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Budget proposal gives \$18 million to SIU

by Rachel Carlson
Alestle Reporter

Gov. Patrick Quinn announced his \$53 million state budget proposal Wednesday and if accepted, it could mean an additional \$18 million for the Southern Illinois University system and a new science building.

Quinn proposed Illinois education receive \$4 billion in funding, \$40 million

of which will go toward community colleges and higher education.

In an e-mail to SIUE faculty and staff, Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift said the proposal would provide the SIU system with \$18 million from the Federal Stimulus Program.

SIUE had planned for the worst in budget cuts, but if the proposal is approved, Vandegrift said the university may not have to cut as much as originally

planned.

"The budget is better than we would have anticipated with the nature of the state's economy," Vandegrift said. "We're starting out with an increase."

Vandegrift's e-mail also said the educational funding will give a 2.5 percent salary line increase and the 2.5 percent state allocation cut from last year will be restored. According to Budget Director Bill Winter, the increase in salary lines

means additional funding will go toward salaries and new hirings.

"One of the goals we have is retaining critical staff and professors," Winter said.

Vandegrift's e-mail to the staff also said the \$2.5 million that SIUE requests yearly for the School of Pharmacy would remain in place with this proposal. Vandegrift also said Quinn's Illinois Jobs Now program would also provide \$78.9

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Tears, laughter
take the stage
for Women's
History Month

by Aren Dow
Alestle Reporter

While blues singer Alberta Hunter and comedian Jackie "Moms" Mabley never saw President Barack Obama take office or heard of the stimulus package, actress Fannie Belle Lebby will voice their possible quips on issues old and new in a performance that heralds their pioneering spirits for females in comedy.

The production, "Women of Tears and Laughter: An Evening with Alberta Hunter and Jackie 'Moms' Mabley," will be one of the final shows as part of the Women's History Month program.

Women's Studies Director Mariana Solares said Women's History Month is a great way to enlighten people of the history of women.

"The idea is to make aware problems women have encountered," Solares said.

Solares said "Tears and Laughter" provides a more humorous alternative to other plays this month that have included "Women in Darfur" and "Mothers in Prison."

"Tears and Laughter" also provides history along with the humor. Lebby performs as both Hunter and Mabley, two black women who paved the way for others entering the entertainment industry in the United States.

Lebby said she grew up in the in the middle of the Civil Rights movement. She attended the University of Mississippi, but finished her degree at Texas Southern University. There, she graduated as the only black in the university's theater program.

After discovering Hunter and Mabley, Lebby was inspired to do a show about each of them. Originally, Lebby had separate shows for each.

"I combined them to remain true to Vaudeville style, where the singer opened up for the comedian," Lebby said.

According to Lebby, Mabley's comedy was unheard of at the time, as most of it revolved around men. Mabley also touched on topics that most comedians stayed away from, including racism and politics.

Lebby said she has updated her act of Mabley to include even the most recent events in history. Newer topics include President Barack Obama, Osama Bin Laden and even the month-old stimulus package.

"I talk about how the stimulus package won't pay rent, from the poor's standpoint," Lebby said. "It's going to take a while to trickle down and affect them."

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Derrick Hawkins/Alestle

Student Government candidates wait to make their speeches in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge Thursday. Elections will be held April 6 and 7.

Candidates present their views in open forum

by Rosie Githinji
Alestle Reporter

Candidates running for Student Government met Thursday to debate various topics concerning the campus in the coming year, including fiscal responsibility and housing issues.

An open forum was held in the Goshen Lounge of the Morris University Center and each candidate told students why they would be best for their desired position. Sophomores Dometi Pongo and Brandon Rahn are both running for the presidential position in the Student Government.

Pongo, currently a senator in Student Government, told students if he is elected, he will do what he can to establish an endowment fund for the Student Government scholarships.

Rahn, current Finance Board chair on Student Government, told students that he is committed to creating a passion for SIUE excellence if he is elected student body president. He also plans on promoting Student

Government on campus, as well as work on establishing a working relationship with the Edwardsville community.

Graduate student Amber Suggs is running for re-election as student trustee. Suggs said she would like to

"We need to pay more attention to how our fees and tuition money is being used."

-Brandon Rahn,
student body president candidate

take a hands-on approach to policies and procedures on campus.

Vice presidential candidates Abbey Fritz, Sandra Nicholas and Kevin Stark were not in attendance at the open forum due to classes.

All other candidates attending the open forum were running for Senate positions. Of the 15 candidates running for senators, seven were able

to attend the open forum: Dharmesh Balar, Andrew Biggs, Cory Bosco, Liz Heckman, Jatin Patel, Steven Robinson-Holman and Margaret Sherer.

Those not able to attend included Dennis Doddigarla, Joshua Harrell, Tiffany Leschke, Michael Malone, Molly Miller, Chase Newson-Jones, Nikirra Peoples and Liz Wall.

