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# Trustees to finalize student fee hikes

Student athletic fee expected to increase by 65 percent

Alestle Staff Report

A 12 percent jump in student fees will be on the table Thursday, as the Southern Illinois University finance committee meets with the rest of the Board of Trustees to decide how to fund SIUE in 2009.

In total, eight fee hikes are being considered. The biggest of the increases being considered is a 65 percent jump in the student athletic fee. Full-time students enrolled 15 hours a semester could expect a \$92.60 jump in the fee for the 2009 academic year, should the increase gain BOT approval.

The proposal for the increase came from the Intercollegiate Athletic Advisory Committee for the Division I transition and was previously OK'd by the Student Senate along with 20 other fee increases in November. If approved by the BOT, student athletic fees will jump from \$142.40 to \$235 a year for a full-time student enrolled in 15 hours each semester.

The second largest jump in fees, by dollar-amount, is the facilities maintenance fee. With approval, on-campus students would see a \$22 increase from \$472.50 to \$495 a year.

In the proposal for the fee, the finance committee reported that within the next five to 10 years, the university would see an "unprecedented increase in major building repairs," and said most campus buildings are reaching

### A closer look

The Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees will review proposed fee increases at its Thursday meeting. Among the increases proposed for the upcoming school year are:

Athletic Fee

\$142.40 → \$235.00 (↑65.0%)

Campus Housing Activity Fee \$30.00 → \$40.00 (↑03.3%)

Facilities Maintenance Fee \$472.50 → \$495.00 (↑04.8%)

Student Technology Fee

\$186.00 → \$187.50 (↑01.0%)
Student Success Center Fee

\$110.40 → \$126.00 (↑14.1%)

**Student Fitness Center Fee** \$124.60 → \$138.60 (↑11.2%)

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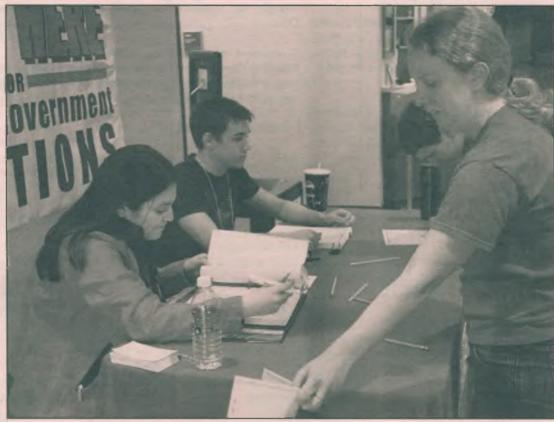
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"the end of their economic lives." The seven core buildings on campus were built between 1965

Specifically, the committee intends some of the \$3.8 million generated by the fee to go to new bleachers for the Vadalabene Center. The fee would not be charged to students who enrolled before Fall 2007 and are still in the guaranteed tuition plan.

The second-largest percent increase, however, is intended for the Student Success Center fee,

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Senior psychology major Bianca Trejo and freshman chiropractic care major Nick Martin work the Morris University Center voting booth while senior business major Rebecca Smith votes.

# Pick your president Student Government elections continue Tuesday

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Reporter

Armed with megaphones and bowls of candy, student body president candidates Sarah Brillhart and Dominique Majors campaigned for the vote of undecided voters Monday outside the Morris University Center on the first day of Student Government elections.

"I would say this is going to be a really close race," Majors said. "Talking to Sarah, she is confident, and I am confident in myself, of

Student Government secretary Bonnie Farrington expects this year's race for the presidency to be close.

"The two running seem to be very eager," Farrington said.

"It's a lot of fun for me," Brillhart said. "I think students are going to vote for whomever they think is the best, and I wish my opponent the best."

Voter turnout is a concern for Student Government, as last year's election yielded 883 votes, or seven percent of the student population. Farrington said a goal would be to have a greater voter turnout than the homecoming elections.

"I do not know enough about Student Government," freshman education major Cassie Wendler said. "We saw (one of the candidates) out front, and they convinced us that Student Government was a good thing to vote for."

Both presidential candidates plan to improve Student Government's recognition on campus.

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# Aspiring bikers rev up during weekend classes

Sean Roberts/Alestle

Donna Curless drives a motorcycle in the SIUC

Motorcycle Program Saturday in the fan lots.

by Whitney Tate Alestle Reporter

Lines of motorcycles, orange safety cones and instructors wearing shirts saying "Good Motorcyclists Aren't Born, They're Trained" were scattered across parking lot eight Saturday morning.

Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Motorcycle Program, which offers classes throughout southern Illinois and the Edwardsville campus, wrapped up their second weekend of classes at SIUE. The course is geared toward beginner, intermediate and more experienced

riders to help improve their skills on the bike and to teach certain strategies in the classroom.

Safety courses hosted through Carbondale program

Mike Ashner, the program coordinator, said there were a number of reasons why the class is important for riders.

"It helps them stay out of trouble before they get into trouble," Ashner said. "It puts the students in a safe learning environment instead of having them learn on their own, where they can pick up bad habits."

