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Chancellor finalists come to SIUE for student sessions

#### Candidate 1:

**Gloria J. Gibson**

Ph.D. at Indiana University, M.A., B.A. at SIUE and Senior Vice President and Provost, Morgan State University, Baltimore

**Student Session:** 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 21 in Peck Hall, Room 2410

#### Candidate 2:

**Cheryl D. Lovell**

Ph.D. at Florida State University, M.Ed., B.A. at University of West Georgia, and Special Advisory to the Chancellor and to the Chief Academic Officer for the Colorado State University System

**Student Session:** 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 3:45 in Peck Hall, Room 2410

#### Candidate 3:

**Andrew Rogerson**

Ph.D. at University of Stirling, Scotland, B.Sc. at Paisley College of Technology, Scotland and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Sonoma State University (California State University System)

**Student Session:** 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 28 in Peck Hall, Room 2410

#### Candidate 4:

**Randall G. Pembroke**

Ph.D. Florida State University, M.M., B.M., SIUE; Vice President for Academic Affairs, Washburn University, Topeka, KS

**Student Session:** 3:45 to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 2 in Peck Hall, Room 2410

SG to organize higher education rally in Edwardsville

**CHLOE RICE**

Alestle Reporter

Because the state still has not yet passed a budget for higher education, Student Body President Madeline McCune and Student Trustee Dillon Santoni are planning a political rally in downtown Edwardsville to bring awareness to this issue.

The rally will be held at noon Friday, April 22 at the Edwardsville Public Library.

McCune said the rally is being held to educate the SIUE and Edwardsville communities about the importance of defending higher education.

"The rally is for students of SIUE, community, faculty and staff to come out and help support SIUE, but also talk about why it's important that we save higher education," McCune said.

Since the rally is off campus, transportation will be provided for students and faculty, picking up passengers at the circle of Hairpin Drive, outside Rendleman Hall.

Read more about the rally at [alestlelive.com](http://alestlelive.com).

## SIUE makes changes to summer student employment policy

**KENDRA MARTIN**  
Alestle Reporter

In order to be in compliance with the Federal Insurance Contributions Act, SIUE had to make some necessary changes to the Student Employment Policy. One rule stating students only need to be enrolled in three credit hours over the summer while being employed at the university will become effective in the summer semester, while two changes will not become effective until the fall semester.

One of the changes for the fall semester is whether or not a student is meeting the necessary enrollment requirements, students will no longer be able to count a course that is not currently in session. Enrollment hours for the classes with dates ranging less than a full semester may be counted toward the minimum enrollment requirement only during the time the class is in session.

The other change to the fall semester is the date when student employees may begin work for a semester has changed from two weeks prior to the first day of classes. Students may now begin work the first day of the payroll period and that now includes the first day of classes for the semester.

Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Lora Miles

said it was smart for the university to make changes to the student employment policies to avoid any issues with FICA.

"We had to make some changes in order to be in compliance," Miles said. "But we are not implementing that until next summer — but it is in a way good for us because that gives us a year to plan on how we want to make this work."

Director of Student Financial Aid Sally Mullen said the changes were a cause of the university being reviewed and showed that SIUE was not in compliance with the FICA's policy.

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Mullen said although getting used to the changes may take some time, they were necessary.

"We don't want the university to be subject to findings or fines," Mullen said. "It was recommended of us to make these changes so that we can avoid that, so these changes will become effective in the fall — so it will become more restrictive than what we had in the past, but the summer term is going to be more permissive."

Although there are multiple changes taking place for the fall semester, Mullen said the new rule regarding the summer term

than the first rule — so that is for the better," Mullen said.

Junior exercise science major Trevor Spohr, of Edwardsville, said the change for the summer semester will benefit the students greatly because it helps balance school and work much more easily.

"I used to work in Dining Services and Laundry Services, so I definitely agree three hours is reasonable because it encourages students to take classes with the intention of working," Spohr said. "I believe any student can do three credit hours over the summer."

According to Mullen, the change for student employment for the summer 2016 semester should positively affect students because they now only need to be enrolled in three credit hours as opposed to six.

"Students were required to be enrolled in six hours, but now, students only have to be enrolled in three," Mullen said. "It is a good change, and it makes it easier on the students. Before, undergraduate [students] had to have six credit hours and graduate [students] had to have five credit hours, but now it is three for undergraduate and two for graduate. That rule becomes effective this summer."

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**"We don't want the university to be subject to findings or fines. ... It was recommended of us to make these changes ..."**

Sally Mullen  
Director of financial aid

"Two of the three changes we made will not be effective until fall semester," Mullen said. "Basically, the rules are coming because our taxation office at the system level reviewed this and decided we need to, so these changes were necessary in order to be compliant with the IRS, so that is why [the changes were

will be helpful for the students who are looking to work while also balancing school with a lighter course load.

"With the first change — because we had to make that change — we were also able to change in the summer semester, so for the summer, students have to be enrolled in less hours

## Hansen: 'I generally don't think a union fits our needs as much as for other institutions'

**KYLE STEPP**  
Alestle Reporter

The unionization push at SIUE is still going strong as fiscal year proceeds. Nearly 400 tenure-line professors have joined the Faculty Association and are looking to create a strong voice in response to Gov. Bruce Rauner's proposed slash to higher education.

Interim Chancellor Stephen Hansen said he respects SIUE Faculty Association Co-chairs Linda Markowitz and Charles Berger's mission, but said this would be a difficult time for the university to create a union.

"I have great respect for [Markowitz] and [Berger]. They are great friends of mine," Hansen said. "Putting that aside, I think it would be premature to make a move like this. We are getting ready to hire a new chancellor, and it seems like it would make more sense to wait for the new chancellor so we know how the she [or] he wants to manage the university and crisis we are in."

Berger said he cordially disagrees with the chancellor because the faculty wants a legally binding role in the possible changes to the university.

"I think the faculty has a great relationship with administration.

