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Faculty Senate reviews final separation report

By Rachel Carlson
Alestle Reporter

The SIUE Faculty Senate Separation Taskforce presented its final report Thursday and said the campus is divided on separation from Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

The Faculty Senate created the taskforce a year ago to gather information regarding student, faculty and staff opinions regarding SIUE separating from the Carbondale campus.

English professor Joel Hardman, chair of the taskforce, presented the summary of the final report.

"The campus is generally split on this decision," Hardman said.

The taskforce was created after the plagiarism scandal involving SIU President Glenn Poshard's doctoral dissertation came into question in August 2007. Although the plagiarism was later found to be

inadvertant, the SIUE Faculty Senate called for Poshard's resignation in November 2007, which he declined to do. That same month SIUE Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift, along with 14 other SIUE administrators released a statement against separating from SIUC.

Hardman said 1,838 faculty, staff and students were surveyed for the report, which included interviews with Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift, former SIUE President Kenneth Shaw and former SIUE Chancellor David Werner. The report showed half the SIUE campus opposed separating, while the other half supported it. Hardman said the faculty were generally more inclined to support separation from Carbondale than the students.

John Navin of the University Planning and Budget Committee Council

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BOT turns down 11.9 percent tuition increase, to seek smaller number

By Allan Lewis
Alestle Opinion Editor

The Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees shot down a new wave of tuition increases and concluded that it is working toward maintaining an affordable university system at its meeting Thursday.

An 11.9 percent tuition increase for SIUE and a 9.9 percent tuition increase for Southern Illinois University Carbondale passed through both schools' Student Government associations before the board nixed the proposal and decided to look further into the increases in order to present a smaller number.

Under the current proposal, incoming SIUE students would pay an extra \$696 annually for tuition. Current students would not be affected by the increase, because tuition rates are locked

in for 48 months.

"We are scrutinizing all of the increases, because the nation is in economic decline, and we want to retain affordability at both of our schools," Keith Sanders, chairman of the board's Finance Committee said. "We will be looking this over very carefully."

SIU President Glenn Poshard said the board would be able to vote on newly proposed tuition numbers at its May 7 meeting in Carbondale.

"As long as the board has time to review (the tuition increases), it can be voted on," Poshard said. "This can be done exponentially, and hopefully in a few weeks we will have a (monetary) figure to give to the board."

Poshard said the board will look at different scenarios to control costs in order to keep tuition down.

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Junior biology major Justin Okosi from Chicago casts his ballot for Student Government elections Monday in the Morris University Center. Voting will continue from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the Morris University Center, Peck Hall and Skywalk Café on Tuesday.

Voting begins

Students struggle with apathy, epiphany in SG elections

By Argen Dow
Alestle Reporter

Monday and Tuesday marked the opportunity for students to choose who will represent them in Student Government for the next year, but some students, like senior Anthony Moody, aren't planning to vote any time soon.

Moody, computer management and information services major, said he has voted in previous years at SIUE, but does not plan on filling out a ballot this year.

"I feel like it's kind of a joke here. I really haven't seen a benefit to me personally," Moody said.

Graduate student Muznah Madeeha, the Student Government election commissioner, was hopeful that the increase in students vying for a position in Student Government would in turn produce more voters. According to Student Body Secretary Bonnie Farrington, only 958 ballots were filled last year, out of nearly 13,400 students.

"This time around we do have more candidates running. This time the senators are all running contested ... and last year all of the senators were running uncontested," Madeeha said.

While the positions of student body president and student trustee are uncontested this year, there are three vice presidential candidates. There are also 15 senators running for the 12 senatorial seats available.

Madeeha said she believes the increase in candidates is in part due to the advertising Student Government had for the elections.

"We've done a bit more advertising," Madeeha said. "We've been putting up posters and banners for (voting)... This time we focused more on advertising."

Junior business major Rachel Seward from Naperville said she is voting this year because candidates explained to her sorority, Delta Phi Epsilon, what they stood for. She has also encouraged other students to vote as well.

"I was more informed this time around opposed to previous elections. I think they have been putting their name out more," Seward said. "I decided to vote this year and do something about it."

Junior mass communications major Mike Swallow from St. Louis said he might go out and vote if he finds the time. However, he feels that Student Government needs to do more to connect with students.

"To me, you would think Student Government would try to get students involved," Swallow said. "It doesn't really seem like that big of a deal for them to attract students to their meetings. Why should I be voting if they're not going to put enough information out for me?"

Swallow said he has noticed campaign signs for

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Police Reports

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Police issued Heriberto Rendon a citation for speeding on South University Drive.

Police issued Thomas R. Thursby a citation for speeding on North University Drive.

Police met with a student whose car had been "keyed" while parked in the Prairie Hall Lot.

Christopher A. Jones was arrested in Chicago in connection with domestic battery and criminal damage to government supported property after SIUE Police had issued a warrant for his arrest for a previous incident on April 2 when Jones kicked in a door at Cougar Village Apartment 431 and took a female to a parking lot by force. Jones was arrested by the Chicago Police Department and transported to the SIUE Police Station, processed and transported to Madison County Jail.

4-4

Police arrested a juvenile for illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor and resisting/fleeing an officer at Woodland Hall. The juvenile was processed and released to his mother.

Police took a report about theft of paintings and DVDs from Cougar Village Apartment 527.

Police took a report about theft of a GPS and an iPod jack from a vehicle parked in the Woodland Hall Lot.

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Police issued Andrew A. Spainhour a citation for the operation of an uninsured motor vehicle on North University Drive.

Michael J. McLaughlin was arrested in connection with criminal damage to property. McLaughlin was processed, given a notice to appear and released.

Kenyon J. Jones was arrested in connection with failure to appear, driving with a suspended license and expired registration on Governor's Parkway. Jones was processed, posted bond and was released.