Sherer said she would like to promote student involvement and sustainability on campus.

"I believe in learning as much as you can as long as you can," Sherer said.

Graduate student Balar said if elected as a senator, he would do his best to get upgraded facilities in the Science Building.

Candidates spoke on the top two issues that they felt were impacting students at SIUE. Rahn said he felt the two major issues affecting students on campus were the economic recession and difficulty finding jobs. Rahn said he would like to make sure

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Police Reports

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Police took a report from a Vadalabene Center employee stating there was criminal damage to a door handle.

Police took a report from a student whose Cougar Card was stolen.

Police took a report about landscaping damage around Cougar Village Apartment 521.

Police issued Devon N. Pride a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Herbert T. Lomax a citation for speeding on University Drive.

Police issued Janet D. Davis a citation for speeding on University Drive.

Police took a report about cell phones stolen from the Vadalabene Center.

3-22
Malcolm Akbar Trent Johnson was arrested in connection with illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor after police received a report from a Woodland Hall resident about another resident being belligerent and loud. Johnson was processed, given a notice to appear and released.

Nicolas J. Atterberry was arrested in connection with unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor after police responded to two 911 calls from Atterberry's number. Police traced the number to Cougar Village Apartment 522. Atterberry was processed, given a notice to appear and released.

James A. Geppert was arrested in connection with speeding on Northwest Entrance Road.

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million for a long-awaited new science building.

Sophomore biomedical sciences major Alexandra Nutt said she hopes Quinn's proposal passes so renovations to the Science Building and construction of a new science building can begin soon, even if she graduates before they are completed

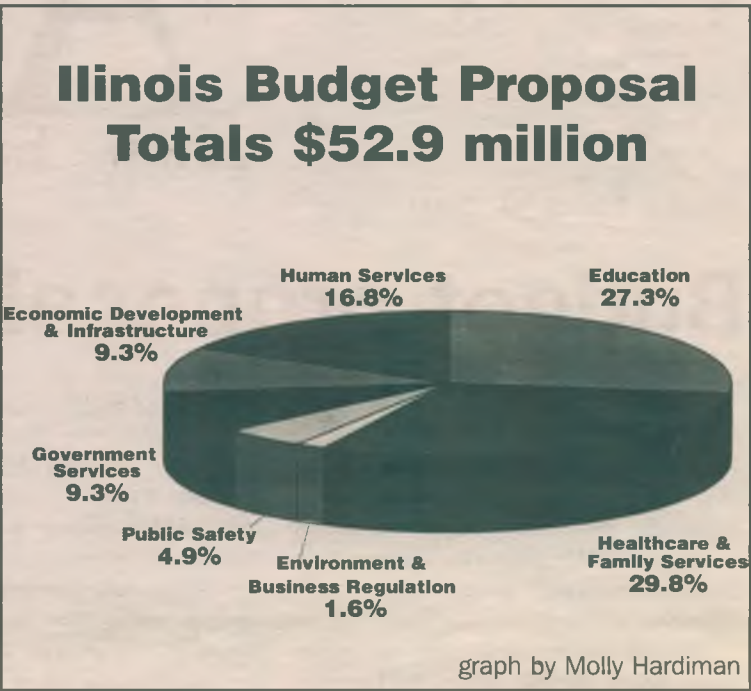
"The Science Building greatly needs to be renovated," Nutt said. "It is upsetting that I won't be able to see the changes, but it is good to know that plans for the renovation could be in the near future."

Quinn's proposal also involves \$1.3 billion in cuts. The cuts include a 2 percent reduction in grant programs, increasing health care contributions from state employees and retirees and consolidating leases.

Vandegrift said he is happy with Quinn's proposal because it will benefit education.

"If the budget is approved as proposed, it would have no deleterious effect on students," Vandegrift said. "This proposal gives us a lot of reasons for optimism."

Winter said Quinn's address is not final, but merely a proposal that can change over the coming



months, but there is reason to be optimistic. According to Winters, in the last five years the final budget was approved as early as May and as late as September.

The University Budget and Planning Council will continue to discuss the budget and how it will affect SIUE until its final approval.

According to Vandegrift, this budget address has had a different effect than past years because of the state of the economy, as the last major funding reductions SIUE experienced was in 2003.

"This has been the most difficult period in five years," Vandegrift said. "We're holding our breaths to see what actually happens."

To view the budget, visit www.budget.illinois.gov.

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In the field



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Freshman ROTC cadet Austin Marietta sets up "security" with a machine gun around a sleeping area late Friday night. ROTC did exercises this weekend from land navigation to realistic battle scenarios in order to provide cadets with needed field experience. For a Web exclusive video of the training, go to www.alestlelive.com.

Oppression found in 'The Abyss'

by Neal Gough
Alestle Reporter

Students will fall into "The Abyss" Tuesday and Wednesday in Bluff Hall, as they learn about oppression in many different and sometimes unexpected forms.

