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Hundreds of students take advantage of free tuberculosis test following outbreak.

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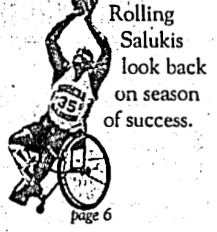


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Sports:



Rolling Salukis look back on season of success.

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VICTORIOUS: Democratic gubernatorial candidate Glenn Poshard rejoices at the announcement of his lead in the primary race for governor Tuesday night in Marion at his campaign headquarters.

Poshard locks up nomination

LOCAL BOY: Carterville candidate will face Ryan in gubernatorial election.

TRAVIS DeNEAL AND KIRK MOTTRAM
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTERS

CHICAGO — Poor voter turnout left the Democratic gubernatorial race in the air, as experts attempted to predict the winners and party supporters crowded around televisions in candidates' campaign headquarters to hear the latest results.

Southern Illinois gubernatorial candidate Congressman Glenn Poshard took an early lead in the polls and waited with his downstate supporters in his Marion

campaign headquarters for the results to pile in. At 10:30 p.m. fellow Democratic candidate John Schmidt, a former U.S. Justice Department official, called to concede the victory to Poshard.

"I don't know how many signs you can make, how many you can put up, and how many doors you can knock on, but I am thankful for my friends and that's you," Poshard told the crowd in Marion.

"Remember what we stand for. We have roots. Let's be proud."

Shortly after 10 p.m. the Associated Press declared Poshard the victor. With 92 percent of the precincts reporting as of press time, Poshard owned 37 percent of the votes, former Comptroller Roland Burris had 31 percent, Schmidt had 25

Illinois Governor			
DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY	STATEWIDE TOTALS	JACKSON COUNTY	
Glenn Poshard	318,804	6012	
Roland Burris	263,733	630	
John Schmidt	217,855	632	
Jim Burns	50,814	58	
Maurice Horton	5,452	16	
Larry Burgess	4,450	12	
Precincts reporting	92%	100%	

percent and former U.S. Attorney Jim Burns had 6 percent. Lesser known Democratic candidates Larry Burgess and Maurice Horton each gained less than 1 percent of the vote, according to the Chicago Tribune website.

Television broadcasters labeled

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Fitzgerald claims slim victory in Senate race

GOP NOMINEE: Moseley-Braun will face Chicago millionaire in November general election.

TRAVIS DeNEAL AND KIRK MOTTRAM
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTERS

CHICAGO — Proving that money can make the candidate, state Sen. Peter Fitzgerald won the approval of the Illinois voters Tuesday, defeating challenger and early front runner Loleta Didrickson in the race for U.S. Senate.

Recent polls showed Fitzgerald handily beating Didrickson. The Inverness senator squeaked by his opponent enroute to a

U.S. Senator		
REPUBLICAN PRIMARY	STATEWIDE TOTALS	JACKSON COUNTY
Peter Fitzgerald	324,190	2109
Loleta Didrickson	300,985	825
Precincts reporting	91%	100%

November showdown with Democratic incumbent Carol Moseley-Braun. The race, seen by many of the most negatively advertised in the primary, came down to the wire with both candidates fervently watching the late night returns at their respective headquarters.

"The greatest gift we can give the voters of Southern Illinois would be to defeat Carol Moseley-Braun," Fitzgerald said.

Fitzgerald, the heir to a family banking fortune, spent millions of his own money to defeat Didrickson, who was low on money but high on endorsements.

Didrickson, Illinois comptroller, was backed by the majority of the Republican leadership, including Gov. Jim Edgar, GOP gubernatorial nominee George Ryan.

The money spent by Fitzgerald was used to wage a full scale television attack on Didrickson, effectively painting the social moderate as "too liberal" for the Republican party. Many decry Fitzgerald's tactics, but the efforts scored points with conservatives who decided Tuesday to reject Didrickson and

SEE SENATE, PAGE 11

Price to challenge Costello in November election

HAROLD G. DOWNS
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

BELLEVILLE — In a race to see which candidate could be more conservative, Bill Price won the Republican nomination in the 12th Congressional District, defeating Gail Kohlmeier and earning the right to try to unseat incumbent Democrat Jerry Costello.

With 79 percent of the precincts reporting, Price had 10,076 votes, or 59 percent, to Kohlmeier's 6,885 votes, or 41 percent. The 12th District encompasses southwest Illinois, including all of Jackson County and a portion of Williamson County.

Price, an orthopedic surgeon from

Belleville, said all he could do was wait and see what happened in a race that most predicted would be a blowout.

"I just feel we have done everything we can," Price said. "I have an inner sense of peace."

Price said regardless of the race's outcome, he gained experience, which would be key in future races. The two candidates have a common goal, he said.

"It is probably good for our party that we run against each other," Price said. "We will harness the energy to defeat our opponent. We need that to win the contest."

"I think there is a lot of distrust from Alton to Cairo. There is a sense from people I have talked to that it is time for change," Price said.

12th District Rep.		
REPUBLICAN PRIMARY	STATEWIDE TOTALS	JACKSON COUNTY
William Price	10,076	1608
Gail Kohlmeier	6,885	1148
Precincts reporting	79%	100%

Price's campaign workers were concerned by reports that Republican voters in Union, Jackson and Alexander counties were crossing over to vote Democratic and support Glenn Poshard. However, that did nothing to dim the optimism felt by the entire Price campaign.

Kohlmeier, founder of the Christian Community School in St. Clair County, and her campaign workers also remained optimistic throughout the afternoon, despite polls

showing her trailing Price by a wide margin. She predicted the rainy weather would be a factor in voter turnout, which would bode well for her campaign. Her core supporters were expected to turn out no matter what the elements.

Kohlmeier's campaign workers feverishly worked the phones Tuesday afternoon in a last ditch effort to influence voters to get out and vote. Her co-campaign manager, Mark Urbin, had worked in the office for 36 consecutive hours as of Tuesday.

The Democratic primary was a blowout for Costello, who has held the seat for 10 years. Costello was declared the victor over Ken Wiezer within two hours after the polls closed.

Police Blotter

UNIVERSITY

• Joseph E. Candra, 25, of Carbondale was arrested at 1:18 a.m. Friday in the 800 block of South Ill. Ave for auto equipment violation and driving under the influence of alcohol. Candra was taken to Jackson County Jail where he posted bond and was released.

• Jorge D. Derramadera, 19, of Carbondale was arrested at 4 a.m. Sunday at South Illinois Avenue and Pleasant Hill Road on an outstanding Jackson County warrant for failure to appear in court on a previous charge of retail theft. Derramadera was taken to Jackson County Jail where he posted bond and was released.

Almanac

ON THIS DATE IN 1970:

• After three weeks of a city's refusal to pick up the trash of three SIU students due to the size of their garbage cans, the students decided to dig a large hole in their yard in which to bury the garbage. Once Carbondale code inspector Fred Lewis learned of their activities, a garbage truck was sent out immediately to remove the trash, charging the students \$5 for the effort.

• "Easy Rider" starring Peter Fonda and Dennis Hopper, and "Alice's Restaurant" starring Arlo Guthrie, were playing at Varsity Theater. All seats were \$1.

• James Brown played at SIU Arena. The most expensive ticket was \$5.50.

• Only 1.6 million of the 5,347,618 registered voters in Illinois were expected to vote in the primary election.

Corrections

If readers spot an error in a news article, they can contact the Daily Egyptian Accuracy Desk at 536-3311, extension 229 or 228.

Safuki Calendar

TODAY

• Black Student Ministries Daily Bread (Prayer, etc.) Wednesdays, 10 to 11 a.m., Student Center River Rooms. Contact Erik at 549-5532.

• Library Affairs "Instructional Applications of the Web (Asynchronous Learning)" Seminar, March 18, 10 to 11 a.m., Morris Library Room 325. Contact the Undergrad Desk at 453-2818.

• Library Affairs "Social Sciences Index/Fultext" Seminar, March 18, 10 to 11 a.m., Morris Library Room 325. Contact the Undergrad Desk at 453-2818.

• College Republicans meeting, Wednesdays, 5 p.m., Student Center Thebes Room. Contact Erik at 549-9771.

• Multicultural Office of Student Affairs and the Counseling Center Minority Programming Team is sponsoring a free workshop called "Appreciating Cultural Diversity," March 18, 5 to 6 p.m., Student Center. Contact Raki at 453-5371.

• GIBF general meeting, Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., Student Center Activity Rooms C and D. Call 453-5151 for information.

• Geography Club meeting, March 18, 6 p.m., Foner 2522. Contact Kris at 536-7637.

• Gamma Beta Phi Society meeting, March 18, 6 p.m., Student Center Illinois Room. Contact Robyn at 536-8407.

• Society for Advancement of Management general meeting, March 18, 6:30 p.m., Student Center Activity Room A. Contact Keri at 549-4370.

• Japanese Anime Kai will show the animated video "DNA 6-10" with English subtitles, March 18, 5:30 p.m., Foner 1125. Contact Josh at 549-4472.

• Criminal Justice Association guest speaker, March 18, 6 p.m., Browne Auditorium. Contact Erin at 549-0070.

• Pi Sigma Epsilon co-ed business fraternity general meeting, March 18, 6 p.m., Student Center Ohio Room. Contact Alison at 529-8085.

• SIU Triathlon Club meeting, new members welcome, 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m., Rec Center Alumni Lounge. Contact Karen at 457-1608.

• Outdoor Adventure Programs free rock climbing clinic, March 18, 7 p.m., Rec Center climbing wall. Contact Geoff at 453-1285.

• Little Egypt Grotto caving club meeting, everyone welcome, March 18, 7 p.m., Longbranch Coffee House. Contact Geoff at 453-1285.

