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BLACK'S MARTIAL ARTS HOSTS KARATE MASTERS
TOP: Thomas Roach, of Fort Wayne, Ind., performs with an Eku during the weapons portion of the 6th Annual Southern Illinois Open Martial Arts Classic hosted by Black's Martial Arts Academy Sunday at Bowen Gym Multicultural Community Center. According to Okinawankarateclub.com the Eku is a wooden instrument based on common boat oars that were used as self-defense weapons throughout the Ryukyu Islands of Japan.

RIGHT: Heather Minckler, of Makanda, kicks an "attacker" during the self-defense portion of the 6th Annual Southern Illinois Open Martial Arts Classic. "Anytime you can get into a martial art it's a good thing," said Dr. Thomas Black, the owner and master instructor of the academy. All styles and schools of martial arts were welcome to attend and compete.

DAN DWYER
 DAILY EGYPTIAN



State schools shy from loans

Five of 6 state universities choose tuition increase instead of borrowing

RYAN VOYLES
 Daily Egyptian

Though Gov. Pat Quinn has authorized universities to borrow millions, not every university will resort to loans.

The state of Illinois owes the nine state universities more than \$600 million for fiscal year 2010. University of Illinois alone is owed more than \$350 million, according to the Illinois Statehouse News website. FY10 ends Wednesday but the appropriation deadline, which was originally set in August, has since been moved to January.

The bill — Senate Bill 642 — was signed by Gov. Pat Quinn on June 8 and allows state universities to borrow up to 75 percent of payroll and other expenses owed to them through state appropriations for FY10.

SIU President Glenn Poshard said SIU could borrow as much as \$75 million of the \$96 million still owed to it.

Eastern Illinois University President Bill Perry told the Chicago Tribune his university would borrow up to \$7 million of the \$19 million owed to it by the state.

But not every university is set on loans to replace state appropriations.

Northern Illinois University spokesman Brad Hoey said the university, which is owed more than \$39 million, would only borrow money "as a last resort" and would continue to wait for money owed by the state.

Illinois State University spokesman Jay Groves said his university, which is owed \$30 million, does not see a reason to borrow at this time. However, he said, the university's Board of Trustees has approved to use the measure.

"We got the authority just in case we needed it," Groves said. "We don't believe at this day we will need it, but it's nice to know we have it there just in case."

Long struggle brings Africana major to SIUC

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—LaCharles Ward
 a senior from Chicago

CAMILLE GEBUR
 Daily Egyptian

When LaCharles Ward first heard the news, he cried tears of happiness.

After years of work, an Africana Studies major was a reality at SIUC.

Ward, a senior from Chicago studying psychology and coordinator for the Black Affairs Council, was one of the people who helped push the establishment of the major. He said he and ev-

eryone who worked on it were thrilled with the approval of the major.

"People need to know what's going on, what it took," he said. "The students voiced concerns for having this major and received support from faculty and staff."

Father Joseph Brown, director of the Black American Studies program — which will become Africana Studies — said he has worked to bring the major to SIUC since coming here in 1997.

He said it was his goal to leave something that others after him can enjoy.

"I really want to leave something that other people can benefit from. It wasn't about me or some other individual; it's about a program that has merit," Brown said. "It's the accomplishment of cooking a good meal and making sure everybody can enjoy it... the concept of putting it to a recipe so the next person can take it to the next step."

Brown said the difference between Black American Studies and Africana Studies is the latter focuses on the African culture's impact on the world, not just America.

"The more we see the elements of west Africa culture all across the planet, the more we realize that there are some con-

tinuities and similarity of culture that we really need to be studying opposed to, having it segregated by geography," Brown said. "We want to make sure people know it has a global reach."

Ward said the existing Black American Studies program would be expanded to become the Africana Studies major. He said he anticipates additions to the staff and curriculum, but many existing courses will still be offered.

Ward said the program's approval would not have been possible without the dedication of faculty, students and alumni.

