



The Gardens Director Jane Drake proposed a student fee of \$4.80 to benefit The Gardens. Student Government voted not to recommend its implementation.

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Student Government rejects proposed Gardens fee

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Alestle Online Editor

Student Government voted against an endorsement of a proposed student fee to help support The Gardens at SIUE at its Friday meeting.

Student Body President Alexa Hillery said their recommendation against The Gardens fee will be sent to the Vice Chancellor Narbeth Emmanuel's office, the University Planning and Budget Committee, Chancellor Julie Furst-Bowe and the board of trustees.

Hillery said even though SG voted against the fee, the board of trustees could still decide to implement it.

The Gardens fee was proposed to cost \$4.80 for students taking 12 credit hours in fiscal year 2015.

The Gardens Director Jane Drake has said she planned to use revenue from the student fee to help pay for maintenance, which would free up funds for developing The Gardens' master plan.

Drake said she was appreciative of all the work SG had done to research the student reactions to the fee.

The vote was split with 7 nays and 5 yeas amongst the Student Senate. Senator Tyler Shearrow said he voted against the fee because he was uncomfortable voting for a fee without exact numbers for student use of The Gardens.

"I know that The Gardens fee is compared to athletics and the rec center [fees]," Shearrow said. "I think the reason why I was uncomfortable voting 'yes' was because these fees [for athletics] are presented with lots of statistics on use, and I guess The Gardens don't have those statistics, and that's why I didn't feel comfortable."

Senator Quinn Vaughn voted

for endorsing The Gardens fee.

"You can go downstairs [in the Morris University Center] and get a meal for \$8, and this costs half that for an entire semester," Vaughn said. "This is supporting the initiative that we're all about: having a pretty campus and being green and everything."

The SG blog gave another explanation as to why SG rejected the fee. The blog reads, "Our feeling overall was that we did not have enough information from students to give our endorsement on the students' behalf."

Senator Casey Fay said he wants the students to be well educated to be able to make a fiscally responsible decision regarding a new fee.

"I realize that it's not that much compared to some of these other fees and some of these fee increases, but that doesn't mean [the Gardens fee] goes away," Fay said.

The week leading up to the meeting, SG held a "coffee talk" in its office Tuesday, an open forum in the Goshen Lounge Wednesday and sent out a survey to student emails Wednesday.

About 1,400 students responded to the survey. Of those students, 52 percent said they opposed the fee and 48 percent said they supported it.

In the Senate's debate on the fee, Organization Relations Officer Mitch Morecraft said, based on what he has learned in his marketing and research class, a sample size of 1,400 out of the total student population is more than enough for a 95 percent confidence rating. Though some senators expressed interest in redoing the survey, he felt SG had received an accurate sampling.

Vice President Nasir Almasri said, as he understands it, some

senators want more time to educate students about the fee, not to redo the survey.

Senator Brendan Boyer, who voted for endorsing the fee, said he felt most students who opposed the fee misunderstood it.

"Their argument was we should take money from other fees and bring that to The Gardens fee, but that's not at all how fees work.

Really, it seemed more like misinterpretation of the fees more than anything," Boyer said.

Another eventual fee supporter, Senator Jamal Sims, said he met students who thought the fee was much larger than it actually was. Some thought it was a \$60 fee. He also felt they should redo the survey to get proper student opinion.

Financial Officer Ryan Rosiak agreed that there was a problem of education about the fee.

"I think you have a lot of students who don't know how fees actually work, and you have students that don't understand what The Gardens' needs are and why they need the fee," Rosiak said. "So I

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How the Student Senate voted on the proposed student fee for The Gardens

Yea: Five senators



Brendan Boyer



Sean Maher



Jamal Sims



Quinn Vaughn

Not pictured:
Caitlin Dentamaro

Nay: Seven senators



Madeline McCune



Ryan Murray



Samantha Gilmore



Abbey Buxton



Casey Fay



Kasey Hamilton



Tyler Shearrow

Faculty, staff, students speak to presidential search committee

Few take opportunity to talk with committee; second open forum to be held at SIUC Dec. 12

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Faculty and students offered suggestions on the topic of what the Presidential Search Advisory Committee should be looking for in a new president of the SIU system last Thursday.

Vice Chair of the SIU Board of Trustees and Chair of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee Donna Manering and others on the committee were hoping to get the input of those in the SIU community, including people who live in the surrounding areas.

While many attended the forum, few volunteered to step up to the mic to let their opinions be heard. Manering said the committee had a better idea of what people were looking for after the forum.

"People want someone who is a good leader, a good decision maker who can be mindful of all the components that have to do with the system, the campuses and professional programs that we provide," Manering said. "They want someone who can secure funding both in Springfield and in private funding as well and lead the university."

One of the first people to give her opinion to the committee was Faculty Senate President Susan Yager. She said she

wardsville campuses but would not put one university in higher standing than the other.

"One of the problems that

ent missions. We have different focuses. We have different students and that's great," Yager said. "We get a good synergy with that difference, but sometimes I feel like the green-headed stepchild. For instance, siu.edu is Carbondale on all of their websites, their email, everything. We are siue.edu, which is fine, but there has never been a move to change it to siuc.edu. The president's website and the board of trustee's website does a really nice job of clearly identifying

"I would like to see more of a separation and understanding that there is more than one SIU."

Alexa Hillery
Student Body President

wanted a president who would acknowledge the difference between the Carbondale and Ed-

I have observed is the difference between the two campuses. We're different. We have differ-

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Senators cite student education as factor for voting against fee

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think if we can get more information out to students and get students on board, level the playing field and do another survey, try to reach a broader base, I think that would be a better option than, 'Let's pass this fee without the full knowledge of how students think and feel.'"

External Affairs Officer Tre Martin did not want to dismiss opinions from students who misunderstood the fee.

"I think they'd just rather not pay anything anymore," Martin said. "I think by them saying that [they want fees transferred from one to another], they're saying, 'We're at the threshold right now; we're at financial crisis. We can't take it anymore.'"

Martin, among others, was also concerned that The Gardens fee would inevitably increase like most other fees, though Drake had said previously it would not. Martin asked Senator Ryan Murray, who served on the Fiscal Year 2015 Fee Review Commission, if the fee could possibly go up in 10 years. Murray said it could.

Senators voted to reject the fee after the discussion. According to Almasri, SG can still come forward with more legislation about a possible Gardens fee in the future.

Hillery said she was proud of how SG was able to get so much student feedback so quickly. She said the senators did a good job gathering student opinions and deciding their own opinions, even if voting against something is difficult.

During the following open forum, Student Organization for Sustainability and Natural Connections President Wolf Veverka addressed the senate about The Gardens fee. He said he would like it if SG educated students about student fees in general, not just The Gardens fee.

"I realize I pay a lot of money for the VC, although I don't use it, but it improves campus life as a whole," Veverka said, "and each of these fees, although every student might not use it or maybe just the biology department or just the engineering department, as a campus as a whole, all these different facilities together help set a certain standard and quality of life for us students here on campus."

In addition to The Gardens fee, SG reviewed all other changes in student fees made for fiscal year 2015. The Student Fee Review Commission reviewed all changes requested by different departments, and Commissioner Claire



Student Government voted against the proposed Gardens fee, but it could be approved by the board of trustees.

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Heyman presented the commission's report to SG.

Most fees are proposed to be increased by about 3 percent. However, the Student Success Center fee, Student-to-Student Grant fee, Student Activities and Organizations sub-fee, Student Programming sub-fee, Student Government sub-fee and the Student Publications sub-fee are all requesting the same cost for next fiscal year. Student Legal Services sub-fee is proposed to decrease 50 cents.

The largest fee increases were a \$21 increase for the Textbook Service fee and a \$19.50 increase for the Facilities Maintenance fee.

The commission concurred with all fee increases, including instating The Gardens fee. They did, however, raise concerns for possible future increases of the Athletics fee and the Information Technology fee.

Athletics anticipates an increase as large as 14 percent to establish gender equity for each sport. The commission encouraged athletics to look at other funding sources and be fiscally conservative so as not to pass fees on to students.

According to Rosiak, SIUE departments carry over some of their budget each year. The com-

mission's report said IT currently has 59.3 percent carried over from previous years, much higher than the recommended 25 percent. The commission encouraged IT to look at lower or no fee increases in the future.

In the open forum, many senators and Veverka expressed interest in IT improving campus Wi-Fi with increased bandwidth and improved equipment, for which the fee increase would help fund.

The senate voted to approve the commission's report, with the exception of The Gardens fee. Senators Fay, Gilmore, Hamilton and Vaughn however voted against approving the report.

Fay said he voted against the report because he disagreed with the IT fee increase.

"I don't feel it should increase that much. It doesn't cost that much for that equipment to be replaced and added. Existing equipment should already be fairly up-to-date," Fay said. "I just feel like they're not being very fiscally responsible in that organization."

SG also approved a program request from the SIUE Marketing Association. President Kevin Buensuceso requested \$750 to bring lecturer Jim Reed to speak on campus in "Jim Reed's Career Corner" for Jan. 22. The entirety of the \$750

would pay for Reed's visit and lodging. SIUE Marketing Association paid for all advertising and other costs.

