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Success of Spring Thing ensures future of event

MELODY MAKERS: Ziggy Marley attracts crowd of 9,000 for free reggae show.

Organizers are calling the Student Programming Council Spring Thing, which featured a live concert by Ziggy Marley and the Melody Makers, a success, despite early morning anxieties over bad weather and a smaller than expected turnout.

"This was a success without a doubt," said SPC member Andrew Daly, one of the people responsible for organizing the event. "There were no arrests, no problems whatsoever.

SIUC Police also reported there were no problems as far as the they were concerned.

"We had to arrest or any alcohol-related violations today," LT. Andrew Smith said Saturday. "The crowd was really friendly and well-behaved, and we were really pleased with how the day went."

Student Development Director Nancy Huns-Pei said she was very pleased with the way the day went.

"I thought it was a great day," Pei said. "The students worked really hard and everyone was really cooperative."

Early morning showers and strong winds throughout the day created some problems for the volunteers and staff that worked to keep the show running smoothly. Several volunteers arrived at McAndrew Stadium at 5:30 a.m. to begin the final preparations for the show.

There were problems keeping the tarp used to cover the stadium field. From bowing around in the high winds. Volunteer workers stood on the tarp to hold it down while others used duct tape to reinforce the team.

Though some officials expected a crowd of 20,000, about 3,000 people passed through the gates at McAndrew Stadium Saturday to see the show. Daly said he believes the early morning showers may have affected turnout.

The general feeling in the air was very friendly and relaxed throughout the concert. The event had the diverse crowd that had been anticipated, Daly said. When the show was over Daly and his co-organizer SPC member Jason Dallen both were very pleased.

"This was awesome," Dallen said. "I've been waiting for this for as long as I have been here."

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Gus Bade

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money to help finance the event. Student Development staff members chief contributed much of the success of the show to Daly and Bolen.

"These students are absolutely amazing," said Beth Lindgren of Student Programming Council Spring Thing, PAGE 12

Auditor General's report states SIU will change the way it distributes tuition waivers in response to a tuition and fee audit of state colleges and universities released Tuesday by the Illinois Auditor General that recommends waivers should be reduced.

SIU President Ted Sanders stated in a press release Tuesday he will soon implement a task force to address the results.

"This cross-campus group will look for ways to change written procedures and guidelines for tuition and fee waivers," Sanders said.

The audit was initiated two years ago when claims began to surface that politicians distributed scholarships to family members and children of political donors.

The Auditor General's report states that from 1990 to 1996, tuition-award amounts increased 27 percent while graduate tuition amounts increased 74 percent. The number of waivers granted for SIU students during fiscal year 1996 was 40,3461, totaling $111.7 million. Illinois waived $19.4 million in graduate student tuition while $37.1 million was collected.

The auditor found SIU invested approximately 11.5 percent of the total amount invested by all state colleges and universities. The graduate tuition waiver for SIU was $10 million and the under-graduate tuition waiver was $3.4 million. The Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses collected $61 million in tuition.

SIU was ranked third among four-year state universities in the amount of tuition waived behind with the University of Illinois-Chicago and second and the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign in first.

The auditor also found that because of minimal controls over the types and amounts of tuition waivers offered, many institutional and state variations exist in current waiver programs.

In response to the dramatic rise in waivers over the past five years, the report concludes fewer waivers should be printed and that state universities need to cooperate with the state auditor's office for recording waivers. It also states universities need to stock the school's progress of waivers on their websites. In addition, greater control must be placed on scholarship winners, scholarship criteria and co-holds.

Executive Assistant for Media Services Jack Dyer said the audit in no way
Police Blotter

UNIVERSITY

* Emma Morgan, 19, and Nathula N. Walker, 21, both of Carbondale were arrested at 3:50 p.m. Thursday at the Technical Building for fighting by agreement. They were both released with pay-by-mail citations.

* An 18-year-old SUC student reported that she was battered by her 24-year-old sister at 6:50 p.m. Thursday at South Tetila. The 24-year-old sister has not been located.

* Alyson L. Eiskind, 18, of Chicago was arrested at 11:04 p.m. Thursday at Hardy Drive near Schneider Hall for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving on a suspended license and having a stopped vehicle. Alcohol, Eiskind was taken to Jackson County Jail where he posted bond and was released.