Brown said though it is Africana Studies, students of all races is welcome to take courses.

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— Brad Hoey
 Northern Illinois University spokesman

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Groves said Illinois State is in a better situation than other universities in the state because of its approach to budget preparation. "We have less debt than many other universities," he said. "We been very frugal when it has come to getting our budgets ready for the upcoming year. I think we'll be OK."

Paul McCann, director of business services at Western Illinois University, said his university has also approved the authority to borrow money, but does not expect to have to use it. "We think it's going to be very close," he said. "We think we're going to make it through until tuition starts coming in. We would just as soon not do any borrowing."

McCann said the university, which is owed more than \$19 million, would look into establishing a line of credit "just in case."

SIUC officials have said the school's tuition rates will not increase in fall 2010, though it is owed the second most of all state universities. Both University of Illinois and Northern Illinois will raise tuition 9.5 percent in the fall, while Eastern Illinois, Western Illinois and Illinois State will increase tuition by 6 percent.

But that is not the only measure other universities are taking to cut costs. Hoey said besides the tuition rise, Northern Illinois would also implement a salary and hiring freeze, reduce its budget and begin a four-day business week in the fall, which he said the university has done since 2000 in the summer semester.

Groves said Illinois State would continue its salary freeze implemented last fall, and also halt planned construction of new facilities.

Hoey said Northern Illinois'

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	\$366.5 million University of Illinois
	\$96 million Southern Illinois University
	\$43.1 million Northern Illinois University
	\$30 million Illinois State University
	\$21.1 million Eastern Illinois University
	\$19.5 million Western Illinois University

Source: Illinois Statehouse news website
 CALEB WEST | DAILY EGYPTIAN

philosophy would be to wait for the money it is owed and to avoid the worry involved with loans.

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"I see it as an incredible opportunity for students in all sorts of majors," he said. "I have never maintained that you had to be black to be a Black Studies major — that make no sense whatsoever. If you're going to be dealing with a multicultural and diverse cliental, no matter what your business of profession, you need to know something about the people you're going be working for and with."

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— Father Joseph Brown
 director of the Black American Studies program

Brown said he has received warm e-mail responses from all over the country as well as from students and community members. He said what matters most are the students who will benefit from the new major. "I really do believe that all of us should leave a legacy," Brown said. "Leave the world a better place than you found it."

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Area residents dash for forgotten cash

LAUREN LEONE
Daily Egyptian

Joyce Reed was curious. That curiosity led her to the Jackson Co. Courthouse Thursday, where her name was entered into a database of the forgotten.

Reed, of Murphysboro, is one of many Illinois residents with unclaimed property in the hands of the Illinois State Treasurer's Office.

Cash Dash events like the one held at the Jackson County Courthouse return lost cash or assets to their rightful owners, and have been overseen by Illinois State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias' administration since 1999.

To help people like Reed, Cash Dash representatives search the state's online database at the event for any unclaimed property. Unclaimed property could be anything from old bank accounts, forgotten savings accounts, insurance policies, stocks and bonds — even a deposit on a rental apartment, said Kati Phillips, treasurer spokesperson.

People have the option to find out the exact amount before it is mailed, but Reed chose against it. Cash Dash has verified she could receive between \$10 and \$100.

"I want to be surprised about the money I get back," Reed said.

Phillips said the treasurer's office holds onto unclaimed property indefinitely.

"It belongs to the people of Illinois, and we do everything in

our power to get it back to them," Phillips said.

The largest claim is \$200, but the average claim given to a single individual has been more than \$1.2 million, Phillips said.

"Pullman Incorporated, which is now dissolved, is our largest claim, worth more than \$5 million," she said.

A Cash Dash representative notified Ron Hunter, of Murphysboro, the day before the event that he had more than \$100 of unclaimed property.

Phillips said many people fall into the "over \$100" category, which could range from \$100.01 to thousands of dollars.

"It's surprising," she said. "You would think people would keep better track of their money but a lot of it falls through the cracks."