• American Advertising Federation meeting, March 18, 6 p.m., Communications 1244. Contact Carrie at 549-6940.

• Golden Key National Honor Society members informational meeting, March 18, 6 p.m., Student Center Roman Room. Contact Loreta at 536-6821.

• PRSSA general meeting, March 18, 7 to 8 p.m., Lawson 121. Contact Torey at 457-4459.

• Blacks Interested in Business meeting, March 18, 7 to 8 p.m., Student Center Corntiny/Troy Rooms. Contact Geoff at 536-8264.

• Voices for Choice meeting, new members welcome, March 18, 7:30 p.m., Student Center Activity Room D. Contact Rachelsa at 351-1809.

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Southern Illinois Forecast

TODAY:
Showers/sun.
High: 65
Low: 52

THURSDAY:
Cloudy.
High: 58
Low: 45

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Taco Tuesday
 Knock \$3 off any Large or \$4 off any Jumbo regular price Taco Pizza on Tuesdays.

WACKY WEDNESDAY
 With the purchase of any LARGE or JUMBO pizza at regular price on Wednesdays get your 2nd Pizza of equal or lesser value FREE!!

THIRTY THURSDAY

Purchase any Large or Jumbo Pizza at regular price & get

- 4 FREE Soft Drinks for Dine-In
- or a 2-liter for Take-out or Delivery

Breaky Friday
 From 8 pm until close on Friday nights, get a FREE order of Breadsticks or Cheesesticks with the purchase of any Large or Jumbo Pizza at regular price

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 Sun - Thurs, 7 pm - 10 pm

ALL SIUC STUDENTS WELCOME ON A DROP-IN OR WEEKLY APPOINTMENT BASIS!





JUSTIN JONES/DAILY EGYPTIAN

FIVE INJURED IN ACCIDENT: Richard Neal, 25, Eric Price, 24, Azrul Abdul, 22, SIUC student Farah-Akmar Anor-Salim, 22 and a 7-year-old boy, all of Carbondale were treated and released from Memorial Hospital of Carbondale for injuries sustained during an accident Tuesday afternoon on South Lewis Lane, just north of East College Street.

Students take no chances with TB

CONTAGIOUS: SIUC Health Services offering second day of free testing for tuberculosis.

KAREN BLATTER
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Russ Meschek was one of 300 people flocking to Kesnar Hall Tuesday afternoon for a free tuberculosis test after an SIUC student recently was found to be carrying an active case of the disease.

Thanasis Topouzis, a member of the SIUC men's basketball team from Kontantoussa, Greece, has been quarantined in Memorial Hospital of Carbondale for little more than a week after health officials discovered his active form of TB. Doctors at Health Services said Topouzis had been contagious since the end of December.

Meschek lives in Abbott Hall, the same hall as Topouzis, and was among 700 people shocked by notification from SIUC Health Services of possible exposure to the contagious disease. Meschek received a letter strongly advising him to get tested, and all Abbott Hall residents were informed of

Topouzis condition during a mandatory meeting after the official notification.

Meschek, who did not know Topouzis, said most of his neighbors had varying reactions to the news.

"Everyone is freaking out," said Meschek, a junior in biological science from Winthrop Harbor. "Everyone either seems concerned

Everyone either seems concerned while others are just laughing it off.

RUSS MESCHEK
JUNIOR FROM WINTHROP HARBOR

while others are just laughing it off."

About 300 people or more are expected to be tested from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at Kesnar Hall during the second day of free TB testing for students and staff who have had 200 hours of shared air contact with Topouzis.

Tuberculosis is potentially fatal. If an

infected person coughs or sneezes, a person can catch the disease. Chronic coughing, fever, night sweats and weight loss are some of the symptoms of the disease, which is detected by skin tests.

Students and staff who received letters or phone calls are not required to get tested, but anyone who has been in contact with Topouzis is encouraged to visit Kesnar Hall.

Results from the tests will be ready 48 to 72 hours afterward. If any tests return positive, more tests will be taken to find out if the TB is active. SIUC Health Services will conduct additional tests March 24 and 25 for those who are unable to get tested this week.

The last reported active case of TB reported on campus was 16 years ago. About two to three cases are reported in Jackson County each year.

Because of his job at the SIU Arena requiring contact with Saluki basketball players, Eric Nelson, a senior in English from Rochelle, also received notification to get tested.

He is anxiously awaiting his test results. "There can be same serious implications from TB," he said. "I really hope that I don't have it."

Faculty Senate supports GPSC's quest for shared governance

'RIGHT DIRECTION': GPSC official says resolution sparked by athletic fee controversy.

J. MICHAEL RODRIGUEZ
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

The Graduate and Professional Student Council received support from the Faculty Senate in an attempt to improve shared governance among constituencies throughout the University.

GPSC created a resolution in October 1997 that supported the concept of shared governance. They met with the executive council of the Faculty Senate, and the Senate agreed Tuesday to support shared governance with GPSC.

The resolution stated that GPSC would have liked to have voiced their opinion on such issues as the implementation of Select 2000, the new University logo, and the decision not to allow the Student Programming Council to assist with Carbondale Main Street Pig Out.

Steve Jensen, president of the Faculty Senate, said a primary reason for the resolution was that student government was not being heard on many issues this year, including the athletic fee controversy.

"They felt the athletic fee was an issue where they weren't being heard," Jensen said.

"There have been numerous instances where student government wasn't being heard.

"If we as a University believe in shared governance then we made a move in the right direction."

The resolution GPSC brought to the Faculty Senate stated they wanted to be informed of potential administrative deci-

They felt the athletic fee was an issue where they weren't being heard.

STEVE JENSEN
FACULTY SENATE PRESIDENT

sions and policy changes before attempts at implementation. They also want to allow all constituencies ample time and opportunity to question, provide input and receive explanations and justifications for the proposed changes.

Ed Ford, vice president for GPSC, said

the athletic fee prompted his organization to propose this resolution to the Faculty Senate.

"I think it was the whole athletic fee issue," Ford said.

"We decided that instead of writing a resolution for each of the issues we had, a good approach was to put the whole issue together and present it."

Ford said all constituents were pleased with their meeting prior to Tuesday's Faculty Senate meeting.

"We did have [Undergraduate Student Government] present at the meeting," Ford said.

"But I'm not sure if they will do the same. I think we've had a pretty good reaction after the meeting by the two government bodies."

Jensen said he believes that USG will support shared governance.

"I think they will develop their own resolution," Jensen said.

Dave Vingren, president of USG, declined to comment on whether or not they will adopt a similar resolution.

Ford said he is weary of this being the first move toward true shared governance.

"Hopefully this is not just a piece of paper," Ford said. "Hopefully it is something that people will follow."

Southern Illinois

CARBONDALE

Police investigating Saturday robbery of tire store

Carbondale Police are investigating a burglary that occurred at 2:26 a.m. Saturday at Southern Illinois Tire, 314 E. Main St.

Police said unknown suspects entered the business by prying open a window. Once inside, the suspects ransacked the office.

Police do not know if anything is missing at this time.

Police suspect that this incident may be related to a burglary that occurred March 1 at Pizza Hut, 613 E. Main St.

Police are asking anyone with information regarding this crime to call Crime stoppers at 549-COPS or the Carbondale Police Department at 457-3200.

—Corinne Mannino

CARBONDALE

Group of SIUC engineering students wins top award

A chair, 10 sheets of newspaper, a roll of string and masking tape brought seven mining engineering students at SIUC a first place award in a competition that took place in Orlando last weekend.

Yoginder Chugh, a professor and chairman of the Department of Mining Engineering, led the team of seven students to their first top honors ranking in this third annual competition.

"They did an outstanding job of representing the department at this meeting," Chugh said.

The students competed with 12 teams in this three-day conference and all teams were given a chair, 10 sheets of newspaper, a roll of string and masking tape.

They were given the instructions to build an object using all of the props given to them that would hold a bottle of water 60 centimeters from the chair. The SIUC students built it most efficiently and were awarded first place for their efforts.

Students involved were: Brian Van Middendorp, a junior from Carbondale; Howard Thomas, a senior from Du Quoin; Andrew Ditch, a freshman from Johnson City; Arthur "Don" Buchanan, a graduate student from Kneels; Souma Sengupta, a graduate student from India; Biao Huang, a graduate student from Carbondale; and Dwayne Faulkner, a senior from Decatur.

—J. Michael Rodriguez

World

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Clinton meets with leaders from Northern Ireland

President Clinton met Monday with Gerry Adams and Martin McGuinness of Sinn Fein, the political wing of the Irish Republican Army.

Catholic and Protestant parties to Northern Ireland talks also have been meeting at the White House. All sides agree the talks have reached a critical phase.

All will attend a party at the White House tomorrow evening before heading back home to resume all-party settlement talks early next week.

VATICAN CITY

Vatican apologizes over 'failures' during Holocaust

The Vatican is expressing deep regret for what it called the errors and failures of Roman Catholics during the Holocaust. But the apology today did not identify any failures by church leaders, only unidentified "sons and daughters" of the church. Many Jewish leaders are dissatisfied with the Vatican statement.

—from Daily Egyptian news services



Our Word

International enrollment needs help

International enrollment at SIUC is in trouble. International enrollment has fallen drastically during the past few years, and the SIU Board of Trustees' decision to drop international tuition by one-third shows there is genuine concern. But that is not good enough.

The change will take effect in fall 1999, except for students transferring from the Nakajo, Japan campus, who will be able to receive the new rates as early as this fall. While the initial change will help some students, many others will be left waiting. Two years may look good on paper, but many international students need help now. Their countries and families are suffering a near economic collapse today, not in fall 1999.

