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SIU payroll assured through mid-May

Alestle Staff Report

Southern Illinois University received funds Monday, both from the federal government and the state, securing payroll for the immediate future.

\$15.9 million in federal stimulus funds, combined with

\$12.5 million in state grants from the Monetary Award Program, will cover payroll through April and halfway through May. SIU needs \$17 million more to secure payroll through the end of May, according to SIU executive assistant for Government Affairs Dave Gross.

"It's terrific news," Gross said. "But right now we're still month to month for payroll."

The amount for payroll for each month is roughly \$40 million, according to Gross.

Progress was made for university loans as well. Gross said the bill for the loans passed through the House committee

and was set for review in the House.

"It still has to go through the House. Hopefully there aren't any changes made to the bill," Gross said.

Gov. Quinn would then need to sign the bill to give SIU the option to take out loans.

The state still owes the SIU

system more than 70 percent of the \$236 million in state appropriations from the entire year. Illinois has not made a payment to the university since January, and SIU is more than 75 percent through its fiscal year.

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Directing Peace

Former Peace Corps director reflects on cultural work in Africa, East St. Louis

by Greg Maddox
Alestle Reporter

Retired African Peace Corps Director Reginald Petty currently lives a quiet life in East St. Louis after spending most of his life providing aid to nations halfway across the globe.

Petty was born and raised in the St. Louis area during a time of turmoil for blacks in the United States. The idea of civil rights was still young and racism and segregation was still a normal part of American culture.

As a young man out of college in the 1960s, Petty got involved with the brewing Civil Rights Movement in

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photo provided by Edna J. Patterson-Petty
Former Africa Peace Corps Director Reginald Perry educates students about African culture in East St. Louis.

Vandegrift supports the proposed tuition freeze

by Aren Dow
Alestle Managing Editor

Chancellor Vaughn Vandegrift backed President Glenn Poshard's proposal to freeze tuition for next year, Tuesday.

If passed by the Southern Illinois University Board of Trustees, SIUE would keep the lowest tuition and fee total of the 12 state universities. The freeze would keep tuition for full-time, in-state students at \$6,201 and would come after SIUE enacted a 6 percent increase last year.

The next SIU Board of Trustees meeting is April 8 at SIUE.

The proposed freeze comes in conjunction with a planned increase in students, similar to previous semesters. Budget Director Bill Winter said the university's growth in the number of students has allowed the university to continue to grow while generating additional revenue from tuition.

"A school in declining would have less room to work with. That's been to our benefit," Winter said.

Vandegrift said the progress made in limiting spending has allowed the university to continue increasing the number of students at SIUE.

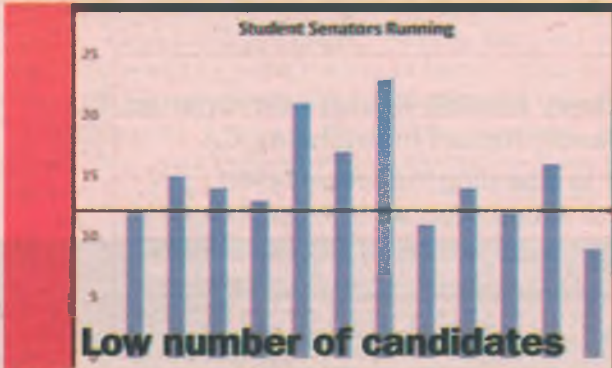
"As a result of the slowdown, we have projected fiscal year-end savings in hiring (\$1.5 million), purchasing (\$2 million) and more through other budget actions," Vandegrift said in a press release. "These savings, when added to funds from expected enrollment increases, should enable us to meet our 4 percent contingency goal of \$5.6 million."

Winter said the university has taken several steps to save revenue to meet payroll, managing to avoid layoffs and furloughs other universities have had to employ.

"What has happened after we learned about the

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Highlights from Tuesday's issue at Alestlelive.com...



Walk the line



Sean Roberts/Alestle

Senior physics major Conrad Manske of St. Louis practices slackline walking Monday near the Lovejoy Library. Slackline walking involves stretching a nylon rope between two trees a few feet above the ground. The practice helps improve balance and coordination.

Tech expo to showcase universities' innovation

by Kari Williams
Alestle Reporter

Southern Illinois University inventors and innovators will come together to present their research and projects at the Technology and Innovation Expo, according to Kristine Jarden, director of the Entrepreneurship Center.

Jarden said the event on March 30 will have nine faculty presenters from SIUE, SIUC and the SIU School of Medicine.

James Bashkin, co-founder of NanoVir, a biotech company, will speak about university technology, according to Jarden. Matt Kulig, an entrepreneur and COO for Aisle411.com is the second keynote speaker.

According to Jim Pennekamp, special assistant to the chancellor for Regional Development, the graduate school, University Park and the Entrepreneurship Center are involved with the expo.

Pennekamp said the expo will bring "together promising technology" from all three campuses.

SIUC hosted a similar expo in the fall, and, according to Jarden, this is the first year for the expo at SIUE. SIUE was chosen because of its location near St.

Louis.

"I think commercializing university technologies has been becoming more and more a route that needs to be taken," Jarden said.

According to Pennekamp, the university is a major economic drive because of its size, educational services and faculty research for potential with commercialization.

"As we move forward, I believe we will be known for our faculty research," Pennekamp said.

Mechanical and industrial engineering professor Serdar Celik will speak about the combined loop magnetic refrigeration system he is currently working on. Celik said the magnetic refrigeration system is an addition to an already developed model.

According to Celik, about a century ago, it was found that refrigeration systems could have water as the circulating fluid, and Celik uses the magnetic field to make a more compact system.

"We focused on actually making this system compact, but still efficient and functioning. So, by doing some modifications ... we are able to get to those many piping systems from the system,"

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Petty (center) sits between the vice president of Kenya and a Supreme Court justice during the early years of the Peace Corps.

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Mississippi. He grew to know several influential people in politics including several members of the Kennedy family. In 1967, while doing work in Washington, D.C., he was approached about an opportunity to join a new program called the Peace Corps. He was invited to go to Africa and help provide aid there.

"They asked if I was interested in going to Africa," Petty said. "It was something that happened at the right place and the right time, and it really was something I wanted to do."