Police took a report about a cell phone stolen from Prairie Hall.

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the candidates themselves around campus, but felt the signs did not provide enough information on why he should vote for them.

"I've seen some, nothing that's really caught my attention or to reasons why (I should vote for them,)" Swallow said.

Tuesday is the last day to fill out a ballot. Ballots can be filled out at the Morris University Center, Peck Hall or the Skywalk Café between

Founders and Alumni Halls. Farrington said she expects ballots to be tallied and totaled by Wednesday afternoon. Unofficial results are expected to be announced Wednesday.

For election results, see alestlelive.com and Thursday's edition of the Alestle.

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Correction:

In Thursday's edition of the Alestle, senatorial candidate Dennis Doddigarla's statement was left out of the list of Student Government Candidates for 2009-2010. Doddigarla's statement is listed below. The Alestle regrets the error.



Dennis Doddigarla,
Senator

"If elected, I will do my best to bridge the gap between American and international communities of SIUE so they have a better awareness and understanding of one another as well. This serves to unite and strengthen the SIUE community as a whole and is an important and essential ingredient for a successful and harmonious campus."



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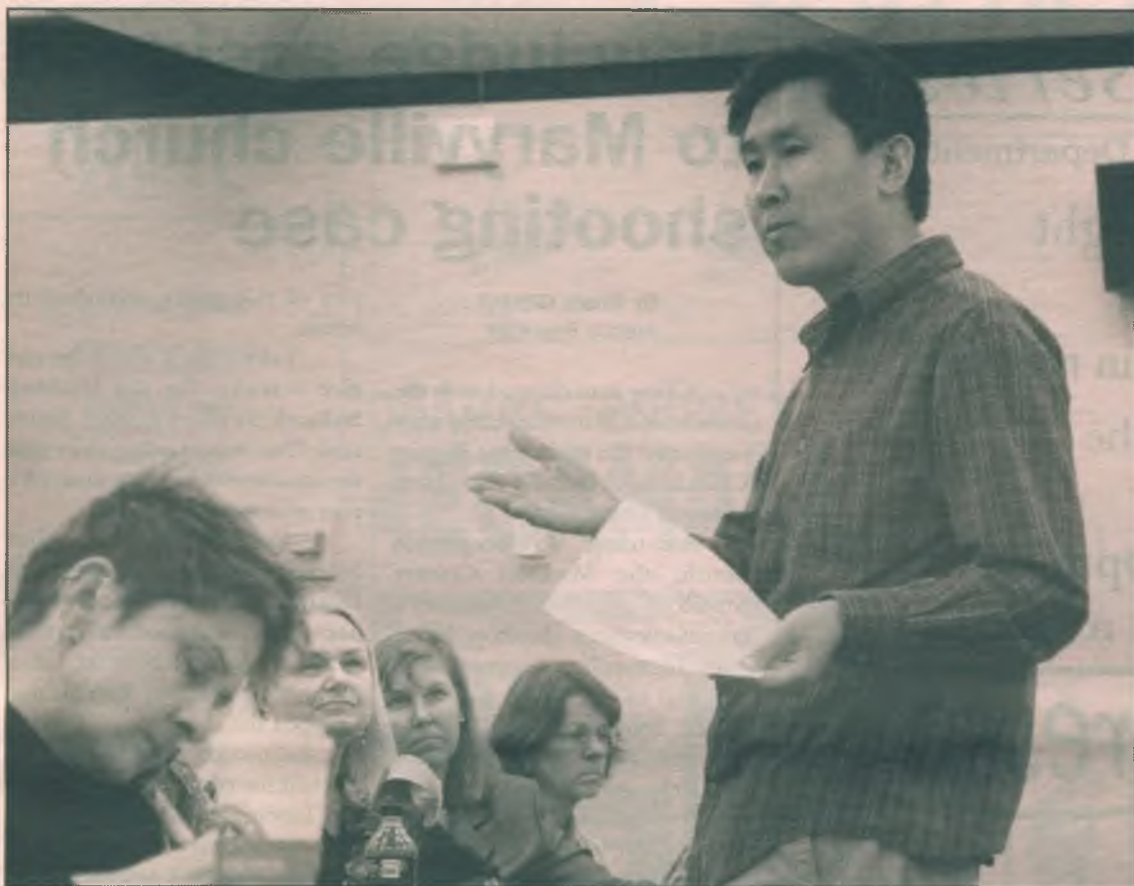
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Faculty Senate Welfare co-chair Tianlong Yu discusses the University Plagiarism Committee's progress on the University Plagiarism review at the Faculty Senate meeting Thursday. Yu concluded the committee would have a draft for the senate next month.

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contributed to the financial aspects of the report and said the taskforce has been working on the report since last spring. Their findings, Navin said, were mostly what they expected.

"I don't think there were any surprises," Navin said. "Most of it was things we know."

Hardman said the interviews with Vandegrift, Shaw and Werner had similar responses to the idea of separation.

"All three argued SIUE is already independent in all but name," Hardman said.

The separation report outlined the positive and negative outcomes of separating from SIUC. Some of the main positive points for the separation included an improvement in campus morale because of a sense of "autonomy" and SIUE would lose the "negative association with the Carbondale campus."

The negative outcomes, however, were weakened bargaining power with the state Legislature, the high cost of separating and other "unknown financial outcomes."

Hardman also outlined proposals from taskforce discussions that could be made to the SIU system that did not involve separating. Hardman cited the SIU Web site as stating "one university — two campuses" and suggested changing it to "two universities — one system" instead. Another proposal suggested moving the system office to Springfield for better lobbying and to show it is not favoring the Carbondale campus.

According to Navin, any decision to separate from Carbondale would be made on the political level and not by the Faculty Senate. The taskforce was created to compile and organize the information for later use.