At the board meeting Thursday, protesters asked for help and were patronized by members of the board instead of given real alternatives to the problems. In order to fix the international enrollment problem, it is necessary to address all international students, not just those coming from Nakajo.

Board Chairman A.D. VanMeter said the board considers international students one of the most important resources at this University. If international students are as valuable as it seems, then more should be done to help them.

The board argues that decreasing all international tuition will cost the University too much money. If it is not possible to lower all tuitions at once, there must be alternative methods to help international students with financial problems.

VanMeter also suggested that all concerned international students meet with SIUC Chancellor Don Beggs on an individual basis to discuss financial problems. Essentially, VanMeter

"passed the buck" to Beggs instead of offering real solutions to the problem.

During the meeting VanMeter said, "Chancellor, I believe your office is always open." Does Beggs or any other administrator deserve to be put on the spot like that and be expected to fix a problem that likely does not have an easy solution?

Even though Beggs has found time to listen to concerned students, such an idea is impossible to achieve. Beggs should not be burdened by the board chairman's quick fix. He does not possibly have the time to meet individually with every international student who has financial questions or worries. Beggs has many responsibilities to attend to while he acquaints new chancellor Jo Ann Argersinger to SIUC and prepares to leave this institution in July.

Anthony Huang, a graduate student from Taiwan, said most international students keep quiet about problems and simply leave. This too is a hindrance to improving the situation. Yet international students felt so strongly about this issue they protest the board meeting. Such action should send a signal to the board that something needs to be done.

The Daily Egyptian believes VanMeter and the board should take the international enrollment more seriously than pushing the problem aside. Maybe actions such as this exemplify why SIUC's international enrollment has dropped out of its once nationally recognized status.

"Our Word" represents the consensus of the Daily Egyptian Editorial Board.

Beanie Babies – an American epidemic

Perhaps if we had caught it earlier. Before the sporadic and unforeseen outbreaks. Prior to the slight glitches that cause mass inflation. Before the damn things had a time to become popular enough to merit generic plush toy copy cats. I am speaking, of course, of the ever increasing Beanie Baby saga.



Josh Robison

Now, you're probably thinking, "Why is this half wit writing about Beanie Babies, an obvious childhood phenomena that should only concern stressed-out parents when he should be using his valuable column space to discuss viable collegiate topics such as his roommate's post-spring break withdrawal symptoms." Well, I'll tell you why. We're the only ones that are cynical enough to stop this madness.

The thing about American cultural fads is that they always start with our youth, and the younger the youth, the quicker the spread of the fad. Take the "Tickle Me Elmo Epidemic of '96." This cultural monstrosity obviously originated within the bowels of our nation's toddlerdom, yet it grew to such outrageous proportions that grown ups were utilizing very adulterated methods in order to either cash in on the craze, or to simply purchase the doll itself. Dolls were being bought and sold for close to a thousand dollars, discount store workers were hiding the things in the back so they could purchase the doll later on. Folks, people were hurt. And it's happening again.

Personally I didn't realize how bad it had become until this weekend, when I was visiting on old high school chum. A heterosexual male with a long history of living a Playboytopy existence, this gooc friend of mine had purchased not only dozens of tiny plush bean filled dolls, some of them worth a hundred dollars a head, but had also bought or himself designed a handsome display case for these toys.

I was taken aback. Instead of trying to offer me a genuine, face-saving excuse for this remarkable oddity, he pointed to a unicorn with divergent colored eyes.

"The Pegasus is worth \$500 because one eye is made of crystalized sticky tack. I nabbed it from the dashboard of an elderly lady's Lincoln. She started hollering something about her blind grandson, but in this scenario, I think I'm in the right. With the way this market is going, I can sell that flying horse in 15 months and move to the Keys. What was she going to do with it anyway? It's not like the kid was going to appreciate the aesthetic quality of the damn thing anyway, right?"

"Exactly," I replied, taking a few steps back while shielding my eyes from the incoming Providence-induced lightning bolt.

So, Beanie Babies, innocent childhood collectible, or plushy hellspawn? The way I see it, it's really just another example of American affluence run amok. People in Baghdad don't have this problem.

American: So, have you found Timmy Tiger No. 3 with the off centered birthmark on his tail?

Iraqi: No, I'm still looking for Penicillin No. 1 with the carry-along syringe. (My editors said I needed to start being more political and relevant, among other things.)

Just say no to this latest youth-induced fad. Especially if you plan on having children some day while simultaneously being able to afford a car payment.

Cancel My Subscription
 Josh is a senior in history/education. Cancel My Subscription appears every Wednesday. Josh's opinion does not necessarily reflect that of the Daily Egyptian.

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Technology important to SIUC's future

Dear Editor,

We were very glad to see that our presentation regarding technology improvements at the Feb. 25 USG meeting was included in Daily Egyptian Feb. 27. However, we feel the article did not accurately reflect what took place during the presentation. The information included in the article was misleading and needs to be clarified for the student body.

Technology is an extremely important issue on this campus and students must be able to have input on all aspects of its development. Our intent was to inform students and get feedback, not to suggest and persuade on any fee issue, as the article suggested.

First of all, we did not propose that a referendum be added to the USG ballot for the April 15 elections concerning the implementation of a technology fee. In fact, the purpose of our presentation was to discuss the priorities and goals for technology

on campus and the ways in which we might be able to attain those priorities and goals. A question was raised regarding how technology improvements might be funded. We laid out the various options that the Computer Advisory Committee has researched. A technology fee is an option that the other colleges in Illinois have used to fund technology improvements. However, it is only one of several options that we presented and should have been presented as such in the DE article.

Due to the magnitude of this issue, even though a technology fee has only been discussed by the Computer Advisory Committee, we felt that this issue should be taken to the student leaders immediately. This will ensure that a technology fee-related issue will not come as a surprise to students should it be necessary to discuss it further in the future. We also strongly believe that the students must know the instrumental provisions that were put in place by other universities to protect the student's interests, such as an advisory board composed of students to oversee the allocation of this money to student computing facilities only.

Secondly, it is the job of the administration, and not the Computer Advisory Committee, to determine where to get funds to support technology projects. As in any case, it is our firm position that money will be extracted from the University budget and other external dollars before any fee is ever put into place.

The focus on computing at this point should be on where and how we are going to improve our technology on campus in order to increase the value of our degrees and remain competitive with other universities. As students members of this committee, we feel that we are responsible for bringing all the information we receive to the student body and will continue to do so.

This issue is significant to the future of SIUC and has to be given the full attention it deserves. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to clarify this project.

Jackie Smith,
 USG chief of staff, Computer Advisory Committee member
 Brian Kaminsky,
 Computer Advisory Committee member

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Dear Editor,

Many SIUC faculty and staff, because of prior employment, will be eligible for Social Security pension benefits in addition to a University pension. However, the Social Security Administration commonly reduces benefits because of your university pension, using a complicated formula. The Social Security Administration will not calculate benefits for you until you apply for your pension. The SIUC Office of Human Resources is reluctant to do so as well.

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James H. Swisher,
 emeritus professor

Financial aid misuses could get students investigated

ABUSE: Aid supplies students' necessities, not personal indulgences.

TAMEKA L. HICKS
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Vacationing at a Colorado resort for a few days of relaxation or casually shopping for clothing at the expense of SIUC could place some students under investigation, Financial Aid Office officials say.

Monica Brahler, Financial Aid Office coordinator of public relations, said the FAO has witnessed a whopping increase of money borrowed by students over the last year. During the 1996 fiscal year, 11,135 students borrowed \$52,558,525. During the 1997 fiscal year, \$55,412,777 was loaned to 11,398 students.

Brahler said the increase of money borrowed in recent years could lead to investigation into any suspicions of misused money. She is quite sure that student loans are misused, but before any investigation takes place, evidence is needed.

Brahler realizes there is no definite way to halt the misuse of financial aid, but said the FAO will con-

tinue to offer alternatives such as scholarships and federal work-study programs.

"This could be a trend of this potential use of money inappropriately," she said. "If anyone calls us with concerns about this we certainly will investigate those concerns."

A student, who fears being punished for misusing student loans and wishes to remain anonymous, borrows about \$3,900 from SIUC each year to accommodate his traveling expenses during spring break among other commodities. He said he uses financial aid to support his all-around living expenses.

Besides the \$350 he spent visiting Colorado, he uses the remaining \$3,500 on updated photography equipment including studio lights, cameras and paper. He said it will benefit his photography career in the future.

"The more money I get, the more I can spend on my own equipment," the student said. "I don't like using the school's equipment because a lot of it's broken down and old. I'd say I probably use 90 percent of my loans for my equipment and 10 percent for traveling and stuff."

Such activity prompts SIUC's Financial Aid Office to look further into how students actually use the

financial aid given to them. Each year FAO perpetually enforces the loan amount limits to prevent abuse by students.

Annual subsidized and unsubsidized loan limits for freshmen are \$2,625, \$3,500 for sophomores, \$5,500 for juniors and seniors and \$8,500 for graduates.

Errol Samuel, a senior in administration of justice from Chicago, said he has always appreciated his financial aid package each year, which consisted of grants and loans. However, because of a tuition increase, he needed to borrow additional money to continue living comfortably.

Despite the concerns of FAO, he uses loans for shopping and to pay his credit card bills. He said the basis for the financial aid that students receive is unfair, and should take every aspect of living expenses into consideration.

"I usually don't have to come out of my pocket for anything," Samuel said. "This year I had to change my federal work study into a loan because tuition went up. And I got my financial aid cut a bit. They shouldn't do that. They base it on my parents' income, but I don't get money from them. They should base it on my income."

Brahler said students should not casually spend financial aid on such things as shopping or traveling. The financial aid packaging is designed to supply students with necessities, not to accommodate some of their indulgent lifestyles.