Petty had never visited Africa, but was enthusiastic to do so after Peace Corps training. He felt he was ready and qualified to go there and help.

"Volunteers had to be trained for three months, and you had to have experience in French, and they taught you some of the local languages," Petty said. "I was a French minor in college so that gave me an advantage."

Petty was made a director for Peace Corps groups in certain countries in Africa. During the next 12 years, Petty spent time in Kenya, Swaziland, Senegal and Burkina Faso, providing various forms of aid to the local Africans.

"When we first started doing work in West Africa, we only had about 100 volunteers," Petty said. "Half of those were involved with helping local agriculture. The other half helped with well digging. They had a lot of trouble with wells there."

Building wells that functioned well enough to provide water to needy villages was a big concern for the Peace Corps. To help support the local agriculture and improve the health, clean wells needed to be built.

"At first we didn't have many teachers with us. The focus was mainly on digging wells for local villages," Petty said.

Later on in his career, Petty's volunteer group increased to more than 300 people. More than half of them were teachers and people who could help with the health of the locals.

All together Petty worked with the Peace Corps in Africa for about 16 years off and on.

"I would return for a few months at a time," Petty said, "but then I would go right back out there. I loved going out there."

Even when he was no longer director for the Peace Corps, Petty made regular trips to Africa to

artist in the area who is famous for making artistic quilts. Petty has been very involved with the city and reaching out to the people of St. Louis.

"Reg is a person that loves history, especially the history of East St. Louis," Edna Petty said. "He is warm and generous and brings teachers and students from many schools to our home to give talks. I feel he is an under-appreciated source of history and knowledge."

Petty said he misses his work in Africa and still keeps in contact with some people he worked with there. Now he focuses on educating whoever will listen about African culture and East St. Louis culture.

"I think one thing that most surprised me about Africa was the relationship between the young and old," Petty said. "Elders would sit around and tell stories while the young just sat and heard all this history. I think young people miss that here in cities."

Petty also said many people have an incorrect view of what Africa is really like.

"All you see here in the U.S. is the negative," Petty said. "Over there, Botswana and Swaziland

and other countries have no problems. The villages there have so much warmth. There are problems over there, and a lot of them are caused by the U.S."

The many problems in Africa should be a cause for concern for many and possibly what Petty missed most was helping to solve these problems.

"I enjoyed being around the variety of people. You never knew what was going to pop up," Petty said. "It was a situation where there [were] a million problems that you had to try and solve every day."

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'Elders would sit around and tell stories while the young just sat and heard all this history. I think young people miss that here in cities'

-Reginald Petty, former director of Africa Peace Corps

visit and help any way he could. However, his regular visits to Africa were halted when Petty suffered a brain aneurysm in the early 1990s.

"I was in a coma for two months," Petty said. "When I woke up, the doctors gave me three to six months to live."

Petty then retired from his work in Africa and returned home to East St. Louis to relax and be comfortable. Needless to say, Petty surpassed his doctor's expectations. It has been roughly 16 years since Petty first suffered the aneurysm.

Petty still lives the retired life in the East St. Louis Area. His wife, Edna Petty, is a well-known

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Exhausted funds exhibit groups' creativity

by Rosie Githinji
Alestle Opinion Editor

There are no more funds available to organizations for program or travel requests for the year. As a result, organizations have to get creative when it comes to fundraising.

For the past couple of years there has been a significant cash carry over, according to Student Body President Brandon Rahn.

"This is the first time that I've seen that we've run out [of funds]," Rahn said. "Typically we have money for 23 to 25 student organizations [each year]."

This year there were more student organizations asking for money than other years, according to Rahn. SG encourages students to apply for funds as early as possible and more organizations are becoming aware they can get money from SG because of campaigning by the Senate, according to Rahn. Any organization is eligible for funding and can apply as soon as they know money is needed. They cannot ask for more than \$675 for travel requests and the amount for program requests is on a case-by-case basis, according to Rahn.

"Thirty-one groups have been approved for travel requests this year alone," Rahn said. "Some of the groups were approved last year for this year."

According to Jeff Harrison, financial officer for SG, the amount of money SG can give to organizations depends on how much money is carried over from the previous year. The money distribution must be spread evenly between program

requests and travel allocations.

"I like the way the year has gone so far," Harrison said. "Groups have been able to utilize the funds to help themselves and the campus out."

Fundraisers can be both on and off campus. Popular fundraising activities include food fundraisers or golf tournaments off campus and bake sales, trivia nights and chili cook-offs on campus, according to Harrison.

Felix Burkhart is the president of Red Storm, a newly recognized student organization. They do some fundraising, but have help from sources other than Student Government.

"We get a lot of stuff for free because we do a lot of stuff through athletics," Burkhart said. "We have been told to do the best we can and athletics will cover the rest."

They also have sponsors that give them food, T-shirts and money for their organization, according to Burkhart. The group plans on having bake sales to raise money as well.

Vice President of Delta Lambda Phi Joel Durham said the main source of money for the organization is the drag show they do each year.

"We make a good amount of money to help sustain the group with help from Student Government," Durham said. "Because it sustains us so well, it allows us to focus on our philanthropies."

The group does not have bake sales because they don't raise much money, according to Durham. The group likes to raise money by having events that make



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Senior ceramics major Elaine Buss serves chili Wednesday in the Stratton Quadrangle. The \$10 bowl of chili, served in a ceramic bowl, raised money for the Art and Design Department.

people excited to attend.

The organization depends on SG for money because it does help with programs and travel, as well as office supplies.

Kappa Alpha Psi President Josh Harrell said his organization does not depend on events like the Marchdown stepshow or bake sales for money.

"Most of the money normally comes from parties," Harrell said. "We also do car washes in the summer."

The money raised from those events, as well as some help from SG, has assisted the group with expenses for conference, travel, advertising and office supplies.

Former SIUE student, who is currently taking classes toward a ceramic concentration, Tracy Hudson of Edwardsville said there is an annual chili bowl sale and pottery and glass sale each

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year that is put on by the Wagner Potter's Association.

"We make upwards of \$20,000 just from the pottery sale ... if we have a really good sale," Hudson said. "We make about \$2,000 to \$2,500 at the [chili] bowl sale."

The money goes toward paying for guest artist expenses, such as room and board and paying for the speaking appointments. The money raised from these sales is also used to pay for supplies for the department the university cannot afford, as well as conference and travel expenses for the organization.