The annual event previously known as "The Tunnel of Oppression" will return to Bluff Hall for its fifth year this week under its new name, "The Abyss." The program is a national movement to raise awareness of oppression.

According to Bluff Hall Director Jessica Vanderwood, the Bluff Hall resident advisers renamed the program, which takes place at several college campuses nationally. Vanderwood said they felt the need to change the name because they were expanding beyond oppression. The name came from a Friedrich Nietzsche quote: "When you stare into the abyss, the abyss stares back into you."

Vanderwood said the advisers thought the quote fitting because the premise of the program is to put issues such as hate, racism, depression, domestic violence and more in front of the students so they might look at themselves.

"When things confront you, you are more likely to take notice," Vanderwood said.

Sophomore nursing major and Bluff Hall resident adviser Sara Rekasis was part of the name changing decision.

"We chose 'The Abyss' because we wanted to touch on taboo topics, such as alcohol and drugs," Rekasis said.

According to Vanderwood, this year's program will contain 12 exhibits, twice as many as last year's event. The topics for this year's exhibit are hate, forced migration, video game addiction, racism, depression, suicide, cutting, domestic violence, world hunger, body image, human trafficking and discrimination against the lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgendered community.

"We are taking more of an art museum approach," Vanderwood said. "It is more still-life focused and very passive in our approach."

This new, museum-like approach will let the

students get what they want from the event as opposed to the guided tour they originally had, according to Rekasis.

"Participants are able to go at their own pace," Rekasis said. "They can spend as much time viewing each exhibit as they want."

Rekasis said the beginning of the exhibit is a tunnel that may be familiar for those that have attended the program in past years. The tunnel is covered with stigmatized slurs, such as "bitch," "faggot," "idiot," "retard" and "slut," written in glow-in-the-dark paint. At the end of the tunnel, participants are asked to reflect back on times when they may have used these words.

Sophomore biological science major and Bluff Hall resident adviser John Curry said there will also be actors doing live skits pertaining to the topics of the event on both nights from 7 to 9 p.m.

Rekasis said "The Abyss" is a social justice program meant to raise awareness.

"It's the type of program that will affect every type of person that comes," Rekasis said.

According to Curry, it is important to have programs like these for students.

"There are so many topics and issues that we deal with as college students," Curry said. "This program slaps you in the face with the truth."

Curry said the committee of resident advisers has planned for and discussed this event since the beginning of the semester. Setting up all of the exhibits for the program began during the middle of last week, including a wrecked truck sitting in the Stratton Quadrangle.

Participants will also have the opportunity to enter a raffle for an iPod Touch, as well as a basket of Fair Trade items or gift cards to a Project (RED) store.

"The Abyss" will take place from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday in the Bluff Hall activities wing and is free to all.

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Freshmen Joe Saucier from Granite City and Ian Crase from Highland enjoy refreshments at the University Bookstore's grand reopening Monday. The celebration will last all week with poetry readings, children's story hour, a music day and book signing.

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As Hunter, Lebby said she sings suggestive songs with some innuendo.

Lebby said she enjoys reaching out to younger generations who did not know anything about the two women, and teaching how their success made it possible for others.

"(It's rewarding) letting the

young people know that Whoopi Goldberg and Fantasia didn't drop out of the sky," Lebby said. "Knowing your history makes you stronger."

The performance will be at 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in Lovejoy Library's Abbott Auditorium.

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that the university is held accountable for student fees spent.

"Fiscal responsibility is a big issue," Rahn said. "We need to pay more attention to how our fees and tuition money is being used."

One of the issues brought up by candidates was housing in Cougar Village. Several candidates said they would like to resolve issues with maintenance fees in Cougar Village and also try to make parking situations better for students.

Another issue that was mentioned by almost every candidate in attendance was safety issues on campus. Some of the issues brought up were lighting in parking lots, a lack of police presence on campus and not enough call boxes on the SIUE campus.

"I think it's very important all students feel safe on campus every day," Heckman said.

Suggs asked each of the candidates running for the Senate if they were prepared to be a

representative on campus and use of online public forums if elected.

Each candidate agreed that using online public forums such as MySpace and Facebook were good if it was limited to letting people know what is going on in the Student Government and also to keep in touch with students.

Candidates said they would like the student body to know more about the Senate. Biggs said he feels Student Government needs more transparency on campus and Student Government needs to make themselves better known.

"I will read the Student Government meeting minutes on the radio," Biggs said. "Just for the hell of it, so students know what is going on."

Student Government elections will be held April 6 and 7. For more information, visit the Student Government office in the Kimmel Leadership Center in the MUC.

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Concept in minimum wage spike off the mark

A press release from now-former Gov. Rod Blagojevich reminding Illinoisans of the first of three annual minimum wage hikes starting last year declared that it would "help nearly 650,000 workers cope with the rising cost of living and pay for basic necessities like groceries, gas, rent, childcare and medicine."