Also at Thursday's meeting, the Faculty Senate discussed its options on the Teacher Scholar Model. The Teacher Scholar Model is a document intended to clarify standards and expectations of SIUE faculty in teaching, service and research.

Faculty Senate President Duff Wrobbel presented five options to the Senate concerning whether to accept the Teacher Scholar Model, amend it or take no action. After a discussion the Senate came up with a sixth option that combined amending the model, but still keeping the "spirit of

the philosophy." The Senate decided to leave the final decision, however, for a future meeting when more senators could be present.

Faculty Senate Welfare co-chair Lisa Welch presented an action item concerning the Faculty Salary Equity Committee operating papers. An addition was suggested to have the definition of faculty in the operating papers correspond to the definition found in the Faculty Senate constitution. The operating papers were approved with the addition of the new definition of faculty.

Rules and Procedures Council Chair Mary Sue Love proposed a change to the Senate constitution bylaws, Articles 1 and 5. Article 1 originally defined faculty as consisting of "Chancellor, all professors, associate professors, and assistant professors, and those instructors on continuing appointment."

The senate approved Article 1 to now read as the new definition of faculty discussed by the Senate in

October defining faculty as "all full-time tenured, tenure track and all other non-represented faculty of the University who hold the rank of lecturer, instructor, assistant professor, associate professor or professor, including those persons who are employed as visiting instructors, clinical instructors, research professors, etc., in tenure granting units."

Article 5 originally read as "The University faculty may, at a general faculty meeting or by written ballot, direct the Faculty Senate to represent it or act for it on any matter of faculty concern." The senate approved the amendment to add the words "or electronic" before the word ballot, allowing for e-mail submissions.

Faculty Senate Welfare co-chair Tianlong Yu discussed the Plagiarism Policy review by the University Plagiarism Committee. Yu said the Chronicle for Higher Education's accusations of the committee's possible plagiarism of Indiana University's plagiarism policy have been noted and the revised policy should be forwarded to the Senate next month.

The next Faculty Senate meeting will take place at 2:30 p.m. May 7 in the Mississippi Illinois Room.

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-Joel Hardman,
Separation Taskforce Chair

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New judge assigned to Maryville church shooting case

By Rosie Githinji
Alestle Reporter

A Troy man charged with the murder of a Maryville pastor after he opened fire in the First Baptist Church in Maryville has been assigned a new judge.

According to Stephanie Smith, the Madison County State's Attorney's communications director, Judge Rich Tognarelli was appointed to the trial of Terry Joe Sedlacek, 27, on Thursday.

This is the third judge for Sedlacek, who is charged with murder after he walked into the First Baptist Church of Maryville in March during the 8 a.m. service and shot the Rev. Fred Winters. Winters was struck in the chest and died that same day.

Smith said Sedlacek's attorneys asked for the first change in judge and the state attorney's office requested the second change. There was no reason given for the request for a change in the judge.

By law, the defense attorneys are allowed to ask for a change in judges twice, and the state attorney's office can request one change in judges.

Smith said Sedlacek's trial is set to begin on April 13 in Edwardsville.

Sedlacek attempted to plead guilty to the murder charges, but the former judge told him his attorney had already entered a

plea of not guilty, according to Smith.

"I don't think the judge did give a reason for not allowing Sedlacek to plead guilty," Smith said. "No reason other than that the attorney had already entered a plea of not guilty."

According to Lt. Jim Morrissey of the Collinsville District 11 State Police, Sedlacek has been assigned a public defender, John Rekowski, after his previous attorney Ron Slemur dropped the case.

Rekowski could not be reached for comment.

Investigators have not been able to identify a relationship between Winters and Sedlacek. Police were able to verify reports that Sedlacek had written in a journal that Sunday was "death day" and the crime may have been premeditated.

In addition to shooting Winters, police report that Sedlacek produced a knife and stabbed himself and two parishioners who were trying to subdue him. Sedlacek was taken to a hospital in St. Louis and when he was released, was brought back to Illinois to wait for his trial.

Morrissey said Sedlacek is currently being held without bond at the Madison County Jail.

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"We will have to look at all the different parts of our university system, and everyone is being asked to sacrifice," Poshard said. "There is no particular rate we are looking at, but we will look into all kinds of efficiencies to build into our system."

SIUC Chancellor Sam Goldman said the administration should look at everything before making cuts to help offset tuition.

"There are a lot of people we need to talk to before we can make a list (of cuts)," Goldman said.

Poshard will meet with Illinois Gov. Pat Quinn this week to discuss the state's budget, and said he will have a better idea of the amount of money that will be available from the state and how much the tuition increase can be scaled back.

"Whatever windfall higher education receives will help, but certainly not solve the problems we have," Poshard said.

Poshard said the increases make the affordability of the SIU system an issue.

"This closes the door on many families being able to offer

students a college education, and we want to minimize any tuition increases at SIU," Poshard said.

The board made a motion to vote on a number of fee increases for both campuses at its next meeting, including 12 for SIUE, which were approved by SIUE's Student Government.

If voted on and approved by the board, SIUE students will see an overall fee increase of 7.8 percent.

One of the fees directly related to SIUC, the \$10 "green fee," would go toward energy and conservation projects.

In a motion packaged with other construction projects in Carbondale, the board unanimously approved multiple SIUE projects, including the budget for resurfacing of South University Drive and contracts to replace the roofs on multiple campus buildings in the amount of \$4,072,978.

The fees and tuition numbers will be voted on at the next BOT meeting May 7.