CARBONDALE

* Samuel L. Lowe, 19, of Centennial and Brenda D. Hess, 21, of W. Vernon were arrested at 3:06 p.m. Friday in the 600 block of East Main Street for possession of a stolen vehicle. Lowe and Hess were taken to Jackson County Jail where they await court dates.

* Tommy L. Brown, 34, of Carbondale was arrested at 7:23 p.m. Friday at Kroger-Hein near Ridley Pass for retail theft. Brown allegedly stole $37.20 worth of cigarettes, razors and cornflakes. Brown was taken to Jackson County Jail where she awaits a court date.

Almanac

ON THIS DAY IN 1993:

* Terry Williams, better known as Greg Braly, the older brother of "The Brandy bunch" gave a lecture in the Student Center Ballrooms promoting his latest book "I Was a Teenage Greg Braly". Tickets were $2 for students.

* Kuwaiti Defense Minister Sheikh Al Salim Al Sabah added to his list of things that the National Assembly has不理 that it has already resolved to deal with in the future George Bush, Bush was not the major target of the assembly, but would have bitten the target had Kuwaiti security forces not interfered.

Saluki Calendar

TODAY

* USA applications are now available for the Bill and Susan Holt Student Scholarship through April 27. Contact USG at 536-3393 for information.

* Re Sigma Alpha/FASO International Visiting Scholar Colloquium with Russian Professor Yoo Kumin, who will be discussing "Past Soviet Development," April 27, 11 a.m. Museum Auditorium. Contact Kumin at 452-3193.

* Campus Lect for Adult Student (CLAS) general meeting, April 27, 1 to 3 p.m. Student Center Carollas Room. Contact Michelle at 452-5714.

* Red Cross blood drive, April 27, 3 to 6 p.m., the Center for Student Volunteerism 452-3388.

* SPC-GV general meeting, new members always welcome, Mondays, 6 p.m., Student Center Volunteer Station. Contact Jeremy at 536-2675.

* SUC Ballroom Dance Club meeting, new members welcome, Mondays, 7 p.m. Donnie's Gym, $20 semester. Contact Bryan at 452-9895.

* Jewish, Christian, Muslim Conference Series, "Women in Judaism," April 27, 5 p.m. st. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 402 W. Main St. Contact Date at 452-4391.

UPCOMING

* Saluki Volunteer Corps needs volunteers for Molandra Fest

CALENDAR POLICY: The deadline for Calendar items is one publication day before the event. The event must include time, date, place, admission cost and source of any tickets sold and when and where to purchase, but would have bitten the target had Kuwaiti security forces not interfered.

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Begg's options less, keeping plans

REJECTED: Western Michigan University turns down Begg's for new president.

HAROLD G. DOUGS
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

SIU Chancellor Donald Begg says his plans remain unchanged after he was not chosen by Western Michigan University as its new president.

"It doesn't change anything," Begg said. "I have already submitted all of my papers to retire from here June 30. It is just one less option I have." Begg, chief administrative and operating officer at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, had been chosen as Western Michigan's top administrator. He will take office Aug. 1.

The position opened when current president Dieter Siebers announced last June he would resign July 31 to join the faculty. He has served 13 years as Western Michigan's president.

Begg said he has other options open to him, but would not disclose them at the time. He said he will continue to concentrate on his chancellor duties and assist in the transition to a new chancellor. Jo Ann Aingeringer becomes SIU chancellor July 1.

Begg said he has no hard feelings for Western Michigan but said the president selection "is the right thing for them to do."

Ruth Stevens, a spokeswoman for Western Michigan, said the selection process was not unusual.

"It was pretty straightforward," she said. "It was a unanimous vote by our board of trustees. Each of them ranked their top two choices for Western Michigan and Dr. Ford got No. 1 work." An undisclosed candidate got two of the remaining top votes.

SIUC Professor reflects on meeting Wang Dan

DEMOCRACY: Chinese protestor known as peaceful.

BRAD EMBERS
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

A Chinese dissident involved in the Tiansanmen Square massacre, Wang Dan, has been released from prison last week by Chinese authorities, and one SIU geography professor recalls meeting Wang in Beijing in 1989.

While on sabbatical, Doc Horsley, associate professor of geography, taught at Beijing University and other educational institutions in China. Horsley was introduced to Wang in April 1989 when the demonstrations remained peaceful.