This sounds nice, but it isn't as wonderful as it seems.

There is nothing wrong with minimum wage. It needs to be there and should stay around to make sure workers aren't exploited or paid based on race, ethnicity, gender or any other way employers might choose to divvy up their work force. As for raising minimum wage, it does need to be done at least once every decade. The problem comes in when it gets raised annually like it has in the last few years.

According to an article on qctimes.com, Illinois' minimum wage in 2002 was \$5.15 an hour; where it had been since 1997. In 2003 it went up 25 cents. 2004: a dollar. In 2006 it went up another dollar to \$7.50 and in 2008, the first of Blagojevich's raises went into effect, setting minimum wage at \$7.75. On July 1 of this year, it will go up another quarter to \$8.00

and finally in 2010 it will go up to \$8.25.

This is ridiculous.

Minimum wage is a way to reset the economy a little bit and pull everyone in the workforce a touch closer together. It forces companies to adjust their prices to fit the new cost of labor and make sure they aren't neglecting any workers.

When minimum wage goes up, the cost of living goes up. The people being paid minimum wage are the least skilled and most easily replaceable pieces of the machine. They are the clerks, cooks and cart pushers who work at every grocery store, restaurant and convenience store around the country. When their wage goes up, so does the price of a gallon of milk or a burger and fries.

What makes this shift even worse is that when minimum wage and prices go up, most salaries stay the same. So while every high school junior in the world is able to buy the newest iPod, your average salaried worker is playing catch-up just to buy the basics. Sure, salaries eventually go up, but companies are under no legal obligation to do so. As a student at a university who will be vying for one of these salaried jobs, this is a concern.

Minimum wage also hurts people who work hard at their jobs. I know of one woman

who hasn't received a raise in a few years at her workplace, and she was offered a management position. She has, however, seen her wage go up as required by law.

One of the easiest ways to tell if someone is a good worker is to look at their starting and ending wage, especially with recommendations becoming increasingly less valuable due to lawsuits. But since the state is taking that out of the equation, it becomes harder for potential employers to gauge the quality of the employee.

It can also cause businesses located near the Illinois border to set up shop in states like Missouri, Wisconsin or Kentucky. In fact, every state bordering Illinois has a lower minimum wage. Only Iowa and Missouri have minimums over seven dollars, according to the U.S. Department of Labor.

Minimum wage is not a living wage, it sets the living wage. If you want the cost of living to go down, keep minimum wage at a constant rate for years at a time, then raise it. Enough of this every year business.



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AIG should listen to Congress, return bonuses

American International Group Inc.'s Chief Executive Edward Liddy was questioned Wednesday about the \$165 million paid to company executives in bonuses.

Congress is now asking the money be returned to the Treasury Department, and rightfully so.

According to an article on npr.org, Liddy told Congress he has asked the employees who received bonuses of more than \$100,000 to return at least half of the payments made to them. Liddy also said some people have already said they would return 100 percent of the retention bonuses they received.

Give a big round of applause to those doing the right thing.

The federal government has invested \$170 billion of taxpayer money into AIG. Members of Congress are calling the bonus payments an 'outrage,' and one senator wrote a letter to Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner asking what legal routes have been taken to try and get the money back before Liddy appeared before Congress, according to

ABC News.

Geithner called Liddy and asked for the bonuses to be revoked. In a written response, Liddy said the company's "hands are tied," according to ABC News.

According to NPR, Liddy claimed the bonuses were a necessity to keep the company and the economy going. He said the bonuses were given to keep valuable employees at the company to keep it from collapsing.

We are in the middle of an economic crisis. Surely employees can do without their share of \$165 million, especially those who received hundreds of thousands to millions of dollars.

Some employees such as Jon Liebergall, James Haas and Douglas Poling have all agreed to return their portions of the bonus money. ABC News reported that Poling received the largest payment of \$6.4 million.

Regardless of the intentions of these three men, it is a good sign they are willing to return the money. Even if the entire \$165 million was returned to the government, it wouldn't dig us out of this mess, but it would be a small step in

the right direction.

As for the rest of the money, the government is trying to pass a bill that would tax the bonuses of employees at companies who received federal bailout money. According to ABC News, the bill would tack a 90 percent tax onto those employees making more than \$250,000 at those companies.

It is not yet clear if this type of legislation will prove successful, or if it will even pass. The bill received approval in the House of Representatives by 328 to 93, according to ABC News. The bill is expected to head to the Senate with modifications in the next week.

Hopefully more AIG executives will come forth and return the hefty bonuses they received instead of the government having to go to extremes to get the money back. The economy is crumbling beneath us, AIG executives should do what they can to help build us back up.