Classes consist of 24 students and a total of 20 hours of instruction. It also focuses on street strategies the riders will have to understand before they can complete the course.

Kip Shewmaker, one of the program's instructors, took this Edwardsville session off to watch from the parking lot's perimeter and witness the improvements from a different point of view.

"There are people that have never had their butt on a motorcycle before today," Shewmaker said. "But the program focuses on success. There are some students who are scared to death on Saturday morning, but have confidence by noon."

Shewmaker says his preferred

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# Police Reports

#### 4-1

Police issued Jamie D. Bone a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Curtis M. Price a citation for speeding on Northwest Entrance Road.

Police took a call of a person who reported backing into a pole in a parking lot and that the pole was leaning. Police were unable to locate the pole in Lot A and E.

A parking lot attendant in Lot B reported an orange or rust colored car with license plates LEJ274 running through the gate without paying. Police were unable to locate the vehicle.

Police issued Deborah Pederson a citation for disobeying the stop sign at Stadium Drive and South University Drive.

Police issued Deborah M. Hake a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on South University Drive.

Police issued James E. Harris a citation for driving on a suspended license in Lot C. Harris was transported to the SIUE Police Department where he was processed, given a notice to appear and released.

Police took a report of a car being struck while parked in Lot 4E.

### 4-2

Police issued Christen Ringhausen a citation for speeding on Cougar Lake

Drive.

Police issued Randall Mathenia a citation for failure to yield to a pedestrian at a crosswalk at South University Drive and P2 Road

Police issued Elizabeth R. Kraus a citation for speeding on North Circle Drive.

A resident assistant requested SIUE Police to come to the commons to meet with a subject who stated a driver had damaged a barbecue grill on the 400 side of Cougar Village. The vehicle was located in Lot 4C with no occupants.

#### 4-3

Police observed drug paraphernalia inside a car parked in the Prairie Hall Lot. The officer then spoke with the owner who reported the items did not belong to him. The case is pending interviews with other subjects.

#### 4-4

Police arrested Adam J. Brown for driving on a suspended license on South Circle Drive. Brown was taken to the SIUE Police Department where he was processed, given a notice to appear and was released.

Police met with the owner of a vehicle in Lot B who reported a person had slashed one of her tires.

### 4-5

Police issued William A. Jones a citation

for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and a written warning for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Scott M. Eyre a citation for expired registration.

Police issued Warren D. Richards a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle and disobeying a stop sign at South University Drive.

#### 4.6

Police met with a building engineer who reported a portable heater on the east side of the Morris University Center had been stolen between 2:30 and 3:00 p.m. or some time in the morning. The estimated value of the heater is less than \$300. It was later reported to have been moved within the building, and the case was closed.

Police took a report of criminal damage to government-supported property after a student sculpture was overturned on the west side of the Morris University Center. A building engineer reported that the artwork was damaged some time between the evening of April 5 and the morning of April 6.

Police took a 911 call of an accident at the housing four-way stop. There were no injuries or road blockages, and no citations were given. The damage was estimated to be more than \$500.

Police issued Jessica L. Hayes a citation for speeding on University Drive.

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which would see a 14 percent jump to \$126 a year. In that same proposal, the committee is seeking to simultaneously approve two other increases, one for 2009 and another for 2010. Over the three year period, the fees would climb 43 percent to \$158.40.

Thursday, the BOT will also consider a planning approval for roof replacements of six campus buildings. The plans would encompass replacing roofs on Founders, Alumni, Dunham and Rendleman Halls, as well as the Vadalabene Center and Supporting Services, and would be paid for by facilities maintenance fees.

Also being considered are \$7.3 million in contracts to construct additions to the Student Fitness Center, as funded by the capital bill. The additions would bring two multipurpose rooms for group exercises and student activities, more office space and a 30,500 square-foot gymnasium.

The BOT will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom.

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# Colloquium to evaluate university

by Kenneth Long
Alestle Reporter

SIUE students and faculty will analyze their own educational environment during an upcoming event hosted by the College of Arts and Sciences.

Issues concerning SIUE's academics will be addressed in papers, panels, roundtables, performances and posters by students and faculty at the College of Arts and Sciences Fifth Annual Colloquium.

The CAS Colloquium, titled "Thinking about the University," will be Wednesday through Friday in the Morris University Center.

Associate Dean for Student Development and General Education Carl Springer said the title fits in with the 50th anniversary celebration.

"Our goal is to think about the university in general terms," Springer said. "The topics include the historical background on universities."

Other topics include the current changes in sports at SIUE and academic standards.

"(Faculty) know a lot about the university, but we're too busy that we don't think globally about the university," Springer said.

Sociology professor Marv Finkelstein will be part of a panel discussion titled "Extending Opportunities, Achieving Excellence." He said the panel will focus on how accessible SIUE will become to the community as enrollment numbers and expectations increase.

"I think we've had a good balance of maintaining standards while being a welcoming institution, but I'm concerned about those that might seek to change that balance where standards may become more important," Finkelstein said. "It's a major issue on this campus."

