IBHE proposes salary raise

Kane McCann
Daily Egyptian

Presidents from the 12 Illinois state universities joined forces with the Illinois Board of Higher Education Monday to address the problem of insufficient faculty salaries within some state schools.

Low week, IBHE Director Keith Sauder floated out the idea of the 4+1+1 plan to SIU officials, which calls for an automatic 4 percent faculty salary increase. To make it possible, the university would have to cover an additional 1 percent from the school's program budgets, which the state would match.

With SIUC faculty and administrators behind in a struggle regarding the next faculty contract, IBHE’s proposal to catch some state schools up to their peer institutions is encouraging to the faculty union. SIUC pays 3 percent behind its peer institutions regarding faculty salaries, according to $1999 IBHE data.

The SIUC administration has offered the faculty a 3 percent raise for the current school year. The faculty union is demanding a 2 percent increase and neither side has budged at the negotiation table.

Last year, the state offered 3+1+1 to the administration, which did not require any new program costs.

“I was encouraged (by 4+1+1) because IBHE has determined that 3+1+1 doesn’t catch us up with our competitive universities,” said Walt Jardine, Faculty Association spokesperson. “We knew that all along; it was just nice to see IBHE acknowledging it.”

This latest proposal poses some controversy because it would not just add 1 percent to the original offer. Instead, the extra 1 percent would be “whipped from new program allocations slated for the universities next budget proposal.”

But Jardine said he is wary about any proposal that would “red” the developments of new university programs.

“It seems to me that would be penalizing universities and academic departments,” Jardine said.

The main purpose of Monday’s meeting was to garner the reactions of the presidents and how they thought 4+1+1 would benefit their respective universities.

The options, 4+1+1 or upon the campuses and where they stand salary-wise in relation to other peers,” said Ken Hold, spokesperson for IBHE. “In institutions that are in the process of being a teacher today, they need to know how to teach and that includes technology.

Andrew Lumpe, an associate professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction, said for the teaching program, the technology is invaluable.

“The concept of wireless is excellent because you’re free to use wireless whenever you’re at,” he said, adding that grade schools and high schools are also using this technology.

“We know our grad students need to know how to use it before they go out and teach.”

SIUC received a federal grant two years ago to install the technology in Wham 210 for the teaching program. The labs were wired last spring. In June, the program received another grant of $300,000, adding more than $1 million in the last two years.

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Calendar item number one is a new publication date for the event. The event originally scheduled on Tuesday, September 24th, will now take place on October 1st.

Today:
- College Bowlina fall 2000 campus career fest. Oct. 3, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Student Center Ballroom, Valero.

- Instructional Programs is offering small group strength training for older adults, every Tues. and Thurs. Oct. 3 through Oct. 12, 11 a.m. to noon, Student Recreation Center Fitness Room, 453-1130.

- Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center is offering free lunch for international students, every Tues., 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Baptist Collegiate Ministry Center on the corner of Forest and 8th, July 427-1085.

- Awareness Testing Training Group screening for new members, every Tues., 4 to 5:30 p.m., 453-6625.

- College Democrats meeting, Oct. 3, 5 p.m., Missouri Room Student Center, Ryan 529-3327.

- Criminal Justice Association meeting with elections for treasurer and secrctary. Oct. 3, 7 p.m., room 123, Dine 519-7618.

- Yoga Club meeting, every Tues. and Thurs., 7 to 9 p.m., Assembly Room Center, Ryan 529-8164.

- American Advertising Federation meeting, every Tues., 7 p.m., Communications Building room 1244, Bike 536-4321.

- Apostolic Life Campus Ministry worship and bible study, Oct. 4, 7 p.m., McKinley Room Student Center, Philip 529-6164.

- UPCOMING:
  - Action Coalition voter registration, Oct. 4, 10 am. to 2 p.m., Student Center, 453-5141.
  - Library Affairs streaming media, Oct. 4, 10 to 11:45 am, Menja library.

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**Woodlawn Cemetery renovation plan expected to be approved**

**Geoffrey Ritter**  
*Daily Egyptian*

Historic Woodlawn Cemetery could receive a facelift valued at about $237,000, pending approval tonight by the Carbondale City Council.

Ann Marie Tewella  
*Daily Egyptian*

A new vaccine for herpes is an important health development, but it should be used in place of unsafe sex methods, local officials said.

Researchers announced the development of the vaccine, which helps to prevent genital herpes in women, on Sept. 17. The announcement was made at the Intermountain Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy in Salt Lake City.

Desiree Miller, sexuality education coordinator for the Wellness Center, said the vaccine is a needed development. "I would recommend it based on it's research," Miller said.