The money from the bowl sale goes toward the organization and the money from the pottery sale is split between the department and the artists who made the pieces, according to Hudson.

There are a few guidelines

that have to be followed when an organization is fundraising on campus, according to Organization Relations Officer Dennis Doddigara.

Student organizations can only have one food related fundraiser for semester. Also, organizations are not allowed to sell or give away food or beverages in the Morris University Center and non-Pepsi products are not allowed on the campus for sale or distribution. If organizations are fundraising off campus, advertising alcohol is not allowed.

For more information on guidelines for fundraising, visit the Kimmel Leadership Center for copies of the Student Organization Handbook.

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situation ... is we tried to be conservative. There was a hiring freeze, travel purchases were restricted, spending slowdown," Winter said. "We've taken this seriously."

SIUE has had an increase in the total enrollment for the past two years, with a 1.5 percent increase two years ago and a 2.5 percent increase last year. Director of Public Affairs Greg Conroy said a similar increase would generate a significant amount of revenue for the university, and the school hopes for a total enrollment of more than 14,000 for next year.

Vandegrift acknowledged a strain on faculty members this past year and said they have been "stretched during the hiring freeze due to the temporary reduction in the workforce" in the press release.

Winter said the hiring freeze enacted in November was a hard hiring freeze. Since then employee hiring has been more targeted. Faculty hiring has not been interrupted, due to the length of time it takes to conduct searches. However, hirings must be approved by the Chancellor's

Council and are taken by a case-by-case basis.

Conroy said the current 17:1 student to faculty ratio is something the school is committed to for next year. But, considering the recession, Winter said the possibility is always out there.

"I don't see [the student to faculty ratio] going up in the short run," Winter said. "With the current state of the economy, who knows what will happen. We are continuing to provide a high-quality classroom experience."

Poshard said the tuition freeze endorsement is to provide students a quality education at a reasonable cost in a press release Monday.

"This recommendation reflects my assessment that the constant cycle of state budget cuts to public higher education, followed by double digit tuition increases, must be broken if a college degree at Southern Illinois University is to remain affordable," Poshard said.

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Celik said.

According to Celik, a significant amount of research is done at SIUE for magnetic refrigeration.

"I'm hoping that the invited guests, and then more from industry, will be interested in this project so we can have some further collaboration with them, for the benefit of SIU and the industry," Celik said.

Celik said the expo will reflect positively on the university.

"I believe this is going to encourage the students and increase their curiosity about the research area that they are interested in so that more

innovations might come up in the future from our students," Celik said.

According to Jarden, the expo will benefit students and faculty alike through displaying research done on SIU campuses.

"It's a benefit to investors, economic development professionals, students and faculty to attend to see what the university has to offer and all of the research and technology that comes out of our university and the benefit that it is to the region," Jarden said.

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Faculty teach lessons on feminism in Arab world

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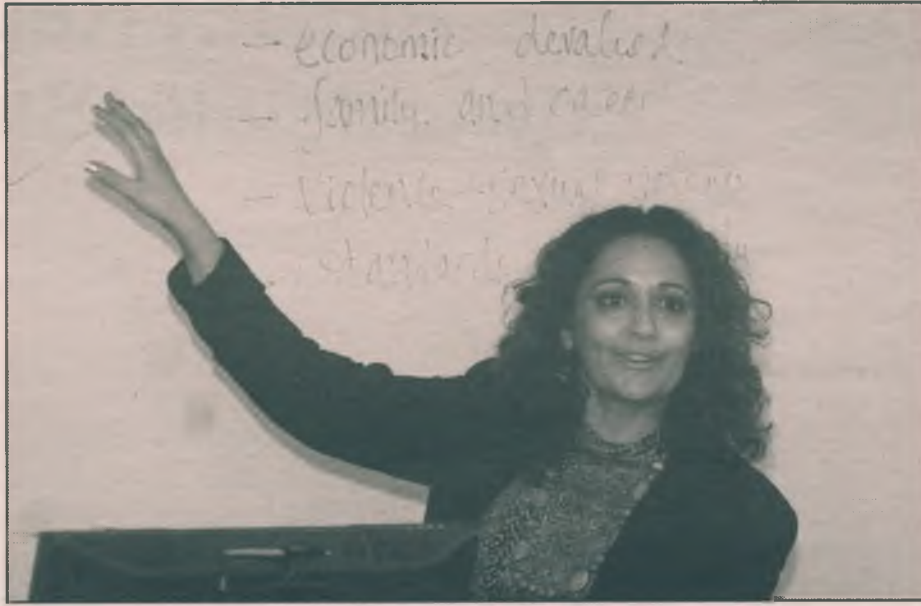
Tuesday, two SIUE employees clarified some misconceptions about feminism and women's rights in the Arab world as a part of the SIUE Women's Studies Program's series of events to celebrate Women's History Month this March.

Professor of Arab studies Stephen Tamari and his wife Sandra Tamari of the Office of International Programs were in Peck Hall to bring to light feminism in the Arab culture. They educated students of stereotypes some Americans hold about different cultures in the various parts of the world.

"There are three main terms that we must go over: Arab, Muslim and Middle Eastern; all of which mean different things," Stephen Tamari said. "These terms are often misused, and they really shouldn't be confused."

Obstacles that typical Arab women in the Middle East face were discussed, including their education, involvement in politics and their role within their respective religions, as well as the concepts of women being property and the reasons that some Arab women wear veils. Sandra Tamari said veils are not always mandatory; sometimes women choose to wear them.

"Some women wear the veil to go against typical beauty culture," Tamari said. "Some don't like the focus on beauty



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Sandra Tamari (pictured) of the Office of International Programs and Stephen Tamari, professor of Arab studies, discuss stereotypes and misconceptions associated with women in the Arab world Tuesday.

that we are used to here."

The Tamaris also said the struggles many Arab women face are similar to the struggles that American women faced in the early 20th century, including their role in the workplace and the economy in general. According to Sandra Tamari, only about one third of women in the Arab world participate in the labor force.

"Most women work without pay in order to help their families," Sandra Tamari said. "They help around the house and raise the children. Generally, what they

do is not considered important economically."

According to Stephen Tamari, women also fall behind men in education, even though it is considered important in their culture.