Finkelstein said as enrollment increases, standards will increase. This might exclude some people in the local community.

"As the campus has grown, we've increased our reach and reputation, but we're busting at the seams," Finkelstein said.

Resources will be distributed and spent in different areas, Finkelstein said. This is an issue students might be concerned with.

"In trying to remain a welcoming institution and provide opportunities, we would have to spend resources and accommodate that," Finkelstein said. "It's not right to open doors and not resources."

Other issues impacting students include the difficulty of coursework. Finkelstein said the increasing standards could be viewed as a threat to current students.

"It would be harder to stay enrolled," Finkelstein said. "Students should be aware that this affects them directly in academics."

Finkelstein's panel discussion will begin at 3:30 p.m. Thursday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge.

The colloquium will not only focus on how the university will change as it grows, but will also feature topics about the current curriculums and practices of academics at SIUE and how they might be improved.

Mindy Young, a senior philosophy and history major, believes education is supposed to transform the soul.

"Modern education isn't transformative," Young said. "People get degrees for the money with no intellectual curiosity and passion, and I think the university encourages that."

Young's presentation, titled "The University: Cultivation of Curiosity, Intellectualism and Wisdom or the Perpetuation of Entertainment, Indifference and Self-Validation?" will be among the presentations given from 9 to 11 a.m. Friday in the Morris University Center's Redbud room.

Young researched educational methods and student attitudes. She said students today have a vast amount of resources at their disposal, but are too concerned with themselves to use them

"This generation is concerned about Myspace, Facebook, and 'me, me, me,' completely unaware of what's going on in the world," Young said. "I just want to open up students' eyes."

For more information about the colloquium, contact Springer at 650-5058. Abstracts for the presentations can be found at siue.edu/artsandsciences/colloquia.

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# Faculty discuss, rename new gen-ed system

by Kenneth Long and Whitney Tate
Alestle Reporter

The Faculty Senate passed all five recommendations of the Baccalaureate Reform through Integrated Design of General Education, or BRIDGE, Committee Thursday.

The new general education system, the "Lincoln Program" was created out of the recommendations.

Faculty Senate President Kay Covington said the recommendations could be voted on that meeting, requiring each recommendation to have a motion passed and seconded.

The BRIDGE Committee, which focused on revising and updating SIUE's general education system, gave a final summary and addressed details for the revamped general education system before putting the proposals to a final vote.

The discussion addressed issues about how the new program would affect how Bachelor's in Science and Arts would differ. The BRIDGE Committee said each department could choose whether to offer each individual degree.

Other issues included future jurisdiction on whether courses were still applicable. The new system would look at each class and evaluate if it still was guided by its goals.

Covington said the committee would work on a timeline and operation schedule for the Lincoln Program.

"The responsibilities of the BRIDGE committee will now be taken on by the Lincoln Program Committee," Covington said.

Covington said she was unable to predict when

the new general education program would go into effect.

Senator and political science professor Brian Harward said while the committee is still being put together, it should work well.

"With such a big plan, putting it into practice will reveal its worth," Harward said. "I don't see any major problems, but any change is going to have its difficulties."

Harward voted for all five recommendations at the last meeting. Harward said he thinks the changes in general education curriculum will be to the students' advantage.

"There will be different requirements for a BS (degree), but I believe it will surprise students in a positive way," Harward said.

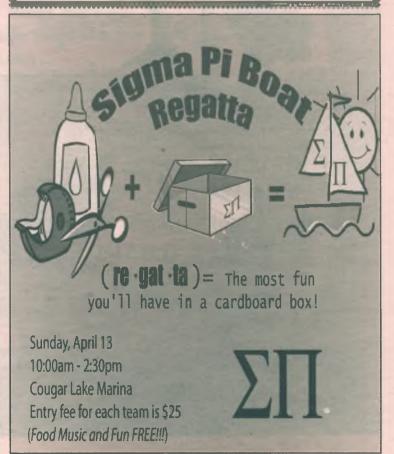
Some of the new requirements will include a quantitative reasoning class, a traditional "wet" lab and social science labs.

At an all faculty meeting last year, the BRIDGE Committee gave three different proposals to the faculty, ending with the distribution model chosen for the BRIDGE Committee's basis for general education. Harward said the meeting was beneficial.

"(The meeting) addressed concerns about the committee," Harward said. "It put us all in a position to contribute input."

For more information about the BRIDGE Committee, go to siue.edu/UGOV/FACULTY/BRIDGE.htm.

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# This week in CAB!!



### MOTORCYCLE

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student is one who admits he or she does not know anything, but wants to learn, regardless of age or sex.

Freshman mechanical engineering major Jon Albers took part in last weekend's course. Although he had some experience with ATVs and small dirt bikes, he had never ridden a street motorcycle.

"I figure I'm probably going to get a motorcycle either this summer, or the next," Albers said. "Plus, I live in Bluff, and the course is free on campus."