As a Beijing University student, Wang motivated students through passionate speeches and led demonstrations around the city. Wang, 29, was paroled from prison on a medical discharge after serving 3 1/2 years of an 11-year sentence. Wang escaped China and arrived in Detroit April 10th.

Horsley met Wang through his Beijing guide, who had known Wang and led Horsley to him. When Horsley arrived, Wang was on a hunger strike in Tiananmen Square with 200 other Chinese students. Horsley spent three hours inside a starvation circle encircled by thick rope on the floor of Tiananmen Square. "Wang was very politically motivated and intelligent," Horsley said. "Wang knew all of the Chinese officials and how they could be reached."

Wang, vice president of the Friendship Association of Chinese Student and Scholars and graduate student in computer science from Beijing, marched around Tiananmen Square observed the events through May that led to the violent dispersion of the one million-plus people demonstration on June 4, 1989.

Tang was a sophomore at Beijing University at the time and had frequented Tiananmen Square often. "Everybody was surrounded somewhat and everybody had heard of [Wang]," Tang said. "I was surprised to hear Wang was released."

"I hope this is a good sign."

Following the death of former Communist Party leader Hu Yaobang in April 1989, thousands of students and Chinese laborers gathered in Tiananmen Square to mourn his death; a common practice in China.

Five days after Hu's death, 80,000 - Chinese, including 40,000 students, marched through Beijing calling for simple democratic reforms. Tang said that Hu's death served as the foundation for the reforms that included freights of the mainlnd press and increased democracy.

WASHINGTON

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Nation

WASHINGTON

Clinton welcomes Kirbyenko confirmation

US President Bill Clinton welcomed Sergei Kirbyenko's confirmation as Russia's minister Friday and said he was eager to begin working with him on arms control and other issues.

"I'm looking forward to it. We have a high opinion of him," Clinton said during a White House ceremony.

Kirbyenko was a confirmation vote in the State Senate after a month-long stand-off between the leftist-dominated opposition and President Boris Yeltsin.

"I don't think he would clear the way for the Duma to ratify the START II agreement for slashing US and Russian nuclear stockpiles," the president said.

"I very much hope that this will free the Duma up now to consider the START II treaty," he said.

The White House has said Clinton will not attend a US-Russia summit until the pact is ratified.

The president noted that he will meet with Yeltsin next month at the latest, on the Group of Eight summit in England and that the two would likely discuss "pro visa:" resection.

White House spokesman Michael McCurry acknowledged earlier that some believed notification legislation was the "last bit of leftover bitterness from the Kirbyenko fight, but not from the United States.

"There has also been analysis that it makes more likely they will move the president's other proposals," he said.

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25th annual boat race blows across Campus Lake

Tim Steele said he got the idea for his award-winning cardboard boat from two people: his mother and "Commodore" Richard Archer, a professor of Art and Design at SIUC and originator of the Great Cardboard Boat Regatta. "I was born for Christmas break, and my mom and I did a 3-D puzzle of the Eiffel Tower," he said. "Then, one day I was sitting in class, and Archer told us to imagine something we'd never see on the water as a boat." More than 1,000 people braved the rainy conditions Saturday to watch 125 cardboard boats and their pilots navigate a 200-yard course on Campus Lake Saturday afternoon during the 25th Annual Great Cardboard Boat Regatta.

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"The boat is tall," Steele said. "And that was the key element to our design. We doubled everything up," Steele said. "Plus, there were compartments in the bottom and lots of bubble wrap." "Miss Bud," a cardboard boat in the shape of a Bud Light beer can, struggled against the wind but was the only boat in its heat to cross the finish line, though it took almost 20 minutes to do so.

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Ivan Rottmann carries his boat to the lake.

The Rusty Spur falls victim to wind.
Vanilla Ice puts on red-hot performance

Celebrity rapper rocks full house at Copper Dragon Saturday night

KELLY E. HERDLE
DAILY EGYPTIAN REPORTER

Ten years have past since the hip-hop world was overtaken by the fresh, raw rapping sound of Vanilla Ice, a hot young star who quickly became a household name. The success of his chart-topping track, "Ice Ice Baby," helped the young rapper sell more than 15 million copies of his debut album "To the Extreme" and move into a new and interesting hip-hop sound across the nation.

The rapper surfaced from celebrity limbo Saturday when he filled the house at the Copper Dragon, 700 E. Grand Ave. An opening DJ mix showcased the audience from 10 p.m. until around 12 a.m., and with hands flailing through the air and chants of "Ice Ice Baby" filling the hall, Vanilla Ice took the stage from midnight to 1 a.m.