"Women lag behind men in higher education. Even women who go to college usually focus on humanities, not sciences where jobs are in demand and earn more money," Tamari said.

The Tamaris said not all problems Arab women face have to do with

religious oppression or wearing veils. The most important problems they face have to do with economics, patriarchal society and the general struggle against inequality.

The presentation had a large group of students including those of Catherine Seltzer's Women's Studies 200 class. Seltzer said she was pleased with the turnout.

"We got a great turnout from the university," Seltzer said. "This isn't a huge class, but we got a lot of guests to come listen, which is great."

The Tamaris said they wanted to educate students more about women's lives in the Arab world, and they believe they achieved their goal.

"We want students to understand all of these issues that women face and realize that they face these all around the globe," Sandra Tamari said.

Seltzer said her goal for hosting this presentation was the same as the Tamaris.

"The class I teach is about feminism in the U.S.," Seltzer said. "I really wanted the class to hear this and get a worldwide perspective of feminism."

The Women's Studies Program has more events planned through the month of March to celebrate Women's Heritage month. Students looking for information on upcoming events should check with the Women's Studies in Peck Hall.

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Man on the Street: Student Senate elections

“What do you think about only nine students running for Senate?”

“What I think about the situation is that they definitely need to be filled because we have students, we have interests and we definitely have requests. I hope they get filled.”

- Joshua Anderson
Senior secondary health education major



“I think that it could have a lot to do with the added responsibility of having to go to meetings and things like that and a lot of people in more difficult majors don't necessarily want to dedicate that kind of time.”

- Brian Kasmarzik
Senior electrical engineering major



“I think that there are a lot of vacancies in the Student Government because no one really knows what they do, so why would you be a part of it if it's a waste? I've never seen anything that they have enacted or maybe I'm just ignorant to it. I don't know.”

- Kelsey Faust
Junior elementary education major



“I'm not terrible surprised about the lack of involvement. I do see a lot of involvement and the people who are involved in Student Government are very active, but I don't see a lot of excess interest.”

- Nathalie Woloszy
Senior French major



Point Counterpoint: the health care bill

Providing for previously uninsured Not this bill, not this way



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The World Health Organization released an in-depth ranking of the world's top healthcare systems in 2000. The United States was ranked 37th in overall healthcare behind countries such as Singapore and Colombia. This appalling report most likely influenced the health care-overhaul bill that passed through the House of Representatives Sunday evening.

This bill is good news to most young adults of the SIUE community because it expands parents' healthcare coverage to young citizens until the age of 26, instead of only covering fulltime students under the age of 23. Equally important is that the bill bans insurance companies from denying coverage due to pre-existing medical conditions such as asthma, diabetes or cancer.

There are an abundance of arguments and myths hurled from the right when it comes to this bill. The most popular misconception is in regard to the cost and timing of the bill. Yes, it is costly, standing at \$940 billion, but the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office agreed last week that this bill will actually help alleviate the growing national deficit by \$143 billion come 2019. People worry that this is a bad time for a high-priced health care bill to be passed because of the nation's economy. Legislators recognized this reasoning and made it so this bill will not fully go into effect until 2013 and 2014. Some economists even believe it will improve the economy in moving forward out of a recession.

A poll done by Gallup Research Center on Jan. 12 found that 49 percent of Americans opposed the health care bill on that date while only 46 percent supported it. Many Republicans like to argue that the majority of Americans are against this bill and the Democrats had to shove it down Americans' throats.

Subjectively, I believe that upper class citizens and large insurance corporations, who would be hurt by this bill, used large sums of financing to frustrate the uneducated public into thinking this bill was evil.

Even if I am incorrect, the American people did, however, elect a majority of pro-healthcare reform Democrats to represent them in both houses of Congress. Therefore, it is these elected officials' collective responsibility to use their knowledge and education to better serve their respective areas. The nonpartisan bill actually included 220 amendments by Republican representatives, yet not one Republican voted in support of the bill.

Lastly, and most importantly, many people fear that this bill will lower the quality of care, decrease the number of doctors and raise the price of premiums. It is impossible to say what will happen in the future, but in the past the invisible hand of capitalism has balanced situations like these.

Insurance companies are in what economists call an oligopoly market, which are markets composed of few firms due to the difficulty of opening a new firm. This bill will regulate the market for insurance companies, make them more competitive and increase the quantity of insurance suppliers. This way, quality of care, number of doctors and price of premiums will all level out smoothly.

SIUE students should embrace this bill as knowledgeable scholars and celebrate the hundred-year hurdle Americans have overcome.

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Karina
Swank

House Minority Leader John Boehner, R-Ohio, said it best Sunday.

“We have failed to listen to America,” Boehner said. “If we pass this bill, there will be no turning back. It will be the last straw for the American people. In a democracy, you can only ignore the will of the people for so long and get away with it.”

The will of the majority of the people is that they do not want to see this version of the health care bill passed. I agree.

The idea of the bill is good. I want to see children covered regardless of pre-existing conditions and having everyone insured would be invaluable, but not in this way.

Laissez-faire, or the economics of the country untouched by the state government, is one of the founding ideas of our country. The government has already shoved its hands into the economy in multiple ways: bailing out banks, car companies, etc. The stimulus package was supposed to keep unemployment under 10 percent, but is currently 10.4 percent according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. I don't think the government will help health care either.

Also, though health care is expensive—the U.S. spends about twice as much per person as the rest of the industrialized world—there are good reasons for that, reasons that make keeping our current health care system in place.

The capitalist system pays more people in the health care field at more levels and usually with better pay. First reason: we do more. Second reason: it is expensive, but also why it is worth it.

According to Megan McArdle, reporter for The Atlantic, the U.S. and its amazing physicians and medical personal perform more emergency operations than those other countries. Because of this, what would have been considered a stillborn pregnancy is translated to infant mortality. What those statistics don't show is that because we take those risks more babies that might have been stillborn or would have had health issues when they were born, are born healthy and alive.

Another issue that many pro-health care platform people take up is the fact that health care prices are out of control due to the private sector. According to National Center for Policy Analysis, 45 percent of health spending in the U.S. is due to things like Medicare and Medicaid, government run health care. So couldn't something be done to those areas that would reduce the price of health care without the private sector being altered?