In other business, senators reviewed the constitutions of new organizations Natural Connections and Club Wrestling of SIUE.

Veverka and Natural Connections Vice President Jessica Urbanas said their organization will work to improve the community gardens, utilize their food and educate students at all levels.

When asked about the difference between Natural Connections and SOS and whether Natural Connections would work better as an SOS subcommittee, Veverka said Natural Connections and SOS are as different as SOS and SG. He said only about four students are members of both organizations, and SOS members are not interested in working on community gardening.

Senators approved Club Wrestling, the first such organization at SIUE, with less discussion.

SG also approved five travel requests, awarding each organization \$600. SIUE Cougar Baja and Formula SIUE were both traveling to competitions with cars they built, visiting Peoria and Brooklyn,

Mich., respectively.

The Wildlife & Conservation Biology Club will attend The Wildlife Society Midwest Conclave; the Wagner Potters Association will attend the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts' 48th Annual Conference; and the Student National Pharmaceutical Association will attend the SNPhA Region 3, 4 and 5 Meeting.

The Billiards Club, as a new organization, received an allocation of \$300 from SG.

In single-semester allocations, SG awarded a total of \$1,200 to eight organizations. The African Student Association, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Intervarsity Christian Fellowship, Organization of Minority Business Students, Sculptors at Wagner, SIUE Constructors, Sociology Club and the Student National Pharmaceutical Association all received \$150.

Senators also voted to approve the establishment of a marketing and communications subcommittee to help promote SG on campus.

The next SG meeting will be 2 p.m. Friday, Dec. 6 in the International Room of the MUC.

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Student Fitness Center accomodates student needs, wants

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Since the Student Fitness Center first opened in 1992 after a student referendum passed to fund it, workers have listened to the needs and wants of students.

In the last few years, there have been several improvements made to the SFC based solely on the requests students have made.

Campus Recreation Director Mick Ostrander said the majority of the comments they get come from surveys administered through emails.

"We do what's called a benchmark study where we analyze the survey results from students picked at random to both our longitudinal information that we've been collecting since 2007, with that of national averages and comparable peer institutions," Ostrander said.

Recently, they have taken

that data and separated it into users and non-users, focusing on why non-users said they do not utilize the SFC.

Ostrander said the main reason people opt out of the gym is due to a lack of time. To combat this, workers have started offering 30-minute classes to those who are not able to stay a whole hour.

"There are some that can care less about getting on a machine or playing basketball," Ostrander said. "We look at what would encourage them to get more involved and find out what we can reasonably do to get folks to participate."

Ostrander is more concerned with students being involved at SIUE than just getting them to visit the SFC.

"Maybe that student is going to a theater event or something like that," Ostrander said, "but, hopefully, in the long range, students are getting con-

nected to activities that are available to them and staying involved and invested in the university."

Ostrander said students get out the university what they want.

"The university operates kind of like a socialist system. Everybody pays in and then you extract what you want out of it," Ostrander said. "Students pay into the fee, and we want them to get their money's worth."

Assistant Director for Recreational Programs Keith Becherer said that as cliché as it sounds, it is important to try new things.

"I really think that there is something for everyone," Becherer said. "An important part of college, and going through life, is experiencing new things and getting out of your comfort zone."

Since the SFC opened, several renovations have been made

to suit the needs of students.

The larger weight room, off the beaten path from the rest of the gym, was added on in 1999 because students needed more space for free weights.

After that, students said there was a problem with not

out. For those wanting to play a sport, basketballs, volleyballs, soccer balls and many others can be rented free of charge. Students can even rent rules to games that sound interesting to them if they want to pick up a new sport.

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Campus Recreation Director

enough court space, so a new gym was added on.

"We were able to accommodate a big need, which was more court space for our intramural and club sports programs," Becherer said. "We've seen a tremendous growth because, prior to this, at 6 o'clock on Monday through Thursday, when intramurals started, we would take up these three courts and everyone that was playing pick-up basketball would have to quit."

Most recently, the bouldering cave was added in 2011.

"[The bouldering cave] was just an emergency exit hallway. We couldn't use it for anything else, so we got creative with the space and put a climbing facility in there," Becherer said. "This is really nice for our rock climbers that now can come at seven in the morning like you do on the treadmill."

Darleen Harmon, the coordinator of marketing, technology and equipment issue, said just because it is a gym does not mean it has to be a monotonous place.

"We want students to come in here and have fun and meet," Harmon said. "It should be this kind of a hang-out place."

Harmon said students do not even have to come to work

"Most of our [equipment issued] is free of charge, so students don't have to bring money," Harmon said. "I don't think that a lot of students know that our lockers are free, so it's a place for them to drop some of their books between classes."

Student organizations can also reserve any space free of charge as long as it is not a major event that would require staff to be there.

"The students pay a fee and only the students have access to this," Becherer said. "Being enrolled here, you have access to that, and also as a courtesy to faculty and staff, they can purchase a membership. We do not open it up to community members with no affiliation because it's for the students."

Ostrander said they will continue to cater to the needs of students.

"Last year, we were just under 70 percent attendance overall, including [undergraduate and graduate students.] We're really proud of that," Ostrander said. "Our job is to make this stuff as open, appealing and accessible as we can for our students."

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Many classes are offered in the Student Fitness Center, including half-hour classes for students who do have much time to work out. | Alestle file photo

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the various campuses and components of the system."

Student Body President Alexa Hillery elaborated on this idea, saying she found it aggravating that people assume there is only one Southern Illinois University.

"As a future alumna of the SIU system, I would like our president to be able to maintain the level of excellence that all SIU communities have held so far," Hillery said. "I would like to see more of a separation and understanding that there is more than one SIU. It's very frustrating to students on this campus whenever people say they go to SIU, and people just think they go to Carbondale."

School of Engineering Dean Hasan Sevim worked at SIUC for 28 years and said the president must understand the differing cultures the campuses have.

"I expect our president to get to know our campuses very well and understand what the strengths of each campus are and what the weaknesses are," Sevim said. "Of course, as a consequence of that, the president will see how the two campuses



Donna Manering, the vice chair of the board of trustees, is the chair of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee. | Alestle file photo

can complement each other. He or she has to educate first, and then be assertive with that policy of both campuses."

Nursing professor Rhonda Comrie expanded on Sevim's idea of a president focused on campus culture, broadening it to the culture of southern Illinois. Comrie said the new president should be able to differentiate between the cultures of northern and southern Illinois.

"One of the best traits of both of our universities, is that we are in southern Illinois, and southern Illinois has its own distinct culture," Comrie said. "I

appreciate the importance of a national search to identify individuals who are well qualified to lead a university system, but I encourage the committee to look towards persons who can understand the differences of being in the southern Illinois culture, as opposed to being in the northern Illinois culture."

Staff Senate President Michelle Welter said the person chosen as president should know that education is the highest priority, and the majority of speakers agreed with her.

"Higher education is a highly-evolving area, and we

have to maintain our efforts in change so that we can really continue to be effective at reading our students because as others have said, that's what we're here for: our students," Welter said. "I don't want them to get lost in this process with faculty and staff. Our faculty and staff are absolutely important, but we're here to educate our students, so we need to keep that at the forefront of the discussion as we continue."

The last subject that speakers touched upon was the idea that the committee should try to find a candidate who knows his or her way around Springfield to help get money for funding. Physics professor Tom Foster said he wants the new president to worry about the capitol and let the chancellors worry about educating at the universities.

"I don't believe our president needs to have a terminal degree in an academic discipline," Foster said. "I think it's a fallacy to assume that faculty can do everything, or that we can make our way from a Ph.D. program that taught us how to do research and suddenly be in Springfield. What we need is an expert in Springfield, somebody who has good recognition,

somebody who can lead and somebody who the legislature respects. As a faculty member, I want my chancellor, my provost, my dean and my department chair to lead me in my research and teaching, but my president, he or she should be thinking at a much higher level."

After all the people who wanted to speak to the committee had, Manering said she was surprised by the small amount of people who spoke, adding that she thought the December forum at Carbondale would have more speakers due to people being less timid about voicing their opinions.

"We know that sometimes people are hesitant to provide input, and we tried to keep it light today to encourage people to speak," Manering said. "I think based on the outcome today, we will see more speakers in December [in Carbondale]. People feel more comfortable and know that their input is welcome."

For more information on the PSAC search, go to <http://southernillinois.edu/presssearch/index.html>.

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Exorcism against same-sex marriage decried as 'political stunt'

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Heads likely won't spin and demons probably won't hover as Bishop Thomas Paprocki of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield offers prayers for exorcism Wednesday in opposition to Gov.

Pat Quinn's planned signing of Illinois' same-sex marriage bill.

So what do some Catholics believe will happen when Paprocki dons a purple stole at a church near the state capitol, recites the litany of saints and implores, "From all evil, deliver us, O Lord?"