Herpes is a sexually transmitted disease caused by the herpes viruses, HSV type 1 and HSV type 2, which commonly causes fever blisters on the mouth or face. HSV-type 2 is genital herpes. In the United States, 45 million people — one in five — older than 12 have genital herpes, according to the website HealthAnswers.com.

Vaccinated women who had no prior herpes infections had a 73 percent reduction in genital herpes symptoms compared with women who received a placebo, according to the company that developed the vaccine, SmithKline Beecham in Belgium.

About 3 percent of the women tested developed genital herpes after taking the vaccine, compared with 14 percent of the women who took the placebo contacted the virus. Another 3 percent of those who took the vaccine contracted the virus, but never developed genital sores.

The vaccine was not effective in men or women who have HSV-1 or have had cold sores. Researchers also noted that the vaccine was not effective in women, but suspect anatomic differences are involved.

**Musical appropriation with music professor Richan! Best.**

Gus Bode  
*Daily Egyptian*

Gus says:  
Will the infected Gus please stand up?

The vaccine was tested on about 3,000 people who were in relationships who have genital herpes. The participants were studied for more than 19 months and included people from 18 to 50 years of age.

The vaccine is expected to be approved tonight by the council on land purchased for the cemetery on land purchased last year from John Boll, 41 E. Walnut St., which lists directly north of the cemetery. The current proposal, presented by Cole recently after the land's purchase, further advocated the addition of a new flag pole and interpretive signs.

Because of increased public interest, which readily drove the project's cost up almost $53,000 from its original $194,049 budget, the proposal has taken almost a year to develop a solid cost. However, the proposal was unanimously approved when it was presented tentatively last fall with its original budget, and was one of the highlights on the city's fiscal year 2001 budget for capital improvements.

With strong support, Cole said he foresees no problems in seeing the proposal passed and anticipates a "quiet" meeting.

Other issues on the agenda include awarding a city contract for towing services and a review of policies regarding economic incentives for businesses.

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**Herpes vaccine a proven prevention**

**College Democrats host Rep. Lou Lang**

Rep. Lou Lang, D-Skokie, who has announced he will run in the 2002 gubernatorial election, will speak to the College Democrats student group at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Missou Room. Also in attendance will be Jackson County Circuit Clerk Cindy Swanson.

Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Leslie at 549-3844.

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**Symphony hopes for increased student attendance**

**Brett Quirt**  
*Daily Egyptian*

Allcock, a punch that adds spice to the mix, was passed from one student to another as three singers pushed their vocal cords to the limit at Sunday's rehearsal for "Six Tenors and More."

"Six Tenors and More" is the second installment of the Southern Illinois Symphony Series at Shryock Auditorium. The concert, which is expected to be approved at the council's meeting tonight, is the tragic per- son.

"I hope the audience will have half as much fun listening as I do singing," Black said. "When people are having fun, it's contagious."

The tenor list is completed for tonight's conductor, wants to encourage a larger student audience to the symphony orchestra performances.

"In the past, we've had very limited student attendance outside of the music department, for whatever reasons, and we want that to change," Best said.

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She is currently back to meet choruses to a grant and is completing her degree in music at SIUC. Flores taught music at Chisholm University in Mexico and plans to return there after graduating. The concert will feature a special guest as the tenor soloist.

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Alarm-pulling pranksters should be alarmed - SIUC officials aren’t laughing

It is 3 a.m., and hordes of students congregate like little ants waiting for permission to enter their residence hall buildings again. Sounds like a typical weekend outside of Brush Towers, doesn’t it? Students have already filed out of reality hall 15 minutes this year for false fire alarms — already surpassing all of 1999 by seven alarms.

University Housing officials are trying with an idea that will possibly lead to photographs being a solution to this major problem. The proposal is to install cameras in the resident halls near the fire alarms to capture an image of offenders in action. Installing the cameras will help deter these careless acts, because of a fear of capture. We believe this will be a giant step in the right direction to stop an epidemic that occurs on college campuses across the country on a regular basis.

A handful of students are expelled every year for pulling false fire alarms, but the most difficult task is finding out who the offenders are. The few number of students caught is a direct reflection of the lack of ammunition the Judicial Affairs program can launch at the offenders. Eyewitness accounts and confessions are the only ways Student Judicial Affairs currently has to find out who the offenders are. Unless more students start telling on their friends, more cameras seem to be the only way to stop this disturbing trend.