Hunter said he should receive his claim in six to eight weeks once he has collected and completed additional paperwork.

"I don't expect it to be large amount," he said. "It'll be divided between my sister and myself."

Phillips said the Giannoulias administration has returned \$238 million to claimants — more than what was returned in the first 39 years of the program — with \$83 million in 2009, \$75 million in 2008 and \$80 million in 2007.

Phillips said there are people who know the state treasurer's office has money for them but don't file a claim.

"That's one of the reasons the state of Illinois has so much money



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Debbie Tegethoff, right, of Desoto, speaks with Alexi Giannoulias, which aims to return lost and Courtney Rakers, of Glen Carbon, during Cash misplaced property back to the residents of Dash, a program hosted by Illinois State Treasurer Illinois.

owed to people, because the little dollar amounts add up," she said.

Debbie Tegethoff, of Desoto, said she doesn't see why anyone would not be curious enough to search the database.

"It doesn't cost you anything," she said. "I would say 'Go for it.' I don't see any reason to be skeptical."

This is the second time Tegethoff has received money through the

Cash Dash program. She received more than \$100 originally, and found out Monday she would receive \$230 this year.

Tegethoff said she is pleased with the amount because she didn't know what to expect.

"People are generally happy when they find out they have money coming to them because they don't even realize they've lost it," Phillips said.

Though Reed said she wants to be surprised when the check comes in the mail, she said she already knows where the money will wind up.

"With the price of gas, I have a feeling it's not going to last too long," she said.

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“That power of the purse belongs to the people, and that is where it is vested. It is vested in the branch that represents the people, elected by the people.”

Darrell Steinberg
a Democrat from Sacramento,
said of the California Assembly as approving
a plan to trim the state's prison population
by 27,000 inmates.

“When the house was on fire, we all knew what to do: get a hose. Today it becomes more difficult to find common ground.”

Robert Byrd
senator, in a 1994 interview on the role
of the U.S. Congress in government; the West
Virginia Democrat, who was the longest-serving
member of Congress, died on Monday morning.

WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia, dead at 92

WASHINGTON — Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia, a fiery orator versed in the classics and a hard-charging power broker who steered billions of federal dollars to the state of his Depression-era upbringing, died Monday. He was 92.

A spokesman for the family, Jesse Jacobs, said Byrd died peacefully at about 3 a.m. at Inova Hospital in Fairfax, Va. He had been in the hospital since late last week.

At first Byrd was believed to be suffering from heat exhaustion and severe dehydration, but other medical conditions developed.

LOUISIANA

Admiral to check on Gulf oil response in person

NEW ORLEANS — The admiral in charge of the spill response was headed back to the Gulf Coast a day after Mississippi's governor said he would press BP and the federal government for more help because oil started washing up on the shoreline of his state.

On Sunday, oil was found in at least two areas of Jackson County, and emergency management director Donald Langham said tar balls and a patch of oil were spotted at the St. Andrews beach and at the Lake Mars pier in Gulf Park Estates. The state had been mostly spared the oily mess from the a blow-out undersea well that has spewed anywhere between 69 million and 131 million gallons of crude into the Gulf of Mexico the past 10 weeks.

WASHINGTON

Kagan set to speak to Senate panel as hearings begin, confirmation chances bright

WASHINGTON — Elena Kagan will be making the argument of her life on Monday when she faces a Senate panel on her confirmation to the Supreme Court.

Kagan's chances are bright as she heads into a marathon week of high-pressure vetting before the Senate Judiciary Committee, pressing to portray herself as a mainstream, impartial add-on to the court. She's set to break weeks of public silence Monday afternoon in sworn testimony before the panel.

WASHINGTON

CIA chief Panetta: U.S. had driven back al-Qaida

WASHINGTON — The U.S. has driven al-Qaida into hiding and undermined its leadership, but is struggling to oust its primary sympathizer, the Taliban, from Afghanistan, the nation's spymaster said Sunday.