This movement now has everything to do with the fiscal disaster that is the state of Illinois. We feel the faculty has to have a stronger force at the table — even stronger than what we have through strong governance. We need a contractually stipulated role for the possible structural changes," Berger said.

Hansen also said, besides waiting for a new chancellor, he does not see a place for a union at the university.

"I generally don't think a union fits our needs as much as for other institutions. From my experience, the introduction of a faculty union could dramatically change the structure and climate of the university," Hansen said.

David Vitoff, Illinois Education Association Southern area organizer, said there has been talk of a union on SIUE's campus for over a decade, but the state financial crisis has pushed them toward a more active effort.

"[The IEA] has been active on campus for more than 15 years. We have [had] interest of forming a union over the years. What's different now is the state situation has made things much more clear in people's minds of how limited faculty's role is in decision making that affects their

professional lives," Vitoff said.

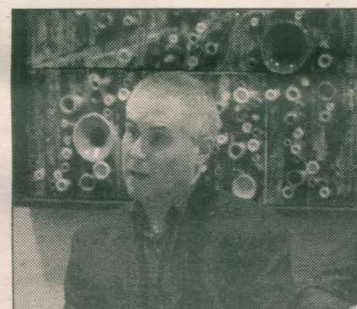
Hansen said the introduction of a union would force policy change and affect the relationship between administration and the Faculty Senate.

"Once these crises pass, you are left with the cost of introducing a union. I think it significantly changes shared governance — the Faculty Senate would have to rework a lot of it policies, and it introduces an element where are negotiating rather than discussing," Hansen said.

Berger said it is crucial for faculty members to have a voice if they want to uphold the core values of the university.

"It's very important for students to understand what we're doing now is to preserve the academic integrity and excellence that has been built at SIUE. There are elements that affect faculty, but the faculty is ultimately the guardian and preserver of academic excellence. To truly help the students, we have to come together and collaborate on the same level — so we can all represent the academic mission," Berger said.

Hansen said the university has established a relationship with faculty so they have never felt the need to unionize for job security or for a voice.



**SIUE Faculty Association Co-chair Charles Berger**  
| Lashai Spencer/Alestle

"I think it's because of the special culture we have at SIUE and the climate we have developed. We have a genuine belief in shared governance, so there hasn't been a need — there hasn't been that element that — pushes faculty to feeling like they need to unionize because we've worked together," Hansen said.

Vitoff said the group of tenure-track faculty is on schedule to have the required signatures before summer 2016.

"We are meeting our internal goals, and we're confident we will have well over the majority [of signatures] the end of the semester," Vitoff said.

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## Dayna Henry receives prestigious award for excellent teaching

MADISON O'BRIEN  
Alestle Reporter

When Dayna Henry was young, her greatest fear was public speaking. In fact, she said if her friends from middle school knew she was now a teacher, they would laugh.

Little did she know, she would not only become a teacher, but she would also be presented with the most esteemed teaching award a tenured faculty member can receive at SIUE: the Teaching Excellence Award.

Henry is an assistant professor in the community health education program in the applied health department in the School of Education, Health and Human Behavior. She said she overcame her fear of public speaking in college.

"I never would have become a professor had I not taken the first step teaching as a TA running small labs," Henry said. "Students would come to me and practice skills they learned in class because for some of them the lecture wasn't helpful, so the little 50 minutes I got to spend with them [explaining] how to do things was very rewarding to me."

Henry said this award means a lot to her, and she feels very honored to have received it.

"Teaching is my favorite part of my job," Henry said. "When students have that a-ha moment, it is an amazing feeling. When I help students, I learn things better too, so teaching is a way to be a life-long learner because I learn something every day new from my students."

Henry said the chair of the Teaching Excellence Award Committee believed Henry was an extraordinary educator, with enthusiasm and excitement, and was blown away by observing her class.

"I think I provide a safe environment for students, and I like to use effective metaphors to enhance students' learning," Henry said. "I also give students personalized attention and care for them as individuals."

Henry said she would describe her teaching style as very organized, and she is clear on what she expects from her students.

"My students know exactly what to expect in my class, and I push them and hold the bar high,"



Dayna Henry | Photo courtesy of Marketing and Communications

Henry said. "Some students may perceive me to be challenging, but I like to show them they can reach that level with the support, encouragement and tools I give them."

Henry's area of expertise is teaching sexuality and sexual health.

"I've taught sexuality courses for more than 10 years, and I got interested when I was a freshman in college because I was so fascinated by how uncomfortable people were in class and found that interesting," Henry said. "I think I am even the first person to talk to students openly and honestly, while still being appropriate, about sex."

Henry said she believes when students earn an A in her class,

they can gain a sense of earned professional and personal development. She said many students think her classes with be crazy or fun, but they are really much more deep, allowing students to reflect on their own sex lives.

"I hope I inspire other people to be more comfortable with sexuality because it's an every day topic," Henry said. "I used to be a sex therapist, but the reason I switched jobs was because before, I was helping people after they were already distressed, but with teaching, I ask my students how many people tell their friends about this class, and many people say they do. That goes to show that I can impact say 500 students' lives in one semester rather than a couple [of lives]."

Henry said students go on to work in this field because health is so relevant to everyone, but she believes her classes can personally impact them as well.

"I hope students continue talking to other students about what they learned in my class, so they can have happy and healthy sex lives," Henry said. "I hope students remember what I taught them."

Henry said she hopes to continue teaching, and she is eager for a fun and exciting future.

"I don't believe once you become a professor you're done; it's an ongoing process," Henry said. "Students are constantly changing, so you have to evolve and meet the needs of students. Going forward, I always look for new ways to challenge and meet demands of my students, but I have to thank them because when they work hard for me, it makes me want to work hard for them."

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## POLICE BLOTTER

4-1-16

Officers responded to 423 Cougar Village for a report of a possible domestic disturbance in progress. The officer advised it was a verbal argument only, and the male left for the night to stay at a friend's house.

