smart enough to know I was spending too much time with it. Recently, I discovered Google.

I put hours of Internet adventures onto one page. It’s like showing up to Wal-Mart and the 182 items you need are already in your cart. Now I have no reason to get up early and go to work. Thanks Google. You are one step closer to world domination. Oh, and Google gave free voice mail to homeless people in San Francisco.

Make up your mind.

What in the name of popicles is up with this weather? I was outside sweating and playing tennis in 75 degrees Sunday. And now I’m going to have to go buy some long underwear for Tuesday. Snow? Seriously? Maybe southern Illinois should look into some sort of predictability when it comes to temperature. Quoth with the schizophrenia conditions already. At least this screwed up game will get me prepared for my nor- sopring snow break. Can’t wait to spend the week in northern Illinois, working on my tan in scorching 25-degree heat.

Put the Kool-Aid down, please.
The SIU men’s basketball team’s loss to Illinois State Saturday could have been a good thing. What? Losing is good? Let me explain. So many people — students, fans, even the media — were starting to drop the Salukis’ name while mentioning potential at-large bracket. Now, all that nonsense can stop and the team can focus on what it really needs to do in the NCAA Tournament: Win the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament this weekend.

And now... Who were you trying to fool? If the Salukis would have won last night and rode that wave all the way to the championship, then before losing, they would have been 20-13. Say that to yourself, 20-13. Not too impressive. Well, not impressive. But now, that gibberish can stop. The Salukis need to march through the arch before they can continue their streak of NCAA Tournament. What a gentleman.

So, there’s only about two months of the school year left. Then summertime kicks into full gear. Thinking about summer days got me thinking about some good times I’ve had in southern Illinois. Then it hit me. I forget a major thing on my bucket list. A few weeks ago, I counted down the top things you might do in southern Illinois before leaving. Now, I must amend my list.

You know, when summer comes so does the Du Quoin State Fair. Strangely enough, I don’t really like fairs. The carnies scare me and I always spend like $45 trying to win my girlfriend something stupid. But the Du Quoin State Fair deserves to be on my list even though it’s relatively awful. Why? Because there is a monkey that takes your money and shakes your hand. That’s not as gross. This little amazing monkey is dressed like a little boy. Hold out your hand, monkey takes your quarter. Monkey then shakes your hand, puts into the quarter and tips his hat.

Some say this is animal cruelty. I say this monkey is a miniature gentleman, and a sight to see.
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Monday, March 3, 2008
Bananquet honors ‘finer women’

Zeta Phi Beta raises funds for scholarships

Madeleine Leroux

Women in the Carbondale community were honored for their dedication and service Saturday, all while raising funds for the next generation of minority women.

The Finer Womanhood Scholarship Banquet was held Saturday night in the Renaissance Room of the Student Center. Hosted by the Mu Eta Zeta chapter of Zeta Phi Beta, the award is given to a woman in the community who exemplifies “finer womanhood” through volunteer work and projects.

“Being a Zeta chapter leader, said I want to succeed in whatever activity I’m participating in,” Jackson said.

The banquet also honored the chapter’s winner of the 2008 Finer Womanhood Award, Samantha Perry, first vice president of the Mu Eta Zeta chapter, said the award is given to a woman in the community who exemplifies “finer womanhood” through volunteer work and projects.

“The goal is about lifting sisters up instead of pushing them down. It’s being a role-model, being a mentor,” said Perry.

The banquet also celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Zeta Finer Womanhood Award.

With it being 25 years, it shows that we’ve been an asset to the community,” Mack said.

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Girls and Sports
by Justin Borus and Andrew Feinstein

The Duplex
by Glenn McCoy

THE Daily Crossword
edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Unscramble these four Jumbles:
One letter to each square to form four ordinary words.

Saturday's Jumbles:
Ans:

The Duplex
4. It started going up, partly because of your attitude.
5. Feeling like a winner shows strength.
6. Ask your advisor to do the homework. That's the hidden answer.
7. Let someone with experience help you.
8. Someone who can do it.
9. People who had given up finding a solution to the problem.
10. They'll help you with your technology.
11. Something you recently learned. It's very good, although you can do it.
12. You are a 5 — something further ahead.
13. Something you make. It's a 7 — solving a domestic matter once and for all.
14. Sometimes, even if it's been a while.
15. It's going up, partly because of your attitude.
16. Motivate yourself out of your snuggly nest.
17. It's a 9 — something exceptionally lucky, especially in familiar games.
18. What you make. It's a 9 — something exceptionally lucky, especially in familiar games.
19. Try to do everything by yourself. Today's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.
20. Your purchase.
21. You're smart, but sometimes, even if it's been a while.
22. Today's Birthda...
Sem-Pro is semi-decent

Wes Lawrence
Starring: Will Ferrell, Woody Harrelson, Andre Benjamin
Directed by Kent Alterman
Run time: 90 minutes

Another year, another Will Ferrell movie.
If you’re sick of him, don’t bother with this review. If you’re not, you might be a little disappointed.