"Our system is set up where students get what they are eligible for," Brahler said. "I think the budget is very moderate. It doesn't take into consideration the use of car phones or eating T-bone steak every night. So kids who want to live beyond their needs will not have enough money. It's set up for basic needs."

Brahler said it would be poor judgment for students to borrow money year after year because eventually, they may actually need the loans for emergencies.

"Basically, financial aid is designed to help kids with living expenses, tuition and fees," Brahler said. "If the student hasn't met the maximum amount on a loan, and they use it on something else, then when it comes time to use it, it's not going to be there because you've maxed it out."

Students should not take for granted the easy access to borrow money, Brahler said students do not realize that loans are to be paid back eventually, and students will suffer

major consequences if they do not repay them.

"When students take out money they need to use it for what it is there for and are responsible for paying it back," Brahler said. "If they don't pay it back there are serious consequences. It goes against your credit rating."

The student who asked not to be identified said he will continue to borrow money from the University as long as it is easier than asking his parents for it. He said he has no problem with repaying the loans once he graduates.

"I couldn't tell (my parents) to buy me this \$1,300 camera or these \$1,100 lights," the student said. "So I'm using financial aid to aid me and I intend to pay every bit of it back."

Samuel said that he understands that loans are to be repaid. As long as he repays them, he will continue to use the money to fit his needs.

"I know I have to pay it back, so it's really not a benefit," Samuel said. "But right now I don't have to worry about paying any bills."

"I don't see anything wrong with that. After my books and everything are paid for, whatever's left over I should be able to use it the way I want to use it."

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Rolling Salukis settle for second-best in playoffs

HOPE: Team optimistic for next season even in light of graduating valuable players.

MIKAL J. HARRIS
DE CAMPUS LIFE EDITOR

SIUC's Rolling Salukis had to settle for second-best in the National Wheelchair Basketball Association Regional Playoffs. But traveling to Nashville, Tenn. to watch the Final Four matchups this weekend may produce the most difficult moment yet for veteran team member and co-captain Earl Jordan.

Jordan, a senior in psychology from Chicago, plans to help coach the Salukis until his December graduation. The team's March 8 loss to the Chicago Bulls in the NWBA Division II Midwest Regional Championship was his last as a team member.

"It still hasn't hit me yet," he said. "I'll probably feel it when we go down to Nashville."

Jordan, who won the Regional Tournament Sportsmanship Award, is one of four valuable people who will be missing from the Rolling Salukis' roster next season. Co-captain Dave Williams, Most Valuable Player of last year's team, also is graduating. Powerhouse new recruit James Gouch, a freshman in special education from Detroit, has opted not to return next year in favor of concentrating on family plans. First-year coach Jason Lipe, a junior in recreation from Carbondale, plans on pursuing an internship opportunity next season.

The numerous changes could lead Saluki sports fans to believe SIUC's best chance of winning a national championship soon is

gone. "This is probably the most disappointed I've been after a loss," Jordan said. "I expected a lot more from this team."

Still, returning players Brent Bicke, Keith Payne and Ki Yun will be a factor for the team next year, and an optimistic Lipe says recruiting could be another possible factor in keeping the team competitive.

"We need at least two big men and we've hit the recruiting trail pretty hard," he said. "We'll have some very big losses. We also have three new recruits who already are enrolled."

If only those efforts will get the team past the National Basketball Association-sponsored Bulls next year.

The Chicago Bulls handed the Rolling Salukis a devastating 64-42 loss one day after the Salukis defeated the Heart of Illinois (Peoria) Hiwaymen 60-55.

"We just got outplayed," Lipe said. "The Bulls are a better ballclub. They have more experience and they were ranked No. 1 for a reason."

Jordan, Williams and Gouch contributed 13, 12 and 11 points respectively against the Bulls, but it was a subpar performance for Gouch, who contributed 30 points against the Hiwaymen.

Although Jordan says an easier game against the Hiwaymen would have produced a better showing against the Bulls, the difference in Gouch's play could be traced to the problem Gouch suffered early in the first half. A broken axle on his wheelchair prevented him from maneuvering well on the court. Despite his hampered play against the Bulls, Gouch earned the Regional Tournament MVP.

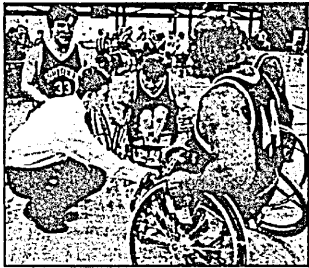
"I didn't think I was going to get it," Gouch said. "The coach must've thought I deserved it — I don't know. I just love the game."

Aided with the benefit of the additional torso height Gouch supplied, the Salukis' second-place finish in the regional tournament was the highest the team ever attained in post-season action. Sectional tournament woes consistently kept the team from advancing to the regionals, and this year's sectional championship was a milestone. Gouch turned in a spectacular 40-point performance in that championship game against the



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COMPETITION: (Above) Rolling Saluki James Gouch struggles to take a shot during the Salukis' win against the Peoria Hiwaymen during the NWBA Midwest Regional Championship Feb. 7 at the Recreation Center. (Left) Rolling Salukis Coach Jason Lipe, a junior in recreation from Carbondale, rallies his players during the National Wheelchair Basketball Association Regional Playoffs Feb. 8 at the Recreation Center.



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Magazine defends continuously low rating of SIU School of Law

RATING: U.S. News & World Report to submit advertisement defending its ranking system.

JAYETTE BOLINSKI
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

A national magazine that has consistently ranked SIU's School of Law as a third-tier school will run an open letter this week in an effort to refute public criticism of its rankings.

Written by Fred Drasner, chief executive officer of U.S. News & World Report, the letter was featured in a full-page advertisement in the New York Times business section Monday and will be printed in more than 200 college newspapers this week.

In the letter, Drasner tells prospective students that they should consider other information in conjunction with rankings when selecting a law school.

The magazine ranks the top 25 law schools and groups the remaining schools in second, third and fourth tiers. It also ranks graduate programs in other fields of study.

Drasner also encourages students to purchase a copy of "U.S. News & World Report Best Graduate Schools", the book "that 164 law school deans would prefer you not to see" at a discounted price.

The advertising campaign comes after the American Association of American Law Schools challenged the validity of U.S. News' rankings.

Thomas Guernsey, dean of SIU's School of Law, said he believes the statistical model U.S. News uses is invalid.

"I also find it humorous that they would tie that letter to essentially an advertising campaign because what the deans know is really at the heart of this: the rankings sell magazines," he said.

Bruce Zanca, director of communication for U.S. News, said that the magazine is filling a market need by providing information to prospective students.

"Certainly we are in business to sell our publication. Let I should point out that we produce this publication each year to provide contextual information to prospective graduate students."

Carl Monk, executive director of the AALS, said he is pleased with the latest move by U.S. News.

"I was very pleased to see that the letter that 164 deans signed has had such a strong impact that they've had to take out an ad to help them sell their magazine," he said.

"That demonstrates that the letters had the kind of impact that we wanted, and we were very glad to see that."

Zanca said he believes the deans are critical of the rankings because law school admissions are at a 10-

year low.

"So the law school deans are faced with increased competition for a shrinking pool of students, and, consequently, there's much more scrutiny by the students to what school they might go to," he said.

"That's absolutely absurd," Monk said, adding that in 1991 the AALS and other organizations issued a joint statement to U.S. News noting that the rankings serve the issues of publishers more than consumers.

"The people at U.S. News are well aware that we took that position when applications to law schools were increasing."

Officials from U.S. News and the AALS have met to discuss the rankings, but each organization feels the other is being "inflexible."

"U.S. News does not rank any discipline other than law from top to bottom, so we did ask them to treat law just like they treat the other disciplines and limit the rankings to the top so many. They refused to do so," Monk said.

Zanca responded: "What the law school deans think is interesting to us, but in the end it's inconsequential. Our motivation is to provide information for the students."

Zanca said that U.S. News has been considering alternative methods for ranking the schools in an effort to serve its customers better.

"There may be changes in the future on how we do this," he said.

ROLLING

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Tulsa Queen City Rollers shortly after being notified of a death in the family.

This year's achievements were little consolation for a team that had its sights set on playing in the NWBA Final Four tournament this weekend in Nashville instead of watching from the sidelines.

Like Jordan, other team members will make the trip as specta-

tors, but it will be hard for them to watch the Chicago Bulls square off against the Virginia Beach Sunwheels of the East.

The winner of that game will advance to the Division II championship match, and will play the victor of the contest between the Charlotte Hornets of the South and the St. Lukis Cyclones of the West.

With a competitive 15-8 record and a No. 12 ranking among the nation's Division II teams, Lipe knows his team was capable of a better game against the 29-2 top-ranked Bulls.

The Rolling Salukis team is rebuilding for next season and looking forward to more accomplishments, but the loss against the Bulls during the regional championship does little to dampen Lipe's spirits as the team prepares its Nashville journey.

"I think we were more disappointed with our play [against the Bulls] more than we were with not advancing," he said.

"I think with everything we've been through this year we've done really well. I'm proud of my team."



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WASHINGTON POST

ROCKVILLE, Md. — In need of a lethal dose of anthrax? A toxic fix of botulism? Some pesky tetanus, typhoid or cancer cells?

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Mail-order bacteria, fungi and viruses are the specialty of the American Type Culture Collection, a vast microbial library run out of an office build-

ing in this Washington suburb.

Scientists rely on the organization, a nonprofit repository of biological materials founded in 1925, for carefully cultured, freeze-dried microbes. Its catalog of tens of thousands of specimens has been called the Sears, Roebuck & Co. for researchers the world over.