Shewmaker said the only thing that could keep students from succeeding in the class is answering "no" to "Do you know how to ride a bicycle?"

The course gives students opportunities to work with other riders to answer workbook questions and evaluate video scenarios.

"They talk a lot about different hazards and statistics," Albers said.

He said he enjoyed the classroom portion because they used videos and games to help analyze possible issues they could face on the road. He learned different techniques on the range and in the classroom, all of which added to his overall experience in the class.

"Since I've never driven a street motorcycle, a lot of the laws and normal motorcycle operations were new to me," Albers said. "They go over swerving, handlebar turns, leaning turns, stopping in emergency situations, lane changes and even a slow-moving figure eight."

Shewmaker explained the two-part process to completing the course.

The in-class portion consists of a written test with approximately 50 questions covering various topics the students reviewed throughout the program.

The riding test is like golf, Shewmaker said, in that "you don't want to get points."

Students can accumulate up to 20 points and still pass the riding exam.

Failing to stop quickly, any form of horseplay while on the bikes or laying bikes down during any part of the test will cause the student to automatically fail the class

"It's all about riding defensively," Ashner said. "It's a little bit more risky and takes more awareness and skill since there are different factors involved. In the end, we want the students to have appreciation for what it takes to ride a motorcycle."

For more information about SIU's Motorcycle Rider program call 453-2877 or go to their Web site at siu.edu/~cycle.

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### **ELECTIONS** from pg. 1

"Increasing the visibility of Student Government members on campus is one thing I want to do, and make myself available to students," Brillhart said. "I would also like to increase the funding within the program and travel requests for student organizations and co-sponsor programs to get that unity with student organizations."

Majors has similar concerns.

"Some of the things that I plan to work on include getting Student Government out there and hearing the student's voices, issues and concerns and fight on behalf of the students," Majors said. "That is what Student Government is all about."

Brillhart said she has visited numerous classrooms and student organization meetings to get her campaign across to the university.

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"We do have a candidates in this yet Farrington said.
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"I took a survey, and out of 600 people only two students could answer the question, 'What has Student Government done for me?' If elected president, every student should be able to answer that question," Brillhart said.

Bringing student issues to the forefront is on Majors' agenda.

"Any issue that you all bring, we will bring it to the administration and fight on your

behalf," Majors said.

Aside from the presidential race, William Krause and Amber Suggs are competing for the role of Student Trustee, along with uncontested vice presidential candidate Bryan Kress.

Twelve spots in the Student Senate are up for grabs with twelve senators in the race primed for election.

Pat Brazill, Natalie Butler, Mary Clabaugh, Andrea Fox, Abbey Fritz, Rick Gonzalez, Gameli Kumasi, A.J. Mitan, Nikirra Peoples, Leah Scherwinski, Ryan Watson and Kenny Yasger look to make up the initial Senate during 2008-2009, barring a victory from a write-in candidate.

"We do have a few write-in candidates in this year's election," Farrington said. "Although it seems like a shoo-in when it's 12 for 12."

Student Government elections will continue Tuesday, with polling stations located in the Morris University Center, Peck Hall and the SkyWalk Cafe between Alumni and Founders Halls from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Results will be announced Wednesday.

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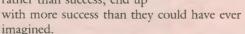
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# Stress will not lead to success

Last Friday, I attended the Phi Eta Sigma Induction and listened to our Provost Paul Ferguson's speech. Ferguson talked about how proud he was for all the determination and success all the inductees had exhibited, but then talked about the worth of success.

Though the speech was relatively short, it

was the brevity that made what he said more memorable. In essence, students at college chase success to an absurd level. They do this by stressing over their major or pushing for almost impossible causes, just because it may end up giving them more money in the future. However, the determined individuals who seek bliss rather than success, end up



Harry

-Zollars

Letter

to the

Editor

Now, I know we all have these stresses. I worried about what I needed to do for my future, worried about what grades I would need to get there and worried even more

about how much I could put up with in order to stay sane. But then, I got to the point where I still worry, but I'm not letting it control my life. Grades come as they come, relationships appear as fast as they disappear and my life now ebbs back into being a part of the living.

At one point, I truly did believe that all of life was just a state of preparing: toddlers prepare for kindergarten, which prepares for grade school, which prepares for middle school, which prepares for high school, college, career, retirement, death. At which point in that cycle would anyone truly know what life is? That's why now I see life worth living for the present, not living for the future.

So, I think a major aspect of college shouldn't be about preparing for success, but 'rather letting success come. It's said that around 50 percent of all college students constantly feel stress and 25 percent of all college students say they are so stressed out that they cannot stand schoolwork or even being with friends (WBZ, "Study: Stress In College Hurts Motivation").

When confronted with all the stress that

occurs with chasing success, it's killing all aspects of our lives.

It may be a hard realization, but just taking it easy with our lives will help us all. If someone just relaxes about his or her grades, enjoys the company of friends and truly calms down from all the anxiety, something will click.

Through happiness and bliss, something will arise. From hobbies, interests and genuine introspection, anyone can see what makes him or her truly fulfilled. Some career will appear and make the chase for success subside to the chase for happiness.