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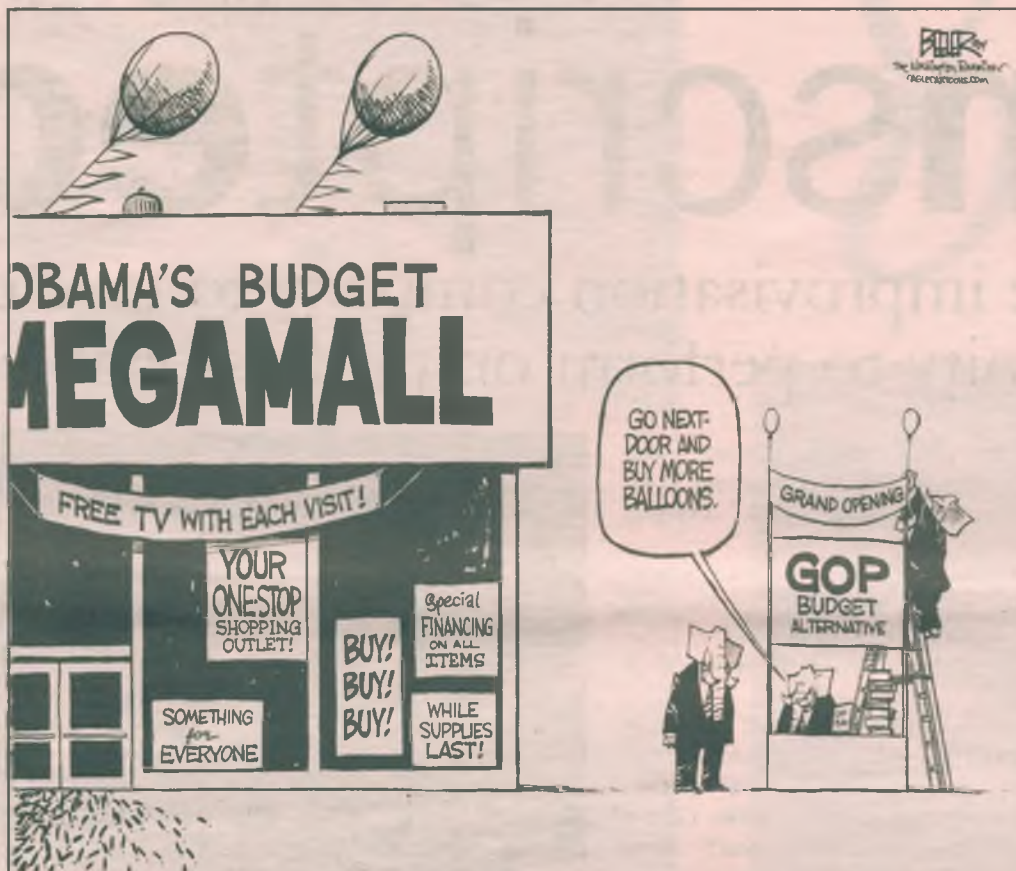
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Not too late to vote in Student Government elections

Two important elections are upon us, and it is time to rock the vote.

While SIUE's Student Government elections continue Tuesday, the city of Edwardsville will also hold its election.

SIUE students who have not already done so should take part in the campus election, and students from the immediate area should take a little more time Tuesday to fulfill their civic obligation within the community as well.

I promise you will be out of there in 10 minutes if you time it right.

The positions up for grabs in Edwardsville include mayor, alderman (one spot per seven wards,) city clerk, city treasurer and a few positions on the school board, so not exactly a lengthy ballot.

The on-campus ballot won't take you long either. It consists of choosing 12 student

senators, a student body president, vice president and student trustee.

In reality, it is shorter than that, as the president slot is now pretty much a guarantee after sophomore Dometi Pongo dropped out of the presidential race, leaving fellow sophomore and current Finance Board Chair of Student Government Brandon Rahn unopposed. Amber Suggs is also running unopposed for the trustee seat.

Congratulations, Brandon and Amber.

This does not make the election something to take for granted as a vast majority of students did a year ago. Apathetic or not, take a few minutes and vote. 958 out of 13,398 students did a year ago, so help improve upon that mark.

How do I prepare to vote, you ask? Well, the choice is all yours, and your options are as diverse as the candidates running.

If you want to develop a personal



Allan
Lewis

Smoking not a crime yet, so don't punish smokers

On Wednesday the federal government raised the tax on cigarettes by 62 cents, making them \$1.01 per pack. In fact, the Illinois Legislature recently approved measures that will add \$1 to the tax over the next two years, and the move will more than double the tax in our state, according to the the National Conference of State Legislatures Website.

Residents in this part of Illinois don't have it as bad as others. In Cook County, cigarettes were pushing \$10 a pack prior to the additional sin tax.

The goal of this legislation is to pressure people to quit smoking. In fact, in an interview with the Lake County News-Sun, Tobacco Free Lake County Supervisor Kristine Andersen said, "research has shown increases in the price of cigarettes and tobacco products has prompted a drop in the number of smokers. It only helps our goal of trying to create a smoke-free environment."

An article on mercurynews.com also quoted Jim Knox, vice president of government relations for the American Cancer Society in Sacramento, saying "increasing the tobacco tax discourages youth from smoking and encourages longtime smokers to quit."

With all due respect, who do they think they are? I don't even smoke, and it makes me angry.

I'm pretty sure that we live in America, where we have free will. I understand smoking is dangerous to people's health, but the last time I checked, McDonald's wasn't exactly the healthiest thing either. Should we tax double cheeseburgers, too?

What's next? After cigarettes are priced out of everyone's range, are they going to go after alcohol? Are we going to tax beer through the roof in an attempt to reduce alcohol consumption among minors?

I agree with the laws that ban smoking in public places because secondhand smoke can

be dangerous for other people's health, and as a non-smoker, I appreciate being able to go to bars and restaurants without having to breathe other people's smoke. However, if someone wants to fill their own lungs with carcinogens and toxins, it is their own business as long as they don't affect me.