“Sem-Pro” is a funny movie, but also, it does not rank among the best Ferrell has ever done. It appears that basketball wasn’t as contrived a target as ice-skating or NASCAR.
Set in the 1970s, an era ripe for comedy, Ferrell plays Jack Moon, the owner, coach and star player for a semi-professional basket- ball team called the Flint Tropics. Needless to say, semi-professional doesn’t mean much to these guys. When the commissioner announces the league is going to be merged with the NBA and only four teams will be going with them, Moon’s team is not included.

So, Moon proposes that the four teams with the best records should be the ones to go into the merger, and the commissioner reluctantly agrees. Wacky hijinks ensue.
The movie follows the “group of misfits band together for one really good season” genre, but of course it’s really just an excuse to string together a bunch of hilarious scenes involving Ferrell and his group of costars riling off their character’s backstory and preferences in her head.

There are some explosive, funny scenes to be had here, especially the running gag about bears and the unbelievably absurd cameo by Jackie Earl Haley as a stoner fan who just wants his money. It seems the game isn’t inherently funny, as most of the scenes in which Ferrell and his teammates play the game don’t lend to many laughs. It works best when Moon is attempting crazy schemes in order to get more fans in the bleachers.

The film is raucous, but aside from some swear- ing and a hilariously bizarre sex scene, it doesn’t have much else to offer. Ferrell probably had the sympathy of a comedic target as ice skat- ing or NASCAR.

The film is semi-decent, but alas, it does not rank among the best Ferrell has ever done. It appears that basketball wasn’t as contrived a target as ice-skating or NASCAR.

In a system ruled by the finan- cial rewards of the box office and unbridled and uncensored DVDs make huge profits, it’s a shame that studios feel they have to save the best bits for video. It’s almost like there’s no reason to see the films in theaters anymore. At least you can only imagine how funny the missing 56 minutes of “Sem-Pro” are, if you can imagine it.

Ferrell is better as the man brought in to save a bunch of misfits band together for one really good season, but alas, it does not rank among the best Ferrell has ever done. It appears that basketball wasn’t as contrived a target as ice-skating or NASCAR.
Free agents and former teammates Randy Moss and Daunte Culpepper are still two agents in the NFL and talk has said the duo is interested in reuniting to finish what it started in Minnesota. Which team do you think could use the duo the most?

"I would love to see them reunite in Minnesota. They made some great plays together in the purple and gold and I think it would be cool to see them go out the same way they came in. I don’t know how Minnesota fans would feel about it but I think it would be a great story for the NFL next season."

SIU coach Dan Callahan said having a true home game made a big difference.

"When you play at home, you actually want to play at home," Callahan said. "I’m not saying we had any disadvantage playing in Tennessee or Rent One Park, but it’s just not the same as being here at the Abe."

Junior starting pitcher David Kington cruised through five innings but eventually got out of the jam before any serious damage was done. Kington scattered six hits and seven strikeouts over his 5.2 innings.

"The wind was pretty strong today. When we go to St. Louis, it’s highly unlikely for Moss to go to a team that was one of the worst in the league, but if these two are serious I think they could make a huge impact and make the Cardinals once again the greatest show on turf."

Junior infielder Scott Elmendorf, left, talks with senior pitcher Ian Reinhart in the dugout during the second inning of a double header against NIU Saturday at Rent One Park in Marion.

Sophomore closer Bryant George picked up his first save of the season with a scoreless 1.2 inning pitched.

"That would be hilarious. There are so many teams with terrible quarterbacks but I’m not sure Culpepper himself is anyone good. I think the Detroit Lions should go after them because that seems like a Matt Millen move!"

Junior shortstop Bobby Stevens put the Salukis to the game one victory. Stevens put the Salukis on the scoreboard immediately, sending Adams’ first pitch over the left field wall.

Hodkovich [1-0] limited the Salukis to one run and six hits in six innings pitched, while striking out six.

"We got an outstanding pitching performance today," Northern Illinois coach Ed Mathey said. "We hit our spots, made our pitches when we needed to and our defense did its job."

After struggling to score in the first game, SIU scored four runs through the first four innings of the second game, highlighted by a two-run, inside-the-park home run hit by Hills.

But a deep fifth inning was costly for the Salukis. The Huskies capitalized on two Saluki errors and scored six runs in the top of fifth inning, en route to a 9-4 victory.