My biggest problem with the health care bill is the effect it will have on the medical field. Currently, some of our nation's best and brightest find their intellectual outlet in a field that saves people's lives. They go to school for years to be the best and pay thousands of dollars. Their incentive is to save lives, but it is also the reassurance that they will make back the money they spent at numerous universities. Our system is set up so that people in the medical field get paid well because they provide an invaluable service. If that is taken away, then some of the reward for doing that job will also be taken away. People will have to start questioning if they want to pay all that money or if it would be in their best interest to apply their intelligence elsewhere. I don't want to lose those people who might save my own or a loved one's life someday.

I would love if health care was reformed for the better, but the current bill has too many negatives at this time to work. We should not ram a bill this important through. It should take time and cautious thought.

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Malashock Dance brings talent home from tour

by Jason Frazier / Alestle Reporter

SIUE will witness acrobatics without tightropes next Thursday, with a nationally touring dance company stopping at Katherine Dunham Hall.

Malashock Dance has toured numerous cities in the U.S., such as Los Angeles and New York. This is the first time they will perform in this region.

Arts and Issues series Director Grant Andree decided to book Malashock Dance for the SIUE campus due to his experience from viewing the show live. SIUE theater and dance alumnus, Michael Mizerany, an instrumental part in his decision to book Malashock Dance.

"I saw the Malashock Dance Company in New York and thought they were incredible dancers that really interpret the music. Also their Associate Artistic Director Michael Mizerany is a product of our SIUE dance department. I liked that connection as well," Andree said.

The high-skill dance moves

are not the only reason the Malashock Dance will entertain the crowd. They also give the audience something to reflect upon, according to Andree.

"The crowd will be amazed by the athleticism and the emotional impact presented by this good dance company," Andree said. "Sometimes you can't even describe what that emotion is, but you are moved by what you see. It will be thought provoking and exhilarating at the same time."

Founding Artistic Director John Malashock broke down the three sections of the Malashock Dance the SIUE audience will see. The crowd will first get a glimpse of a series of duets.

"The first section is a selection of duets I've created over the years. I feel people will find these appealing and personal," Malashock said.

The second part features characters that people will be able to draw some type of comparison to.

"The next work is Shadow of

Mercy, which is all through Leonard Cohen's music," Malashock said. "It really portrays characters people can relate to."

Malashock said he tries to implement real characters into his work.

"I like using dance for storytelling. I like creating work that really creates a character," Malashock said. "I like putting people on stage, not just abstract movement."

Mizerany produced the third section, *Wayward Glances*, which features some emotionally charged storytelling and high levels of physical excitement.

"I choreographed *Wayward Glances*. It's very physically similar to the Olympics. We go full throttle the entire time. Some parts are very serious, while others are very fun," Mizerany said.

Storytelling in Malashock Dance focuses on different types of relationships, according to Malashock.

"There is a balance of seriousness and humor in the storytelling. More often love

relationships are portrayed, but not exclusively. One duet features someone's relationship with themselves, showing two identities," Malashock said.

The music used ranges from the soulful sounds of Cohen to more classical tunes.

"The Leonard Cohen music is a soulful type of folk music. Some of the other music is classically based music, and the music Mizerany uses is a bit corky, but in a very entertaining way," Malashock said.

Mizerany, who graduated from SIUE in 1986, said he is anxious to see some familiar faces and see a part of his career come full circle.

"Most of the teachers that taught me my first dance class are still at SIUE or in the area. It's the place where I first received my training. I feel this will be a testament to the caliber of teachers in the Dance department," Mizerany said.

Currently, there are 50 free tickets available to SIUE students at the Dunham Hall Box Office.

Otherwise, ticket prices are \$13 for students, \$25 for senior citizens and SIUE employees and \$27 for the general public. Andree said he hopes to see many types of people in the audience because the show offers something for everyone.

"I'm hoping it will be a mix of students, whether they are dance students or not, some from the several different dance schools in the area, also those from the community off campus who are open to new experiences and ideas," Andree said.

Malashock said the mixture of dance and theatrical value makes this show hard to miss.

"Take a chance," Malashock said. "You're not going to be sorry."

The Malashock Dance will take place at 7:30 p.m. on April 1 in the Dunham Hall Theater.

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Left: Exhibiting the forms that make Malashock Dance capable of touring the nation, two dancers demonstrate one move from the tethered section of Michael Mizerany's *'Wayward Glances'*. *'Wayward Glances'* is the third section of Malashock Dance, of which SIUE alumni Mizerany is artistic director.

Top: Hailing from San Diego, the Malashock Dance tour performs a shot from the *'Everybody Wants You'* section from Michale Mizerany's *'Wayward Glances'*. A total of 50 free tickets are available to students, after which tickets are \$15 to students, \$25 to school faculty and senior citizens and \$27 to the public.

WILL DRAW FOR MONEY

Student Arts Competition judges SIUE student creativity

by **Lindsey Oyler** / Alestle A&E Editor

When the Student Success Center opened in 2007 for the 50th anniversary of SIUE, Vice Chancellor Narbeth Emmanuel decided that one department in particular should commemorate the occasion with one thing every college student enjoys: money.

Art and Design Department Chair John DenHouter said the Student Arts Competition was the proper way to celebrate the anniversary of our school.

"We award 10 prizes to students each year of \$1,000," DenHouter said. "That's a total of 50 artworks for the 50 years of SIUE."

DenHouter, who helped hang the gallery itself, said a judge was brought in to properly award each student in the running for the Student Arts Competition.

"We had a juror come in from St. Louis, an alumna of the Art and Design Department," DenHouter said. "She did all the judging for the pieces that will be purchased by the university."

Once the juror arrives at SIUE, she judges the artwork of any student entered, narrowing it down to a total of nine students per year. Each receives a \$1,000 dollar prize.

Once the nine are chosen, the votes are opened up to SIUE students for the 10th cash prize.

DenHouter said, outside of SIUE students, Frost was the best choice for the competition juror since she was a past student. Students will award students entirely in this contest. Frost is originally from Rochester, N.Y., but currently resides in St. Louis. She received a master's in painting and sculpture from SIUE.

"I have judged several art fairs and exhibitions, but am foremost an exhibiting visual artist myself," Frost said. "It was an honor to be selected."

Graduate student and studio art major Andy Magee of St. Louis said this contest in particular was a great opportunity considering the benefits available. Magee is one of the nine cash prizewinners so far this year.