During a pre-show interview, Vanilla Ice said he began his singing career at an early age and built his portfolio through childhood competitions.

"We had this thing, it was like a battle. We all met at this one parking lot, we'd get a beer of coke, and we'd put on a song. We'd all have to be like who could cut who down the most," he said.

"It was a rap contest, and ice crowd would decide the winner. That went on for a long time, and I never thought anything would come from it. But I did do for so long that I entered talent contests as a young age."

The stress of achieving such success at an early age eventually became too overwhelming for the young rapper, who recorded "Ice Ice Baby" in 1990, said Vanilla Ice (Robert Van Winkle). "I was always getting pulled left and getting pulled right, people saying this and saying that. It was all very stressful."

"Reality was a drag to me; so I God he has been blessing me with a promise to God that I would never turn around."

Since his sobriety and newfound faith, Vanilla Ice has found himself caught in an unfamiliar world.

"All of my dreams were ripped away from me, I had no direction or purpose, I sold 15 million records, I was 16 years old and treated like a rapper," Vanilla Ice (Robert Van Winkle) said. "I was always getting pulled left and getting pulled right, people saying this and saying that. It was all very stressful."

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Last week, officials at the NBC affiliate in Chicago that hosted Springer's tapings decided to drop the show, citing concerns about youth viewership as one reason.
it don't mean a thing if ain't got that swing

GAD VOODOO DADDY:

pushes into Copper Dragon
dance for a swingin' time.

Kirk McTernan
DAILY EPISTEMOLOGY

united your federals, step on your spectacles and report to the Copper Dragon tonight. Adena's Initiatives into the now-swinging band scene may be the Monday before finals, but you can bet students alike will be shedding academic shackles and jumpin' to the Big Bad Voodoo Daddy sound. Those who dig when they hear today's longing for the sounds of Cab Calloway, Jimmy Durante, and the like, are in for a treat. No, but really, Monday night is really a treat. (The Copper Dragon, 3rd Ave.)

Best known for their musical cameo in the 1997 movie, "Swingers," Daddy invokes the Big Band sound of the '40s, giving it a polished, '90s twist. Scary Morris, guitar slinger and Daddy band leader, describes the sound as "a High-octane, live, loud, wild, and cutting edge." As if influenced by Black Flag as Gangsta B., he says.

Daddy maintains a relatively small, yet touring band. Cautious a four-piece horn section with Andy Rowley and Karl Hunter blowin' the sax, Glen "the Kid" Marhevka on trum-pet and Jeff Harris on trombone. Dirk Schumaker on double bass and Kun Sodergren on drums round out the rhythm section while Morris romps and Josh Levy bangs the piano.

Daddy's music undoubtedly is influenced by such swing era greats as Basie, Benny Goodman and Tommy Dorsey but also lends itself to the early rock 'n' roll sounds of Chuck Berry, Jerry Lee Lewis and Bill Haley. Certain traces of '90s rockabilly, ska, 'n' surf punk also


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"In Hu's case, he was seen as a clean and clear leader," Tang said. "And the people saw Hu's death as something that could make things better in mainland China."

The Chinese government attempted to subdue the masses by stationing unarmed police and soldiers around Tiananmen Square. The government was surprised when demonstrators fiercely interacted with the authority figures throughout May.

Horst said that when the crowds did not go away from outside top Chinese government

Students, adults and young teens obviously under the supervision of their parents chanted and screamed as Vanuice Ice sung verses to "Ice Ice Baby" and allowed the audience to sing the remaining lines of the song. Water, water bottles and sweat rags were thrown from the arms of the rapper into the audience of adoring fans.

The show was incredibly performed, even though the group utilized no defined song set to work from.

Although opening a DJ mix did not capture the attention of the audience, the crowd on hand responded with force energy in anticipation of one of the 90s first one-hit wonder when the lights dimmed and smoke filled the stage.

Vanuice's performance was short - just a clock tick over an hour - and sweet, but he kept spirits high when he said to the swarm of onlookers, "There ain't no party like an SI party, and the SI party don't stop."