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Correction: In the Thursday March 19 edition of the Alestle in the article, "Web site offers local business, event information for students," Brian Getz's name was incorrectly spelled Bryan Getz. The Alestle regrets this error.

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NOW ALMOST OPEN

Student Success Center art expo opens soon

by Rosie Githinji
Alestle Reporter

After a three week delay, the exhibiton for the Student Success Center art competition is expected to open this week.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the exhibiton was put on hold.

As part of a five-year art competition to find art for the Student Success Center, students were asked to submit art for the second year in a row.

Each year, 10 pieces are chosen from the students who submitted their work. A juror selects nine of the 10 winners, and the student body selects the final winner. This year's juror is SIUE alumnus Daniel Raedeke. If a piece of student art is voted as a winner that has already been selected by Raedeke then the next most popular piece will be chosen. Each winner receives \$1,000.

The art exhibition is on the second floor of the Morris University Center in the Art Gallery and will be open to the public. The exhibition will include all submitted art that was accepted for the competition. There will be a desk set up by the doors so students can cast their votes for the piece they think should win.

Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Lora Flamm Miles said last year was the first year of the competition received great response. The art selected as the winning pieces will be displayed in the Student Success Center, which is currently under construction and will be open to students in August 2009.

Art Department Chair Thad Duhigg declined to comment on the exhibition.

Graduate student Manda Remmen is a sculpture student from Denver, Colo., who submitted her work for the art competition.

"I think it's really awesome that they are giving students the opportunity to show off their work," Remmen said.

Graduate student Evan Wagman of Livingston, N.J., is a ceramics student who has also submitted

work for the art competition. He said this year there were about 25 students who submitted their work. Each was allowed to submit up to three pieces.

Graduate student Amanda Pfister of Tulsa, Okla., whose focus is photography, submitted three pieces this year, and all of them were selected for the art show. Pfister submitted pieces for last year's art competition and won one of the \$1,000 prizes. Pfister said if she won this year, she would use the money to help pay for a camera she bought and also for art supplies.

"I think it's a great opportunity for students to submit their work for free," Pfister said. "Your work becomes part of a permanent collection at SIUE."

Graduate student Elene Berman from Baltimore, Md., has her focus in sculpture. She submitted art for last year's competition, but was not accepted. However, her work was selected this year, and Berman said she is glad to have the opportunity to have her work displayed. Berman said is excited about being in the art show this year and has big plans for the prize money if she wins.

"I have a large scale idea for my last year here," Berman said. "It involves renting space, and that's what I would use the money for."

For senior metalsmithing major Robert Mullen of Freeburg, the \$1,000 prize was a motivator for the competition. Mullen submitted three pieces for the competition, and one piece was selected.

"I did it because I needed the money," Mullen said.

Remmen said the show is scheduled tentatively to open on Friday because there were some lighting and placement issues. The closing ceremony for the art show is April 16 and is when the 10 winners of the competition will be announced.

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"I think it's a great opportunity for students to submit their work... your work becomes a part of a permanent collection at SIUE."

- Amanda Pfister,
Photography graduate student

Now Rating: "Ready Set ..."

by Neal Gough
Alestle Reporter

SIUE natives Alex Ray and the Last Place recently released their first full band CD, "Ready Set..." The four SIUE students, consisting of front man and guitarist Alex Ray, guitarist Adam Nergenah, bassist Dave Ruvolo and drummer Austin Ray, have compiled a polished and radio-friendly, five-song CD.

"Ready Set..." showcases a group of talented musicians with a sound that gels well with Alex Ray's smooth vocals. Alex Ray displays an extraordinary song writing ability that is commercial friendly. The group has a heavy John Mayer influence, which translates well in their first song on the disc, "Sarah."

The highlight of the disc is the CD's opening track, "Sarah," a catchy and well-written ballad about a traveler on his way home to meet the title woman. The song's melodic and addictive chorus, coupled with splashes of electric guitar over a base of soft acoustic guitar, is something that could easily be heard on mainstream radio.

"Sarah" displays Alex Ray's song writing and vocal abilities at their finest. The track tells a story, while keeping the flow of the song.

Alex Ray's performance in the song, along with the well-written chorus, is what makes the song click.

"Circles" is the most creative track on the discs, both musically and lyrically. Alex Ray and the Last Place try out a slightly heavier guitar riff as guest DJ Lee adds some beat boxing to the mix.

However, there does seem to be a lack of musical diversity on the disc. All five of the songs have the same feel and seem to run together when the listener is not focusing intensely on the words of each song. The band does not seem to vary at all from its comfort zone, which makes, in some ways, for a mundane musical experience when listening to the entire disc.

Alex Ray and the Last Place have a sound that could be easily adapted to a multitude of mainstream avenues. Their music is clean and easily enjoyable for all ages. Alex Ray's song writing and voice will make this band a force to be reckoned with on the local scene.

"Ready Set..." is available on iTunes, Amazon and CD Baby.