"It's good exposure to get your work into a permanent collection," Magee said. "If you can show that, especially if it's through a university instead of a corporation, it looks good on a résumé."

Not only is the prize available to Art and Design Department students, but it is also open to any student interested in submitting. However, those who spent more

time on their work seemed to dominate the contest atmosphere.

"My work was called 'Three Fire Alarms,'" Magee said. "It's a screen painting that's part of a bigger project I worked on last year. I probably spent eight to 10 hours on it in all."

The contest is not considered a scholarship program, but a cash prize competition since the university will purchase the artwork.

"With that kind of a prize, I went through the thought process of 'What artwork did I have at the time of the caliber that the show demands?'" Magee said. "You have to up your game."

The ballot box is next to submitted works in the MUC Art Gallery. Students are welcome to submit forms and their vote.

The Student Arts Competition gallery will be taken down from the MUC gallery on April 1. Ballots will be counted afterward.

"[Whether or not the work is worth the prize], that's up to the juror," Magee said. "It's very difficult to put a value on artwork because it's very subjective. The real question is what will it be worth in 10 years."

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Balanced on a stand in the Morris University Center gallery, Nick Ramsey's 'The Red Turns Blue' is an elephant depiction made out of clay and other mixed media.

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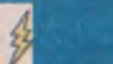
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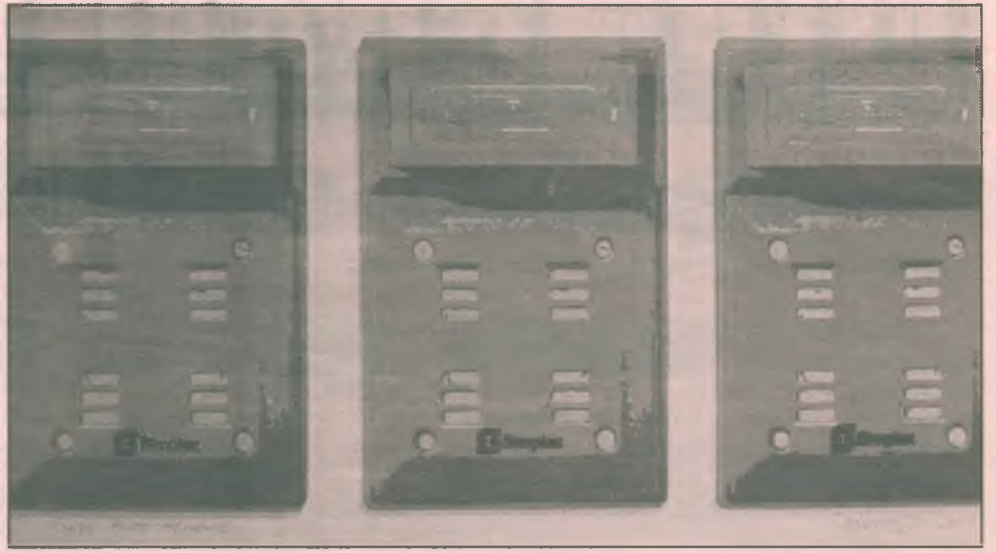
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Student Arts Competition Continued...



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Student life

Schedule of events

Hanging in the Morris University Center's Art Gallery, the contestants for the 2010 Students Arts Competition stand for student voting. Left is Brett Freund's 'Untitled,' made out ceramic and mardi gras bead mediums. Above is winner Andy Magee's 'Three Fire Alarms.' This work is made out of acrylic paint on paper, painted using a screen technique. Magee was one of nine contestants so far who have won the \$1,000 cash prize. One more prize is left.

Friday, March 26

- 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. : Global Awareness Week - Peace Corps Experiences of Faculty
- 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. : Global Awareness Week - Japan's JETprogram and SIUE Alumni and Faculty
- 2 p.m. - 3 p.m. : Poetry Written by Latin American Women
- 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. : Friday Free Flick - The Blind Side
- 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. : SIUE Opera

Saturday, March 27

- SIUE Softball vs. Cougar Classic Tournament
- 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. : SIUE Women's Tennis vs. IUPUI
- 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. : SIUE Opera Sunday, March 28
- SIUE Softball vs. Cougar Classic Tournament
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. : Roman Catholic Mass

- 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. : Roman Catholic Mass

Monday, March 29

- 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. : Coffee Concert Tuesday, March 30
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. : Live Wire - Andrew Belle
- 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. : SLDP Leadership Module #20 - Analyzing Public Perception
- 4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. : Catholic Bible Study

- 6 p.m. - 7 p.m. : Graduate Research Presentations in Women's/Gender Studies

- 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m. : SLDP Leadership Module #10 - Values & Ethics
- 7:30 p.m. - 9 p.m. : Jazz Concert Wednesday, March 31
- 6 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. : Pizza 'n' B.S. (Bible Study)
- 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. : Catholic Newman Student Union



MODULES

Student Leadership
Development Program &
Volunteer Services

Modules

3/30/10
Module 20, 2:00 p.m.
Analyzing Public Perception
Elizabeth Donald, Reporter
Belleville News-Democrat
Board Room, MUC

3/30/10
Module 10, 6:30 p.m.
Values & Ethics
Ann Knef, Editor
The Madison County Record
Board Room, MUC

SLDP Reminders....

Volunteer Projects

March 27—American Red Cross Training
March 27—Angel Food (two locations)
March 27—SIUE Homeless Project
April 9—The Gardens @ SIUE
April 10 & 17 —CERTS Training
April 10—St Vincent de Paul Thrift Store
April 10—Holy Angels
April 17—The Gardens @ SIUE
April 22—The Gardens @ SIUE
April 23—The Gardens @ SIUE
April 24—SIUE Homeless Program

For more information and the calendar, contact the Kimmel Leadership Center at extension 2686 or visit the website www.siu.edu/kimmel/sldp or www.siu.edu/kimmel/sldp/volunteer.