"It provides an invaluable resource," said UCLA microbiologist Sherie L. Morrison, who is on the institution's board of scientific

directors. "They provide the gold standard of molecules."

Not everyone who calls aims to expand the frontiers of science.

The Iraqi government received 70 shipments of anthrax and other disease-causing pathogens from the organization in the mid-1980s and used them to help build the biological weapons program that is at the center of the country's dispute with U.N. weapons inspectors, according to govern-

ment sources and records.

Such shipments were not only legal but received the approval of the U.S. Commerce Department. In the years since, the United States has joined other nations in attempting to curb the proliferation of potentially dangerous biological and chemical materials.

Another customer was Larry W. Harris, the rogue microbiologist detained recently in Las Vegas. When he was arrested,

Harris was on probation for using bogus credentials to purchase \$300 worth of bubonic plague bacteria from the repository in 1995. The latest substance found in his possession was not potentially deadly anthrax bacteria, as authorities first suspected, but a harmless anthrax vaccine.

Despite those past questionable associations, the organization is a well-respected pillar of the scientific establishment.



Fred Drasner
Chief Executive Officer

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Russian chorus, dance ensemble marches into Shryock

ARTS: Red Star, Red Army capture essence of Russian performing arts.

JASON ADRIAN
DE ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Cultural enthusiasts eager for a nibble of Russian entertainment will find watching the Red Star, Red Army Chorus and Dance Ensemble out of Russia to be more than a mouthful of the country's performing arts, according to the production's producer Tony Demato.

"With the exception of Spanish Gypsies doing Flamenco [dancing], I don't think the performers of any nation capture the quintessential elements of their native culture as these Russians do," Demato said. "They simply understand the culture that they move in, and it has nothing to do with age so much as it does with discipline."

The dedication to performing allows the Red Star, Red Army to dance and sing its way at 8 p.m. Thursday to the stage of Shryock Auditorium.

The troupe has taken on a few changes since its inception in 1977 as an entertainment attachment to

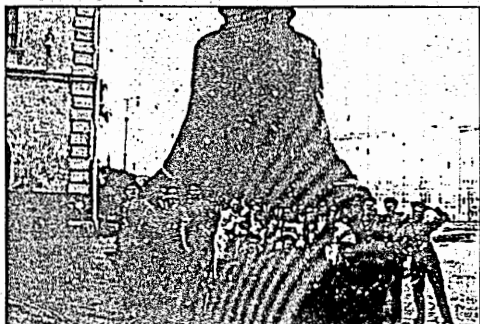


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Moscow's anti-missile defense force. Though the majority of the current troupe of 50 members that make up the chorus are enlisted in the Russian Army, the government selects the dancers depending on their ability to perform — not because they are involved in the military.

"Basically, the [Russian] government says to [the dancers], 'Hey, you know you're a gifted person. You're a performer. Why don't you join one of our entertain-

ment groups for two years?'" Demato said.

"That's the element of Red Star that has kept changing over the years. We almost always see new faces in the ballet group, but the chorus is pretty much the same."

Audiences outside of Russia began to see the Red Star in 1992 when they toured Europe performing mainly Russian folk songs and dances. The popularity spread like fire over a dry sage weed field, and the Red Star began touring large

cities and venues in the United States that year with a troupe of 152 members.

The economical side of touring has caused the numbers to diminish somewhat over the Red Star's four tours because the troupe is hitting smaller towns and venues.

But the dancers — who range in age between 18 and 26 — and the chorus — who are all in their 30s because, as Demato puts it, "They don't have to jump as high" — will have no trouble aweing the audience despite a smaller size troupe.

After performances of the Russian and U.S. national anthems, the Red Star's next song is what Demato said seizes the spirit of Russian culture. "Meadowland" is a vocally unique, Russian "patrol" song that might fool the audience into thinking that a glitch just shut down the microphones.

Demato compared this method of singing to standing on a street and watching a large band march by with the loudest sounds coming when the band is directly in front of the listener, and as the band marches on the sounds fade.

"It's a Russian sound that is made to go great distances by barely whispering. It expands as

the song goes on and reaches a peak, in the climax that is extremely strong, and then it recedes again with a fade away sound," Demato said. "No one in the world seems to have this vocal range. The Russians are masters at it."

Though tensions have cooled between the United States and Russia since the Cold War thawed out, Demato said the first time the Red Star toured the country the U.S. Embassy almost did not allow the troupe to perform, but now the Red Star has no problems coming to America.

"The American Embassy approached us wearily the first year because things were still touchy between East and West," he said. "Cultural attraction rules became a little more relaxed, and now [the Red Star] have become fixtures at the American Embassy."

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• Democrat	Glenn W. Poshard Roland W. Burris John R. Schmidt Jim Burns Larry Burgess Maurice Horton	292,411 (36%) 250,943 (31%) 205,739 (26%) 47,762 (6%) 4,998 (0.1%) 4,122 (0.1%) (9,867 precincts)
• Republican	George H. Ryan Chad Koppie	438,689 (86%) 72,592 (14%) (8,690 precincts)
Lieutenant Governor		
• Democrat	Pat Quinn Mary Lou Keorns	356,036 (50%) 352,192 (50%) (92% of precincts)
• Republican	Corinne G. Wood	Ran unopposed
Secretary of State		
• Democrat	Jessa White Tim McCarthy	286,701 (54%) 249,090 (46%) (7,858 precincts)
• Republican	Al Solvi Robert W. Churchill	247,949 (53%) 218,872 (47%) (8,000 precincts)
Comptroller		
• Democrat	Daniel W. Haynes	Ran unopposed
• Republican	Chris Lauzen Harry Seigle	123,528 (52%) 112,044 (48%) (92% precincts)
Treasurer		
• Democrat	Daniel J. McLaughlin Jerry Genova	186,332 (59%) 130,165 (41%) (49% precincts)
• Republican	Judy Barr Topinka	Ran unopposed
12th Congressional District		District Totals
• Democrat	Jerry F. Castello Kenneth Charles Wierze	31,255 (87%) 4,566 (13%) (412 of 553 precincts)
• Republican	William Melvin Price Gail Kohlmeier	10,799 (64%) 7,095 (36%) (72% precincts)
Jackson County Sheriff		County Totals
• Democrat	William Jon Kilquist	Ran unopposed
• Republican	Chris Guetersloh Todd R. Pierson	1434 (63%) 855 (37%) (53 of 64 precincts)



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GRACIOUS LOSER: Democratic gubernatorial candidate John Schmidt addresses questions from reporters at the Midland Hotel in downtown Chicago.

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Republican gubernatorial candidate and Secretary of State George Ryan as that contest's winner with 86 percent of the Republican vote just after 8 p.m.

John Kass, a columnist for the Chicago Tribune and political analyst said the volatile nature of the Democratic race would leave a winner impossible to predict until the final vote had been counted.

He cited Illinois Speaker of the House Michael Madigan's endorsement of Poshard and an assumed, but unofficial, endorsement of Schmidt by Chicago Mayor Richard Daley as playing a significant role in the tumultuous contest.

"It's been a fascinating turn of events," Kass said. "I don't know if it will turn Poshard around, but it is an interesting thing."

The Cook County Board of Elections projected the turnout in Cook County to be 33 percent, while 32 percent of downstate voters ventured to the polls. The turnout in Cook County has been cited as a 40-year low in primary elections. DuPage County, just west of Chicago, also suffered from the continual downpours that engulfed Illinois Tuesday. The county's election board recorded the percentage of registered voters casting ballots in the high 20s.

Burns has been slipping in polls weeks before the election and has dropped significantly in recent tallies. The erosion of Burns support seemed to have favored Schmidt who shared some of the support of north shore Chicago with Burns. A Copley News Service poll two weeks ago found Burns at only 6 percent, down from the 11 percent he enjoyed in an early Chicago Tribune poll.

Pundits to this point have dismissed Burns chances, saying the McLeansboro

native has drowned in the same race that has befallen many potential voters. With Burns out of the picture, the race became a dog fight between Poshard, Schmidt and Burris.

Poshard was the only candidate in Southern Illinois on election day. Burns, Burris and Schmidt remained in Chicago where each hoped to reap enough of the votes to catapult in front of Poshard, who relied on a strong downstate showing.

Schmidt graced the ballroom of the Midland Hotel in downtown Chicago Tuesday night, gleaming with optimism while unsure as to how the night would transpire. Upon Schmidt's entrance 200 supporters milling around the ballroom burst into applause.

The candidate immediately was swallowed by his supporters, and virtually disappeared. Schmidt faithfuls became silent, craning necks and standing on tiptoes to get a peek at their man.

He suddenly appeared again, circled by a swarm of reporters and cameras, while the crowd clapped to the background music. Jim Croce's "Leroy Brown."

Schmidt said he wished more people had voted in the primary.

"It's the voters who go to out the polls to make the decisions," he said in his concession speech. "They made the decision here, and I respect it."

Schmidt then hugged his wife as the band somberly played "John Jacob Jingleheimer Schmidt" one last time.

Meanwhile in his acceptance speech in Marion, Poshard said he is ready to battle Ryan for the coveted position of Illinois governor.

"We have one goal, and that goal is to bring unity to this party and bring victory to us," he said. "And we are going to achieve that goal in November."

Daily Egyptian reporters J. Michael Rodriguez and Karen Blatter contributed to this story.

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Economic boom draws Irish back to Homeland

WASHINGTON POST

DUBLIN, Ireland — Sons and daughters of Ireland, come home. The call is going out as the long-blighted island they left is reborn as the booming "Celtic Tiger," and they are heading it, reversing one of the largest and longest migrations in history.