CIA Director Leon Panetta's assessment comes as President Barack Obama advances a risky new war plan that relies on 98,000 U.S. troops to prop up the Afghan government and prevent al-Qaida from returning. No longer overseeing the commander in chief's mission is Gen. Stanley McChrystal, sacked this past week in a stunning shake-up in U.S. military leadership that his critical comments about the White House.

KYRGYZSTAN

Intl observers praise Kyrgyz referendum as transparent and peaceful

BISHKEK — International observers on Monday praised Kyrgyzstan's constitutional referendum, saying the vote was conducted in a transparent and remarkably peaceful manner despite a lingering climate of fear after ethnic purges.

While the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe recognized some shortcomings in the vote, its approval was the final stamp of legitimacy for the interim authorities who came to power after President Kurmanbek Bakiyev was ousted in mass protests in April.

More than two thirds of the 2.7 million eligible to vote in this Central Asian nation, overwhelmingly approved a new constitution that reduces presidential power and hands more authority to parliament. The referendum was seen as a barometer of national trust in interim President Roza Otunbayeva's rule.

BP spends \$2.65B on oil spill

**MICHAEL KUNZELMAN
VLADIMIRISACHENKOV
The Associated Press**

NEW ORLEANS — BP's mounting costs for capping and cleaning up the Gulf of Mexico spill have reached \$2.65 billion, it said Monday, but the oil giant denied reports out of Russia that CEO Tony Hayward is resigning. The company's expenses climbed \$100 million per day over the weekend, according to an SEC filing Monday, as engineers eyed a tropical storm headed for the Texas-Mexico border. It was expected to miss the oil spill area but could still generate disruptive waves and winds.

It was a rocky start to the week after BP PLC stock fell 6 percent Friday in New York to a 14-year low. BP has lost more than \$100 billion in market value since the deep-water drilling platform it was operating blew up April 20, killing 11 workers and starting the massive leak that has fouled the coastline in four states.

British-based BP rushed to deny the report by Russia's state RIA Novosti news agency, which said a senior Russian Cabinet official had said Hayward was expected to resign as chief executive.

It quoted Deputy Prime Minister Igor Sechin, before a Moscow meeting with Hayward on Monday, as saying that Hayward would introduce his successor.

BP spokeswoman Carolyn Copland in London said the report "is definitely not correct." Sheila Williams, also in London, said, "Tony Hayward remains chief executive."



CAROLYN COLE | MCCLATCHY TRIBUNE

Beach operations manager John Hogan, center, who is employed by Interstate Complete Restoration, Construction and Service, a private disaster response firm on contract with BP, uses a bullhorn to get his message out to the crew

June 19. More than 1,500 workers have been hired to clean up the beaches of Grand Isle, La., and the surrounding area. Their work depends of the weather, including thunderstorms that often delay the operation.

"They are mistaken," U.S.-based BP spokesman Mark Proegler said of the Russian report.

After the meeting, a spokesman for Sechin said Hayward's resignation wasn't discussed. Spokesman Rustam Kozharov said topics included the Russian joint venture TNK-BP, which accounts for about a quarter of BP's reserves and production.

BP shares gave up some ground in London after the Russian report. But they were still up a fraction at \$46.1. BP's U.S. shares gained about 2.5 percent.

Moscow-based oil analyst Konstantin Cherepanov from the

Swiss Investment bank UBS said he gave little credence to reports of Hayward's resignation.

"I'm sure there has been a misunderstanding. Hayward's resignation at this time and in this place lacks logic," he said.

"It would make sense that Hayward would finish his job treading with the oil spill and step down afterwards so that the new CEO wouldn't have his burden on his shoulders."

In a filing Monday to U.S. securities regulators, BP said the cost of its response to the Gulf of Mexico oil spill had reached about \$2.65 billion, up from \$2.35 bil-

lion as of Friday. The costs include spill response, containment, relief well drilling, grants to Gulf states, claims paid, and federal costs, but not a \$20 billion fund for Gulf damages the company created this month.