Success will follow, no matter how much work one puts into their bliss. It's like an adage that I remembered from long ago that happened to pop back into my head when I listened to Ferguson's speech: "Success is like a butterfly: It always flies away when chased, yet always happens to appear when it's left alone."

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# Dean Neely, a respectable leader

Recently I was misquoted in the Alestle article (Heading West: CAS dean to leave for Western Oregon.) A correction was indeed printed; however, it was a correction that only attributed the quote to the correct person.

My reason for even reporting the error was to find an avenue in which I could relate my comments about Dean Kent Neely leaving the office as CAS

Dean. I suppose since I wasn't available for an "interview" on that particular day, it wasn't deemed necessary to print the comments I included in my email to Mr. Speere, so I will

try another approach – a letter to the editor. Had I been asked for my comments . . . In my 20 plus years on campus, I've worked for some of SIUE's finest supervisors: Nick Pendergrass who initially hired me (Mathematics, deceased), Sam Pearson (Social Science Dean), Sharon Hahs (first CAS Dean) and now I have to add Dean Neely to that list.

I have the highest respect for all of these individuals as they all shared the common traits of honesty, fairness to staff, great leadership skills that covered a myriad of issues (not just those items mentioned in the evaluation process) and tireless devotion to running an academic unit.

In addition, in each and every case, I felt as if I had made a very good lifetime friend, and that may be the most unique quality to come out of a supervisor/employee

relationship.

The College has benefited greatly from Dean Neely's leadership, and he will be a difficult act to follow. When he leaves, I want him to know that our Dean's Office will miss him very much and that he has our very best, good wishes for success in his new position. Oh, and another commonality: All of the above had wonderful spouses!

Thank you for the opportunity to add my comments to the others that were made in the wonderful article on Dr. Neely.

Norma Jean Hartlieb Assistant to the Dean for seven years College of Arts & Sciences

Correction: In the April 3 issue of the Alestle, the date of the Shoji Sadao presentation in the "Dome architect to speak inside his design" article was wrongly stated. The correct date is Saturday in the Religious Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the event begins at 7:30 p.m. The Alestle regrets this error.

# When arts collide

Drawing and dance students team up to choreograph a piece for Student Dance Concert

> by Erika Helmerichs Alestle Reporter

Jason Holler is not a dancer. Rather, he is a senior graduating in a little more than a month with a bachelor's of fine arts degree and a focus in drawing. His artwork is displayed in the Art Gallery in the Morris University Center. Additionally, Holler is the lead vocalist for local band Kentucky Knife Fight.

He does not do ballet, tap, salsa, ballroom or interpretive dance.

However, bedtime rituals led Holler to a world of ideas that he would utilize as a "conceptual director" for a modern dance, centered on the stages of sleep, featured at SIUE's upcoming Student Dance Concert.

"Dance was just something that I've been interested in working with for about two years," Holler said. "I don't really know much about movement."

Dance professor Michael Thomas, who is one of the faculty members involved in coordinating dance events at SIUE, said he was excited to hear Holler's dance concept.

Thomas said Holler had come to him more than a year ago with the idea for a dance centered on sleeping.

"I could tell that Jason's work was good quality and mature," he said. "And we are always looking for people who want to collaborate on works.

"My role is basically just mentoring and assisting students," Thomas said. "They do everything else."

Thomas said this year's Student Dance Concert would include a diverse mix of contemporary projects by devoted students who want a chance to "have their work seen on campus."

Holler said it was the song "No Solace in Sleep" by Aarktica that provoked him to wake at night to jot down notes, for the eventual conception of this

"I would listen to the same song on repeat while I slept," Holler said. "A lot of ideas I came up with were to bed at night."

After dreaming up a dance interpreting the stages of sleep, Holler contacted Thomas, and soon thereafter, senior dance major Karlie Pollard became the "arms and legs of the outfit."

"We started meeting and developing the concept immediately," Pollard said.

"I took the idea of sleep or dreaming and put it into movement."

Holler said he was "blown away" by Pollard's dancing. "It wasn't just conventional dance, it was very experimental."

The duo came up with "so many ideas," Pollard said. Pollard will not be performing the dance for "No Solace in Sleep," but she worked as the sole choreographer for the piece.

"We actually do dances with concepts, not only to entertain," Katia Kamera, president of the University Dance Organization, "They're thought provoking."

Kamera said the Student Dance Concert will focus on a "more modern-based technique of dance."

Another dance project slated to appear at the show is called "Symbiotica" and tells the story of "how the world works," according to senior Crystal Playter.



June Farley/Alestle

while I was trying to go Emily Taul, senior mass communications and dance major, watches as Audra Kemp, Erin Taul and Allysa Ruwe prepare for the Student Dance Concert which will run April 16-20.

connect and all the bonds down to an atom," Playter said. "It shows that energy pulses through all things."

Playter is one of the students involved in UDO who is not a dance major, but merely has interest in performance.

"It's really great to see what fellow students are creating and the messages they are trying to portray," Playter said.