Aine O'Dwyer quit a job at the World Bank in Washington to help sell computers here. Maurice McKiernan left carpentry work in London to get in on a Dublin construction boom. Fergus and Mary Debrau came back from 11 years in New York and New Mexico to

open a pottery business. "I see a lot of opportunity now," said Jimmy Harrington, 31, as he prepared to leave New York to work in Dublin for the U.S. financial services company Bankers Trust. "There was no opportunity when I was 21."

The numbers are comparatively small — in the year ending in mid-April last year, Ireland took in about 15,000 more people than it sent abroad, some of them foreigners. But the impact on the national spirit is almost immeasurable.

A departure abroad used to be like a death in the family. The person was gone forever and over the

decades the pain of separation helped to define Irish life. It hit just about every family — the island's population of 5.2 million today is down from a peak of about 8 million in 1845, largely as a result of emigration.

But now there is a very good chance that a recently departed family member will return. "It's an historical change," said Mary P. Corcoran, a sociologist at the National University of Ireland who has studied reversal of the flow. "We've always seen ourselves as an emigrant country... The story of the '90s is people coming home." Resettling the newcomers has

become something of a cottage industry. Bookstores offer titles that advise on how to find a job, where to go for the singles scene, what's available in theater. Realtors work with those who return to find apartments and houses. Government agencies coach them on such things as how to transfer their health insurance from their former country of residence.

They return to a country that is Europe's great success story of economic expansion and keeps chugging along despite the collapse of "miracle" economies in Asia. Through a combination of deregulation, dogged promotion

and hard work, Ireland has become the site of choice for scores of global companies doing business in Europe.

Aided by integration with the European Union, its economy grew at an estimated 8 percent last year, the fastest in Europe and among the fastest in the world.

It added 150,000 jobs in the three years that ended in April and has developed chronic shortages of skilled and professional workers. Construction firms, whose cranes stud the Dublin skyline, sometimes advertise for skilled workers and get no qualified applicants.

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her pro-choice, pro-gun control views.

The turnout of the election was remarkably low because of the heavy downpour that swept across the state. Pundits believe the low vote totals might have helped Fitzgerald because the die-hard

conservatives backing him were more apt to vote in the primary. This scenario has mainstream Republicans staying home because of the rain and lack of interest.

Outspent almost 3-to-1, Didrickson has maintained throughout the race that Fitzgerald was devoid of concrete ideas and was determined to purchase a senate seat. Fitzgerald's press spokesman Tim Bryers contends the race was won on issues alone

and that any attempt to depict Fitzgerald as buying an election would be bogus.

"We were confident Peter would be victorious tonight," Bryers said. "The voters are concerned with the issues."

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Fitzgerald's message from beginning to end was centered around tax reform. Though both candidates touted a flat tax to replace the current federal income tax, Fitzgerald was more successful in persuading voters that he alone was the visionary tax reformer. Considerable time was spent trying to paint Didrickson as liberal not only on social issues but fiscal issues as well.

"Our message and our strategy

was the one Republican voters in Illinois agree with," Fitzgerald said. "I'm not going to be defending or apologizing for wanting to lower taxes on the citizens of Illinois. I'm going to go on the offensive."

Didrickson conceded the race saying, "It just wasn't meant to be... We just couldn't overtake the downstate vote."

Daily Egyptian reporter Sara Bean contributed to this story.

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A fading legacy

Chicago is slowly losing its revered bluesmen, one by one

STEPHEN BRAUN
LOS ANGELES TIMES

CHICAGO — The old men paused as they lifted past Junior Wells' coffin and glanced at the bluesman's final show of splendor: his creaseless sky-blue silk suit and matching homburg, a shiny trove of harmonicas laid out beside him, a pint of gin nestled nearby to ease his journey home.

The 63-year-old musician had been "Junior" all his adult life, and now that the youthful peacock was gone, the mourners knew their own time was coming.

Two of them murmured low as they returned to the last pew of the South Side funeral chapel where Wells lay in state. As the hall filled, Sebastian Jordan and Henry Taylor caught up on lost years.

"They had met in the late '50s, in ghetto bars where the rhythmic hybrid of Mississippi music and urban experience known as Chicago blues was born. The two had been out of touch. When they ran into each other in January at Wells' funeral, it was a time to mourn not only the passing of one of their stars but also the way of life they once knew.

"Junior was hardly a grown man last I saw him," said Taylor, 77. "Tells you how old we are," Jordan, 64, whispered back. "Too many gray heads around here, too many. One of these days, there won't be none of us left."



LEGEND: Effort has begun to turn Muddy Waters' home into a Chicago landmark.

When Arkansas-born Arie McDavid, 50, heard that Wells had died, she threw on a fur coat and hurried to the funeral parlor to see the bluesman one last time. As she made her way past his coffin, McDavid remembered a night 30 years ago when a friend dragged her to an inner-city club to see Wells play.

McDavid had been aching from an aborted love affair, but "the moment I heard that man play, I just snapped. I hadn't heard that sound since I was a child. It made me forget what I was crying about."

This is a twilight for the Southern-born migrants who spawned Chicago blues —

both the musicians who developed the distinctive sound and the black audience who nurtured the music long before it captivated white listeners and became aural wallpaper for beer commercials and film soundtracks.

Chicago blues is now woven deeply into the fabric of American popular culture. But as its last generation of migrants passes into old age, there is growing concern about what will become of their legacy. Black businessmen are trying to revive Chicago's inner-city blues club culture. Archivists are turning their attention to the postwar migration and the culture it spawned here — as a

social movement deserving of preservation. But there is uncertainty over who should be the caretakers and what should be saved, who should provide funding and who needs it most.

"There's a whole generation that we're losing, and the great tragedy is that there's no concerted, well-funded effort to tell their story," said James Grossman, director of the Scholl Center for Family and Community History at the Newberry Library in Chicago. "I worry we're already too late."

The dilemma is obscured by Chicago blues' robustness as a commercial enterprise. The music is a more lucrative business now than it was during its high-water mark in the 1940s and 1950s. Elderly bluesmen who were once lucky to reap \$10 a night at bars in poor Chicago neighborhoods now regularly tour the United States, Europe and Japan. Many still make records, and their classic old recordings have been continually repackaged, selling briskly to new generations of fans.

Young Chicago-born musicians ply a good living at well-appointed bars in the uptown entertainment districts, playing for tourists and suburban blues mavens. And more than 660,000 fans flocked to a four-day Blues Festival last year, spilling into North Side clubs and pumping \$54 million into the city's economy.

Chicago blues' reigning king is Buddy Guy — once a Young Turk, now a grand eminence at 62.

A lightning-fingered Louisiana-born guitarist and singer who once was Wells' stage partner, Guy sells hundreds of thousands of records and owns a thriving downtown nightclub. Despite his success, he is unnerved by the graying of bluesmen he once saw as "kids like me."

"I don't know what we're gonna do," he said as he left Wells' rites. "We're losing our best."

Guy and Wells prospered as the last wave of Southern-born musicians came north, arrivals to a community that "offered survival skills" for every migrant, says Adam Green, a professor of African American history at Northwestern University.

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Fort Lauderdale welcomes gay tourists

WASHINGTON POST

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — For a quarter century after Connie Francis crooned "Where the Boys Are" in a 1960 movie set in this resort city, civic boosters capitalized on the fame to make Fort Lauderdale the nation's spring break capital. But this spring, the boys romping on the sandy beaches here and filling the bars and restaurants are more likely to be homosexual couples than college students.

The change from beer-swilling fraternity boys staging betty-flop and wet T-shirt contests to well-groomed, hand-holding men who favor art galleries and fancy restaurants did not happen accidentally.

Beginning in 1985, with up to 350,000 collegians turning a chamber of commerce dream into a nightmare, the city adopted a successful campaign to discourage spring breakers. And for the last several years, the Greater Fort Lauderdale Convention and Visitors Bureau has deliberately courted gay tourists. This spring, it placed full-page advertisements in two gay publications that say "Greater Ft. Lauderdale rolls out the rainbow carpet."

"We want to be known as a wel-

coming destination," explained Francine Mason, the bureau's vice president for communications.

"This town has grown up," said city commissioner Jack Latona, who cited a \$26 million oceanfront face lift, along with ordinance changes that allowed outdoor dining for the first time, as making the city "more sophisticated, which is attractive to high-income gays."

Latona helped persuade the bureau to invite travel writers from gay publications in the United States and Europe for a familiarization tour, and he has appeared in a promotional video that features gay bars and restaurants. While the bureau is taking these steps to woo homosexual tourists, Mason emphasized that the city also is making special pitches to African-Americans, scuba divers, boaters and pre- and post-cruise vacationers, along with families.

In any case, the appeal to niche markets is paying off. Since the city cracked down on the college crowd — by enforcing laws governing overcrowded rooms, underage drinking and rowdy and lewd behavior — the number of tourists has nearly doubled, to 6.4 million last year.

More important, according to Mason, the tourist season has been

extended from six weeks in the spring to year-round. A dozen years ago, hotel occupancy hit 85 to 90 percent in February and March, and then tumbled to 40 to 50 percent in the summer and fall. Last year, while spring occupancy remained at earlier levels, the rest of the year ranged from 55 to 70 percent. Overall, occupancy of the city's 28,000 hotel rooms averaged 71 percent last year, 10 percent higher than for 25,000 rooms in 1985.

While only 8 percent to 10 percent of current visitors are gay, they are big spenders, according to Richard Thompson, executive director of the 1,320-member International Gay and Lesbian Travel Association (IGLTA). A survey conducted for the visitors bureau here found that the estimated 500,000 gay tourists a year who visit Fort Lauderdale spend about \$1,000 each.

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season will help improve on the Salukis' third-place finish in the Missouri Valley Conference Indoor Championships Feb. 27-28 in Normal.

"Hopefully, more field events will bring in more points in the conference meet," Stearns said.