Once cameras enable SIU to hold the alarm-pulling students accountable for their dangerous, inconsistent and costly actions, the residence halls can experience some peace and quiet. Until a few people are put on the gallows waiting for expulsion, the severity of the crime will be unnoticed. For those who find humor in pulling these alarms, they will find a Class 4 misdemeanor and expulsion waiting for them after their dreams have been stopped. But for the rest of the residents, it is just another drill.

If you have ever been to the supermarket, the bank or the gas station, you have been photographed by a closed circuit television camera. As the use of cameras becomes an increasingly common security measure in public, each of us must consider the balance between privacy and safety. But for the safety and convenience of the students, resident assistants and the professional staff living in student housing however, we believe this is one instance where it is justified.

Last spring, a room in Schneider Hall was completely destroyed by a fire and much of the 12th floor had to be renovated. Even with the smoke, many students were so desensitized from the catastrophic alarms they sluggishly drifted outside, expecting to be back in their cozy rooms in 20 minutes. Seton Hall, Murray State and numerous other universities have had students die due to fire in the residence halls. According to the National Fire Protection Agency Journal, an average of 1,437 residence hall fires occur each year. A fire breaks out every 10 seconds in the United States, while 6,000 people die each year. The exorbitance of false fire alarms numb students from taking any of the alarms seriously, which ultimately could, and does, lead to death.

The DAILY EYOTIAN believes that installing cameras to catch those who pull false fire alarms as well as other costly and unnecessary actions, will find a Class 4 misdemeanor and expulsion waiting for them after their dreams have been stopped. But for the rest of the residents, it is just another drill.

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Culture awareness exposed through art

Cornell Rodriguez
Daily Egyptian

E Clement Soto, a collector of Mexican art, is coming to SIUC today to provide information on Mexican history and display samples of her collection. The presentation will occur in the Video Lounge on the fourth floor of the Student Center from 7 to 9 p.m.

Loza, who graduated from the University of Illinois-Chicago with a bachelor's degree in business administration, has been collecting art for three months during a vacation to 12 Mexican states. She plans to use her collection to communicate to their community about Mexican culture, tradition and history through the arts.

Visiting Speaker

Name: Eilama Loza, a collector of Mexican art

Location: The Video Lounge on the fourth floor of the Student Center

The event will last from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday.

Loza will share information on Mexican art and display samples. She will also show a presentation of Mexican history and discuss the different styles and types of art.

Loza said the goals of the store are "to raise awareness about Mexico and Mexican culture" and that she will "show a collection of Mexican culture that includes ceramics, pottery, paper mache figures, and hand-woven textiles." She said the goal of the store is to raise awareness about Mexico and to promote Mexican culture and traditions.

The event is scheduled to occur on Mexican Heritage Month, which coincides with Oct. 13, a day that celebrates the Mexican Constitution. It will be shown on video at the Mexican Students Council.

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and 889 for AirPart costs for education initiatives. For the average technology lover, the equipment is more expensive at $299 and $99 respectively. Other competitors charge less, but at a higher price. Dell's solution for PC wireless is a $100 card that can be used in the expansion slots on laptops and desktops. The Lucent ORINICO base station costs $379.

Loza Beckham, a campus representative for Apple Computers, participated in a reading of the technology Thursday. She said that there is a way to have wireless technology on campus. "There's only advantage in the classroom room you don't have to be static," he said. Beckham said that at home, while many people do not own more than one computer, people with wiring difficulties may find it useful. "You can give access to everyone at once, not just one person in one specific room," he said.

The wireless technology works on all Apple computers except the new G4 Cube. Up to 450 people can use one base station at a time, but Beckham recommends no more than 10.

Lumpe said while SIUC is beginning to use wireless technology, it is not a source of major competition with other schools. "It's trying to take advantage of technology and the best of it," he said. "Wireless technology is cutting edge and there's not too many people using it."

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where faculty are far behind their peers, those presidents were more interested in the salary package."

IBHE offered several options to the presidents. The 4+1+1 plan is only one possibility and the conflict of faculty salaries and new program budget cuts will be heavily weighed before IBHE submits their final proposal to Gov. George Ryan in December.

SIUC interim Chancellor John Jackson, who attended the Freeport meeting along with SIU President James Walker, said SIU had no official stance yet.

"There are some pluses and minuses," Jackson said. "But I am inclined to do something for faculty salaries and this is one realistic option."

The next negotiation session between the SIUC administration and faculty will be Oct. 18. According to Jackson, the administration will have to increase its offer of 3 percent raises at the last session, which was moderated by a federal mediator.

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Batteries flutter in Bret Spiller's stomach as he sits behind the wheel of a 1966 gray Chevy Nova drag car for the first time.