Luis Medina contributed.
Senior finales fall short

MEN'S BASKETBALL
Redbirds snap Salukis’ five-game win streak

Megan Kramper
DAILY EGYPTIAN

It was supposed to be a night that the four SIU men’s basketball seniors would remember forever.

Now, they want to put it out of their minds as quickly as possible.

Senior forward Randal Falker paced the Salukis with 18 points and 14 rebounds but it wasn’t enough to help guide the team on senior night as it fell to Illinois State 57-49.

Four seniors — forwards Matt Shaw and Randal Falker along with guards Dion Coopwood and Tyrone Green — were honored before Saturday night's matchup as it was the last time they would play a game on the SIU Arena hardwood.

The loss snapped a five-game win streak dating back to Feb. 13 and handed the Salukis the No. 3 seed in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament, which begins Thursday in St. Louis.

Junior guard Bryan Mullins added eight points and Green added six points for the Salukis’ offense, which shot just 16.7 percent from the 3-point line and 31.6 percent overall from the floor.

Coach Chris Lowery said the lack of production from the line wasn’t the Salukis’ downfall, but being too passive on both sides of the court hurt the team in the long run.

“We didn’t get the ball where it needed to be,” Lowery said. “We took shots that were last resort.”

Lowery said the Salukis’ lack of effort in attacking the zone hurt their chances of coming out with a victory.

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WOMEN’S BASKETBALL
SIU loses despite senior efforts

Matt Hartwig
Daily Egyptian

Three seniors slumbered in their final Missouri Valley Conference home game in an SIU women’s basketball uniform, but it still wasn’t enough to get a win.

The Salukis were defeated 74-69 by Northern Iowa Saturday at the SIU Arena, marking the ninth loss in their last 10 games.

SIU coach Dana Eikenberg said it was a tough loss because of how hard the seniors played.

“I thought they worked really hard today because obviously they’re playing with a lot of emotion and it’s their last home game and they want to leave it all out there,” Eikenberg said. “That’s kind of what we wanted them to do all year.”

Senior guards Erin Pauk and Cortney Sales grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds.

“Obviously, it’s been a struggle all year for all of us and it hasn’t gone the way we expected it to go,” a teary eyed Pauk said. “It was the last chance to play your heart out in front of the home crowd and that’s what I did.”

The trio’s effort wasn’t enough to slow down freshman guard Jaquai Kalin as the speedy guard hit a handful of shots in traffic for the Panthers (12-16, 4-12 MVC) offensively. SIU was down by two, but Kalin’s dagger from just inside the 3-point arc put it out of reach. She finished with 20 points.

The Salukis continued their dominant 3-point defense Saturday, limiting Northern Iowa to 2-of-11 shooting in the first half and 7-of-23 in the game.

Junior guard Erica Smith said they tried to be in the passing lanes during every defensive possession and be ready for a steal.

SIU will return to action Thursday trying to play the spoiler role at Illinois State. The Redbirds (22-4, 12-3) are a half-game behind Evansville for the MVC title with only two regular season games left.

Shot selection dooms SIU

Jeff Engelhart
Daily Egyptian

When it came to scoring points in the Salukis’ final regular season game, it was a matter of quality over quantity.

SIU attempted 17 more shots than the Redbirds Saturday night but it was all for naught as the Salukis fell 57-49 to Illinois State. The loss marked the second time in seven years that a conference foe defeated the Salukis at home.

Early indications showed it would be a slow offensive night for both teams with the first five possessions resulting in turnovers and the first field goal not coming until nearly three minutes into the contest.

With 10 minutes remaining in the first half, both teams established offensive identities as the Redbirds (22-8, 13-5) attacked off the dribble with their guards and the Salukis (17-13, 11-7) looked for catch-and-shoot opportunities late in the shot clock.

Illinois State guard Osiris Eldridge thrived in the offensive set as he continuously took his man off the dribble and hit fade-away jump shots from the baseline. Eldridge finished with 27 points and seven rebounds.

Redbird coach Tim Jankovich said the best way to counter SIU’s aggressiveness was to let Eldridge create his own offense.

“We don’t run many plays,” Jankovich said. “I’m just not a play guy, so a good deal of that was just Eldridge making some great individual plays.”

SIU attempted to counter with its own catch-and-shoot approach that was effective during the teams’ five-game winning streak. The Salukis were 46 percent from behind the arc during the streak, but went only 4-15 against Illinois State.

After struggling from the outside, the Salukis looked to get the ball into the post. Senior forward Randal Falker wasn’t established until five minutes remaining in the first half and struggled to get the ball consistently throughout the game despite scoring 18 points and ripping down 14 rebounds.

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