Three chancellor finalists remain

Anne Marie Tavella
Daily Egyptian

After months of secrecy and closed-door meetings, the three finalists for SIUC's new chancellor were announced Thursday by SIU President Phyllis Wright.

The candidates: Denise M. Tawsh, provost and vice-chancellor for Academic Affairs at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte; John V. Perry, provost and vice president for Academic and Student Affairs at Northern Arizona University at Flagstaff; and Walter V. Wendler, vice chancellor for Planning and System Integration at the Texas A&M University System in College Station.

The Chancellors Search Advisory Committee selected five candidates on Tuesday and Walker chose the final three.

Scott Kiser, spokesman for the president, said Walker was pleased with the candidates passed on to the final committee.

"President Walker believes the entire pool was qualified," Kiser said.

He said Walker is looking forward to opening the process to the rest of the campus and gaining input from the community.

"I, Chair, chair of the committee, said the committee had a list of criteria they used to evaluate the candidates, including an absolute commitment to student governance, dedication to research and sensitivity to students. The committee also considered how the candidates would represent the University to external constituencies, as ability to reach out to the community and to diversity."

Adams said the name of any of the candidates selected would exist in the position of chancellor.

"We thought all five were excellent," Adams said. "They were all very very well.

Dean of the College of Agriculture W.

New USG Era Dawns

Christian Halk
Daily Egyptian

After eight hours of counting ballots, Michael Perry will become next year's Undergraduate Student Government president starting May 15, pending senate ratification of the vote.

At 3 a.m. Thursday, the unofficial vote tally showed Perry with 610 votes, current USG President Bill Archer with 477 votes and Peter Normand with 260 votes.

"I feel relieved," Perry, the Renewal Party presidential candidate, announced immediately after the ballots had been counted.

Although ballot counters and poll watchers reported more than 2,000 votes cast, the official validation total was 1,337, with only 1,347 votes cast in the presidential race.

Along with Perry's triumph over Archer and Normand, 36 senate seats, along with questions concerning election, "I have nothing but respect for Archer," said Thursday morning that there isn't a problem regarding the election, although he thought the ballot counting went very poorly.

"I want to improve USG like I said I want to do," Archer said. "I don't want to improve USG.

"It's a good man, there shouldn't be any more involvement with USG can do the job."
Students, faculty and staff and interested members of the public are invited to open forums to meet the finalists in the search for a new chancellor. Public forums will be held at SIU, Carbondale, Edwardsville, Springfield, and Cape Girardeau campuses. The schedule follows:

**Denise M. Trauth, Provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of North Carolina at Charlotte**
- Open forum: 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 26, Harris Hall, Harris H. Leon Law Building Auditorium.
- Open session: 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., Thursday, April 26, Harris Hall, H. Leon Law Building Auditorium.

**John D. Haeger, Provost and vice president for Academic and Student Affairs, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff**
- Open forum: 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., Thursday, May 1, Shryock Auditorium.
- Open session: 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, May 1, Shryock Auditorium.

**Walter V. Wendler, Vice chancellor for Planning and System Integration, Texas A&M University System**
- Open forum: 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Friday, May 4, Student Center Auditorium.
- Open session: 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., Friday, May 4, West Auditorium, School of Medicine.

Candidates' resumes and other information about the search can be found at the Web site: [http://www.siu.edu/chance_search](http://www.siu.edu/chance_search).
Walker, Jackson lobby House committee

SIU president, chancellor look to expand school's budget

ANNE MARIE TAYLOR
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Touting to secure a full budget for SIU, the University Higher Education Appropriations committee Thursday morning.

Barbara F. Wides of Edwardsville, a former state senator and former Senate leader, spoke before the committee, warning SIU's future needs.

"I think it's time to do something before the session is over," said Wides.

The budget affects the universities of the state and a poor economy, Wides said.

The end result is "a system that is broken," Wides said.

The budget was cut to include items their constituents want, Wides said.