The sharp aromas of fruit-scented engine fluids fill the air, while a cloud of burning smoke pours out from behind the car in a steady stream.

Three yellow lights drop down the center of the starting tree. Then the final green. At the moment the green light flashes, Spiller releases a button on the steering wheel and the Nova erupts from the starting line.

Spiller's Automotive Technology Organization races the 1966 Nova every Saturday at the I-57 Dragstrip — located between West Frankfort and Benton — from the beginning of the school year in August until the weather gets too cold in November.

The ATO is a registered student organization run through the Department of Automotive Technology, and it has been racing the Nova for the past 12 years.

This was Spiller's first time behind the wheel in a drag race.

"The only time it felt fast was when I hit the brakes," said Spiller, a junior in automotive technology from Peoria.

When he returned from his first run, his hand trembled and his body pumped adrenaline. He felt confident and relieved after his first run was completed.

But he did just fine, winning the trophy race on his first night.

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(Right) Wagner performs the "burnout" to heat up the tires before a test run. Drivers warm the tires to help get a more consistent run and better traction.

(Below) The "dash" signs on the floor of the car showing 700. The car consistently runs the eighth of a mile in seven seconds.
Pro class driver Scott Vaughn enjoys a light moment in the action with Dean Tweedy and Donnie Shockley, all of Du Quoin.

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Wagner sits in the car while Greer waits outside in the staging area. With average turnouts of more than 100 cars each week, the cars are assigned by class to one of eight lanes behind the strip to ensure a kind of controlled chaos.

Lacy Wagner tops off the tank after a run while Spiller holds the funnel. The dragster gets about one mile per four gallons of gas.

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provide support. This way they are familiar with the process by the time they start driving. Only juniors and seniors race the car.

Spiller and Lacy Wagner, a senior in automotive technology from Raleigh, N.C., both drove the Nova in different racing classes. Wagner raced in the Etcheted Time class and Spiller ran in the Trophy class. The speed feels incredible to Wagner. The Nova goes from zero to 60 miles per hour in about 1.4 seconds. It also gets about 4 gallons per mile.

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Each car is guaranteed two time trial runs and one elimination round run. The crew is required to dial in the car before the elimination run. To dial in the car means that the crew posts the time they think they will finish on the windshield or in the back window of the car. The driver is immediately paired with another car from the class.

The car with the slower time dial in gets a head start. It is then up to the faster car to pass them up. If either car goes faster than the time posted at every taper, they have broken out, and automatically lose. This is an important factor in winning or losing the race.

"The luck is when you win," said Wagner.

Losers in the elimination round are finished racing for the evening.

Greer has been using the 1966 Nova for the last 12 years. The students do most of the work on the car, fixing any problems as they occur. They also build most of the components themselves.

"Almost everything on the car, we did," said Greer. "Most of the other people face all that stuff in.

Greer and his students work on the car every week to keep up with the wear and tear of racing. It gives the students a chance to put what they learn in the classroom to use," Greer said.

The group from SJUC differ from other drivers at the race track because they are always teaching drivers. This can slow down the process of the drag race, but the beginners of the track have always treated them with patience.

"They put up with a lot of stuff when we bring new drivers up," said Greer.
Herpes  
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from the United States, Canada, Australia, Italy and New Zealand. Mills said people need to be responsible even if they get the vac­
cine. Although the vaccine reduces the risk of contracting herpes, it does not reduce the risk of contracting other STIs or prevent pregnancy. People still need to practice safer sex methods, Mills said.

"In this case, condoms are the best defense," Mills said.

The majority of the time, both HSV-1 and HSV-2 are inactive and cause no symptoms, but periodic out­
breaks of blisters and ulcers do occur. Although herpes is most likely to spread when a sore is present or when there are other symptoms, the virus can still be spread when there are no symptoms present. There is no cure for either type of herpes simplex virus.

Eighty percent of people with genital herpes are unaware of their infection because they do not develop symptoms or do not recognize symptoms. Doctors estimate that as many as 500,000 new cases may occur each year.

The college-age population is especially at risk. Approximately two-thirds of the people who con­
tract STIs in the United States are younger than 25.

In a statement, the Jackson County Health Department said it strongly advocates the development of a new vaccine. However, some remained questions about the effectiveness of the existing prevention measures of safer sex until a vaccines exists for all STIs.

In Illinois herpes is not a reportable STI. However, 1998 sta­

tistics for Jackson County show 55 percent of the total cases of chlamydia and 55 percent of the total cases of gonorrhea were people between the ages of 20 and 24.