BP said it had received more than 80,000 claims and made almost 41,000 payments, totaling more than \$128 million.

The rig drilling the relief well that's the best hope of stopping the oil spill has made it within about 20 feet horizontally of the blown-out well that's gushing crude, BP Senior Vice President Kent Wells said Monday.

10 alleged Russian secret agents arrested in U.S.

**PETE YOST
The Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — Ten people have been arrested for allegedly serving as secret agents of the Russian government in the United States, the Justice Department said Monday.

Eight of 10 were arrested Sunday for allegedly carrying out long-term, deep cover assignments in the United States on behalf of Russia.

Two others were arrested for allegedly participating in the same Russian intelligence program within the United States.

Their job, according to the court papers in the case, was "to search and develop ties in policymaking circles" in the United States.

Each of the 10 was charged with conspiracy to act as an agent of a foreign government, which carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison on

“Your education, bank accounts, car, house etc. — all these serve one goal: fulfill your main mission.”

— Russian Intelligence headquarters

conviction.

The cases were filed in U.S. District Court for the southern district of New York.

Federal law prohibits individuals from acting as agents of foreign governments within the United States without notifying the U.S. attorney general.

Nine of the defendants were charged with conspiracy to commit money laundering, which carries a maximum 20 years in prison on conviction.

FBI agents arrested the defendants known as Richard Murphy and Cynthia Murphy at their residence in Montclair, N.J., and they were appearing Monday in federal court in Manhattan.

Three other defendants also were being taken to federal

court in Manhattan — Vicky Pelaez and a defendant known as "Juan Lazaro," who were arrested at their residence in Yonkers, N.Y., and Anna Chapman, who was arrested in Manhattan on Sunday.

Two other defendants known as Michael Ziotoli and Patricia Mills were arrested at their residence in Arlington, Va., and were appearing in federal court in Alexandria, Va., on Monday.

Also being taken to federal court in Alexandria was Mikhail Semenko, who was arrested Sunday at his residence in Arlington.

Two defendants known as Donald Howard Heathfield and Tracey Lee Ann Foley were arrested at their residence in Bos-

ton on Sunday and were appearing in federal court in Boston on Monday.

The Justice Department said that a defendant known as Christopher R. Metsoas was not in custody.

The arrests were the result of a multiyear FBI investigation into an alleged network of U.S.-based agents who concealed all connections between themselves and Russia.

The U.S. government intercepted a message from Russian Intelligence headquarters in Moscow to two of the defendants, Richard and Cynthia Murphy.

"You were sent to USA for long-term service trip," the message from Moscow. "Your education, bank accounts, car, house etc. — all these serve one goal: fulfill your main mission, i.e. to search and develop ties in policymaking circles in US and sent intel," the message added.

Saluki Insider

With the NBA Draft over and free agency officially starting Thursday, who made the right moves during the NBA Draft?

It is a little too premature to tell. However, the Wizards did make out like bandits as they picked up No. 1 overall John Wall from Kentucky. Also, bringing over Kirk Hinrich will help, but there will need to be more than those two in order to save that franchise.



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The winner of the draft is the Chicago Bulls. With the 17th pick they didn't get a player coming out of college who they would have to spend time developing into a role player. Instead, they dumped the \$13 million they would have had to give him with Kirk Hinrich's \$9 million to the Wizards for a future second-round pick. This means they now have around \$33 million to spend on two max-contract guys, such as a LeBron James and Chris Bosh. Instantly, they become a top pick in the Eastern Conference to win the championship.



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For the sake of being different, I will say the Sacramento Kings. They drafted DeMarcus Cousins and Hassan Whiteside who both have major potential as centers. But more than that, now that they play with Tyreke Evans, those three have the potential to get in more trouble than the 2006 Cincinnati Bengals, who had more arrests than wins. I think the Kings will have a chance to at least break that record next season.



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“This is one of the best independent teams around as far as the pitching program and just the overall program.”