"Mess you happen to be a nosy fad..."
From the preparation of the concert Friday to the dancing to Ziggy Marley on Saturday, Spring Thing was music in motion.
Celebration of Buddha's birthday draws approximately 20,000

SANTA ANA, Calif. — An estimated 20,000 people, most of them Vietnamese refugees who have settled in Southern California, came Sunday to join in what was billed as the largest celebration in the United States of Buddha's birth.

Amid traditional bright flowers festooned around a huge, smiling baby Buddha, booming drums and a convoy of staged detainees, there was a strong modern-day undercurrent — public but forceful protest against the continued persecution of Buddhist monks in Vietnam.

"We will try to ring the bell so loud it will go all the way to Vietnam, so they hear our message." said Tony Quach, 42, an auto body technician from Garden Grove, as he watched several men parade a huge bell across the colorful gathering in the central courtyard of Rancho Santiago College in Santa Ana.

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That kind of extreme approach is likely to result in fewer kids learning English and fewer kids doing well in other academic subjects.

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Portland forward finds rise to the top hard work

**FIRST SEASON:**
Jermaine O'Neal faces the exact opposite situation than Lakers' Bryant.

"LOS ANGELES TIMES"

**INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Only four weeks ago, Kobe Bryant was chosen as the No. 1 pick in the 1996 NBA draft.**

They were two 17-year-olds who represented an exciting pair of prospects in a dazzling trend of high school kids leaving the game, depending on who was talking at the moment.

Bryant, who was born on Aug. 23, 1978, became the youngest player to take part in an NBA game when he debuted on Nov. 3, 1997.

A month later, O'Neal (born Oct. 13, 1978) took that distinction when he came off the bench from an injury and played his first NBA game of national magnitude.

That's the last time their careers had anything to do with each other. The only thing better than beating them was beating each other.

Kobe, with a slam dunk championship and NBA all-star game MVP, has his own video game and has graced the cover of national magazines. O'Neal had a seat on the Postgame with Dazai on Sirius Radio and the title of the game of the playoff Friday night.

The mental preparation of Kobe Bryant played out better than the rest of the pack. Bryant didn't do anything wrong in the high-light films, but he made good passes, didn't drive through the lane with reckless abandon and came through when it mattered, scoring 11 points in the fourth quarter. "Me and Kobe, people don't realize, we were really good friends before this," O'Neal said. "Coming through high school, playing against each other in all-star games, we were both good, but for each other, I'm real good friends, with his family."

When I come to L.A., I go out and have dinner with them. I get to go to L.A. and have dinner with them."

"I never try to compete with myself or something like that. I'm really happy for him because he's had a great season."

O'Neal has actually started more games than Bryant this season. "He's the toughest person I've ever seen," says Eddie Jones — O'Neal has been rugged by the death of Portland's forward, struck behind a weed and killed by a car. Brian Grant, Bryant's 15.4 points per game was the highest average among underclassmen.

O'Neal averaged 20.1 points per game.

O'Neal's season was changed by the day. He has sat out a few games and started the next night. He's got an advantage of time created because of an injury to Grant and averaged 12.5 points in 51 games, including a career-high 21 against Denver. But he reached double figures only once in his next 15 games and didn't play at all in three of them — "I'm the toughest person I've ever seen," says Jones — O'Neal said. "It's hard to be consistent when your playing time isn't consistent.""

"I'm young, I know my time is coming in the league when I'm going to be an everyday starter. Sometimes it's tough, but you've got to stick with it."

"He's not trying to compete with anyone. He's a great all-round player and a great all-round person."

O'Neal said. "I just hope that he's able to keep it going."

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"We're in a unique situation. I don't know anyone else who can do what I can do."

Spring baseball offers fall preview

**WASHINGTON POST**

Baseball in the spring provides a different kind of fun than the grinding game of summer or the tense sport of the fall. These days baseball is a smorgasbord to be sampled as you please. Anything you don't enjoy, toss away. But grab second helpings of everything that makes you happy.

For example, the Red Sox are facing with first place. Some might think the reason is overrated. But Saberhagen is so fragile, he once knocked out of joint his elbow out of joint his elbow out of joint 9/4/18. As New Englanders know, Sept. 4, 1918 — 9/4/18 — is the day before Game 1 of the 1918 World Series — the last Series the Red Sox won.

If you say, "So what?" this just proves you're not a Red Sox fan. If you were, you'd fall down screaming, "Of course! That's it!"