"Some Catholics would believe

that God is being invoked to dispel evil, the condition of evil in this case," said the Rev. Gary Thomas, a California priest whose training as an exorcist was featured in the 2011 film "The Rite." "It would be a rare Catholic to expect something dramatic to happen at the moment."

Paprocki's announcement last

week that he would offer prayers of "exorcism in reparation for the sin of same-sex marriage" on the day of Quinn's bill signing has drawn nationwide attention.

In a culture where the concept of exorcism is primarily shaped by a 1970s horror film, the announcement stirred confusion and discomfort, which Paprocki has declined to resolve. Even the Chicago Archdiocese's designated exorcist declined to answer questions about the public rite that is more often private.

In fact, some Catholics believe the ritual Wednesday could cast off more Catholics than demons. On Tuesday, 14,000 petitioners called on the bishop to cancel the event.

"It may be edifying and it may be raw meat for people on the Catholic right for whom this is a make-or-break issue," Michael Budde, a political science professor who is chairman of Catholic studies at DePaul University, said. "There's always a danger of tying things like Christian ritual to politics of the day to the extent that you politicize liturgy."

The bishop's announcement came just days after the Pope's ambassador to the U.S. told America's Catholic bishops that "the Holy Father ... made a special point of saying that he wants 'pastoral' bishops, not bishops who profess or follow a particular ideology."

That same day, Chicago's Cardinal Francis George wrote a letter to parishioners, reiterating that same-sex marriage is a "bad law," but adding that the church would try to adjust "for the sake of social harmony."

Paprocki and the cardinal blasted politicians for quoting Pope Francis out of context during the same-sex marriage debate in Springfield. House Speaker Michael Madigan cited the pope's now ubiquitous "Who am I to judge?" phrase on the House floor to explain the lawmaker's support for same-sex marriage.

Pope Francis' remark — "If a person is gay and seeks God and has good will, who am I to judge him?" — referred to gay men who seek to become priests, not to gay marriage.

In fact, during Argentina's debate over same-sex marriage in 2010, Pope Francis, then-Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio, called it the work of "the father of lies who wishes to confuse and deceive the children of God."

Though it's unclear if Paprocki is exorcising the law, the state, the diocese or the legislature, it's safe to say he's not exorcising individual politicians, said Thomas, who has

no first-hand knowledge of Paprocki's plans.

"God doesn't interfere with free will," Thomas said. "The person has to cooperate with the exorcism. I can't imagine Bishop Paprocki doing something like that. They have to want to cooperate with that."

The purpose of exorcism, rather, is to point out the reality and presence of God, Thomas said.

Thomas, one of the first American priests to receive training in Rome as an exorcist, said he doesn't know the specifics of how Paprocki was trained. But by rite of ordination, every bishop serves as the chief exorcist of his diocese.

Kathie Sass, a spokeswoman for the Diocese of Springfield, said the church performs "minor exorcisms" regularly. When babies are baptized, priests and deacons ask parents to renounce Satan and all his works. When new Catholics are received into the church on the eve of Easter, they are asked to do the same.

"These prayers that the bishop is using are from the rite of exorcism, but they are specifically designed to pray for the limitation of the work of the devil and the work of evil in the world," Sass said.

"This is not a Hollywood version," Sass said.

Thomas added that bishops and priests wear purple to signify the exorcism as a "healing experience."

Thousands of opponents have signed a petition saying the ritual is anything but healing. The petition, circulated by a group called Faithful America, calls on Paprocki to cancel the "political stunt."

"Holding an exorcism in response to the enactment of marriage equality is no way to show Christ's love to the world," reads the petition by Faithful America, an online Christian community based in Washington. As of Tuesday, 14,000 protesters — including more than 1,000 from Illinois — had added their signatures.

The prayer service will take place at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, the seat of the Springfield diocese, an hour after Quinn is scheduled to sign the bill in Chicago. Sass said while Paprocki has declined interview requests, she expects his homily to better explain the ritual.

"We're going to have to wait until we hear what he says," Sass said.

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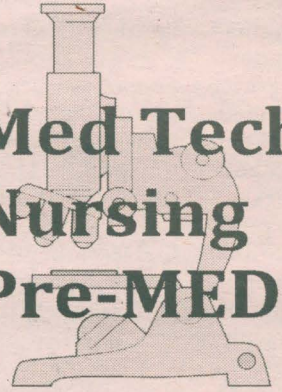
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Office of Admissions' temporary home creates inconveniences for sake of major improvements

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The Office of Admissions has temporarily moved from the second floor of Rendleman Hall to the main floor of Lovejoy Library. This move has taken up study space in the library but will allow for time and space needed for renovations to Rendleman Hall.

Three departments from the Office of Admissions have moved to the library: admission counseling, new student and campus visit programs, and academic mailing and communica-

For the sake of prospective students, Rendleman Hall is now able to renovate its space according to the exponential growth of interest in SIUE. Ryan Downey, the assistant director of admissions for new student and campus visit programs, has been invested in the moving and renovating process.

"We are adding three new offices and staff, a 45-seat media room and a larger lobby that will create more space for more visitors to SIUE campus," Downey said.

This renovation process has been discussed for more than a

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Kelsey Bosworth
Junior English education major

tion. These offices are now fully functional in the northeast corner of Lovejoy.

For the last two weeks, minor construction created unwanted noise and slight discomfort for students utilizing the library. Junior English education major Kelsey Bosworth, of Edwardsville, works at the circulation desk in Lovejoy and has seen the negative effects of the admissions office's addition.

"It's awesome that we were able to accommodate these offices," Bosworth said, "but students using the library have lost a lot of computer and seating space."

While the main floor construction was occurring, the third floor of Lovejoy was also receiving new carpeting, which caused further disruption for the library's typical functionality.

"The new admissions offices plus the third floor carpeting has affected both the space and the noise level," Bosworth said. "There aren't necessarily more people, it is just more crowded due to less space."

This new home for the office of admissions is temporary.

year, and it is unknown when it will be completed. However, Kim Donahue, assistant director of admissions, has confidence that the end-product will be worth it.

"This is for the benefit of our guests at SIUE," Donahue said.

As the dust settles, student workers and staff have been welcoming to the temporary admissions offices, despite the annoyance. Office of admissions receptionist Carolyn McCall said the office is thankful for the library's accommodation.

"Even though it's been noisy, library staff have made a point to stop by and welcome us," McCall said.

The review and processing department of admissions has remained on the third floor of Rendleman. Any visitors, prospective students or transfer students needing to see the office of admissions should continue to park in parking lot C by Rendleman and follow the signs to Lovejoy Library.

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- 1 Iraq's main port
- 6 Nonspecific feeling
- 10 Ukr. and Lith., once
- 14 Find repulsive
- 15 Waffle maker
- 16 Be on the mend
- 17 Dine
- 19 Hathaway of "Les Misérables"
- 20 Afrikaans speaker
- 21 Creator of Q and M
- 22 Chicks together
- 23 Back muscle, familiarly
- 24 Commonly controlled substance
- 27 '50s flop
- 29 His #4 was retired by the Giants in 1948
- 30 Social suffix
- 31 Sink below the horizon
- 33 Public hanging
- 34 Pontiac muscle cars
- 35 Roy Orbison classic
- 39 ___ even keel
- 40 Glasgow veto
- 41 Shelley's "To a Skylark," e.g.
- 42 Reunion gp.
- 43 D.C. figure
- 44 Inviting door sign
- 48 1967 Human Be-In attendee
- 53 Gardner of the silver screen
- 54 Country bordered by Niger and Nigeria
- 55 Binary digit
- 56 WWII British gun
- 57 ___ Grey tea
- 58 Awe-inspiring place where you might find the ends of 17-, 24-, 35- and 48-Across?
- 61 "___ sow, so shall ..."
- 62 Sword with a bell-shaped guard
- 63 Upper body
- 64 "So ___ say"
- 65 River down under?
- 66 English Derby site

DOWN

- 1 Go on and on
- 2 Like an American in Paris
- 3 Some linens
- 4 Howl with laughter
- 5 First animal shelter
- 6 Like super-popular YouTube clips
- 7 Goodnight girl of song
- 8 Fluffy wrap
- 9 Terminate
- 10 Broken piece
- 11 Title for Miss Mexico?
- 12 Deserted
- 13 Big hammers
- 18 Cartoonist Keane
- 22 Lunch menu letters
- 24 Robert of "The Sopranos"
- 25 Like many gangster movies
- 26 When tots become terrible?
- 28 "Pardon the Interruption" channel
- 32 Opera hero, often
- 33 Gobbled up
- 34 FBI guys
- 35 Being walked, say
- 36 Deli order
- 37 After-shower powder
- 38 Piggied out (on)
- 39 Quirky
- 43 Ink holder
- 45 Volga region natives
- 46 "Yeah, but ..."
- 47 Hit-or-miss
- 49 ___ Post, first pilot to fly solo around the world
- 50 Sweetie pie
- 51 Book end?
- 52 "Life of Pi" director Ang
- 56 Sow's supper
- 58 Four-time All-Pro Patriots receiver Welker
- 59 Choose (to)
- 60 Numbered hwy.