Active fire alarm at the Science Building. An engineer arrived on scene and advised it was an all-clear. The officer met with the engineer. The reason for the activation was unknown.

An officer took a report of an aggravated battery that occurred on March 31, 2016 in Building B at the ESTL HEC. The case is under investigation.

An officer took a report regarding items being stolen from a vending machine in Building B.

An officer responded to Woodland Hall regarding possible drug activity. Brett Arceneaux was arrested and brought to the SIUE Police Department where he was released to an outside agency.

4-2-16

A subject came to the police department to talk to officer about traffic accident. State citation issued to Lauren Flesch for improper backing. The offense occurred in Lot 6.

4-3-16

Officers responded to 401 Cougar Village for a report of an intoxicated male subject refusing to leave. The male subject fled behind the building on foot prior to the officer's arrival. The caller

stated the subject also struck at residents. The officer located the subject, known to the caller as Michael Newton. He was taken into custody and transported to the SIUE Police Department. A computer check showed Newton also has outstanding warrants from St. Clair County. Newton was uncooperative and was transported to Madison County Jail where he was placed on a felony hold, charges pending.

A sergeant took a report regarding a male subject, possibly homeless, doing laundry in the Art and Design building. The subject was located a short while later. He was identified and was not affiliated with SIUE. The subject was asked to leave and not return.

4-4-16

Gerald Ray was taken into custody from a traffic stop on South University Drive. He was transported to the SIUE Police Department and arrested for driving while suspended. Ray was processed. The vehicle was towed. State citations were issued to Ray for speeding and driving while suspended on South University Drive.

4-5-16

A caller stated a student reported finding a .22 caliber bullet on the ground in front of Building B.

## Professor wins \$15,000 award for syringe

MADISON O'BRIEN  
Alestle Reporter

Sohyung Cho, associate professor of industrial engineering in the School of Engineering, received the university's inaugural Concept Commercialization Award.

In addition to the Concept Commercialization Award, the School of Medicine won the Concept Development Award.

Both of the honors aim to support innovation and encourage industry investment.

Cho said the winning project is dedicated to developing a new science model that can be used effectively during plastic surgery operations.



The Concept Commercialization Award was presented to Associate Professor of Industrial Engineering, Sohyung Cho. | Brian Muñoz/Alestle

The "Novel Syringe System for Isolation of Lipoaspirate" is a joint effort between Cho and co-researchers from SIU's School of Medicine.

These scholars include Ashim Gupta, director of the Laboratory for Regenerative Medicine and research assistant professor in the Institute for Plastic Surgery; Michael Neumeister, professor and chair of the Department of Surgery and Elvin Zook, endowed chair of the Institute for Plastic Surgery.

Cho said the syringe is designed to separate fat from oil and blood more quickly and easily.

"Plastic surgeons take fat from a patient and go through the so called isolation of stem cells in fat using a conventional gravity based method, and this fat, when it is harvested and going through process, the top layer is oil, [the] middle layer [is] mostly fat and [the] bottom layer is blood and other [byproducts]," Cho said.

According to Cho, the new design will make the surgeon's task more efficient.

"Typically, plastic surgeons disregard the top and bottom layer and use only [the] middle layer," Cho said. "After the process, they re-inject the fat back to the patient in the [problem area], but our design and new model will help plastic surgeons to complete the process very quickly and effectively."

According to Cho, the syringe is a novelty and has yet to exist in the field, so he hopes it

will help physicians.

Cho said using this method will reduce procedure time necessary for such processes as fat grafting.

"Currently, it takes 30 minutes during an operation using the existing syringe, so we hope we can cut it by half," Cho said. "In May we will present the award to patent lawyers in Springfield, so hopefully we will be able to submit our patent."

Cho said he believes this project received the award because of the effective collaboration and teamwork between the School of Engineering and the School of Medicine.

"In total, we received \$15,000 for a year. Four thousand dollars goes to the School of Medicine, and [the] rest of it goes to the School of Engineering," Cho said. "In this year, we want to create a prototype and actually test the prototype."

Cho said they will test the model with animal fat first, and once they have successfully completed that, the next step is to make a real plastic base syringe to test with human fat.

"I feel very honored to have received this award," Cho said. "There is a lot of responsibility for engineers to contribute to society, not just to produce something to use daily, but also to contribute to the healthcare domain."

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## SG prepares for summer and fall semesters

KENDRA MARTIN  
Alestle Reporter

The Student Government Senate discussed bylaw changes to be made to their constitution Friday, April 15. SG is also trying to prepare for the end of the school year and for what needs to be taken care of before the spring semester is over.

SG Senator Mallory McCune said although there was not a lot to discuss at the meeting, they are in a good place to close out the school year.

"I think it went really well today," McCune said. "We didn't have a lot on our agenda with nobody coming to the finance meeting last week. We just had those two from [Student Organization Advisory Board] that we approved in, and we went over the election results, so that was pretty exciting."

The SG Senate did however make some minor bylaw changes to their constitution. Senate members who are pharmacy students now have a GPA requirement of 2.75, and the SG meeting times will be determined by the Senate and executive board.

"We have a constitution on bylaw of certain rules that we follow," McCune said. "For example, we have to have a minimum GPA, and you have to attend a certain amount of meetings, [so] today we had a bylaw change to help with the new election process with the new Senate and structure."

McCune said the executive board is now making preparations for the mandatory summer retreat for SG executive members.

"Our new [executive] board, which consists of the president, vice president and the [student] trustee — so the president will appoint the rest of his [executive] board — then from there we do a training session over the summer," McCune said. "We update and train the new Senate on what we do, how to follow Robert's Rule, and it's kind of a team bonding experience and sets the tone for that year on what we want to accomplish, our goals and our plans, so we do it all over the summer."

Robert's Rule is a recognized guide for conducting meeting and making decisions as a group.