The only positive note I can find in this entire debacle is that many states are using the excess proceeds from the tax to help with health care, in particular, children's health care. I guess if the government is going to screw someone, the children might as well benefit from it.

The hike on tobacco taxes seems an almost communistic move to enforce the government's will on smokers, but the government needs to make up its mind. Either make smoking illegal or stop treating smokers like criminals.

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Unscripted

Students create improvisation company to give others the opportunity to perform on professional level

by Neal Gough
Alestle Reporter

Theater performance senior Josh Douglas said finding ways to build a résumé and getting paid are two of the most difficult things facing actors, especially those that balance being an actor with a college curriculum.

However, rather than deal with the nuisances of being a student actor, Douglas, along with partners senior theater performance major Phil Leveling and Chris Rydgig, who graduated from Fontbonne University, decided to take action and started Everyman Productions.

Everyman Productions is an improvisation acting company that has performed improv shows, murder mystery dinners and worked as comedic waiters for the past year and a half.

Douglas said the company has done roughly 20 to 25 shows in the last 18 months, performing everywhere from high school after proms to charity auctions. Douglas said the goal for the company was to perform 10 shows during 2008, but they exceeded that goal by five or six shows. The new goal for this year is to go beyond last year's number of performances.

According to Douglas, "improv is part of an actor's tool belt" and is something all actors must be well-versed in.

"When you are on stage in any type of acting and you forget or mess up a line, you have to recover quickly. That's improv," Douglas said.

They started with a couple hundred dollars used to buy props for their first show and have expanded into a full-fledged business. The company puts on shows and pays all of its actors, while saving up as much as possible to grow the company.

Leveling and Douglas are not the only two students benefiting from this company. Everyman Productions is giving acting students from both SIUE and McKendree University an opportunity to hone their acting chops in a professional setting.

Everyman Productions employs mostly students, along with a few SIUE alumni, for all of their shows.

"It gives them money and confidence, as well as a stepping stone into the professional world," Douglas said.

Douglas said the experience gained in the professional improv productions help an actor's future endeavors.

"It really bumps up the résumé," he said.

One actor, who has had his career bolstered by Everyman Productions is theater performance alumnus Joseph Garner who graduated in 2006. Garner said he has performed in nearly all of Everyman Production's shows.

"I think it is great that they are letting current and former students go out and do some professional acting," Garner said.

Garner said the company is something he would have appreciated while he was still attending school. There were a couple of improv groups at the time, but they all seemed to go as quickly as they came.

"I love doing it," Garner said. "When I was growing up, my passion was improv. It's nice to get back to my roots."

Senior theater performance major Greg Fenner of St. Louis has performed with Everyman Productions six or seven times during the last year and a half.

"It is a very good experience," Fenner said. "You're constantly on the edge of your seat (doing improv)."

Fenner said the performances have been instrumental in sharpening his improv skills, which is important when pursuing an acting career.

Douglas will graduate this May, but has no plans on letting the company start to slip. He plans to expand the company past improv work and into putting on full plays.

"In a perfect world we would end up owning our own theater, but we all know we don't live in a perfect world, so we'll have to see," Douglas said.

For more information on Everyman Productions contact Josh Douglas at everymanproductions@yahoo.com or 806-4792.

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Members of the Everyman Productions watch as junior speech communications major Christopher Buckett acts out a scene where his genitals are pulled off. Everyman Productions is an improvisation company started by two SIUE students and a friend to help students earn more stage time in a professional setting.



Sean Roberts/Alestle

Senior theater performance major Greg Fenner pretends to be a director offering advice to freshman theater performance major Alex Kowalchik during practice Wednesday night. The exercise they are doing requires one person to start on the stage and each new person who comes into the scene must expand on what is already happening. The two are part of the improvisation company, Everyman Productions.

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Today Student Government Elections 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. MUC, Peck Hall and Skywalk Cafe CSI: Iraq 4 to 6 p.m. MUC Goshen Lounge	Wednesday Food Chat- "Racism: The Difficult Dialogue Continues" Noon to 1 p.m. MUC International Room	Thursday Livewire 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. MUC Goshen Lounge Speech Variety Show 6 to 9 p.m. MUC Goshen Lounge Late Night Espresso 8 to 11:30 p.m. Starbucks	Friday Celtic Woman 8 p.m. Fox Theater St. Louis Through Saturday Italian Film Festival 8 p.m. Washington University St. Louis	Saturday Macbeth 7:30 p.m. Blanche M. Touhill Performing Arts Center St. Louis Los Flamencos 10 p.m. Coco Louco Brasil St. Louis	Sunday Laclede Quartet Concert 3 p.m. Maryville University Auditorium St. Louis	Monday Goshen Showcase 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. MUC Goshen Lounge Plain White T's 9:30 p.m. The Pageant St. Louis



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Smitha Rajan, a dance teacher from O'Fallon, performed a classical Indian dance in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom Saturday as part of India Night 2009. The dance involved a wide variety of emotional expressions.

Yatra



Sean Roberts/Alestle

Students danced at India Night 2009 Saturday on the stage of the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom. These students dance as a part of a skit depicting some of the most popular sights of their homeland.

Vivah

From March 30 to April 4, the Indian Student Association hosted its annual India Week and India Night. This year's theme was focused on Yatra, or pilgrimage.

India Week 2009 included the food festival, featuring Asian cuisines on Monday, the Bollywood movie "Tare Zameen Per," on Tuesday and the mock wedding, or "Vivah," on Thursday.

Also throughout the week, various booths were set up in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge. The booths included a mehendi, or henna, tattoo booth, booths

featuring traditional Indian garments and artifacts and a booth to explain the game of cricket.

"Yatra: A Journey to Remember" was the theme of India Night 2009. The evening featured live music, a fashion show, Indian cuisine, dance performances and more.