Alex Ray and the Last Place will perform on April 30 in the Stratton Quadrangle as part of the Campus Activities Board's Livewire Series from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m.

★★★★☆

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Alex Ray and the Last Place recently released their first CD. The band, made up of SIUE students, will perform at SIUE April 30.

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Peter Mayer takes the Meridian Ballroom BEYOND the BEATLES



Derrick Hawkins/Alestle
Guitarist, vocalist and songwriter, Peter Mayer rocks out to a new wave of Beatles songs during "Beyond Abbey Road," Friday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom.



Derrick Hawkins/Alestle
Jim Mayer, Peter Mayer's brother, played both the electric and upright acoustic bass.



Derrick Hawkins/Alestle

Above: Peter Mayer and his brother Jim were joined on stage by a rock band and a string quartet. The Friday night performance featured original Beatles music delivered in a new way.

Left: Native American flutest Mark Holland lends his talents to the "Beyond Abbey Road" concert.

Former Jimmy Buffett band members perform

St. Louis native Peter Mayer joined a full rock band and string quartet on stage for "Beyond Abbey Road" as part of the Arts & Issues series.

Mayer and his brother, Jim, performed Beatles music with a new twist along side the band and orchestra. Both Mayers previously played with Jimmy Buffett and the Coral Reefers Band.

The performance was a

compilation of original Beatles songs and created by composer, songwriter and guitarist Dan Rubright.

The concert took place at 7:30 p.m. Friday in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom.

For more information on future Arts & Issues events, visit siue.edu/artsandissues/.

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Softball adds wins to 26-6 record

Senior pitcher Kaitlin Colosimo breaks strikeout record with 661

by T.J. Cowell
Alestle Sports Reporter

In their first home contest of the season, SIUE welcomed Drake University to Cougar Field Wednesday for a doubleheader where each team ended up with one win.

Junior third baseman Lauren Zembruski stepped up in the seventh inning of the first game, connecting on a walk-off home run to right field and giving SIUE the 4-2 victory. Senior center fielder Courtney Mall also scored on Zembruski's fifth homer of the year.

SIUE softball Head Coach Sandy Montgomery said she is proud of how Zembruski has performed so far this season.

"Lauren Zembruski has really stepped up this year," Montgomery said. "She is hitting in the .300s and is doing a great job of covering both sides of the plate."

SIUE senior starting pitcher Kaitlin Colosimo won her 10th decision of the season, going all seven innings and striking out five.

Junior right fielder Chaleen Rumpf gave the Cougars an offensive spark with an RBI single in the fifth inning, scoring freshman first baseman Whitney Davis.

SIUE's bats found more life in the next two innings. Sophomore outfielder Christina Signore hit a sacrifice fly to center field in the sixth inning that scored senior left fielder Nicole Beecher to even up the score at two apiece.

Both teams got off to quick starts offensively in the second game.

Junior right fielder Bridget Shields singled to left field with one out in the first inning for the Bulldogs. Two illegal pitches from SIUE's starting pitcher Erika Taylor allowed Shields to advance to third. Sophomore infielder Erin Bly hit an RBI



Sean Roberts/Alestle

Sophomore shortstop Kasey Schlafke defends her home turf last week against Drake University. The Cougars split the doubleheader, winning 4-2 and losing 1-2.

single to give the visitors the lead, 1-0.

The Cougars answered right back when Beecher smashed a two-out double to score Zembruski, who reached on an error.

Neither team could find its offensive stride soon after. Freshman second baseman Torey Craddock hit a double to start things off for Drake in the top of the fourth. An RBI single from sophomore

pitcher/outfielder Jenna DeLong allowed Craddock to score a few batters later.

SIUE was held to three hits in the final four innings, dropping the 2-1 decision to the Bulldogs.

The Cougars were back at it again Thursday, hosting another Missouri Valley Conference member in Wichita State University for a doubleheader.

SIUE got off to a 1-0 advantage in game one after Zembruski doubled to left field in the bottom of the first to score Mall.

Colosimo got the call to start in game one and held the Shockers scoreless until the fourth inning. Wichita State junior Lauren Coleman nailed a single to right field, which scored freshman shortstop BreAnna Brown.

The two teams went into extra innings after both defenses came up solid. In the bottom of the ninth, Davis put a runner on base for the Cougars after being walked. This time it was Rumpf who stepped up for SIUE, scoring Davis on an RBI single to give the Cougars their 23rd win of the season, 2-1.

SIUE wasted little time taking care of the Shockers in game two, putting them away 11-3 in five innings. The Cougars scored two runs apiece in the first two innings and put the game out of reach with a four-run third inning.

Zembruski went 3 out of 4 for SIUE, with two RBI's. Mall had three RBI's and two hits. Wichita State had seven errors in game two.