By C.C. Burnikel

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ACROSS

- 1 Middle Ages century opener
- 5 Request before a snap
- 10 "Survivor" ailer
- 13 Something to assume
- 15 Foo faraws
- 16 You can dig it
- 17 European auto club device?
- 19 Floor application
- 20 Pronouncement of Pontius Pilate
- 21 Device commonly used in "The Twilight Zone"
- 23 "Citizen Kane" studio
- 24 One-time ring king
- 25 Raise objections
- 27 Balkan primate?
- 31 Vegetation
- 34 Butts
- 35 Julio's "that"
- 36 Yokel
- 37 Mythological do-gooder
- 39 Word-of-mouth
- 40 "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.
- 41 Greenhouse square
- 42 Matter to debate
- 43 Mideast orchestral group?
- 47 Who's who
- 48 One of the Bobbsey twins
- 49 ___ double take
- 52 "Come here ___?"
- 54 Losers
- 56 Expected result
- 57 South Pacific 18-wheelers?
- 60 Counterterrorist weapon
- 61 "___ Heartbeat": Amy Grant hit
- 62 One handling a roast
- 63 Jiff
- 64 Indian tunes
- 65 Makes, as a visit

DOWN

- 1 "Real Time" host
- 2 Coop sound
- 3 Dos y tres
- 4 Batting practice safety feature

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- 5 Buffalo
- 6 Magic charm
- 7 Craters of the Moon st.
- 8 ___ cit.: footnote abbr.
- 9 Native Alaskans, historically
- 10 Water cooler gatherers
- 11 Muffin mix stir-in
- 12 Hot
- 14 1943 war film set in a desert
- 18 Play thing?
- 22 Bolt
- 25 Letter opener?
- 26 Acting award
- 27 Coll. senior's test
- 28 Old-time news source
- 29 Biblical twin
- 30 School with the motto "Lux et veritas"
- 31 It's measured in Hz
- 32 Roman moon goddess
- 33 Relating to childbirth
- 37 Like some clocks
- 38 First few chips, usually
- 39 Org. in old spy stories
- 41 HP product
- 42 Overlook
- 44 Tankard filler
- 45 Puts down, as parquetry
- 46 Harper's Weekly cartoonist
- 49 Bangladesh capital, old-style
- 50 Pitched perfectly
- 51 Toting team
- 52 Musical number
- 53 Throw for a loop
- 54 Uttar Pradesh tourist city.
- 55 ___ roast
- 58 Eggs, in old Rome
- 59 Not pos.

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Adding fall break not worth losing Thanksgiving break

You may have friends who attend other universities with a fall break, but here at SIUE, that's not the case.

However, a campus committee is looking to review the academic calendar and possibly add a break prior to Thanksgiving break in the future. They hope this will improve student retention.



Mac Swartz
Reporter

With our current schedule, weekends included, we get an entire nine days to recoup and veg out. I would much rather get my stuff done and go into winter break earlier than those who wait until the day before Thanksgiving before they're let out.

Some say a fall break would be

beneficial to help relieve the stress of classes after midterms by allowing students to regroup.

While a break from studying is good for your mental health, a designated break is not required to do so. If you get homework done during the week, you can free up your weekends for that regrouping.

Rather than add an entire break, having Veterans Day or Columbus Day off would be a compromise we could try for a year. I guarantee this would appease students, faculty and staff and make them a little more apt to sticking it out until Thanksgiving.

If anything, we're getting a glimpse of the real world, something necessary to students who otherwise don't know what to expect until they're in it. When we have careers in which we're not lucky enough to have breaks, we will probably only get Thanksgiving day off and be

expected to report to back to work on Black Friday.

The main criticism from students is that there is a long period of time between Labor Day and Thanksgiving break, so October and November drag.

The problem is, there is no perfect calendar for the campus community. The addition of a fall break would remove days from Thanksgiving break, a time much anticipated by students, faculty and staff.

I for one am ecstatic about my Thanksgiving break. I get an entire week to do what I please, even travel if I want, whereas if we split it into two different breaks, travel may no longer be an option.

One benefit of the incorporation of an earlier break in the semester is that freshmen who have travelled from other states to attend SIUE may feel less homesick

if they are able to visit their families sooner than Thanksgiving. Students get the chance to feel less homesick already with the advent of family weekend where students' families are encouraged to come and interact on campus.

Typically, a fall break is nothing more than an extended weekend. If anything, it is a tease to students, wrapping them in its warmth just to push them right back out into the cold. This break would affect studies, hardly giving students enough time to relax and get back to the grind in their downtime. Thanksgiving break gives students enough time to prepare for finals when they get a moment away from family.

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Man on the Street: Do you think there should be an earlier break in the fall semester?



"I think that it encourages students to be even lazier than they already are. I think that if you really want to be here and you want to learn, then you're gonna be here."

Adam King
Graduate geography student
Alton



"I say no, because I don't want anything else to be shortened. I just want to knock it out and get it done with."

Maggie Alibaikzadeh
Sophomore elementary education major
Greenville



"Yeah, I really feel that just the breaks, from the class aspect would be great."

Timothy Johnson
Senior mass communications and sociology major
Chicago



"I think it would be a nice way to break up the semester, as opposed to having most of the semester and then two weeks after."

Emma Posth
Junior criminal justice major
Redbud



"No to a fall break. You just got to push through [fall semester]."

Ray Lester
Senior mass communications major
Chicago



"I mean, most other students have a fall break, so it just makes sense to have one as well. It'd be nice to go out and have a good time off from school."

Christian Salecich
Graduate sports psychology student
Gold Coast, Australia

Do you think there should be an earlier break in the fall semester?
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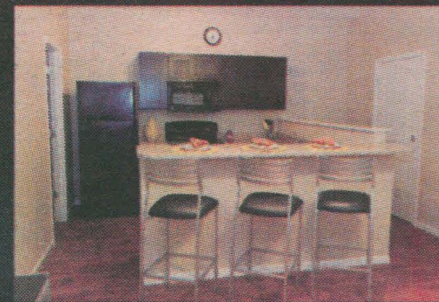
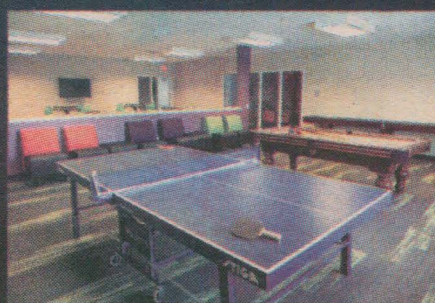
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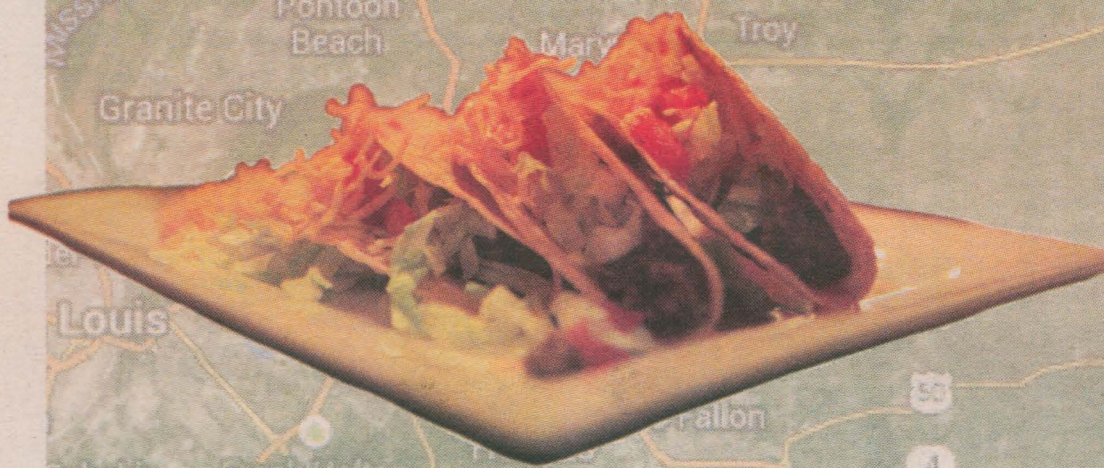
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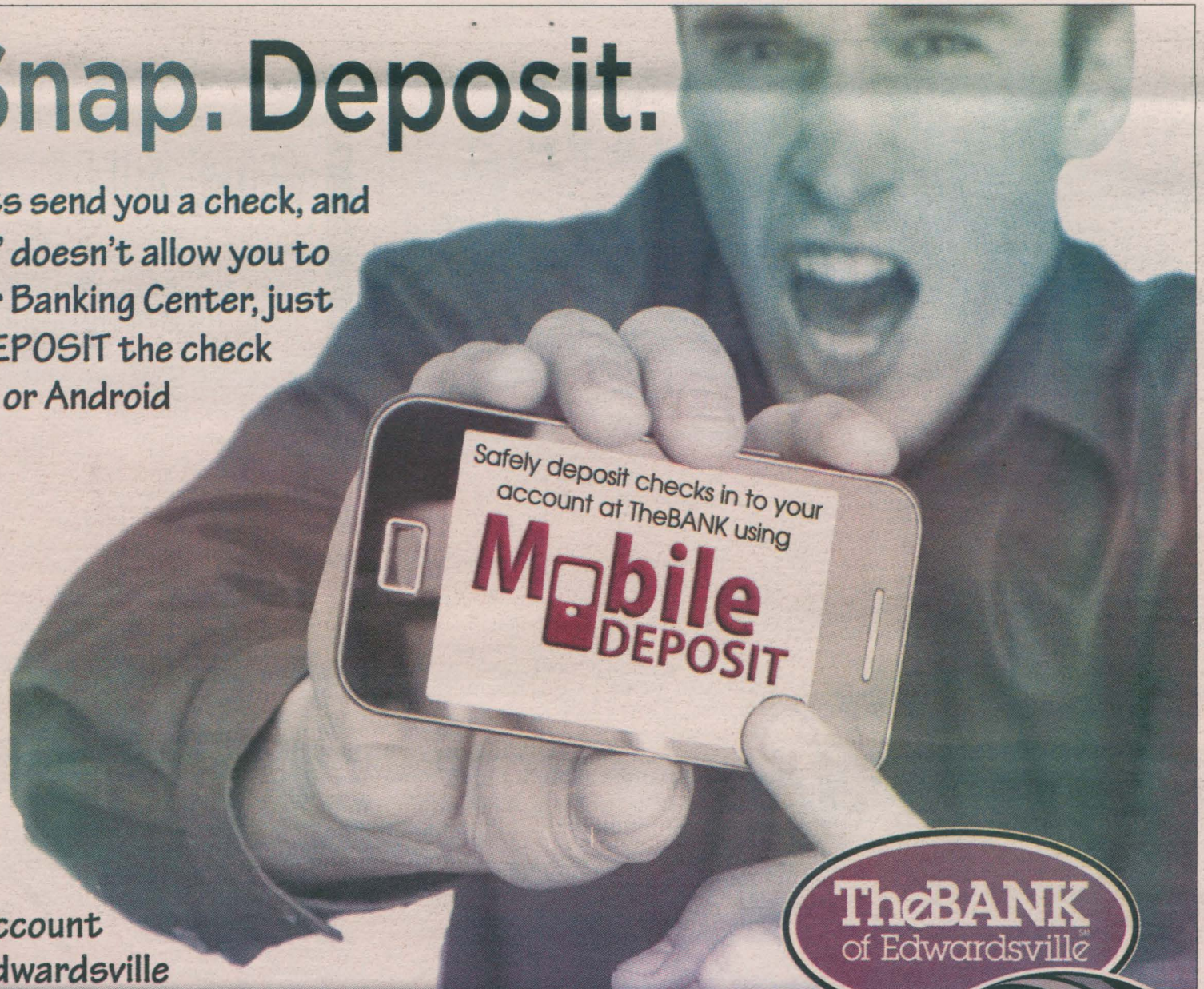
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METRO EAST EATS: TACOS