"I think it's time for us to start talking about a need for a two-year budget," Wides said.

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Magic that's a cut

STORY BY MARLEEN TROUTT

For Spencer, magic is more than diversion, it holds the power to heal.

They have witnessed magic tricks help stretch new skin over burn patients' wounds. They have proudly watched smoke victors, unable to see their own shoes, dazzle their families with mystical deceptions.

Besides touring the country with Theater of Illusion, the Spencers treat their brand of modern magic to hospitals. Learning magic tricks is a way patients can improve fine motor skills, memory, sequencing and following directions.

"It's fun for them to do something that a normal person can't do. It makes them feel special," Kevin Spencer said. "It's a tremendous boost to their self-esteem and everybody likes magic."

Spencer, who earned a degree in clinical psychology before turning his childhood hobby into a career, is the imagination man behind new magic tricks. His wife and magician partner, Cindy, now in the practical, wields the tricks from a sealed container. But, they add their own twists to the classics.

"Magic wands don't always belong with black hats and rabbits," Cindy Spencer said, "Sometimes they belong in hospital's where frail hands learn tricks and the magic - the real magic — is in the healing."

There won't be any magic wands, top hats or rabbits at Shryock this weekend, started teaching students over the ground. The pair, who will fly Theater of Illusion to Shryock this weekend, started teaching students to hospital patients in 1995 as a way to reach out to their community in Lynchburg, Va.

"What we didn't realize was how beneficial it would be," Spencer said.

Although the Spencers didn't exactly birth the idea, their program "Healing of Magic," has found its way to rehabilitation centers all across the United States and in 13 other countries.

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There won't be any magic wands, top hats or rabbits at Shryock this weekend. The Spencers use state-of-the-art illusions, movement, lighting and humor to entertain. However, they do some tribute tricks, like Houdini's "Metamorphosis," where the magician escapes from a sealed container. But, they add their own twists to the classics.

The Spencers, along with their philanthropic efforts, are one of the most celebrated magic acts in the world, garnering awards like Campus Entertainers of the Year, Best Heating Production, Best Major Performance and Best Variety Act.
Mixing music and mayhem

Free concert offers six local bands

Putting together a concert is a lot of work. That's what the members of the Music Business Association are discovering with their creation of Music Mayhem, a free concert taking place Friday.

Six local bands, including InfiniReflection, Rotating Bob, The Plus, 9 Doors, Curtain and Last Laugh, will play at Sam Riney Field, in front of Booth Towers, from 1 a.m. to 4 a.m. Friday.

Mark Hughes, a member of the MBA, said the group organized the event because "nobody had done it before." "We wanted to do something bigger," he said, adding that the experience was important for the members of MBA. "A lot of [members] get to see the pressure of putting on a live show.

The work began earlier this semester when the MBA placed an advertisement in local newspapers requesting bands to send in their demos. After an elimination process, the six bands were selected.

Bryan Scott, a member of the MBA, said the group wanted to provide a range of music genres.

"We wanted a variety so that we were reaching out to more than just one audience," she said. "We've got a pretty good group of artists." MBA members are expecting about 5,000 people to attend the event. Admissions prices will be varied, and sponsored by local businesses. Prizes include coupons for free food and a free music recording.

Scott has been in charge of advertising and acquiring prizes. She said although organizing the concert has been hard work, she has gained valuable experience.

"It's more work than you would think," she said. "There's a lot of things that could go wrong.

The venue may be fine for students, but it is not cheap for the MBA, costing about $3,500 just in electricity for the six-hour concert. Luckily for their bank accounts, the bands will each play a 45-minute set for free, donating their time in search of publicity.

InfiniReflection missed a live album last week, which will be available during the concert. As the first band of the day to play, Matt Anderson, bass player for the band, said their "mellow" music may be a good start to the evening.

"It's going to be nice to play outside during the day," he said. "[We're doing it] for the exposure, to play for as many different people as we can.