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Campus Activities Board Monthly Planner

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Crossword Puzzle

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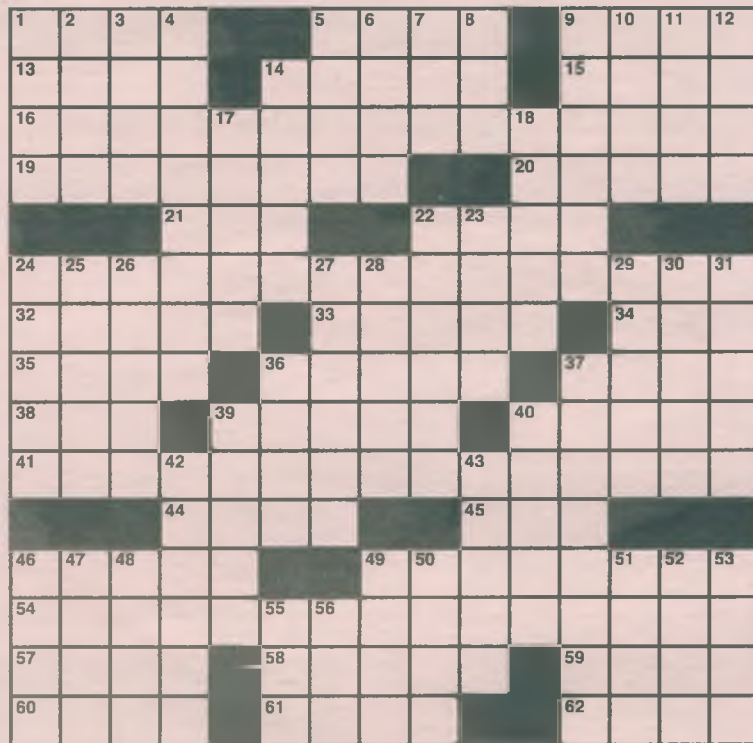
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Leaders in the dugout: Abbr.
 - 5 Univ. hot shot
 - 9 Saran, for one
 - 13 Layered cookie
 - 14 Dainty embroidered mat
 - 15 McKellen and Fleming
 - 16 Breakfast pair
 - 19 Apt to shy, as a horse
 - 20 Like a dark room
 - 21 HBO competitor
 - 22 Japanese sleuth Mr. ___
 - 24 Lunch pair
 - 32 Don, as apparel
 - 33 Keep one's ___ the ground
 - 34 Miracle-__: garden product
 - 35 Bickering
 - 36 When Juliet drinks the potion
 - 37 Former Fed chairman Greenspan
 - 38 Incite to attack, with "on"
 - 39 Rocket engineer

- Wernher von ___
- 40 Pilot light site
 - 41 Dinner pair
 - 44 Lotion ingredient
 - 45 "Gross!"
 - 46 Fancy burger beef
 - 49 Just in case
 - 54 Evening ball game snack pair
 - 57 In ___ of: replacing
 - 58 Abated
 - 59 Feedbag fill
 - 60 "Benevolent" fraternal order
 - 61 Orchestral reed
 - 62 Estimate phrase

- 9 Separate grain from chaff
- 10 ___ Julia, who played Gomez Addams
- 11 Opposed to
- 12 Hissed "Hey, you!"
- 14 Football's "Prime Time" Sanders
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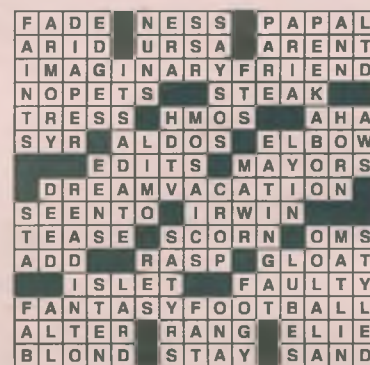
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According to Brown, McCarty currently ranks in the top five scoring averages in the Ohio Valley Conference.

"It is hard to get everybody to get to shoot well on the same day, and [Monday] we did that," McCarty said. "You know that if you aren't shooting well, you can count on your teammates to pick you up."

"I was extremely impressed with his composure"

**-Derrick Brown
Men's golf head coach
-on Clark Schmidt**

Also performing solidly halfway through the tournament was freshman Clark Schmidt. Schmidt made the most of his varsity roster debut tied for eighth individually with a three-over-par 75.

"I was extremely impressed with his composure," Brown said.

The trio of McCarty, Nuzzo and Schmidt all had top 10 finishes for SIUE after day one.

Freshman Alex Knoll (26th) and junior Anthony Ross (48th) rounded out the Cougar scoring with first rounds of 80 and 86.

"I told the guys it was going to be cold, windy and rainy," Brown said. "We just want to be competitive with the schools that are here. We have the players to play with anyone that is here."

The next day brought nicer weather, but slightly higher marks on the scorecard for the Cougars. SIUE finished the final of the tournament with a collective team

score of 314. The squad's cumulative team score of 617 put the Cougars in the middle of the pack with a fifth place finish. SIUE finished the tournament 41 strokes over par as a team.

Schmidt completed his second round with a 74, which tied him for third place individually.

"The course was pretty rewarding if you hit it in the right spots," Schmidt said. "[Coach Brown] just wanted us to stay focused and make sure every stroke counts. He wanted us to stay in the moment."

Although it was Schmidt's first time playing on the varsity roster at the collegiate level, Schmidt said he was prepared for the responsibility of playing Cougar golf.

"I think I left a few strokes on the green, but I think everybody did," Schmidt said. "I have had this type of pressure on me in high school, so I'm used to it."

Nuzzo finished 19th overall individually with a 36-hole total of 154. McCarty completed his rounds a stroke behind Nuzzo, placing him in a tie for 22nd independently.

"I didn't feel it today," McCarty said, following his round on Tuesday.

The Cougars continue their season with their third meet of the spring next week in Macomb. Hosted by Western Illinois University, SIUE will compete in this year's Beu/Mussatto Golf Invitational March 29 and 30.

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alive, and no one should say they don't have a chance. Everyone is working toward the same shining moment. From a financial standpoint, not all conferences are created equal. The Big Ten operates on an athletic budget in the neighborhood of \$70 million. Compare that to the \$9.3 million budget the Horizon League works with. Yet, Butler is still alive and building a mid-major dynasty out of it.

An Ohio Valley Conference foe of SIUE, Murray State University, became my friend for a short time, knocking off Vanderbilt University in a first-round thriller before losing in the second round to Butler. The OVC men's basketball budget is \$800,000. The SEC's is \$5.1 million.