— Jeff Hike
director of productions for the Miners

MINERS

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In the past, the Miners have signed SIU graduates Kevin Koski and Tyler Lairson besides the players on this season's roster in Kelly, Joy and Stalter. And it is those three players who have been a part of the best start in Frontier League history.

The Miners are on a 20-game win streak and boast a 32-4 record. While Joy has made the biggest contribution out of the three Salukis with a 2-0 record in nine appearances as a relief pitcher, Stalter said he is excited

to be a part of the atmosphere. Stalter, a shortstop who signed with the Miners on June 15, played two seasons with the Salukis. He hit eight home runs and had 62 RBIs while starting in each of the 109 games he played. Stalter said he has enjoyed his short time with the Miners and hopes to keep playing on the next level.

"This is an awesome experience; I'm having a blast," Stalter said. "It's a good time for the fans and gives players (an) opportunity."

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JAMES

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The Bulls need a scoring presence in the frontcourt to help Rose and hopefully James, which means the Toronto Raptors' Chris Bosh is the main target. Rose needs the ball in his hand to create and so does James. But if James can get used to playing with a pure point guard for the first time in his career, then the terrific trio of James, Rose and Bosh could be unstoppable.

The Bulls also seem like the best option because his other choices are equivalent to staying in Cleveland. The New York Knicks are arguably in one of the best NBA markets, but their roster is below mediocre. They have two above-average players in David Lee and Wilson Chandler, but Lee is also a free agent with an option to leave and they would need way more

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than James and Chandler to win a championship. The only hope for the Knicks is they also have money to spend on two max contract players.

The Los Angeles Clippers could appeal to James as they have a solid roster with veterans Baron Davis and Chris Kaman, plus young athletic talent in Eric Gordon and Blake Griffin. But James would have to share Los Angeles with Kobe Bryant and James' ego is as big as his game so that will not happen.

The New Jersey Nets, Washington Wizards, Minnesota Timberwolves and any other team with money to spend on one big contract player have no chance of signing James. Their lineups

are just as bad or worse than the Knicks. The Nets have Devin Harris and Brook Lopez, but not enough to lure him there.

In the end, James will probably do one of two things. He could make his championship dreams come true by signing with the Chicago Bulls, where Bosh or another good player would follow him; or he will stay loyal to his family, friends and home state by resigning with the Cavaliers.

There is an 85 percent chance he goes to Chicago and 15 percent chance he stays in Ohio.

The other teams do not have a chance.

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TRACK & FIELD

SIU takes six top-10 finishes at nationals

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Four members of the SIU track and field team took six top-10 finishes out of seven events at the USA Outdoor Track and Field National Championships, which concluded Sunday in Des Moines, Iowa.

Freshmen Lucas Cherry, Zach Dahleen and Kim Fortney competed in the 19-and-under Division of the meet while sophomore Jeneva McCall competed in the Open Division.

On Sunday, McCall, a five-time

All-American and NCAA discus champion, finished sixth place in the discus and throw for 191 feet, 9 inches, breaking the SIU record by more than four feet. On Saturday, she finished seventh in women's hammer throw with a toss of 206 feet, 11 inches.

SIU throws coach John Smith said he was proud of McCall and Fortney's performances.

"Every coach in the NCAA thinks I have some kind of secret for why my athletes perform the way they do but I don't," Smith said. "These girls

compete against each other every day and they expect a lot from each other."

Smith said McCall's throw that broke the record was not technically beautiful but it went far.

"She threw with the best throwers in America, period," Smith said. "And a lot of them took notice of her this week. She has proven that she is a lot better than what everybody thinks she is."

McCall's teammate Fortney competed in the 19-and-under Division events of shot put, hammer throw and discus.

On Thursday, she finished in sixth

place in the shot put and seventh in the hammer with tosses of 47 feet, 3.5 inches and 170 feet, 6 inches, respectively. In the discus Friday, she took 16th place with a throw of 147 feet, six inches.