"Magic's just very intriguing," said Spencer. "To do something that seems like it's impossible - it fascinated us for thousands of years."
Allstars at local bar
Grammy-nominated band to perform tonight at Copper

CARLY HEMPEL
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Copper Dragon does not usually feature blues music, but the Grammy-nominated North Mississippi Allstars are an exception.

Their reputation prompted Plaza Records to co-sponsor the band's performance at Copper Dragon tonight. John Sands, assistant manager of Plaza Records, encouraged Copper Dragon to extend an invitation.

"They have a really good reputation for putting on good live shows," Sands said.

Memphis-born Luther and Cody Dickinson, along with their high school friend Chris Chew, formed the North Mississippi Allstars in 1996. The group was a spin-off of the brothers' band, D.D.T. Big Band.

The North Mississippi Allstars got its start in Memphis, Tenn., playing on Beale Street, the world-famous street where blues music began.

Music had always been an influence for Luther and Cody while growing up with their father, Jim Dickinson, involved in the business as a producer and musician. The brothers, who grew up in Mississippi, began performing as teenagers, recording with bands such as the Replacements.

The band's first album, "Shake Hands with Shorty," was released last year and was nominated for a Grammy in the Best Contemporary Blues Album category.

Jimmy Karayiannis, general manager of Copper Dragon and Pinch Penny Pub, said they are bringing in the group to offer more diversity in the concerts offered.

"To find a group of this quality and that appeals to people's band," Karayiannis said.

The up-and-coming band has performed on "Late Night with Conan O'Brien" and will open for Bob Dylan and the Black Crowes in Knoxville, Tenn., April 27 as part of their summer tour.

TICKET INFO

North Mississippi Allstars will play at Copper Dragon tonight at 10 p.m. Tickets are available at Pinch Penny Pub for $11.
Asian American Awareness Month ushered in with lectures, films

Documentary showcasing local Asian Americans showing tonight

EMILY OSTENDORF
DAILY EGYPTIAN

Two Asian American scholars, a Japanese internment survivor and a Hindu yoga expert, will be on campus next week to share stories and cultural practices of their heritage as part of Asian American Awareness Month.

The celebration began last Sunday with an Indian banquet and continued with demonstrations of Asian calligraphy and karate. Cultural awareness continues with the presentation of films portraying the achievements of Asian Americans. Tonight, "Finding Home: Asian Indians of Carbondale" will be shown at Morris Library Auditorium.

The documentary highlights different ways the Indian community overcame cultural changes as they leave their homeland and make Carbondale their home.

The festivities continue Monday with a lecture at 7 p.m. at the Law School Auditorium by Lawrence Inada, award-winning poet and author Inada and his family were relocated to an internment camp during World War II, and his talk will be centered on "The Asian American Experience.

Friday, Shamsher Prakash, a professor at the University of Missouri-Rolls, and acclaimed yoga expert, will give a presentation on beginning yoga stretches and positions. "It's a great opportunity to learn about Asian American contributions," Ervin said. "It's for everyone, not just Asians."

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Family program celebrates one-year anniversary

SARAH ROBERTS
DAILY EGYPTIAN

For the last year, the Family Visitation Center has worked to reunite and repair families
separated by abuse and neglect.

Today, this effort to prevent poverty programs will celebrate its first anniversary in recognition
of Child Abuse Awareness Month.

The center, a program of the Williamson County Child Advocacy Center, provides
abused and neglected children who have been removed from their families with safe environ-
ments to visit with their parents. The Visits are arranged in Brownsville Fort Bragg CTS 427 N. 14th St. throughout the year.

Kelly Schimpf has been executive director of the Child Advocacy Center since its incep-
tion nine years ago. Schimpf wrote the grant for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. The program’s expansion and said the center has
been a success.