Other dances to be featured at the Student Dance Concert are "Into Bedlam," "A Moving Target for Perfection," "Splintered,"
"Glance," "Just a Start" and "Game of Two." Male and female students from all class levels will be performing these artistic

Thomas said there is "no limit" on what students can do within UDO and the Student Dance Concert. However, Holler wondered about one major flaw he sees in SIUE's art studies programs.

"Since I've been here, I've always been interested in seeing plays and things," Holler said. "And I never understood why the art building and theater buildings were separate."

Holler said more of these kinds of collaborations within the



Dancers prepare for the Student Dance Concert. From front to back Audra Kemp, Erin Taul and Alyssa Ruwe.

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DANCE/pg 7 "It's about the way things

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# **Now Rating:**

by Jeff Mason Alestle Reporter

In 1993, a group of MIT students found a sophisticated and complex way to beat the casinos. They worked out strategies, code words and signals, before becoming a resounding success and earning tens of thousands of dollars along the way. Their story was made into a History Channel documentary called "Breaking Vegas," a fictionalized bestselling book called "Bringing Down the House" and now another of Hollywood's presummer successes. "21" may be a straight-laced popcorn movie, but it's saved by a director and cast bent on making the movie a

"21" focuses on Ben Campell (Jim Sturgess of "Across the Universe"), a brilliant mathematician who decides to join the low-profile cardcounting team in order to pay the \$300,000 needed for Harvard Medical School. With the help and resources of one of their professors (Kevin Spacey), a group of MIT students set up shop in Las Vegas to beat the game of black jack. As the team gets further down the rabbit hole, they run into trouble in the form Eleven," you'll be disappointed. of a "loss protection officer" (Laurence Fishburne).

The story shouldn't surprise most people like Vegas thrillers of the past, but the base story following Ben and the intricacies of their operation will keep you occupied. Robert Luketic, who also directed "Legally Blonde," does a great job at keeping the two-hour long movie moving forward.

The one thing "21" does

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arts could happen if the two departments were in one building on campus.

"The art that I create is mute and still," Holler said. "We're all visual artists, but our languages are a lot different."

Holler described his part as conceptual director as being similar to that of a cook developing a new recipe.

"Without each individual spice, my recipe would be significantly different," he said. "Right now, my feelings are that this particular recipe is perfect.

"I can't imagine having a better choreographer or a better group of dancers," Holler said. "I'm very, very lucky in that sense."

Holler said different mediums and methods for artistic expression should not hold students back from collaborating.

"I'm not getting any



really well is visualize the lure and appeal of Las Vegas. The team regroups in an extravagant strip club, stays in plush hotel suites and partakes in the many vices of Vegas. The city itself also looks gorgeous. Luketic shows off the elaborate lighting of the casinos on the outside and makes the tables inside glow. There's a feeling that these college kids are getting lost in the city's many offerings and the freedom to be anyone they want to be.

The only thing I can really complain about is the movie's popcorn feel. Every now and then, a shot will come up that oozes of stereotypical Hollywood, such as the player's walk out of the casino after a successful night of card counting. The end of the movie is straight out of Hollywood's playbook and isn't likely to catch anyone off

In the end, if you go to "21" looking for a Vegas movie with the creative likes of "Ocean's But if you are willing to set the storyline's weak twists and turns on the side burner, you'll be rewarded with an enjoyable and fun movie that will have you planning your next vacation for

4 out of 5 stars.

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academic credit for this," Holler said. "It's about making a dream come true ... no pun intended."

SIUE's Student Dance Concert will be at 7:30 p.m. from April 16 through 19 and 2 p.m. on April 20 in the Metcalf Theater. Admission is \$5, and all proceeds will go to the theater and dance department. Senior projects and solo dance creations will be featured.

Holler said students should attend the Student Dance Concert, not only to see his ideas realized, but also so they can "see what the heck is going on" around the dance department.

"It's a place where they can see some really interesting art and open their minds," Holler said. "They can see something out of the ordinary."

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Freshman Carli Connors returns a serve during Friday's game against the University of Missouri-St. Louis. The Cougars blanked UMSL 9-0.

# **Tennis shuts out UMSL** and Quincy

by Josh McCarty Alestle Reporter

There were no morale victories for the SIUE men's tennis team Friday, as they lost to the University of Missouri-St. Louis 6-3.

The top two players on the team, freshman Paulo Gonzalez and sophomore Robert Young, both won their singles matches, but both were left unsatisfied.

"I was happy with my singles victory," Young said. "But I was more concerned with the team's loss.

Young defeated UMSL's Boris Simic in straight sets in the No. 2 match, and Gonzalez bested UMSEs No. 1, Andrea Dimke, with a decisive 6-0 score in the third set.

"He is a good player," Gonzalez said. "(Dimke) has beat me before, but I want another match against him in the Conference Tournament. That's

when I really want to beat him."

Overall, SIUE split the singles matches 3-3, with junior Carlos Sanchez also picking up a victory over UMSL's Tim Bryant.