The number of total cases for chlamydia was 256 and the number of total gonorrhea cases was 118. The population of Jackson County is about 61,000.

Mills, who researches students with STIs, said students are often not aware of the risk of contracting STIs. People often do not realize they can contract STIs from people who do not have visible symptoms and they also do not know what to look for.

She said it is a difficult situation for those who become infected. "It's very devastating for a stu­
dent," Mills said.
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Jack's completions were 25 yards trying to break tradition.

Illinois for homecoming Saturday the Salukis will attempt to snap a more.

Iowa. Making a fourth quarter against Western Illinois dating back to the

Leathernecks last touchdown before that came Nov. 1999 against Northern Iowa.

Trying to break tradition Western Illinois quarterback Friesen Jackson only registered seven completions to gain 92 yards against Illinois State Saturday in the Leathernecks' 40-22 hamstringing of the Salukis. Of Jackson's seven completions, two were for touchdowns, including a 54-yard strike and a 79-yard bomb. Five of Jackson's completions were 25 yards or longer and four were 40 yards or more.

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transfers Tyrese Boie and Marcus Belcher and sophomore transfer Toddy Harvey.

Also, 6-foot, 250-pound Virginia tech transfer Rolan Roberts has been making contributions in work-outs since his arrival, but will not be eligible until the 2001-02 season.

"I think [Roberts] is going to be great for our guys, but Jermaine [Dreaman] doesn't like it because he's so big and strong that he can knock him around," Weiler said.

Although Dreaman would like Roberts to ease up on him, he realizes Roberts' presence is making him better. "[Roberts] weighs 230 to 240 more pounds than me and when he hurt around me all day it takes a lot out of me," Dreaman said. "He is going to get me ready. If he's going to get me ready it's going to do nothing but get me better.

Weiler said Belcher will have no trouble being the starting tailback.

"It's only going to be a matter of time. They might have an opportunity to play in a backup role," Weiler said of Roberts.

"I need to get some playing time, but I wasn't sure how much I would get," Belcher said. "Obviously, it's going to increase with Brandon being out but then again, I've always played a lot of minutes so it shouldn't be too new to me."

The team is on the Week Four schedule.

"The team is searching for the right man to take over the point guard position," Belcher said. "Weber said Belcher..."
Saluki tennis doubles up on competition

Women's team gains momentum going into Missouri Valley Conference Tournament

Collin Rhine
Daily Egyptian

The SIU women's tennis team showed off a double dose of intensity to opposing teams this weekend.

SIU competed this weekend at the Saluki Invitational at the University Courts, where its doubles teams went undefeated throughout the weekend.

Erika Ochoa and Ana Serrot make a vigorous combo and have won their past 10 matches. Ochoa and Serrot won the first weekend in St. Louis, again captured the flight-one doubles bracket with an overall record of 3-0 in the invitational.

Tane Trapani and Rachel Morales also paired up to go 2-1, making it all the way to the semis before getting knocked out of the tournament. Trapani, a standout freshman, also went undefeated (3-0) in flight three. Trapani is a local favorite from Murphysboro and is competing on her first organized team at SIU. She was trained primarily by her father who took her to tournaments during the summer for individual play since Murphysboro High School could not field a tennis team. "Getting a lot of play helps to gain confidence," Trapani said. "It also makes you mentally tough and ready for the next match."

SIU competed this weekend at the Saluki Invitational. In doubles play, SIU won all three matches.

Morales also put up a fight in singles competition and went 2-1 in flight four. Morales has been nursing a strained shoulder, but has played hard despite the injury.

"The whole team is playing well and we're gaining momentum going into the MVC tournament," Morales said. "Our doubles play is particularly strong and can hang with anyone."

The MVC Fall Tournament is around the corner, taking place Friday through Sunday in Springfield, Ill. The format of the tournament will be determined by luck of the draw, meaning there will be no seating based on talent but rather blind drawings that may pit the two best in that particular flight against each other in the first round.

Ochoa is the lone Saluki who has brought home top prizes in past singles competition. Ochoa won the singles flight this past two years and will compete this year in flight two.

Saluki head coach Judy Avila said just about the level of play that SIU has got fresh in the early going. The team is coming off solid performances in St. Louis and again at home. Avila was pleased with how her team played at home and feels it will be a definite confidence and momentum builder for the MVC Tournament.

"We had two tough weekends with strong competition," said new Assistant Coach, Brad Iftner, has picked up a lot of important momentum. We wanted to come home and have good matches while staying physically healthy and mentally prepared for the MVC Tournament. I think we accomplished that," Avila said. "Now we are ready to represent SIU and bring home some conference titles."