Fanway Park got a new paint job over the winter, and somebody accidentally put the numbers back in numerical order—1-4-8-as just any franchise, not wanting to curse itself for generations, would do.
SPORTS

White Sox first baseman in denial over abuse charges

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Sox has been published.
Coelho's method of coping
— his role in the plot on
himself. The incident will
continue. And it will get
worse. Matt Dettman is
the first time this
season.

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Kopchak, 43, and Karl, 46, played for Dean Smith at North Carolina. And in the midst of the downpour, Kopchak, like Karl, is loose and unpretentious.

"I've just exasperated," said Karl, "who can't believe a coach with his record — the Sonics finished 61-21 and have won between 55 and 64 games in each of the past six seasons — hasn't been offered a new contract.

"I'm celebrating one of my best years in coaching, but I can't say that they want to do it. I don't deny that at this time, 60 wins doesn't mean much, but that we do in the play-
offs is what hangs over our heads. That's not right."

We have a team out there that contends for the championship. We haven't won one. If that's the reason they want to get rid of me, I'll live with that."

Sonics coach might find himself on Lakers sideline next season

RELOCATION: George Karl, who turns free
agent come July 1, may switch over to L.A. team.

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It's looking more and more as if Seattle SuperSonics Coach George Karl, whose contract expires July 1, is going to become a free agent and may wind up coaching the Los Angeles Lakers.

transferred to Portland, because Karl is friends with Trail Blazers General Manager Bob Whitsel, who hired Karl in Seattle. And while it seems unlikely the Trail Blazers would be eager to dump Mike Dunleavy, who is finishing the first year of a multiyear contract, the Trail Blazers have not played bad for him — would a team with重建ed Williams and Hall Rider play hard for anyone? — and figure to be eliminated by the Lakers in the first round for the second consecutive year.

As for saving Duquesne's contract, Trail Blazers Owner Paul Allen's statement could swallow that as Shamu would a potato chip.

With a net worth estimated at $20 billion, Microsoft co-founder Allen, who also owns the NFL Seahawks, is the richest owner in professional sports.

But Lakers Owner Jerry Buss is no slouch, and he has been behind the rumers that Del Harris could be dropped. Harris' biggest and most influential sector has been Lakers director of basketball operations Jerry West, but West after 16 years as perhaps the league's best executi-

vive, is expected to quit after the playoffs. He would be replaced by Lakers assistant (now Mickey) Kopchak, who jumped down a front office after the Denver Nuggets stealing he would replace West.

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Dan Cazaian

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The Saluki offense has been hot the past week, scoring 19 runs in the last three games.

If you come out and win two yesterday (Saturday), and we've got to come out with the same fire and win two today," Phelan said.

"And we didn't do that. We've got to be able to do that. To get into the tournament and once we get to the tournament, we've got to turn it on like that and come out with some intensity like we did [Saturday]."

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Baseball team split two twin-bills against Bradley University

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Drake Relays not a fun place for Saluki athletes

TIRED: Men track only places in top 10 twice, as women fair no better.

SHANDEL RICHARDSON
DAILY SAVANNAH REPORTER

The Salukis’ men’s track team might have prepared a little too hard for the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa, this weekend.

Getting up for some of their most difficult competitions of the outdoor season, SIUC men’s track and field coach Bill Cornell wanted his runners to put in some extra practice time so they would be as fit as they could be.

Little did he know, it would have a negative output in the runners’ performances.

Friday, May 4

They looked real tired out there.

Just real tired this week. maybe too hard.

The Salukis’ over-preparation led to a disappointing weekend in the Drake Relays. Although many runners were assigned for the men, only the 4x200 relay team and sophomore Ben Bowers earned a top-10 finish at the meet.

The team of junior Remonte Arthur, freshman Peter Perrier, junior Baye Wilson and senior Sun Rose timed in 1:28.96 seconds, good for seventh.

Bowers finished 16th in the long jump (23 feet 4 inches).

"The competition was real tough. It could have been better," Cornell said. "I’m pretty much disappointed because we didn’t do as well as we should have.

Junior Jeremy Parks finished 17th (41.443) in the 100-meter run, while Bowers finished 17th (47 feet 1.25 inches) in the triple jump. Sophomore Adam Lalonde’s 2:52.1 time in the 100-meter run was good for 11th.

The Salukis’ 4x200 relay team did well, finishing third with a time of 1:28.96 seconds.

I would have had better expectations about the meet," DeNolno said. "We were happy with what we got."