The difference was UMSL's superior doubles play.

"We lost all (three) doubles matches, but they were all close scores," Gonzalez said. "Things could have gone differently if we would have won a couple points

Gonzalez gave credit to UMSL, but also acknowledged the team's desire to atone for this weekend's loss.

"We really want another shot at UMSL," Gonzalez said. "Little by little, the whole team plays better, and I believe we can beat them in doubles also."

SIUE will need to qualify for the Conference Tournament to see UMSL again, as they do not appear on the remaining regular season schedule.



Sophomore Robert Young drives the ball across the net during a match against UMSL on Friday. On Saturday, the Cougars shutout Quincy

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# Strong pitching leads to sweep over UMSL

by Zach Groves Alestle Reporter

The SIUE baseball team snapped a 1-5 record in its last six games after it swept the University of Missouri-St. Louis Tritons in four straight games last weekend.

Freshman outfielder Thad Hawkins delivered a two-run triple in the top of the ninth inning during the second game of a Sunday doubleheader to win, 5-3. The Cougar victory capped the wins over UMSL at T.R. Hughes Ballpark in O'Fallon, Mo. The Cougars took both games Saturday as well.

UMSL carried a 3-0 lead into the fourth inning in an effort to salvage the series Sunday, but SIUE produced two runs on a mix of stolen bases, singles and fielder's choices. Hawkins then drove in senior outfielder Daniel Thomson and senior first baseman Steve Doll in the ninth and eventually scored himself on an error for the win.

"I was a bit nervous, but I think I was more focused than nervous," Hawkins said about his clutch at-bat. "I knew I had to get that run in no matter what, and the ball just found a hole."

The Cougar pitching staff started sophomore reliever Nick Wooley, who went two-plus innings, and junior Daniel Bennett took over for the rest of the game. Bennett pitched sixplus shutout innings and struck out seven.

SIUE appeared to have game one in place with a 4-0 lead in the sixth inning after two tworun innings in the fourth and sixth. UMSL made the game close when Scott Lavelock and Ryan Gray capitalized on baseloading balks by SIUE lefty Andrew Beatty with an RBI single and double, respectively.

After freshman reliever Mitchell Fairley came into the game for Beatty, he allowed a sacrifice fly and closed out the inning. Thomson added an RBI single to record the 5-3 win.

Senior catcher Zach Stead said the Cougar pitching staff got called on two balks Saturday as well as Sunday.

"Most umpires rarely call balks, but for some reason they called them against us," Stead said. "That's as many balks as we've had the last 15 games."

The first two were called against junior right-hander Nick Gruver in the Cougars' 10-5 game one victory Saturday. Gruver gave up two runs in his final inning of work in relief of junior starter Aren Cummings.

Cummings scattered three runs on five hits and five walks through eight innings of work for his fourth win this season.

Cummings, according to Hawkins, has made major strides from the bullpen to the starting

rotation after juniors Luke Vine and Zach Everist went down

"It's hard to replace two great pitchers like Vine and Everest, but I think Cummings has done an excellent job filling (the) role as one of our top pitchers," Hawkins said.

Senior third baseman Ben Bartley led the team with three RBIs on three hits, and junior outfielder Adam Eggemeyer added two runs on two hits. Five Cougars had at least two hits or more in the game.

Senior lefty Cody Litteken, who pitched a nearly flawless game in the 1-0 loss to the University of Southern Indiana, tossed seven shutout innings in a 7-0 game two victory later that

In the second game of the Saturday doubleheader, Litteken pitched the minimum seven innings the Great Lakes Valley Conference allows.

Thomson homered to lead the Cougar offense and drove in three runs. Hawkins, Eggemeyer and juniors Josh Street and Michael Hopkins all chipped in an RBI.

"I think that our hitters were little more relaxed this weekend, and it was nice to see some of our hard work pay off," Hopkins said.

BASEBALL/pg.10



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Junior pitcher Adam Beatty regains composure after a mound visit. Beatty recorded a 5-3 victory over UMSL during this weekend four game sweep over the Tritons. The Cougars are now 15-13 overall.

# Cougar golfers tee off spring season in St. Louis

by Josh McCarty Alestle Reporter

The SIUE women's golf team won their first tournament

of the year over the weekend, finishing first in the St. Louis Area Ladies Intercollegiate Tournament.

The Cougars finished with a total score of 652, 19 strokes less than second place finishing Rend

This tournament was a confidence booster for the team," SIUE Head Coach Jennifer Jakel said.

Leading the way for Cougars was sophomore Sheena Collins, who finished in second place with 158. Senior Julie Cline came in third with a score of 159.

"I was getting good distance off of the tee which really helped me out this weekend,' Cline said. "The course was very

because of the of the three returning seniors. SIUE women's golf ended the fall board. length at which we season best finishing second at the Illinois Wesleyan Classic.

to roll less. I think I was able to play well because I can fly the ball a little farther off the tee, which makes up for not having a lot of

tournament-low 318 on Saturday combined 18 fewer strokes in the

after coming into the day with a two-shot lead.