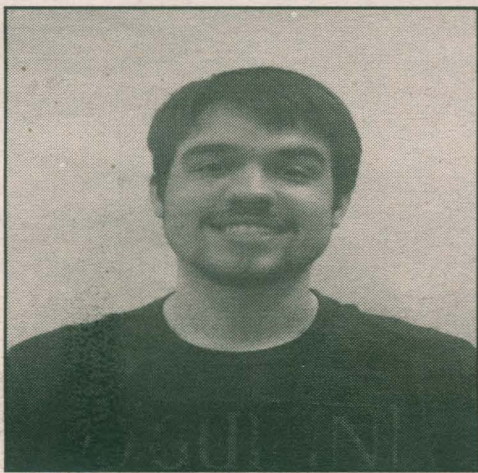
SG Election Commissioner Paige Cooper said the Senate was able to get through what it needed to discuss in a timely matter while also going over revisions to its constitution.

"It was a lot faster than most of our meetings this year," Cooper said. "I think we went through everything we needed to go through — some of the bylaw revisions, some of the other constitutional revisions of other organizations — and then we presented the election report of everybody that was just elected will now take office at the next Senate meeting."

Read more about the Senate meeting at alestlelive.com



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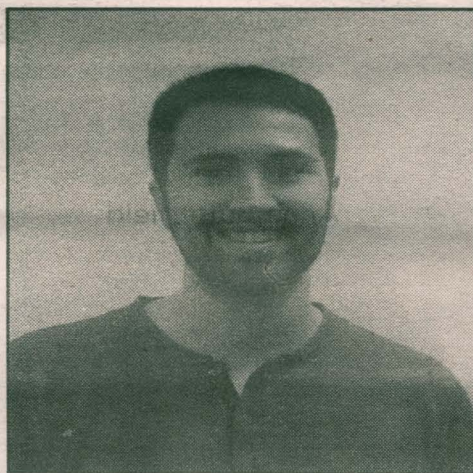
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Mentor: Dr. Ryan Krauss



**Tyler McGowan**

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Mentor: Dr. Sarah Luesse



**Brittany Mersman**

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Mentor: Dr. David Jennings



**Aaron Hancock**

Department: Chemistry  
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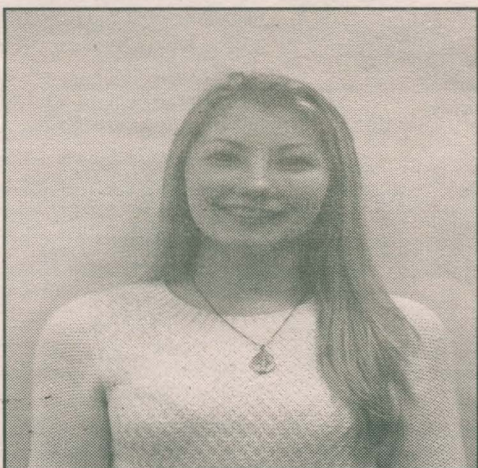
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Mentor: Dr. David Duvernell



**Dillon Santoni**

Department: Political Sciences  
Mentor: Dr. Amy Hubert



**Jacquelin Smith**

Department: Exercise Science  
Mentor: Dr. Denise DeGarmo



**Kelsey Bernard**

Department: Special Education &  
Communications Disorders  
Mentor: Dr. Chin-Chuan Wei



**Kyle DeProw**

Department: Mechanical Engineering  
Mentor: Dr. Bryan Smith



# 2016 SENIOR RECOGNITION

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## 2016 Senior Assignment Showcase Winners

### College of Arts & Sciences

#### Applied Communication Studies

Cameron Borri  
Kyle Embrey  
Taylor Halloran  
Shanale Mason  
Zachary McGeehon  
Amber Moore  
Christine Shepherd  
Samantha Stidham  
Megan Toennies

#### Biological Sciences

Brandon Schack  
Shannon Payne

#### Chemistry

Alexander Niemaczek  
Natalie Schleper

#### Criminal Justice

Marissa Feldmann  
Sarah Fowler

#### English

Rachel Galle

#### Foreign Languages & Literature

Mary Hager

#### Geography

Zachary Lemke  
Joshua Pritsolas

#### Historical Studies

Sterling Beckman  
Elizabeth Papp

### Mass Communication

Emma Adkisson  
Caitlin Grove

#### Music

Sophie Browning  
Miwako Lopez  
Magdalena Sustere

#### Philosophy

David Favre  
Solomon Okoronkwo

#### Physics

Philip Chrostosk  
Francisco Lagunas

Tyler Kelso

Braxton Kilmer

Joseph Smith

#### Sociology

Abigail Hall

### School of Business

#### Accounting

Kristen Drainer  
Brandi Jackson  
Abby McGrath

#### Management & Marketing

Montana Bohart  
Dalton Charbonea  
Lauren Lightle  
Alex St. Peters  
Emily Williamson

### School of Education, Health, & Human Behavior

#### Applied Health

Kelli Braun  
Shelby McCormick  
Courtney Peters  
Megan Weston

#### Exercise Science

Tyler Brendel  
Anna Butterfield  
John Flanagan  
Torey Fox

Leslie Godwin  
Sydney Lawrence  
Claire Maciejewski  
Ashley Medder  
Trevir Moist  
Megan Schaller  
Makenzie Sechrest

#### Psychology

Andrea Allison  
Jared AuBuchon  
Nancy Bergquist-Trexler  
G. Cole Bolton  
Raven Hogue  
Malauna Hudson  
Morgan Lacefield  
Guadalupe Lopez  
Jasmine Pierson  
Emma Schmidt  
Gretchen Stenger  
Megan Turner  
Ashley Veath  
John Williams  
Joneshia Yates

### School of Engineering

#### Civil Engineering

Jalen Bachman  
Matthew Bay  
Andrew Burkhardt  
Julian Chastain  
Jacob Lewis  
David Molohon