The outdoor conference meet is May 14-17 in Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Another top athlete for the Salukis was freshman Caryn Poliquin, who was only four inches away from matching Stearns' mark in the hammer throw with a second-place toss of 146 feet 9 inches. Poliquin also finished second in the discus (132 feet 06 inches) and third in the shot put (41 feet 07 inches).

Other top finishers for the Salukis were senior Raina Larsen with a first-place finish in the 3,000-meter run with a time of 10 minutes 24.79 seconds. Junior Felicia Hill placed first in the triple jump (38 feet 10 inches) and second in the high jump (5 feet 4 inches).

Sophomore Joy Cutrano finished second in the 1,500-meter run (4:52.84), while senior Mindy Bruck finished third in the 800-meter run (2:17.24).

The men's team also had a productive weekend, highlighted by the anticipated return of a group of its top athletes.

Junior Joseph Parks returned in a positive fashion with a first-place finish in the 3,000-meter steeple-

chase (9:21.47) and a personal-best time in the 800-meter run (1:55.76) for a sixth-place finish. Sophomore Andy Bosak also made the best of his return with a second-place finish in the 3,000-meter run (8:40.98).

Senior Orlando McKee helped the 400-meter relay team to a fourth-place finish (41.48 seconds), just shy of the NCAA qualifying time (40 seconds).

Also performing well for the Salukis was sophomore Brad Bowers with a first-place finish in the long jump (24 feet 0 inches) and a third-place finish in the triple jump (47 feet 1 inches). Junior Ryan Lovelace finished first in the pole vault (14 feet 6 inches).

Senior Devyn Resmer finished second in the javelin (190 feet 2 inches), sophomore Michael Sandusky placed second in the hammer throw with a personal best toss (163 feet 8 inches), and sophomore Loren King also placed second for the Salukis in the high jump (6 feet 8 inches).

Men's coach Bill Cornell said the team is optimistic about the upcoming season with a healthy team.

"From now on out, we hope to get better each week and try to peak at conference," Cornell said.

Cornell was pleased with the outcome of a week spent together as a team.

"It was good to be together for a week," Cornell said. "The weather wasn't all that great all week, but it was nice on Saturday. That was really good for us."

Sweetness in Seattle for Huskies

WASHINGTON POST

Pac the bags. The Huskies' tournament is down to its Sweet 16, and four of them are from the Pacific 10 Conference for the second year in a row.

That's one more team in the regional semifinals than the Atlantic Coast Conference has, one more than the Big East, two more than the Big Ten and three more than the Southeastern and the Atlantic 10.

Arizona, Stanford and UCLA had a reasonable chance to be here. And face it, ACC, the Pac-10 has produced two of the last three NCAA champions.

But Washington? The Huskies hadn't made the tournament since 1986 and barely slipped in this time.

They were 18-9 with a late-season victory over UCLA and became an 11th-seeded team. That means they weren't in the top 40.

Shipped east to Washington, D.C. — maybe they simply liked the name of the town — the Huskies upset Xavier and then beat Richmond, an upset winner over South Carolina in the first round. They'll join North Carolina, Connecticut and Michigan State at the East Regional semifinals Thursday in Greensboro, N.C.

"I was pretty confident we were going to get in, but from the com-

mittee's comments on TV, it sounds like it was closer than I thought," said 7-foot junior center Todd MacCulloch, who had 31 points and 18 rebounds against Richmond. "It turns out, if we hadn't done as well against Washington State in our last game, we might not have gotten in."

It's been a great ride to get where we are, and we're not about to get off.

TODD MACCULLOCH
UConn CENTER

"Who knows? We took advantage of that opportunity. It's been a great ride to get where we are, and we're not about to get off."

Connecticut is up next for Washington, and it's a tall order. Connecticut has the best freshman point guard still playing in Khalid El-Amin, and a terrific scorer in sophomore swingman Richard Hamilton.

And in what could be big trouble for Washington, the other Huskies have a 6-11 center, Jake Voskuhl, to match up with MacCulloch.

MacCulloch hasn't fared well against other big men, and Washington's first two opponents, by the way, haven't had one.

Sometimes, when the matchup doesn't work, Washington Coach Bob Bender puts MacCulloch on the bench early. But he has come up big in the NCAA tournament so far.

"Obviously, we're very excited to still be playing, yet the reality and the thing our concentration has to be directed at is getting ready for the huge challenge Connecticut presents for us," said Bender, who has Washington back in the NCAA tournament in his fifth season as coach.

"I think UConn brings a lot of the best qualities of the teams in the Pac-10," Bender said. "They have the quickness of Arizona and UCLA, the physical size and strength inside of Stanford, as well as the perimeter play."

By the way, Washington was 1-5 against those teams, beating only UCLA, though the Huskies lost to Stanford at home on a last-second shot.

"We had to play Arizona twice this year, and not having success, we have seen how good that kind of guard play can be," Bender said. "It's the same thing with UConn. One thing the Pac-10 has given us is a very realistic understanding of the quickness in this league."

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over the top of bigger, slower players and drive around them at will. But when the Salukis got to the Big Dance, things turned ugly. SIUC gave Duke, Minnesota and Syracuse a battle each year, but the size just wore them down.

Now, the Valley has big players that are just as quick as Tucker and Jenkins. And the Salukis would be

wise to follow the lead that Illinois State set this year.

Illinois State went to the NCAA Tournament last season but ran into a physical Iowa State team and lost in the first round. Instead of going home with their heads down, the Redbirds decided to hit the weight room. And the results were impressive.

Each player added needed strength, from Hill and Watkins to guards Jamar Smiley and Steve Hansell.

Each time they played SIUC the Redbirds were able to score in the paint. That trend continued against Tennessee before Arizona put to sleep any dreams of a Sweet 16 bid.

There's no reason why SIUC cannot compete for the top spot of the Valley next season. Illinois State loses several key seniors, while SIUC loses only Hawkins and Tucker. But all the summer practice in the world will be in vain if SIUC does not get stronger.

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after another year of training.

"Last year was a good experience for him," Ardrey said. "Hopefully, he'll be able to excel at the meet and bring home All-American honors."

"It is a very different meet. The top 32 divers in the nation will be there, so he will have his hands full. It's just a very competitive atmos-

phere."

Wright is confident of his chances of becoming SIU's first All-American diver since Rob Siraucano in 1992 and does not feel any pressure toward completing the goal he set when first arriving in Carbondale.

"I'm just going to go there and do my thing," Wright said. "There was more pressure at the zones — that was the tough meet. Now you're already there, so you have to do what you can and enjoy it."

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SIUC netters return home after finishing .500 on long road trip

HOME SWEET HOME: Women's tennis team back at SIUC, hope to play consistent ball.

RYAN KEITH
DE SPORTS EDITOR

SIUC returned from Florida exhausted but a little more confident about its chances to win this spring.

The Salukis wrapped their spring break trip to Chicago and Florida with a 3-3 record. The trip met coach Judy Auld's expectations and showed her squad just how important depth and extra effort are against solid competition.

"Overall, we went 3-3 and I said before we'd be happy to come back at .500 because I was going by knowing the teams and knowing the level of tennis we were going to have to play," Auld said.

The Salukis opened the trip by dropping two out of three matches in Chicago.

SIUC beat Northern Illinois University 6-3 March 6 before falling to the University of Illinois-Chicago 8-1 and DePaul University 6-1 March 7.

SIUC then headed to Florida and earned two wins in three matches. The Salukis shut out Winthrop University 9-0 March 10 and beat the University of Miami-Ohio 6-3 Thursday before falling to a strong Rollins College squad 7-2 Friday.

"I think in terms of the trip overall, it was good for our doubles to start clicking a little bit and playing consistently," Auld said.

"That's what we need from here on out — a steady showing and just being mentally tough in all the doubles."

In their wins, the Salukis relied on a solid effort from their doubles tandems.

The team of seniors Molly Card and Sanem Berksoy keyed the effort with wins in No. 1 doubles against NIU, Winthrop and Miami. Juniors Maria Villareal and Jennifer Robison earned three

like Winthrop that have solid players in the first three or four spots but are weak at the bottom.

"She won five out of six matches, and that's pretty good," Auld said. "I know that depth is what ultimately wins matches for you."

"We have not had a really solid six for quite a few years. Considering that she's only a freshman, I only see where her game is going to get better."

Auld's team also made good use of a different strategy during the trip.

Auld has been impressing on her players to eliminate unforced errors by being the aggressor in their matches.

The strategy helped the team pick up several close matches and also made an impression on the Salukis' opponents.

"That's something I've been telling them all semester," Auld said. "Just get the ball back one more time. Let the other person make the mistake. Let them hit the weak shot." By getting it back one more time, you challenge them to do a little bit more with the ball every time.

Although the trip was a success, Auld and her team are glad to be back in Carbondale.

The Salukis have taken two days off from practice to help recuperate before their trip to Memphis March 27-28.

"It was a very long trip between going to Chicago and Florida," Auld said.

"It was kind of an exhausting time. It's kind of nice to be back for a couple of weeks without having to go anywhere."

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JUDY AULD
SIUC WOMEN'S TENNIS COACH

wins in No. 3 doubles in Florida.

"What I really want to get is three doubles teams playing good consistently the rest of the season," Auld said. "I think that could really determine a lot of matches for us. I felt like they can play with a lot of teams in the conference, so it's just getting them to play to good, consistent doubles."

Another impressive effort on the trip was the play of freshman Kerri Crandall. Crandall captured five wins out of six matches in her No. 6 singles spot, falling only to Amy Will of Rollins College Friday.

Crandall has given Auld the luxury of having six solid players, an extra advantage against teams

Salukis look to end four game skid

REBOUND: Men's tennis team prepares to take on Evansville, end losing streak at home.