"We’re there to provide a facility so that supervise visits that the quality and they need to be, so that children have visits with their parents who can hopefully learn the skills they need to get their children back," Schimpf said. Anita Gentty, the visitation center’s program director, said families interviewed are often confused and
disturbed by trauma and the center allows parents and children to meet in a neutral environment.

"If you’re a family or have a child who has been removed by Department of Child and Family Services, you will go through an interview. The last place you want to get back into is the DFS office," Gentty said.

One element of the center was specifically designed to facilitate positive parent-child interaction. Various toys, games, and books are
available for children to use while visiting with their parents. The center allows parents
and children to interact with toys, games, and books that are age-appropriate.

The visits are at the center is the first of its kind in Southern Illinois, and its main goal is to provide stabilization and prevention services to high-risk families. For these efforts, it was recently acknowledged as one of the Department of Children and Family Services’ most influential programs in the state. The center is the first of its kind in Southern Illinois, and its main goal is to provide stabilization and prevention services to high-risk families.

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Celebrating a spectrum of women

Young Women's Coalition share their rendition of the Women's Exposition in Student Center

STACEY ROBINSON
DAILY EGYPTIAN

A gathering of women talked and mingled, as Cynthia Smith helped to set up a display with scattered memorabilia like brochures, pins and pictures of women smiling, dancing and hugging each other.

The Young Women's Coalition, started in 1995 by Smith and her trainees, began their 3rd annual Women's Expo Thursday. This year's theme was "Women across the Spectrum," involving a mix of participants including student organizations and women on the SUU campus and in the Carbondale community.

"This is an event where all women in all areas can come together and network," said Smith, who is the president of the Coalition.

Smith said that even though the Women's Expo is as opportunity for business, students and registered student organizations to call items, fund-raise or give information about their organization, it also gives attention to their main idea of uplifting and abetting women together.

Alysha Bridges, a junior in radio-television from Chicago, said that she recently joined Coalition, this semester and the main attraction for her has been the environment to become more involved in community service and women's service throughout the campus.

Bridges said a lot of female students are not encouraged at the campus, and the Women's Expo is one way of giving them something to look forward to. As a new member she tries to do her part in recruiting students.

"I try to tell them about Coalition and this Expo," Bridges said. "A lot of female students don't have a support system if they are not good system, they say we will be brought out there to become part of it."

The Women's Expo was not only display of art and crafts, but also access of support for a cause of adding women. One of Coalition's purposes is to attract women of all ages and cultures to an event to promote multiculturalism on the campus. "Unity" and "team effort" are other goals for the Women's Expo, Smith explained as a member rushed back and forth for her guidance in organizing the show.

As people became more ready and become aware of (Coalition), I think the idea of unity starts to spread," Smith said. "I also stress that we are a team. I am the president, but I just access the task to work together on an event." A few people support at the Women's Expo, were several sororities members, including Alpha Xi Delta, Sigma Gamma Rho, Sigma Lambda Phi, Sigma Sigma Gamma, Phi Sigma Sigma and Delta Phi Mu. The Wellness Center and local businesses offered Office Supplies and Books, Anna Kalla Designs and Designs by ZAJI were also present.

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Putting injuries aside, track and field battles on

Teams take optimistic, squad to Indiana State, as Beiter, Poliquin take MVC honors

JOSEPH D. JOHNSON

Bowed out of one destructive injury after another, the SIU track and field teams will regroup, put those injuries in the past and push forward at the Parameter Invitational at Indiana State this weekend.

"Everybody knows we're injured, there's no use harping on it - just move on," SIU track and field head coach Don DeBoon said. "What we've got is - this is our army and we're going to go to war with it.

"We've got a few guys who are healthy, but this is it. So let's move forward."

Only half of the Salukis will make the trip, as the rest will stay home and heal, in order to not risk anymore any health flare-ups before the Missouri Valley Conference Championships that optionally run a month ahead.

"I love it here, it's a new excitement, but we've picked up just a little bit, so we're going to rest them this week," Wright said of the meet's optional status.