The Alestle staff visited six locations in the metro east and sampled the restaurants' tacos. We reviewed each taco, giving a score out of 100, which was based on criteria including taste, the size of the portion compared to the price, variety available, the appearance and originality of the taco, the tacos' greasiness, shell and toppings, the

atmosphere, customer service at the restaurant and how long we waited for our food.

Scores were determined by each staff member's happiness. If the taco was too greasy, it would get a low score in the greasiness category because that would not make the reviewer happy. If the wait to get the food was short, it would

get a high score in the wait category because that would make the reviewer happy.

Price:
\$\$\$\$ = pricey \$\$\$ = moderately pricey
\$\$ = not bad \$ = cheap

WINNER! SCORE: 89

LA FONDA MEXICAN RESTAURANT'S STEAK AND BEEF TACOS

If you're looking for authentic Mexican food at a reasonable price, La Fonda Mexican Restaurant is the restaurant for you. It has everything you would expect from a Mexican restaurant and more. Not only do they have chips and salsa before the meal and margaritas, they also offer incredibly fast service and an extensive menu with any Mexican dish you could possibly think of.

What stands La Fonda apart from other Mexican restaurants is the atmosphere and

value. The walls look like ancient Aztec buildings with archways over some of the booths. Decorative suns and moons and paintings are arranged tastefully along the walls, and the lighting is superb.

You can order tacos either a la carte or as a meal. Though the steak taco and beef taco are both cheap, the portions are plentiful and the taste is superb. The steak is juicy and delicious, and the beef is full of flavor. They were topped with fresh lettuce, tomatoes and cheese, all wrapped in soft or crispy tortilla shells.

If you're looking for alternative tacos, you can also order chicken, bean or tamale.

Side options include your standard, but tasty, refried beans, Mexican rice, pico de gallo and sour cream, but you can also get sliced jalapenos or avocado slices.

Though there are many Mexican restaurants to visit, La Fonda should be top on your list due to its atmosphere, great taste and reasonable prices.

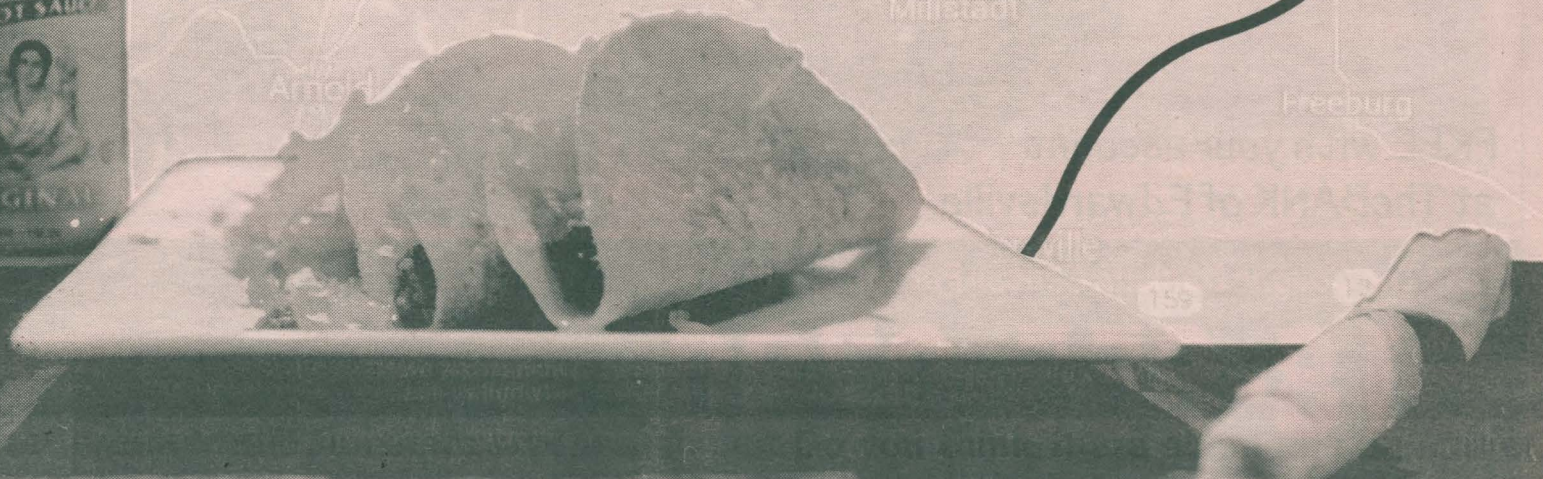
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PRICE: \$

ADDRESS: 2310 TROY RD., EDWARDSVILLE

DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: ABOUT 10 MINUTES

TASTE:	9
PORTION vs. PRICE:	10
APPEARANCE/ORIGINALITY:	7
VARIETY:	8
GREASINESS:	9
THE SHELL:	8
TOPPINGS:	8
ATMOSPHERE:	10
CUSTOMER SERVICE:	10
THE WAIT:	10



| Photo by Brian Armea

SCORE: 88

PRICE: \$\$\$

ADDRESS: 6415 N ILLINOIS ST., FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS

DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: ABOUT 25 MINUTES

TASTE:	7
PORTION vs. PRICE:	6
APPEARANCE/ORIGINALITY:	10
VARIETY:	10
GREASINESS:	10
THE SHELL:	8
TOPPINGS:	10
ATMOSPHERE:	8
CUSTOMER SERVICE:	10
THE WAIT:	9

CHIPOTLE MEXICAN GRILL'S JALAPENO STEAK TACO

Consider it the Subway of Mexican cuisine, Chipotle is all about making your taco your own. Chipotle has a fast-paced environment with helpful staff, ready to serve you a quality plate of tacos.