One of the evening's performances was an interpretive dance of Ramayan, a traditional Indian story.

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Electrical and mechanical engineering professor Bradley Noble and his wife, Penny, participate in a mock Indian wedding on Thursday in the Morris University Center's Goshen Lounge. The mock wedding took place as part of India Week 2009. Each year the Indian Student Association hosts India Week and India Night to introduce traditional Indian culture to the SIUE community.



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The local Hindu priest, or pujari, led the mock wedding ceremony Thursday. The pujari recited the ceremony in Hindu and then explained to those who watched and participated what each part of the ceremony symbolizes.

Softball senior tops all-time win list



Senior second baseman Lindsay Longfellow awaits a pitch against Drake University on March 18. The Cougars split the doubleheader against Drake.

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SIUE nears national rank

by T.J. Cowell
Alestle Sports Reporter

Senior pitcher Kaitlin Colosimo became the all-time wins leader after going all seven innings in the first game of a doubleheader against Eastern Illinois University Saturday.

Colosimo's effort held the Panthers to seven hits in an 8-2 win for the Cougars in game one.

"I am very happy for her," SIUE softball Head Coach Sandy Montgomery said. "I could not be more proud of her and the success she is having."

Freshman catcher Kay Hagelberg showed her team leadership with a pair of homeruns, driving in SIUE's first three runs in game one.

After junior third baseman Lauren Zembruski reached on a fielder's choice, Hagelberg blasted her second shot of the game to put SIUE ahead 3-0 after four innings.

"Our team works very hard during practice," Hagelberg said. "We hit the ball hard when we got a hold of it."

Hagelberg said the support she and the other freshmen receive from the team's upperclassmen helps create good chemistry.

"The upperclassmen help us out tremendously," Hagelberg said.

Colosimo earned her 85th career victory as a Cougar, holding EIU scoreless until the fifth. The Panthers tagged on two runs in the fifth and sixth innings.

However, SIUE ran away with the game in the bottom of the sixth with a five-run effort. Senior left fielder Nicole Beecher

smashed a two-run single, which highlighted the inning for the hosts.

With the win, Colosimo improved to 13-3 on the season. EIU senior starter Kathleen Jacoby was given the loss, allowing four runs in five innings.

Colosimo said her 85th career victory helps show all her hard work over the past four years.

"It is a great privilege for me, especially beating (Montgomery's) record," Colosimo said. "I have always heard how great of a pitcher she was."

The win put Colosimo over Montgomery's old record of 84 by one win.

Zembruski said Colosimo's dedication and effort has helped her become a team leader over the years.

"Kaitlin pitched a great game," Zembruski said. "She made the other girls step up. There is nobody who deserves it more than Kaitlin."

In the nightcap both teams had a hard time finding an offensive balance, with the Panthers coming out on top 1-0. EIU sophomore starter Amber May and SIUE sophomore starter Erika Taylor gave hitters trouble with a combined 15 strikeouts between the two.

With both teams scoreless after two, EIU got the offensive spark they needed from Nelson. Nelson connected on an RBI single to center field that scored Pieper. This proved to be the difference as SIUE was held to three hits in their final five innings at bat.

The loss dropped the Cougars to 28-7 on the year, while EIU improved to 20-14 with the win.

Nelson had two of EIU's three hits. SIUE collected six hits as a team.

Playing its entire season against Division I opponents, SIUE has wasted little time making an impression. The Cougars

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Men's tennis gains easy win at home

by Ashlee Brockenbrough
Alestle Sports Reporter

SIUE men's tennis team outshined McKendree University Wednesday finishing 5-1 in singles and 2-1 in doubles, putting the Cougars at 5-11 for the season.

"We have been playing D-I teams all season. Our level of play was just higher," sophomore Paulo Gonzalez said. "They may have really good players, but they are not up to our level. This school is not a match for us anymore."

In singles sets, Gonzalez, who plays in the Cougar's No. 1 spot, rolled over McKendree's Evgeniy Nigmatyanou two sets to zero, 6-2, 6-4.

The No. 2 set added another win for SIUE, when junior Rob Young defeated opponent Paulo Goncalves in three matches, 6-2, 7-6, 7-3.

"I spent most of the match trying to find a rhythm, but I was serving well and was able to close it out," Young said. "For me, serving just depends on the day."

Senior Cole Garrison suffered the Cougars' only singles loss, falling 6-2, 6-4 to the Bearcats' junior Daniel Gonzalez.

No. 4 sophomore Michael Chamberlain pounded opponent Doug Mennerick, earning a 6-1, 6-1 victory.

Freshman Devan Faulkenberg, who played in the five spot, and No. 6 sophomore Jordan Faulkenberg each added wins for the Cougars.

SIUE's success continued into the doubles matches when the Cougars' No. 1 team Gonzalez and



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Sophomore Paulo Gonzalez serves against Evgeniy Nigmatyanou of McKendree University in an SIUE victory.

Chamberlain beat down McKendree's freshmen pair, Davi Venditto and Goncalves, 8-1.

"We did what we had to and won," Gonzalez said. SIUE's Young and Garrison, the No. 2 doubles team,

had no trouble claiming an 8-3 victory over opposing duo Patrick Rosa and Daniel Gonzalez.

The Cougars' No. 3 doubles team of freshmen

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Track and field proving position in Division I

by Levi Kirby
Alestle Sports Editor

SIUE men and women's track and field teams both had top finishers along with broken records this weekend at Southeast Missouri State University's Joey Haines Invitational.

Sophomore Ben Bishop continued to improve his personal best in the hammer throw after his throw of 190 feet 6 inches surpassed his old record by nearly four feet. The throw gave Bishop a third place finish, but he was the top collegiate thrower at the event losing only to a pair of unattached competitors.

Bishop said the team's success this season can partially be accredited to their desire to prove they belong among Division I schools now that SIUE is on its way to a full D-I status.