"It was hard throwing two events back to back because we are out in the sun all day and competing against the best," Fortney said. "It was definitely overwhelming for me but having a great teammate like Jeneva there with me made a world of difference to me."

Cherry, a distance runner for SIU, finished in ninth in the 3,000-meter

steeplechase Thursday with a time of 9 minutes, 28.38 seconds while Dahleen finished in seventh in the 1,500-meter run with a time of 3:54.97.

Cherry said he was not happy with his time, but was excited to compete at the national level.

"It was really encouraging to know that even on a bad race, I can keep up with and compete with America's best," Cherry said.

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BASEBALL

Salukis switch from maroon to Miner

"It's positive to have a local pipeline where fans can follow players from SIU to the Miners."

—Scott Gierman
director of media relations for the Miners

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Baseball players who do not get drafted into the major leagues have few options. Former Salukis are fortunate to have one of those options in their backyard.

Five former Salukis have played for the Frontier League's Southern Illinois Miners since the team started play in 2007. There are three former Salukis on the Marion-based team's 2010 roster including catcher Mark Kelly, pitcher Shawn Joy and recently signed infielder Michael Stalter.

Scott Gierman, director of media relations for the Miners, said the team receives more local news coverage with Salukis on the field. He also said having baseball players come from SIU to the Miners is a benefit to both the organi-

zation and community.

"It's positive to have a local pipeline where fans can follow players from SIU to the Miners," Gierman said. "I think it brings more people out."

Jeff Hülke, director of production for the Miners, said signing former SIU players is a good way for diehard Saluki fans to continue to follow the careers of some of their favorite players. Hülke said signing with the Miners is also a good option for former Salukis to chase their major league dreams.

"I think this is a great platform for them," Hülke said. "They can only improve from here on out with the Miners. This is one of the best independent teams around as far as the pitching program and just the overall program."

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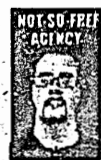


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Former Saluki catcher Mark Kelly takes a cut during batting practice Friday at Rent One Park in Marion. Former Salukis Michael Stalter, Shawn Joy and Kelly look to help maintain the Miners' success as the team has won 20 straight games and is off to the best start in league history at 32-4.

STAFF COLUMN

Chicago Bulls best destination for James



The speculation that started two years ago could come to an end in five days — what jersey will LeBron James sport when the 2010-11 NBA season tips off?

That question has been asked constantly after the Cleveland Cavaliers failed to win a championship in James' first seven seasons. They have made trades

for better players, fired their head coach and asked their general manager to resign in their pursuit of a championship — they understand no one will even know Cleveland has an NBA team without James.

The moves came immediately after this year's early exit in the postseason. Head coach Mike James was fired, general manager Danny Ferry resigned and owner Dan Gilbert said the moves had nothing to do with an effort to appease James — yeah right.

Everyone in the NBA world,

including Gilbert, knows the Cavaliers would have one of the worst records during the regular season and would never see the playoffs without James. It is the reason why Gilbert has tried to pull out all the stops to keep James.

The only reason James would stay in Cleveland is if they could land a trade in which they would receive a couple all-star caliber players, but the Cavs do not have the cap space to resign James and another max-contract all-star.

This means the two-time Most

Valuable Player will be in search of a new home and there is no better place to build a legacy than in Chicago.

The Bulls have a young, talented nucleus with Derrick Rose, Joakim Noah, Taj Gibson and Luol Deng. They also made a draft-day trade sending Kirk Hinrich and the 17th overall pick, Kevin Seraphin from France, to the Washington Wizards for a future second-round pick. The Bulls dumped Hinrich's \$9 million contract so they would have somewhere around \$33 million to

shop with in the free agent market. Chicago can now afford two maximum salary players.

It is a dream situation for James. He would have a pure point guard in Rose who is going to create open looks for James and be able to score himself when needed. He also has an opportunity to play with another elite talent as the Bulls are expected to sign another top free agent.

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