The SIU rose and fielded coach Don DeBoon continues to spotlight the positive side to what has been a mainly negative season, also because of a plethora of injuries.

"We've got so many injuries and it would be nice to get somebody back, but who will that be," said DeBoon. "Our distance is very looking good - I think they're all going to have good races this weekend."

DeBoon also believes the team will receive boost from the jumpers and throwers. Also on the positive side, Nick Beiter and Crym Poliquin of SIU were named the Missouri Valley Conference Female Athletes of the Week after their performances last weekend in Arkansas.

"It was a nice surprise," DeBoon said. "No one expected it, but I think the people most expected."

"[Poliquin] shut put a new conference leader. They're both very deserving."

SIU athletes will use the optional meet as a tune-up for forthcoming meets, and more importantly, conference.

"It's an optional meet, but where's going to need to work on their times," said splitter Barlow, one of the athletes who will make the trip to Indiana State.

UCLA loses early lead, game to Cal State Fullerton

JEFF AGASE

LOS ANGELES (UPI) - After nearly six hours of baseball Wednesday night at Cal State Fullerton's Goodfriend Field, the UCLA timeout team felt as if it had just finished a marathon.

Unfortunately for the Bruins (25-13), they finished in second place.

Shane Costas single to lead off the bottom of the 14th inning gave the No. 11 Titans (28-10) an 11-10 triumph in one of the longest games in UCLA baseball.

The loss extended the Bruins losing streak against Fullerton to seven games, dating back to March 1997.

"We're disappointed that we've been obviously and very tired," centerfielder Matt Paul said. "We fought the whole 14 innings, we were in a very tough situation.

The Bruins did not lack for lack of chances. UCLA stranded 22 runners on base and failed to hold a 9-1 lead after the fifth inning, a 9-4 edge after the 10th and a 19-11 advantage in the 14th.

Reliever Doug Silva came in at the bottom of the ninth with a nine-run lead and gave up a game-tying home run with one away to Mike Roque. Silva retired the next batter, but loaded up the bases with two outs.

Bruin senior Jack Campbell stepped up with a solo home run to give the 1,044 fans on hand some late baseball.

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leds the team.

"He deserves to play," Callahan said. "He's healthy, he'll be in there."

"The back is what's usually bothering me," Nabors said, "but I've been working out and I saw a doctor [Wednesday] and they seem to think that I'll be OK."""

BARS THROWING LIFES

Shay back in the hunt in pitching. As a lefty, they're ERA is a toy in the MVC, and the Bruins have three pitchers with the top five lowest ERAs in the conference.

Best freshman right-hander Bob Zimmermann (6-1, 1.94), a West Louis native, has a 1.86 ERA. He is followed by the right-handed Ben Ziegler (6-0), who has thrown 54 innings in 52.2 innings on the hill, a 1.88 ERA, and John Ricketson, a left-hander from Wawon, who has a 2.14 ERA, leads the conference in opponents' batting average at 1.09 in 18 at-bats.

"Hopefully we'll have a little more consistence in the strike zone," Callahan said. "I don't know where a college kid goes swing at a pitch over his head. That happened a couple times [Wednesday versus SEMO]. We can be aggressive, but we've got to be sensible, too."

OUT IN LEFT FIELD

Randy Hansen's hand was bruised by a pitch in March, there's been an uncertainty as to who would field left for the Salukis. Luckily, it's been Justin Maurath, who made pinch playing and has consistently hit in the last. But with right fielder Sal Prisella hitting a lowly .218, the outfield lineup could get shuffled again this weekend.

"We've got a couple of athletes that aren't nicked up just a little bit, so we're going to rest them this week," Wright said. "I'll try to get them to come around."
Men's tennis aims to regroup
Salukis continue conference action this weekend after falling to Evansville Wednesday

When two teams with similar records meet in the sport of tennis, a close match should be expected.

The Salukis faced the University of Evansville Wednesday, and were dominated by a score of 6-1.