#### CMIS

Josh Spann

#### Computer Science

Nathan Reinhardt  
Spencer Smith

#### Construction

Logan Cannady  
Matthew Eveker  
Christopher Johnson

#### Electrical & Computer Engineering

Jared Charter  
Cameron Costanzo  
Haley Day  
Christofer Gwillim

### Industrial Engineering

Ezgi Aras  
Mervener Eralp  
Deniz Ersan  
Ozan Eryilmaz  
Hakki Gover

#### Mechanical Engineering

Lauren Bailey  
Gregory Holdman  
Alan Noll  
Ryan Pinter  
Justin Plattner  
Tyler Schmitt

### School of Nursing

Sadie Spilker  
Nathan Wiederholt

### School of Pharmacy

Cassandra Collins  
Kyle Dillon  
David Henson  
Tate Hohulin  
Elizabeth Lass  
Philip Kilver

## 2016 URCA Assistant Showcase

### College of Arts & Sciences

#### Anthropology

Maudie Knicley  
Susannah Oettle

#### Biological Sciences

Maggie Erdmann  
Callie Mincy

#### Chemistry

Abbie Fox  
Stephen Kukielski  
Rebecca Ngo

### English Language & Literature

Chase Tiffany

#### Mass Communications

Molly Marcum

#### Mathematics & Statistics

Daniel Perryman

#### Physics

Thomas Teague

### Political Science

Kaitlyn Funneman

#### Social Work

Stephanie Taylor  
Jasmeen Wellere

### School of Business

#### Economics & Finance

Payton Parenti

### School of Education, Health, & Human Behavior

#### Applied Health

Corinne Goodall  
Cassandra Philips  
Zachary Ziemba

#### Psychology

Jennifer Garland  
Kirsten Marucco

### School of Engineering

#### Civil Engineering

Matthew Eck  
Amanda Fisher

#### Computer Science

Dylan Williams



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Thursday, April 21, 2016



Before digging into their free snow cones, junior nursing majors Stephanie Garriott, of Argenta, and Katie Krieshok, of Granite City, and senior psychology major Jenna Kot, of Calumet City, takes a group selfie to capture their excitement at CAB's Springfest Kickoff on Monday April 18.

| Lashai Spencer / Alestle

Campus Activities Board kicked off this year's Springfest with the theme "Welcome to the Jungle," Monday, April 18, on the Stratton Quadrangle with music, giveaways and free snow cones by Tropical Sno.

| Lashai Spencer / Alestle



Senior engineering majors Blake Fry, of Edwardsville, and David Ladnier, of Lone Tree, Colo., compete in this year's Hot Dog Eating contest for the Hot Dog Eating Championship Belt, as a part of Springfest, Tuesday, April 19.

| Christian Sykes / Alestle

## COUGARS CELEBRATE SPRINGFEST

Campus Activities Board celebrated the university's long-standing tradition of Springfest this week with this year's theme being "Welcome to the Jungle." Students received free snow cones and giveaways at the kickoff, competed in a hot dog eating contest, enjoyed the annual giant banana split and more. Still to come this week is a lip sync competition, a performance by SNL comedian Jay Pharoah and Woodland Hall's Woodstock. Visit [siue.edu/cab/springfest](http://siue.edu/cab/springfest) for more details.



Junior exercise science major Rachael Walker, of Aurora, and sophomore criminal justice major Taylor Robinson, of Chicago, cool off with free snow cones during Springfest's Kickoff event Monday, April 18, in the Quad.

| Lashai Spencer / Alestle



Springfest's Kickoff welcomed hundreds of students to the Quad for giveaways, snow cones and music from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, April 18. As SIUE's longest running tradition, Springfest hosts an annual spirit contest in which organizations compete for the most points by participating in a variety of events throughout the week.

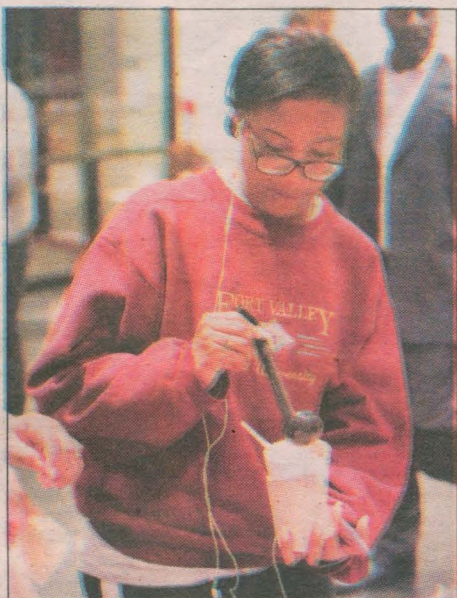
| Lashai Spencer / Alestle





The Bank of Edwardsville staff scoops ice cream out of a canoe as part of the annual Springfest celebrations Wednesday, April 20, in the Morris University Center. | Brian Muñoz / Alestle

Public administration graduate student Shanyce Stovall, of Bollingbrook, scoops mixed nuts into her ice cream from the annual giant banana split in a canoe event hosted by The Bank of Edwardsville, Wednesday, April 20, in the MUC. | Brian Muñoz / Alestle



Vice president of Investments for the Banks of Edwardsville Kevin Doak, of Edwardsville, scoops ice cream out of a canoe as part of the annual Springfest celebrations Wednesday, April 20, in the MUC. "We've been doing this for years. It's fun to get out of the bank and interact with students; it's a great time," Doak said. | Brian Muñoz / Alestle



1972 SIUE graduate and mortgage loan originator for The Bank of Edwardsville Jack "The Jack at The Bank" McDole scoops ice cream from a canoe as part of the annual Springfest celebrations Wednesday, April 20, in the MUC. "Not much has changed around here; they have the same slate floor that was here 45 years ago," McDole said. | Brian Muñoz / Alestle



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"IF THE ELECTION WERE HELD TODAY, WHICH SAD CARICATURE OF AMERICAN POLITICS WOULD YOU VOTE FOR?"