This is the time of year the little guy is given its opportunity, and often times it doesn't get this far. There are five underdogs still alive in the NCAA tournament and plenty of giants left to slay.

The Ivy League champion Cornell and their patient, ball-movement oriented attack and

lights out, three-point shooting have a tall task against one-and-done collegiate John Wall and certified recruiting cheat John Calipari. Remember, while at the University of Memphis, Calipari's team had to vacate all its wins from a season that took him to the championship game following NCAA sanctions.

Meanwhile, Omar Samhan looks to continue his reign of terror for Saint Mary's against Baylor University. Butler looks to take its dynasty to new heights. Ali Farokhmanesh and Northern Iowa look to issue another "shot heard around the world" and extinguish Bruce Pearl and the University of Tennessee.

March is not about brackets. It is about the teams, players and stories that make this tournament so special every year.

If you are still alive in your little bracket competition, I hope Cornell or Purdue University ruins it this weekend. Just enjoy the moment.

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Fun with Fred...

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St. Louis Cardinals' mascot Fredbird gets ready to play laser tag at Campus Activity Board's March Mania event in March 19 in the Morris University Center's Meridian Ballroom. The sports themed event featured laser tag, inflatables, video game tournaments and food.

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Late tallies take down SIUE

Northwestern comes from behind with five runs in final two innings to knock off Cougars

by T.J. Cowell
Alestle Sports Reporter

Northwestern University had a couple of big run innings that helped them knock the SIUE softball team at Cougar Field on Tuesday. The host Cougars led early on, but could not silence the Northwestern offense when they needed to, as SIUE suffered their first home loss this season by a final score of 10-5.

Things started off well for SIUE on the scoreboard in the first inning. When the visitors got a quick run up in the top of the first, the Cougars answered with a trio of runs of their own. Sophomore Whitney Davis, who plays first base, collected a pair of RBIs with a double midway through the inning, which drove in sophomore outfielders Megan Murphy and Lindsey Barron on the play.

By the top of the fourth, SIUE trailed again by a few runs. The Cougars did manage to even up the score with a pair of runs, but failed to come out in front on the scoreboard for the remainder of the game.

Later in the game, Northwestern took over. The visitors scored a total of five combined runs in the final two innings putting the game out of reach. Following the sixth inning effort, Northwestern put runs on the scoreboard in four straight innings.

"It was nice playing at home," SIUE softball Head Coach Sandy Montgomery said. "It was a great day getting to host Northwestern. We just made too many mistakes."

With two outs, the Cougars had a late inning rally in the fourth, which came from two hits and an error. Barron smashed a double that scored both senior centerfielder Chaleen Rumpf and Murphy.

SIUE stranded three runs on base in the sixth and a line-out double play in the final effort, which ultimately helped mark the end of this game.

Now 30 games into the season, SIUE holds a record of 15-15. Junior starting pitcher Erika Taylor took the loss in seven

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innings of action. Taylor allowed 10 hits and just as many runs while on the mound.

"We have got to handle adversity better," Montgomery said. "We are very close to breaking through and competing at a high level."

The Cougars will have little time to rest. After a trip to Charleston on Thursday afternoon to entertain Eastern Illinois University, SIUE will host the Cougar Classic Tournament this Saturday and Sunday. During the course of the weekend, the Cougars will face the likes of Northern Illinois University and South Dakota State University.

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(Top) Infielder Taylor Tooley bobbles the ball for an error in the fifth inning of Tuesday's game at Cougar field. (Bottom) Northwestern's Nicole Pauly crosses the plate in the sixth.

Schmidt ties for third at tourney

74 on final day helps freshman place at Jacksonville State

by T.J. Cowell
Alestle Sports Reporter

Fueled by a third-place, individual finish by freshman Clark Schmidt, the SIUE men's golf team competed in the Grub Mart-Young Oil Intercollegiate Tournament, hosted by Jacksonville State University, on Monday and Tuesday. The Cougar squad ended the tournament by placing fifth among 10 competing schools, including several from the Ohio Valley Conference.

In a rain-shortened schedule, which ultimately cut the tournament down to 36 holes, SIUE finished day one at third place for team scores. The Cougars shot a respectable 15-over par team round of 303. Only St. John's University (296) and tournament host Jacksonville State (297) led the Cougars in team rankings after round one.

Juniors Neal McCarty and Nick Nuzzo both came in with a 74 after the tournament's first 18 holes on day one. Both McCarty and Nuzzo's scores were good enough to put them in a tie for fourth place individually.

"I am pretty pleased with our performance," SIUE men's golf Head Coach Derrick Brown said of his team after the tournament's first 18 holes. "Neal [McCarty] played well, and he has been playing well all year. He is a great leader and a good player. Nick Nuzzo is a really good ball striker. As soon as he figures out his ball striking consistency he is going to be a great player."

Brown said having a leader like McCarty sets a good example for the young Cougar golf squad.



Courtesy of SIUE sports information
Freshman golfer Clark Schmidt closed out his tournament at the Grub-Mart-Young Oil Intercollegiate Tournament shooting a 74, placing him in a tie for third.

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View from the sidelines

Who cares about your bracket

by Allan Lewis
Alestle Sports Editor

So, you and five million other people have busted bracket syndrome.

I don't care how far you had Villanova University and the University of Pittsburgh, or that you were dumb enough to pick Kansas University, along with 48 percent of the world and President Obama.

Who really cares?

There are five mid-majors in the Sweet 16, and every idiot who thinks they know college basketball is relegated back to being clueless. Has the past not taught us anything?

Every year, the so-called "experts" advance just about every team on the one line to the final four, aside from the occasional two seed sneaking in as a "sleeper." In the real world and on the court, this is not how it works.

Upsets happen. If you filled out a bracket and let it ruin your life, you are missing out on one of the best NCAA tournaments to happen during our lifetime.

In 2006, George Mason University of the Colonial



Athletic Association defeated the University of North Carolina, Michigan State University, another surprise team in Wichita State University and the University of Connecticut to march into the Final Four. It seemed like no one knew who the Patriots were, buried deep in a pool of 300-plus Division I teams.

George Mason should have opened up some eyes. There is good basketball being played outside of the power-conference majority in college basketball and four years later the same holds true.

Cornell University, Xavier University, the University of Northern Iowa, Butler University and St. Mary's College all still have their championship dreams

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