"Our defense has always done a great job," Zembruski said. "Our pitchers are fantastic. They do a great job of striking out batters and keeping the ball in the park. You cannot ask for anything else out

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Baseball drops three, wins one on the road

by T.J. Cowell
Alestle Sports Reporter

The Cougars had their hands full last week with games against Big Ten, Big 12 and Ohio Valley Conference teams, whom SIUE went 1-4 against during the weekend with one win over the University of Tennessee at Martin.

SIUE started the week with a trip to Columbia, Mo., to take on the University of Missouri Wednesday.

Senior left fielder Chilos Norris III started Wednesday's game with a double for the Cougars. Senior second baseman Josh Street hit an RBI single two batters later to send Norris home. The two hits would prove to be the only offense the Cougars would muster the entire game.

Late in the third inning, Missouri tied up the game after junior shortstop Michael Liberto scored on a fielder's choice.

One inning later, the Tigers made it happen again, this time scoring three runs. Senior center fielder Ryan Lollis hit a triple that scored two Tiger runs.

SIUE was held to three more hits in the final five innings and dropped the 4-1 decision to the Tigers despite out-hitting Missouri, 7-4.

"The Missouri game we pitched really well holding

them to four hits," SIUE baseball Head Coach Gary Collins said. "We could not put anything together, and one key hit cost us the game."

SIUE freshman pitcher Aren Cummings took the loss, surrendering all four of Missouri's runs. The Tigers had 11 different pitchers see action, with senior Scooter

"We have been right there with the big teams that we have played. It is a matter of putting together a nine-inning effort."

**-Adam Eggemeyer,
senior infielder**

Hicks recording his first win of the year.

The Cougars traveled to Martin, Tenn., Saturday to take on the Boilermakers of Purdue University on a neutral field. The Boilermakers got off to a fast start with a five-run first inning to pace themselves to a 10-3 victory.

SIUE senior starting pitcher Andrew Beatty gave up six hits in the first inning. The Cougars showed a little life

offensively with a three-hit fourth inning. The inning was highlighted by junior catcher Dustin Brooks connecting on an RBI single to drive in Street to put SIUE on the board.

The Boilermakers put the game out of reach for good with a four-run eighth inning off of SIUE freshman reliever Brian Lorenz.

Offensively, the Purdue bats out-hit the Cougars 14-8. Senior center fielder Adam Eggemeyer was three of four at the plate for SIUE.

"We have been right there with the big teams that we have played," Eggemeyer said. "It is a matter of putting together a nine-inning effort."

SIUE got a taste of revenge later on Saturday when they defeated UT-Martin, 9-7.

After a scoreless first inning for both teams, the Cougars bats caught fire. Freshman Mitch Matecki punished Skyhawk starter Drew Flaniken with a three-run homer to start the Cougar rally.

SIUE picked it up in the third inning with back-to-back doubles from Street and Eggemeyer. Junior right fielder Chase Thrasher reached on a single, scoring Eggemeyer in the process.

The Cougars broke the game open, adding two more

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Men's tennis splits two games

by Levi Kirby
Alestle Sports Editor

SIUE men's tennis won one game and lost another during the weekend after getting swept by Southern Illinois University-Carbondale Thursday, 7-0, and edging out Austin Peay University, 4-3, Friday.

The SIUC Salukis remained undefeated at home after winning seven straight matches against the Cougars.

Sophomore Paulo Gonzalez lost the number one singles match to Lucas Waked of SIUC, 7-6, 7-5. Gonzalez said lack of confidence played a role in both his singles loss and the team's loss.

"Individually, my coach and I think I should believe more in myself, believe more that I can indeed beat those good players, because that is what is causing those close losses I've been having," Gonzalez said. "It also applies to our team as well. We have to believe that we are on the same level as the other schools that we are playing and do our best to beat them. Our level is not that different, but their mentality is better as of right now."

Every singles match was decided in two sets by SIUC, and the Salukis took six quick points on the Cougars.

In doubles, the SIUE team of Gonzalez and sophomore Michael Chamberlain lost the number one match, 8-6. Junior Robert Young and senior Cole Garrison of SIUE were taken down 8-3, and in the final match of the day, SIUC beat the Cougar freshmen duo of Morten Christensen and Pete Wilson, 8-4.

Young said the transitional year into Division I is a work in progress, but the goal is to continue to improve.

"We are trying to find some consistency and get some confidence going for some momentum," Young said. "We're competing this year, but it's a process to get there and get those wins in key spots."

In the match against future Ohio Valley

Conference foe Austin Peay, the Cougars took the doubles-point after the team of Young and Garrison won the number two doubles match, 8-6, followed by an 8-3 win by Christenson and Wilson.

The doubles-point was the deciding factor in the game, giving the Cougars a slight 4-3 advantage. Gonzalez took the number one singles match, 6-5, 6-1.