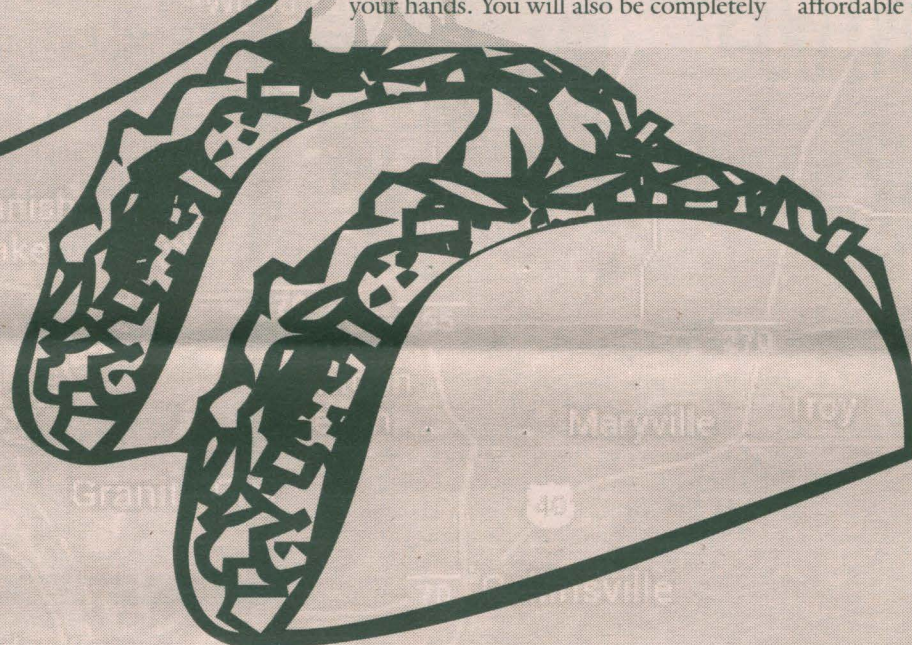
The variety seems limitless. You name the meat, toppings and general spiciness of your tacos and it'll be served to you in absolutely no time at all. You won't find any grease or ingredients too unnatural or processed at Chipotle, which is impressive for a chain restaurant.

At Chipotle, you will be eating one of the most colorful and healthy looking tacos from any Mexican place around. The meat has just the right amount of savory juice without getting all over your hands. You will also be completely

satisfied with the light flakiness of their crunchy shells — a perfect casing for your favorite pico de gallo, salsa or guacamole toppings.

The taste of Chipotle, though, is familiar. Chipotle doesn't stray far from Qdoba, in both the ingredients and the environment. The difference is that you will drive farther from campus and pay a little bit more for Chipotle. Alone, the portion of tacos against the price you pay may not be worth the two-way trip, since it is so similar to its counter-part, Qdoba.

There are several Chipotle restaurants in the metro-area; unfortunately, Fairview Heights houses the closest one on this side of the river. If you are in that area, then Chipotle is a great, semi-affordable and healthy option for you.



QDOBA MEXICAN GRILL'S CHICKEN TACO

Perhaps what stands out the most about Qdoba as a Mexican Restaurant is its criminal pricing.

It's surprising, especially when the American and college-student population is aware that taco ingredients are cheap.

However, watching the person prepare the tacos will restore some confidence in the meal, as the staff puts a lot of care into each one, making efforts not to be messy or get sour cream on your shells, for example. And they offer some variety in pork, steak and chicken tacos on the menu.

Your taco comes with a choice of at least six different salsas and you get good portions of all the toppings, which includes lettuce, tomato, cheese and sour cream.

In the end, the shell of our taco was noticeably delicious, but the meat inside was dry, as if it had been sitting for a while.

Qdoba is a great place for studying because of its laid-back atmosphere and quiet background music.

Overall, the Qdoba experience is enjoyable: The only factors that disappointed were the less-than-fresh meat and the price.

SCORE: 88

PRICE: \$\$\$

ADDRESS: 2100 TROY RD., #5 EDWARDSVILLE

DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: ABOUT 10 MINUTES

TASTE:	8
PORTION vs. PRICE:	5
APPEARANCE/ORIGINALITY:	9
VARIETY:	10
GREASINESS:	9
THE SHELL:	10
TOPPINGS:	9
ATMOSPHERE:	8
CUSTOMER SERVICE:	10
THE WAIT:	10

SCORE: 80

PRICE: \$\$\$

ADDRESS: 1534 TROY ROAD, EDWARDSVILLE

DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: ABOUT 10 MINUTES

TASTE:	7
PORTION vs. PRICE:	8
APPEARANCE/ORIGINALITY:	6
VARIETY:	8
GREASINESS:	9
THE SHELL:	7
TOPPINGS:	6
ATMOSPHERE:	9
CUSTOMER SERVICE:	10
THE WAIT:	10

EL MAGUEY'S BEEF TACO

Those looking for a Mexican restaurant with quality food and a bright atmosphere need to check out El Maguey. El Maguey's colorful restaurant with its multi-leveled floors and comfortable seating, loud but enjoyable Spanish music and friendly staff will make you feel at home.

If you are new to El Maguey, try their simply-stated beef taco, either on its own or in one of the combination meals available on the menu.

We ordered a dinner meal of two beef tacos, refried beans and rice, on top of the free chips and salsa, which was enough to fill our stomachs. The selection for tacos at El Maguey ranges from chicken, fish, pork and even a vegetarian taco.

The beef taco is served neatly on a col-

orful plate in a hard, corn tortilla shell with only two toppings: lettuce and cheese. The oversimplified shell and toppings do contrast well with the lightly greasy but salty meat, however, the lack of spice and flavor makes the entire taco slightly bland.

Without a variety of toppings to choose from, the taco lacks a powerful punch of pizzazz. The cheese is deliciously moist and the lettuce is fresh and crisp, but they do not add to the taco's taste. We suggest adding some hot sauce and salsa to make the taco really come to life.

If you are looking for a simple taco and a lively atmosphere, then check out El Maguey. You'll also find a variety of other classic Mexican meals, and there's probably a special on margaritas.

LOS TRES AMIGOS'
BEEF TACO

Los Tres Amigos is a local Mexican restaurant with delicious and inexpensive food. Many customers at Los Tres are regulars, due to great customer service. The wait staff always have smiles on their faces and are willing to converse with every customer to make sure their experience is a good one.

When it comes to the food, tacos may not be a customer's first choice for dinner,

yet their tacos are quality.

With three different meat options, there is not much variety, and there is nothing special about their hard shell. The taco essentially tastes like a classic taco. The meat is well prepared and the cheese goes well with the taco, as do the chips and salsa given out beforehand.

If you are looking for a traditional taco at a low price, visit Los Tres Amigos.

SCORE: 75

PRICE: \$

ADDRESS: 1011 CENTURY DR., EDWARDSVILLE

DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: LESS THAN 10 MINUTES

TASTE:	8
PORTION vs. PRICE:	8
APPEARANCE/ORIGINALITY:	7
VARIETY:	5
GREASINESS:	7
THE SHELL:	7
TOPPINGS:	5
ATMOSPHERE:	8
CUSTOMER SERVICE:	10
THE WAIT:	10

LA CASA MEXICANA'S
STEAK TACO

SCORE: 66

PRICE: \$\$

ADDRESS: 201 SANATORIUM, EDWARDSVILLE

DISTANCE FROM CAMPUS: LESS THAN 10 MINUTES

TASTE:	5
PORTION vs. PRICE:	7
APPEARANCE/ORIGINALITY:	5
VARIETY:	7
GREASINESS:	5
THE SHELL:	5
TOPPINGS:	7
ATMOSPHERE:	9
CUSTOMER SERVICE:	8
THE WAIT:	8

La Casa Mexicana is a festive restaurant less than 10 minutes from campus. With a large menu, their Mexican cuisine has got every dish that you can think of.

Customer service is very friendly and attentive, even though you may wait quite a while for a table, depending on the day and time. After you are seated, you can muse over an extensive menu while munching on complementary chips and salsa.

For a cheap meal, the a la carte tacos allow you to choose from several meats, but are lacking in topping variety. Your taco will receive the basics: lettuce, cheese and

tomato.

The crunchy shell is your typical store-bought. Nothing is greasy or over sauced, but the steak is dry.

On the full menu, though, there are plenty of taco dishes that offer a larger variety for the price-per-portion ratio. You will have more freedom to add or subtract ingredients from the taco, and they may just serve rice and beans with it.

The quality of the a la carte taco falls flat here. But, for a festive and friendly experience so close to campus, it is worth a try.