## Too little, too late: Rauner needs to pay up, make a budget decision

After consulting with legal staff, Illinois Comptroller Leslie Munger announced Sunday, April 17 that Gov. Bruce Rauner, herself and other lawmakers will no longer be receiving a paycheck from the state, in hopes of motivating lawmakers to pass a budget.

#### Alestle Staff Editorial

The Alestle staff believes this decision came 10 months too late. The budget impasse should not have been allowed to continue for so long. As a result, higher education, as well as several other areas have taken severe hits including layoffs and program cuts.

In preparation for lack of a state budget, SIUE implemented its 9 percent realignment plan, cutting 13 employees.

There have also been proposals suggesting SIUE may have to make extensive cuts to graduate assistantships, both men's tennis and women's golf teams have already been cut and tuition for students next year is

also increasing significantly.

In the Sunday news conference, Munger said, "I'm hoping this will help everyone understand what it feels like really to be among the group of people who are waiting months for payment."

It's one thing for lawmakers and General Assembly employees to gain an understanding of the budget crisis, but it's another for them to actually be affected. Not to mention, if these members aren't doing their jobs and are just twiddling their thumbs, they shouldn't be getting a paycheck. Businesses are closing, employees are being laid off, people are struggling to make ends meet and higher education is suffering.

Eastern Illinois University is on the verge of closing and Chicago State University cancelled their spring break in order to end their semester on April 30, which is about two weeks earlier than normal, according to [chicagoist.com](http://chicagoist.com).

Chicago State University also announced in February that

if they don't receive additional funding from the state soon, they will send out 900 layoff notices to employees.

With this in mind, it's obvious a budget should have been decided upon in July 2015. If Rauner is just going to stand by and watch businesses and universities crumble, then he should not be getting paid. The failure to pass a budget is due to the controversy between Rauner, a Republican, and the Democrats who oversee the General Assembly.

According to a Belleville News-Democrat article, "The Democrats want Rauner to sign off on a tax increase, but Rauner wants them to agree to some 'structural reforms,' such as changes in collective bargaining. The Democrats refuse, saying that such changes would hurt working families."

Regardless, something's got to give. A compromise or negotiation needs to be made before it is too late and the some of the cuts become irreparable.

After the decision to revoke

these paychecks was made, the \$1.3 million that will be withheld each month will go toward preventing layoffs or sustaining programs and businesses until a new budget is announced and confirmed. In other words: we've taken a step in the right direction.

Now, we play the waiting game and keep finding ways to manage until Rauner and the General Assembly gets their act together.

A budget needs to be passed so we can move forward. We should continue to stress the importance of higher education, express our concerns and continue finding ways to make it work; however, a decision needs to be made.

It is time for the General Assembly, the Democrats, and Rauner to stop butting heads and reach an compromise that we can all live with. Keep speaking up and letting lawmakers know how you feel; it only takes one person to make a difference.

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## Passion over paycheck: All careers serve a purpose

I am extremely passionate about my chosen major: English. I have a high GPA, good relationships with my professors, and I feel fulfilled and challenged by the work I do in my classes. All in all, I believe I'm experiencing what any college student who has selected the right major should be.

**Chloe Smith**

Alestle Copy Editor

Despite this, I'm often hesitant to reveal what my major is. I'm tired of the scoffing, the subtle looks of disapproval and the most annoying question any English major — or anyone studying humanities for that matter — has heard: "How will you make any money doing that?"

That's usually the part of the conversation where a person will list the career fields that promise financial security — medicine, engineering, law, etc. Those are all good, fine and important, but I believe that my field, and others like it, are just as crucial. We must start recognizing the necessity of every career field,

not just those that provide large paychecks.

According to The Huffington Post, the amount of students receiving degrees in humanities fields is at a much lower level than in previous years.

The article blames this decline on our society's distinct emphasis on the subjects of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), and says, "if our country focuses only on the drive to be a technologically advanced nation, our culture and society will follow in suit."

Technological advancement and other results from this focus on STEM majors are certainly important, but our society also needs the skills that are developed only through humanities.

We need people with critical thinking skills who can come up with a variety of solutions for a problem and who can solve problems using different perspectives — skills acquired through humanities.

Even simpler, we need creative people who will be able to write the next great American novel, pose grand philosophical

questions and write the next Academy Award-winning film.

I'm not calling for my major or any others like it to be held in a higher regard to any others — what I'm saying is no one's aspirations or passions should be labeled as frivolous, for they all serve a purpose.

As Robin Williams' character says in the classic film "Dead Poet's Society," written by Tom Schulman, who received a Bachelor of Arts at Vanderbilt University in 1972, "... the human race is filled with passion. And medicine, law, business, engineering, these are noble pursuits and necessary to sustain life. But poetry, beauty, romance, love, these are what we stay alive for."

As a society, we have to stop labeling some careers as more vital than others. They all serve a valuable role in society. As students, we must stop acting like some majors are more noble or worthwhile than others, and realize that what's really noble is simply pursuing whatever it is you're passionate about.

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Going head-to-head with her competitor, senior hurdler LaDonna Caston edged ahead early and won first place in the 100-meter hurdle event at the Gateway Invitational Saturday, April 16 held at Korte Stadium.

[Lashai Spencer/Alestle]

## Cougars come back: Track and field impresses at Gateway Invite

KENDRA MARTIN  
Alestle Reporter

The Cougars celebrated their first home meet with outstanding performances on Saturday, April 16 with 29 PRs, multiple personal bests being broken and two athletes qualifying for the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Jumping Coach Joey Pacione said since starting his job as a coach in September, this was one of the most exceptional meets he was able to attend.

"This is, without a doubt, our most successful meet for the year," Pacione said. "It was great all across the board, and this is definitely the most successful meet I had as a coach, so it was a definite contrast from last week."

Junior distance runner Keith Meyer extended his personal record in the 3K, and junior jumper Julian Harvey also extended his record in triple jump.