Young, Garrison and Faulkenberg all fell to the APU competition after the Gonzalez win, giving Austin Peay the 3-1 lead. Young lost 6-1, 3-0, Garrison fell 6-3, 6-3, and Faulkenberg went down 7-5, 6-2.

Chamberlain and Christensen both won for the Cougars following the three losses, tying the score up at 3-3 before getting the game winning doubles-point.

Christensen said the team is focusing on proving they belong in D-I.

"We are trying to improve as much as possible and transition to a Division I level and compete with those teams at our best," Christensen said.

In doubles, the team of Gonzalez and Chamberlain fell in a close match, 9-8. Then, the Cougars came back with two wins in the final two matches to gain the victory. Young and Garrison won 8-6, followed by a win from Christensen and Faulkenberg, 8-3.

Young said the team is sticking with tough D-I teams this year, they just need get comfortable at the D-I level.

"It's all about getting better as the year goes on. Our first year in Division I is all about gauging where we are as far as the competition," Young said. "I feel like we're not that far off. We need to feel like we belong (in D-I) and get some W's."

Next up for the Cougars is a three-game week starting off at 3 p.m. Wednesday against Southeast Missouri State University.

After Southeast Missouri, the Cougars finally come home and will finish off their season at SIUE.

The Cougars take on Saint Louis University at

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Sophomore Paulo Gonzalez battles in an exhibition match on March 16 against Lake Land College.

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SOFTBALL

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of your pitchers."

The Cougars claimed two more wins after knocking off Eastern Kentucky University of the Ohio Valley Conference on Saturday.

Colosimo was the story in game one for the Cougars. The left-hander broke Montgomery's own school record of 659 strikeouts. Colosimo now has 661 career strikeouts and is tied with Montgomery's record of 84 total wins.

Colosimo said the team is proving they belong in Division I.

"We can hang in there with any Division I teams," Colosimo said. "We showed that with wins over Missouri and (SIU) Carbondale."

Sparked by an 11-hit team effort, the Cougars proved their superiority over the hosts, winning 6-0 in game one.

SIUE improved to 26-6 in the nightcap, with a 4-1 victory. Taylor earned her 12th decision

of the year, going all seven innings while striking out six.

Montgomery said everything counts when you are at a tough D-I competition level, and the pitchers so far this year have realized that.

"At the Division I level, one or two runs makes the difference," Montgomery said. "Our ERA has been just above one this season. Pitching has been the key thus far this season because we can always count on our pitchers."

The Cougars earned all of their runs in the third inning with three hits including a two-run single from Davis.

SIUE plays again at 2 p.m. Tuesday, hosting the University of Illinois-Chicago in a doubleheader.

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runs in the fourth inning.

"That is big when you can get up on somebody 7-0," Collins said. "We needed that cushion."

A late Skyhawks' run threatened the SIUE lead, but the Cougars held off attacks in the final four innings to earn their third win as a Division I program.

Matecki, Street, Eggemeyer and junior left fielder Connor Haxel all had RBI's for SIUE. Freshman pitcher Dustin Quattrocchi earned his first win of the season, seeing action in six innings.

"Right now teams are putting up one or two innings that are making the difference," Street said. "We are slowly getting to being more and more consistent."

SIUE and UT-Martin combined for a total of 31 hits on Saturday.

On Sunday the two teams were back at it again with UT-Martin successfully defending their home turf, 12-5.

After being tied a one apiece

after five innings, the Cougars got their bats going with a three-run sixth inning effort. A three-run shot from Thrasher scored Street and Eggemeyer, who both reached on singles.

The Skyhawks wasted little time answering with a three-run sixth of their own. UT-Martin caught fire once again in the seventh adding seven more runs to their total.

The pitching combination of sophomore Ben Vesser and freshman Jordan Owen helped secure the victory for UT-Martin.

"We played five good innings, but unfortunately the game is nine innings long," Collins said.

SIUE dropped to 3-12 on the year. UT-Martin is now 7-10 with Sunday's win.

Wednesday will mark round one of SIUE against Saint Louis University. The Cougars and Billikens will face off at 3 p.m. at GCS Ballpark in Sauget.

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3:30 p.m. Friday, followed by former Great Lakes Valley Conference competitor, Lewis University, at 10 a.m. Sunday.

In the Cougars' last 17 games, only three were at home. The Cougars now get five straight at home to close out the season, which will be a nice

change Young said.

"We have spent a lot of time on the road lately. We're happy to finally get some home matches," Young said.

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- 19 French born
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- 30 Asta's mistress
- 31 Facing the pitcher
- 33 Gathers together
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- 40 Valuable dental items
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- 56 "Family Guy" location
- 60 "___ Are My Sunshine"
- 61 "___ She Sweet"
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- 64 Tent stakes
- 65 Mark of infamy

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- 13 Della or Pee Wee
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- 21 Feldon of "Get Smart"
- 22 Informal language
- 23 Start of a path?
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- 32 Duke or Earl
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