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Men's basketball

East		
E. Kentucky	5-1	(0-0)
Morehead St.	4-1	(0-0)
Belmont	3-1	(0-0)
Tenn. Tech	2-3	(0-0)
Jax State	0-5	(0-0)
Tenn. State	0-5	(0-0)
West		
Austin Peay	2-1	(0-0)
E. Illinois	2-1	(0-0)
Murray State	2-2	(0-0)
SE Missouri	2-2	(0-0)
SIUE	1-2	(0-0)
UT Martin	1-4	(0-0)

Nov. 17 results

Morehead State 102, Marshall 94
IPFW 69, Tennessee Tech 66
Florida State 89, UT Martin 61
Belmont 83, North Carolina 80

Nov. 18 results

Ball State 87, Southeast Missouri 83
Lipscomb 75, Tennessee State 70

Nov. 19 results

E. Kentucky 82, Alabama A&M 68
Morehead St. 74, N. Kentucky 61
Auburn 78, Jacksonville State 54
Murray State 91, Bethel 64
Austin Peay 72, SIUC 70

Schedule for Nov. 21

Central Michigan vs. Austin Peay
Indiana-Kokomo at Tenn. Tech

Schedule for Nov. 22

Dalton State at Jax State
CS Northridge at Austin Peay

UC Davis vs. SIUE

Tennessee State at Tennessee
Brescia at Eastern Kentucky
Mid-Continent at SE Missouri
Jackson State at UT Martin
Morehead State at UCLA

Women's basketball

East		
E. Kentucky	3-1	(0-0)
Morehead St.	3-2	(0-0)
Tenn. Tech	1-1	(0-0)
Belmont	2-3	(0-0)
Tenn. State	1-3	(0-0)
Jax State	0-3	(0-0)
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SIUE	1-2	(0-0)
E. Illinois	0-3	(0-0)

Nov. 18 results

E. Kent. 94, Davis & Elkins Col. 66
Morehead State 53, Marshall 51
Austin Peay 98, Trevecca 77

Nov. 19 results

Texas A&M-CC 72, Belmont 62
Western Kentucky 90, SE Missouri 75

Schedule for Nov. 21

Morehead State at E. Tenn. State
Texas A&M-CC at Tennessee State
Tennessee Tech at Mississippi State
Loyola-Chicago at Eastern Illinois
Southeast Missouri at Missouri
Wright State at Murray State

Schedule for Nov. 22

Belmont at Purdue

Schedule for Nov. 23

Jacksonville State at New Orleans
Southeast Missouri at Wichita State
Ohio at Eastern Kentucky
Saint Louis at Murray State
Evansville at Austin Peay
Missouri at UT Martin

Schedule for Nov. 24

Duquesne at Morehead State
Valparaiso at Tennessee Tech
Tennessee State at Ole Miss
Kent State at Belmont

SIUE shut out by top seed Missouri State Cougars finish season under .500 overall, 3-3 in Missouri Valley

BEN LEVIN
Alestle Reporter

The SIUE's men soccer team lost Friday to Missouri State in the Missouri Valley Conference Tournament. The Cougars end their season with an overall record of 8-9-2 to go with its conference record of 3-3.

The season was a let down for a team that just last year barely missed out on playing in the NCAA Tournament. Head Coach Kevin Kalish said while he thought the team was hot at the right time, the effort was too late in the season.

"We were disappointed with the overall record and the inconsistency in performances," Kalish said. "We started off the year very good. We went through a little bit of a rough stretch later, but we peaked at the right time and responded well when it counted. I think we just came up a bit short."

On Nov. 13, the team beat Loyola 2-1 in its first round match, with goals coming from junior forward Christian Volesky, who scored his team-leading sixth goal of the season, and sophomore midfielder Jabari Danzy.

On Friday, the Cougars played the top-seeded Missouri State, a team the Cougars had beaten in their regular season match-up. The lone goal of the game came in the 21st minute when Missouri State's Jack Griffin volleyed a shot into the back of the net. Despite taking 15 shots in the match, the Cougars were unable to score and lost the game, ending their season.

Kalish said the players were silent after the game, and the coaching staff did not want to discuss the loss until they could gather their thoughts. Kalish said the team was saddened to see senior goalkeeper John Berner and senior midfielder Joe Sales leave the team with a loss.

"We didn't say much," Kalish said. "The majority of it was just saying goodbye and thanks for all the hard work the seniors had put into the program. At that point, the emotions from the loss were very high, and we waited until later to have a better perspective on the year."

When reminiscing on the season, Kalish said the team's youth played a big part in its inconsistencies, but he was impressed with the fight the players showed at the end of the season and is encouraged by that for next season.

"I think in some ways it is a maturation process with the new players we have within the group," Kalish said. "We had 14 new players and probably the third most road games of any team in the country, and we had a lot of injuries. With all of that said, we were very close in a lot of games. When you look at the games as a whole, we didn't allow the opposing team in 17 out of 19 games more than five shots on goal."

"We were very close and did well as a group," Kalish said. "Every game was tight, but we

lacked a little on the attacking side of the ball, and we lacked intangibles at some points in the year. Overall, I think it was a process for the group. Hopefully we learn from this season and improve moving forward."

After the success of the 2012 season, the 2013 team may have looked disappointing on the surface, but Kalish said it is hard to compare the two teams because they are so different.

learning the brand of soccer that we like to play. We haven't had a lot of teaching time with this group."

The season was not all bad news for the players, as six of them were given postseason honors. Berner was awarded the MVC Goalkeeper of the Year and was part of the MVC All-Conference First Team along with Volesky and junior midfielder Matt Polster.

All-Tournament Team.

Kalish said he was proud the players got their awards and said those who won were worthy of their recognitions.

"There was obviously bright spots within the group," Kalish said. "There were games where we didn't play as well, and the same thing can be said about the players. We showed a lot of individual moments throughout the year where guys played well, and those where guys got awards are very deserving of them."

Kalish said they will continue to work during the spring. He expects the group to improve as a team and believes the hard work put in during the off-season will show in the results next year.

"We were close," Kalish said. "I think we picked a good time of the year to peak. The group continued to buy in and fight and stay engaged. I'm very proud of how they progressed over the course of the year. The route that we took was a little bit longer than we would have hoped for."

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Men's soccer head coach

"It was literally a brand new team," Kalish said. "I think the team you saw in 2012 was a team that had been together for three years. This was a brand new team, and in some ways this spring will be extremely beneficial to the group in terms of teaching and

Sophomore defender Justin Bilyeu was selected to the All-MVC Honorable Mention Team and freshmen defenders Austin Ledbetter and Andrew Kendall-Moulin were awarded the MVC All-Freshmen Team. Danzy and Polster both made the MVC



Junior forward Christian Volesky fights for the header in a match against Loyola Saturday, Sept. 26. The Cougars lost the match 1-0. Volesky finished the season with a team-leading six goals. | Photo by Ryu Sindberg/Alestle



Saint Louis trounces men's basketball, 82-58

SIUE bounces back Saturday, beats Central Arkansas 100-93

BEN LEVIN
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After losing in front of a sold-out Vadalabene Center on Wednesday to Saint Louis University (3-0 overall), the SIUE men's basketball team won its first game of the season Saturday by defeating Central Arkansas (1-1 overall) at home.

Sophomore guard Donivine Stewart said he enjoyed the sold-out crowd Wednesday but was disappointed the Cougars could not give the crowd an upset victory.

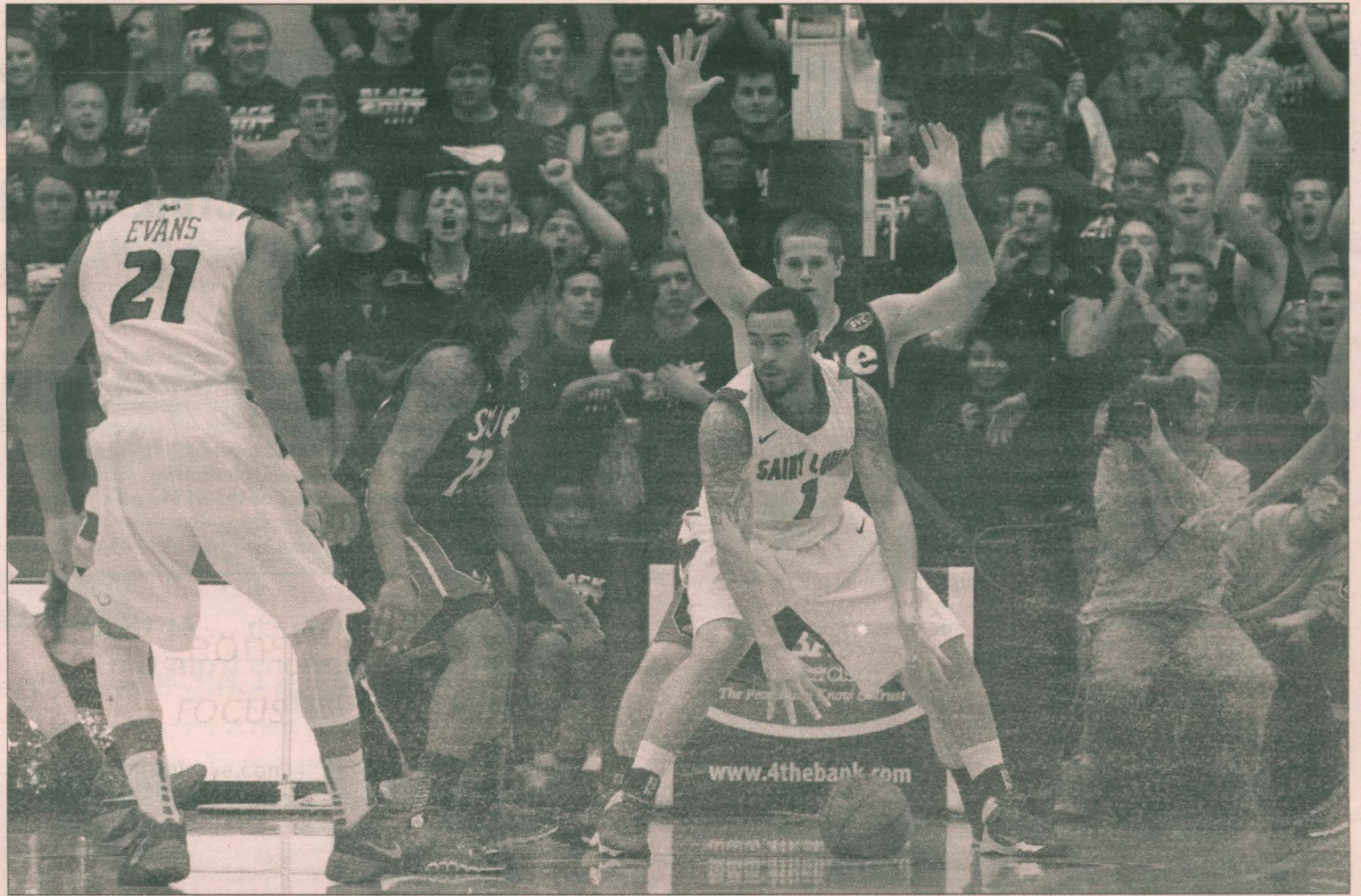
"It was a great atmosphere," Stewart said. "I don't remember how many sell-out crowds we've had, but it felt good to have the community come out and support us."