Pacione said he was proud to see the improvement in these two athletes over the course of the season.

"Keith ran a tough race and he is running next week as well, and he did what he needed to do," Pacione said. "Julian is awesome because he continues to move forward with getting better, so his goals are bigger now. I try to preach to them to keep moving forward, and they can't be upset with progress because he has a lot of potential and room to grow."

Pacione said there were many standout performances because all of the athletes

came to compete with high levels of energy.

"There were a lot of highlight moments," Pacione said. "[Senior thrower] Greg Block qualified for the NCAA in the hammer throw, and he also received a PR in the hammer throw for 7 feet. [Freshman thrower] Nick Matthews achieved a personal best of 20 feet in the hammer throw, and [freshman jumper] Nichyria Byrd broke the school long jump record, so that is huge for a freshman. [Sophomore jumper] Brittney Gibbs also qualified for the NCAA regional meet in the triple jump."

Pacione said he wants to continue working with the jumpers personally so they can work on improving their technique.

"I watch the film with the jumpers because, of course, no one had a perfect jump," Pacione said. "We want to continue improving technique, runners want to be sharper because some do wish they ran an event with a better strategy, so we take that and continue to learn."

Pacione said he admires the way his team was able to recover from last weekend, but also wants them to continue to remain consistent and gradually make themselves better.

"The jumpers have to continue to remain consistent," Pacione said. "If they can be close to PRs and are able to have good performances that is great, but the most important thing is that at conference we want to have big performances, and that comes as a result of remaining consistent."

I see them displaying consistency, so I am confident that with right training, we can have exciting performances."

Meyer said he could tell the training and preparation for each meet was starting to pay off.

"I felt good," Meyer said. "I think the main thing is that it is a good feeling because I feel stronger and more confident. I felt that I am not overtraining and I am training at the right pace, so my next races should still be on par, if not better than this one."

Meyer said he is anticipating improving from himself while also being excited to compete in conference.

"I am very excited, but I also want to improve and, in time, be able to break school record in the 3K, but I am also really excited for conference," Meyer said. "I want to score a lot of points, and my goal is to hopefully finish first or at least be able to crack the top three."

Harvey said he was proud to see all the athletes have particularly standout performances while also being excited about finally having a home meet.

"I feel it went well," Harvey said. "I was definitely excited for a home meet and to be able to run in front of home crowd. We had 29 PRs across the board, so I believe everyone had a good day."

Even though Harvey was able to extend his record in the triple jump, he said he wants to be able to push the limit even more.

"I definitely want to extend it a little more," Harvey said. "It's not quite what I wanted, but I am definitely grateful for the mark, and I want to keep on seeing how far I can jump."

Harvey said although he wants to continue improving, he chooses to go into every meet giving it everything he has and leaving it all on the track.

"I think just going in every day and giving it your all and wherever you end up is what always beneficial," Harvey said. "That type of mindset [has] helped how I been jumping so far, so I continue to think that way."

Harvey said he looks forward to their next home meet and anticipates to seeing the team earn bigger marks than this weekend.

"I am definitely excited for another home meet," Harvey said. "I've been talking to people on the team, and they were kind of nervous because it was a home meet, but the second meet coming up. If we have the crowd coming out to see and support us, we should see even more PRs and bigger achievements."

The women's and men's track teams will travel to Champaign, Ill., on Saturday, April 23 for the Illinois Twilight.

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## Cougar baseball loses series in final game

KYLE STEPP  
Alestle Reporter

The baseball team dropped the first game of a three-game series against the Eastern Kentucky University Colonels Friday, April 15 in Richmond, Ky.

Colonel starter Eric Nerl held the Cougars to two runs on two hits in six innings pitched.

SIUE Coach Danny Jackson said Nerl, who struck out four, stopped the Cougars from finding a rhythm on offense.

"He [Nerl] got us out of our groove a little bit tonight. We try to take it up the middle. He was able to live on the outside," Danny Jackson said.

EKU scored three runs in the first two innings before the Cougars answered in the third. Freshman infielder Jackson Layton started the inning with a single and advanced to third after freshman infielder Aaron Jackson doubled.

Junior infielder Alec Skender hit a ground ball to the infield, but ECU shortstop Cole Warrenfeltz misfired on the throw to third. Layton scored on the grounder, and Aaron Jackson scored to cut the lead to 3-2.

EKU extended its lead, scoring in each the third, fourth and fifth innings. Senior reliever Ryan Agnitsch took the mound in the sixth inning, and held the Colonels scoreless for the final three innings.

The Cougars looked to start a rally in the top of the ninth when freshman infielder Logan Andersen tripled to bring junior utility player Kailer Smith home. Andersen scored on a passed ball, but that was as close as the Cougars came to winning the first game.

SIUE bounced back Saturday, April 16 with a 7-3 victory over the Colonels.

The Cougars scored six runs over the first three innings, capitalizing on a four-run opening inning. Skender, Aaron Jack-

son, junior infielder Keaton Wright and freshman catcher Brock Weimer all doubled in the second game of the Ohio Valley Conference series. Sophomore outfielder Dustin Woodcock added a triple and was three for four on the day.

The Colonels took the final game of the series Sunday, April 17 with a 12-1 rout over SIUE.

Junior pitcher Connor Buenger pitched 2.2 innings for the Cougars and allowed five runs, only two of which were earned.

Danny Jackson said Buenger was throwing good pitches, but the team's defense was lacking.

"[Buenger's pitching] was pretty good. He walked only one, and only two of his runs were earned. A couple of his runs were earned. A couple of his balls found holes, and we didn't help him on defense. His stat line doesn't reflect what he did today," Danny Jackson said.

SIUE struck first in the opening inning of the game, but the Colonels answered with 11 runs over the next five innings. The Cougars' lone run came when Andersen walked with one out and advanced to third on a single by Wright. Woodcock grounded out as the next batter, bringing Andersen home.

Danny Jackson said, despite having five hits on the day, the Cougars took smart at-bats, but could not come home with a win.