"There's definitely more incentive to do better just because of the fact we're D-I now and not D-II," Bishop said. "We always wanted to make a statement against D-I schools last year, but now that we're D-I we want to prove ourselves even more."

Bishop said he is looking forward to coming home for the next event and has high hopes for breaking the current university record for the hammer throw, a 191 foot 6 inch throw set by Scott Block in 2008. Bishop must tag on a little more than one foot to his last throw at SEMO in order to break the record.

"At the home meet I really want to try to break (Block's) record," Bishop said. "It is definitely in my sights for this weekend. Hopefully I'll have a good throw and be out there."

SIUE junior Kayla Brown, once again, broke her personal record, which is the university record, in the 5,000-meter run with a time of 17 minutes 36.76 seconds. The record-setting performance was enough to give Brown the only first place finish for the Cougars.

Brown is much like Bishop and has plans to continually better her records in the 5K and to break another personal best as well.

"I still want to lower my time in the 5K. I still want to break that again and run faster," Brown said. "I haven't had a chance to run the 3K yet. I hope to better my time in that this year, too."

Other finishers for the Cougars include juniors Juliet Alrich, Megan Dennis, Marcus Evans and Eric

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	Name	Event	Results
1st	Kayla Brown**	5,000-meter run	17 minutes 36.76 seconds
2nd	Juliet Alrich	400-meter run	56.32 seconds
	Marcus Evans	100-meter hurdles	15.11 seconds
	Marcus Evans	400-meter hurdles	53.86 seconds
	Eric Mammoser	Pole vault	16 feet
3rd	Ben Bishop*	Hammer throw	190 feet 6 inches
	Megan Dennis	100-meter hurdles	14.70 seconds
	Megan Dennis	Triple jump	40 feet 3/4 inches
			(* Personal Best)
			(** University Record)

Cougars set for first home game of season

by T.J. Cowell
Alestle Sports Reporter

The Cougar baseball team ended the first stage of a long road schedule with an away game against the University of Illinois on Wednesday followed by a three-game series against Austin Peay University beginning on Friday. SIUE came close in several attempts, but dropped four consecutive decisions.

SIUE traveled to the University of Illinois Wednesday to lock up with the 26th-ranked Fighting Illini. The Cougars started things off with a 3-0 lead in the first inning highlighted by a triple from junior shortstop Mike Hurt and a homerun from junior catcher Dustin Brooks.

"We always seem to get out on top," senior left fielder Chilos Norris III said. "It is holding teams that we still struggle with."

The teams remained cold offensively until Illinois added four runs in the fifth inning. An RBI single from SIUE senior second baseman Josh Street in the top of the sixth helped the Cougars regain the lead. Freshman Dustin Quattrocchi came

in for junior starter Spencer Patton in the bottom of the inning and shut down the Fighting Illini.

The Cougars headed to the bottom of the seventh, clinging to a 6-5 lead. However, Johnson snagged an RBI for Illinois tying it up. From there the SIUE defense locked down and stranded three Illini base runners.


The Cougars went cold in the eighth and ninth innings landing only one hit by Norris. Illinois also had trouble connecting on base hits. Lutes grounded into a 4-6-3 double play to send the game into extra innings.

After holding SIUE to no runs, the Fighting Illini got things going with a triple from freshman Willie Agro. Freshman shortstop Josh Parr connected on the game-winning RBI single to score Argo one batter later.

"It hurts because we all wanted that one," Norris said. "We competed hard, but just could not pull it out."

On Friday, SIUE headed to Clarksville, Tenn., to take on Austin

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hold a current RPI ranking of 45, with major victories over Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and Boston College.

In the latest Ultimate College Softball poll, SIUE received 21 votes, a number six votes under 25th ranked Nebraska University.

Individually, sophomore shortstop Kasey Schlafke leads the nation in sacrifices with 24. Pitching wise, the Cougars rank seventh nationally with a 1.16 ERA. Both Colosimo and Taylor are in the top 30 of D-I pitchers with ERA's of 1.07 and 1.24 respectively.

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Morten Christensen and Pete Wilson fell 9-8, 7-4 to the Bearcats' Nigmatyanou and Mennerick.

"We started off slow and didn't get all of our serves in," Wilson said. "That dug us in a hole we couldn't get out of."

SIUE's next match is an exhibition at home at 2 p.m. Friday against Lewis and Clark Community College. The match

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Mammoser.

Evans finished second in two races, missing a first place spot by less than one second in both events. Mammoser tied a meet record with a pole vault jump of 16 feet.

Next up for SIUE is a long-awaited home meet on Saturday at the Cougar Classic. Events begin at 9:30 a.m.

Bishop said he is excited for the anticipated return back to Korte Stadium after being on the road since the beginning of January.

BASEBALL

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Peay University in a three-game series over the course of the weekend. The Cougars recorded one run in five different frames, but could not hold off the Governors in game one, 7-5.

"We played all right at times, but there were too many miscues," freshman center fielder Mitch Matecki said. "We are hitting the ball all right, but we need to work out the small mistakes."

Freshman pitcher Brian Lorenz dropped the decision for SIUE.

The Governors started the game off with a three-run second inning. SIUE answered with a solo shot from junior first baseman Michael Hopkins to tie the game up at three each.

Austin Peay gained the lead for good in the seventh and the Cougars' late ninth inning rally was shot down by APU junior closer Daniel Tenholder.

The Governors found the offensive momentum to knock off SIUE 15-5 Saturday.

The third and final game of the series saw a closer matchup

The Cougars have also impressed with national rankings both offensively and defensively. However, since SIUE is in the reclassification process, the team is not eligible to win any NCAA awards for statistics.

"My program is used to winning," Montgomery said. "We are going at this the same way."