RYAN KEITH
DE SPORTS EDITOR

The SIUC men's tennis team returned to Carbondale Monday with a four-game winless streak.

The Salukis lost to Winthrop University 7-0, Jacksonville University 6-1, the University of North Florida 7-2 and Bethune-Cookman College 4-3 on their trip

to Florida for spring break. The losses dropped the Salukis' spring record to 3-6.

After dropping every match in the opener to Winthrop March 10, the Salukis picked up wins from sophomore Kenny Hutz in No. 2 singles and from Hutz and senior Mick Smyth in No. 1 doubles against Jacksonville Friday. Hutz improved to a team-best 6-3 on the year with the win.

Smyth beat North Florida's Alec Etheridge 6-2, 6-3 and Hutz beat UNF's Kai McGreevy 6-0, 6-3 for the Salukis' wins against North Florida March 11.

The Salukis saved their best effort for last, narrowly falling to Bethune-Cookman College Friday.

Sophomore Kyle Henry beat BCC's Mark Wellington, senior Jack Oxler handled BCC's Tomas Uhrick and senior Brian Etzkin knocked off BCC's Cedric Babu.

TENNIS

•SIUC plays host to the University of Evansville Friday to open the Missouri Valley Conference season.

Two Maryland players have come a long way

VOYAGE: Terrapin basketball players travel a long way, learn life lessons.

WASHINGTON POST

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Sarunas Jasikevicius used to call his toes fingers. Obinna Ekezie bungled a phrase two years ago, but responded to his teammates' derision with some incredibly untrashy talk.

"I remember his freshman year, the players were laughing because Obinna used some slang in the wrong way," Coach Gary Williams said. "He stood up in the locker room and said 'I want you to remember one thing, I speak the King's English.' Nobody said anything after that."

Ekezie and Jasikevicius have familiarized themselves with the vernacular, and become fluent in basketball, too.

Williams understands that the Maryland team he coaches probably wouldn't be facing Arizona Thursday in the West Region semifinals without its strong foreign influence.

"It's great to see guys like Obinna and Sarunas succeed," Williams said, "because it can't be as easy for them as it is for the guys from here."

Jasikevicius is a senior guard from Kaunas, Lithuania, where the economic system collapsed along with the Berlin Wall. Ekezie, the junior center from Port Harcourt, Nigeria, is the son of a petroleum engineer, and he has educated his coach and teammates as much as they have him.

The NBA has marketed basketball as a global game, and as the NCAA's academic standards have gradually risen, more coaches have dipped into the pool of overseas talent.

Maryland is a bit behind the curve when it comes to major-college teams finding talent overseas. North Carolina, Arkansas and UCLA had varying degrees of foreign help in winning national championships in the 1990s.

The way shoe money and summer tournaments have escalated in the states, 14-year-olds are going to be demanding limousine service from recruiters

soon. But college coaches find a captive audience in foreign talent. Foreign players, on the other hand, are receptive to any attention from college coaches.

"They're not spoiled," Williams said. "Nobody gave them anything. They weren't promised anything."

Ekezie and Jasikevicius are the two most accomplished imports ever to come to Maryland, but it's not like Cole Field House's proximity to Washington, D.C., has attracted much foreign talent. Williams recruited Nemanja Petrovic out of Yugoslavia in 1992, but he transferred to St. Joseph's after earning one letter.

"I don't think I recruited any foreign players when I was at Boston College or Ohio State," Williams said. "It's a little different with these two, because they were already over here."

Jasikevicius came to the United States in 1993, and found a second home in Lancaster (Pa.) County. He wasn't considered the recruiting prize in the Solanco High — Johnny Miller played at Temple before transferring to Clemson — but Jasikevicius has been a solid two-year starter for Maryland.

Jasikevicius is proud of the progress he's made as an all-around player, but Williams was initially won over by his shooting, and that stroke has only gotten better.


He's made 40.1 percent of his shots beyond the three-point arc this season; Duane Simpkins is the only other Terp over the last decade to attempt 100 three-pointers in a season and make 40 percent.

Jasikevicius made all four of his three last Saturday against Illinois, but also hit a big foul-line jumper off the dribble with 1:15 left.

"I've worked on that in the summer," Jasikevicius said. "The last two summers, I haven't spent much time in Lithuania."

Before Ekezie added to his game, he first had to subtract, specifically 25-30 pounds of baby fat. He learned the rudiments at Worcester (Mass.) Academy, the same prep school that sent Mike Mardesich to Maryland, and Ekezie soaks up basketball knowledge like a sponge.

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**Sports
Talk**

Ryan Keith
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**Dawg's early season
losses cost them
shot at tournament**

The Saluki men's basketball team has to be kicking itself after watching the first two rounds of the NCAA Tournament this weekend.

Three of the Salukis' regular-season opponents made the field of 64 — Miami, St. Louis and Illinois State — and all three failed to reach the Sweet 16. But all three made a name for themselves.

The 11th-seed Hurricanes pushed No. 6 UCLA in the Midwest Region to the edge before running out of gas Friday. No. 10 SLU put away a good Massachusetts squad in the first round of the Southeast Region Friday before falling big time to No. 2 Kentucky Sunday. The ninth-seed Redbirds pulled out an overtime win over No. 8 Tennessee in the West Region before No. 1 Arizona stomped them in the second round.

The most frustrating aspect of the tournament was not the fact that these teams played well but lost. The fact is the Salukis could have beaten each of these teams this season and put themselves in a position to take one of their spots.

SIUC gave each of the three teams a battle at SIU Arena this season. The Salukis led Miami in the second half only to fall 73-61 in the season-opener Nov. 14. SIUC should have beat SLU, but a heroic 35-point performance by super-frosh Larry Hughes carried the Billikens to an 85-76 win Nov. 29. Illinois State shook off a pesky Saluki squad in the second half of a 79-67 win Jan. 28.

All the elements were there this season. Shane Hawkins and Rashad Tucker gave the Salukis two standout senior leaders. Derrick Tilmon and Chris Thunell blossomed in stellar sophomore debuts. Junior Monte Jenkins showed he could hit the jumper almost as well as he could dunk.

But the Achilles' heel for this team was physical strength. Each of the three NCAA Tournament teams on their schedule had it — the Salukis did not.

Miami used its big bodies and its knack for the Big East style of physical play to dominate the inside game. St. Louis used a height advantage at center to set screens for Hughes. Illinois State's duo of senior LeRoy Watkins and junior Rico Hill just overpowered the Salukis' inside defenders.

Back in the early 1990s and in the midst of three NCAA Tournament appearances, SIUC could get away with not having big bodies in the Missouri Valley Conference. Marcus Timmons, Chris Carr and Tyrone Bell could get the rebounds

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Diver proves he has the Wright stuff

QUALIFIED: Saluki star earns chance to compete at NCAA Championships.

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SIUC senior diver Alex Wright left his hometown of Commerce City, Colo., four years ago to come to SIUC and become an All-American diver. Now he has that chance.

Wright qualified for the NCAA Diving Championships after his performance at the Zone D Diving Championships in Austin, Texas, Saturday.

Wright had three top-10 finishes at the competition, which moved him along with six other divers to the NCAA Championships in Auburn, Ala., March 26-28.

The top 32 divers in the nation will compete and the top 16 finishers become All-Americans.

Wright scored a second-place finish in the platform competition with a score of 437.55. He also placed fifth in the 1-meter competition (485.05) and ninth in the 3-meter competition (434.00).

Diving coach Dave Ardrey said Wright's performance at the Zone D Championships should have him fully prepared for the NCAA Championships.

"I thought he did a great job there," Ardrey said. "It was a very difficult meet — only seven guys come out of the zone — so it's a pretty nice achievement."

Wright qualified for the NCAA Championships last season, but could not overcome the elite competition.

Wright finished in 19th in the platform, 21st in the 1-meter and 32nd in the 3-meter last season, but he expects to improve those numbers this year.

"My goal last year was top 16," Wright said. "I feel that goal is more attainable this year."

"Last year was a chance to watch all the best divers, and this year is a chance to dive with the best."

Ardrey said Wright should be able to build on last season's competitive meet



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DIVING TO GLORY Alex Wright, a senior from Commerce City, Colo., has his eyes set on the NCAA Diving Championship later this month in Auburn, Ala. Wright soars through the air during practice at the Recreation Center Tuesday.

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Salukis hammer competition at Mississippi Relays

SHATTERED: SIUC athlete breaks hammer throw record; outdoor season starts strong.

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As the hammer towered over the field and finally descended for a record-breaking mark, SIUC women's track and field senior Amy Stearns had made her presence felt.

Stearns set a stadium and SIUC record with a first-place toss of 147 feet 1 inch in the hammer throw to open the outdoor season in an unscored meet at the University of Southern Mississippi Relays in Hattiesburg, Miss., Saturday.

Stearns was not content with just one first-place finish though. She also led the Salukis with a first-place finish in the shot put (41 feet 11.25 inches).

Stearns was pleased with her performance, but said it will take steady improvement to be at the

top of the conference rankings.

"It will take some good throws to get into the conference rankings in the throws," Stearns said. "The conference competition is always much tougher."

Women's coach Don DeNoon said Stearns will be challenged by the rigorous competition of the Missouri Valley Conference.

"The Valley probably has one of the best group of throwers in the country because they have so much depth," DeNoon said. "Amy is right up there with them, probably in the top six or seven."

Stearns believes more meet experience in the outdoor season will aid in her improvement.

"The transition from the indoor to the outdoor season is different," Stearns said. "The whole indoor experience is closed and confined, and in the outdoor meets you just have to adjust to the different conditions."

Stearns hopes the addition of more field events in the outdoor

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