In the opening minutes of Wednesday's game versus SLU, the Cougars came out strong and got an early lead on the Billikens. Through the first eight minutes of the game, SIUE was able to keep SLU within one or two points, but the Billikens went on a 16-0 run that continued all the way to the last five minutes of the half.

By the time the first half ended, the score was 46-21 in favor of SLU. Head Coach Lennox Forrester said SLU's defense threw the Cougars off their game in the first half, and they were unable to get back together as the game progressed.

"[SLU's] pressure and the way they play defense just took us out of the game," Forrester said. "I thought our guys came out with some fight. Saint Louis came at us, and I feel that we just didn't come back at them. I thought we were being soft, taking quick shots and 3's rather than being on the attack and attacking the paint to make plays."

Only four SIUE players scored in the first half. Stewart, junior guard Michael Messer and senior forward Ray Lester all finished with six points in the half, while junior guard Rozell Nunn finished the half with three points.



Saint Louis' junior forward Grandy Glaze, 1, backs into junior guard Michael Messer while junior guard Rozell Nunn and Billikens's senior forward Dwayne Evans watch the play develop. The Cougars lost the Nov. 13 game 82-58.

Photo by Brian Armea/Alestle

The deficit remained about the same for the rest of the game, as SIUE was unable to get its defense and offense working at the same time. The final score of the game was 82-58 in favor of SLU. Stewart said while SLU played well defensively, the Cougars needed to carry out the plan they had on offense.

"They played good defense, but at the end of the day, we have to execute our offense," Stewart said. "We practice our offense every day. We have to be able to execute and get easy buckets."

Stewart led SIUE with 14 points and three assists and was helped by Lester, who finished with 10 points and three rebounds. The Cougars have no freshmen, there are a large number of new transfers on the team, and Stewart said the team will get better as the season progresses.

"We have a lot of transfers and guys who are new to the program," Stewart said. "There are a lot of guys coming in from [junior colleges] and trying to get accustomed to what Coach Forrester wants. We just have to go with the flow. The season

is a process. We're not going to get it done in one day. We have to get gradually better and better."

On Saturday, the Cougars put their low-scoring game against SLU in the past and dropped 100 points on Central Arkansas in a 100-93 victory. While Forrester was glad the team was able to get a win, he recognized the players still have some growing to do.

"We have to get better defensively," Forrester said. "We didn't rebound the ball well enough in the first half. We gave up about 10 offensive boards, but we only

had eight or nine defensive boards, which isn't good. Tonight, I thought we played well as a team and shared the ball offensively. I thought our guys did a good job attacking under control."

The Cougars were powered by a 21-point performance by senior guard Tim Johnson, who shot 9-11 from the field while also grabbing five rebounds. Stewart was the next highest scorer on the team with 15 points and was followed by senior guard Christian Salecich, who had eight assists to go with his 13 points. Forrester said he expects Johnson to have good games like he did on Saturday.

"He's a senior, and we need him to have nights like that for us," Forrester said. "He's an energy guy. I thought he gave us some energy points. He's doing a great job as far as giving me confidence out there."

Also helping the Cougars on offense was their bench, which contributed with 33 points. Nunn and junior forward Keaton Jackson did much of the scoring for the bench, scoring 10 and 12 points, respectively. Jackson also smacked three blocks on the defensive end, and Forrester said the team will need performances like Saturday's from the bench if it wants to win games.

"I think, because of the make-up of our team, we need to have our bench," Forrester said. "We have guys who can come off and contribute. It's always good to see guys come off the bench and contribute. It's a good thing, too, because now the guys that are starting, they can't relax at all because they know as soon as they relax, someone else can step in and take their spot."

The Cougars will travel to Portland, Ore. to play in the Portland State Tournament this weekend. The team's first game is at 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22 against UC Davis.



Junior forward Keaton Jackson goes for a dunk in a game against Saint Louis Nov. 13. The Billikens beat the Cougars 82-58 in front of a sold-out crowd at the Vadalabene Center.

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Cougars close out Kangaroos with clutch free throws, win 79-76

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After losing to Kansas 72-56 on Wednesday, the SIUE women's basketball team came home Saturday to play against Kansas City (0-3 overall). In their first home game of the season, the Cougars won 79-76.

Head Coach Paula Buscher said she liked how the team played in the highly competitive game and told her players before the game they would have to fight for the win.

"I thought it was just a great basketball game," Buscher said. "You want two teams battling all the way to the end, and I thought you saw two teams really go at it. We talked before the game about how the team that really wanted it the most, that had that will, was going to win it. I thought you saw that with some great defensive rebounds late in the game."

In the first half, the Cougars were able to control the tempo of the game by shutting down Kansas City in the paint, forcing them into bad shots or steals. The Cougars only allowed UMKC to get four points down low in the half, while SIUE was able to get 20 of its 37 first-half points in the paint.

Sophomore guard CoCo Moore and junior guard Tierny Austin led the Cougars on offense. Moore had 12 points in the first half, while grabbing five rebounds and dishing out three assists. She finished as the leading scorer for the Cougars, with 23 points, her career best.

Austin finished the game with 21 points, but did the majority of her scoring towards the end of the game, scoring nine points in the first half. Buscher said the pair are so fast and strong, that it is hard for teams to guard both of them.

"I think they are extremely athletic individuals, and they attacked the basket well," Buscher said. "CoCo was penetrating early and getting to the rim all the time. Late, she started penetrating and dumping to her teammates, and that just shows how good her court vision is."

The Cougars were able to stop the Kangaroos from scoring early in the half by making them settle for 3's or deep 2-point shots; shots that UMKC were not making. As the half progressed, UMKC started to hit their shots, and the first half ended 37-37.

When the second half started, the Cougars struggled to stop the opponent's shooters,

which led to early foul trouble for some key players. Buscher said with senior guard Jazmin Hill out, it was hard to get the right players in the game, but she was impressed by the effort given by those who came off the bench.

"I had two of my point guards in foul trouble," Buscher said. "We just had to keep rotating them, and they had to keep playing hard. Sometimes when you get into foul trouble you worry about and get that last foul because you are trying to play safe. I thought they really did a great job of continuing to play hard."

As the game got late into the second half, the Cougars had a five-point lead and were still forcing UMKC to take deep shots. The Cougars' defense led to some late turnovers by UMKC, which allowed SIUE some easy points on the transition.

With less than a minute remaining, Moore stepped up to the free-throw line for two shots, but was unable to make either. After a UMKC double dribble gave the Cougars the ball, Austin was fouled and made both of her free throws, giving SIUE the 79-76 lead it would hold onto for the victory.

After leading scorers Moore and Austin, freshman guard Alexis Chappelle also contributed, scoring 11 points, going 7-8 from the free-throw line.

Buscher said she saw some things the team could improve on, but overall, she was impressed with how well her team was able to change its play throughout the game.

"Anytime you have a close game like this, you want to make sure you finish the game," Buscher said. "I thought we finished the game, not perfect, but we finished the game. I think we need to have a better focus sometimes on what we are doing on the defensive end, and at times we were patient offensively. I really liked our transition game. I liked when we forced them into quick shots and pushed the ball. I thought that's how we spread the game. We wanted to continue that transition, yet when we had the lead, we had more patience with the ball."

The Cougars next game is at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, at the Vadalabene Center, where they will face the University of Illinois-Chicago.

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Junior guard Tierny Austin scored 21 points for the Cougars. SIUE won the game, its first at home this season, 79-76.

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