SIUE now looks ahead to Bradley University at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in Peoria.

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will be the team's second to last match of the season.

"We're all looking forward to this match. We want to beat them down. It will feel good to end our last home match with a win," Wilson said.

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"I can't wait (to compete at home). I'm used to the facilities," Bishop said. "It will be fun being able to throw in front of my family and friends. It will be good, and I want to have a big day."

Brown said she is equally excited about getting to come home and avoiding a bus roadtrip.

"We've had a lot of driving," Brown said. "We get to just have a meet here close by and run on our turf."

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between the two teams. Norris and Street kept the game close with a team-high two RBI's, but SIUE failed to avoid the sweep in extra innings, 8-7.

The Governors proved their offensive power with a game-tying blast from junior second baseman Chris Lewellyn in the eighth.

A pair of two-run homers would make it over the fence in the ninth, one from Norris and APU sophomore third baseman Greg Bachman. An 11th inning double from senior first baseman Brooks Hunton off of SIUE senior pitcher Andrew Beatty would give APU their third victory over SIUE.

"Today we could not get them out when we needed to," SIUE baseball Head Coach Gary Collins said. "We are not catching the ball and throwing it very well."

The Cougars will now host Saint Louis University for a rare taste of home play at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

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17 "Pow!" relative

18 Immune system agent

19 Litter's littlest

20 *Shari Lewis puppet

22 '50s first lady

23 50-and-over org.

24 Open-bodied truck

26 Moon mission name

29 Photo enlargement

30 No-goodnik

31 Really punch

32 Hosp. scanners

35 Extinguish, with "out"

36 "Shh!" (and a hint to the feature shared by

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39 Legal Lance

40 __ away: hide on a ship

42 Hit, in billiards

43 Paquin and Nicole Smith

45 Jeff Gordon was its 1993 Rookie of the Year

47 Cavern

48 Sold for a big profit, as tickets

50 Gucci of fashion

51 Brit's boob tube

52 *Act all innocent

56 Miscellany

57 Soft-tipped pen brand

59 Civil War color

60 Dole's 1996 running mate

61 Give up

62 This, in Tegucigalpa

63 Draws away from shore

64 Force units

65 Swedish auto

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1 Cry loudly

2 On-the-job protection org.

3 Pillow covering

4 Drummer's crashers

5 Rockers __ Tull

6 Many a security guard

7 One of AA's twelve

8 Sun, in Spain

9 Building addition

10 Layer

11 *Duster's find at a crime scene

12 Tennessee-born country singer Ford

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21 Biblical spy

22 Paw's mate?

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25 Opera box

26 Mont Blanc's range

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29 More azure

31 Cheerleading unit

33 "Let's leave __ that"

34 Mediocre

37 Pilate's "Behold!"

38 Late

41 Trousers

44 Annoying people

46 James Bond, e.g.

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54 __ Hari

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By Elizabeth A. Long

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College of Arts And Sciences

Pamela Cobb, Ph.D.
Tenured Associate Professor
Sociology and Criminal Justice Studies

Cristina DeMeo, Ph.D.
Tenured Associate Professor
Chemistry

Ann Dirks-Linhorst, Ph.D.
Tenured Associate Professor
Sociology and Criminal Justice Studies

Laura Fowler, Ph.D.
Tenured Associate Professor
Historical Studies

Joel Hardman, Ph.D.
Professor
English Language and Literature

Brian Harward, Ph.D.
Tenured Associate Professor
Political Science

Christienne Hinz, Ph.D.
Tenured Associate Professor
Historical Studies

Eileen Joy, Ph.D.
Tenured Associate Professor
English Language and Literature

Joel Knapp, Ph.D.
Professor
Music

Koung Hee Leem, Ph.D.
Tenured Associate Professor
Mathematics and Statistics

Florence Maatita, Ph.D.
Tenured Associate Professor
Sociology and Criminal Justice Studies

Barbara Nwacha, MFA
Tenured Associate Professor
Art and Design

George Pelekanos, Ph.D.
Professor
Mathematics and Statistics

Kurt Schulz, Ph.D.
Professor
Biological Sciences

Christopher Theodorakis, Ph.D.
Tenured Associate Professor
Biological/Environmental Sciences

Valerie Vogrin, Ph.D.
Tenured Associate Professor
English Language and Literature

Susan Wiediger, Ph.D.
Tenured Associate Professor
Chemistry

School of Business

Riza Demirer, Ph.D.
Tenured Associate Professor
Economics and Finance

Thomas Douglas, Ph.D.
Tenured
Management and Marketing

Edmund Hershberger, Ph.D.
Tenured Associate Professor
Management and Marketing

George Watson, Ph.D.
Tenured
Management and Marketing

School of Dental Medicine

Bruce Rotter, D.M.D.
Professor
Applied Dental Medicine

School of Education

Michael Afolayan, Ph.D.
Tenured Associate Professor
Curriculum and Instruction

Anthony Denkyirah, Ph.D.
Tenured Associate Professor
Special Education and Communication Disorders

David DeWeese, Ed.D.
Tenured Associate Professor
Curriculum and Instruction

Linda Forbringer, Ph.D.
Tenured Associate Professor
Special Education and Communication Disorders

Laura Pawlow, Ph.D.
Tenured Associate Professor
Psychology

Caroline Pryor, Ph.D.
Tenured Associate Professor
Curriculum and Instruction

Melissa Thomeczek, Ph.D.
Tenured Associate Professor
Education Leadership

School of Engineering

Dianne Slattery, Ph.D.
Professor
Construction

School of Nursing

Rita Arras-Boyd, Ph.D.
Tenured Associate Professor
Family and Community Health Nursing

School of Pharmacy

William Wuller, M.S.
Clinical Associate Professor

J. Christopher Lynch, Ph.D.
Professor
Pharmacy Practice