Now, the Salukis will try to regroup this weekend when they play host to three conference matches.

The Salukis face the University of Northern Iowa today at 3 p.m., Drake University on Saturday at 10 a.m. and Creighton University on Saturday at 10 a.m. and Creighton University on Sunday at 10 a.m.

All matches being played at the University Courts.

Northern Iowa (13-10, 3-1) comes in "I played better than I played the last match against the Creighton Bluejays.

The Bluejays (8-6, 1-3) come in losing their last two matches to Southwest Missouri State and Wichita State.

Jeffrey sees the Creighton match as a more evenly matched opponentт the Salukis.

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Saluki Sports Note

Softball ready for spring cleaning this weekend

Team travels for MVC series against Indiana State University

Corey Cusick
CITY EDITOR

Julie McP "believes it is time to do a little spring cleaning."

And so, the senior third baseman for the SIU softball team intends to dig her broom out of the closet and dust off another Missouri Valley Conference opponent this weekend.

"We definitely want a sweep," said McP of this weekend's opponent, Indiana State University.

The Salukis travel to battle the Sycamores for a three-game series in Terre Haute, Ind., starting with a noon doubleheader Saturday, followed by a single game at 4 p.m.

"As long as we do our job this weekend, something good is going to happen for us," said McP.

But in order for the Salukis to avoid any upset of their own this weekend, both McP and Vielbaus, the left side of the Saluki infield, will have to be sharp defensively because of Indiana State's non-stop use of the bunt and the slap.

The Sycamores are on a roll after winning last weekend, and the Salukis are currently in seventh place.

Above: The Saluki pitchers have been getting shellacked by the opposition and if they intend to improve their record to a respectable level, they need to start healing strikes and be a member of the Salukis' lineup team against the circumstances of the field after mishandling a bunt during practice Thursday at the Abe Martin Field. The Salukis have had a season that is running away on them as it dwindles down to a record of 7-4.

No need for alarm

SIU baseball plays host to Southwest Missouri State University for a four-game set starting today at 3 p.m.

Javier Serna
DAILY EDITION

Despite SIU baseball having lost eight of their last 10 with only 12 regular season games left, SIU head coach Dan Callahan isn't worried yet.

"The Salukis (14-24, 8-12) will play host to Southwest Missouri State University (23-13, 5-16) in a four-game series at Abe Martin Field in Carbondale starting today at 3 p.m.

"No deficit is insurmountable," Callahan said. "I don't think we need to push the panic button yet."

"We seriously need to get our offense going," Callahan said. "Hopefully we can do what we did last year."

Only the top six teams in the conference are invited, and the Salukis are currently in seventh place.

Banging the fork, louder

SIU third baseman Luke Nelson, who injured Wednesday's 13-1 tournament because of an injury during practice Tuesday at McAndrew Stadium Saturday afternoon, is expected to miss one to two weeks of action with a sore back.

"I think we're pretty comfortable with it," Callahan said. "We're all real relaxed now."

But this weekend's focus is not Illinois State University. SIU baseball plays host to the Salukis this weekend and suffered a season-ending loss last weekend.

As long as he feels up to the challenge, Callahan said, "He's practising."

Nelson was banned by an Illinois State University pitcher at the plate last weekend and suffered a second hernia, which also resulted in a sore back.

"I'm feeling a lot better," Callahan said. "He's practising."

"We'll either solidify a good No. 2 spot or if Evansville wins we're back in the race," said senior catcher Kerri Blaylock.

Just this weekend's focus is not Illinois State University, or Evansville, it's strictly Indiana State and a little deal break work.

"We don't need a sweep, but we're not going to party or anything like that," Callahan said. "After coming back in [Wednesday's] game, I think we all feel relaxed now.

Salukis still waiting

Freshman catcher/infielder Adie Vielbaus suffered a strained ligament in her left knee in Wednesday's doubleheader against Evansville and is expected to miss one to two weeks of action.

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