"I think on the second day knowing your team is in the lead and looking at the chance to win second round compared to the

"I could tell by their demeanor on Saturday that they were going to have a good final

round," said. "With the conference championships just three weeks away, this was a good tournament to win."

The team now turns its attention to the Aviator Spring Classic. The twoday tournament will begin on Sunday, April 20, at Prairie Bluff Golf Course in Lockport.

While women were able to finish with a strong day-two performance, the men's team struggled down the stretch of the Northern Kentucky Spring Invitational.

The Cougars entered Sunday with a lot of momentum. They were in seventh place with a score of

Courtesy Sports Information 293, and a player c h a l l e n g i n g Senior Kelly Morris lines up a putt during a match. Morris is one atop the leader

were playing it and also the wet really keeps you focused and conditions which caused the ball determined to shoot well," Cline said. "I'm really proud of everyone's attitude and play this weekend."

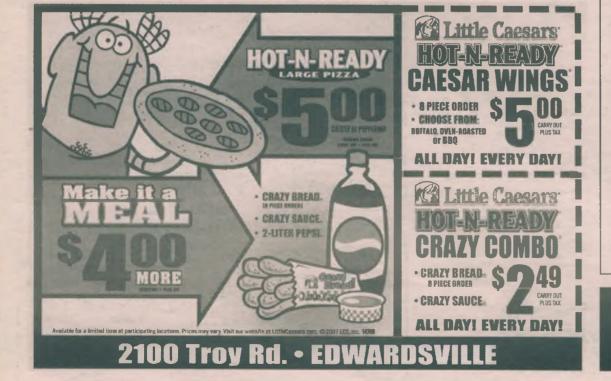
Kirstin Fischer, Junior sophomore Kelsey Atteberry and The Cougars shot a senior Natalie Connaway shot a

SIUE junior Tyler Link out shot the field Saturday with a score of 68.

"He played very solid," SIUE Head Coach Kyle Viehl said. "He eagled his last hole to end up shooting four under par."

The Saturday success did not carry over into Sunday,

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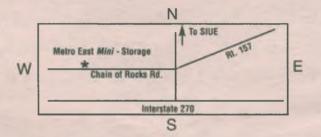




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He also said that both Cummings and Litteken pitched very well and "they both throw a lot of strikes and that makes it easy for the defense to stay involved in the game and make plays behind them."

The sweep appeared to not only increase the players' confidence, but Doll said the wins are also critical to their success the rest of the year.

"Well, it was do or die time," Doll said. "We needed to get these wins to have a chance at making the GLVC tournament, so I think everyone had a little more focus at the plate. Now, we need to carry that focus into the next game."

"I think that the sweep this weekend helped out our confidence a lot," Hopkins said. "It seemed like everyone was having a lot more fun out there because we were playing well."

The Cougars take on nonconference opponent Indiana State University at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Terre Haute, Ind.

"Indiana State should be a good challenge for our team," Hopkins said. "We are just going to go out there and play hard just like any other game, and hopefully we can keep everything moving in the right direction."

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### **TENNIS**

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Quincy, on the other hand, did come up on the schedule Saturday, and SIUE was able to take out some frustration on them.

SIUE routed Quincy 9-0, winning every match on the slate. Gonzalez and Young both increased their individual winning streaks to five.

The men's team is 8-7 on the season, with a conference record

While the men's team will look to improve their doubles play, the women's team used their doubles' success as a springboard in two dominating victories this weekend.

SIUE swept the doubles matches against UMSL on Friday, en route to a 9-0 team win. Saturday, they defeated Quincy 8-1, taking each doubles match as well.

"(The two wins) should be enough to qualify us for the conference tournament," SIUE Head Coach Kyler Updyke said.

SIUE freshman

Connors and Laura Horning led the way for the Cougars, winning their singles matches in straight sets and then teaming for two doubles wins at the No. 1 spot.

sophomore Meanwhile, Rhein remained undefeated in conference matches after defeating UMSEs Annie Gonzalez and Quincy's Megan

Sophomore Kelsey Laird bested UMSL's Molly Striller in straight 6-0 sets. Laird followed up with a straight sets victory over Quincy's Sarah Harris.

Ali Wulfers went undefeated on the weekend, winning both of her singles matches over the weekend in straight 6-0 sets.

The team is now 8-7 on the season, with a 4-2 record in conference.

The Cougars return home for a showdown with Washington, Mo., at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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### **GOLF**

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however, as Link shot an 80 on day two, giving him a final score event in 15th place overall, with a of 148-finishing 33rd overall.

"He struggled all day long and had a bad finish," Viehl said.

Sophomore Matt Lehl led all Cougars with a total score of 147. After shooting a 74 day one, he began Sunday four over par through the first three holes. Lehl was then able to add five birdies from that point on to give him a second day score of 73, tying him for 25th overall.

The Cougars finished the total score of 598.

The team now prepares for the Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament. The three-day event begins Sunday at Otter Creek Golf Course in Indianapolis, Ind.

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