"I'm happy with the approach we took at the plate. We were at right about 50 percent quality at-bats today. We lined out a few times. Things didn't fall our way, and that's baseball," Danny Jackson said.

The Cougars return home to take on the Morehead State University Eagles in a three-game series starting Friday, April 22 at Simmons Baseball Complex.

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## Cougars win double header, follow with loss

KYLE STEPP  
Alestle Reporter

The softball team opened its series against the Murray State University Racers with a doubleheader Saturday, April 16 in Murray, Ky. The Cougars opened the series with a sweep, winning 2-0 in the first game and 2-1 in the final game of the day.

Sophomore pitcher Baylee Douglass improved her record to 11-7 after a two-hit shutout in the first game. Douglass also picked up her third save of the season after pitching the final inning in game two.

Sophomore pitcher Ashley Koziol picked up her sixth victory, allowing three hits in six innings on the mound. Koziol picked up three strikeouts, all of which were third outs in the first, second and fifth innings.

Senior outfielder Jordan LaFave said the Cougars' pitchers were largely responsible for the two-game sweep in the first day of the Ohio Valley Conference series.

"Our hats are off to them. They kept us in the game. I think we owe a lot to our pitchers today," LaFave said.

LaFave sparked the Cougar offense with a single and the eventual game-winning run in the first inning. After LaFave stole second, senior infielder Rachel Keller drove her in with a single to right field. LaFave also gave the Cougars some breathing room in the fourth inning, hitting a solo shot over the right field fence with two outs.

In game two, the Cougars got on the board early with a triple from utility player Alyssa Heren. Heren scored on a double to left-center field by LaFave.

The Racers scored their only run in the bottom of the second to tie the game. The Cougars answered in the fourth in-

ning when sophomore utility player Talisa Morton was pinch running for freshman designated player Savannah Fisher and scored on a wild pitch.

The Cougars dropped the final game of the series Sunday, April 17. After taking the series with double header wins, the Cougars lost in a late-game decision that lasted 10 innings. Racers' Jocelynn Rodgers homered with two runners on in the bottom of the 10 innings.

Douglass pitched all 10 innings and threw more than 100 pitches in the loss that dropped SIUE to 17-20 on the year. She also struck out five batters and registered no walks.

Douglass said she changed some aspects of her technique, and she is seeing results.

"I made some adjustments this week, and I think it has helped me," Douglass said.

The Cougars picked up only three hits, and Head Coach Sandy Montgomery said the team's offense needs to be more focused.

"We have to start being aggressive at the plate. You have to keep pushing and not worry about the adversities of the game," Montgomery said.

The Cougars are now sitting at 9-7 in the Ohio Valley Conference. SIUE is sitting one game behind both the University of Tennessee at Martin and the Eastern Illinois University Panthers.

The Cougars stay on the road with an away series against Tennessee State University Saturday, April 23 and Belmont University Sunday, April 24.

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## Men's tennis concludes season with two losses

CHLOE RICE  
Alestle Reporter

The men's tennis team wrapped up their season with a 5-2 loss against Morehead State University and Eastern Kentucky University.

Head Coach Jason Coomer said the team had faced struggles throughout the season, but ultimately had a good placement and approach coming into their final weekend.

"Our team put themselves in a great position to have an opportunity in the last regular season weekend. We fought a lot of injuries and adversity throughout the season, but they had an opportunity to finish last weekend as high as No. 4 seed in our league," Coomer said.

Coomer said seniors Nico Kuehn's and Patrick Gaffigan's performances really stood out to him this past weekend.

"Nico Kuehn and Patrick Gaffigan, two of our seniors, really played well this past weekend. I would've expected them to come out with that fire knowing that it was potentially their last college matches ever. You can't ask for two better leaders and they really show the [growth] they have achieved over their four years here," Coomer said.

The Cougars' only doubles victory against MSU came at No. 1 doubles when sophomore Tristan Houle and Gaffigan defeated their opponents MSU's Ritchie Kruunenberg and Gabriel Ruiz 5-4 during the Friday, April 15 match.

Although there was only one win in doubles, Gaffigan and

Kuehn held the team together with two wins at No. 3 and No. 4 singles.

Kuehn said he hasn't fully comprehended the fact that his collegiate tennis career is drawing to a close.

"For me it's different because I am a senior, and I would've been done anyway. It's weird right now, but I don't think it has really set in yet," Kuehn said.

Gaffigan won against his opponent MSU's Enrique Samudio at No. 3 singles. Additionally, Kuehn won against MSU's Sebastian Penaloza at No. 4 singles.

Unfortunately, the Cougars faced a similar result in their matches against Eastern Kentucky University on Saturday, April 11.

Like Friday, Houle and Gaffigan won 6-2 against ECU's Alex Alvaro and Sebastian Mueller at No. 1 doubles.

Once again, Gaffigan came out with a win at No. 3 singles, as well as Kuehn at No. 4 singles.

Gaffigan won two of three sets against ECU's Guillem Sanchez. Kuehn also won two out of three sets against ECU's Sebastian Mueller.

Gaffigan said the team knew the match would be a challenge, but the Cougars continued putting forth strong effort during both matches.

"We knew it would be a tough weekend, and I think everyone gave it their best effort. We came up a bit short, but I couldn't ask much more from the team," Gaffigan said.

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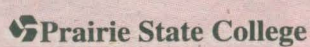
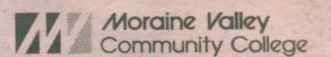
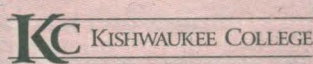
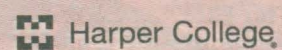
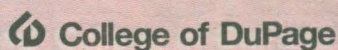
Southern Illinois-Edwardsville: \$766\*

Community College: \$338\*\*



\*Southern Illinois-Edwardsville tuition is calculated on in-state tuition rate for a 3 credit hour course as of 2/29/16.

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